

Pinkerton Academy Agreement Reviewed By Derry School Board

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the June 21 Derry School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to the agreement between the school district and Pinkerton Academy.

School Board member Derick Anderson, stated that they wanted to explain the agreement in public.

"I don't think this has ever been done in public," said Anderson.

Anderson explained, "It's a 20 year contract that auto renews every five years."

Anderson said that starting last July they began negotiating new terms of the agreement when they sent a proposal to Pinkerton Academy.

One of the things that was highlighted by Ander-

son is that they are allowed to send up to 10 percent of Derry students to other highschools as long as Pinkerto's enrolment doesn't drop below 2,500 students.

With new freedom of choice legislation that passed allowing students to go to other schools they proposed increasing that number to 30%.

Anderson said that since they don't come close to that number now Pinkerton wasn't interested in adjusting the cap. He said that they may ask the School Board for permission to do a survey to see if people are interested in sending their students to other districts so they can get a sense if there is any interest.

"Maybe there is no interest to go elsewhere," said Anderson.

Anderson said that

right now they don't have any members from the school board or the school district that sits on the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees. One of the proposals made was to add that representation.

Another proposal that was brought up by the School District was to have more transparency from Pinkerton Academy when it comes to their finances.

"You don't see revenue, you don't see expenses, you don't see bond info," said School Board member, David Clapp.

Clapp said that they were able to receive a five year look back.

Anderson told the Board that one of Pinkerton's proposals was to hold a "public; sending town meeting" to explain

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Hampstead Conservation Commission Questions Beaver Removal Plans

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HAMPSTEAD - The subject of beavers remain one of the central issues for the Hampstead Conservation Commission as the topic dominated much of their June 15 meeting. Possible issues related to flooding and the legality of interfering with beaver habitats were an issue at the last meeting, and the Commission wondered whether removing dams is a strategy worth pursuing.

While not a significant issue during the summer,

flooding has been a problem around the Kelly Brook trails during wetter parts of the year. Focus has been no disruption to the flow of water around bridges. As a short-term solution, the Conservation Commission looked to relocate the trails while removing several dams.

After the last meeting, Conservation Commission Chair, Tim Lovell, attempted to dismantle the dam north of Starwood Drive. "I started to take it apart and thought to myself 'why am I doing this?'" Lovell also noted

that, "very rarely does anyone go up that way" and the Conservation Commission has always concerned itself with clearing dams around local bridges.

Manual removal of the dams has proven to be a losing battle and continued flooding with larger dams will eventually make it impossible to move the local trails past the flooding.

Relocation was suggested as an option, although the Commission raised several concerns.

"It is not unheard of for one beaver to cover five

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Pre-Fourth Fun William Groombridge and Sonia LeBlanc head for the finish line during the Sack Race at the Hampstead Civic Club Sponsored Fourth of July Celebration. The annual event was held on the Town Green on Saturday, June 25. See more page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown Selectmen Approve New Branch of Library

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - On June 20, the Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting had an agenda item regarding having an outdoor movie night for the town.

It was explained by Sandown Recreation Director Rebecca Thompson that one of the main things they are working on for

recreation, aside from camp, is having movie nights.

"Rec is working together with the library to create a movie night for the town," said Thompson.

It was explained by Thompson that in order to be able to get the movies they have to partner with the library and make it a branch.

Sandown Public Lib-

rary Director, Adam Shlager, explained that they will have a shelf for the library in the Rec Building with books, games, and movies for people to use while they are there.

"Because of that we will become part of the library," said Thompson.

Thompson said that they needed permission from the Board of Select-

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Spring Hill Committee Reviews Parking, Conservation, and Goats

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CHESTER - The Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee met for a work session in place of its scheduled meeting on June 20 due to low attendance.

The Spring Hill Fall Fest is currently scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, and planning for the event is well underway by the Committee.

With no town fair this year, the Recreation Department offered to help with funding for the Fall Fest.

A petting zoo was one suggested example, though there is no decision on events or vendors.

Parking issues have been a problem at Spring Hill. A few people have been accidentally parking at the bottom of the trails, blocking access to other areas. The Committee intends to add two or three signs as to where a hiker should and should not park. Wooden parking signs are preferred.

Sixteen people came to the most recent workday, and the event was considered a success. At least one future work day might focus

on a smaller group to complete more specialized tasks.

Conservation efforts at the park have been mixed. "When we were walking around, I did see that a lot of turtle nests had been discovered by animals," said Kristina Snyder, the member overseeing Spring Hill conservation. "Turtles love the area because that sandy soil is ideal for them to lay eggs, in the back pond area a lot of turtles are laying their eggs." Support of the local turtle population has been one

of the main goals of conservation at Spring Hill. Still, Snyder did note that Spring Hill still has plenty of turtles in other areas of the park, despite some concerns.

Conservation efforts also focused on preserving milkweed in the area and reemphasized that "it helps the monarch butterfly" by acting as an important pollinator according to Stephen Landau. "We should mark it, to say please leave the milkweed alone, for the monarchs."

Nick and Christy Ortins attended the meeting

to suggest a possible solution for eliminating invasive species at Spring Hill.

"We've been researching goats to eat them, we've hand-pulled invasives, and it's just exhausting to do" according to Christy. "It's called mob grazing, they would eat everything down in an area, and set up a corral to move the goats into a new area."

Goats are preferred over sheep since the former will eat nearly anything, including thorny and woody plants, making them more effective than

sheep. The only problem the Committee foresaw was a need for careful planning in fencing. Goats have a habit of jumping over inadequate fencing.

"We need goats that can do whatever" Nick responded when asked what breed of goats would be ideal for the project.

The pair had no preference for any particular breed. The goats will solely be used for invasive plant control, not milking. Overall, the Committee was receptive to the proposal.

The Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee will

Planning Board Makes Recommendation For Sale of Town Properties

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SANDOWN - During the June 21 Sandown Planning Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the auctioning of town owned properties.

Sandown Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell, explained that selling some of their town

owned properties is something that the Board of Selectmen has discussed for a couple of years. She said that they have had many people approach them about purchasing properties.

"One meeting I think we had five people show up to the same meeting," said Blaisdell.

Blaisdell said that they

realized it would be difficult to sell the properties one by one and instead they decided to have an auction for the different properties they want to sell at this time.

"They decided at this point to go out for auction," said Blaisdell.

Blaisdell said that as part of the process they need to get recommenda-

tions from the Conservation Commission, the Heritage Commission and the Planning Board. She said that there are six properties that the Conservation and Heritage Commissions recommended that they keep and the Heritage Commission had three others.

It was also pointed out by Blaisdell that some of the properties that they own they have no interest in selling like Town Hall.

Blaisdell said that some of the people she spoke to about having an auction said that they are seeing people showing up to auctions that never had before because of the lack of available properties for sale.

"They are going now because they are just desper-

ate for land," said Blaisdell.

She said that in some cases developers are buying them and then flipping them to the abutters or other people.

Blaisdell said that they wouldn't be required to pay anything to the auctioneer company for the properties they don't sell.

"There is no guarantee of anything," said Blaisdell.

Blaisdell told the Planning Board that the properties are sold as is.

Blaisdell said that July 11 the plan is to have their first public hearing. They would then need to have another public hearing before taking a vote.

Board of Selectmen Liaison, Tom Tombarello, said he thought they

should move forward with auctioning off the properties.

"I think we should," said Tombarello.

Tombarello said that they had a warrant article in the past that, if passed, would have taken away power from the Selectmen to sell property. He said that if it didn't then they wouldn't be in the business of selling land.

"It will be interesting to see how we do," said Tombarello.

Blaisdell said that they would all be going up for auction at the same time.

The Board was in favor of moving forward with the sale of town properties.

"This has been a long time coming. I can't wait to see the whole process go

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Derry Highway Safety Committee Reviews Mixed Use Development

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DERRY - During the June 16 Derry Highway Safety Committee meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposed West Running Brook Village Mixed Use Develop-

ment at 2 Humphrey Road.

It was explained by Shayne Gendron, from Edward N. Herbert Associates that the proposal included 94 apartment units. The front building would have 16,000 square feet and would have commercial space on the bottom floor. The two upper floors will have apartments.

He said that the proposal is for the back building to have 72 apartments and behind it would be 18 townhomes.

The southern property which is 11,200 square feet is proposed to be mixed commercial.

As part of the proposal one of the things that would need to be done is the realignment of Humphrey Road. They are meeting with the state on the project and the goal is to have the road align with the property's driveway across the street.

Jason Plourde, from VHB said that in October there was a meeting with the NH Department of Transportation and the Southern NH Planning Commission. He said that there are two curb cuts, one South and one North at the intersection of Humphrey Road.

As part of the traffic study the traffic volume statistics were adjusted in the morning and evening, which is heavier commuter times.

It was explained that as part of NHDOT policy is to have traffic counts adjusted to peak month conditions

and to account for any traffic volumes that were impacted by the pandemic.

One of the difficulties that was determined for drivers was exiting from Humphrey Road because it is windy and at an angle. The roadway will need to be straightened.

Plourde said that they have not received any approvals from the State or the Town of Derry and that these are traffic calming measures.

Plourde noted that he thinks that it makes sense for there to be two lanes off of Humphrey Road.

Committee member, Alan Côté, asked about the average daily traffic counts on Cemetery Road.

Plourde explained that

the traffic study assumed zero people and said that traveling on Humphrey Road eastbound is challenging.

It was noted that a traffic signal may be needed in the future.

Another question that was asked was if the entrance from Route 28 will be a right in and a right out.

Plourde told the Committee that it would be the same as other driveways, meaning both driveways would prohibit left-hand turns.

Plourde said that the access permits were applied for through NHDOT. He said that because there isn't any direct access onto a state highway it means that the plan has to follow both

state and local procedures.

It was asked if there is extra traffic with parents bringing their kids to school and then picking them up.

Plourde said that during the Oct. 2021 meeting, weekday commuting times were discussed. He said that they analyzed the peak times of 7 - 9 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m.

Plourde said that they would be creating a pathway to West Running Brook School.

Public Works Director, Michael Fowler, told the Committee that the initial phase is for the Technical Review Committee to complete a site plan review before the Planning Board moves forward.

The Committee has no objections to the plan.

Brook would make it impossible for the beavers to construct dams high enough to threaten local bridges as a "future preventative" measure.

The general consensus was to examine ways to coexist with the local beaver population with a focus on limited flood control.

"Right now, we're not going to worry about it" Lovell concluded. Beaver dams are not an immediate problem and removal will be costly and ineffective. While the Conservation Commission favored piping as a solution to reduce the water level, such a fix is not necessary until winter

OBITUARY

Jean H. (Clark) Price



Jean H. (Clark) Price passed away after a brief illness at the St. Francis Rehabilitation & Nursing Home in Laconia, NH on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the age of 89. Jean was born in Derry, NH on March 19, 1933 and lived her entire life in Derry. She married Edward Price in 1956 and was married for 61 years until his passing in 2017. Jean graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1952 where she lead her class as Vice President and was a familiar face across various clubs and organizations – the girls basketball team being where she shined most. With a strong love for the Academy, it wasn't long until Jean found herself back at Pinkerton as a food service worker. She served staff members and students from 1970 to 2022 and was often remembered for calling out, "Put your money down!" as students passed through her checkout line. With over 50+ years of dedicated service to the school, Jean was a popular face across campus and always found a seat in the bleachers at most home games.

Jean treasured the decades she spent in the cafeteria and was elected to the Pinkerton Academy Hall of Fame in 1994 for her exceptional contributions and service. In 2005, the underclassmen cafeteria was named "The Price is Right Café" in Jean's honor for her dedicated service and for her friendship to Pinkerton's students. Most recently in 2018, Jean was named a Bradford V. Ek Honored Alumna by the Alumni Association of Pinkerton Academy.

Jean's deepest loves were her family, friends and all things Pinkerton. Her laughter, smile and friendliness will be sorely missed by all and her legacy at the Academy will surely not be forgotten.

Jean was predeceased by her parents, Kenneth (Clarkie) and Helen Clark as well as her brother, Douglas Clark and her sister, Eileen (Sis) Ela.

She is survived by her two children, son, Steven Price of Exeter and daughter, Sandra (Price) Eaton and husband, Brian Eaton of Derry as well as four grandchildren, James Merrow and his wife René of Hooksett, Tiffany Eaton of Hooksett, Christopher and Jennifer Merrow of Maine. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren, Blake and Aisley Merrow of Hooksett and Kahleb, Devin and Jenna Merrow from Maine, as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Tuesday, June 28 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 29 in the funeral home. The burial follow in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

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"might get destroyed by DOT [NH Department of Transportation]," and removing the dams in Hampstead might not solve the problem.

Even if relocation was feasible, Beaver dams are not just a problem on land owned by the town of Hampstead. Many dams are on either private land or in Plaistow, requiring local and state coordination. Ultimately, the Commission prefers to eventually pipe the stream to avoid some flooding by lowering the water. Piping all three miles of Kelly

Complicating matters is the state of NH. According to Lovell the dams

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Editorial

Celebrating Independence Day

If you think celebrating the Fourth of July is just a matter of firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend, we invite you to reconsider. The Fourth of July is also known as Independence Day, and that's the reason for this extra day away from work and for the life you live today.

The Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and it set the colonies on the path toward their emergence as a nation. Political speeches, fireworks, and red, white and blue bunting are fine for the day, but the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a lot more than a reason for a party. We think the Declaration of Independence, which is signed by New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton among others, is a document that should be read regularly. It is to remind us of who we are as a country, and to make sure we continue in the tradition of those who fought to establish a free nation, whose leaders were expected to listen to those they serve.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by

their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" are perhaps the document's most famous lines, but the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for good reminders of what our government should never become. That's particularly timely reading during a time when political attacks rise or sink to unpleasant levels in the throes of an upcoming election, such as we are experiencing this year.

It's also a straightforward and simple document. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Sadly, not qualities every nation freely grants its citizens. How we pursue that happiness is left for us to decide, not dictated by a ruler. We take this for granted, but to many people across the planet, it's only something to dream about.

So figure out what makes you happy as you enjoy your holiday weekend. A hearty meal, a good place to swim, and a sky full of sparkling fireworks make for a pretty good celebration of freedom. Especially if you pause a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776. Have a safe and fun celebration!

Sandown Conservation Approves Forest Improvement Agreement

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SANDOWN - On June 23, the Sandown Conservation Commission meeting discussed the proposed Forest improvement harvest agreement.

Conservation Commission, Chairman Brian Butler, said that one of the main things they would be working on is cutting some of the hemlock in the Town Forest.

"The hemlock has taken a beating," said Butler.

Butler said that one of the unknowns is whether or not the Board of Selectmen will charge them a timber tax or not. He said that it will ultimately determine how much of the funds goes toward the forestry fund and how much if any will go towards the general fund.

"It's up to the Selectmen to charge or not charge for the timber tax," said Butler.

Overall Butler said that they are expected to bring in about \$8,000 which will go towards the forestry fund to help pay for different things that are needed in the town forest.

Butler also pointed out

if some things need to be added to get the job done like gravel needing to be added then it would come with an additional cost for the Commission.

"That will come out of our end," said Butler.

Butler explained that the company is doing a job in Danville right now and should be done in two to three weeks. He said that they expect the project to begin in August.

Butler said that it is a good time to do it because generally it is a dry part of the year.

Conservation Commission member, Pam Gaudreau, pointed out that it is recommended that they don't cut down trees during the month of July.

Butler said he doesn't think that the company would cut down trees then if they weren't supposed to.

Conservation Commission Vice Chair, Nick Ortins, brought up the fact that they should do public outreach so people know what is happening. He said they should put of some type of public notice.

"There's a bunch of people who use the trail over there," said Ortins.

Butler said that he did-

n't want to do anything until they have a signed contract. He said that at that point they could post to places like Facebook and in the kiosk.

"Once the operation starts were going to ask people to not use the forest for safety reasons," said Butler.

Board of Selectmen Liaison, Darren Hudgins, said that they could give it to the Selectmen's Office for them to put it on the top of the Town's website.

Butler said that they would put it out across their various channels.

"We'll post it in all the different areas," said Butler.

It was also pointed out by Butler that there are areas in the forest that they aren't timbering for right now but need to in the future.

"We're doing 40 acres on this part here," said Butler.

The Conservation Commission ultimately approved signing the agreement.

The next Sandown Conservation Commission meeting is slated for July 14.

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Hampstead Extra Trash Bag Program

HAMPSTEAD - The Recycling and Waste Committee, with approval from the Board of Selectmen, have started an extra trash bag program. This is a 6-month trial program and is available now.

Residents will be allowed to put one trash bag a week on top of their trash (gray) cart. See process below

The cost per bag is \$7 and the bags must be purchased at the Town Clerk's office. When purchased you will be given an orange bag along with a

green sticker and a zip tie.

The bag must be placed on top of the trash (gray) toter with the cover open. During a regular trash pick up the cover must be closed.

These will be the only bags above the trash that will be allowed.

You may purchase more than one bag at a time, but only put one bag out per week.

The extra bag program is for household trash only, no hazardous waste, no construction debris and no brush or yard waste.

The resident is responsible if the contents of the orange bag spill.

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The cost to get an extra trash toter is \$175 per year (half for the renting of the toter and half for the cost of the tipping fees).

You would do this directly through Pinard Waste Systems at www.pinardwaste.com/municipalities-waste-removal/hampstead-overflow-subscription-request/

Derry's Don Ball Park Will Be Getting a New Scoreboard

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the June 21 Derry Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a donated scoreboard for Don Ball Park.

It was explained by Director of Public Works, Michael Fowler, that the scoreboard at the football field is currently about 20 years old and has had some mechanical issues as of late.

He explained that the two youth football teams

that use the fields, the Derry Wolverines and the Derry Demons, offered to purchase a new scoreboard for the field.

"As a result of that, the Wolverines and Demons have stepped forward," said Fowler.

Fowler said that the cost of the scoreboard is valued at \$23,200. He said that if the Town Council approved it during the meeting that it would be installed in about four to six weeks and is expected to be ready by football season this fall.

Trustees.

"They are more concerned about loyalty to the academy than they are about the mission of the school district and the education of kids," said Lutz.

School Board member, Brenda Willis, said that she doesn't know if enough people in the community know that there is a process to go to a different school district and said that she thinks they should make more of an effort to tell people in the community about it.

"Maybe we need to do a better job of letting people know what that process is," said Willis.

The Town Council approved accepting the donation.

Also during the meeting Town Treasurer, Allan Virr, made his recommendation for who the deputy treasurer should be.

Virr recommended that they make Tax Collector, Stacey Beliveau, the deputy treasurer. He said that the deputy treasurer acts in the Treasurer's place if they aren't able to fulfill their duties.

"I highly recommend you appoint Stacy Beliveau as my Deputy Town Treasurer," said Virr.

The Town Council unanimously approved the recommendation.

During the Town Administrator report, Town Administrator, Dave Caron, highlighted that despite energy costs going up the Town is locked in for another year.

"Right now we have a contract through Novem-

ber 2023," said Fowler.

Fowler said at that point then the landfill solar field will take over.

If they weren't locked in they would be subject to their prices doubling in price per kilowatt hour.

"We would be looking at a budget increase for electrical costs of about \$580,000. That's not going to happen because of the good work of Mike Fowler of Public Works and his team," said Caron.

Town Councilor, Brian Chirichiello, looked to confirm that they are locked into a price for the solar and that the vendor eats the overage.

Caron said that they are locked in for 25 years.

"What Mike and the Net Zero committee negotiated is a fixed rate for 25 years," said Caron.

Also during his Town Administrator's report, Caron said that because of recent legislation that

passed in the Senate they will be able to expand the number of members they have on the TIF districts. He said that they would discuss during the next meeting how to fill the seats.

Caron also noted that

Public Works was going to be issuing requests for proposals for the LED lights at all the parks along with the splash pad and new playground at Hood Park.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated to take place on July 5.

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their budget. They also requested to remove the out-of-district tuition cap which is currently at 75 students.

Anderson said that their impression is that there is good cooperation between the two schools' administration however there is room for improvement between the two boards.

School Board member, Paul Lutz, said that he was disappointed that they wouldn't entertain the idea of allowing a school board or district representative on the Board of

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men to do it.

Selectmen, Darren Hudgins, who serves as the liaison for the Recreation Commission, said that they recently bought 24 foot movie screens for the movie nights.

"It's going to be pretty awesome," said Hudgins.

Hudgins also noted that they will have a popcorn machine.

Shlager pointed out that the library has a projector and sound so all they needed was the screen.

Shlager said that the library staff would handle the stocking and the collection of the materials at the Recreation Building library branch.

One question that was asked was where they get the movies from.

It was explained by Schlager that they have to license each of the movies

and they are given a list of a couple hundred movies to choose from.

"If they are on the eligible list we just have to notify them," said Schlager.

Selectmen, Eric Olsen, said that he liked what is happening with the Recreation Department and the Library.

"We like all these new ideas coming," said Olsen.

Shlager said that he thinks there are a lot of things they can do together.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to having the library branch.

Also during the meeting Thompson presented the Board of Selectmen with a proposed summer camp emergency guide which goes over what to do in different emergency situations.

Thompson said that it would be passed out to the different public safety departments and town hall.

Hudgins said that he thinks it is good for them

to have the emergency procedures in writing and was glad to see Thompson put it together.

"I think this is great," said Hudgins.

Olsen said that he thought it is something that

they should've done in the past.

"I think this was long overdue to have something in place for any department," said Olsen.

Selectmen ultimately approved the plan.

OBITUARY

Paul J. Marion



Paul J. Marion, 73, of Derry, NH, died Monday, June 20, 2022, in High Point Hospice, Haverhill, MA. He was born in Methuen, MA on Nov. 6, 1948, a son of Thomas and Jeannette (Therault) Marion. Paul was a Cub Scout Leader for many years and volunteered for REACT, a non-profit

highway rescue organization. He was also a proud business owner, working out of Methuen and Lawrence, MA for many years. He retired from Loomis Armored US after over 20 years of service as a money courier. He will be lovingly remembered as Daddy-o, Papa, Buddy and Grumpy.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas E. Marion and his wife Tracy of Weare, NH and Dennis R. Marion and wife Jylle of Derry; two daughters, Jaqueline M. Marion of Canton, MI and Christine D. Marion of Manchester, NH; five grandchildren, Dennis John, Kevin, Hannah, Stephanie, and Trevor; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Leonard Marion of Baltimore, MD and Edward Marion of Methuen, MA, as well as many nieces and nephews. Paul is predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Denise (Devoe) Marion and two brothers, Roger, and Andrew Marion.

Calling hours was held on Sunday, June 26, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Mask usage is at the discretion of the attendee. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Thomas A. Cocuzzo



Thomas A. Cocuzzo, II, 56, of Malden, MA passed away suddenly on Saturday June 18, 2022, in Derry, NH. He was born in Malden, MA on June 30, 1965, son of Thomas and Helen (Bucci) Cocuzzo.

Thomas was a legendary softball player, enjoyed golf, riding his Harley, spending time with his family, playing with his grandchildren, and tearing it up water tubing in his younger years.

Thomas is survived by his loving wife, Maryellen (Barrett) Cocuzzo; his children, Janelle Marie Cocuzzo, Thomas Anthony Cocuzzo, III, Julia Rose Cocuzzo, and Mario Dante Cocuzzo; his grandchildren, Gunnar, Phoenix, Emma, and Connor; his siblings, Marie Capone, Paul Romeo, Peter Romeo, and Joanne (Cocuzzo) Rodgers; as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. He was loved by all his family and friends!

Thomas was predeceased by his father, Thomas Anthony Cocuzzo; his mother, Helen (Bucci) Cocuzzo; and his sister, Sandra Cocuzzo.

Following cremation, a Celebration of Life was held on Friday June 24 Anthony's of Malden, 105 Canal St, Malden, MA. Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry, NH is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARY

Sally Ann Pugh



Sally Ann Pugh, 83, of Derry, NH, left to make her way to heaven of Friday, June 24, 2022, at Parkland Medical Center of Derry, after a long battle with the devastating effects of Myelodysplasia Syndrome. Sally was born Aug. 3, 1938, in Conway, NH and was a daughter of the late William H. and Louise E. (Douglass) McGrath. She moved with her family to Derry in the third grade and was a 1956 graduate of Pinkerton Academy.

Sally was a graduate of Elliot Hospital Radiology program and was the first X-Ray Technician at the Alexander Eastman Hospital in Derry. One afternoon, she spotted a young man leaning against a parking meter downtown, and thought to herself "I'm going to marry that guy". On Sept. 5, 1959, she did. Delbert and Sally Ann Pugh, were married for nearly 63 years, adoring each other as much as the day they met. On June 25, 1960, Susan Pugh came into the world as Sally and Delbert's only daughter. She would grow up a very close companion to her mother as Delbert was completing his obligations to the Air National Guard, or working at the families service station on Crystal Avenue in Derry.

Sally loved to read, often devouring a book in a day. She was also a wonderful cook and was constantly prodded to enter her fantastic apple pie recipe into competition. She also cherished Saturday and Sunday rides to wherever Delbert wanted to drive, but was most happy in the White Mountains.

She is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 63 years, Delbert Pugh of Derry; one daughter, Susan Pugh of Derry, her brother, William McGrath of Hudson, NH and her sister Donna McFarland of Barnstead, NH, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins, including a special nephew, Kenny Wentworth. Sally was also predeceased by her sister Elizabeth Dickason.

There are no services planned at this time. Following cremation, services will be held by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the MDS Foundation, 4573 South Broad St., Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620 or at www.mds-foundation.org.

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Hampstead Residents Celebrate Fourth of July on Town Green



The Hampstead Civics Club hosted its annual Independence Day Celebration on the town green on Saturday. The very hot day of activities began in the morning with a craft fair, a motorcycle show and a Kids Wheels event. In the afternoon, kids games were played, starting with a frog jumping competition, followed by balloon toss and sack racing and midway games. Carson Curry and his frog “Nemo” (above) won the frog contest with a leap of 100-feet. Attendees also had a chance to dunk the Superintendent. A fireworks display finished off the over 40-year annual event.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Kids Fun Runs Get Off to Another Season of Racing



CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) Kid's Summer Fun Runs raced off to its 47th year of competition on Monday night, June 27.

As always, there was a huge turnout of children of all ages taking part in the races held on the track at Londonderry High School.

The free races are held every Monday night through August 1, with the exception of July 4, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The club asks that fami-

lies participating donate nonperishable food items before each race.

Races are run in several age groups, from two-on-up, but only ages 9-13 are recorded for end-of-season prizes.

In the younger age groups, every participant receives a ribbon for competing.

The top three finishers in the final races of the evening are as follows.

For boys' 9-year-old group: Andrew Solovyeva of Hudson took first, Dominic Ambrose of

Londonderry was second, and Cooper Cimeno of Londonderry was third.

In the girls' 9-year-old group: Kendell Cimeno of Londonderry took first, Brooke Reiff of Windham was second, and Calina MacGillivray of Londonderry was third.

In the boys' 10-year-old group: Ben Barry of Londonderry took first, Tyler Barry of Londonderry was second, and Ryan Janco of Windham was third.

In the girls' 10-year-old group: Dannicia Leblanc of Fremont took first, Brook

Tilton was second, and Addisyn Thomas of Londonderry was third.

In the boys' 11-year-old race: Mason Blundell of Windham took first; Beckett O'Brien of Londonderry was second and Cameron

Cimeno of Londonderry was third.

In the girls' 11-year-old group: Addison Ntengeri of Wilton took first, Stella Dutton of Londonderry was second, and Elizabeth Gustavson of Chester was

third. In the boys' 12-year-old group: Patrick Ramsey of Londonderry took first and Logan Reiff of Windham was second place. and there was no third place finisher.

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Fun Runs

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In the girls' 12-year-old group: Madison Doherty of

Chester took first, Jocelyn McGarry of Windham was second and Sophia Haskell was third.

In the boys' 13-year-old

group: Joseph Gustavson of Chester took first, Nathan Smith of Derry was second, and Skyler Donovan of Concord was third.

There were no girls running in the 13-year-old group.

The free children's running series begins each

week at 6 p.m. at the Londonderry High School track. The GDTC program continues July 19, 26, and Aug. 2.

Non-perishable food donations before the race each week are appreciated to help support local food pantries.

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Astros Track Athletes Compete at National Championships



Astros Relay Teams attending the recent Nationals.

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MARK CONNORS SUBMISSION

After an amazing regular season followed by Divisional Championships, Meet of Champions and then New England Championships, 10 Pinkerton Track Athletes qualified for and competed in National Outdoor Championship meets June 16- 18 in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Traveling to the Adidas National Outdoor Championships in Greensboro North Carolina were 9 athletes: Madison Connors, Jordan Wheaton, Hannah Sippel, Eva Roberts, Jake Spezzaferri, Matt Devine,

Alex Leblanc, Zack Smith and Jamison Isaac.

The group consisted of the Girls and Boys 4x100 and 4x200 teams. Three of the same athletes also qualified and competed in individual events with Junior Jordan Wheaton competing in the National Elite 100 M Hurdles; Senior Madison Connors competing in the National Elite Triple Jump; and Freshman Jamison Isaac competing in the Boys Freshman 100 M Dash.

Both the Boys and Girls relay teams came home with medals! On Friday the Boys 4x200 team of Devine, Leblanc, Smith and Spezzaferri won 4th Place

in the Nation with a time of 1:32:31. On Saturday, the Girls 4x100 team advanced from the preliminary round to the finals with a time of 49:67 and then placed 5th in the Nation in their final with a time of 50:12.

Traveling to the New Balance National Outdoor Championships in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was Briana Danis.

Junior, Briana Danis, had an impressive season and qualified for Nationals, attending the New Balance event in Philadelphia. She is the #1 all-time Discus champ for the area, and also holds the school record with a PR of 135-2. She also

holds the #2 position in NH for Shot Put with a throw of 39-5.75 which is also a school record. Despite a great season, she didn't secure any medals at Nationals, but is looking forward to continued success in her Senior year.

Astros Track & Field Coach Carol Quarles commented - "For these athletes to continue their season into late June shows the level of dedication and extreme love for this sport called track & field. I am so very proud of all their hard work and "stick to it" attitude. They determined how their season would end and that was

going to be going out on top!"

The athletes, coaches and parents would like to say thank you to all who donated to the fundraiser that helped these athletes realize their dream of competing on the National Stage! An extra special Thank You goes to former Derry Town Councilor, Jim Morgan, and his husband Paul who came in with a very generous donation at the final hour to help the team reach their goal.

Adidas Nationals Results:

Friday Results

Boys 4x200 - Devine, Leblanc, Smith, Spezzaferri

- Fourth.

Girls 4x200 Wheaton, Sippel, Connors, Roberts - 12th.

100m hurdles - Jordan Wheaton - 16th

Girls Triple Jump - Madi Connors - 28th

Freshman 100M Dash - Jamison Isaac - 23rd.

Saturday Results

Boys 4x100 prelims - Isaac, Leblanc, Devine, Spezzaferri: 11th, 44:02.

Girls 4x100 prelims - Wheaton, Sippel, Connors, Roberts: 5th, 49:67

Girls 4x100 Finals - Wheaton, Sippel, Connors, Roberts: 5th, 50:12.



VILLAGE CHAMPS The Hampstead Over-the-Hill League recently crowned a 2022 champion. The Village Vinyl team of Jeff Steenson, Mark Buatti, Mike McConnell, Bob Dudal, Captain Bob Clarke, MVP John Kalantzakos, Howie Steadman, Kevin Young and John Garofoli won this year's championship. Kalantzakos was second in the league in scoring, averaging 18-points per game.

Special Upcoming Events!

6/15 at 6:30 pm: Mysteries of the Bridgewater Triangle Paranormal Night
6/17 at 6:30 pm: Dream Circle
6/18, 10 am - 4 pm: Kirlian Aura Photo Sessions
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DERRY

Spartans Summer League

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be hosting their Annual Summer League Session at the Derry Sports Center. Games will be played Tuesday through Thursday evenings from Mid-June to Mid-August. All practices are held on Friday nights. For more information visit www.nhspartans.com website, contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com, or call 603-926-2276.

Derry Homegrown

The Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market is now open every Wednesday, Rain or Shine at 1 West Broadway, Derry. Close of Season is Sept. 28. For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-479-5918, derryhomegrown.org, [facebook.com/derryhomegrown](https://www.facebook.com/derryhomegrown) or [instagram.com/derryhomegrown](https://www.instagram.com/derryhomegrown)

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Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

Story and Building Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

CHESTER

Nautical Wreath Making

Welcome in the relaxing days of summer when you make this DIY Summer Beach Wreath on Thursday June 30 at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library. All materials will be provided by the library. Reservations required. Sign up at the front desk, give a call at (603) 887-3404 or send a message on our Facebook page.

Nautical Wreath Making

Make a DIY Summer Beach Wreath on Thursday June 30 at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library. All materials will be provided by the library. This is a craft for adults. Reservations required. Sign up at the front desk, call at (603) 887-3404 or send a

message on the Library's Facebook page.

Bedtime Stories

Every Monday at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Library, put on your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and snuggle up for evening story time and a craft with Miss Grace. Please register.

Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories, songs, and crafts with Miss Grace every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. They will meet on the lawn behind the library (weather permitting) Please register.

Diamond Painting Club

Find your Zen every Thursday from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Chester Library. Materials are provided for this drop in club. No Registration required.

Dominoes Club!

Love dominoes and already know how to play? Or are you looking for something new and fun to try? Join Terry Armstrong for this fun new club, meeting in Chester Library conference room every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm. All skill levels welcome! For more information and to register call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Crochet Club

Ying Zhang will be teaching in person either one on one or small private groups on Saturdays at the Hampstead Civic Club Building next to Town Hall. Email Ying at Yzhanglai@comcast.net to book an appointment. The Civic Club will still provide the material needed.

Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from

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June Storywalk

The featured book in the Hampstead Public Library's Storywalk® for the month of June is *It's a Firefly Night* by Dianne Ochiltree. The Storywalk® is located on the Library's front lawn. The public is welcome to enjoy it at any time.

SANDOWN

29th Annual 5-mile 5k race

The Sandown 5 Mile and 5K Road Race will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 9 a.m.,

and a Kid's 1K at 8:30 a.m. Race Day Registration at 7:30 a.m., at Town Hall - 320 Main St. Entries can be mailed-in before July 25. Fee for 5 Mile and 5K is \$35 per person. Kid's 1K fee is a donation of a Non-Perishable Food Item for the Sandown Food Pantry. For the 1st 140 racers will receive a Sport Towel, there will be awards to winners in each Age category. For more information go to www.runreg.com/29th-annual-sandown-5-mile--5-k-road-race.

Old Home Day

Sandown's Old home day will be held from Aug. 12 - 13. Starting on Friday Night at 6 - 11 p.m., with the Town Hall SHSM Kick-off. On Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., with the Downtown TLC, Library, Seeley Beach & More. Then on Saturday Night from 6 - 9 p.m.; Band & Fireworks at The Sandlot

along with a Cornhole Competition - Registration due by July 1. Plus Performers, Fireworks, Food, Bounce House, Town Beach Events, Vendors, Games, and a Cornhole Competition.

Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10

children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers At the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will take place on Tuesdays from 10 -

10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youthservices@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m., to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage

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age the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. director@sandownlibrary.us.

Legos and More

Do you love Legos? Come and build at the Sandown Library on Mondays from 4 - 5 p.m. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate for ages; 5+Registration is required.

Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

Potter Book to Movie Club

Do you love all things Harry Potter? If so, this club

is for you! On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 6 p.m., this Sandown Library group will watch a Harry Potter movie based on one of the books and have a discussion comparing them. Is the book always better than the movie? There will be great snacks! Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel Bunch. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be snacks. At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk. This book group is for those in grades 8-12.

Mother Goose On The Loose

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations.

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Free Food & Snacks

End 68 Hours of Hunger of Derry and Chester will offer free weekly food and snack bags will be available this summer at: Derry Public Library Teen Room and Children's room, Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club, Marion Gerrish Community Center, and Taylor Library. Bags are available to take, no qualifications or requirements or proof needed.

Classic Car Show

The Aviation Museum's annual Classic Car Show takes place on Saturday, July

16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date is Saturday, July 23.) Vehicles of all makes and eras are welcome, including odd or unusual conveyances. It's a great chance for proud owners to show off their completed projects or works in progress, and for the public to check out some amazing rides from all over New England. For more information about the Car Show or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

Women's Scholarship

The Londonderry Women's

Club offers an annual scholarship to any woman seeking to improve her education. The scholarship is open to all women in Londonderry and surrounding towns. The scholarship value is \$1,000. To be eligible, the female applicant must meet the following requirements: Be at least 23 years of age or older, Be a current resident of Londonderry or an adjacent community, Be currently enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution, Have completed a minimum of half the time or credits required for your degree, certification or licensing program, To apply the applicant will need to submit: A college or institute transcript, Cover

letter with statement about your reasons for returning to school, One personal recommendation, Activities, work experience and essay mentioned on application form. Applications must be received by Sept. 30. No late applications will be considered. All finalists might be notified for a personal interview. Recipient will be announced before Dec. 1. The recipient must notify the Londonderry Women's Club of her acceptance before Dec. 15. The award will be made payable to the recipient. Applications are available at the Leach Library, the Derry Public Library and can be found and downloaded from our website at londonderrywomensclub.org.

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Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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Ensuring kids are safe in school has been a priority of this administration for years, and this latest \$10 million investment into school safety reaffirms our commitment to keeping students safe in the classroom," said Gov. Chris Sununu. "From our historic school safety taskforce to our initial first-of-its-kind \$30 million fund to strengthen security in our schools, NH remains a leader in school safety investments."

State Approves \$10M for School Security

The Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee recently approved a request from the NH Department of Education's Bureau of School Safety and Facility Management to allocate about \$10 million in federal money to make security improvements for all schools in the state.

With its approval, up to \$10,260,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund (through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery) will be distributed to public and non-public schools using the Public School Infrastructure Fund process previously established.

"School safety is neither reactionary nor an afterthought in NH, and keeping our children safe is the absolute number one priority," said Frank Edelblut, education commissioner. "A significant investment has been made to improve, secure and enhance school safety throughout the state, which has been a priority for a number of years and has resulted in substantial advancements. School districts have made great strides to produce safe and secure learning environments, expand preparedness resources, implement new technologies and offer training – all to ensure that children and adults are safe in their schools."

While NHED continues to seek additional federal funds for school safety, the newly approved \$10 million to support school security projects is a vital step toward these ongoing efforts. Proposed projects that will address the greatest risks will be prioritized for future funding.

"The safety of our schools, their students and their staff is priceless," said Jennifer Harper, director of the NH Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. "Our School Readiness Program works with school communities

across the state every day to ensure they are implementing proper, up-to-date safety measures. I applaud the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee for approving these funds to provide schools with the money they need to act on those measures."

The Public School Infrastructure Commission process was established in 2018. The fund has since awarded about \$27.7 million to implement 619 security and infrastructure projects. It is anticipated that, thanks to the additional \$10 million in funding approved, an estimated 250

Tips to Reduce Outdoor Water Waste

As the summer months approach, many homeowners use 30-60% of their water outdoors. Often up to 50% of that water is wasted. The Hampstead Water Resources Committee encourages residents to instill good habits to avoid wasting water. Conditions in Rockingham County for the spring were abnormally dry according to the NH Drought Monitor.

NH receives an average of 3.75 inches of rain per month. Your lawn and landscape need no more than 1 inch of rain per week, so there will be periods when your lawn requires no watering. If the grass springs back after being

stepped on, it doesn't need water! When supplemental watering is necessary, water just enough. Too much water can lead to fungal diseases and wash away important nutrients.

To avoid evaporation, water between 9 p.m. - 9 a.m., with early morning being the best time. Raise your lawn mower blade to 3 inches so the grass will shade the soil.

With an irrigation system, adjustment to reduce water waste:

Timing - Plan to water in the early morning or late evening.

Tune Up Your System - Inspect irrigation systems, fix leaks and broken/clog-

ged sprinkler heads. Make sure water lands on the lawn.

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