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## Valuable Training

Members of the Londonderry Fire Department took part in a number of exercises last week as they burned a home on Young Road that was scheduled to be demolished to make way for a new development. See more page 4. Photo by Chris Paul

## Pennichuck Emphasizes Plans To Improving Town Water System

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**P**ennichuck Chief Engineer, John Boisvert, gave a presentation to the Utilities Committee on Sept. 5 to update the town on a proposed expansion of the town water system. The ambitious project came in the aftermath of Saint-Gobain's PFAS law-

suit and a need for greater capacity to bring more residents onto the Pennichuck system.

"We provide a large amount of water to the town of Hudson, like Londonderry, they've just had several wells taken out by PFAS contamination, they're purchasing more and more water," Boisvert explain-

ed. "Most of the water comes from Manchester, it's the source of ninety percent of water that flows here."

While there is an emergency water connection through Derry, a plan to add a 35-foot water tower on Gordon Drive would create redundancy and reduce

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## Public Forum Sparks Lions Hall Listening Session

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**L**ondonderry officials recently announced they were exploring options for the renovation and re-opening of the town-owned building at 256 Mammoth Road, known as the Lions Hall, after a number of residents met to discuss possible uses for the building.

Town staff and officials will be continuing those discussions in a public listening session in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The building was also formerly known as

the Reverend William Morrison Meeting House and was a gathering place for hundreds of years, first as a church, then a town hall, and most recently as host to community organizations and events.

The structure dates back to 1769, making it an important part of Londonderry's history. It was originally located at the intersection of Hovey and Pillsbury Road.

In a meeting that took place on Tuesday night, Sept. 12, at the Leach Library, a group of residents met to discuss possible uses for the building, hoping

they could later present those findings to town officials.

Resident, Shaun Faber, organized the meeting and acted as a moderator during the 90-minute session and felt there hasn't been a chance for community members to express their thoughts on the future of the building and this meeting would give folk an outlet.

The only town official attending the meeting was Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, who offered information he was told about the state of the building's foundation.

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## Mammoth Road Rezoning Request Gets Continued

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**he Town Council heard a rezoning request during its Monday, Sept. 11, meeting.

The request was made by Page Rock LLC, who is looking to rezone 556 Mammoth Road from a AR-1 Agricultural-Residential zone to a C-II commercial zone.

The Planning Board previously voted 6-1-1 to recommend approval by the Town Council for the property to be rezoned with Ex-Officio, Ted Combes, abstaining saying he wanted to wait until he could vote at

the Town Council meeting.

In a staff memo, it was explained that Page Rock owns the properties at 3 Page Road, 556 Mammoth Road, and 295 Rockingham. Ultimately, they were looking for rezoning of the 556 Mammoth Rd. property in order for all the lots to be zoned the same in order to develop there.

Brad Westgate, an attorney representing Page Rock LLC, said the plan is to have a multi-family residential complex for 40 units, which they would be able to get as a conditional use permit if they are grant-

ed the rezoning request and the conditional use permit is approved by the Planning Board.

Paul Chisholm, the engineer for the project, said one of the properties has frontage on Mammoth and Page Rd. for a total of 7.9 acres, with most of it undeveloped.

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# Planning Board Approve Occupancy Waiver For Baldwin Project

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board had a public hearing for a waiver request of the site plan regulations to allow the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to the completion of all site improvements for 50 Woodmont Avenue.

It was explained by Director of Engineering & Environmental Services, John Trottier, that The Baldwin Senior Living received conditional approval by the board in Oct. 2019, and received final approval in 2021.

He explained that they were looking to have a certificate of occupancy issued in October, however, it requires they have everything completed. He added that they were looking to have it issued before the placement of pavement wearing course is on the site.

"Staff supports the waiver request due to the construction scheduling," Trottier said.

He explained that requests for waivers, like this example, have been rare since the site plan regulations changed in 2021, which requires for all im-

provements to be completed before certificates of occupancies are issued. Trottier said it has nearly eliminated all incomplete project improvements and has helped with enforcement of incomplete projects for approved site plans.

Trottier said the idea of the waiver is to allow occupancy as each phase is completed and signed off on. Phase 1 would be for buildings, A, B, and, C.

"So the idea is in October of this year they're looking for a CO on those three buildings," Trottier said.

Trottier said the entire site will have drainage functioning and the fire department and other departments will have access to the site. He noted that prior to any certificate of occupancy being issued, they would need to get sign off from public works, the fire department, and building department.

Phase 2 is expected to be completed in December and Phase 3 in March with the goal of everything being completed by July 2024.

Trottier said one of the reasons for agreeing to the waiver request is

to make sure the circulation around the site and safety access around the whole building is coordinated correctly.

One concern raised was whether or not the waiver would cause any issues or added work for staff.

Trottier said the only issue waivers in rare circumstances and since the new regulation was adopted, they only have had about a dozen situations like this one.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, said they've seen less issues since the new regulations have been put into place.

"We've learned from our mistakes," Rugg said.

Ex-Officio, Ted Combes, said he thinks it's perfectly reasonable, noting he works regularly in phased construction.

Planning Board Ex-Officio, Bruce Hallowell, said based on his memory, it's going to have one of the largest underground parking garages in the state once built.

The Planning Board approved the waiver request.

"What I've seen of it so far looks very impressive," Rugg said.

## Rezoning

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A second property at 3 Page Road is about 2.6 acres of land.

The 560 Mammoth Rd. parcel is about a third of an acre.

"It's totally undeveloped at the moment," Chisholm said.

He noted that currently there are a number of different uses in the surrounding area. If the rezoning is approved, Chisholm said they would do a traffic study when they do the

design work.

Westgate explained that the properties are contemplated for mixed use as part of the town's master plan and they feel the use of multi-family housing would fit within the mixed use designation.

He also noted that the one parcel on its own is too small for agriculture purposes, and there isn't continuance AR-1 district land around it.

"It doesn't fit anymore, the objectives of the AR district," West-

gate said.

Westgate said by approving the rezoning request they would have one district covering all the properties.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said they are likely going to have upwards of 80 more cars in the area with an already tough intersection. He added that he wanted to know what the plan would be for traffic.

"I need to know what you're thinking about doing with that intersection before I can vote on

any rezoning," Farrell said.

Chisholm said it's premature to have a traffic plan in place, noting they would want to have a full traffic study done.

"We will look at all options. We will let the data dictate our decisions," Chisholm said.

Farrell said he needs to get a better understanding about how traffic is going to come in and out.

Chisholm noted that if it were to be a commercial property there, they could have more traffic and what gives them the most options is to rezone the property and have consistency with all three properties.

Ann Chiampa, who is a member of the Planning Board and the one member to vote against recommending rezoning, said she was glad to hear comments being

made in regards to the traffic issues. She said while she isn't against a development there, she is against an exit onto Old Mammoth Road.

The council voted to

continue the proposal until October so the applicant can continue to work with Town Engineering Director, John Trottier, about what they are looking for.

## OBITUARY

Annette M. Thibodeau



Annette M. Thibodeau, 73, of Londonderry, NH died Friday Aug. 4, 2023 at the Granite VNA Hospice in Concord, NH. Annette was born in Bangor, ME on Jan. 8, 1950, a daughter of the late, Harvey and Alvina (Cote) Cyr. She had resided in Londonderry since 1999, formerly living in Methuen, MA.

She is survived by one son, Mark D. Thibodeau and his wife Mari-Ann of Londonderry, one daughter, Amy Lynn Travers and her husband Chris of New Orleans, LA, four grandchildren, Jessica Travers, Joshua Travers, Madilyn Alvina Thibodeau, and Alexis Morgan Thibodeau, four brothers, James, Cyr of Provincetown, MA, Peter J. Cyr and Jerry Cyr, both of Milford, ME, and Joseph T. Cyr of Old Town, ME, two sisters, Susan Phelps of South Carolina, and Linda Hersey of Westford, MA. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date in Maine. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# School Board Review Computer Insurance Program

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the Sept. 5 School Board meeting was in regards to the school district's current self insurance program for students' computers.

It was explained by Superintendent, Dan Black, that the program at the high school began in 2021 when they began the 1:1 laptop program. The fee is a one time fee of \$35 for insurance, which is optional.

New this year is mid-

dle school students getting Chromebooks, which means a policy was needed to be created for the middle school insurance program. The fee will be \$15 annually for the Chromebook insurance and students receive and turn in Chromebooks every year while at the middle school.

"We could certainly make it better or different if that's what the School Board decides," Black said.

Black said the point of the self insurance program is to help defray

costs for when laptops or Chromebooks get broken.

"These fees defray the costs," Black said.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the district brought in \$23,100 for the two high school classes that had laptops.

In 2022-2023, the district brought in \$12,600 for the one high school class. This year for one high school class, the district brought in \$10,500 and \$14,250, for the three middle school classes.

Black noted that the money collected from insurance doesn't pay for all of the costs. It was noted that the repair line item in the IT budget is usually between \$46,000 to \$56,000.

It was explained during the meeting by the IT department that there are different costs associated with damage to laptops if a student doesn't have insurance.

For example, damaged screen parts and labor is around \$200-\$250, a damaged keyboard parts and labor is

\$200-\$250, and a spilled drink on a device resulting in damage to internal components that is non-repairable costs \$450 for the full replacement of the device. Damage to the frame of the laptop is non-repairable and costs \$450 for the full replacement of the device.

It was noted that in most cases if there is damage to a Chromebook it is required for the full device to be replaced.

The deductible for a Chromebook is \$35 and

the laptops are \$50.

School Board member, Tim Porter, said he has received a lot of feedback about it and there was confusion about whether the insurance program was a district policy or a self insurance fund. He also thought they should have some type of opt out form.

One change proposed by the School Board was to add an opt out form for the insurance, which the administration will be working on with the IT department.

# School District Sees Less Enrollment Than Originally Projected

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received an update regarding the beginning of the school year enrolment numbers during the Sept. 5 School Board meeting.

The biggest differences between what the school district was projecting compared to what the district has now for enrollment now is for Moose Hill.

"The big surprise was kindergarten," Superintendent, Dan Black,

said, calling it a historically low kindergarten enrollment.

As of now, the district has 208 students at Moose Hill, while they were projected originally to have 254 students,

meaning there are 46 students less at the school than they were expecting to have.

"We projected 254 based on a multi-year average, but only have 208 students currently enrolled," Black said.

Black said since they already had questions about Moose Hill enrollment last Spring along with the capacity issues, he was going to suggest a more indepth demographic study through the New England School Development Council.

"I have already begun that process, so hopefully by mid to late October, we can get some help to better understand if this small group of Kindergartners is an anomaly, a short term or longer term pattern," Black said. "By our next School Board

meeting we will be able to share if there is any effect from childcare centers on our numbers. NESDEC will help us better understand the birth rate effect on these numbers as well as the connection to real estate in Londonderry."

With the lower enrollment, he said changes may need to be made during the next budget season.

Black noted that the first grade total enrollment has 15 students less currently than was projected during the budget season.

The LEEP program also has 19 less students now than what they were projecting.

Black said that "LEEP grows over the school year as more and more students turn three years old."

The high school on the other hand has 12 more students currently than what they were projecting.

In total, the district currently has 4,044 students, which is 70 students less than what the district was projecting to have when they projected to have 4,144 students this year.

"The lower enrollment we have now can be something we adjust to in the upcoming budget season for the operating budget for 2024-25," Black said.

Black said the official enrollment numbers, which get reported to the state and federal government, will be pulled on Oct. 1.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

# Gas Smell Prompts Many Reports to Fire Department

According to a press release sent by the Londonderry Fire Department this week, the Fire Communications Center received multiple 911 calls from occupants at 11 Bridle Path Way on Sept. 18 reporting a gas odor.

While units were responding to this address, the Fire Communications center started receiving calls from locations all over town reporting gas odor in-

side or outside side of buildings.

Battalion Chief Halliwell directed the Communications Center to initiate assistance from: Hudson, Nashua, Derry, Manchester, and Auburn.

LFD also initiated a recall of off-duty personnel to report to the Town's three fire stations. In coordination with Liberty Utilities Londonderry Fire personnel have investigated and rendered every

location safe.

The cause of the gas odor has not been identified.

Emergency responders were able to validate the smell, but there were no readings detected by either Londonderry Fire or Liberty Utilities gas detection equipment.

Liberty Utilities will continue to monitor the area with crews and are working closely with the Fire Department.



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# Editorial

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We are saying all this because every so often, when something controversial happens or a contested election arrives, we are accused – and that's the accurate word – of running "only one side" of an issue, while failing to run letters from the opposing side. We're accused of bias and not doing our job.

That's one of the most insulting things to say to a journalist or newspaper owner. Only in the editorial itself does the newspaper take a stand on an issue.

Letters, on the other hand, are the opinion of the letter writer, and they have nothing to do with the

opinion of anyone at the newspaper. We print letters critical of the newspaper when they come to us.

We print letters we privately agree disagree with constantly. We have no control over the matter, nor do we want control over others' opinions.

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If you've written a letter and don't see it in the paper, please contact the paper. We have limited control over what may have ended up electronically in "junk mail".

Keep the letters coming and let your voice be heard.

This paper is your soap-box, by all means use it.

# Londonderry Firefighters Gain Invaluable Training



Members of the Londonderry Fire Department took part in training exercises on Young Road last week. See more photos next page. Photos by Chris Paul

The Londonderry Fire Department held a series of invaluable training exercises last week during a controlled burn on the corner of Young Road and Nashua Road. The training was made possible through the house being donated by the DHB Homes, the company currently building over 20 homes on the property at 22 Young Road.

The house needed a number of upgrades before the training could take place, and with the help of the local fire-

fighter union and L&W Supply company new drywall was installed and asbestos was remediated in order to bring the home up to national requirements.

According to Battalion Fire Chief Jeff Anderson "With the number of firefighter retiring recently, this training for new crews is invaluable."

He added, "The training exercises were able to give new members of the department training on fire attack, search and rescue, ventilation, back-up teams and all

the tasks they would do in a real fire."

There were a number of vendors at the demonstration to see their products used in a "real fire" situation. FLIR, a thermal imaging camera company; Nightstick, a professional flashlight company donated some of their newest lights; and Londonderry Police was there testing their drones.

After a series of fire evolutions took place throughout the day, fire trucks were moved out of the way and the house was set ablaze.

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# Letters

## LHS Cheerleading Investigation

To the editor,

First off I know nothing of the reasons for the suspension of the spirit squad at Londonderry High School. And I will allow that it could be "much ado about nothing." Or not.

But the headlines - and it seems only headlines and boilerplate state-

ments even in print - set me to thinking. I do know interscholastic and inter-collegiate sports, as both team captain several times and as a coach And there were similar lessons ambient to me as an Academy graduate and career Coast Guard officer.

Leaders create an atmosphere of what is right and acceptable. Leaders always emerge within a team and then

there are the coaches and teachers. In a good team, everyone knows what is acceptable behavior. Not everything needs to be specifically spelled out, but everyone does implicitly learn what lines cannot be crossed. And what the higher moral expectations are.

That's always how it is.

Ray Brown

Londonderry

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# Elementary and Middle School Curriculum Coordinators Present Spring Data

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Elementary and Middle School curriculum coordinators presented Spring data to the School Board during its Sept. 5 meeting.

Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, Nicole Treadway, said they worked with i-Ready to get the data for the state and nationally in order to compare the data. She added that they surpassed the state and national averages last Spring for math.

"We are above those two averages...which is something we're pretty proud of," Treadway said.

For reading, the only category that was below

the state average was for fourth grade. Londonderry had 62% of its students "on and early on grade level" percentage in the Spring of 2023, while the state average was at 64% and nationally was 46%.

Treadway said they aren't making many changes to its math resources, but said they may be changing the emphasis on some areas. She noted that they continued to take advantage of the math academy this Summer.

"Summer math academy was a big hit this Summer," Treadway said.

Another thing pointed out by Treadway is that they are changing the timing of the i-Ready diagnostic testing to a

little bit later in the Fall, instead of having it closer to the beginning of the first day of school.

Treadway said they are continuing to use 30 minutes of additional math time as well.

For reading, Treadway noted that some teachers in grades 1-5 are piloting two literacy programs this year.

At the middle school level, Londonderry Middle School Curriculum Coordinator, Meaghan Nason, said they were above the state and national averages for its math and reading scores.

"Overall our students in 6th, 7th, and 8th are growing," Nason said.

Like at the elementary school level, Nason

said they also had a number of students who participated in the Summer math academy.

Nason said a total of 109 students took the PSAT 8/9 Test and 58% of those students met both benchmarks, 84% of students met the ERW benchmark, and 63% of students met the math benchmark.

It was noted that in 2023-2024 all 8th grade

students at Londonderry Middle School will be taking the PSAT8 test.

Some of the highlights mentioned during the presentation included having 60 students in advanced math or high math in the 6th grade, 60 students in pre algebra or advanced math at the 7th grade level, and 21 students in honors algebra at the grade 8 level.

One student will be

attending the high school for an honors geometry course, and two students will be attending the high school for additional math course advancement.

It was also noted that a total of 84 students are currently in world language courses for high school credit.

The next School Board meeting is to take place on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

## Water

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the need for pump stations around South Road. He cited a water main break in Pilsbury two years ago that temporarily cut water service to much of the town when the Mountain Homes pump station shut down due to low pressure. A backup source through a new water tower would allow the system to maintain pressure, preventing a similar shutdown in the future.

"The plan is to start in 2024, we'll start as early as we can, everything should be in use and service by the end of the year," said Boisvert. Plans for the water tower were approved last year.

Pennichuck doesn't anticipate any supply problems from the source at the Merrimack River, despite a growing population. There were no supply issues during the last drought, and

although the company was watching for any changes to environmental standards, Boisvert specifically raised the possibility of new federal regulations around manganese levels in the water.

A more extensive buildout to connect 350 homes in the Saint-Gobain Consent Decree area and High Range is still in the planning stages, although Pennichuck has conducted an initial engineering study. The extension would serve neighborhoods across the west side of Londonderry.

There were questions as to what type of new piping would go into any future project, including the Gordon Drive water tower.

"Why would we not want to replace the existing line with a larger, 16-inch pipe to feed the Mountain Homes station?" asked Utilities Committee alternate member, Ray Beslin.

"From a common-sense standpoint, it seems like something we'd want to do, right?"

Boisvert told the Committee that larger pipes would mean a larger pumping station most of Londonderry wouldn't need.

However, there are several unknown factors including where a new pipeline will be located. Despite an initial study, Pennichuck was reluctant to move forward without hearing back from Saint-Gobain, and there are no detailed plans in place so far.

While members of the Utilities Committee expressed concern over funding new pipes, the NH Department of Environmental Services has confirmed that closure of the plastic facility move "does not affect or amend" the plastic company's responsibilities to Londonderry residents.

"It's a lot to think about," said Breslin.



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# Lions Hall

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Saying, there is significant problems with the foundation due to water running beneath the structure and in order to do anything with the building, a proper foundation would be necessary, this would most likely mean lifting the building and cost a great deal of money. He mentioned a figure of about \$3 million.

Farrell felt that the voters would not pass a warrant article for \$3M and thought a much lower figure would need

to be proposed.

Former Town Councilor and Londonderry Times publisher, Deb Paul, expressed her feelings on the subject, saying that determining a dollar figure should come after the residents of Londonderry settle on a use for the building.

She said, "At the end of the day, the council has the decision, but the building belongs to, we the people, of Londonderry."

Paul said that while on the council she suggested a number of surveys be done to determine what people want the use of the building

to be.

Londonderry State Rep., Kristine Perez, added that she had spoke to a number of people in her neighborhood, The Nevins Retirement Community, and all felt nothing should be spent on the building.

A number of people at the meeting disagreed, saying the history of the building would outweigh the cost needed to maintain it.

One thing made clear at the meeting was that if nothing is done to the foundation of the structure in the near future, the building would dete-

riorate very quickly.

Resident, Tom Estey, suggested the town have a discussion with the Department of Public Works (DPW) on what they would be able to do in regard to diverting the ground water that is destroying the foundation.

Farrell responded that with the limited staff at the DPW, he wasn't sure that was a viable option.

Some of the ideas expressed for the use of the building were: a community center, where civic groups and residents could gather; an annex for Town Hall;

a small performance center; and selling the building or demolishing the structure was also discussed.

There will be chances for people to speak

publicly on the future of the building during the upcoming town budget meetings as well as the listening session taking place at Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 14.

## Solid Waste Committee Expected To Be Dissolved

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Sept. 11 Town Council meeting, Lynn Wiles, who serves as the Chair of the Utilities Committee and Solid Waste and Environmental Committee, was in front of the Town Council with updates.

One of those updates was in regards to the Solid Waste committee.

He explained that last Fall, when they implemented the utilities committee, there were discussions about incorporating the solid waste committee into it.

"I think it's a good idea for a lot of reasons," Wiles said.

He said they have had trouble with memberships for the Solid Waste Committee and are now down to four members.

"It gets tough to get anything done with four people," Wiles said, not-

ing that it's hard to ask volunteers to do more.

Wiles said he currently has a lot going on and asked other members on the committee if they were interested in taking over.

"I just didn't get a positive response to that," Wiles said.

One caveat that Wiles pointed to is that Beautify Londonderry, which is a sub-committee of the solid waste committee, is doing well.

"Beautify Londonderry is stronger than ever," Wiles said.

He also noted that Beautify Londonderry has about \$15,000 in its account.

"I think it needs to stay as it is," Wiles said.

The Town Council decided to have Finance Director, Justin Campo, determine the best way to go about keeping Beautify Londonderry, and would vote at a

future meeting with the understanding the Solid Waste Committee is expected to be disbanded.

Also during the meeting, the Town Council was asked to release \$17,000 from the Reclamation Trust Funds

Director of Engineering, John Trottier, said the funds were for recycling carts, noting they need 200 more.

He said some were for ones that need to be replaced and some are for new construction.

Town Councilor, Ted Combes, asked if there was a way to determine if they are broken from the trash trucks, so the town isn't on the hook for paying to replace them.

"Is there a way to qualify that," Combes said.

Trottier said they haven't done that before, but the vendor knows to be careful with them

The Town Council ultimately approved releasing the funds.

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## OBITUARY

### Richard Lewis Fitts

Richard Lewis Fitts, 63, of Los Gatos, CA died peacefully at home on Aug. 17, 2021. He was born Sept. 22, 1957 at the Alexander Eastman Hospital in Derry, NH. Our mother told us while giving birth, Dr. LaRochelle exclaimed OH MY! There's another one! He had no idea, nor our mother that there were twins, & there was Dickie. Our little brother.

As a child he was a mischievous rascal. He often defied the rules of school & home, landing him in trouble. There was more than one parent teacher conference in grade school. Every year he wrote the same book report, John F. Kennedy's PT109. Later, all his school reports were on the internal combustion engine. One time when he was very young, he & a friend painted a neighbor's house with kerosene. He got in big trouble for that one. Another time he took an axe to all of the paint cans stored in the garage.

He was the son of Lewis Richard Fitts & Mildred (Field) Fitts & grew up in Londonderry, NH. He graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1975. His favorite thing to do was to skip school & drive around in cousin Donnie Prescott's 1966 souped up red Ford Mustang.

As a child he was adventurous & creative. He & his best childhood friend built forts, rafts to float on ponds, invented spy games, played pond ice hockey, explored the woods, adopted stray animals, built & launched model rockets during the era of the Space Race.

Later he channeled that energy into creating a successful business, remodeling custom homes in the Los Gatos, CA area. His general contractor business thrived for 28 years up to his passing. He was a proud & meticulous craftsman, & his work was sought after. His mountain home community loved him. He was never idle. Always building. Just like his grandfather & father before him he built his own home in CA for his family. It is a beautiful house filled with unique features. He treated his sisters and his family to his works of craftsmanship. There was a birdhouse that was an exact replica of our grandparent's house. There was also a jewelry box handcrafted from rare & exotic woods from Africa & other places all over the world.

He was an amateur historian with special interest in WW2 & visited Pearl Harbor with his family. On another occasion he flew in a restored WW2 bomber & enjoyed the experience immensely. He was interested in family history & with his wife & sisters found & visited ancestor's graves in NH & MA. It always seemed to rain on those days. He often marveled at how green everything was in NH. In New England, he was a Red Sox fan. In CA, he became a Giants fan & often went to their ball games.

He loved his rescue dogs, Gus, Suge & Rosa. He was a kind & compassionate man. Just like the race to the moon he always strived for something more. When younger, he rode his bike looking not just for fun but for possibility. He explored our 20 acres of woods for adventure & found it. He invented games because he was imaginative. He accomplished things not because they were easy but because they were hard. He was a dreamer & fighter.

He leaves his loving wife of 24 years, Kathleen (Dias) Fitts, daughter, Dani Fitts of Seattle, WA with former spouse, Amy (Martone) Fitts of Santa Cruz, CA, 2 stepchildren, Brendan O'Neill & Celeste O'Neill; sisters, Judith (Gary) Eaton of Williston VT, Karen (Christopher) Keenan of Greenland NH, his twin Sherri (Gerry) Mandelbaum of Manchester, NH, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, cousins & friends. We will miss him.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on Saturday Oct. 7, 2023 from 10 - 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m., in the funeral home with burial to follow in Pleasant View Cemetery, Londonderry next to his mother and father, grandparents, aunts and uncles. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)



# Women's Club Mingle at Annual Welcome Back Social



Members of the Londonderry Women's Club gathered at the Morrison House Museum and Parmenter Barn on Wednesday evening, Sept. 13, for the group's annual Welcome Back Social. The ladies discussed plans for the upcoming year, played a short game and enjoyed hotdogs and marshmallows over an open fire.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancer Football Squad Get Big Win Over Little Green

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football squad tallied another convincing win on the home turf Friday night, beating the Manchester Central High School team 47-0, for the third consecutive victory.

The Lancers were dominant on both sides

of the ball, with the offense scoring on nearly every drive, while the team's defense kept the Little Green to just over 100-yards of total offense and giving up just five, first downs.

Londonderry was able to amass over 400 yards of offense, with 111 passing yards coming from five quarterbacks, and 292-yards produced

on the ground.

Freshman quarterback, Sully Daron, had 58-yards of rushing, sophomore Adrian Cruz ran for 56-yards, sophomore Cam Ayotte had 28-yards, and senior Seth Doyon rushed for 26-yards.

Londonderry's first touchdown of the game came seven minutes into the first quarter, after a 51-yard drive and eight plays.

Senior quarterback, Cam Brutus, and junior running back, Carson Palma, combined in two plays to finish up the drive for a 19-yard gain and a one-yard touchdown.

Junior Blake Thompson added the extra point to lead 7-0.

During Central's next drive, junior Alex Villa sacked the Little Green QB to force a fumble and junior defensive end, Paul Binder, recovered the ball at the 34-yard line to the endzone for the second LHS touchdown of the game. Thompson added the point after for the 14-0 lead.

Londonderry tallied three more touchdowns

in the second quarter. First, junior quarterback, Sam Ogden, ran the ball in for an eight-yard gain at the 12-minute mark. The fourth scoring drive came at 9:23 with senior QB, Conor Williams, handing the ball off to senior running back, Jake Schena, for a nine-yard TD.

The final touchdown of the half came after a 97-yard, four play drive, ending with Villa handing the ball off to senior Matt Visconti, who ran in for a three-yard score. Thompson added two of three extra-points in the quarter for the 34-0 lead heading into halftime.

The Lancers had two more scoring drives in the second half and ate up much of the clock, giving Central only two more opportunities to score in the final two quarters.

Cruz had a 24-yard



Adrian Cruz ran for 56-yards against Central High School. Photos by Chris Paul

touchdown run and sophomore Gabe Dantas for the final six-points of the game.

had a six-yard touchdown run as quarterback

The 3-0 Londonderry continued on page 12



Junior Alex Villa forces a fumble during a sack of the Central QB, leading to a touchdown.

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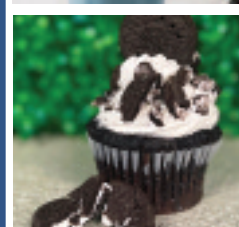
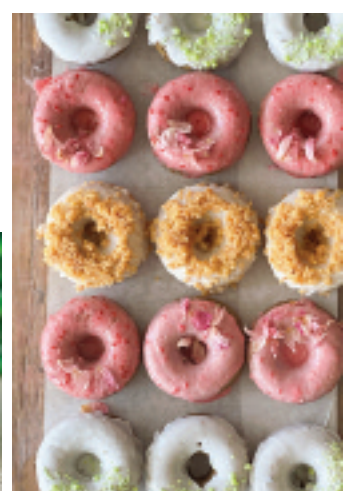
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# Londonderry Boys' Soccer Add Another Pair of Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team added two more victories last week, giving them five consecutive wins, to finish up the third week of the Fall sports season at 6-1.

The Lancers varsity soccer squad gave up just one goal last week while netting four at home and away.

Starting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, the 4-1 Londonderry squad traveled a good way across the state to take on the Keene Blackbirds (1-3) and came away with an impressive 2-1 victory.

Both of the LHS goals came in the first half. Junior Brett McKinnon was first to get into the

net, at 24:31 scored with the assist going to senior Jacob Nussdorf.

Four minutes later, at 28:21, junior Zach Mantegari got goal number two, assisted by McKinnon.

In the second half, Keene was able to cut their deficit in half with a goal in the 58th minute.

Londonderry had six shots turned away by the Blackbirds keeper and the Lancer goalie senior, Jason Reilly, only had one shot taken on him.

Head coach, Todd Ellis, was happy with the final score, but thought the team struggled in the second half.

Ellis said, "The trip to Keene always seems to be an interesting one for



*Londonderry junior Zach Mantegari had the team's game-winning goal in their victory over the Keene Blackbirds last week. He also played a part in a goal over Dover. Photo by Chris Paul*

us. We tried to get off the bus, and get into it, and showed glimpses at

times. The second half ended up being a bit difficult for us. Perhaps

some of it was still some lingering affects of Friday's game."

Ellis saw a much better overall performance on Thursday, Sept. 14, at home, when they came away with a four goal, shutout victory over the Dover Green Wave.

In the first half of play, Nussdorf tallied the team's first two goals at 17:00 and at 19:20.

In the first point, Nussdorf was positioned perfectly to send home a rebound off the Dover tender on Mantegari's shot from the right side.

The second goal was assisted by junior Justin Dion, passing to Nussdorf, who was just outside the box.

In the second half, McKinnon put in the

third goal of the game during a corner kick headed by senior Crosby Nolan.

Senior Jackson Lewis netted the final goal of the game for the 4-0 win. He was assisted by fellow senior Aidan White.

Junior Londonderry keeper, Noah Cello, needed just one save to preserve the shutout, while Dover's tender made 14 saves.

Ellis commented after the game, "Much better all around effort tonight. The way we found the pockets and passed the ball tonight allowed us to have much of the possession."

The team will face Pinkerton Academy (6-0) this week in Derry on Friday, Sept. 22 at 3:30 p.m.

# Cross Country Teams Compete in Nashua North Invitational

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams traveled to Mines Falls Park in Nashua on Saturday, Sept. 16, and competed

in the Nashua North Invitational.

As a team, the LHS boys had an eighth place finish out of 17 teams and the girls came in at 11th out of 16 teams.

For the Lancers var-

sity boys' team, three sophomores crossed the line first.

Carson Fitzgerald had a time of 16:32.91 and finished 15th overall. Josh Twomey had a 19th place finish at 16:35.17 and Jack DiBuono crossed at 17:22.55 for 44th.

Other top 100 finish-

ers were: Senior, Will Buckley at 17:34.70; junior Alex Vaccaro, 17:40.85; and sophomore Donovan Chylinski at 18:09.44.

Head coach, Matt Smith, a lot of improvement at the second meet, saying, "The team as a whole continues to progress nicely. A lot of

guys ran their personal bests and this was a great step towards accomplishing our goals this season. Each week we're improving and getting closer to some of the teams we need to compete with if we're going to make some noise during the championship meets."


In the girls' race, junior Sayde White was the top finisher for LHS with a time of 21:59.29 and coming in at the 50th spot.

Ten positions behind White was sophomore

Drewanne Sherman with a time of 22:40.79.

Senior Amara Williams crossed the line at 23:00.14; sophomore Alera Tonniges had a time of 23:23.87; sophomore Ella DiBuono finished at 24:16.94; Harper LaBonte, 24:21.04; and sophomore Bella Mulherm (24:27:48).

Both teams will compete in the Manchester Invitational being held on Saturday morning at Derryfield Park starting at 9 a.m.




## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

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

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a)  
Grant received from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$14,400.00.

The public hearings will occur on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

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

Ordinance #2023-04: Amending the Fee Schedule for the Issuance of Permits by the Londonderry Fire Department

The public hearing will occur on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023 at 7 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a lot line adjustment to adjust the lot lines of Map 17 Lot 5-5, 5 Kitty Hawk Landing Map 17 Lot 11, 595 Mammoth Rd., Map 17 Lot 13, 603 Mammoth Rd., Zoned Industrial I (Ind-I), Agricultural Residential (AR-1), and Commercial II (C-II). Londonderry Holdings, LLC and Thibeault Corporation of NH & Thibeault Corporation of NE (owners) and Ken Solinsky (applicant).

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan for the construction of a proposed 3,116 SF bank with drive thru, associated parking and site improvements, 66 Gilcreast Rd., (Map 7 Lot 66, Zoned C-I), Chase Bank (Applicant) and Gilcreast Road Realty Trust (Owner).

Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2023 (FY 2025 - 2030) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The proposed plan can be viewed online or during business hours in the Planning & Economic Development Department.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY HERITAGE/HISTORIC COMMISSION

The Londonderry Heritage/Historic Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 at 7 P.M. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

Application for Certificate of Approval for the installation/construction of a wooden post and rail fence on the Londonderry Town Common, 265 Mammoth Rd., Map 6, Lot 98-0, Zoned AR-1 & Historic Overlay District (HOD), Dave Wholley, Director of Public Works & Municipal Facilities for the Town of Londonderry (Applicant) and Town of Londonderry (Owner).



# Londonderry Girls' Soccer Get Victory Over Dover



Junior captain Kate Sloper has been a valuable asset for her team. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Goals and wins have been tough to come by for the Londonderry High School Girls' Soccer team, but last week two goals led to the team's second win of the season in a game at Dover High School.

The young Lady Lancers squad started the week with just one check mark in the win column and suffered their fifth loss of the season when they traveled to Bedford High School on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Londonderry lost

that game 0-2, falling to 1-5 as the halfway point in the season quickly approaches.

The following day head coach, Erin Dallas, was able to celebrate the team's second win of the season when they faced the Green Wave in Dover.

The Lancers were able to hold onto a 2-1 lead over the Dover High School squad and push their season record up to 2-5.

Junior Reagan Anderson had both goals in the game.

The first goal was assisted by freshman

Emma Sloper and the second was aided by junior Ali Von Pichl.

Junior goaltender, Reagan Delude, had three saves to help preserve the win.

The team had two tough games scheduled for this week. The first contest was set for Tuesday, Sept. 19, at home,

against the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals, who have a 4-1 record.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 23, Londonderry will travel to Derry for a game against the 2-4-1 Astros in the annual Mack Plaque game. The game is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Sept. 11

Kate Sloper

Junior, Girls Soccer



Kate is a three-year girls varsity athlete and team captain. She leads her young team with experience that can be hard to find in this type of leadership. She is a vocal leader whom her teammates and peers respect and respond well too. As a natural center back, she is vital to the back line's success and is aggressive in her defending.

Carson Fitzgerald  
Sophomore, Boys XC



During Saturday's Nashua North Invitational, Carson led the team with his 15th place finish in the boys' varsity race. He set a new personal record by completing the 5K Course in 16:32.91.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department

## Varsity Field Hockey Squad Drops Two

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Field Hockey team had a hit a tough patch in the schedule last week, losing two games and failing to get any goals in that stretch.

On Monday afternoon, Sept. 11, they fell to Dover High School's Green Wave 7-0 in Londonderry.

Dover controlled the ball for much of the four quarters and when Londonderry was able to get to the Green Wave goal, their tender and defenders were able to stop the Lancers threat.

Following that game, on Friday, Sept. 15, the LHS squad was once again kept out of the opposition's goal when they were defeated 1-0 by the Timberlane Owls.

The 4-3 Lady Lancers were scheduled to play three games this week. First, on Tuesday at Windham High School against the 6-0 Jaguars, then on Wednesday, in Nashua against Bishop Guertin (4-2), then on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. against Pinkerton Academy they will play the 4-2-1 Astros during the annual Mack Plaque game.



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# Londonderry Girls' Volleyball Tally Three More Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After coming off a disappointing home opener during the second week of the Fall sports season, the Londonderry High School

Girls' Volleyball snapped right back with three very convincing wins.

The Lancers squad had two 3-1 wins on the road and a shutout win at home last week to finish their third week of

action with a 4-1 season record.

The LHS varsity squad started the week at Windham High School, winding up with a hard-fought 3-1 battle over the Jaguars on Monday night, Sept. 11.

Londonderry dropped the first match by just three points, losing 22-25. They turned things around nicely after that, winning 25-21, 25-19 and 25-15.

Highlights for the Lancers included: Senior libero, Abby Harrington, finished with 18 digs, six aces, and two assists in the game.

Senior Ally McGonagle had 20 kills, nine digs, and two aces in the win, while sophomore Riley Campo racked up 13 kills and two blocks and sophomore Annie Williams tallied 11 kills and four blocks.

Two days later, on Wednesday, Sept. 13, the Lady Lancers moved their season record up to 3-1 with an impressive full-team shutout victory over the Keene Black-

birds.

The 3-0 sweep of Keene on the team's home court featured a number of highlights.

Sophomore Elisabeth Kearney finished with four kills, four aces, and six digs.

Senior Libby Bono tallied three kills and four digs.

Senior Melea Bizzarro was voted by her teammates as the "Player of the Match." Bizzarro finished the match with seven digs and three aces.

The LHS team finished up their week on the seacoast Friday night, Sept. 15, winning in four sets, 3-1, over the Winnacunnet Warriors and upping their season record to 4-1.

Londonderry lost the first set 23-25, but came back 25-21, 25-14 and 25-15 to finish strong.

Highlights for the Lancers include: Senior, Liv DeFazio had five aces and four kills; Campo finished with 13 kills and two blocks; senior Sarah DeFazio got



Sophomore, Annie Williams

26 assists and five digs; and Harrington finished with 17 digs and six assists.

The team took on Manchester Memorial

(0-5) on Monday, Sept. 18 and will travel to Pinkerton Academy on Saturday, Sept. 23, during Mack Plaque week-end to take on the 3-3 Lady Astros.



Senior, Sarah DeFazio

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squad will now face the rival Pinkerton Academy team in Derry next Friday night, Sept. 22, during the annual Mack Plaque competition.

The Astros are also sitting at 3-0 with wins against Windham, Alvirne and Timberlane. The PA squad has scored 51-points in their last two games.

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# AROUND TOWN

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## Lions Hall Listening Session

The Town of Londonderry is exploring options for the renovation and re-opening of the town-owned building at 256 Mammoth Road, familiarly called the Lions Hall after its most recent tenant. Town administrative staff will be holding a public listening session on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 from 10 a.m. - noon, in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd. All town residents are welcome to attend, ask questions, and share their input. For those unable to attend, we will provide a digital submission form in advance of the meeting. Town staff are currently in the research and development stages of the Lions Hall project. For

questions or further information, please reach out to Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen at 603-432-1100 x153 or [khildonen@londonderry-nh.org](mailto:khildonen@londonderry-nh.org).

## Fall Craft Fair

Taking place at Connect 55 on Oct. 14, from noon - 4 p.m., located at 2 Golen Dr., Londonderry, behind All American Assisted living in Londonderry. Hand made goods, lots of eats and pastries, raffles. All proceeds go to 2 local charities; The Sonshine Soup Kitchen and Community Caregivers of Greater Derry. This is a cash only event.

## 'Look to the Sky'

Frances Dean Wilcox Nolde became a pioneer pilot and a World War II commander of the Reading

Courier Station in the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). After the war, 'Frannie' was winner of the Powder Puff Derby, an early transcontinental all-women's air race. In 'She Looked to the Sky,' her youngest child, Frances Dean Nolde, tells her mother's story and her own. Author Nolde will give a talk about her mother's life in aviation as well as sign copies of her book on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Aviation Museum of NH at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. The program starts at 7 p.m. The program is \$10 per person; free to Aviation Museum members. Books retail at \$24. Tickets available at the door or can be reserved in advance by calling (603) 669-4877. For more information, visit [www.aviationmuseum-](http://www.aviationmuseum-)

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## Car Seat Inspection

The Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program, in conjunction with the Londonderry Women's Club, will be hosting a car seat inspection event. Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will inspect your car seat installation, review the proper fit and installation, and make any corrections necessary to make your child safe while riding in your vehicle. The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The location will be Londonderry Fire Rescue, South Fire Station, 17 Young Rd., Londonderry. No appointment is required. For more information, you may call 603-432-1104 ext 4623 or via email: [cps@londonderry-nh.org](mailto:cps@londonderry-nh.org).

## Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces a Free community child find a program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of

age who are suspected of having developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School is located at 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry, on Oct. 5, Between 9 a.m. AND 3 p.m. Please call Denise Fosmire for an appointment at (603)437-5855 ext 7223 no child will be seen without an appointment

## Yom Kippur Services

Please join the ETZ Hayim Synagogue for Yom Kippur Services. Sunday, Sept. 24 at 7:15 p.m., for Kol Nidre; Monday, Sept. 25 at 9:30 a.m. for Yom Kippur Service; Monday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m., for Yom Kippur Discussion where Steve Soreff and Nick Bartol will lead a discussion on the question, Does God exist?; Monday, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m., for Afternoon/Yizkor/Neilah Services; Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m., for Break-Fast, after a day of fasting, meaningful prayer and introspection, our community joins together to break bread. This will be mostly pot luck, so please sign up by Sept. 20 by contacting [jay.madnick@icloud.com](mailto:jay.madnick@icloud.com) to state what you will bring. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. For

more information about the High Holy Days, please visit [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org) or call the office at 603-432-0004.

## Free Meals

Free Community Meals being served in September are as follows: Breakfast on Sept. 24 from 9 - 10 a.m., Indoors at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Rd., Derry for information call 603-432-2120; Lunch on Sept. 24 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Indoors at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, for information call 603-432-3333; Dinner To Go on Sept. 29 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, for information call 603-434-0628; On Sept. 30, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Pick up Breakfast & Basic Needs Items at Mercurio Family, Masonic Lodge at 58 East Broadway, Derry for information call 603-475-3852.

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - Sept. 11

**1:19 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Reo Lane.

**3:22 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at JDS Flooring Associates on Commerce Avenue.

**4:29 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department on Tranquil Drive with transportation to a hospital.

**10:46 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated by five officers on Stonehenge Road.

**10:59 p.m.** Car Break-Ins investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

#### Tuesday - Sept. 12

**4:51 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester

#### Boston Regional Airport.

**5:54 a.m.** Three officers serve a warrant and make an arrest made on Wilshire Drive. Philip Arndt, 34, of Londonderry, charged with: Violation of Protective Order.

**9:26 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on High Range Road

**9:43 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Apollo Road.

**12:49 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made by four officers on Mammoth Road. David Van Tassell, 61, of Londonderry, Arrested on a Warrant.

**1 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. **10:39 p.m.** Complaint investigated by three

officers at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

#### Wednesday - Sept. 13

**12:11 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at Buttrick Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Trinity Squeglia, 18, of Derry, charged with: Possession of Marijuana (3/4 oz. or less; 1st or 2nd Offence); and Unlawful Possession/intoxication.

**5:41 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**9:22 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Buttrick Road. Catherine Booker, 40, Homeless, charged with: Possession

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### Those Guys Show

On Sept. 30, Those Guys will be performing from 7 - 11 p.m., at American Legion Post 27 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. A great 2 man band that has been together for 30 years. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend as well

### Drop Off Center

The Londonderry Drop Off Center will be closed on Wednesdays after Sept. 6. It will be open on Saturdays ONLY until Nov. 18. For more information please call (603) 432-1100 x193.

### NEA Big Read

Leach Library and the Londonderry Senior Center, in partnership with NH Humanities (NHH), will support the statewide National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) "Big Read" of a novel entitled *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. The Bear offers readers an opportunity to join an unimaginable journey into a world both familiar and unknown as we consider what future we want for NH. On Thursday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, Leach Library staff will facilitate a book discussion on Andrew Krivak's *The Bear*. An evening book discussion will also be offered at Leach Library on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Registration for the book discussion sessions is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. Participation is limited to 25 participants per book discussion. To register and pick up a copy of the book, please visit the Leach Library main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132. To further explore *The Bear*'s survivalist theme, the Leach Library will welcome Jake King from Thrive Outdoors for a presentation on "Surviving in the Wilderness" on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Registration for the event will open on Thursday, Sept. 7. For a complete list of Big Read partner organizations and more information about Big Read events in NH, visit [www.nhhumanities.org/bigread](http://www.nhhumanities.org/bigread), or contact NH Humanities at (603) 224-4071 or email [info@nhhumanities.org](mailto:info@nhhumanities.org).

### Ghosts and Legends

The Leach Library and Derry Public Library are teaming up to bring you Jeff Belanger's *Ghosts and Legends* program at the Derry Opera House on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be available to purchase from the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries and the Friends of the Leach Library. There

will also be a Q&A and book signing at the end of the program. The Derry Opera House is located at 29 W Broadway in Derry. Seating is limited to 350 people. Registration is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. For more information and to register, visit the Derry Public Library's event calendar at [www.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call either library, Derry Public Library at (603) 432-6140 or Leach Library at (603) 432-1132.

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### Pokémon TCG Card Swap

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### Lost in Wonderland Maze

Teens and tweens are invited to find their way through a Wonderland labyrinth in the Leach Library Meeting Room on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Participants will follow in Alice's footsteps in this winding maze; look for the March Hare and watch out for the Cheshire Cat. Will you find your way out of Wonderland? Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 21. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Children's Book Bingo

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m., everyone will have the chance to win at least one book of their choosing at the Leach Library. Registration is required

and begins on Wednesday, Sept. 20. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### "Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m., Leach Library will host an after-hours movie night in the main reading room. Join Johnny Depp and Alice in Wonderland in the 2010 live-action remake of an animated classic (rated PG). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Sept. 22. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Mad Hatter Tea Party

Teens and tweens are cordially invited to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Participants will decorate cookies and enjoy a refreshing beverage at this Wonderland-inspired event. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Sept. 19. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Meet Your Neighbors

The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together; creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would like more information

about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining a group that gives back to the community, check us out on Facebook, visit our website at [www.londonderry-womensclub.org](http://www.londonderry-womensclub.org) or email [info@londonderrywomensclub.org](mailto:info@londonderrywomensclub.org).

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## Police Log

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of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Controlled Drug (Control Premises Where Drugs Kept); Defective Equipment; and driving an Uninspected Vehicle. **7:33 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

### Thursday - Sept. 14

**6:54 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Robin Hood Drive at Gillette Drive. **8:08 a.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood

Disputes on Old Nashua Road.

### Friday - Sept. 15

**12:15 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Bartley Hill Road.

**12:37 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Pillsbury Road.

**4:42 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at Shell Food Mart leads to an arrest made by four officers. Natalie Robley, 34, of Manchester, Arrested on a Warrant.

**6:03 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Thre-

atening at Matthew Thornton School.

**7:41 p.m.** Serve Warrant and Arrest made on Dorchester Avenue, MA. Erin Casoli, 39, of Dorchester, MA., charged with: Forgery of a Government Instrument (Check, Etc.). **7:45 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated by four officers on Mammoth Road at Windsor Boulevard.

### Saturday - Sept. 16

**12:43 a.m.** Three officers assist the N.H. State Police with a investigation on Pinyon Place.

**1:12 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at

Buttrick Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Michael Hunkiar, 33, of Hudson, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

**11:02 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers on Rockingham Road Structure Fire.

**11:50 a.m.** Medical Emergency Investigated by five officers at the West Road Fields - North Complex.

**1:22 p.m.** Burglary on Ela Avenue investigated by three officers.

**7:35 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at

Buttrick Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Matthew Starr, 21, of Pelham, charged with: Bench Warrants; Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; and Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

**10:25 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Crestview Circle.

### Sunday - Sept. 17

**12:05 a.m.** Arrest made by five officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Old Derry Road. Dorothy Chaplick, 53, of Haverhill, MA., arrested on Warrants.

**12:58 p.m.** Disturbance

investigated on Eglin Boulevard.

**3:08 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Pinkerton & Pillsbury Cemetery on Hovey Road.

**4:30 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on State Tree Circle.

**4:38 p.m.** Services rendered at the 603 Brewery on Main Street for a Medical Emergency.

**6:44 p.m.** Peace restored during Juvenile Offenses on Sunflower Lane.

**10:30 p.m.** Peace restored by three officers on Whittemore Road after a Disturbance.





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