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**Chiampa Responds to Wagners** 

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**Comments on Missing Beams** CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

t the most recent Reverend Morrison Meetinghouse Steering Committee (RMMSC), with Town Manager, allegations were made Mike Malaguti, lasting by the chair, Kathy Wagner, that the original support beams were tion that clearly shows taken from the dumpster that Kathy Wagner's during the 2014 reconstruction done on the floor of what was then known as the Lions Hall..

Ann Chiampa, a member of the committee, who wasn't present at the meeting due to medical reasons, was outraged at the statement that she and Jim Butler, a former Town Councilor, had removed

In a statement to the meeting of the Londonderry Times, Chiampa said, "Last Friday, Aug. 9, I had a meeting about 45-minutes. I went over all my documentaaccusations, that the Reverend Morrison Meetinghouse's original hand-hewn floor joists had been "extorted" or "robbed" from the town, are totally baseless and completely false."

She also clarified. "Back in 2014, I documented everything in a menting the fee-free photo binder given to me by past Administra- the beams, etc., from the the beams without being tive Support Coordina-

given the authority to do tor, Steve Cotton. The photos visually recorded the old floor being taken out and the new floor being put in. I added the Heritage Commission meeting minutes of March 27, 2014, which contained HC/HDC Member/Town Councilor Jim Butler's mention of salvaging some hand-hewn floor joists for the Historical Society. I also included emails from Steve Cotton and a timeline of events. But most importantly, I asked for and received an official letter from former Town Manager, Kevin Smith, docutransfer of ownership of

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Raising the Flags Lancers Color Guard members Vanessa MacDonald and Sarah Rueck and the rest of the 2024-25 marching band members took to the field during Band Camp this week. The group is preparing for another season of football halftime shows, this year featuring Billy Joel. More photos on pages 18-19. Photo by Chris Paul

# Master Plan Survey Looks to Gather Town Opinions

Paul Conyers Londonderry Times

The Aug. 8 Master Plan Steering Committee met on Aug. 8 to coordinate their information-gathering process for Londonderry's Master Plan.

finding new ways to "reach a whole multi- discussion about our tude of folks" to see what residents wanted out of their town over the next decade.

A central pillar of their information-gather-Sylvia Von Aulock of ing strategy was an the Southern N.H. Plan- effective outreach quesning Commission out- tionnaire set to go out in

lined the challenge of time for Old Home Day.

"Last week, we had a people and the frame of mind to fill out the survey at Old Home Day," said Committee Chair, Jeff Penta. "How do we maximize the surveys being provided to residents, knowing that continued on page 8

## **125th Old Home Day Takes Place This Week**

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

Annual Old Home Day celebration will begin on Wednesday,

Aug. 14 and continue through Saturday, Aug. 17, with lots of activities

all ages.

This year's theme for ondonderry's 125th the annual event is "Blast from the Past," celebrating the history of Londonderry and the tradition of Old Home

The following is a available for residents of list, provided by the Old

Home Day Committee, of what is scheduled to be happening throughout the four-day-long celebration.

Wednesday - Aug. 14

• 4 p.m. - The annual Senior Bingo & Picnic at continued on page 10

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Lots of Old Home Day information inside!

## School Board Get Update On Career Connected Learning

ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

received an update from Superintendent, Dan Black, regarding Career Connected Learning during its Aug. 6 meeting.

"As a follow up to conservations and planning over the last school year, we wanted to give the School Board a quick update on how we are "Career approaching Connected Learning" moving forward over the next few years," Black wrote in a memo to the School Board.

It was explained by Black that the "larger picture of what we hope to do will be part of our Strategic Plan."

worked to increase our The School Board options and presence at the two CTE centers that our students normally go to - in Manchester and Hudson, while also opening up doors to the centers in Salem and Pinkerton for our students to explore even more opportunities," Black wrote in a memo to the School Board.

Black said that since last spring, High School Principal, Rick Barnes, and the new Director of School Counseling. Kaitlin Burkhardt, "have also been working alongside with me and an outside consultant who is providing professional development to all three of us through our Title II ter "definition of how

think through the broad do more of with Career Connected Learning in the long term, but also help us problem solve more immediate matters at LHS to help our students find these career pathways that interest them."

"Over this school vear, we think this work can help our organization do a better job aligning our current Portrait of a Graduate with all the possible avenues open to our students in Connected Career Learning," Black said.

Black explained that one specific thing they haope to have is a bet-

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"Secondly, we have Federal Grant to help us students can use "ELOs" Extended Learning strokes of what we can Opportunities to explore a wide range of career paths while working within our program of studies."

> "We do hope this helps to open up the door to more internships in the area. Our outside consultant raves of the opportunities that Londonderry students and families have from the large corporations near the airport to all the homegrown businesses in the trades that we can partner with as well. We are in a unique position to capitalize on this wide range for our students," Black told the School Board.

dents when it comes to receiving now we should community college classes while they are in high school.

"We also hope to build out and explore more direct connections to the community college system here in New Hampshire," Black said. "There are a number of programs that we can certainly build an advanced path to while students are at LHS and help them start down those programs at the Community College System."

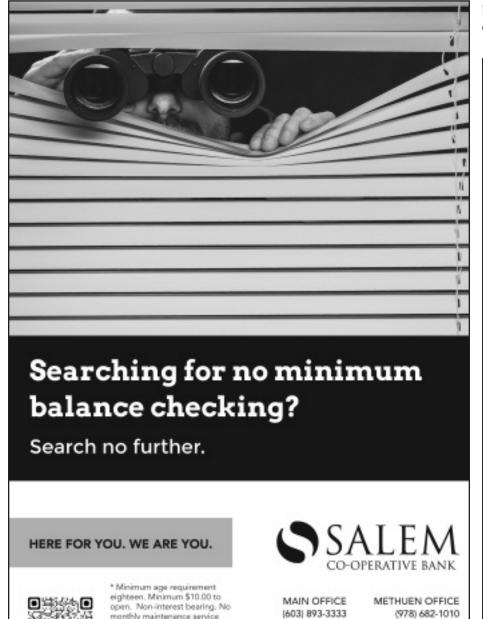
Another aspect he pointed to is being able to "build more on site, Career Connected Learnfuture."

"That will take more Another area that time and coordination, they hope to be able to but we believe with a build on is finding more long-term plan and the warning as possible if opportunities for stu- outside help we are there is," Black wrote.

be able to create some viable options in the next couple of years that our students and their families are excited about," Black wrote.

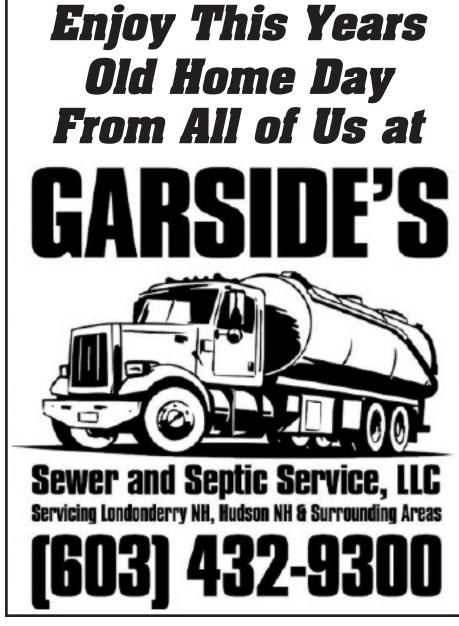
Black explained that they would be working with counseling and teaching staff at Londonderry High School, and then with Middle School staff as well "so that we have our teachers and counselors helping students see all the possibilities in front of them and embedding that approach in our school culture," Black said.

"We do not know now ing classes at LHS in the if there will be any requests for this goal as part of the upcoming budget process, but we will give as much fore-



charge fees. Some restriction may apply. See fee schedule.

(ii) Equal Housing Leader Member FDK



## **Pennichuck Answers Questions on Water Projects**

LONDONDERRY TIMES

vert, and Distribution Engineering Manager, sions, some of which are funded by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

"Some PFAS projects that are queuing up pretty quick right are Wagon Wheel located off Stonehenge Road. Midridge Development off of Mammoth Road, and then we also have Century Village at Winding Pond Road," said Tedder.

Midridge should start The Londonderry by the end of August, Utilities Commit- Century Village will tee met on August commence in Septem-6 with a presentation ber. Several projects are from Pennichuck Water underway across Gil-Works CEO. John Bois- crest Road, as is one off Governor Bell Drive.

"We're trying to do a Pete Tedder. Much of it little bit more outreach was related to some of to the community," said the various water-relat- Boisvert, who noted ed projects in town, several more projects including several pri- are in the planning vate PFAS-related exten- stages. "There's a lot of activity in Londonder-

He also announced that Pennichuck is working on a website to keep people updated on ongoing projects, along with more calls and text messaging to keep customers updated.

an ongoing concern for the Utilities Committee.

"If there were regular notification to the town, standards for PFAS con-

update, that'd be fine. but it doesn't sound like there's regular notification to the town," said member, Anne Fenn, who suggested using the town website to keep people updated instead of relying on Pennichuck.

It was not immediately clear if or when those updates might

"Can we assume that these are all wells in Londonderry that are going to stop withdrawing from ground water? It's going to come from the Merrimack?" asked Mike Speltz, looking for an outline of most ongoing projects.

Boisvert confirmed Communication was this would be the case, as most large-scale wells in the area have struggled to meet EPA

lines would be needed to carry enough water for more customers. Pennichuck pledged to continue with regular PFAS sampling in the public water supply.

In addition, Engineer, Casey Harding, outlined the construction of a 1.25-million-gallon tank near Michaels Way and Gordon Drive designed to boost water flow in the area.

"They should be wrapped up with that within the next couple of months, it should be online by the end of the year," she said. "That tank connects through a transmission main down to our booster station.'

The new tank will provide additional fire protection to the town and include a backup generator to maintain

Wagon Wheel and and the town put out an tamination. New water- water pressure during connect, it's going to power outages.

> A more comprehensive project down High Range Road did not have a clear design plan around how long the line would be.

> "We're going north but we don't know how far and we're going south, but we don't know how far," said Speltz. "What can you do to not close any doors as we work on this thing from both ends?"

> The CEO stated that Pennichuck was still working on some of the details for the High pipeline and Range stressed the importance of focusing on one step at a time.

"As time goes on, these pipes are going to get closer and closer and things are going to happened," Boisvert. "But make sure we set it up.'

Despite the approval of extensive funding for new water mains, there was a broad acknowledgment that new lines would not be cheap.

"It's financial," said Secretary, John Ferreira, who wondered if it might be possible to fund one project at a time through focused rate increases.

Boisvert noted that water rates are regulated by the state, calling any proposal like that a "nonstarter," even to cover a bond.

"It's probably not going to fly, there's a snowball's chance in a hot place," he said. "We as a corporation can't take that responsibili-







## Editorial

## **Be Prepared to Vote**

We at the paper welcome letters of up to 500 words on topics of local interest, but if you are sending an endorsement letter your limit is 350 words. We print as many letters as possible but will not run letters from the same person every week to be fair. Please e-mail your letters to the Londonderry Times at londonderrytimes@nutpub.net or Hudson Times at hudsontimes@nutpub.net.

All letters must include the writer's name, address, and phone number for verification; name and town of residence will be printed. Londonderry Times reserves the right to reject or edit letters for content and length, and anonymous letters will not be printed.

We are writing this with the Primary Election on Sept. 10. in mind. The national conventions that are happing are great, but just as important are the state elections. Locally, people should focus on contested primaries, with plenty of candidates seeking a seat in the State House, as well as a contested race for Governor. While the big decisions are made in the November election, don't downplay the primary!

Take advantage of the opportunities you have here in New Hampshire to get to meet the candidates out and about this time of year. If you cannot meet all of them, it is

easy to call them up, send them emails, and ask them questions that matter to you. Be specific in your queries, and find out their goals and how they plan to achieve them, that you might receive specific responses. The time is now to learn about all your choices and to find the candidates that you align best with your views, to decide which of these hopefuls can earn your vote. Remember every candidate is going to smile broadly, shake as many hands as possible, and promise wonderful things. Don't get sidetracked by the packaging; base your vote on substance. If what you get are platitudes, you may want to look elsewhere.

It's become a cliché that voting is a right and a privilege that people in other countries fight and die for; a right that we often ignore. Our chance is coming up to show that we've changed our lackadaisical ways, and we've committed to getting off the couch and into the voting booth.

Your vote counts, but it means so much more if you cast it after making an educated decision, not one based on inflammatory rhetoric or because someone told you to.

We're at the center of political campaigns that can change the face of our state and our nation. And there's no excuse good enough to justify sitting this one out.



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## Letters

#### **Response to Greco**

To the editor,

Despite Andrew Greco's barrage of words, to call Trump a traitor is appropriate. To defy our Constitution by refusing a peaceful transfer of power is an apt description of a traitor.

> Jane Cooper Londonderry

#### **Vote Your Conscience**

To the editor,

Been to any political committee meetings lately? If you have, it is likely that you have heard much of the same rhetoric that we always hear.

It's election season, and our state reps and senators are looking for that thing that is most important to them; not representing your interests, not money, but reelection. Re-election is everything in NH.

Local and State political parties will tell you that you have to vote straight ticket. Vote for who you want in the primary, but when it comes to the general election, vote every name that has your party designation next to it even if you don't know them or like

Have you honestly ever heard such asinine advice in your life?

We are citizens of a constitutional republic. your conscience, not to

not going to best represent you, or not going to represent you at all, do not vote for them simply based on their party designation. It is better to undervote and go to bed with a clean conscience than it is to hold your nose and vote for someone who you know is not going to do their best when it comes time to represent you.

But what if the other side wins? You ask. This is the fear tactic, the scare voting that they want us to engage in. I must cast a ballot for my political party even if I do not agree, because gasp the other guy might

Don't give in to fear voting. Don't vote for somebody because the other guy might win. Vote for them based on their performance, vote for them based on the hope that you have that they will do a good job... or don't vote for them at

Don't just vote along party lines. Vote your conscience. It's what I told people when I was a local party chairman, and it is my plea to all of you now.

> Jonathan Esposito Londonderry

#### **Vote Deb Paul**

To the editors,

After living in Lon-It is your duty to vote donderry for the past 35 vears I have come to vote straight ticket. If a know Deb Paul as a

candidate for office is friend and believe she is the best candidate for county commissioner. I believe her honesty and desire to make Londonderry a better town and Rockingham better as well is what we need now. I will vote for her and hope all others will also she is a hard working force we all need

Jacqueline Fermoyle Londonderry

#### **Immigrant Issue**

To the editor,

Former President Trump began his campaign in 2015 by painting Mexican immigrants as murderers and rapists. Right wing media repeatedly drummed up fear by endlessly talking about migrant caravans and migrant crime. The panic reached such a fever pitch that Governor Sununu, not wanting to be left out, sent our National Guard troops to Texas and spent over \$1M of NH taxpayer money on patrolling our border with Canada.

Illegal immigration is a problem and has been for a long time. George W. Bush tried to get comprehensive immigration reform passed and was thwarted by his own party. President Biden recently tried to get a bipartisan immigration reform bill passed (one negotiated by one of the most conservative of Republican Senators, James Lankford) and

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## **Endorsement Letters** It has been a longstanding policy

of Nutfield Publishing to publish campaign letters in the newspaper and also to allow people the opportunity to voice their endorsements. As we head into another election cycle, we are asking that all endorsement be a maximum of 350 words. The request to allow space for weekly news and sports articles. Thank you for your understanding.



## **Purple Heart Town**

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, Purple Heart recipients, Steve Costa, Frank Torrre and Jimmy DeFalice unveiled a new Purple Heart Community sign along Mammoth Road at the northern border of Londonderry. Chairman of the Londonderry Town Council, Chad Franz, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, and Post 27 Commander, Bob Stuart, spoke briefly while designating Londonderry as a Purple Heart Community.

Franz commented, "The Purple Heart is a symbol of the bravery, sacrifice, and resilience of our service members. Awarded to those who have been wounded or killed while serving our nation, this heart-shaped medal is the oldest military decoration still in use. It serves as a poignant reminder of the cost of our freedoms and the valor of those who have paid that price. As we stand here today, let us take a moment to reflect on the profound sacrifices made by our veterans. These brave men and women have faced dangers and endured hardships that most of us can scarcely imagine, all with an unwavering sense of duty and courage. Their sacrifices have secured the liberties and security we enjoy today."

He gave thanks for the sacrifices that all veterans have made to secure the freedoms we enjoy today. "Let us renew our commitment to supporting our veterans in every way possible. Let us ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten and that their stories are told for generations to come. Remember, together, we're better. As a community, we stand united in our respect and gratitude for those who have served." There were several other signs installed around town.

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## **School Board Give Approval For Non Educational Surveys Policy**

ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board Approved a new policy titled Non-Educational/Non-Academic Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research during its most recent meeting.

tant Jason Parent, that the policy is required by

"This policy requires written consent to be or guardian before a stuasks about information not directly related to a student's academics," Parent wrote in a memo. "This policy defines what a non-academic

and federal law, and requirements for notification and information provided to parents/ guardians. While Londonderry does not participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey developed by the CDC, It was noted by Assis- this policy also includes Superintendent, NH law requiring the district to provide parents/ guardians with ten days' notice if it were to ever be administered."

The policy states obtained from a parent that "Separate federal and state laws require dent participates in a that written consent be non-educational survey obtained from a parent or questionnaire that or guardian before a student participates in a non-educational survey or questionnaire that asks about information not directly related to a student's academics.

laws are not co-extensive, with slightly different scope, procedures, and exceptions."

Under the general portion of the policy, it outlines the following:

1. For the purpose of this policy, "non-academic survey" shall include a survey, questionnaire, analysis, evaluation or any other document which seeks any information in the categories listed in sections B (as to state law) or C (as to federal law), below. However, nonacademic surveys should not be deemed to include questions directed to an individual student by a school counselor, nurse or appropriate personnel under circumstances indicating such quessurvey includes, prior While similar, the two tions are reasonably

necessary for such per- less required by federal son's compliance with or state law or regulaapplicable laws or regulations, and the discharge his or her duties.

- 2. All non-academic surveys must have the prior approval of the Superintendent his/her designee.
- veys conducted for other agencies, organizations or individuals must have both the recommendation of the Superintendent and the approval of the School Board as to content and purpose. The results of such approved non-academic surveys must be shared with the School Roard
- 4. No non-academic survey requesting sexual information will be administered to any student in kindergarten through grade six un-

tion. School personnel administering any such questionnaire or survey will not disclose personally identifiable information.

5. As used below, the consent and notifica-3. Non-academic surtion provisions apply to a child's parent/legal guardian(s), unless the student is an adult or an emancipated minor who consents.

The policy also addresses NH law which "Under RSA states 186:11, IX-d, prior notice, and prior consent (opt-in) is required for any non-academic survey designed to elic-tions; it information about:

- behavior:
  - 2. family life;
  - 3. religion;
  - 4. politics;

- 5. sexual orientation:
- 6. sexual activity;
- 7. drug use;
- 8. or any other information not related to a student's academics."

For federal law, the policy states that "Under the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, prior written consent is required only if the non-academic survey, analysis, or evaluation or its administration is paid for or in any way uses federal funds from the federal Department of Education and reveals information concerning the following:

- Political affilia-
- Mental and psy-1. A student's social chological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or the family;

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## **School Surveys**

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- Sexual behavior and attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, and demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent/guardian; or
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program)."

Under the federal exception the policy reads: "Non-academic surveys which do not require consent and notice under NH law (section B) but might otherwise require notice and consent under the federal law (section C.1 above). However, the federal requirement exempts to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following:

• College or postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment;

- Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
- Curriculum and instructional materials used by schools;
- Tests and assessments used by schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students, or to generate other statistical data for educational purposes;
- The sale of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education- related activities; and
- Student recognition programs."

Under notification and inspection the policy states that "When school personnel intend on administering a nonacademic survey the school shall provide ten

(10) day notice to parents/guardians. Included in the notice will be information regarding the purpose of the non-academic survey; how the survey will be administered; how it will be utilized; and the persons or entities that will have access to the results of the completed survey."

"Parents or guardians wishing to inspect a non-academic survey will be able to do so in the school's administrative office. Parents/ guardians may refuse to give consent for their student to participate, with or without first reviewing the non-academic survey. The school will not penalize students whose parents/guardians decline to provide written consent. The school will take reasonable precau-

(10) day notice to partions to protect student ents/guardians. Included in the notice will be information regarding non-academic survey," the purpose of the non-tions to protect student privacy during their participation in any non-academic survey,"

The policy goes on to state that "Neither state nor federal law requires prior written consent for administration of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

"Guidance issued by the Center for Disease Control, US Department of Health and Human Services, concludes that federal law, including the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, also does not require prior written consent from parents or guardians because students are not required to participate and the survey is not paid for by the United States Department of Education," the policy states.

The policy states that "However, NH law nonetheless requires the District to provide parents/guardians with notice at least ten days before the Youth Risk Behavior Survey is administered."

"Parents may inspect the Youth Risk Behavior Survey at the school's administrative office. Parents or guardians may opt their student out of participating in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey by providing the Principal with written notice. District staff administering the Youth Risk Behavior Survey shall insure students understand that participation is voluntary and that students who opt-out will not be penalized," the policy





From left, Emily Crane (club president), Brendon Saranich, Ella Presher, and Nicole Lepine, Publicity Chair. Emma Desrosiers is not pictured. For more information about the Londonderry Women's Club and its initiatives, visit: www.londonderrywomensclub.com/ Courtesy photo

## Scholarship Recipients The Londonderry Women's

Club recently announced the recipients of its annual High School Scholarship. This year, three students were selected for their academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership qualities. Emma Desrosiers, Ella Presher, and Brendon Saranich all received scholarships.

According to the club, Emma Desrosiers has demonstrated exceptional dedication to her studies and extracurricular activities. She plans to attend Saint Anselm College this fall. Ella Presher has shown remarkable commitment to her education and volunteer work. She will be attending Colby-Sawyer College in the upcoming academic year. Brendon Saranich has excelled in both his academic pursuits and community service. He is set to join the University of New Hampshire this fall.

The Women's Club is dedicated to supporting the educational aspirations of local students. The Londonderry Women's Club extends its sincere gratitude to Nicole and Karen for their time and meticulous attention to detail in the selection process. The scholarships are part of the club's ongoing commitment to fostering education and personal growth among the youth of Londonderry. Each year, the club awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills, and community involvement.

## **Master Plan**

continued from page 1 completing a high numbered question survey in the middle of summer is a lot to ask?"

The hope was to hand out cards with QR codes linking to the survey from their Old Home Day booth, although there were concerns about whether the site would be ready in time for the event. Other ideas included setting

for the Committee, probing for survey results at the Senior Expo, going to the YMCA, and Londonderry High School to agreed with the need to ensure they would get feedback from every age group in town.

As we've been going down this planning process, I've been thinking about drawing the school system into this discussion, and haven't been doing it," stated Committee mem-

up a social media page ber, Lynn Wiles. "I think that's a critical component of why people live in this town.

> Resident, Ray Breslin, focus more on schools, calling it "extremely important" to contact administrators, teachers, and students.

> "We've got to be careful with social media comments because we don't know if everybody is from Londonderry,' warned Town Councilor

Shawn Faber. "Someone from Alabama could say 'You know what,' I want to bulldoze the town square."

The idea is to get feedback from local Londonderry residents.

"It's anonymous. We're not taking names, contacts, phone numbers, and addresses, we're not doing that," said Von Aulock. "I'm hoping we get between 500 and 800 participants." She expected the survey to remain open for six to eight weeks, noting that the Committee was a little behind when she

open the study.

"What are we doing with the survey results?" asked Penta. "We're going to be taking those, assessing those, and reviewing them so we can go out and have deeper conversations with constituents."

Another goal was to have the questions for the Master Plan surveys finished and reviewed before Old Home Day, where the Committee is scheduled to have an informational booth.

Von Aulock wanted to have a large map of

originally wanted to the town at that booth to give everyone an idea of the project's scope while getting a more informal idea of what the Master Plan might accomplish.

> "Where's the heart of Londonderry? makes Londonderry special? What would you like to see happen in Londonderry?" asked Von Aulock, going over a few of the questions she wanted to ask.

> About 50 questions will be in the survey. Residents are not required to respond to every question.

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## Town Character & Housing Affordability, Concerns for New Master Plan

Paul Conyers LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Master Plan tee met on Aug. 8 to discuss how the town wanted to address Londonderry's growing population in its upcoming Master Plan. With a growing population, the infrastructure planning came up during public comments.

future growth of Londonwhat that build-out will look like. She hoped the board will be looking at the town's infrastrucmore rural characteristics without a solid blueprint. "Knowing what your outcome is before was too expensive in

very, very important."

Steering Commit- Hines, hoped to balance these concerns with a focus on more affordable housing with several pending proposals for the construction of new apartments.

"I'm lucky enough to issue of housing and have a support system that allows me to live in this town, but unfortunately a lot of my peers Resident, Deb Paul that I grew up with don't was hoping the board have that luxury," she will be looking into the said. "I know that there's some apartment buildderry's population and ings coming up in the future, hopefully, but I want to say that if they keep getting built at the price that they're at, I ture, worrying the town don't know if it's necesrisked losing some of its sarily going to bring more young people here.

Hines argued that it

er residents to start he said. Resident, Madison families, few of whom could afford a home.

> "Who's going to be here 25 years from now? Or even 20 years from now?" she asked. "I wanted to have a conversation of how we can our rural town while also trying to accommodate residents."

> Hines' father added that his family "was fortunate" to be able to buy a house two decades earlier when prices in town were lower.

"I would love to see what we can do to allow other young families that same opportunity that my wife and I had, and hopefully that my children can have because the town's been very good to us and

The Steering Committee thanked both residents, emphasizing the importance of community feedback as they move forward with the new Master Plan.

"This Committee maintain the integrity of here is just getting its feet wet here. We will fail if we don't have public comment and multiple opportunities for those all of our energy in right public comments," said now is creating that Chair, Jeff Penta. "I expect the themes that Aulock, Executive Direc-

would hope that everyone else will come in to nities to provide comshare."

In particular, meminput from younger residents while keeping everyone updated on the planning process, starting with an interactive website.

"Where we're putting website," said Sylvia Von

you start creating it, is Londonderry for young- they want to give back," were just raised here tor of the Southern NH today to be emerging. I Planning Commission. "There will be opportument there."

> She agreed with the bers hoped to get more importance of balancing Londonderry's community character with affordability, calling it "the challenge" of an effective Master Plan. Housing, land use, and demographics will be the first three chapters the Steering Committee will work on over the next few

## Have a Happy Old Home Day!



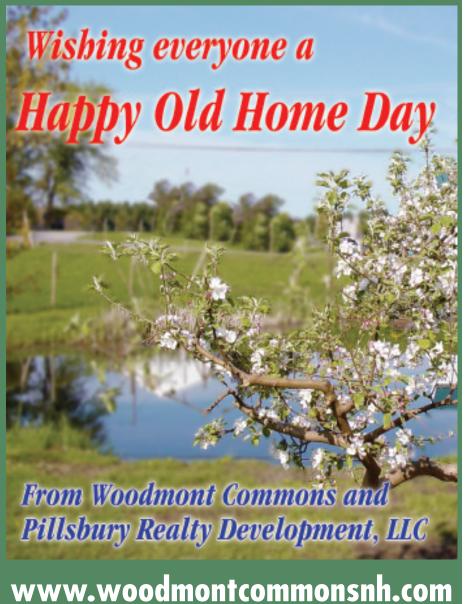
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## **Old Home Day**

Continued from page 1 the Reverend Morrison Meetinghouse parking area and Pavilion.

This event is already sold out, but those who signed up will have a number of rotating cast members calling the numbers at Bingo callers. Those participating in calling numbers will be recognized for their roles around in town. Senior Affairs Director Ilona Arndt has collected more than \$1,000 worth of prizes for the winners.

Members of the Londonderry Police Department will be serving food cooked by Londonderry Lions Club members. Timeless Treats cream as a dessert.

• 7 p.m. - Concerts on

"Studio Two" a Beatles tribute band on the Town Common. This Beatles tribute band will be returning to perform for residents once again this year. Studio Two will be paying tribute to the Beatles with chosen songs from the groups club and touring years.

The band features graduates from Berklee College of Music and Beatles devotees, from Milford, New Hampshire.

Timeless Treats and One Happy Clam will also be on the common for those wishing to purchase food.

• 7:30 p.m. - Londonderry Police Association feature "Build Your Own Movie Night: "IF" will be screened on the Londonwill be donating ice derry Police Station all residents with a cost green area.

IF is family friendly the Common featuring film about a young girl "Color Run" presented

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who goes through a challenging experience and begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life children have grown up.

"Doors" open at 6:30 p.m., and we hope to start the movie around 7:30 p.m. As in years past, there will be music, refreshments, and police cars on display at the event.

#### Thursday - Aug. 15

• 12:30 to 2 p.m. - the Londonderry Senior Center Inc. Ice Cream Social Fundraiser will take place at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry and will Sundaes"

This event is open to of \$5 per person.

• 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. -

by WIN Waste Management at the LAFA Fields Complex. This event is new this year and residents are encouraged to "Come have the most colorful fun you can have at Old Home Day." The run is open to all ages for both walking and running. People are encouraged to wear white clothing for the best result in displaying the chalk that will be thrown at participants. Runners can through the half-mile loop as many times as they'd like while enjoying music from the D.J., cotton candy from Sweet Heat, and lemonade from Squeeze the Day. The run is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

Registration is \$15 per person with a \$45 maximum per family. Registration includes a packet of color with additional packets for register in advance, online, at londonderrynh.myrec.com, or in person on the day of the run, until 5:15 p.m.

• 7 to 9 p.m. - The annual "Battle of the Bands" will take place on the Town Common. Attendees will get to see some of the best area musicians battle it out for this year's title.

#### Friday - Aug. 16

• 3 to 6:30 p.m. - The "L-Town Classic Softball Tournament" will take place at the Matthew Thornton Softball Field

New this year, there will be a four-team softball tournament to see who can beat the Londonderry Police Department. Sports fans are encouraged to come out and cheer on their team in the annual softball game expanded into a mini-tournament. The

sale on site. Runners can teams include: Team Town Hall/DPW, Team Fire, Team Police Ammo and Team Police Zeus. Spectators will which team will come out on top for bragging rights. This is open to the public and spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

> 6 to 9 p.m. - Food Truck Alley presented by St. Mary's Bank at the Londonderry High School, rear of the building. The third annual Food Truck Festival will feature more than 20 trucks representing at least 12 different types of cuisine. The trucks will allow people to stake out a spot for the fireworks while dining outdoors. The band East Coast Soul will be performing and games will be taking place while spectators wait for the fireworks.

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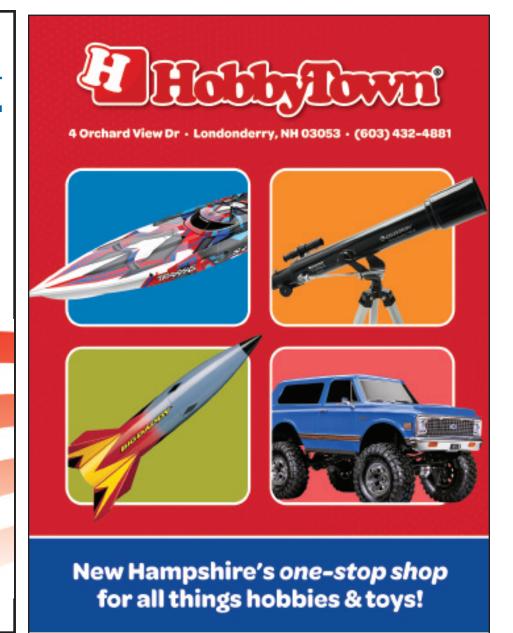
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## **Old Home Day**

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• 7 to 9 p.m. - "The Lions Den" presented by the Londonderry Lions Club at the Reverend Morrison Meeting House parking lot (formerly the Lions Hall). New this year, those looking for an adult beverage can get one at The Lions Den, a pop-up pub set up at the Lions Hall with live entertainment and classic beers on tap, courtesy of the American Legion Post 27, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Auxil-

• 9:15 p.m. or dark -Fireworks Annual Extravaganza - Residents are invited find a town and watch the show brought to you by Pyrotechnico Fireworks.

Saturday - Aug. 17

• 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. -Londonderry Baby Contest - The annual crowning of Little Miss and Little Master will take place at the Bandstand on the Town Common. The contest is open to Londonderry residents that were born after August 17, 2023 and before Aug. 17 of 2024. Registration is just \$10 with each participant receiving a raffle ticket for a "Parents Date Night Out" basket, and a chance to win the crown. Thos wishing to participate should contact Mandy Harrison at named as the Parade OHDBabyContest@gmail .com to register.

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. spot near the center of Londonderry Historical Society Morrison House Museum & Artisans takes place at 140 Pillsbury Road. The London-

ety's annual celebration includes Revolutionary War and Civil War encampments, artisans presenting historical crafts, tours of the museum, and so much more - including a real cannon that goes off on the hour. This is a good way for families to share some of the town's history through a hands-on experience.

- Home Day Parade -Along Mammoth Road, starting at Sargent Road and proceeding all the way to Mack's Apples Farm Stand.
- Bob Ciarletta was Grand Marshal by the OHD Committee. Ciarletta was named in recognition of his contributions to Old Home Day over the years. It was a fitting choice seeing as this year's theme was Blast

derry Historical Soci- from the Past, celebrat- Company. ing the history of Old Home Day.

- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. -Touch-a-Truck - Give the kids a chance to climb around dozens of trucks of all sizes. The annual event will take place at Orchard Christian Church this year and children can enjoy trucks, games and activities throughout the day.
- 11:30 a.m. 4 p.m. -• 10:15 a.m. - Old Over 100 Booths will be set up on the Town Common and the Reverend Morrison Meetinghouse parking lot. Londonderry's local civics clubs, organizations, and businesses will be set up offering games, raffles, giveaways and prizes. There is also bandstand entertainment scheduled throughout the day, featuring local dance studios, musicians, and performances from the local Ovation Theatre

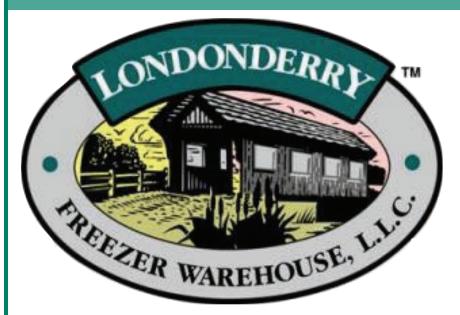
An "Artists Alley" will also be set up this year, featuring local crafters and artists selling their work and giving insight into their process.

- "The Lions Den" will be open on Saturday with beer, pizza from Friendly Reds, music, and sausages, hamburgers, and hot dogs from the Londonderry Lions Club.
- Kids Zone is expected to be bigger than ever this year. Children can play carnival games and win prizes with all proceeds going to the LAFA Cooperstown team. Kids can also get their favorite stuffed animal checked out at the Crossroads Animal Hospital Stuffy Clinic. They can also play games, get a face painting, ride the train through the woods and more.

competition is back. Presented by the Londonderry Rotary Club, testing your strength on a 10-foot or 17-foot striker. Win bragging rights and

- 4:30 p.m. Valley Cemetery Grave Dedication - Valley Cemetery on Pillsbury Road. Join the Sons of the American Revolution as they mark and honor the graves of those buried in Valley Cemetery who fought in the Revolutionary Road. Attendees should park on Willow Lane and not on Pillsbury Road.
- 6:30 p.m. Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K and Brewfest -LAFA Fields. Brought to you by Millenium Running. 5K course followed by a bonfire and brewfest with over 20 breweries. For registration and more information, please see www.millenniumrun-• The Strongman ning.com/boots





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## Heritage Suggests Changes to Technology Hill Residential Units

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Heritage Commission met on July 25 the next step of the Village at Technology Hill Golon, and Associate, Tony Nazaka, of Stone River Architects were at the meeting to make a design review presentaportion of the project.

"This consists of 439units spread across nine buildings, plus a 6,000 square foot leasing building as well as the retail and childcare portions," explained Golon. "There's a nice little ellipsoid configuration inner and outer loop. This allows us the opportunity to play more ing will be 9,400 square towards the existing feet and was a later additopography of the site tion to support the resi-

while also allowing a dent units. very nice open, central The Londonderry green for our residents to use."

Amenities to the resito discuss their role in dential area will include an outdoor patio area, recreational space, a project. Engineer, Nick retail space, and a playground. Nazaka described the layout as the result of a "two-year design process."

"As this project grew, tion for the residential the best way to attract workers was to provide housing, which the state desperately needs, that then snowballed into needing site amenities, childcare, an attractive place for people to live and that is sort of the cumulation on how we got here," he said. "It's to the buildings, with an sort of a live, work, grow environment."

The childcare build-

Ouestions from the Commission focused on the overall appearance of the project, which aimed to use a "modern approach" in its build-

"Is there going to be any signage on-site?" asked Chair,

Golon confirmed there was entrance signage identifying the development and opened the door to additional directional signage, although nothing specific was on the plan.

sign elements that we will have other than your typical stop signs will be some turtle crossing signs," said Golon. "We do have an element of environmental care that we're trying to provide here, so there are wildlife passages which

are incorporated."

Commissioners praised the look of siding materials on the building design, with "concern over the look of the windows," which were seen as too "industrial."

"We can certainly take a look at different ideas," said Nazaka, stressing that the industrial design was meant to reflect Technology Hill's purposes as a mixed-use location. "We do try to be a little bit of a form following function mindset."

Heritage members One of the other felt the building colors were out of place, at

least on the provided al design. renderings.

just going to be too bold, and they just don't meld with what we're trying to achieve in town," said Alternate, Jim Butler. "All of these are homes: these aren't industrial office buildings. If they can go back, take a look, and see what they can come up with, everything else to me appears to be in pretty good shape."

Golan and Nazaka indicated that the building colors did not need to reflect what was on the rendering, with a focus more on the gener-

"How will school chil-"I think the colors are dren get to and from school?" asked Butler.

> "We're working to see what we can do to accommodate a bus stop," said Golan. "We're working out those final details on how bus service would work."

The Village project will need separate approval for the industrial section of Technology Hill and was asked to resubmit suggested design changes at the Heritage Commission's Aug. 22 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.



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## **Committee Has Final Meeting Ahead of Annual Event**

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held its final meeting prior to the annual event taking place from summer. Aug. 14 through 17.

meeting is that they will have more transportation options earlier in need it.

"We will be having the golf carts delivered carts available to help transport people with cars and across the street to the common for

the Common event, tak-The Londonderry ing place on Wednesday, Old Home Day Aug. 14, Hildonen said the plan is to run it like they do throughout the

"So however you One of the new things have been doing that we pointed out during the are going to continue to do that for that day," she

Hildonen said the week for those who weather "looks amazing" so far and said "so hopefully it stays that way."

She said that this this year on Tuesday year they are anticipatinstead of Thursday so ing a record crowd for we will have the golf the event due to the anticipated weather.

"If we break 1K, mobility challenges both that'll be the highest back and forth to their attendance ever," Hildonen said.

One event highlightthe concert later if they ed this year will be the so desire," Administra- Old Home Day Color tive Support Coordina- Run, which will take tor, Kirsten Hildonen, place on Thursday, Aug.

For the Concert on online or in person until 5:15 p.m. the day of the event. The race will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the LAFA Fields.

> Registration for individuals is \$15 per person with a cap of \$45 per family.

> Assistant Recreation Director, Doug Cole, said there were around 60 participants signed up at the time of the meeting. Since the registration closed 15 minutes before the race, he expects they will see more registrants.

One question raised was how they would have handicap parking for the Battle of the Bands on Thursday.

Hildonen noted that they only had two bands signed up, and didn't think they were expecting a large crowd.

"It's likely going to said during the meeting. 15 with registration be a lightly attended

event," Hildonen said.

The event is set to take place from 7 p.m. to

Another new event taking place this year is the "L-Town Classic Softball Tournament" which will feature two police department teams, one team from the fire department and one time from Town Hall.

The single elimination tournament will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16 at Matthew Thornton Elementary School

Friday will also feature a fireworks show taking place at 9:15 p.m.

Saturday will feature a number of different activities including varibusinesses, and other organizations in town.

Hildonen noted that there will be more booths than ever before.

It was also noted that the parade, which will be taking place on Saturday, will also be larger than in past years.

Hildonen added the parade route will be the ous booths featuring same as in years past.

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was thwarted by his predecessor for nakedly political reasons: he didn't want President Biden to have a "win" on immigration.

Study after study has shown that the former President's rhetoric about migrant crime is false and defies common sense. Yes there have been tragic instances where an illegal immigrant has committed a horrific crime, but anecdotes do not add up to data. In addition, violent crime rates in general have fallen under President Biden after spiking under his predecessor.

One reason illegal immigration is a problem is that employers can exploit employees who lack legal status. Unsafe conditions, sexual harassment, and wage theft all remain unaddressed because an employer can simply threaten to have an employee deported if he or she complains. Employees who lack legal status pay into Social Security and Medicare but may never become eligible to receive benefits. Workers who lack legal status perform most of the unpleasant tasks like butchering animals and harvesting crops in blistering heat from which the rest of us recoil. Without these workers, our entire food system would collapse.

I don't have an answer to our immigration problem but I foreas parts of Central and South America become uninhabitable due to global warming. I hope we can figure it out without the xenophobia and fear-mongering engaged in by the former Presi-

> Mary Lincoln Londonderry

> **Policy** To the editor,

Kudos to Mr. Green for steering the conversation away from name calling and toward policy. I agree it is a more productive use of everyone's time and energy. While I believe solutions to climate issues should be a priority, I believe the hysteria created around the climate as a "existential crisis" is overblown. Now, while the Earth is warming (estimated 1 degree per century), I think the larger debate is, are we capable of stopping that any specific policies warming and at what they support. Maybe it cost; or should we be is not a surprise given focused on innovation to the fact that Harris has adapt to these changes yet to articulate any herto the environment. It is self. All we have seen at hard to articulate policy her rallies are attempts in a limited number of at using moderate-sou-

see it only getting worse ally, I find the "Green Agenda" to be not green, not sustainable and not reliable. It seems to be a cash grab for politicians and their donors. If you want to get away from fossil fuels and you want green, sustainable, reliable and affordable energy, we should probably be investing and innovating around nuclear ener-

But again, I commend Mr. Green for suggesting that we discuss policy. Someone should give the Harris/Walz campaign the memo. The now democrat presidential nominee has not done a single interview or taken a question from the media since assuming the nomination (over three weeks ago). When you visit her website, there is no mention of a policy platform. Each interview I have seen of Harris supporters from her events have had a hard time articulating characters, but person- nding slogans and steal-

Trump proposal of "no tax on tips" for service industry workers. The problem is, her "on day promises empty, because she is a part of the current administration in power. In fact, she was the tiebreaking vote on the "inflation reduction act", which intensified IRS reporting on tips for service workers. She promises to fix other problems she helped create as well. She wants to secure the border by hiring more border agents. Not to deter immigration, but to process immigrants more quickly (see the Senate border proposal). We also now have had 40 straight months of inflation over 3%. Our deficit has reached \$35 trillion. We are on the brink of three world-changing Harris is culpable for the current state of the country and the world. Either you have been satisfied with the job the Biden/Harris administration has done, or you have not. I respect your views either way. Just don't tell me Harris is going to "fix" or "on day one" anything. Biden/

great administration and you want more of the same, or what will likely be a more progressive vision. Or the administration has been disastrous, and you want a change; in which case, it is impossible to argue Harris is that answer

Ryan Cronin Londonderry

## **Ostrich View II: The Prequel**

To the editor,

It's nice to be remembered, Mr. Greco, but you truly don't know me. I stand behind everything I said concerning Trump. remains a pathological liar, a convicted felon and more. It is still a free country and you can support a man with the morals of a gutter rat if

ing a month-old Donald Harris has either been a you choose. I believe a person's character speaks volumes. Apparently you do not.

What does anything that I did decades ago on the Budget Committee have to do with Trump and his deplorable and illegal behavior? You accuse me of "inciteful rhetoric". That is ludicrous. Trump owns that. He is the one who incited the mob on January 6 and then went back to the White House watched it unfold on TV and did nothing to stop it for hours. Five people died including a Police Officer. Attempting to override the will of the American people and prevent the certification of an election so one can remain in power is trai-

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**Continued from page 15** can't deal with the facts letter and purposefully and can't refute them, did not mention names you resort to character of other "letter writers". assassination in an I could have but chose attempt to discredit the not to. I did not want messenger. Sorry but this to become "person- facts are facts (and there al". You chose other- are no alternative facts). wise. I'm me. You're you. I did serve on the Budget

Committee. When you Actually I do know Committee for three Department, why you bring up my years and am proud to Works Department and

service on the Budget have served the Town of Londonderry and support those things that have made our town a wonderful place to live and raise families. I often did vote "yes" on issues where you and others voted "no". I always supported our Police Department, Fire Public

our Schools. I am of the lieved that the Chief of You seemingly from a belief, which I tried to articulate to you and other members of Bud-Com, that you get what you pay for. I was often in the minority as you and others voted to save a few precious dollars on your tax bill. I am not a wealthy man but am willing to pay for the quality services that our town provides. I be-

Police knew how to run the department and knew what was needed. Same for the Fire Chief, the head of Public Works and the Superintendent of Schools.

You and some of the others chose to nit-pick and second guess everything and everyone. I approached our mission from a position of trust.

position of distrust.

This is my first and last letter of a personal nature. I will not respond to any personal attack letters. If any are directed at me, I will take comfort in knowing that I have succeeded. Hope to see you on "the high road".

> Bruce Stern Londonderry

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Town of Londonderry to the Historical Society. It's all in that big binder I have lugged to every Rev. Morrison Meetinghouse Study Committee meeting, as I'm an alternate member of the committee."

"I have given copies of Kevin Smith's April 9, 2014 letter to: Town Manager Mike Malaguti, Town Clerk Sherry Farrell (liaison to the RMMSC) and to the Town of Londonderry and other

their file on the Rev. Morrison's Meetinghouse."

Smith's letter. addressed to the Historical Society, reads, "During the Lions Hall center floor restructure, which occurred in March/April of 2014 several artifacts were recovered during the demolition of the existing floor. To preserve a part of Londonderry's history, the Town of Londonderry is transferring ownership "fee-free" of the hand hewn floor joists/beams

Building Department for recovered from 'Dr. Morrison's Meeting House. 1769-1837 (center part of what is now known as the Lions Hall) to the Londonderry Historical Society."

> Chiampa added, "To sum it up, we did nothing wrong. Period. Jim Butler, Steve Cotton, Kevin Smith and I had the foresight to work together to save those valuable historic floor joists from the dumpster, for future re-use. We collaborated (not conspired) to get the job



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## Katelyn Mckivergan Selected to Speak to a Crowd of 2,000

ondonderry resident, Katelyn Mckivergan, was recentcrowd of about 2,000 people at Indiana University.

McKivergan, who has Down Syndrome, was selected from a group of 200 people from around the world for this event.

McKivergan, who is a 24-year-old Ambassador for Best Buddies New Hampshire has Down volunteers, and comsyndrome and was selected to deliver the around the globe to speech at the Best Buddies Leadership Conference at Indiana University in Bloomington on Sunday, July 21.

McKivergan was one of only five individuals chosen from a group of 200 Ambassadors from around the world to give speeches at Closing Cer-

Best Buddies Ambassadors are individuly selected to speak to a als with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who are committed to promoting and educating audiences about the mission, philosophy, and benefits of Best Buddies. Best Buddies Leadership Conference (BBLC) unites Best Buddies leaders, munity advocates from imagine, create, lead and empower future of the disability rights and inclusion movement. This year, BBLC drew an impressive 2,000 participants, giving McKivergan a powerful platform to deliver her speech.

McKivergan, who has emonies to a crowd of Down syndrome, said in



Londonderry resident, Katelyn Mckivergan, was recently selected to speak to a crowd of about 2,000 people at Indiana University. Courtesy photo

with selective mutism. I had a hard time socially making friends and felt alone and anxious, leaving me no choice...I was homeschooled and felt safe, but I had no friends...A year later, I found a local Best Buddies college chapter, and my life changed...I didn't feel alone anymore."

The cheers and applause throughout the speech were powerful, resonating with the crowd and amplifying the impact of McKivergan's words. Her journey from high school to getting on the stage in Bloomington has been fueled by her mantra, "Never Give Up." McKivergan traveled to Indi-New Hampshire, includ- never give up!"

her speech, "I was diag- ing high school chapter nosed in high school leaders, Ambassadors with IDD, Best Buddies staff, Board members, and her mother, Pauline, who shared in the collective pride of the entire delegation.

McKivergan's final thoughts in her speech were, "I am valued and respected, and people believe in me. Best Buddies gets me through the hard times, and makes the best times even better. Like everyone in this room, my hopes and dreams are owning my own apartment and coffee shop. Best Buddies helped me realize that this can be my reality. When times get tough, remember to keep going. Your hardest times often lead to the best moments in ana with 30 others from your life. Be like me,



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## Band Camp Gets Lancers Gear Up for Halftime Show



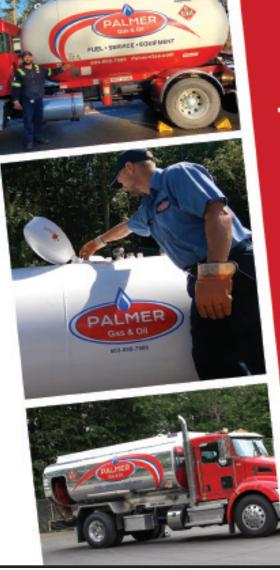


Members of the 2024-25 Londonderry High School Lancers Marching Band and Color Guard were busy at Band Camp this week practicing this year's half-time show. The show will feature "The Music of Billy Joel" with highlights including: Part 1 - "Piano Man" and "Movin' Out"; Part 2 - "Angry Young Man"; and Part 3 - "We Didn't Start the Fire", "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant", and "Only the Good Die Young." The band will be led on the field by senior Drum Major, Nathan Beaulieu, with Juniors Drum Majors, Gretchen Murray and Faith Nolan. The show drill was written by Devin DiBernardo and Musical arrangements written by Serge Beaulieu, Matt Bruce, and Keeghan Fountain. The show's first performance is scheduled for Friday night, Sept. 6, at Haverhill Stadium in a game against Salem High School. *Photos by Chris* 



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## nittee Looks to Wrap Up Branding laster Plan C

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Steering Committee looked to formalize their logo at the latest meeting, the task was seen as small but symbolic for the overall effort. Most agreed that the logo should be an apple to represent Londonderry's history of apple orchards, with debate over what color their logo should be.

collage," said Executive ple. This is going to be

Director Sylvia Von Aulock of the Southern NH The Master Plan Planning Commission. "We'll put it on post cards and on the website, it's a branding."

Members agreed to keep it simple. Town Manager Mike Malaguti suggested calling the overall project the "2025 Master Plan" as the process is expected to continue well into 2025.

"I'm kind of indifferent one way or the to ask Jason Knights of "There's the green, other," said Vice Chair there's the red, and then Jake Butler. "Most logos we also talked about a today are very, very sim-

the brand for the Master Plan and to me, simple only looks one step above what was done in Paint."

He wanted a visible upgrade from the logo of last Master Plan and suggested having the logo as a picture of the Mack's Apples orchard for greater complexity to catch more positive attention.

Von Aulock decided the Planning Board to consider creating a more complex graphic design.

my team spend a lot of time, and a lot of money on creating something," she said. "This group said to keep it simple, so I'm happy to send it to Jason.'

With other priorities, nobody wanted to continue debating the status of their logo or to go through a redesign. They agreed to have a design complete in time for the release of their Master Plan survey.

The Steering Committee also looked to confirm the guiding prin- the components of RSA

"I don't want to have ciples of the 2025 Master regulations," he explain-Plan process.

> "Trust in accountability, transparent communication, inclusive outreach, flexibility, respectfulness, and principles to shape the final plan, datainformed, concise and achievable, sustainability," Von Aulock outlined.

Chair Jeff Penta emphasized the importance of transparency in clude a Frequently Askthose principles.

"We are a public body. We absolutely have to conduct business in the public eye, and within

ed. "If we don't conduct our business with these guiding principles in mind, then we're failing the town."

The Committee unanimously voted to adopt their guiding principles. Those should be up on the town website in the coming weeks.

That website will ined Questions section for residents looking for more detail on the Plan, along with volunteer opportunities.

## **Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells**

allowing the NH mental Services (NHDES), while administrative rules being adopted, to continue to provide rebates

signed into law, supply has been impacted by per- and polyfluo-Department of Environ- roalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination.

In response to this are in the process of action, NHDES will reinstate the PFAS Removal Rebate Program for Prifor water treatment or vate Wells for eligible connection to public applicants on Sept. 9, water systems as part of 2024. At this time the an effort to assist private department continues \$5,000 to assist in the impacted by PFAS and or contractor.

applications submitted prior to the program suspension on June 10, 2024.

NHDES will release a new application form for submission starting on September 9, 2024. Highlights of the program terms include:

• Rebates up to

ouse Bill 1649 was well users whose water to process rebates for installation of a treat- have not been offered or ment system designed to remove PFAS or up to \$10,000 for a service connection to a public water system completed after Sept. 30, 2019.

> ited to owners of resi- come-qualified dential properties in the

are not being provided alternate water, temporary or permanent, from a potentially liable third

• Provisions will be • Applicants are lim- made available for inapplicants to request rebates state of NH that use a be distributed directly drinking water well to a treatment installer

Program will be made available on the PFAS Removal Rebate for Private Wells www.pfas.des.nh.gov/fun ding/pfas-removal-rebateprogram-private-wells, website as soon as possible. NHDES looks forward to continuing to administer assistance to impacted private well users through this program.

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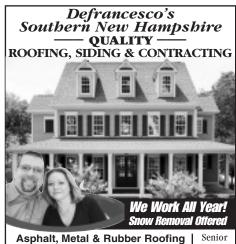
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#### **Skip Burbine Open Tennis Tournament**

The annual Skip Burbine Open Tennis Tournament will be held this year Sept. 6 - 8, at the Skip Burbine Tennis Courts located on Sargent Road in Londonderry. Funds raised will be used to provide two scholarships for members of the Londonderry High School tennis team as well as support for research to the Ocular Melanoma Foundation. Details and sign-ups can be found on our new website at www.skipburbinefoundation.org.

## **Continuing Education Scholarship**

The Londonderry Women's Club is excited to announce the Continuing Education Scholarship, created to empower women in our community to advance their education and careers. This annual scholarship is open to Londonderry women of all ages who seek to enhance their skills, pursue a degree, or take professional development courses. Applica-

to September, with recipients announced in October and awards distributed in December. Eligible applicants must reside in Londonderry or neighboring towns, demonstrate financial need, and show a commitment to furthering their education. The application requires a personal statement, resume, and letters of recommendation.For more information and to apply, visit www.londonderrywomensclub.co m/scholarships/adult/. Applications are also available at local libraries and the Marion Gerrish Community Center.

#### Womens Club OHD

The Londonderry Women's Club is participating in this year's 125th Old Home Day celebration on Aug. 17. The club will have a booth where community members can learn about the club's activities, programs, and the impact it has on the community. Visitors to the booth will also have the opportunity to purchase exclusive Londonderry T-shirts and tions are open from August sweatshirts, specially designed for this historic celebration. For more information about the Londonderry Women's Club, please visit the booth or check out their website at www.londonderrywomensclub.org or contact at info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

#### **Legion OHD**

Beer, pizza and live entertainment at the Lions Hall pavilion during Old Home Days, Aug. 16th & 17th, sponsored by the Son's of the American Legion, Friendly Red's Tavern & Tibs Taps. On Aug. 17 Bazooka Joe outside concert will be held from 7 - 10 p.m. at Post 27.

## **Meeting & Cook Out**

On Aug. 18 American Legion Post 27 will host a District 4 meeting at 10 a.m. - noon with cookout to follow.

#### **Astrology 101: What's Your Sign?**

Join tarot reader and astrologer Kate Sheridan for an evening of astrology on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. She will provide a

basic overview of Western tropical astrology including the twelve zodiac signs, the four elements and three modalities, the ten traditional planets, and the five major aspects. This program is a lecture-style presentation with Q&A woven throughout. You will leave the program with the information you need to look at an astrology chart and decode its many symbols. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration is required and opens on Tuesday, Aug. 13. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

## **Banned Book Discussion**

Join and discuss Jonathan Evison's coming of age novel "Lawn Boy" on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Leach Library. In 2022, the American Library Association reported Evison's novel was the seventh most challenged book in the country. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration opens on Wednesday, Aug. 14 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

#### **Cookbook Potluck**

On Monday, Aug. 19 at 11:30 a.m. stop by the Leach Library for a summer-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either The Picnic by Marnie Hanel, The Complete Summer Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen, or The Summer Table by Lisa Lemke. You can pick up a copy of the book from the library. Registration opens on Monday, July 15 and is limited to 20 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the books will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

#### **Blues Festival**

10th annual Blues Festival Aug. 24, from noon - 4 p.m. There will be a 50:50 raffle, barbecue truck, ice cream truck and vendors, location on the town common. Proceeds to go to the combat veterans motorcycle association to raise money for homeless veterans

#### **Cookbook Potluck**

On Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. come to the Leach Library for a vegetable-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either "Vegetable Simple" by Eric Ripert or 'Vegetables Illustrated" by America's Test Kitchen. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration opens on Monday, Aug. 12 and is limited to 20 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar

or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the books will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

#### **Summer Tennis**

Don't miss the summer sign ups. Londonderry Tennis Camp is doing their first summer camp Aug. 19 24 from 9 - 11 a.m., for children, all levels, ages 7 and older. The camps teach tennis through activities and games, and build on balance, coordination and speed needed for longterm athletic development. Players will be grouped by age and/or ability. Camps will be held at the Londonderry Town Courts, at the LAFA fields on Sargent Road. Signups will begin the end of July. The cost for each session is \$150. Contact Roberta Davis at londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com to register.

#### **Library Hours**

Summer hours will take effect at the Leach library from Monday, June 24 through Saturday, Sept. 7. During this timeframe, the library will be open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Curbside service will continue to be provided during operating hours upon request.

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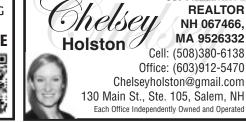
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#### **Voter Information**

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Aug. 28 From 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of London-

derry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; and Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

#### **Women's Club**

Looking to dive into stories while connecting with your community? The Londonderry Women's Club invites you to join their book club, meeting monthly for engaging discussions. But that's not all! The club offers other social events catering to diverse interests. From white elephant bingo to cookie swaps, splatter painting, bake sales, and floral design, their activi-

ties promise fun and fulfillment. If you're curious about the book club or want to learn more about the Londonderry Women's Club and its initiatives, reach out at info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

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## **Londonderry Police Log**

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Aug. 5

**12:25 a.m.** Overdose on White Plains Avenue transported to a hospital.

10:16 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Hancock Drive.

3:19 p.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**4:26 p.m.** Five officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department on Rockingham Road with Taking/Referring subject to another Agency.

**9 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers Manchester, for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Tuesday - Aug. 6

2:52 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Garden Lane at Park & Ride South

**8:55** a.m. Five officers Investigate a Disturbance on Woodside Drive.

Disturbance investigated by three officers on Sherwood Road.

Wednesday - Aug. 7 **4:05 a.m.** Four officers assist another Police Department with an investigation on Ash Street at Beacon Street. 1:11 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mis-

Drive at Eayers Range

ery/Fraud investigated

**3:37 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at I-Vape on Nashua Road.

5:26 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Home Depot on

**8:35 p.m.** Three officers serve warrant and make an arrest on Hanover Street, Manchester. Jessica Bencivenga, 38, of charged with: Burglary; Criminal Mischief.

9:29 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge

10:08 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

Thursday - Aug. 8 10:28 p.m. Domestic 12:52 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Alltown on Hampton

> Activity at Alltown on Hampton Drive.

9:45 a.m.

Road. 3:30 p.m. Larceny/Forg-

on Spruce Street.

Nashua Road.

Road.

1:31 a.m. Four officers investigated Suspicious

Criminal Threatening investigated at the Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

## **Around Town**

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library at (603) 432-1132.

#### **LEEP**

Londonderry Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! The program is provided by the Londonderry School District for three-year old preschoolers and meets from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and the program for prekindergarten students meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for

a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Pre-kindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Denise Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 or email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

chief on Constitution 10:11 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at the TD Bank on Nashua Rd

> 12:16 p.m. Services Rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Boulder Drive.

1:26 p.m. Welfare Check conducted near the Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

**5:39 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Chartwell Court.

9:49 p.m. Medical Emergency transported to hospital from the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:47 p.m. Four officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Mohawk

Friday - Aug. 9

2 a.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check on Old Derry Road. 8:31 a.m. Larceny/Forg-

on Aviation Park Drive. 10:41 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Thornton Road.

ery/Fraud investigated

7:43 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Philippon, 53, of Lon-Conduct After an Accident (Property Damage); Falsifying Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy, Hide); and two counts of Reckless Operation.

Saturday - Aug. 10 10:51 a.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check Services Adams Road.

3:10 p.m. Violation of a Protective Order leads to an arrest made by three officers on Adams Road. Jill Barretto, 49, of Londonderry, charged with: Contempt; Stalking - Notice of Order; and Resist Arrest/Detention. 4:05 p.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Regional Airport.

7:34 p.m. Animal Control Investigates a Dog Bite at Continental Park on West Road.

Sunday - Aug. 11 **1:07 a.m.** Investigation of a disabled motor vehicle leads to an arrest made at Rockingham Road on Auburn Road. Oliver Santana, 34, of Methuen, MA, charged with: Driving Under the

Longwood Avenue. Rock Influence - Impairment: during a Domestic Dis-Stop/Stand/Park Prohibdonderry, charged with: ited; and Open Contain- Drive.

> **4:02 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check at Staples, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Gilbert Jayme, 69, of Francestown, Charged with: Drive After Revoked/Suspension for Driving Under the Influence.

7:02 p.m. Peace restored by four officers Stop, leads to an arrest.

turbance on Victoria

8:17 p.m. Medical Emergency at FedEx, on Commerce Avenue, taken/ referred to another agency.

9:13 p.m. Criminal Threatening, on Pine Hollow Drive, taken/referred to another agency.

**11:44 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at RMZ Truck

## OBITUARY

#### Bernard "Bernie" P. Lynch



Bernard "Bernie" P. Lynch, age 74, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024 at Cambridge Hospital in Massachusetts. He was the husband of the late Linda M. (Ferns) Lynch to whom he shared 44

years of marriage prior to her passing in 2018. Born in Providence, he was the 2nd youngest of nine children born to the late John L. and Anna A. (McKenna) Lynch. He was a devoted employee of Narragansett Electric and National Grid in Rhode Island and National Grid and its successor companies in New Hampshire for over 50 years.

Bernie was a patriot and proud U.S. Veteran who honorably served with the Army National Guard for over 20 years. A self-proclaimed 'Gearhead', Bernie loved all things cars, whether it be collecting them, tinkering on them with his buddies or attending car shows. His family remembers him as a hard worker who sometimes worked multiple jobs to provide for his family, an avid gardener who took great pride in his yard and a man born with a propensity to nap anywhere. Most importantly, his genuine kindness led him to make a friend everywhere he went.

Bernie was the devoted father of Jaimie Calouro (husband, Nathan), Kasey Vivenzio (husband, Nicholas), Bernadette MacArthur (husband, Matthew) and Kelly Konyha (husband, Gregory); cherished 'Pa' of Nate, Emily, Fiona, Finley, Micah, Hunter, Jack, Luke and Beau. He was the brother of Dorothy 'Dot' Frigault, Kathy McLaughlin, Christine Tracy and Cecilia 'Cheechee' Kelly. He was predeceased by his siblings Jack Lynch, Marianne Lariviere, William 'Mickey' Lynch, Thomas Lynch and his cousin Ed Brodeur who lived with Bernie and his family throughout his childhood. Bernie is also survived by many godchildren, nieces, nephews and his best friend and brother-in-law Bob Kelly, all of whom will miss him tremendously.

His funeral was held Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Chapel, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Paul Church, Cranston. Burial was private. A Visitation was held at the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Chapel on Monday, Aug. 12. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 will be greatly appreciated.

## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY **LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

CASE NO. 08.21.24-1 Request for variance from LZO section 4.2.1.3.C.2 to allow an encroachment of 7 feet into the 15-foot side setback for a shed. The parcel is located at 18 Woodside Drive in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 14, Lot 3-19, Lee Dutton (Owner & Applicant).

CASE NO. 08.21.24-2 Request for a variance from LZO section 5.14.B to allow an encroachment of 13 feet into the 40-foot front setback for fence. The Parcel is located at 48 Wilson Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 18, Lot 28-121. Stephen Mandolare (Owner & Applicant).

CASE NO. 08.21.24-3 Request for a variance from LZO section 5.14.B to allow a 6-foot fence within the 40-foot front setback. The parcel is located at 552 Mammoth Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 15, Lot 231, Stephen & Renee Kelly (Owners & Applicants).

CASE NO. 08.21.24-4 Request for a variance from LZO section 4.2.1.3.C.2 to allow an encroachment of 7 feet into the 15-foot side setback to allow an addition to existing garage. The parcel is located at 18 Stokes Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 15, Lot 138, Robert E. Demers and Jacqueline Demers (Owners & Applicants)



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