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## Funds Run

Students at Matthew Thornton Elementary School held a Boosterthon Tigers Fun Run last week, raising over \$50,000 in donations for various school activities. Each grade took to the field throughout the morning. See more on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Leach Library Board Address Budget Issues on Repairs

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on April 21 to review the library's financial outlook for the remainder of the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, as ongoing repair work contin-

ues to push the budget beyond its limits. With major building remediation still underway, the Board acknowledged that the library is expected to exceed 100% of its approved budget before June 30.

“Town Manager Mul-

holland asked the Board to consider a budget freeze for the rest of the fiscal year, and by that he means to consider delaying spending that does not impact staff or services,” said Interim Library Director Donna

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## Council Continues Debate Over PUD Ordinance Update

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council spent some of its April 20 meeting reviewing proposed amendments to the Town's Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance, a key regulatory framework governing large mixed-use projects such as Woodmont Commons. The discussion reflected ongoing concerns about how PUDs are implemented, the balance between residential and commercial development, and the long-term impact on infrastructure and municipal services.

The PUD ordinance was originally adopted to encourage coordinated, mixed-use development that would combine housing, commercial activity, civic space, and open space in a single master planned area. However, Woodmont Commons, the Town's largest PUD, has drawn criticism for producing far more housing than commercial development in its early phases.

Some residents and officials have argued that the imbalance has strained schools, public safety, and road infrastructure, while delaying the

commercial tax base originally envisioned.

Councilor Deb Paul reiterated her position that the ordinance needs clearer, enforceable standards to “restore the original intent” of the PUD framework.

She suggested a fixed minimum percentage of commercial or civic space in any new PUD proposal and tying residential density directly to infrastructure capacity.

“It prevents overloading of schools and public safety services and eliminates loopholes that previously al-

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## Town's Strategic Plan Continues to Develop at Latest Workshop

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The April 22 Strategic Plan workshop focused heavily on public safety, emergency preparedness, and the future of Londonderry's historic assets. Deputy Fire Chief Phil LeBlanc opened the session with a presentation on improving emergency response capabilities, including the need for modern pre-planning software.

“We did pre-planning for a long time, but we did it on paper,” LeBlanc explained. “We had our guys go out with a hand wheel and a piece of paper... There was no easy access to that.” He added that updated sys-

tems and fully staffed firehouses are essential for meeting national response-time standards.

Town Council Chair Ron Dunn pushed for clarity on the financial implications of expanding staffing. “We all want to determine the feasibility of achieving a four-person staff, but are we also going to think about how much that's going to cost taxpayers?” Dunn asked. LeBlanc acknowledged the cost would be significant, noting that Nashua is one of the few NH communities meeting national staffing standards.

Other public safety topics included cybersecurity planning, continu-

ity of operations, disaster recovery, and improving public communication during emergencies. Administrative Services Director Kirsten Hildonen emphasized the need for “ever-green content” to help residents respond to high-frequency events such as heat waves.

The workshop then shifted to arts, culture,

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# Solar and Regional Water Cooperation Expected to Remain Priorities for Town

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At its April meeting, the Londonderry Utilities Committee and its energy subcommittee continued discussions on several long-term initiatives, including the possibility of developing a public solar array for the town. While members expressed interest in pursuing new energy projects, progress remained slow as the Committee worked through site analysis and regulatory hurdles.

"We're working on the opportunity to create some kind of solar facility," said Committee member Mike Speltz. "That's going slowly, but

we're doing a GIS analysis to try and identify sites."

One potential avenue involves learning from local businesses already using solar power. Speltz noted that Stonyfield Organic, which operates a large facility in Londonderry, has installed solar canopies over its parking lot.

"We're working with Stonyfield to see how they went out and did their parking lot solar array," Speltz said. "We also want to see if we can use this app called Solar App Plus that a homeowner and their installer can use to expedite the permitting process in town."

Committee members acknowledged that finding a suitable location for a public solar array, and navigating the permitting process, has been challenging. Vice Chair Jeff McGraw suggested reaching out to other organizations with successful solar installations.

"There's solar on the top of the parking garage at the airport," McGraw said. "I can call them to see if they have a developer who helped with that. It'd give us somebody to call."

The Committee then shifted to water-related updates. Member Anne Fenn shared her interest in conducting deeper

research into the quality of the municipal Penichuck water system, especially as more residents transition away from private wells. PFAS contamination in the High Range Road area remains a concern, and not all affected properties fall under the Saint-Gobain consent decree.

Committee members John Mahon and Martha Smith emphasized the importance of coordinating with neighboring communities.

"Water is regional. It's not a local issue," McGraw said. "So, we're going to try to make friends with our neighbors."

Administrative Ser-

VICES Director Kirsten Hildonen provided an update on the town's ongoing work to establish water special assessment districts for homes slated to connect to the expanded municipal water system.

"I had to cancel a meeting on that because I didn't want to get anyone sick," Hildonen said. "I'm working on looking for a new date on that." She added that May would be a "big month" for finalizing details on the assessment districts.

Mahon reminded residents that state financial assistance remains available for those outside the consent decree

area who wish to connect to public water.

"There is, and I think it's still funded, a state fund for folks to hook into water systems," Mahon said. "It's \$10,000 if you're hooking into a public water system, and up to \$5,000 if you're putting in your own POE [Point of Entry] filtration system."

Town Council Liaison Ron Dunn clarified that residents who previously installed POE systems can still receive the full \$10,000 incentive if they later connect to the municipal system.

"You have a maximum of \$10,000 that you, as a resident, can get," Dunn said.

# Long Hovey Road Driveway Asked to Address Runoff Concerns

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on April 14 to review a proposal from Diamond Edge for a subdivision on Long Hovey Road, the discussions was focus on stormwater management and the challenges posed by a steep driveway included in the plan. The presentation was delivered by George Chadwick, Senior Project Manager at Bedford Design, who represented the applicant.

"Our proposal is to subdivide it, leaving 2.5 acres with the existing house and the balance of

about 6.1 acres or so that will be with the new lot," Chadwick explained. "The total area of the wetland on our lot and the abutting lot is about 12,665 square feet, so it is under the half-acre."

The property currently contains one home. While the subdivision would create a second lot, Chadwick clarified that the owner does not intend to develop a full neighborhood.

"The parcel is fairly steep. To build a town road in here, we could probably get 12 lots, but based on the topography and with road standards for the town, the

owner decided to just carve one lot out of it and sell it," he said. "We do have driveway plans as part of this set, but that's it in a nutshell, we're splitting it off."

The steep grade of the property became the central focus of the Commission. One Commissioner, from personal experience, raised concerns about snow storage and runoff.

"I have a long driveway that goes up the hill also, and I ended up putting in a snow storage area down towards the road, because otherwise you just get too much snow buildup, you've

got no place to put it," he said. "I don't see where you've got a spot to store any extra snow."

Both the Town of Londonderry and the State of NH have strict requirements for managing stormwater and runoff, including runoff from melting snow. Chadwick acknowledged the concern.

"The town regulations, even for a single family lot, we've got to look at storing and treating stormwater," he said. "On the plans, you'll see a sort of drainage basin at the bottom of the hill to collect the stormwater from the house as it works its way down.

There is a small area, but not a large area to push snow there. Unfortunately, that's the only place I can put a drainage basin of any size, at the bottom of the hill. It's not going to do me any good halfway up a hill."


Alternate member Mike Speltz agreed that the bottom of the hill was the practical location for stormwater controls, noting any collection system must be positioned away from Hovey Road to avoid creating new runoff problems.

"Are there any special precautions you can take to avoid sedimentation?" Speltz asked. "May-

be we should say you should take additional measures determined by the contractor to prevent sedimentation during construction."

Chadwick responded that the applicant would install temporary erosion control measures during construction and argued that sedimentation would not be a long-term issue once the site was stabilized.

The Commission did not take a formal vote on the subdivision but emphasized the importance of addressing runoff, snow storage, and sedimentation before the project moves forward.



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# School Board Sets the Out-Of-District Tuition Rates

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board reviewed and set tuition rates for non-resident students at its recent meeting, following updates to Policy JFAB, Admission and Attendance of Non-Resident Students. The policy change requires the Board to formally establish tuition amounts for students who live outside Londonderry but wish to attend district schools.

Superintendent Dan Black presented two options for the Board to consider, noting that the district has historically relied on past practice when determining tuition rates.

"With the new policy

update for JFAB, the School Board will need to set a tuition rate," Black said. "There are two recommendations we are making based on past practice, but the School Board can certainly determine other ways as well."

Option 1: Base Tuition on Hooksett's MOU Rate

This option would use the tuition rate already established in the district's memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Hooksett. Under that agreement, Hooksett pays Londonderry \$17,910 per high school student for the upcoming year.

"In the past, when other families in other

school districts ask to attend Londonderry High, we quote the tuition rate in our MOU," Black explained. "So that makes a lot of sense to continue with that as our tuition rate. The only problem is, we do not have a clear rate for K-8."

To address that gap, Black proposed using the ratio between Hooksett's high school tuition and Londonderry's high school per-pupil spending to calculate proportional rates for middle and elementary school students.

The New Hampshire Department of Education lists Londonderry's per-pupil spending as:

- High School: \$20,365
- Middle School:

\$19,123

- Elementary School: \$23,067

Using the Hooksett to per-pupil ratio, Black recommended the following tuition rates:

- High School: \$17,910
- Middle School: \$16,828
- Elementary School: \$20,299

"If the School Board likes that option, we would then just update the rate yearly based on our Hooksett tuition versus our per-pupil spending calculated by the NH DOE," Black said.

This method keeps tuition aligned with an existing agreement and avoids charging nonresident families more than Hooksett pays.

Option 2: Charge Full per-pupil Spending Amounts

The second option would set tuition equal to the district's full per-pupil spending amounts at each grade level. Black noted that this approach is simpler to explain, especially for elementary and middle school families.

However, he questioned whether it made sense to charge nonresident families more than Hooksett, which sends a larger number of students under a longstanding agreement.

"I do not have a good reason why we would ask others to pay more than the Hooksett rate at all three levels other

than to generate more revenue," Black wrote.

Under this option, tuition for 2026-27 would be:

- High School: \$20,365
- Middle School: \$19,123
- Elementary School: \$23,067

After reviewing both approaches, the School Board agreed to move forward with Option 1, using the Hooksett MOU rate as the basis for all grade levels and applying proportional adjustments for K-8.

The decision provides consistency with past practice and ensures that tuition remains aligned with an existing contractual rate.

## Library

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Plante. "One of the examples I did want to visit is electrician work to move the lights in the Children's Room, that was given as an example of what might be delayed."

Board Chair Nancy Hendricks confirmed that the freeze would apply broadly to things not considered essential to day to day library operations.

"It's that request along with any discretionary spending we may have through the end of our fiscal year on June 30," Hendricks said.

The Board agreed that the Summer Reading Program, among the library's most popular offerings, qualifies as a core service and will not be affect-

ed by the freeze.

This financial strain caused by repairs is expected to carry into next year's planning cycle. Plante noted that the town has accelerated its budget timeline due to the scope of the work.

"We'll be looking at the budget much sooner than we typically would for FY27. The timeframe that the town department heads have been given is that the town departments will need to provide their budgets by the end of July," she said. "This is like your first proposed budget."

Despite the challenges, Plante reported encouraging news regarding the library's insurance claim, which will cover a significant portion of the building-relat-

ed expenses.

"With the insurance claim, I sent you all the final numbers, and it came back pretty positive for the town and the library," she said. "With the exception of the portion of the insurance claim for materials and furniture, the building part of it will be paid after work is completed. That was a decision made by the Town Manager. For furniture, we're not ordering exact replacements, or that's not the plan."

Trustees discussed whether to delay ordering new furniture until the building is closer to reopening. Trustee Jan

McLaughlin questioned the timing.

"If we're not open by July 1, we can delay having the furniture come in," she said. "Right now, we don't have a building to put them in."

Plante argued that having new furniture in place upon reopening would send a positive message to the public.

"It would look a lot better publicly if the main building was full of new furniture and equipment when it reopens," she said.

McLaughlin pressed for clarity. "When is reopening? Are we targeting July 1?"

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Library staff estimated the building could reopen sometime between late June and early July, no firm date has been set. Mold remediation is expected to enter its "final phase" soon, followed by recarpeting and other finishing work.

"You're not replacing all the furniture in the library," added Trustee Azra Palo, noting only

the damaged sections of the young adult area will receive new furnishings.

Trustee Moira Ryan suggested creating a "wish list" for patrons and donors who may want to contribute additional items once the library reopens.

"That's if you want extra stuff people might be willing to contribute to," Ryan said.

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# Editorial

## The Cost of Not Paying Attention

Every week, our towns make decisions that shape the way we live in our community these decisions about development, traffic, schools, public safety, budgets, and long-term planning. These choices influence everything from how long it takes to get across town to how much we pay in taxes. And yet, too often, these decisions are made in rooms that are nearly empty.

People tend to show up when they're upset. They show up when a project affects their neighborhood or when a vote hits their wallet. But the truth is that the most important decisions, the ones that set the stage for everything else, are made long before the public realizes they matter.

We all want good government. We want transparency, accountability, and thoughtful planning. But those things don't happen automatically. They happen when residents stay engaged, ask questions early, and pay attention before the train has already left the station. Our towns are very lucky to have newspaper that gives them that information every week.

In both Londonderry and Hudson, we've seen examples recently where decisions could have benefited from more eyes, more voices, and more community involvement. Whether it's a policy that wasn't clearly explained, a process that

wasn't followed, or a board decision that raised eyebrows, the pattern is the same: when fewer people are watching, the quality of decision making suffers.

This isn't about blaming boards or criticizing volunteers. Serving on a board is hard work, and most people do it with good intentions. But even the best boards make better decisions when the public is present, informed, and engaged. Civic engagement isn't just showing up when something goes wrong. It's showing up to help things go right.

Local government works best when it's a partnership, not a spectator sport. And the cost of not paying attention is always higher than the cost of staying informed. When residents disengage, small problems grow into big ones. Misunderstandings turn into mistrust. And decisions that could have been shaped by community input end up being made without it.

So here's the challenge for all of us: Attend one meeting a month. Read the agendas. Ask questions early. Don't wait until the final vote to get involved.

Our towns are strongest when the people who live here take an active role in shaping their future. Paying attention isn't just a civic duty, it's an investment in the kind of community we want to live in.

# Letters

## Strategic Plan Being Created for the Town

To the editor,

At the direction of the Town Council, the Town Manager, Shaun Mulholland, in conjunction with Department's staff, and all Committees, drafted a well needed Strategic Plan for the Town of Londonderry to align with the Towns updated Master Plan. There have been two presentations thus far.

This well constructed plan outlines a seven-part framework designed to move municipal operations from a reactive state to a proactive, data-driven roadmap. Key priorities include government excellence

through digitization, fiscal stewardship via modernized budgeting, and improved public safety and infrastructure management. The Plan emphasizes staff retention, succession planning, and the implementation of "lean" principles to increase efficiency across departments. Throughout the meeting, officials stressed that the document is a realistic blueprint meant to align town resources with community values and long-term economic vitality. Ultimately, the plan serves as a transparent guide for both residents and staff to track progress on local governance goals through 2027 and beyond.

I urge you to review the Plan, attend the upcoming Public Comment session and contact the Town Councilors with any questions. As of now this was pushed out by the Town Council to discussions on 5/5 and 6/1, with public comment on 6/15/2026 all at Town Council Meetings.

This plan provides a clear framework for guiding Town priorities, investments, and decision-making over the next several years.

The plan can be found on the Town website. Search: 2026-04-13-Strategic-Plan-Presentation-Draft-Part-1-PDF

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Londonderry

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## PUD Debate

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ment, there was disagreement over how strict the changes should be. Councilor Ted Combés argued that a certain number of residential units are necessary to attract commercial investment, warning that overly rigid requirements could discourage development altogether.

"Other NH towns have shown us what successful PUDs look like with clear standards, enforceable commitments, and development that aligns with the master plan," she added.

While some Councilors agreed that the ordinance needs improve-

ment, there was disagreement over how strict the changes should be.

Chair Ron Dunn suggested the Planning Board may prefer a "looser" approach, this characterization was disputed.

"I think the document that the Planning Board sent us is a compromise," Dunn said.

Deputy Town Manager and Economic Development

Director Kellie Caron explained that the Planning Board forwarded the draft to the Council as members wanted clearer direction.

"My understanding from the Planning Board was, given the timing of the comments and a want for more direction from the Town Council with respect to the PUD ordinance, they chose to move this to the Council for your discussion," Caron said. She declined to comment on the legality of specific proposals without consulting Town Council.

Planning Board member Tony DeFrancesco emphasized that large private landowners can

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# Boston MedFlight Opens New Base at Manchester Airport



The New Hampshire location of Boston MedFlight officially opened with a ribbon cutting last week. The non-profit company features seven state-of-the-art emergency unit helicopters that provide care to critically ill residents regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. The Manchester/Londonderry location is the company's fifth base, and the organization has provided transportation to more than 110,000 patients over the past 40 years. On Thursday, April 23, Boston MedFlight welcomed dozens of area residents, first responders, and officials to an open house and ribbon-cutting event, offering tours of the facility and one of its \$11 million helicopters. *Photos by Chris Paul*

## PUD Debate

**Continued from page 4** always develop their property under existing zoning, with or without a PUD. The PUD framework, he said, provides structure and predictability that "untethered" development would not. "The Planning Board specifically sent this product to you for input, and for changes," DeFrancesco said. "This is too big of a thing for just the Planning Board, so we wanted you all to look at it."

He also stressed the importance of development agreements for every property owner within a

PUD, calling them essential for ensuring consistency across phases.

DeFrancesco acknowledged Paul's extensive research but said he had concerns. "Councilor Paul did a great job of homework. However, and I haven't had a chance to look at it, there are several inaccuracies in there that I will respond to at a later date," he said. "The only thing I will caution you on is to be careful what you wish for."

He noted that some portions of Woodmont were "always going to be housing," while other areas designated for com-

mercial development.

Planning Board Chair Jake Butler agreed that the Council should take the lead. "This council is at a point now where you have a document that's put together, and it's up to you to decide what you want to change," Butler said. "I don't think it would be in your best

interest to bring it back to Planning."

Councilor Paul said that "the new PUD is much better than the old one and that if anything we should replace it with the new one while we work on it."

The Council agreed not to return the draft ordinance to the Plan-

ning Board, opting instead to continue refining the language themselves. Despite remaining disagreements, members concurred that the ordinance requires updates to better reflect the Town's goals for balanced, sustainable de-

velopment.

A public hearing on the proposed PUD amendments is set for Monday, May 18, where residents will have the chance to comment before the Council considers final revisions.

### The Town of Londonderry is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Boards:

- Budget Committee** (1 full member, expires March 2027)
- Heritage Commission** (1 alternate member, expires December 2026)
- Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission** (2 full members with four-year terms and up to 3 alternate members with one-year terms)

Applications for the above positions must be submitted by **Friday, May 8, 2026**. More information regarding these boards and the application process can be found on the Town's website at [londonderrynh.gov/TalentBank](http://londonderrynh.gov/TalentBank). For more information, please contact Kirsten Hildonen at [khildonen@londonderrynh.gov](mailto:khildonen@londonderrynh.gov) or (603) 432-1100 x153.

Other open positions are available on **Beautify Londonderry**, the **Old Home Day Board of Directors**, and the **Pettengill Road TIF Advisory Board**. Appointments to these boards will be made on a rolling basis as applications are received.

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The Londonderry Town Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Pursuant to RSA 675:2, RSA 675:6, and RSA 675:7, and the Town of Londonderry Zoning Ordinance Section 8.6, the Town Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.2 - Planned Unit Development (PUD), adopted under the authority of RSA 674:21 (Innovative Land Use Controls).

The proposed amendments include a comprehensive update to Londonderry Zoning Ordinance Section 5.2 - Planned Unit Development (PUD), including clarification of the purpose and objectives to support housing diversity, mixed-use development, infrastructure efficiency, environmental protection, and economic vitality, updated definitions consistent with current planning standards, structured review process including pre-application consultation, conceptual review, and enhanced public participation, comprehensive PUD Master Plan submission requirements with measurable development standards, clear eligibility criteria and permitted uses, including support for appropriate mixed-use development, establishment of a density bonus framework tied to public benefits such as affordable housing, open, space preservation, and infrastructure improvements, expanded Planning Board review criteria, including fiscal impacts, infrastructure capacity, and preservation of natural and cultural resources, clarification of ordinance interpretation and application, including designation of the PUD Master Plan as the controlling document and establishment of fee authority.

Complete text of the proposed amendments is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Planning & Economic Development Department, Town Clerks Office, and on the Town's website at [www.londonderrynh.gov/AgendaCenter/Town-Council-20](http://www.londonderrynh.gov/AgendaCenter/Town-Council-20)

# Leach Library Trustees Seek to Clarify Donation Policies

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees held its second special meeting of the month on April 21 as members continued working through operational changes, including updates to the bylaws and a detailed review of guidance received from the New Hampshire Charitable Trusts Unit (CTU). The CTU oversees charitable organizations and trusts statewide, and its feedback prompted the Board to reexamine how donations are accepted, tracked, and spent.

“My recap is that there really was a lot that we were already doing correctly, or I should say that the Board is already doing correctly, in terms of accepting donations and reporting annually,” said Interim Library Director Donna Plante. “Some things I think can be worked on are things we can change in terms of how we’ve been spending private funds.”

Plante explained that

while all private donations are deposited into the Trustees’ account, the spending of those funds does not always flow through that same account. CTU recommended tightening that process to improve transparency and documentation.

“Right now, all private funds are accepted through the Trustees account, but they aren’t spent directly through the Trustees account,” Plante said. “I think that can be an improvement, to show that the Trustees pay things directly, or that you’re reimbursing after the expenses happen. If we do pay something out of, say, the book account, we’re giving you the receipt to reimburse directly for that exact amount, rather than just transferring the whole donation to the book account.”

Trustee Jan McLaughlin asked whether CTU addressed situations where the Friends of the Library pay vendors directly, such as presenters, while the

Board formally accepts the donation on paper.

“The Friends have raised funds, that’s what the Friends do, raise funds for the library,” McLaughlin said. “In the past, they’ve donated it to us and we’ve paid a presenter. Now they’re directly paying the presenter, but we’re accepting those donations as a donation to us.”

Board members agreed the current process can be confusing for the public and for auditors. Plante recommended asking the Friends to present donations directly, ideally during a public meeting, to ensure clarity.

“It may be prudent, to Jan’s point, to contact the Friends and ask that specific question and to put this topic on the agenda at one of our next meetings,” said Board Chair Nancy Hendricks.

Plante suggested a “look back” at older donations to ensure the Treasurer has a complete understanding of unrestricted funds,

money not earmarked for a specific purpose. She emphasized the need for a formal agreement outlining how library staff handle any Friends-related funds kept on site, such as the donation jar in the Children’s Room.

“You should have some kind of formal

agreement with the Friends on who handles the money,” Plante said. “Just to lay out everything, so you’re all on the same page.”

The CTU advised the Board to adopt written policies for fundraising activities such as book sales, including maintaining a price list and

documenting how proceeds are handled. Trustee Moira Ryan suggested expanding donation options to include online payments.

“Sometimes people don’t have cash,” Ryan said. “But we can say, ‘Hey, we have a website,’ and they can Venmo it over or whatever.”

## Strategic Plan

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recreation, and heritage. Assistant Recreation Director Doug Cole highlighted growing participation across age groups and outlined a 10-year improvement plan for parks, fields, and trails. He also noted the importance of expanding community events such as Concerts on the Common.

Hildonen underscored the role of heritage in shaping Londonderry’s identity. “We should review and update the historic properties lists to include risks and needs,” she said.

Heritage Commission member John Mahon raised concerns about the

town’s most significant historic asset. “The big whale when you consider the heritage of the town is obviously the Morrison House,” Mahon said. “The Heritage Commission is certainly in favor of conserving that building, and frankly we’ve got to figure out getting the taxpayers on-board.”

Councilor Ted Combes, who is also the liaison to Heritage, questioned delays in completing the Heritage Commission’s long-awaited photographic “look-book,” a project intended to document historic properties. “The Heritage Commission

was expecting a completed document last month, and that wasn’t provided,” Combes said. “I don’t understand what’s taking so long when they’ve had the pictures for three years.”

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland responded that staffing shortages have slowed progress. “Right now, I’m down half my staff in the Planning Department,” he said. “You’ve got four people in a department where other towns would have six to eight.”

Hildonen confirmed that all feedback from the Strategic Plan workshops will be incorporated into the next draft of the plan.

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# 101 Dalmatians Kids Being Performed Next Weekend

Ovation Theatre Company's production of 101 Dalmatians Kids hits the Ovation Studios stage next weekend. This colorful musical features a talented cast of young performers.

Pet owners, Roger and Anita, live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, stalwart dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Everything is quiet until Anita's former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal the puppies for her new fur coat. The Dalmatians rally all the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen.

Ryan Kaplan, who was recently honored by the New Hampshire Theatre Alliance with an award for Recognition of Special Achievement in Youth Theatre, is directing and choreographing the show. He has enjoyed the challenge of directing children in the round. "It is a very unique and challenging experience. The kids definitely take some time to adjust. It is always in the front of our minds when

we're teaching - that they're performing to four different sides." Assistant Director Raylyn Paul adds, "I think it's also been really special, because we've seen a lot of their confidence grow, because they're aware of the audience a lot more."

Regarding the adaptation of the movie to the play, Paul likes how they took the song "Cruella de Vil" from the movie and made it a big part of the musical. It comes up several times with different lyrics and at different points of the show." Kaplan notes that taking a 90-minute movie and making a shorter musical means "it has to move a lot faster. There are some very creative adjustments that helps it flow really nicely. There's never a dull moment in the show!"

Liliana Perry plays one of the narrators, as well as a dog of London. She is familiar with the movie. Regarding the play adaptation, she notes "both are really fun. They both have their own styles and they have things that are similar, so it stays consistent." Perry is excited to perform in the round.

"It's really fun. It's something I've never done before. It's a little tricky sometimes, because you have to make sure that you are always acting, because there's somebody all around you, that can always see you and what you're doing. A lot of people have to wait until they're much older to do it, but it's fun because we get to do it at such young ages."

101 Dalmatians Kids production team is led by Director and Choreographer Ryan Kaplan, with Music Direction by Chloe Ferraro and support from Assistant Director Raylyn Paul and Stage Manager Maddy Buchanan. The youth cast is drawn from all over southern New Hampshire: Harper Cantella, Delaney Grimshaw, Alice Kevorkian, Liliana Perry and Rosie Snow of Londonderry; Kyle Daly, Isabella Frati and Morgan Haverty of Derry; Levi Freilich, Hailey Ryan and Mackenzie Ryan of Hampstead; C.C. O'Brien, Ian O'Brien, Adeline Tengstrand and Erik Tengstrand of Auburn; Annaliese McCauley of Windham;



The cast of Ovation Theatre Company's 101 Dalmatians Kids

Juliana Holden and Colin Napoli of Goffstown; and Madelyn Fredette of Nottingham.

101 Dalmatians Kids will be presented on Fri-

day, May 8 at 6:00 and 8:00 pm, Saturday, May 9 at 1:00, 3:00 and 6:00 pm and Sunday, May 10 at 1:00 pm at Ovation Studios (61 Harvey Road,

Londonderry). Pre-sale discounted tickets are available through April 30 for \$14 and then go to \$17. Tickets are on sale at OvationTC.com.

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# Matthew Thornton PTA Raises Over \$50,000 at Boosterthon



Matthew Thornton Elementary School held a Boosterthon Tigers Fun Run last week, with the five grades taking to the field throughout the morning of Friday, April 24.

This year's Boosterthon Fun Run was changed a bit, having PTA volunteers take on the roles of morning greeting, daily lunch presentations and afternoon send offs, instead of having the fundraising company manage them. This meant the school was able keep 84 percent of the funds raised. In previous years only about 53 percent of the funds raised were kept. This year's goal of \$50,000 was surpassed with a gross of \$55,000 being taken in.

The funds raised helps the PTA fund field trips for all five grades in the coming year. After that, the goal

is to purchase playground tables, oscillating fans for classrooms, new flexible learning spaces for fourth and fifth graders, courtyard garden upgrades, playground upgrades, new items for Special Ed's departments, and a new climbing structure designed for kindergarteners and younger grades.

According to PTA organizer Kelly Yust, "One benefit of doing this ourselves - our fundraiser was full of school spirit. For the last two weeks we have danced and cheered on our kids in orange and black. We celebrated throughout the day from pick up to drop off. Designing the Fun Run to represent our MT tiger spirit was so important to us. We had such a great time doing this."

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Track & Field Athletes See Success Home and Away

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School track and field teams competed in two events last week-one at home and another in Nashua.

At the Lancers' home meet on Tuesday, April 21, teams from Nashua South, Bedford, and Manchester Central competed.

Boys Team Scores: Bedford placed first with 105 points; Londonderry was second with 73; Nashua South finished third with 66; and Manchester Central had 20.

Girls Team Scores: Bedford took first with 138.5 points; Nashua South was second with 72.5; Londonderry scored 41; and Manchester Central had 12.

### Boys Results

In the 100 meters, Jayden Ncala finished third with a time of 11.71.

Finn McDonald was third in the 200 meters (24.44) and second in the 400 meters (53.09).

Junior Chase Von Pichl placed fifth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.01. In the 1,600 meters, junior Mason

Hernandez finished second in 4:52.31.

The Lancers dominated the 3,200 meters, taking three of the top four spots in a tightly contested race. Patrick Ramsey won in 10:54.21, while Carson Fitzgerald and Josh Twomey tied for second (10:54.25). Jack DiBuono finished fourth (10:54.27).

In the 4x100 relay, Londonderry placed second and third. Squad A (DiBuono, Devin VanAvery, Jake Cervantes, and Jayden Ncala) finished second in 46.16, while Squad B (J-Veion Teeter, Owen Craft, Gavin MacLean, and William Hazzard) took third in 46.46.

VanAvery also won the high jump (5'6") and the long jump (19 feet). Freshman Eli Parece-Grogan placed fourth in the pole vault, clearing 10 feet.

In the triple jump, John Vaccaro finished third (35'9"), Thomas Machnik was fourth (34'4"), and Will Taylor placed fifth (33'3").

In the Javelin, Aiden Donovan finished second with a throw of 123' 10".

### Girls Results

In the 100 meters, freshman Eva Boutwell placed third (13.48), and Lillian Barud finished fourth (13.56). Freshman Lillian Paris took fifth in the 200 meters with a

time of 27.98.

Anna Laufersweiler placed fifth in the 800 meters and fourth in the 1,600 meters. Stella Dutton finished third in the 3,200 meters, while Paris was second in the 100-meter hurdles.

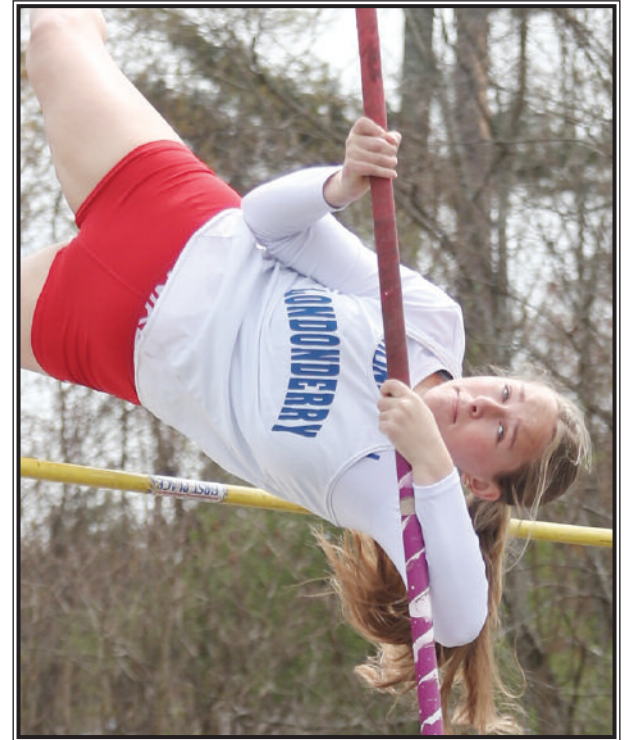
In the 4x100 relay, Squad A (Pena, Barud, Paris, and Boutwell) finished second in 52.03. Squad B (Jaylin Galeaz, Arianna White, Julia Morrison, and Bridget Quinlan) placed fourth in 54.21.

In the 4x400 relay, the team of Boutwell, Barud, DiBuono, and Drewanne Sherman finished third with a time of 4:29.88.

Sophomore Arianna White placed second in the high jump with a height of 4'11".

Morgan Ayotte finished fourth in the pole vault, clearing 8 feet.

Pena placed fourth in both the long jump (15'3") and triple jump (30'4").



Pole vaulter Morgan Ayotte placed fifth in Nashua and fourth at home last week.

In the shot put, Charlotte Rolfe was second with a throw of 29 feet, 2 inches, while Sharon Jackson placed fourth (27 feet, 10.5 inches).

The Lancers also competed at the 20th Annual Nashua North Invitational on Saturday, April 25.

### Boys Results

In the 800 meters, continued on page 10



Senior Carson Fitzgerald won the one-mile run in Nashua with a time of 4:27.23.

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# Lancers Baseball Squad Take Two of Three in Week Two

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball team had its second straight 2-1 week to start the spring season at 4-2.

The Lancers had wins against the Timberlane

Owls and the Merrimack Tomahawks to start the week, but finished with a 1-5 loss to the Spaulding Red Raiders.

Londonderry had its second home game, on Monday April 20, where they needed to come back from a 3-6 deficit in

the fifth inning, scoring five late to finish with an 8-6 win against the Owls.

Colin Philcrantz had the start, with the lefty pitching four innings, allowing four runs on six.

Sully Daron got the win, pitch three relief frames and allowing two runs on three hits.

The Lancers offense was highlighted by three runs in the fourth inning and four runs in the sixth for the come-from-behind victory.

Jaylon Stott, Connor Loughlin and Carter Washington all went 2-4 at the plate with Stott getting a triple and Washington hitting a double.

Jace Ruggiero also added a triple in the game.

The LHS batters finished with nine hits, walked five times and were struck out six times.

Two days later, at Merrimack High School, the Lancers easily got by the Tomahawks, scoring seven times and allowing just one run for the team's fourth victory.

Casey Marsh recorded the win, pitching the entire game, allowing just two hits, striking out six and walking six.

Londonderry started the scoring with three in the following three innings.

Ruggiero went 3-3 at the plate and had one of the team's doubles. Stott had the other extra-base hit.

Sully Daron was 2-3 at the plate with two singles with four RBIs.

Londonderry ended its week at home on Friday, April 24, where they struggled to find a hole in the Spaulding defense and fell 1-5.

Stott suffered the loss, pitching five innings and allowing five runs on six hits, while striking out three and walking two.

The Lancers got behind early, trailing 3-0 after two and their only run came in the bottom of the second inning,



Jaylon Stott only gave up three earned runs against the Red Raiders but was saddled with the 1-5 loss. Photos by Chris Paul



Third baseman Jace Ruggiero had a good week at the plate, going 3-3 at Merrimack and getting two hits at home against Spaulding.

Washington scoring on and error after walking to lead off.

The home-field bats had just three hits, striking out four times and

walking twice.

The team has games at Winnacunnet (5-1), at home against Goffstown (4-2) and at Bishop Guertin (2-4) this week.

## Track/Field

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senior Josh Twomey finished second with a time of 1:55.95. The winning time was 1:53.72.

Senior Carson Fitzgerald won the one-mile run in 4:27.23, finishing four seconds ahead of the runner-up.

Sophomore Patrick Ramsey placed sixth in the two-mile run with a time of 9:55.08. The winning time was 9:27.95.

In the 4x400 relay, the team of Finn McDonald, Josh Twomey, Jack DiBuono, and Carson Fitzgerald finished sec-

ond in 3:36.94. The winning team posted a time of 3:23.88.

Freshman Eli Parecogrogan placed fifth in the pole vault (9 feet). The winning height was 13 feet, 6 inches.

In the Javelin, junior Aiden Donovan placed sixth with a throw of 133 feet, 8 inches.

### Girls Results

In the two-mile run, sophomore Anna Lauferweiler placed fourth with a time of 12:03.91. The winning time was 11:18.38.

The 4x100 relay team of Lillian Barud, Shaneda Jackson, Sharon Jack-

son, and Julia Morrison placed fifth in 53.36. The winning team finished in 50.68.

In the 4x800 relay, the team of Ella DiBuono, Stella Dutton, Anna Lauferweiler, and Drewanne Sherman placed second with a time of 10:27.07. The winning time was 9:45.56.

Sophomore Arianna White finished fifth in the high jump (4 feet, 7 inches), and Morgan Ayotte placed fifth in the pole vault (8 feet).

Senior Alex Pena placed sixth in the long jump and eighth in the triple jump.

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# Londonderry Boys Volleyball Squad Go 1-1 in Week Two



Ethan Saranich and Peter Pispitsos go up for a block against Hollis Brookline last week.

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Volleyball team finished week two of the spring sports season at 5-1, suffering just one defeat in what was a hard-fought five-set game against an undefeated Salem squad.

The Lancers had only dropped one set in the first week of action, winning four-straight matches to open up at 4-0.

This year's team feature 11 senior players

and they look to finish the year has one of the states top seeds.

During week two, the Lancers took on the Salem Blue Devils, on Monday, April 20 another one of the division's undefeated teams.

In that match, the LHS boys dropped the first set 25-19, but bounced back to take the next two sets by a score of 25-21. In the fourth set Salem forced a tie-breaking deciding game with a 25-22 victory.

In that rubber game,

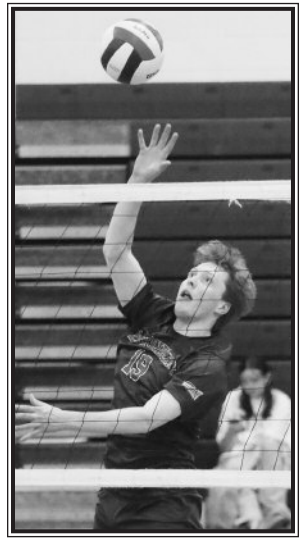
Londonderry fell 15-9 for their first defeat of the season.

Gavin Doughty led the Lancers in kills with 25. He also had two blocks, two aces and four digs.

Everett Vago finished with 12 kills, four blocks and a dig; Ethan Saranich had eight kills and three blocks; Peter Pispitsos tallied four kills, two blocks and two aces; Theo Paccione had two kills, 43 assists three blocks, one ace and two digs; Kai Hou got two kills, three blocks and three aces; Gavin Richert helped with two assists and seven digs; and Liam Evans got seven digs. The Lancers finished the week at home on Friday night, Friday against Hollis-Brookline, a team that had knocked LHS out of the playoffs in the quarterfinal last season.

In that game, Lancers faced a far less competitive team, winning in straight set 25-14, 25-18 and 25-21.

Doughty finished



Gavin Doughty

with 23 kills, two aces and five digs; Saranich got 7 kills, an ace and a dig; Pispitsos added nine kills and six digs; Vago tallied four kills, one assist, two blocks; two aces and a dig; Paccione offered up 41 assists; Richert got one assist and six digs; Evans had two digs; and Ben Hotchkiss added one kill.

The team will return to action on Tuesday, May 5, at Windham High School against the 3-2 Jaguars.

## Lancers Girls' Lax Finish Week Two at 4-2

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Lacrosse team started the first week of the spring season with two road wins following a home-opener loss.

During week two, they had another 2-1 result, sandwiching a tight road loss between two high-scoring victories.

On Monday, April 20 the Lancers had a one-sided contest against Nashua North, winning 17-0.

Goals were contributed by: Annabelle

Melia (2); Addie Doyle (5); Summer Butler (3); Cora Rogers (3); Lilly Ciaramatero (2); Eres Delory (1) and Lexi Padykula (1). Five assists went to Melia.

Draw Controls went to: Midfielder Delorey (4); Attacker Padykula (3) and Defender Molly Leone (3).

On Wednesday, April 22 the team had a very tough, 11-12 overtime loss, at Exeter High School.

In the back and forth contest there were multiple lead changes throughout.

Scoring: Delorey had

two goals and one assist; Padykula, two goals, two assists; Rogers had one goal; Butler finished with three goals, and one assist; Addison Doyle had one goal; Melia got one goal and an assist and Ciaramatero had a goal.

The team finished up the week at home on Friday, April 24 where they had a lopsided 20-4 win over the Salem Blue Devils.

Scorers were: Delorey with two goals; Padykula had four goals and one assist; Rogers got two goals and four

assists; Butler had three goals and an assist; Doyle finished with two goals and two assists; Molly Connors had a goal and two assists; and Melia put in two goals and had three assists. Madison Grennon, Mel Kowack, Lilly Ciaramatero, Haley Doyle and Lindsey Labossiere each had one goal.

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Case Number: **622-2026-DM-00040**

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The Court has entered the following Order(s):

**Andrii Denysenko** shall file a written Appearance Form with the Clerk of the Family Division at the above location on or before **May 30, 2026** or be found in DEFAULT. **Andrii Denysenko** shall also file by **May 30, 2026** a Response to the Petition and by **May 30, 2026** deliver a copy to the Petitioner's Attorney or the Petitioner, if unrepresented. Failure to do so will result in issuance of Orders in this matter, which may affect you without your input.

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# Lancers Boys Lacrosse Battles Back from Early Losses

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Lacrosse team has been able to find its stride after open the spring season with three consecutive losses.

Coming off a 5-13 defeat to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals, in Nashua, to start its 2026 campaign on April 13, the Lancers then suffered a 8-13 loss in Manchester to Derryfield.

The team's opening week ended with a 6-13

home-opener loss to the Bedford Bulldogs.

The Lancers were able to turn things around in the second week of the season, winning 16-10 in Nashua against the Titans, then finished the week at Salem High School where they came away with a 17-3 victory over the Blue Devils.

In the win over Slaem, Trey Campbell led the team with six goals and two assists: Brody Campbell had five goals and tallied two set-

ups; Owen Huard finished with one goal and three assists where all were excellent on attack pacing their team's offense.

Haden West, Aidan Stowell and Austin Callahan also contributed in the victory. West had two goals and an assist, while Stowell and Callahan both had a goal and an assist. Callahan also finished with getting 11 ground balls.

Mason Taylor and Ben Williams had one goal each and both got

their first varsity goal in the game.

Defensively Wynn Shovlin brought the energy and played great while Broch St. Gelais made six saves in the Lancers net.

Eli Bettencourt was magnificent at the face-off circle winning over 90 percent and securing possession.

Sawyer Labonte also got his first varsity action going 1/1 on face-offs and playing well on both sides of the ball from the midfield.



# Londonderry Softball Team Ups Winning Steak to Six

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Softball team added three more to the win column last week with convincing victories over Salem, Keene and Portsmouth to remain undefeated atop of the Division standings.

The only other team with a 6-0 record thus far in the second week of

the season is Pinkerton Academy.

The Lancers week started at Timberlane Regional High School on Monday, April 20, where Londonderry gave up two early runs, but rallied for five runs in the third inning, leading to a 12-2 victory.

Paige Secor earned the win in the circle as the starter, pitching three-innings, allowing

four hits, one earned run and striking out two batters.

In the five-run, third inning, Allison Chambers led off with a single and found her way home after an error, a walk and a wild pitch. Shannon Crowley also singled her way on and was driven in on a three-run home run by Riley Campo.

The team followed

up three runs in the fifth and two in the final two innings.

Ginney Flaherty had three hits, Campo and Addison Martinez each had two hits and Geary, Martinez and Flaherty each had doubles in the one-sided contest.

Elisabeth Kearney pitched four innings, allowing three hits, two walks and striking out nine.

Londonderry had a much closer game when the hosted the Merrimack Tomahawks and were able the hand that team its first loss of the season.

In the 4-1 victory on Wednesday, April 22, Kearney allowed the one run on two hits and two

walks while striking out 13-batters.

All four of the home team's runs came in the fifth inning. Led off with a double by Mady Normand and a single by Secor, Crowley later hit a two-out, three-run home run to center field to give the Lancers their three-run lead.

Overall, the team had nine hits with Flaherty, Jen Raza and Normand each getting a double.

The team added to its impressive 38-consecutive victories when they finished the week with a 10-1 win at Spaulding High School.

Secor got her second win if the season, taking the circle to start the game and pitching four

innings, allowing just one run on two hits.

Kearney finished up with three hitless innings and eight strikeouts against nine batters.

Crowley and Riley Campo were 3-4 at the plate, with Campo getting a double. Another LHS double was delivered by Martinez.

Allie DiNovo hit a triple in the lead off spot in the seventh inning and later scored on a wild pitch.

The Lancers finished the month of April with home games against Winnacunnet (3-3) and Goffstown (4-2) and will head to Bedford High School (2-3) on Friday, May 1.

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## 39th Spring Artisan Craft Fair

On Saturday, May 16, on the grounds of St. Peter's Episcopal Church located on Mammoth Road at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry. Admission and parking are free. More than 65 vendors are expected, along with raffles, a tag sale and snacks from St. Peter's Bistro. The fair will be held rain or shine and will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

## Annual Voter Verification

Changes to NH election law now require the

removal of voters who have been inactive for 5 years or more. Voters who have not voted since April 2, 2021, must re-register to vote to remain on the voter checklist. Letters will be going out on Friday, May 1, to inactive voters in Londonderry who will be removed from the checklist if they do not re-register by June 2, 2026. As always, voters can register (or re-register) to vote from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., in the Town Clerk's office Monday-Friday. Additionally, the Supervisors of the Checklist will be holding a public session on June 2 from 6 - 7 p.m. If you have questions or would like to confirm your voter status, you can email Kristin Grages at [kgrages@londonderry.nh.gov](mailto:kgrages@londonderry.nh.gov) or call

her at 603-432-1100 ext 120.

## Republicans Meeting

The Londonderry Republicans monthly business meeting is Thursday, May 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Road. All Londonderry Republicans and Independents are welcome! More info: email [lrc@londyrep.com](mailto:lrc@londyrep.com).

## Recycle for Sight Program

The Londonderry Lions Club, in support of Lions Clubs International, will be collecting used eyeglasses as part of its mission to combat vision impairment and prevent blindness worldwide. The Lions accept all types of

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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Residents of Derry and Londonderry will have an opportunity to safely dispose of toxic household products during the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. - noon. The event will take place at West Running Brook School, located on Route 28 Bypass in Derry, directly across from the Fairways complex. Some items cannot be accepted, including batteries, used motor oil, explosives, ammunition, radioactive or infectious waste, and any water based paints or driveway sealers. To make drop off easier, keep prod-

ucts in their original containers, do not mix chemicals, and transport materials upright in a box. Using and storing hazardous products safely protects your home and the environment, and this event offers a responsible way to dispose of them. For questions, residents may contact their local town offices.

## Free Brandenburg and Beyond Concert

Invite your Mother, your special friend or just bring yourself to a delightful springtime performance of 'Contemporary Baroque' music delivered by the celebrated Brandenburg and Beyond ensemble. This afternoon performance, sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church, will take place on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 10 at 3 p.m., at the church on 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Admission is free of charge. Voluntary offerings are welcomed as this concert is self-funded. Attendees are invited to enjoy light refreshments at the social hour immediately following the performance. For more information, please visit

<https://stpeterslondonderry.org/> or <https://brandenburgandbeyond.com>.

## Drop Off Center Open

The Drop Off Center Opening is open for the 2026 season. The hours are as follows: Saturday Hours - April 11 thru Nov. 21, from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday Hours - April 15 thru Sept. 2, from 3 - 7 p.m. Disposal fees are due at the time of service. No cash is accepted. Payment is by check or credit card only. Residents should bring their own pens for filling out checks. Convenience Fee Will Apply. Schedule and fees are subject to change. For more information, contact 603-432-1100 X193.

## Family Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat Services

Come to the Etz Hayim Synagogue on Friday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m., for Family Shabbat and free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. The Book Bubbe, Leslie Kirshman, will read a story, and Shabbat service will be led by Rabbinical Candidate Lisë Stern. The family service will be followed by a Kabbalat

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Shabbat service at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. Please RSVP to office@etzshayim.org by April 30, so we can plan for pizza. Many thanks to the anonymous donors for covering the cost of the pizza.

### VLAP Workshop

The 2026 annual Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) Workshop will be held at the NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, on Friday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The workshop offers volunteers and any lake residents a chance to review lake water sampling techniques, learn about shoreland protection, algae blooms, and aquatic invasive species. Register for in-person or Virtual attendance at: <https://forms.office.com/g/RF6KBbdZPS>

### Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. from May 5 to 26, Leach Library will offer a storytime program for babies 0-18 months old. This introduction to storytime 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. This program is held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning Tuesday, May 5, through May 27, toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for storytime with songs, rhymes, books, and more. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. This program is held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Children's Edible Mosaic Food Art

Using graham crackers, frosting, and candy, children are invited to join Leach Library Staff on Monday, May 4, at 4 p.m. for Edible Mosaic Food Art. All supplies will be provided and staff will be available to help. This program is being held in the Moose Hill Coun-

cil Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall. Registration is required and begins April 27. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Maker Lab: Craft with Kelli

Join Leach Library Staff on Tuesday, May 5, at 3 p.m. in the Londonderry Police Department's Community Room to paint your own peg game! This program is intended for ages 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 28. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Tinker Time

Join Leach Library Staff on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. for Tinker Time. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Tinker Time is temporarily being held in the Londonderry Police Department's Community Room. Registration is not required for this program.

### Dungeons and Dragons Dragoners Club

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Monday - April 20

**10:01 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the Nouria on Rockingham Road.

**12:48 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Cohas Terrace.

**1:17 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Alan Circle.

## Tuesday - April 21

**9:01 a.m.** Welfare Check investigated on Cohas Terrace.

**9:14 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported and Peace Restored at the Main Building on Golen Drive.

**9:29 a.m.** Three-officers conduct a Follow-up on Cohas Terrace.

**9:57 a.m.** Officers assist the Londonderry Fire Dept with an Investigation at Webb Drive on Pettengill Road.

**11:46 a.m.** Auto Theft reported at Manchester

Boston Regional Airport. **1:49 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Brother's Auto Body on Rockingham Road.

**4:40 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Route 93 at Exit 5, on southbound ramp, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Zecariah Xavier Rodriguez, 35, of Manchester, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

**5:52 p.m.** Five-officers respond to the Subway on Perkins Road and assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital.

**10:26 p.m.** Five-officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance reported on Charleston Avenue, but could not locate.

## Wednesday - April 22

**7:56 a.m.** Peace restored by four officers on Stonehenge Road during a Domestic Disturbance.

**8:50 a.m.** Warrant served and an arrest made on Fieldstone Drive. Sean Michael Noone, 61, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

**8:55 a.m.** Welfare Check on Gregg Circle results in transport to a hospital.

**4:26 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Sunoco on Rockingham Road.

**11:56 p.m.** Five-officers investigate a Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive.

## Thursday - April 23

**8:31 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Mainline Plumbing and Heating on Mammoth Road.

**12:56 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at Alltown on Hampton Drive.

**2:39 p.m.** Services Rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on

Colonial Drive.

**6:49 p.m.** A Disturbance on Litchfield Road leads to an arrest made by six officers. Christopher McKnight, 27, of Londonderry, charged with: two counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact); Domestic Violence, Criminal Threatening (Fear of Bodily Injury).

**9:22 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Dominos Pizza on Nashua Road.

## Friday - April 24

**12:29 p.m.** officers respond to a Medical Emergency on Buttrick Road.

**4:12 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Winding Pond Road.

**4:20 p.m.** Trespassing investigated by four officers on Pettengill Road.

**5:54 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated on Mercury Drive.

**6:23 p.m.** Neighborhood Disputes investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

## Saturday - April 25

**8:16 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Cote Lane results in transport to a hospital.

**6:53 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**10 p.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat on South Road results in transport to a hospital.

**11:02 p.m.** Three-officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Lawson Farm Road.

## Sunday - April 26

**12:19 a.m.** Four-officers conduct a Welfare Check on Charleston Avenue.

**7:41 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated at Patriot Gas on Nashua Road.

**9:19 a.m.** Emergency Restraining Order served by three officers on Lawson Farm Road.

**9:24 a.m.** Peace restored for a Disturbance on Owl Road.

**9:31 a.m.** Arrest made by four officers during a Domestic Disturbance at Londonderry Flea Mar-

ket on Avery Road. Tyler Brady, 31, of Billerica, MA, charged with: Domestic Violence (Second Degree Assault - Bodily Injury and Deadly Weapon); and Reckless Conduct (Domestic Violence - Deadly Weapon).

**12:37 p.m.** Peace Restored at a Disturbance at the Burger King on Nashua Road.

**1:19 p.m.** Missing Person investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**4:39 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Rockingham Road, at Giovanni's Roast Beef, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Thomas Adams, 48, of Derry, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension; and Bench Warrants.

**6:40 p.m.** A Disturbance at 603 Brewery, on Main Street, Woodmont, results in transportation to a hospital.

**11:14 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Jetty Lane results in transport to a hospital.

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May 11, from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the Sunnycrest Conference Room at the Londonderry Town Hall. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Monday, May 4. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Maker Lab: Art Studio

Join Leach Library staff on Wednesday, May 13 and 20, at 3 p.m., for a one-hour Art Studio session in the Londonderry Police Department's Community Room to engage in pencil drawing and sketching through either a guided activity or open studio time for independent projects. All materials are provided, including high-quality sketching pencils, paper, colored pencils, and additional drawing tools. Teens and tweens may attend sessions individually or continue developing a piece over multiple sessions. This program is in-

tended for ages 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, May 6. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Children's STEM Challenges

The Leach Library will hold a monthly Children's STEM Challenges, designed to encourage children in grade 2-5 to use logic and imagination, along with a few simple items and a challenge, to perform a task. The next session, Color Changing Flowers, will take place at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13. This program will be held in the Sunnycrest Conference Room at the Londonderry Town Hall. Registration is required and begins May 6. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Calligraphy That Inspired a Nation

Who was the calligrapher that wrote the Declaration of Independence? How did they write during the

American Revolution? What tools did they use? Explore these questions and more in this hands-on 90-minute program with calligrapher Debby Reelitz. Participants will get the opportunity to write in script, use a dip nib and ink and scribe a line from the Declaration of Independence. Due to limited space and supplies, this program is only available to Leach Library card holders. Session 1: Thursday, May 14, at noon in the Londonderry Senior Center (535 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry) Session 2: Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall. Registration is required and begins on May 7. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Growing Up Wild!

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to join Leach Library Staff on Monday, May 18, at 4 p.m. for a monthly nature exploration program. This pro-

gram is designed for ages 3-7, but older children are welcomed to join in. This program will be held in the Sunnycrest Conference Room at the Londonderry Town Hall. Registration is required and begins on May 11. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Afternoon Book Discussion

Join Leach Library Staff on Wednesday, May 20, at 2 p.m. to discuss "The Houndings" by Xenobe Purvis in the Sunnycrest Conference Room at Town Hall. Refreshments will be served. Pick up a copy of the book in the Londonderry Police Department Community Room. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration is now open. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Duplo Budding Builders

Duplo Budding Builders will join Leach Library Staff on Thursday, May 21, at 10

a.m. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. This program is held in the Londonderry Police Department's Community Room. Registration is recommended and begins on May 14. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Lego Building Buddies

Join the Leach Library Staff on Thursday, May 21, at 4 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. This program is held in the Londonderry Police Department's Community Room. Registration is recommended and begins on Thursday, May 14. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Cupcake Decorating Class for Adults

Adults are invited to learn how to decorate cupcakes from local baker Sugar Blossom Bakes! This class will be held on Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. in

the Moose Hill Council Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall. Due to limited space and supplies, this program is only available to Leach Library card holders. The program has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on May 14. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Sensory Saturday

Children and their caregivers are invited to a monthly sensory playtime intended for children 5 and under with Leach Library Staff. A variety of sensory play activities will be available to promote learning and curiosity. The next session will take place on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m. This program is held in the Londonderry Police Department's Community Room. Registration is required and begins May 16. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.



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