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Claus at the Common Jossie Cooper attended the annual Christmas on the Common celebration on Sunday, Dec. 3, giving her a chance to put her wish list in with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The event is organized each year by the Londonderry Rotary Club and the Town of Londonderry. See more photos on page 7.

Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Gets Briefed on Potential Bullying Forum

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Nov. 28 School Board meeting, Superintendent, Dan Black, announced that they were looking at potentially having forums in the near future about bullying.

"After debriefing the start of the School Year,

Ad Council is recommending to the School Board we host two separate Parent/Community in person forums later in the school year to address how we handle bullying claims and investigations in our schools," Black wrote in a memo to the school board.

He explained that

they think that it would make sense to have a kindergarten to fifth grade, and grades 6 to 12.

Black said one of the purposes of the proposed forum would be to "explain to parents/community the process we follow when a bullying claim comes to any

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Judge Rules Malaguti's Sexual Complaint on Paul, Frivolous

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In a scathing 20-page order, Superior Court Judge, Andrew Schulman, found Town Manager, Michael Malaguti, made a "frivolous sexual harassment complaint" against former Town Councilor, Deb Paul. In addition, the judge found Malaguti and the town of Londonderry improperly tried to shield the document from the public. Even after being ordered by the court to turn over the document, it took 30-days to comply.

The complaint was made during the final

weeks of Deb Paul's term as a Town Councilor, and according to Paul, the issue more or less highlighted what she felt she had to deal with throughout her term.

The complaint was filed with the council against Paul because of a comment she made on Feb. 6 and it took her eight months to get a copy of the complaint.

During the Feb. 6 Town Council meeting, Paul tried to explain why she felt having the Town Planner and Economic Developer take on a dual role was a conflict. She stated, "... that's a conflict of interest with the

Planner being in economic development. You have someone seducing businesses to come here and then looking at their plans. That's not a conflict of interest?"

Malaguti took exception to this statement, filing a complaint to the Town Council following the meeting.

Hours before the next council meeting on March 6, a meeting that would be Paul's final one, Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, asked Paul to get there early to discuss something. When asked what it was in regards to, he

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Woodmont Apartment Resident Claims Serious Safety Issues

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During Public Comment at the Monday night, Dec. 4, Town Council meeting, Jessica Butcher, a resident at the Woodmont Commons Main Street apartments, attended the meeting to ask for assistance in solving a problem at the complex.

She told the council that residents in the Woodmont Commons Building are facing a "serious safety issue," saying that there has been a bug infestation there since the Summer.

Butcher said the management company

of the facility has been unresponsive and has been unable to get the issue rectified.

She explained that due to a neighbor letting her trash build up in the hallway, a vile odor has resulted, causing her to think, "someone had died" in the apartment.

As a result of this issue, she said her and her neighbors have been killing between 30 to 40 flies per day.

According to Butcher, the problem began in August and got worse as colder weather developed, but the management company has been "non-existent."

She added the Lon-

donderry code enforcement officer, Nick Codner, has been one of the only people to come down and take a look at the problem to document it.

She added that she works from home was also told the apartments had been "bug bombed," but did not think that had taken place.

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School Board Get Briefed On Town's Utilities Committee

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Utilities Committee Chair, Lynn Wiles, was in front of the School Board during its Nov. 29 meeting, with a presentation about what the committee has done since its first being formed, and about some potential projects the committee and school district could work together on.

Wiles said he has been talking informally with School Board Chair, Bob Slater, about what they do.

"I think there's some really good opportuni-

ties if we choose to go down that path with the school system as well," Wiles said.

Wiles explained that the Town Council approved the committee on Dec. 5, 2022, as a "standing committee" with the charter of studying and making recommendations to the Town Manager, Town Council, and other staff regarding different utilities including electricity and heat.

"We're a relatively new committee.... I'll be honest, we're still trying to find our way," Wiles said.

He stated that their first meeting was in March, and since August, they have had their full committee made up of seven full time members and three alternate members, along with state Rep. Ron Dunn, who is not only a state representative, but also the Town Council liaison.

Since then, they have formed four different subcommittees "to perform research and fact finding," in areas including energy, water, sewer, and solid waste, along with cable tv and internet.

At this point, Wiles

said they aren't able to make any decisions directly on their own.

"We are strictly an advisory board at this point in time," Wiles said.

Wiles explained that some of the projects the committee is working on or are involved with, includes drinking water quality, regional water system policy and master planning, and the Auburn Road Landfill Solar Farm.

"It's an interesting use for a piece of that land that doesn't really have any other use at this time," Wiles said about the landfill project.

Wiles also noted that they are looking at different funding sources, noting they want to

defray the cost for taxpayers.

It was explained by Wiles that there are a number of partnering opportunities that they could explore between the school district and the town, saying that their committee members have experience in areas like solar planning and implementation, community power aggregation, recycling, composting, and related policy development.

Wiles, who said he has been in town for many years, thinks that there are times when there is a divide between the town side of things and the school district side of things, saying that some differ-

ent projects they can work on together, may be a positive thing.

"I think this is an opportunity to bridge that gap and I'm excited to be able to help," Wiles said.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said any of the areas the committee is working on, the district would be interested in looking at as well, and they would be positive things to take on.

Slater said they want to be able to look at how to reduce costs and save taxpayers money, along with putting more money directly into teaching students.

"It takes that burden off the taxpayer," he said.

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Bullying

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staff member in our schools.

Another purpose would be to explain how the district goes about investigating "if a claim does warrant that approach."

Black said they would also be able to explain the "major laws that provide the foundation for how we handle and address bullying claims and investigations."

Black stated that another purpose would also be to explain to parents the resources they have in the schools for parents and students when they have questions or concerns about bullying.

"The scope of the forums could grow from there as we engage more

of our staff on this project in terms of school counselors and assistant principals, who know the details of this work very well on the day to day," Black wrote in a memo.

He said they would be looking to have the forum in the late Winter or early Spring, "when we do not have concerts/performance and major sporting events so that we could potentially have strong parent/community turn out."

"The forums would start as informational sessions, and we would leave some room towards the end for Q & A with parents to review the finer details of this process," Black said.

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said "I think a

lot of parents don't understand what bullying is," and that they could provide different examples of what it looks like during the meeting.

In personnel news, the School Board accepted the retirements of Jim Hamilton, a teacher at Londonderry Middle School and Susan Spinnery, a teacher at Londonderry High School.

The School Board also accepted a number of resignations during the meeting including Courtney Conomacos, a support staff member at Londonderry Middle School, Aallyah Gagnon, a support staff member at Matthew Thornton, and Layna Holk, a support staff member at South School.



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Conservation Commission Provide Clarification Over Hazard Trees

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on Nov. 14 to discuss a request from The Nevins to cut down hazard trees. Nevins resident and member of The Nevins Association, Steve Feinberg, was at the meeting to make a formal request. In the past, there had been questions

over who has the authority to grant removal permission to remove trees or clear land.

"I had a tree that was very close to hitting my house, and I had an Association telling me it couldn't be cut because the tree was in a conservation zone," said Feinberg. "I guess the Commission did two things: they actually came to my

house, and confirmed there was a hazardous tree hitting my house."

Seven years ago, Feinberg had the trees removed, and the Zoning Board later granted a variance allowing him to clear the surrounding land. However, more recently the Nevins community board gave mixed advice on the process needed to remove

other problem trees. It was unclear how rules within the Nevins community interacted with the established variance and buffer zone.

"Do I need anything more?" asked Feinberg, who wanted to know if he would need to ask the Zoning Board or anyone else if a similar issue around land clearance came up again. "My goal would be to get this Commission to formally agree that these are acceptable rules for the Nevins to follow with respect to the buffer zone and variance area.

The Commission agreed to continue advising property owners on best practices under town law and Conservation Chair, Marge

Badois, promised to email the Nevins a record of town rules. The Chair admitted the situation has been "confusing" for everyone.

Ranger, Glenn Aprile, reported that a man hunting deer with a crossbow in local orchards was detained after nighttime complaints of a disturbance.

"Our guys stopped him and Fish and Game gave five or six misdemeanor violations," said Aprile.

Ray Breslin of 3 Gary Drive took some time during the public comments to emphasize the importance of protecting water resources in town, a topic that has been high on many agendas following well con-

tamination from Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics' Merrimack plant. He also encouraged higher attendance at Conservation meetings

"What's more important than natural resources, water being one of them?" said Breslin. "I think it's so important that we, as citizens, speak about these issues. I think we have to continue on and be heard."

Commission Alternate member, Mike Speltz, responded with a list of items from a recent water study on local groundwater. Speltz confirmed that "the Planning staff said they would make a good faith effort" to work through the list.

School Board Hires Attorney

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

After tabling the decision during the previous meeting, the Londonderry School Board, once again discussed potentially hiring an attorney for the School Board during the Nov. 28 meeting.

At the previous meeting School Board Chair Bob Slater discussed a proposal to hire Lauren Irwin, from Upton & Hatfield, LLP, for the school board to use at times when needed. The proposal came after over two months of researching different law firms,

Slater, who first brought the idea of the School Board having their own attorney, is for issues like writing policies, in which case they'd be able to go to their attorney and bring back recommendations to the superintendent.

"It's basically for the board to consult on an additional opinion," Slater said previously.

Superintendent Dan Black during the previous meeting brought up concerns about the limited number of law firms in the state who handle education law, and felt that they should talk to their current district attorneys before making a decision. He noted that they use different attorneys currently depending on the issue.

"This could force one of our law firms to dump us in this process," Black said.

Slater explained that they had a consultant meeting last week with Irwin, and asked a lot of questions, and was also able to talk to the district's attorney.

"I think we're in a good place now," Slater said.

He said that it would be good to bring Irwin in when the School Board is looking to write policies and "it's just there for any other questions."

"We would look for this advice with the

majority of the board, we're not out here to spend taxpayer dollars," Slater said, noting that it would also be good to get advice or ask questions when needed.

"We don't have that right now," Slater said.

The School Board voted to move forward with hiring Irwin as their School Board Attorney. Slater told the Board previously that they would be charged \$285 an hour, which is \$5 more than the current district lawyer rate.

It was noted that they wouldn't have to add any additional costs with having their own attorney, since they wouldn't be paying the district attorney and instead would be paying their own.

Slater previously told his colleagues that she "specializes in school board and school district law," and said that she represents 10 different school districts along with various boards and numerous municipalities.



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Editorial

Remembering a Day That Brought Us Together

Before Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was just an American Naval Base on Hawaiian territory. That fateful morning would be forever etched into the minds of citizens all over the country. It was a day that brought Americans together.

Only a few hours after the Japanese attacked on Pearl Harbor, Japan formally declared war against the United States.

The sentiment Americans felt after the news of the attack spread is best summarized by the words of fleet Chaplain William A. Macguire, "Don't say we buried our dead with sorrow. They died manfully. They were buried manfully. And we will avenge their deaths, come what may".

Pearl Harbor infuriated Americans and motivated an undivided decision to enter into World War II. On Dec. 8, 1941, the US joined the Allied Powers. Before these events took place at Pearl Harbor, the country was divided and not all Americans were supportive of the efforts of World War II. After the attack, those who were skeptical began singing a different tune, and the support for the war became unanimous. The attack ensured America's entrance into the war, provoking a joint effort by all, at home and overseas.

The states truly became united that morning, and everyone had a part to play in the war efforts. Civilian employees helped to load and clean weapons, wounded men fought

on, doctors from miles away rushed to tend to the wounded, and when blood donations were needed donors stood in line for almost seven hours to do their part.

The outcome of World War II may have been entirely different, had the US not joined the Allied Powers. The US implemented the draft where all men from age 18 to 45 were included, providing over 16 million troops to the front lines. All automobile factories in the US stopped production of cars and began manufacturing only vehicles and planes for the war. Women went to work in factories to make war supplies, and some even joined the armed forces. Without the US providing so many troops and supplies, the Allied Powers may not have won.

Although the attack on Dec. 7, 1941, may not be our proudest day, there are many positive outcomes and effects that are too often overlooked. We can look back on this day and be proud that we live in a country where people are able to forget themselves and do whatever it takes to help each other in a time of need, to unite toward a common goal. Without our combined efforts, we could be living in a different world today. Pearl Harbor changed the course of history, and it is on each and every Dec. 7, that we reflect and say a prayer for those lost, and those who continue to defend our country to this day.



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Letters

Our Library

To the editor,

I wish to thank Paul Skudlarek for his letter. It does seem that a motivated group with extreme views are trying to influence what our Library shelves and how it is managed for the sole purpose of turning it into a political propaganda institution. NH, of which Londonderry is a part, has a mix of political views without a clear majority leaning one way or another. While I am not a frequent user of our Library, it does not seem to be politically skewed.

We do not need to start 'book banning' like some other States have. It was pointed out in a letter on Oct. 12, that the Library has already shelved five editions of the Tuttle Twins - books clearly aimed at political indoctrination for ages ten and under. With examples like that, one can hardly argue that right wing views are being suppressed. We also do not need to close off our Library from membership of the major library associations. Unfounded claims that they are Marxist organizations is more about McCarthyism than anything factual. We do not need to repeat that era.

On a different matter, while I do not think we need to revisit the elected Treasurer position, I would be supportive of some sort of restriction to ensure that, for anyone to be elected to that position, they must pass a background check and be suitably qualified. Unfortunately, I'm not sure how we could accomplish that, as it re-

quires disqualifying many residents from the position, myself included as unqualified. Perhaps an elected position but with a Council/Manager "nuclear option" to fire and call a new election in cases of misconduct.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Reply to Paul Skudlarek

To the editor,

Thank you, for your letter. What a refreshing bit of a breeze to hear truth be told. Hopefully the quiet majority will arise and silence the noisy minority. For a bit of hope, I would recommend Heather Cox Richardson's daily "Letter to an American". Do google and check out. Kudos to you Paul Skudlarek.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Thank You Deb Paul

To the editor,

I am VERY grateful for you...for the work you do, and how you do it, for all your words of inspiration, for being the light, for being YOU!

Gratefully,
Joan Rakosky
Londonderry

RE: Paul Skudlarek

To the editor,

I read the letter that Paul Skudlarek wrote last week the Londonderry times and I would like to thank Paul for pointing out that myself and others in Londonderry are against Marxist organizations (ALA, NHLTA) advising our Library Trustees or our Library employees. Our tax

dollars pay for the dues to these organizations. I am happy to live in a Constitutional Republic and I want it to stay that way. There was something puzzling in his letter in that he claimed that I had donated "a Christian-based children's book series by child-actor turned evangelist Kirk Cameron" to the library. I have never read any of these books, purchased these books, nor donated these books. I have since spoken to people, parents, who are familiar with them and I have been told that they are about as "wholesome and non-political as it gets". So, again, I would like to thank Paul for the heads up. He may want to purchase some of these books himself and donate them. I think it's a great idea! Alternatively, perhaps the Library can purchase them. These books and others are available on Bravebooks.us.

I did donate some children's books to the Library on June 7, 2023 and to date 7 of the 11 books are mistakenly shelved in the young adult section. The books I donated are designed for 5 to 11 year olds and teach children about how economies, markets, governments and law work. They are based on the works of well respected economists such as Henry Hazlitt, F.A. Hayek, Leonard Read, Ludwig von Mises and more! Please reach out to me directly if you would like to know more about these books as they also write books for teens and have come out with some new editions since my donation.

Maureen Hardy
Londonderry

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Complaint

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responded that he had a document he needed to show her.

The document was a complaint letter that Malaguti had drafted on Feb. 12.

She briefly read the letter, and asked for a copy, but was told it wasn't a public document, the town would be retaining it.

Feeling that this was not a document protected from being released to the public, she asked her lawyer, Kevin Coyle, to make an inquiry to have the document released. He too was denied.

Shortly after that, Coyle filed for a hearing with the state superior court to have the document released.

Three months later on June 1, Judge, Andrew Schulman, heard both sides of the case appearing in Superior Court. Malaguti attended the hearing, along with town attorney, Elizabeth Bailey, Farrell, and councilor, Chad Franz. The town argued that it was a letter pertaining to an employee and exempt from 91-A request and Paul argued that it was a public document, since it was released to the Town Council and imagined it had been shared with others.

After that hearing, nearly five months later on Thursday, Oct. 26, the judge ruled in Deb Paul's favor.

The "Final Order" from the judge was a 20-page document that stated, "The court not only disagrees with the town (and that is enough), but finds the town's position to be objectively unreasonable," and ordered the town to provide with the requested documents and pay Paul's attorneys' fees and costs in connection with this matter because "this

lawsuit was necessary to enforce compliance with RSA Chapter 91-A, and the town should have known that its position was unlawful."

Schulman said, "Michael J. Malaguti, filed a frivolous complaint against plaintiff, Deb Paul, under the Town's Policy Against Harassment.

Schulman also noted, "Malaguti's complaint was grounded solely on his objection to statements Councilor Paul made at a public Town Council meeting on Feb. 6, 2023. Essentially, Councilor Paul opined that a recent staff reorganization created an inherent "conflict of interest" by combining the roles of Planning Director and Director of Economic Development. In Paul's view, the roles are in tension because the Economic Development director is charged with enticing businesses to move to or expand their presence in the town, while the Planning director must ensure that all proposed plans conform to the town's land use restrictions. This means that the Planning director must sometimes tell business owners "no."

Schulman also stated, "Malaguti made two claims in his harassment complaint. First, he insisted that Councilor Paul's reference to "seducing businesses" amounted to sexual harassment. Malaguti argued that the phrase was "abhorrent" because (a) the current Town Planner/Development director is female, (b) the term has "sexual overtones" and "refer[s] directly to sexual encounters," and (c) Councilor Paul had previously raised similar concerns regarding the combined role of Town Planner/Development Director with Malaguti, who is male, without using any form of the word "seduce."

Second, Malaguti claimed that the language quoted above "publicly disparage[ed] one of my subordinates by suggesting she lacks integrity."

Malaguti's letter stated, "Councilor Paul's use of words carrying sexual overtones, or more accurately, referring directly to sexual encounters, is abhorrent, and I doubt Councilor Paul would have used these words to refer to a male or an older female."

He also took issue with Councilor Paul publicly disparaging one of his subordinates by suggesting she lacks integrity.

Malaguti's complaint finished with, "I am a white male. But count me among those who have no interest in working for an employer that would tolerate such conduct."

In the Order, the Judge commented, "The substance of Malaguti's complaint is a matter of public record. Councilor Paul's comments were made in the public session of a public hearing."

He added, "The town's residents have a right to know how the person they hired to manage the town's administration does his job. The town has bestowed considerable authority in Malaguti. It has a legitimate interest in monitoring how he uses or abuses that authority. Likewise, the town has a keen interest in how its elected officials behave.

By contrast, the town has only a minimal interest in nondisclosure.

Public disclosure of a sexual harassment complaint may chill future complaints. An employee with a good faith claim of sexual harassment may be dissuaded from making a report if they believed it would become a public document.

In this case the highest-ranking administra-

tive officer of a town made a frivolous complaint against an elected official to punish the elected official's constitutionally protected speech. The disclosure of this complaint should have no chilling effect on future good faith complaints."

The judge used the word "frivolous" five times in the 20-page document describing the Town Managers action.

Coyle was shocked with what transpired after the Right-to-Know request, "What should have taken the town two minutes and maybe 15 cents to comply with a simple RSA 91-a request has cost the town over \$15,000. The town's hostility to the public's right to know is astounding."

He said, "The request Deb made was for what was very clearly a public document. That the town fought so hard to

shield Malaguti from embarrassment is astounding."

Coyle also added, "Having done RSA 91-a work for over 25-years, I tried very hard to get them to turn over the document without going to court. We gave them a lot of chances to just simply comply with the law. The town wasted valuable public resources. The Town Council should look at the judge's order and reevaluate how they respond to these requests. Just follow the law."

Paul found the judge's decision validating, "This was the kind of thing I dealt with on a fairly regular basis as a member of the Town Council. I needed to guard my every word, fearing that someone would claim some sort of conflict."

Paul added, "This ordeal has been a waste

of taxpayer resources, if the manager felt so strongly about his opinion, why wouldn't he have just released the document. It took two attorneys, countless hours, and a judge to find that what was done was wrong. The judge's conclusion solidified that the whole matter was frivolous."

She said, "There's been a lot of talk at recent council meetings about how much work and money it takes to deal with 91-A requests and this is a prime example of why they are being made. Taxpayers shouldn't have to take it to this extreme to get public documents."

Malaguti declined to comment on the judges ruling.

The Complaint Letter and judges Final Order can be found with the on-line edition being posted on Friday.



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Fire Department Look For Savings On New Fire Trucks

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council was presented with a proposal by the Fire Department during its Nov. 20 meeting to lock in the price for two new fire trucks.

It was explained by Fire Chief, Bo Butler, that they were looking to use “already appropriated funds in a creative way to fulfill our need to replace our engines,” which the plan was endorsed by Finance Director, Justin Campo.

Deputy Fire Chief, Philip LeBlanc, said their fleets have about a 10

year life span, and they have two engines they are looking to replace that were built in 2013 and 2014.

He said after that they have “a lot higher repair costs.”

LeBlanc said the other issue is with the fire truck manufacturing world, saying “it takes three years to build a fire truck.”

Before, he said they used to take 9 to 12 months to build, which means they can no longer sign for them, and then get them a year later, which is one of the main reasons they are

looking to get them ordered now.

Another main reason is because of the cost increases, saying if they sign for the two trucks now, they lock in the price. LeBlanc added that every quarter there would be a price increase.

He stated that the plan would be to have them begin building one of the trucks now and then another one in six months, and by having the delay, it would mean payments would begin in two different fiscal years.

LeBlanc said they would also receive a dis-

count on the trucks by locking in a price now.

“We can save about \$100,000 by signing for them now,” he said.

Town Councilor, Ted Combes, asked when they have to start making payments. Finance Director, Justin Campo, said while they could get a small pre-paid discount, if they began paying on it right away, it wouldn’t be worth it compared to the interest they would pay before getting the trucks. He added that he recommended beginning the payments once they take ownership of it.

“All we’re doing is locking a price in,” LeBlanc said.

It was noted by Campo that they would begin the payments for the first engine in FY 26, and the second engine’s payment would be in FY 27.

Campo said in FY 26 and 27, larger lease payments fall off, and he is

hopeful they will be able to utilize it and only have to pay a minimum amount extra than they are paying for the line item and not have any increases to the budget at all.

The Town Council approved moving forward to lock in the price of the trucks.

Woodmont

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A new management company has taken over, but she stated they are also unresponsive.

Butcher has been living in the apartment for four years, paid thousands of dollars in rent, and hasn’t had a problem until recently.

After her statements, Town Council Chair, John Farrell, directed the Fire Chief, Bo Butler, to go to the apartments with the Heath Officer and a police officer, if

needed, to see what’s going on there.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, offered to contact the new owner of the building also.

Contacted on the following day, Butcher said that the Fire Chief, two firefighters, Codner, and a representative of the newest management company investigated the hallway and apartment where the smells were coming from and assured Butcher that the situation would be rectified.

The original manage-

ment company was the nationally-based firm, Cushman & Wakefield, but the current firm is based out of Lowell, MA and she’s optimistic this

issue will be resolved.

She also mentioned that there is an eviction proceeding underway currently.

OBITUARY

Brian M. Florczak



Brian M. Florczak, 53, of Manchester, NH, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023. He was born on June 30, 1970, in Danbury, CT, a son of Thaddeus and Judith Florczak.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his sister, Denise Faucher and husband Norm of Londonderry, NH; two brothers, Thomas Florczak of Winterville, OH, and Kenneth Florczak and wife Karen of Mill Creek, WA, as well as the cherished uncle of Tommy, Jennifer, Stephanie and Kenny and great uncle of Thomas, Leigha, and Barrett.

He had a love for spending time with his friends, playing guitar in jam sessions, Led Zeppelin, Snowmobiling, and traveling to different places to play their golf courses.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Dec. 8, from 4 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARY

Robert David Lievens



Robert David Lievens died suddenly at home on Nov. 19, 2023. Bob was born Sept. 19, 1946, to William and Catherine (Mills) Lievens.

He leaves his wife and best friend, Deborah Wolfe Lievens; a daughter, Sarah Lievens and husband Trey Cromwell; a son, David Lievens and wife Eliza Spaulding, and their sons, William and Thomas; two sisters, Catherine Gallagher and Susan Folsom; and stepmother, Merrell Lievens.

He was predeceased by two brothers, William Lievens II and Stephen Lievens.

Bob was a lifelong resident of Londonderry. He graduated from St. Paul’s School, where he was named a Ferguson Scholar, and received a BA from Dartmouth College. He returned home to manage the family wholesale apple business, Woodmont Orchards, with his father and brother, Steve. He valued his employees greatly, finding many creative ways to offer them support. Bob was active in numerous apple organizations serving as an officer for both the New York-New England Apple Institute and the International Apple Institute. His favorite was the Northeast Apple Society, where the growers skied all day, and held “meetings” on chairlifts. He was an early member of the Londonderry Conservation Commission and spent several terms on the Planning Board. Later, Bob became a member of the Londonderry Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Bob grew up skiing and made sure his wife and children got onto skis. He was a member of the Waterville Valley Black and Blue Trails Smashers and contributed above and beyond to the running of youth and disabled ski races. Bob enthusiastically followed every sport and extracurricular activity with which his children were involved, and he was especially proud to see Sarah row crew for Dartmouth.

In his retirement, he took great pleasure in mentoring younger apple farmers and advising aspiring businesspeople for SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives). Retirement also brought time to travel, to ski with the Silver Streaks at Waterville Valley, and to enjoy his much-loved grandsons.

Bob’s personality, sense of humor, and presence were singular and unforgettable. He touched many lives and will be sorely missed.

Bob’s family invites his friends to join in a celebration of his life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the William Lievens Family Fund at St. Paul’s School, 325 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301.

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Annual Santa Visit to Town Common Hampered by Rain



The Londonderry Rotary Club and the Town of Londonderry combined efforts once again for the annual Christmas on the Common. Attendance was down this year, due to the rain, on Sunday, Dec. 3, but spirits were high for the families awaiting the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. The jolly couple were rushed in from their parade around town in a fire truck that afternoon.

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South School Brings Families in For Annual Holiday Stroll



South Elementary School families attended the Holiday Stroll on Saturday morning, Dec. 2, for a chance to visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, friends and staff members in what has been an annual tradition. Attendees could take part in a cake walk, multiple games for prizes, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and bid on raffle baskets during the annual holiday celebration.

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Matthew Thornton Families Take Part in Annual Event



Matthew Thornton Elementary School families had lots of holiday themed things to do during the school's annual Winter Wonderland and Secret Shop on Saturday morning, Dec. 2. The school and PTA served up loads of pancakes with bacon, provided games and activities and also sold hundreds of home-made cookies. During breakfast, the school chorus entertained attendees. Children also had a chance to put their Christmas wishes in with Santa and do a little secret holiday shopping.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Gear Up for Upcoming Winter Sports Season



Mason Paquette

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The high school Winter sports season will be beginning this week with players and coaches eager to get back on the courts, ice, mats and in the water again.

Boys' Basketball

Jaryd Piecuch enters his second year as head coach of the boys' basketball team. He said, "The boys team will be returning 12 players from last years' team and have six seniors, eight juniors, and one sophomore."

The team's tri-captains are senior Ty Miles, junior Jameson

Seaman, and junior Mason Paquette.

The Lancers' season opener will be next Tuesday night, at home, against the Exeter Blue Hawks starting at 7 p.m.

Piecuch added, "We have a hard working group and are excited to see everyone contribute."

Other players to make the roster are seniors: Matt Doyle, Thomas Martin, Crosby Nolan, Conor Williams, and Ryan Williams. Juniors are: Matthew Luongo, Cameron Mad-den, Nathaniel Marshall, Blake Thompson, James Totten, and Alexander Villa.

Casey Marsh is the

lone sophomore currently on the roster.

Following the home opener, the team will be on the road for the remainder of the year.

On Friday, Dec. 15, the team will travel to Nashua South High School. On Tuesday, Dec. 19, they will be at Portsmouth High School and on Friday night, Dec. 22, they travel to Bishop Guertin,

Girls' Basketball

Londonderry Girls' Varsity head coach, Jon Doherty, will be in his third year as head coach of the Lady Lancers and says he's very excited for the upcoming season.

Doherty said, "I am

bringing back a large core of players and adding some new ones. Brooke Eacrett and Samantha Sullivan will be a very dynamic 1-2 punch, Kate Sloper and Reagan Anderson are a force defensively, and freshmen Gemma Murray is going to put people on notice.

He added, "I have some great kids coming off the bench Mia Giampa and Talia Iorio have stepped up and will be a great addition to the rotation this year. Brooke Wilson, Molly Knight, Megan Jones, Ava Naar, and Kayla Sharkey round out the roster and bring a ton of

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Winter Sports

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energy and positivity to this team. With Megan being the lone senior we also will bring just about everyone back next year. This is a very exciting group and we have our eyes set on U.N.H. and are putting in the work to get there."

The girls start their season on the road in Exeter on Tuesday, Dec. 12, against the Blue Hawks starting at 6:30 p.m.

They will finish out the month of December with three home games. Starting on Friday night, Dec. 15, with a home opener against Nashua South Purple Panthers, starting at 7 p.m.

The following week, the team will play the Portsmouth Clippers on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. followed by an always-tough contest against the defending division champion, Bishop Guertin Cardinals, on Friday night, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.

Hockey

This year's Lancer Hockey squad features a number of players with varsity experience.

The seven seniors returning to the ice are: Matthew Boyon, Owen Carey, Jayden Hamilton, James Kircaldie, Michael Maloney, Brandon Morin, and Jack Nadeau.



Reagan Anderson

Juniors are: Nathan Beaulieu, Owen Casimiro, Liam Knight, Brett McKinnon, Phineas Norton, Ryan Palmer, and Tyler Rushton.

Sophomores include: Nicholas Bishop, Taran Bower, Brendan Fitzgerald, Mason Nadeau, and Tucker Reynolds.

Gavin Karoul is the one freshman on the roster this season.

The team begins their season in Salem on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Icenter starting at 3:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, the team will have their home-opener at Tri-Town Ice Arena, in Hooksett, against the Exeter Blue Hawks starting at 4:50 p.m.

They close out the month in Keene, against the Blackbirds on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Wrestling

Head coach, Jason Cucolo, is excited heading in, "We have 29 kids on the team so far and that is our highest since I have been involved in the program. Our middle school and youth numbers are the highest they have ever been and we have lots of 8th graders on the middle school team now that we are excited to see in a year.

David Pento Jr., Manny Perez, Jonah Tillman, and Pat O'connor are some of our returners that we are looking to help lead the team this year as we get ready to face off with Salem.

The team starts the year facing some of the toughest competition and then head into the Londonderry Holiday Tournament where they have a great representation of teams from all over New England.

The 2023 season had three Lancers winning their respective weight classes in the Meet of Champions and had the opportunity to compete at New England Wrestling Championships.

Then sophomore, David Pento Jr., senior, Nic D'Alessandro, and junior Patrick O'Connor were all state champions.

The Lancers began their new campaign on

Wednesday, Dec. 6, at home, against the Salem Blue Devils.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, they will travel to Massachusetts for the annual Westford Duals at Westford Academy.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, they will be hosting a home dual meet against Pinkerton Academy at Londonderry Middle School.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, the team has invited dozens of team for the annual Holiday Tournament.

Gymnastics

Tha Lancers gymnastics team's first meet is scheduled to take place at Noah's Gymnastics Academy in Manchester starting at 5 p.m.

There will be multiple schools attending the team's first event. They are: Goffstown Alvirne, Campbell, Bishop Guertin, Windham, and Merrimack high schools.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, starting at 1 p.m., they will travel to A2 Gym and Cheer in Salem. Alvirne, Salem, Campbell, Dover, and Exeter will be at the meet.

The team's first



David Pento Jr.

home meet will be on Sunday, Jan. 7, at Spectrum Gymnastics in Londonderry. The meet is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and will feature Pinkerton Academy, Alvirne and Campbell.

Swimming

The Boys' and Girls' varsity swim teams will have three home meets

to open the new season.

They will face multiple opponents starting on Friday night, Dec. 15, Friday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Jan. 5.

Each meet takes place at the Londonderry Workout Club Pool and start at approximately 5 p.m.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following item:

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(b) Supplemental Highway Block Ground funding from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$173,703.53.

The public hearing and review will occur on Monday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.

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New Balance Expands Commitment to U.S. Manufacturing to N.H.

Boston-based athletic manufacturer, New Balance, had an official ground-breaking ceremony recently at the future site of New Balance Londonderry, as the company adds New Hampshire to its New England locations for its sixth U.S. athletic footwear manufacturing facility.

"The Granite State is known for its strong economy and skilled workforce, and we look forward to New Balance Londonderry being an integral part of our growing domestic factory base," says Joe Preston, New Balance President & CEO. "This new factory will help us meet our significant U.S. and global consumer demand and drive future business opportunities that showcase our long-

standing pride in American craftsmanship and innovation."

New Balance's \$70 million investment in the factory will add more than 150 jobs at the 102,000-square-foot single-story building that is planned to begin production in 2025. The addition of NB Londonderry reflects the company's pride in American craftsmanship, its significant investments in innovation and machinery, and its integration of lean manufacturing processes to enable a demand driven and responsive MADE US supply network.

"With business and innovation flourishing in New Hampshire, we are excited to break ground in Londonderry for our sixth U.S. athletic

footwear factory," says Dave Wheeler, New Balance Chief Operating Officer. "Our relentless focus on manufacturing innovation and growing our U.S. footwear manufacturing footprint are two of the most important strategic initiatives we've sustained at New Balance and reflects the core of our culture."

"We are thrilled to welcome New Balance to New Hampshire," said Governor Chris Sununu. "We work hard to create a healthy environment for businesses, and Granite Staters feel the results: millions of dollars in investment, hundreds of jobs, and a sense of pride buying products made right here in New Hampshire. The Granite State is open for business!"

U.S. Senator Jeanne



From left, Dave Wheeler, COO, New Balance Athletics, Inc.; Michael Malaguti, Town Manager, Londonderry; Kevin McCoy, Vice President of MADE Manufacturing, New Balance Athletics, Inc.; Joe Preston, President and CEO, New Balance Athletics, Inc.; Jim and Anne Davis, Chairman and Vice Chairman, New Balance Athletics, Inc.; Governor Christopher T. Sununu, The State of New Hampshire; U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan; and U.S. Congressman Chris Pappas. Courtesy photo

Shaheen said, "This new facility will create good jobs in the community, boost the local economy and strengthen New Hampshire's reputation as a first-rate business destination."

"New Balance's new manufacturing facilities represent an exciting opportunity for Londonderry and our entire state," said U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan.

"I'm thrilled to welcome New Balance to Londonderry with the start of construction on its first-ever athletic shoe manufacturing facility in the Granite State," said Congressman Chris Pappas. "New Balance has a long and proud history of making products in America and here in New England, and today's groundbreaking marks the start of the next chapter in that legacy."

"This project will bring hundreds of jobs, and millions of dollars

in new tax revenue, to Londonderry. Adjacent to the Manchester Boston Regional Airport, Londonderry's Pet-tengill Road area is one of the state's economic engines. The commercial and industrial activity here is crucial to a healthy tax base and is a boon to every Londonderry taxpayer," says Londonderry Town Manager Mike Malaguti. "Instead of offshoring all its manufacturing as so many companies have done, New Balance has leaned into American manufacturing. Londonderry proudly welcomes New Balance to the community."

The NB Londonderry expansion design, engineering and construction is being managed by Consigli Construction.

New Balance currently employs more than 1,500 manufacturing associates across its three Maine factories in Norridgewock, Norway,

and Skowhegan and its two Massachusetts factories in Lawrence and Methuen. The company's U.S. workers prepare, cut, and mold athletic shoe materials and components and then sew, press, and assemble them into the final product.

New Balance is also proactively working to innovate and expand its domestic supplier network for its MADE US footwear as well as drive new automation and robotics opportunities to enhance associate safety and ergonomics and increase productivity.

New Balance MADE footwear that is produced in the U.S. contains a domestic value of 70% or more and makes up a limited portion of New Balance's U.S. sales. New Balance is the only major athletic shoe manufacturer that has maintained factories in the United States.

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Diaper Donations

The Orchard Christian Church is looking to for donations of diaper, wipes, and monetary donations to give to the Makeover Ministry's FREE Diaper Pantry in Manchester NH. Please drop off donations at Orchard Christian Church, 136 Pillsbury Rd. Londonderry, from Nov. 3 – Dec. 3.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Dec. 18, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID; Applicants for registration who pos-

sess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. from now through Dec. 12, story time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held by the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger

movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Lions Christmas Tree Sale

The annual Londonderry Lions Christmas Tree Sale will continue each weekend while supply last. Fridays from 4 - 7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sales will take place at the Dykstra Pavilion, 256 Mammoth Road, across from the Town Common.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. from now through Dec. 12, toddlers ages 2-3 years old and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for story time with songs,

rhymes, books, and more. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. from now through Dec. 13, story time for preschoolers ages 3-5 years old will be held at the Leach Library. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

Come to the Leach Library on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., an after-hours movie night in the main reading room! Join eight-year-old Kevin McCallister as he fends for himself over the holidays (rated PG). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle

prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Dec. 1. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Tinker Time

On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., a variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try at the Leach Library. Registration is recommended and begins Saturday, Dec. 2. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

GMILCS Fundraiser

The Friends of the Leach Library are hosting a fundraiser to help offset the onboarding cost to join the Greater Manchester Integrated Library Cooperative System (GMILCS). The fundraiser will continue through Saturday, Dec. 16. Stop by the library's main desk to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win local restaurant gift cards or a framed painting donated by one of the Friends! Monetary donations are also welcome by cash or check (payable to "Friends of the Leach Library"). For additional information, please call Erin Matlin, Library Director, at 603-432-1132.

Craft Time

On Monday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m., kid crafters are invited to create a yarn-wrapped ornament in the meeting room of the Leach Library. Supplies will be provided, and staff will be available to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Dec. 4. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Crafternoon

On Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m., Drop in to the Leach Library's Crafternoon, a monthly 90-minute meet-up for crafters. On bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

A Very Merry Book Discussion

Do you love cozy Christmas romances? Then this is the book discussion hosted by the Leach Library is for you. On Monday, Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m. and discuss Debbie Macomber's novel *The Christmas Spirit*.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Nov. 27

12:05 a.m. A disturbance on Michels Way, at Market Basket, leads to an Arrest made by four officers. Jonathan Beard, 36, of Vicksburg, MS, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury); Stalking (Domestic Violence - Order); and Breach of Bail Conditions.

9:07 a.m. Services rendered on Bartley Hill Road for report of Criminal Mischief .

10:19 a.m. Services rendered in Keeping the Peace on Old Nashua Road.

1:09 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Prosciutto's on Nashua Road.

1:28 p.m. Three officers respond to a Disturbance at Apple Tree Mall on Orchard View Drive.

6:13 p.m. Restraining Order Served by four officers on Parmenter Road.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

1:39 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Reverend Parker Road.

3:09 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:28 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Nutfield Petroleum on Nashua Road.

6:41 p.m. Complaint received on Chase Brook Road.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

8:28 a.m. Trespassing investigated at BSP Airfreight on Liberty Drive.

10:37 a.m. Report of a Dog Bite investigated by Animal Control at Crossroads Animal Hospital on Nashua Road.

1:41 p.m. Two officers assisted Rockingham County Sheriff with services at the Derry Plaza on Nashua Road.

2:55 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

4:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity at the Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

6:30 p.m. Three officers rendered services for a Medical Emergency on Scots Place.

9:01 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Rockingham Road at Convenience Plus Londonderry.

Thursday, Nov. 30

12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check at Rmz Truck Stop on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Romeyn Murphy, 56, of Auburn, charged with: Loitering or Prowling; and Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

2:03 a.m. Three officers recovered a stolen motor vehicle at Park & Ride North on Symmes Drive.

12:14 p.m. Welfare Check at Sanborn Crossing on Sanborn Road conducted by three officers results in transport to a hospital.

1:25 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Old Nashua Road.

8:38 p.m. Motor vehicle

stop on Harvey Road, at Planeview Drive, leads to an arrest by two officers. Richard Mitzel, 69, of Nashua, charged with: Failure to Drive on the Right Side of Road; Open Container; and Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

Friday, Dec. 1

8:56 a.m. Services rendered in Keeping the Peace on Main Street at Main Street Apartments.

9:28 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Boulder Drive.

11:49 a.m. Violation of a Protective Order investigated on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

9:32 p.m. Arrest made by five officers on Rockingham Road during a Motor Vehicle Check. Joseph Ayoub, 37, of Salem, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug; Schedule 1-4; Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Dealing/Possessing Prescription Drugs.

Saturday, Dec. 2

7:49 a.m. A motor vehicle stop on Hardy Road leads to an arrest.

8:19 a.m. Dog Bite reported on Olde Country Village Road investigated by Animal Control.

5:32 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on the Route 93, Exit 5, southbound on ramp leads to an arrest made by three officers.

Alex Smith, 25, of Nashua, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Road

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Around Town

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Cocoa and cookies will be served. Registration is limited to 15 participants and begins on Monday, Nov. 13. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

Duplo Budding Builders

On Thursday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. come to the Leach Library for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Dec. 7. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Building Buddies

On Thursday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m., the Leach Library host a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the

library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Dec. 7. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Garage Bell Band "Winter"

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., for an evening of seasonal and holiday music. The Garage Bell Band will perform their program "Winter". Hot cocoa will be provided, and the Friends of the Leach Library will be selling baked goods. Registration is limited to 75 people and begins on Thursday, Dec. 7. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Dragoneers Club

On Monday, Dec. 18 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. come join the Dragoneers Club for a standalone quest on in the Leach Library Meeting Room. All experience levels welcome. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Dec. 11. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Police Log

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Racing

7:18 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Mountain Home Road.

11:23 p.m. A motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Hampton Drive, leads to an arrest. William Harty, 22, of Nashua, charged with: Driving after Revoked/Suspension; Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Sunday, Dec. 3

4:02 p.m. Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport transported to a hospital.

4:49 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from Gary Drive.

5:11 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Litchfield Road at Kelley Road leads to an arrest. Sai Guntukula, 21, of Manchester, charged with: Operating without a Valid License - License Required.

7:38 p.m. Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital on Elijah Hill Road. **11 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Auto Auction

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Gingerbread Houses

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. teen and tween builders will be able to create their own gingerbread house-inspired creations with an assortment of graham crackers, candy, and frosting at the Leach Library. Teens will have an opportunity to try their creations during the program or bring them home to enjoy. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Please advise library staff of any food allergies when registering for the program. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Space Rangers

During this one-hour, space-themed program, students ages 9-14 will explore different space science topics through hands-on activities and games on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 4 - 5 p.m., at the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Dec. 14. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Holiday Break Offerings

From Tuesday, Dec. 26 until Friday, Dec. 29 stop by the Leach Library for a variety of crafts, coloring pages, and a Guess It jar available during Holiday Break. Enjoy working on them at the library or take them home for later.

Game Time

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. for Game Time. Participants will compete in a variety of

Minute-to-Win-It style challenges for a chance to win prizes. This program is designed for ages 5 and up. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Dec. 20. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Laser Tag for Teens

On Tuesday, Dec. 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., teens and tweens are invited to a Laser Tag experience in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Groups of teens will play against each other while moving through a series of obstacles. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Dec. 19. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Coding Club

On Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 4 - 5 p.m., students in grades 4-8 will be able to explore a variety of coding exercises and programs including using screen-free coding robots, independent online coding, and other guided activities online at the Leach Library. This program is open to participants ages 9-14. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Dec. 20. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Game On Supersized Edition

On Thursday, Dec. 28 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., teens and tweens will be able to play an assortment of game night favorites in giant form at the Leach Library. Games include Human Hungry Hippos, Yahtzee, and more. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Dec. 21. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

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PJ Story Time

On Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. ready for bedtime in cozy pajamas to listen to a couple of bedtime stories and sing along to a lullaby at the Leach Library. Don't forget a stuffed animal or blanket to snuggle. Registration is not required for this program and drop-ins are welcome.

Make and Take Slime

Have you always wanted to try making your very own slime? The Leach Library will have all the ingredients and a recipe to make your own unique Winter Slime to play with and take home on Friday,

Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. This program is for children 5 and older. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Dec. 22. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

True Crime Podcast Discussion

On Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Leach Library to discuss all seven episodes of Bear Brook: Season 1, a case that happened right here in NH. Listen to all episodes for free on Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, or at BearBrookPodcast.com. Registration opens on Thursday, Jan. 4 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FY25 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will receive public input on the proposed FY 2025 Town Budget on Monday Dec. 18, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Please be aware the Warrant is likely to change based on any meetings that occur before the Dec. 18, 2023 meeting as well as meetings that occur after the Dec. 18, 2023 meeting. Any questions please call the Londonderry Finance Department. The Warrant under consideration at this time includes:

Article	Description	Proposed FY 25
Article 2	Amendment to Town Charter - Treasurer (Pending Approval)	
Article 3	Loan Authorization for High Range Road	
	Water Supply Extension Project	Pending
Article 4	Operating Budget	
	General Fund Operating Budget	
	Town Council	\$13,106
	Town Manager	\$760,575
	Budget Committee	\$100
	Town Clerk	\$608,689
	Finance & Administration	\$698,582
	Assessing	\$440,852
	Information Technology	\$647,366
	Legal	\$200,000
	General Government	\$538,654
	Cemetery	\$42,540
	Insurance	\$5,459,383
	Conservation	\$3,500
	Police Dept.	\$10,457,653
	Fire Dept	\$8,574,182
	Building Dept.	\$443,918
	Public Works Dept.	\$4,833,875
	Solid Waste	\$2,768,641
	General Assistance	\$136,250
	Cable	\$266,270
	Recreation	\$239,653
	Library	\$1,527,802
	Senior Affairs	\$116,312
	Community Development	\$358,176
	Debt Service	\$1,153,477
	Total General Fund Operating Budget	\$40,289,556
	Enterprise Fund Operating Budget- Sewer	\$5,786,347
	Total Operating Budget	\$46,075,903
Article 5	Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund	\$200,000
Article 6	Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund	\$650,000
Article 7	Establish Fund for Legally Mandated Work (Example MS-4)	\$100,000
Article 8	DPW Vehicles/Equipment Lease - 2 Six-Wheelers, 1-Ton Dump, Back-hoe	\$90,000
Article 9	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Trucks	\$100,000
Article 10	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Equipment	\$75,000
Article 11	Capital Reserve - Recreation	\$10,000
Article 12	Capital Reserve - Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion	\$75,000
Article 13	Capital Reserve - Cable Equipment	\$32,500
Article 14	256 Mammoth Road Building ("Lions Hall")	\$500,000



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following items:

Ordinance #2023-06 - An Amendment to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance Section 4.6.3 relative to the Floodplain Overlay District and;

Ordinance #2023-07 - An Amendment to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 relative to the adding 'Hospital' as a permitted use in the Gateway Business District.

The public hearing and review will occur on Monday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.

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