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STEM Planning

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Club at North Elementary School was building Rube Goldberg Machines, or chain reaction machines, last week. A number of devices were set up throughout the meeting.

Photo by Chris Paul

Mulholland Issues Response to Budget Workshop Allegations

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A nine-page memorandum was released last week by Londonderry Town Manager Shaun Mulholland addressing claims that were made during at the Dec. 8 budget

workshop by former Town Council Chairman and current Deputy Treasurer John Farrell.

The document provided clarification on wage adjustments, transparency, IT hiring, software contracts, and other fiscal matters.

Employee Wage Adjustments

Farrell alleged that employees received pay increases of 16 percent to 30 percent without Council approval. Mulholland countered that all adjustments were

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2 Litchfield Road Returns to Residential Despite Protest

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council voted 3-2 at its most recent meeting to rezone 2 Litchfield Road from Commercial III (C-III) to Agricultural-Residential (AR-1).

Before the vote, property owner Richard Flier, through his attorney Laura Gandia, requested that Councilor Deb Paul recuse herself, citing a conflict of interest because she previously owned the building. Paul declined, stating she would gain nothing financially from the decision.

“I would gain nothing financially from whatever happens with the property,” Paul said.

In a memo from Deputy Town Manager Kellie Caron, it was noted that at the Sept. 15 Town Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to remove the existing Historic Preservation Easement and authorized the Town Manager to take all necessary steps to initiate rezoning to AR-1.

However, the Planning Board voted 4-3 last week against recommending the rezoning.

During the meeting, Gandia argued that the

historic overlay was improperly applied and said the 2003 Master Plan raised no concerns about spot zoning for 2 Litchfield Road.

“There are other properties in Town which are considered spot zoning,” Gandia said.

She also noted that C-III zoning allows eight use categories, while AR-1 would significantly limit property uses.

“If the Board moves forward with changing the zoning, he will be stripped of those protected property rights he now enjoys,” Gandia

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Town Manager Defends Pay Raises Amid Budget Concerns

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Dec. 8 Town Council meeting a debate sparked over significant wage adjustments for several non-union positions, initiated by Town Manager Shaun Mulholland.

During the meeting, officials explained that the adjustments applied to roles classified as “non-rep” because they handle confidential information. These positions include the Human Resources Director, Human Resources Administrator, Finance Director, Deputy Town Manager, Controller, and

Executive Assistant. The Town Manager operates under a separate contract.

Under the new pay structure, Mulholland’s salary increased from \$170,000 to \$187,931 per his contract. The Assistant Town Manager - now Deputy Town Manager - rose from \$128,000 to \$146,000. Other changes included:

- Executive Assistant: \$67,000 to \$93,000
- HR Director: \$133,000 to \$140,000
- Finance Director: \$143,000 to \$162,000
- Controller: \$103,000 to \$120,000

In total, the raises amounted to roughly

\$120,000, averaging a 16.8 percent increase.

Councilor Deb Paul voiced concern about the size of the adjustments, questioning why they weren’t implemented gradually. She also said the council was not aware of the changes until after they had been implemented

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School Board to Review Vaping Search Policy at Dec. 18 Meeting

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Londonderry School Board received a briefing on a proposed procedure for searching students for vaping devices.

“As requested, attached to this memo is a procedure we would include at both Londonderry High School and Londonderry Middle School in time, if necessary, around searching for vaping devices once staff have reasonable

suspicion of use on school property or at a school-sponsored event,” Superintendent Dan Black wrote in a memo to the board. “It mirrors current school board policy around the use of a breathalyzer. We included language around parent notification.”

Black explained that the high school would roll out the policy to staff, parents, and students once finalized. The proposal will be discussed further at the Dec. 18 meeting.

“Londonderry High School staff will use the December 18th, 2025, School Board meeting to better educate around how they respond to vaping right now with students and parents,” Black wrote.

The proposed procedure closely follows existing breathalyzer policies under School Board Policy JFCL, JFCL-E, and JFCL-R. It authorizes principals and assistant principals to use handheld metal-detecting wands to locate vaping devices

when reasonable suspicion exists.

“The metal detecting wand will be used upon establishing reasonable suspicion that a student has used a vaping device and denies the use of such device,” the draft states.

Parents or guardians would be notified when reasonable suspicion is established. Indicators may include physical impairment, unusual behavior, slurred speech, bloodshot or glassy eyes, or odors associated with tobacco, marijuana, or vaping.

Students would be asked to consent to the wand search. Refusal

would be considered a Level IV offense under the district’s Behavior Standards (Policy JG-R) and could result in disciplinary action.

“Since reasonable suspicion has been established, failure to consent with knowledge of the consequences shall result in imposition of discipline consistent with Londonderry School District’s Behavior Standards relative to Level IV offenses,” the draft states.

If a wand search is positive and the student denies possession, a second search may be offered. Administrators will document all

searches and notify parents of the results. Negative results may prompt a second search after further contact with parents.

If circumstances confirm vaping use, disciplinary action will follow district policy. Students will remain supervised until a parent or responsible adult arrives.

“The student shall be isolated and cared for by an administrator or designated staff until a parent or other responsible adult can take charge of the student. The student should not be left unsupervised,” the draft concludes.



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Rockingham Road Motor Vehicle Stop Results in Gun Shot Suicide

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Police Department (LPD) release a statement last week regarding a motor vehicle chase that ended in the death of the driver.

“On Dec. 9, 2025, at approximately 9:15 p.m., the Londonderry Police Department was requested to assist the Manchester Police Department on Rockingham Road in the Town of Londonderry with a motor vehicle stop.

The vehicle stopped between Smith Lane and Mammoth Road, and the operator refused to com-

ply with the Manchester officer’s commands. Manchester SWAT and negotiators worked to end the standoff peacefully. Londonderry officers arrived on scene and assisted Manchester Police, closed the roadways, and secured the area. The incident was contained to a small area, and there was no threat to the public during this encounter.

About two hours after the initial stop, the operator and lone occupant of the vehicle took their own life. Londonderry detectives investigated the incident through the night, and

the roads reopened around 4:45 a.m.

An autopsy was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on the day of the release and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner concluded that the occupant died from a self-inflicted single gunshot wound.

The suicide remains under investigation by the LPD’s Detective Division. The identification of the decedent is being withheld, and additional information is not expected to be released.

The LPD thanks the public for their patience and understanding during the incident.”

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Planning Board Weighs Natural Resource Preservation in Master Plan

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At its second December meeting, the Londonderry Planning Board reviewed the latest draft of the town's Master Plan, focusing on chapters covering vision, demographics, regional context, land use, and housing. A public hearing was held on these first five chapters.

"I've prepared just a really brief overview of the chapters," said Deputy Town Manager Kellie Caron. "I should

note as well that you have seen these chapters and commented on them extensively multiple times, most recently in August. This draft is inclusive of those comments, and the Steering Committee has voted to adopt them as written."

Planning Board Vice-Chair and Steering Committee member Jeff Penta emphasized the importance of public input.

"This is the guiding document that's going to provide us with the regulatory statute to make

changes," said Penta, noting that vision, demographics, regional context, land use, and housing were identified as priorities in the first public survey.

Resident Mike Speltz spoke during the hearing, focusing on land use strategies outlined in the draft.

"Both of my comments are really based on something that appears on page 26 of the draft, which is a summary of the land use feedback," said Speltz. "It said they are going to prioritize different land use strategies."

Speltz highlighted goals to preserve wooded areas and maintain Londonderry's rural character, urging stronger emphasis on natural resource protection. He noted that about 14% of Londonderry is vacant land, with another 14% designated as protected open space or undeveloped recreation land.

"If, by some miracle, we could turn all of that vacant land into open space, and not have any other of our open spaces developed, we would be at somewhere around 28%, and that's

as far as we could ever go," he said. "28% is probably not enough in terms of what biologists recommend if you want to preserve the ecosystem for the long run."

Board members discussed strategies such as conservation subdivisions to increase open space while balancing affordable housing needs.

"You could do something where there's that balance between suitable development that hits both points," said Giovanni Verani. "You can develop something where we say, 'Hey, we

can save 50% of that land where we preserve natural resources or 60% of that land,' but you give the developer a bonus to build on areas where it makes sense to build. You'd see more conservation. Let's look at things in a completely different way where you're preserving natural resources and accommodating affordable housing in the same process."

Several members stressed that the Planning Board cannot reject development proposals without a clear regulatory basis.

OBITUARY

Anthony Joseph Cariello



Anthony Joseph Cariello of Londonderry, NH, passed peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025. He was surrounded by his loving family. Born on Jan. 14, 1934 in Brooklyn, NY, the son of the late Frank and Consiglia Cariello. Anthony had five older sisters. He often described a childhood rich with love, laughter, and mischief.

Anthony proudly served his country as a mechanic and a sergeant in the US Army, eventually continuing his commitment in the US Army Reserves and the New York National Guard. He also worked in the envelope manufacturing business as a lead cutter and foreman, before joining the New York City Department of Sanitation.

A sentimental man, Anthony fondly remembered the moment he set eyes on his lovely wife Adua. He was twenty-one, and instantly captivated. The two later married and had six children. Family was the cornerstone of their life together.

Known for his infectious laugh and blue eyes, Anthony took great pride in his Italian heritage. Whether in the kitchen baking biscotti, crushing grapes for his homemade wine, or building birdhouses in his workshop, he was happiest when making things for others to enjoy. He took great delight in every one of his children, his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his four sons, Frank Cariello and wife Carolyn, Vincent Cariello and wife Barbara, Anthony Cariello and wife Lisa, and Joseph Cariello and wife Carrie; his two daughters, Elaine McSpedon and husband Jack, and AnnMarie Cariello and husband Jim; 20 grandchildren: Anthony, Jenny, Chrissy, Will, Michael, Anna, Megan, John, Claire, Emily, Bobby, Michael, Owen, Anthony, Joseph, Joey, Jack, Charlie, Rose, and Henry; and five great-grandchildren, Hayden, Brooke, Caroline, Sophia, and Olivia; one sister, Yolanda, as well as nieces, nephews, and a large extended family. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 65 years, Adua (Castellano) Cariello in 2022 and four sisters, Grace, Jenny, Anna and Angie.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Dec. 15, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 16 in St. Jude Parish. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to Knights of Columbus. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Response

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authorized under the Town Charter and funded within the existing FY2025 operating budget.

"No new warrant article or Council action was required because the FY2025 budget was not exceeded," Mulholland stated, noting that the increases addressed market disparities and retention concerns.

He also defended a \$10,000-plus adjustment for a recent hire, citing expanded responsibilities such as risk management and correcting insurance gaps that could have exposed the town to millions in liability.

Transparency and Budgeting

Responding to claims of secrecy, Mulholland said all wage adjustments were reflected in FY2027 budget documents and reviewed by the Budget Committee. He acknowledged limitations in current financial software and reiterated the need for a modern ERP system to improve reporting.

IT Department and Compliance Issues

Farrell questioned the urgency of hiring a new IT position. Mulholland explained that the role addresses federal and state labor law violations tied to contractor classifications, which carry daily fines for noncompliance. He

confirmed the position was posted publicly and interviews are scheduled.

OpenGov Contract and Procurement

Concerns over an \$800,000 SaaS contract were clarified as subscription-based, with annual appropriations and no long-term encumbrance. The first-year cost of \$94,717 fell within the Town Manager's purchasing authority. Mulholland said competitive procurement was conducted through

market analysis and vendor demonstrations.

Other Issues Addressed

The memo also refuted rumors of dispatch consolidation funding, clarified union contract negotiations, and explained the shift of Old Home Day to a 501(c)(3) structure for sustainability. Mulholland concluded by reaffirming the town's commitment to transparency and compliance with state law, the Town Charter, and auditing standards.

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Editorial

'Tis the Season for Kindness, Hope, and Connection

The holidays are here, casting a warm glow across our towns. Lights sparkle along familiar streets, music hums softly from car radios, and stores buzz with anticipation. We picture a classic New England Christmas - snow on rooftops, laughter spilling from cozy homes, hearts full of hope and generosity. For many, it truly is a season of joy.

But let's be honest: it isn't that simple for everyone. While the holidays can feel magical - a time for traditions, gatherings, and giving - they can also bring stress, loneliness, and even sadness. Behind the glow of holiday lights, some of our friends and neighbors are struggling. The pressure to create the "perfect" holiday - buying gifts, hosting parties, keeping up with social media - can feel overwhelming. For those facing financial strain or mental health challenges, this season can be especially hard.

I've heard from people worried about making ends meet or feeling isolated. It breaks my heart because the holidays should never be about who spends the most or who has the most picture-perfect celebration. They're about connection, kindness, and remembering what really matters.

If you're feeling the weight of the season, you're not alone. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers simple ways to ease stress:

- Reach out to loved ones. A quick call or text can brighten someone's day.

- Find small joys. A favorite song, a walk outside, or baking cookies can help.

- Say no when you need to. Your well-being matters more than meeting every expectation.

- Volunteer. Helping others can lift your spirits and remind you of the good in the world.

And if you know someone who might be struggling, reach out. Sometimes a kind word or an invitation can make all the difference.

Of course, there's still room for holiday fun! Bake that extra batch of cookies and share them with a neighbor. Write a card to someone you haven't seen in a while. These small gestures cost little but mean so much. They remind us that the season isn't about money - it's about goodwill and community.

At Nutfield Publishing, we're grateful for the businesses and residents who support our work and for readers who take time to stay informed during the holiday rush. We encourage everyone to shop locally and support what makes our towns special.

So as you wrap gifts and plan gatherings, take a moment to breathe. Enjoy the lights, the music, and the simple joys. And remember: the greatest gift you can give is kindness and hope.

From all of us, we wish you peace, health, and happiness this holiday season - and a new year filled with promise.

Letters

Restoring the Old Town Hall

To the editor,
Been reading a lot about restoring and maintaining the old Town Hall to the tune of \$900,000, so some thoughts...

Think the building should be put on the NH Register of Historic Places. This has been proposed to our current Town Councilors by a gentleman from the Historical Society who was willing to do the paperwork. There is no cost to this. The usual three councilors turned this proposal down. Maybe they are eyeing the land to be used for other purpose. Offices? Condos?

Once the building is on the register it would be eligible for LCHIP funds from the state. They just gave out \$3.5 million this year for land and historic preservation. Also there are grants for other things, the Library obtained a grant for the handicap assess-able doors 3 or 4 years ago.

While 900K is a lot of money and about 30 cents on the tax rate, it would seem there is a process with grants and a prioritized list of needs to spread this out with less impact to the taxpayers. Know some people would like to tear it down and put in those great condos, but seems a shame when it's been part of the town for so long.

Betsy McKinney
Londonderry

Power Over You

To the editor,
New Hampshire's property-tax game has turned into legalized home seizure.

RSA 75:1 tells towns to tax property based on "full and true value"

which assessors and consultants now translate as speculative "market value."

- Your town looks at what the hottest house on your street just sold for.

- They raise your assessment to match the new "market," and your tax bill jumps hundreds of dollars a year, even though your income hasn't gone up by a single penny.

That's not taxation on income or use. That's a forced wealth tax on unrealized, hypothetical gains aimed straight at homeowners who've done nothing but stay put and pay their bills.

The trap:

1. You spend 30-40 years paying off the mortgage.

2. The housing market goes crazy, prices spike, and your "paper value" doubles.

3. The town reassesses, and your tax bill skyrockets.

4. Your Social Security, pension, or paycheck doesn't even come close to keeping up.

Miss enough payments.

- The town slaps a tax lien on your property.

- Interest and penalties pile up.

- Eventually they take the deed and auction your home off to cover the taxes.

That's not freedom. That's serfdom with paperwork.

Driving lifelong residents out of their own neighborhoods.

Who gets hit hardest?

- Retirees who planned to age in place.

- Blue-collar families who bought modest homes decades ago and now live in "hot mar-

kets" they never asked for.

- Widows & widowers trying to survive on one income instead of two.

They're forced into ugly choices:

- Sell the home they raised their families in and flee to a cheaper area.

- Cut back on food, heat, medicine, etc. to keep up with the tax bill.

This isn't "progress." It's a slow, quiet eviction of the people who built these communities.

New Hampshire likes to brag "Live Free or Die," no income tax, no sales tax.

The reality is:

- No income tax = crushing property tax that doesn't care about your ability to pay.

- No sales tax, = permanent bill on your home that never ends.

RSA 75:1 Turns local government into a silent partner in every real-estate bubble feasting on the vulnerable.

Call it what it is:

1. Speculative assessments are just paper value.

2. Budget-hungry towns crank up your taxes.

3. Fixed-income homeowners can't afford it.

4. Tax liens and deeds become the enforcement arm.

5. The home you worked for your whole life gets taken and resold. You don't matter.

- A property-tax system built on speculation instead of fairness.

- You're lifetime renters.

Bottom line: New Hampshire's current property-tax regime is predatory toward long-time homeowners.

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Raises

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happening on a more normal increment year after year," Paul said, noting the impact on the town's budget.

Mulholland acknowledged the point.

"You should've," he said, agreeing incremental raises would have been preferable. However, he stressed the importance of retaining key staff to maintain services.

"The most important thing we have is our people. That is the most important resource that I have here to provide services to our citizens," Mulholland said.

He explained the town is undergoing a wage reclassification process because current salaries are not competitive.

"Literally there is nobody to do their

books. That is horrifying to me and should be to you as well," Mulholland said, citing other communities struggling to fill finance roles.

Paul suggested reviewing benefit packages, but Mulholland countered that even after adjusting health insurance contributions, Londonderry still lags behind comparable towns. He emphasized that the changes also include cost-of-living adjustments.

Council Vice Chair Shawn Faber agreed with Paul on her concerns, but praised the finance department's work.

He then questioned whether long-serving employees were truly at risk of leaving.

Councilor Dan Bouchard, a retired Londonderry police officer, disagreed, noting generational shifts.

"Most younger people aren't interested in things like pensions and instead generally look at what they can make

elsewhere, making it difficult to keep people," Bouchard said.

Paul also wondered why employees hadn't

requested smaller raises earlier if they were dissatisfied. Mulholland reiterated the urgency of retention and recruit-

ment. "We are in a people business, and it's important to keep staff," he said.



Fire Ride Winners

Winners of the Fire Truck Ride raffle from the Londonderry Fire Department's Open House cashed in on their prizes recently. At left, Charlie and Becca Bouchard got a ride to North School from acting Fire Chief Phil LaBlanc their brother Victor was there to greet them. At right, Leo and Lilly White were driven to Moose Hill by Firefighter Chris Patton.



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Letters

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"We've decided your house is worth more now. Can't pay? Get out!"

Until RSA 75:1 and the whole speculative-market approach are ripped out at the root and replaced with something tied to real income, real use, and real ability to pay, New Hampshire homeowners will be living under the same quiet threat: it's never "your home."

Alan Roy
Londonderry

Education Freedom Accounts

To the editor,

Every homeowner in New Hampshire knows that the state's reliance on property taxes to pay for education is what makes our bills so high.

Education Freedom Accounts ("EFAs") were created to allow low-income students to move from under-performing public schools into alternative schools to provide an education that would be more productive for them. It was not

intended to compensate families who had already chosen private schools. With these school vouchers anyone (without regard to income level) can pay for private, religious, or home-schooling environments at the public's expense.

Unlike private schools, public schools cannot choose their students and must provide services for all regardless of cost.

The cost of the program has sky-rocketed to over 52 million dollars and the number of students has doubled to 10,510 with vouchers of almost \$5000 per student. For wealthy families that already had their students in non-public schools, this money can just augment their travel plans or other expenditures - it does not change or enhance their educations. It does, however starve public schools from resources and raises property taxes across New Hampshire.

The NH News System reported that over the past four years, less

than an average of \$2.5 million went to only 640 students who left public schools with the rest going to students who were already paying for non-public schools. The total for next year will be over \$62 million. This is \$27 million over budget and the state is not raising any income to cover this. Where will it come from? Property taxes, of course.

This data (from the state Department of Education) shows that for the current school year "only 343 students left public schools to join the program whose enrollment is now 10,510 students, which is nearly double what it was last year before the Republican-controlled legislature removed any earnings cap for the program".

I will be writing my state representatives to ask that they reduce or eliminate such a wasteful program that pays people who already have their students in non-public schools at the expense of all of us taxpayers who are footing the \$62 million bill. I urge you to do the same. Failing to get EFAs removed or reduced will continue to make our

property taxes rise precipitously.

David Gintz
Londonderry

Standing With the Trustees Committed to Responsible Oversight

To the editor,

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

I'm writing after seeing Beth's recent and many posts calling for the resignation of four trustees and accusing them of "dismantling" and "defunding" the library. Her accusations are not only inaccurate, they're harmful to the very institution she claims to defend.

The trustees Beth singled out were elected by the residents of this town to provide oversight, ask difficult questions, and ensure that Leach Library operates within the same legal, fiscal, and personnel standards as the rest of our municipal departments. Reviewing policies - especially ones that may be out of compliance - is not sabotage. It's responsible governance. It's what the job requires.

I've intentionally stayed out of the public arguments because the local cancel-culture at-

mosphere makes productive conversation nearly impossible. The loudest voices online are not the majority - they're simply the loudest. And lately, volume seems to be mistaken for truth.

To the trustees Beth targeted: don't let this noise discourage you. Many of us see exactly what you're doing, and we appreciate it. You're trying to modernize outdated policies, align the library with town standards, and make the budget sustainable. That is the opposite of "damage." That is stewardship.

Leach Library has an important place in this town - but it cannot be treated as an island exempt from accountability or fiscal reality. Bringing it in line with other departments is not an attack; it's a necessary correction.

Thank you for doing the work that isn't always popular but is absolutely needed. Your service matters, and plenty of us support you - even if we're not shouting on Facebook.

Scott Bristol
Londonderry

Woodmont Rental Homes

To the editor,

Whenever a development is proposed in a town, there is always a contingent of citizens who are opposed, often called N.I.M.B.Y. (short for "not in my backyard"). They are correctly criticized for opposing efforts that would aid the national housing affordability crisis.

However, in the case of the proposed 250 sin-

gle-family rental homes at 23 Pillsbury Road as part of the Woodmont Commons PUD, increasing supply will truly harm the community without a clear benefit of affordability.

They are likely to put a strain on the school system, traffic, and public services, without helping people to afford to settle through ownership and grow our community.

If this land is to be developed, it would be better suited to the construction of fewer, high quality homes for sale for future residents.

Aaron Hutchins
Londonderry

Field of Flags

To the editor,

The Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution thank all who participated and donated to our First Annual Field of Flags Honoring Veterans. The Flags were sponsored by family, friends, veterans and others. We thank all veterans for their service.

For more information to sponsor a flag next year or to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, please contact darmolly-reid@yahoo.com.

Thank you, again, for your support.

Martha Derby Kipp
Londonderry

Londonderry Taxes Continue To Increase

To the editor,

The Londonderry real estate taxes keep rising, and it is a significant reason why young people with kids cannot afford to purchase a house in our town.

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OBITUARY

John L. Haney



John L. Haney, 74, of Londonderry, NH, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025 in Bedford Hills Care and Rehabilitation Center in Bedford, NH. He was born on April 11, 1951 in Portland, ME, a son of Robert and Joan E. (Spiller) Haney. He had been a resident of Londonderry since 1999,

formerly living in Derry, NH. John graduated from Portland High School in 1969 where he was a proud member of the swim team. He then graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in History. John had been employed as a manager for PetSmart for the past ten years, formerly managing at W.T. Grant and KMart. He loved going UPTA-CAMP at Highland Lake in Falmouth, ME. He also enjoyed fishing, was an avid swimmer, and loved spending time with his family, especially at camp. He was extremely proud of his Irish heritage, and was able to fulfill his dream of visiting Ireland with his wife Noraidé. John loved listening to Irish music, and attended every Irish festival he could find.

He is survived by his wife, Noraidé (Toledo) Haney of Londonderry; his daughters, Emily Haney, and Kate Nelson and her husband Kristoff; his son, John Haney; four sisters, Caroline Diamon, Cheryl Levasseur, Candace Porter, and Lucinda "Cindy" Fennelly; his brother, Robert Haney; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A calling hour were held on Friday, Dec. 12 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A funeral service followed in the funeral home with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcreast Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD, 21741.

OBITUARY

Beverly A. Butterworth



Beverly A. Butterworth, 85, of Raymond, NH, passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at the Arbors of Bedford in Bedford, NH. Beverly was born on Sept. 6, 1940, in Londonderry, NH, a daughter of the late Roger and Gladys (Nugent) Boyle. She had resided in Unity, NH for

35 years alongside her late husband George, previously living in Londonderry.

My Mom loved quilting. She made beautiful quilts for family and friends. She also enjoyed her time in her flower and vegetable gardens. She love cooking, baking and reading. She loved her dogs and cats. Most of all she loved being around and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter; Kelly Abbott and her husband Wayne of Raymond, NH, her son; Jeff Butterworth of Derry, NH, and her daughter-in-law; Patricia Butterworth of Unity, NH, as well as seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, George Butterworth in 2024, her son, David Butterworth in 2022, her brother Michael Boyle, and by her sister Kathy Greenleaf.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association @ alz.or.

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No Development Planned for 12-Acre Subdivision at Woodmont

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board convened on Dec. 3 to review a proposed subdivision plan for property at 15 Pillsbury Road, located within the Woodmont Commons Planned Unit Development (PUD). Representatives included Will Nuccio of Procopio Companies, engineer Ben Zoller from VHB, seller Kevin Smith of Pillsbury Realty, and other project

stakeholders who presented details of the plan.

The proposal stood out for its simplicity: the intent is to create a new lot without any immediate development plans.

“We would be proposing to take off 12.19 acres and establish a new lot. This new lot would be at the corner of Pillsbury Road and Gilcrest,” explained Zoller. “As of right now, 15 Pillsbury is just going

to be subdivided. This is part of the south portion of Woodmont Commons, south of Pillsbury Road, so in order for us to complete the transaction of buying the property, 15 Pillsbury needs to be subdivided from that. We have no plans at this point. We’re working with the town and obviously there are some traffic items, but as of right now there’s no density here and we’re just looking to

subdivide at this point.” Currently, the land is listed as vacant, and that designation will remain after the sale and subdivision.

Town Manager Kellie Caron noted that the plan had not undergone the usual design review process.

“That is permissible per our regulations, but you’ll see in the staff memo that I’ve outlined the comments from the Conservation Commission, the Heritage Commission, and municipal departments,” said Caron.

Most feedback was minimal, though Director of Engineering and Environmental Services John Trottier requested conditions of approval, including easements for future corridor improvements.

“This indicates an easement from the center line of Pillsbury and

Gilcrest Road intersection to accommodate planned intersection upgrades,” explained Trottier. “That’s a 50-foot easement from the center line along one side of Pillsbury for future roadway bicycle and pedestrian improvements and a 50-foot easement along the east side of Gilcrest Road to again accommodate future bicycle and pedestrian improvements.”

Several residents voiced concerns about the subdivision.

“They’re going to be buying the property, but apparently, they don’t have to tell us what they’re going to use it for. They probably have a plan in the future, I would think, if you’re buying a piece of property,” said resident Ray Breslin. “My concern is the fact that there’s a lot of wetlands on this prop-

erty, and it’s kind of a unique piece of property. I’d love to see it as conservation land.”

Breslin noted that a brook runs through the property near Duck Pond and raised concerns about traffic impacts from any future development.

Nuccio reiterated that there is no intention to develop the land and that the purchase and sale agreement includes no density allocation for construction.

Resident Peter Gallo, who lives nearby, added: “I’m worried that if they do build on it, it would upset the water management,” said Gallo, citing frequent basement flooding in the area.

After reviewing the requested conditions, the applicant requested - and was granted - a continuance.

Letters

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Almost 70% of our tax rate is attributable to the school budget. The projected school budget for the 2027 fiscal year is currently projected to increase by about 5.5% or about \$4 million, and this includes \$400,000 in staff reductions. A major part of the increase is due to higher health insurance costs. Therefore, this is an area that should be thoroughly evaluated for potential cost reductions. Are we allowed to

contract with a less expensive insurance company? Can we increase the employee share of the premiums? Should we encourage more employees to join spouse’s health insurance plans? Are there issues with the school environment that could cause health problems? Are there additional staff reductions that could be made?

We have lived in Londonderry for 47 years and our kids graduated from Londonderry schools. I believe the Londonderry school system was highly ranked back in

the 1970s and 1980s. I don’t recall the actual rankings, but I know Londonderry was a destination town due to its highly regarded school system.

The recent rankings by U.S. News for 2025-2026 has Londonderry High School (LHS) at 35 out of 98 New Hampshire high schools, and the Public School Review has LHS at 22 out of 90 New Hampshire high schools. It seems to me we should expect a much higher ranking.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

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STEM Club Meets to Create Chain Reaction Machines



The North Elementary School Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics after-school Club with teachers Kathryn Craigie and Ameer Erdtmann, worked on building Rube Goldberg Machines, which are chain reaction machines, last week. Students were creating machines that used inclined planes, dominoes, ball and triggers to finish the function of causing a bell to roll into a cup.

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Lancers Girls' Basketball Whip Warriors in Home Opener

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team began its 2025-26 campaign with a very strong performance against the Winnacunnet Warriors on Friday night, Dec. 9.

The Lady Lancers began the winter season with a lop-sided victory, nearly doubling the Warriors efforts, with a 65-28 win, due in large part to the shooting by three players. Seniors Samantha Sullivan, Brooke Eacrett and junior Gemma Murray accounted for 56 of the 65-points.

This year also will feature a bit of Londonderry basketball royalty on the bench.

Lancers scoring legend Stephanie Murphy has offered her leadership skills and services to the coaching staff this season and will be assisting with the team's quest for a state title.

Last year's season ended one game short of that title, falling 50-44 to the Bedford Bulldogs at the University of New Hampshire in the State Championship after going 20-1 and earning the number two seed in the tournament.

The team's only losses last season were delivered by the Lady Bulldogs, a 53-60 defeat at the end of the regular season and the 14-point championship loss.

In the Friday night

game, at home, the Lancers played to a rather large crowd and the home fans had plenty to cheer from the start.

Londonderry led 21-8 to open up the first quarter with a 13-point lead and never looked back.

The Lancers outscored the Warriors 11-4 in the second period and went into the locker room with a 20-point lead at 32-12.

The trend continued in the third period with Londonderry doubling up their seacoast opponents 18-9 to tally a 50-21 lead heading into the final quarter.

Londonderry finished up by outscoring

WHS 15-7 for the 37-point victory.

The senior Sullivan, who recently signed her Letter of Intent to play basketball at Bryant University after graduation, led her team in scoring with 25-points.

Sullivan had nine, two-point buckets, one three-pointer and went 4-6 at the foul line.

Eacrett contributed 20-points in the win, most of which were outside the arc.

The senior forward had four three-pointers, one bucket and was 6-6 at the line.

The only other Lancer hitting double digits was Murray, who came away with 11-
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Samantha Sullivan began her senior season with a 25-point game. Photo by Chris Paul



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Lancer Wrestlers Face Tough Competition in Opening Week of Duals



Anthony Cipolletta kicked off the season with a 17-1 win at 106-pounds.



Caleb Holden pinned his Salem opponent. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School wrestling team opened their 2025-26 campaign with a challenging slate of dual meets, with a new head coach and filling every weight class.

Former assistant coach Mark Williams took over as head coach this year, replacing long-time head coach Jason Cucolo, who took on a

role as a college coach, and Williams had quite a bit of talent to sort out his varsity roster.

The Lancers wrestling team began the winter season navigating a mix of in-state rivalry and cross-border competition that resulted in a 3-1 start.

Londonderry had a tough start when they kicked off the week, at home, taking on one of the toughest opponents in the state.

The Salem Blue Devils came to LHS on Wednesday night, Dec. 10, and handed the Lancers a disappointing 48-27 loss.

Despite the team defeat, Londonderry saw strong individual performances.

Anthony Cipolletta dominated at 106-pounds with a 17-1 technical fall to lead things off, while Cam Roussell wasted no time securing a pin in just 14 seconds

at 120-pounds.

Gabriel Perez, Caleb Holden, and Brendan Egan also contributed vital wins via fall and a major decision, respectively.

The team traveled to Massachusetts two days later for the Westford Duals on Friday, Dec. 12, facing Northeast Metro Tech, Westford Academy, and Foxborough High School.

Londonderry found its footing with a commanding 66-18 victory over Northeast Metro Tech. The Lancers deliv-

ered an overwhelming performance, securing numerous quick pins across all weight classes, including wins from Roussell, Perez, Egan, and Cipolletta.

The momentum was tough to maintain against the host team, Westford Academy, which defeated the Lancers 51-27. Londonderry secured six weight classes, with Lennox DeLeon, Roussell, Jackson Butcher, Perez, Colin Egan, and Jayden Mahlatini earning points.

The busy week concluded with a competitive 48-29 loss to Foxborough.

Roussell (120 lbs), Perez (132 lbs), Colin Egan (144 lbs), Brendan Egan (165 lbs), and Mahlatini (285 lbs) all secured individual victories, with Perez notably winning by technical fall (15-0).

The Lancers squad showed flashes of strong potential throughout the intense schedule, and will look to build on these early results as the season progresses.



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Girls' Basketball

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points on five baskets and one free-throw.

The team will finish the year with three

straight road games.

On Tuesday they traveled to Exeter High School, followed by a contest with the Bishop

Guertin Cardinals in Nashua.

The 2025 portion of the season ends on Saturday, Dec. 20, playing an out of conference game against Wachusett.

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Londonderry Boys' Basketball Have New Look, Start with Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team got off to a good start in the 2025-26 season traveling to the seacoast on Friday night, Dec. 12 and coming away with a strong 55-44 win over the Winnacunnet Warriors.

After nine senior players from the 2025 team graduated in June

the squad will have a much different lineup this winter.

The Lancers are coming off a rather mediocre 2024-25 season, going 9-9 in the regular season and falling in the first round of the state championships.

Last year's star, Mason Paquette, leave a major hole to fill with his 22-points per game scoring.

Head coach Jaryd

Piecuch is hoping for good things this year, saying, "We have a brand new team this year with 10 new players and four returning players. All players are brand new to the rotation, so we are short on experience, but it's a group that is ready to learn and want to take on a role."

That group put their best foot forward on Friday night with their 11-

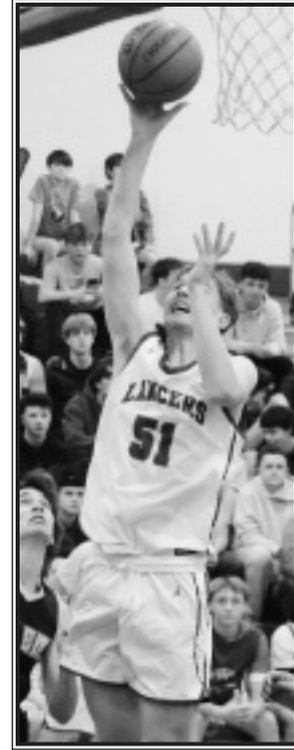
point victory at Winnacunnet High School.

The Lancers scored 13-points in the first quarter, outscoring the Warriors by seven-points. The LHS squad finished the half with by adding 14-points in the second period for a 55-44 lead at the break.

The Warrior cut their deficit in the third period, outscoring their visitors 15-11 to reduce the Londonderry lead to just seven.

In the fourth, the Lancers were able to shut down the Warrior offense enough to maintain their lead for their first victory of the year.

Sophomore forward Garrett Nahlik led the team with 14-points, getting five buckets for two-points and going 4-4 at



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the foul line.

Senior guard Jaylen Ncala finished with 11-points, going 3-4 at the line and getting four baskets.

Junior Ben Sakeller had two three-pointers and two baskets to fish with 10-points.

Junior Davis Magarian had seven-points and senior Evan Vago finished with six-points.

On Tuesday the Lancers had their home-opener against the Exeter Blue Hawks, followed by a contest with the Manchester Memorial Crusaders on the road.

On Tuesday, Dec. 23, Londonderry will close out 2025 with a game against the Blue Devils in Salem.

LHS Indoor Track Competes

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Indoor Track team competed at Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday, Dec. 13, with the Boys' team taking third out of 13 teams and the girls' placed fourth out of 14 teams.

Lancers Scoring:

Girls' 3,000m: 6th, Anna Laufersweiler at 11:28.67

Boys' 3,000m: 3rd, Josh Twomey at 8:58.20; 4th, Carson Fitzgerald at 8:59.42; and 6th Patrick Ramsey at 9:33.19

Girls' 1,000 meter: 3rd, Drewanne Sherman at 3:20.45

Boys' 600 meter: 6th, Finn McDonald at 1:30.62

Girls' 1,500 meter: 4th, Harper LaBonte at 5:57.48

Boys' 1,500 meter: 5th, Cash Robles at 4:35.17

Girls' 4x400 meter Relay: Team of Ella DiBuono, Stella Dutton, Laufersweiler and Sherman placed 3rd at 4:44.06

Boys' 4x200m Relay: Team of Jack DiBuono, Fitzgerald, McDonald and Twomey were 3rd at

3:40.05.

Girls' 4x200m Relay: Team of Eres DeLorey, Shaneda Jackson, Julia Morrison and Lillian Paris were 4th at 2:01.43

Girls' High Jump: 1st, Eres DeLorey at 5'0"

Boys' High Jump: 2nd, Devin VanAvery at 5'10"

Girls' Team Scores: Pinkerton 126.26; Portsmouth 56; Hollis/Brookline 41; Gilford 33; and Londonderry 31.

Boys' Team Scores: Pinkerton 120; Phillips Exeter 72; and Londonderry 28.

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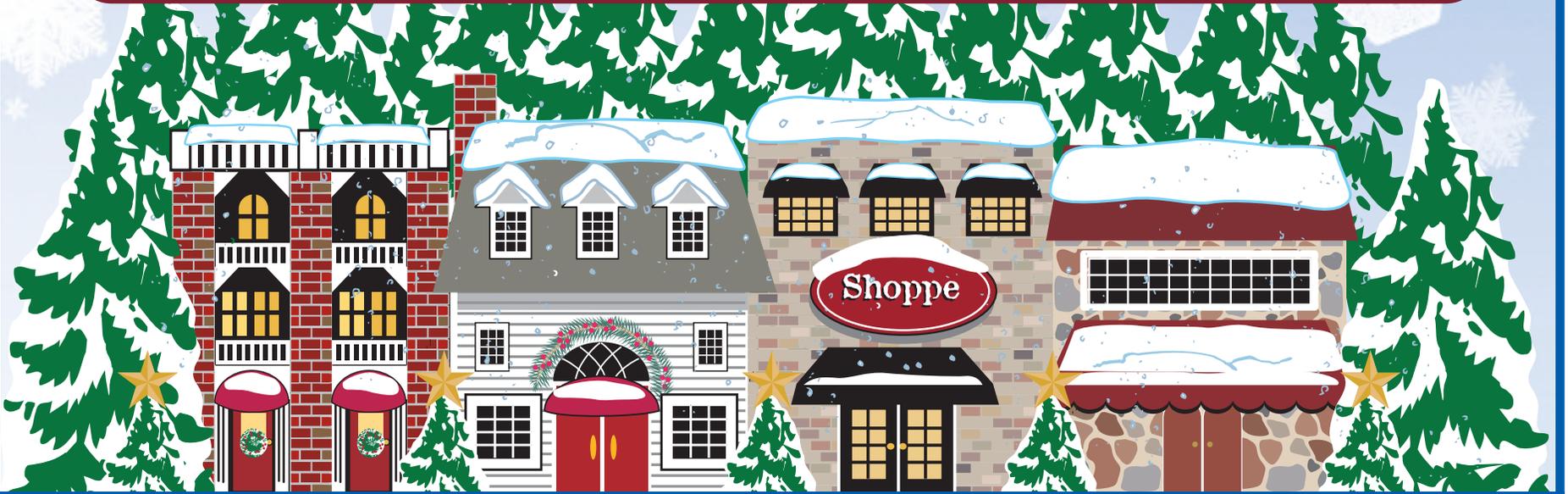
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Red Cross Blood Drive

The Rotary Club of Londonderry, in partnership with the American Red Cross, is pleased to announce a year end Blood Drive. There is a critical need for the lifesaving blood donations. The drive will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 30 from noon - 5 p.m. The location will be at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. Register in advance by calling 1-800-733-2767 or by visiting "RedCrossBlood.org" and registering to donate.

Winter Seed Sowing Workshop

The Green Team invites the community to its Annual Speaker Series featuring a special session on Winter Seed Sowing.

The event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Londonderry YMCA. This workshop will introduce participants to native plants and guide them through a six-step process for successful winter sowing. Presenter: UNH Extension Master Gardener Stacey Scaccia will lead the session, sharing expert tips and practical advice. Registration & Questions: Email GreenTeam603@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Santa's Mailbox

Santa paid a visit to Londonderry and left his bright red mailbox. It's now nestled inside the Town Hall lobby. You can drop letters into Santa's

mailbox until Monday, Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. Don't forget to include a return address so Santa can send a reply. If you need assistance, you can reach Kirsten, at 603-432-1100 x404. A print-friendly PDF of the letter form is available at www.londonderry.nh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2156/2025-Letter-To-Santa-PDF

Leach Library's Holiday Display Case

From Dec. 1 - 31, Renee McAllister will have a collection of Christmas tins on display as you enter the Leach Library. Being born in December in Minnesota at the end of WWII, her love of winter led to collecting unusual, mini, musical and anniversary

tins. This year she decided it was time to share her hobby with the Londonderry and neighboring communities.

Family Hanukkah Party

On Saturday, Dec. 20, from 5 - 7:30 p.m., come celebrate Hanukkah at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Kosher hot dogs and latkes will be served. There will be games & prizes, storytelling and crafts for the kids. Bring your own menorah and 8 candles (including the shamash) if you like. This event is free. All are welcome.

Annual Lighting Of The Giant Menorah

On Friday, Dec. 19, from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will continue its annual tradition of lighting its giant outdoor electric menorah. Join for the 6th night of Hanukkah and Shabbat Services, in prayer and song. The community is encouraged to bring their menorahs with seven candles (including the shamash), as the synagogue lights up bringing light to our world. Jelly

donuts will be served in remembrance of the miracle of oil.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on Jan. 20, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile must bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess or cannot produce proof of domicile may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications.

Drop-In Tech Help

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Memorial Bricks

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claimed.

Gandia further claimed her client was denied due process because he was not given formal reasons for the rezoning proposal.

"It is our opinion that Mr. Flier has been denied his due process rights. We did not receive a copy of the Town Council ordinance at all," she said.

Ultimately, Gandia called the rezoning unreasonable.

"If this goes to court, my standard is to prove that the Board's decision was unlawful or unreasonable. And I feel very confident that 20-plus years have passed with no concerns from the Town through two sets of master plans, a site plan approval, and now suddenly this Board wants to rezone the property. That is unlawful and unreasonable,"

Gandia said.

Councilors Deb Paul, Dan Bouchard, and Chair Ron Dunn voted in favor of rezoning.

"I know for me the whole purpose of the motion was we were removing a historic district. We wanted to bring it back to AR-1. That was the whole point of the motion," Dunn said.

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 8

2:36 a.m. Five-officers investigate a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Adams Road.

4:59 a.m. ALERTUS Test conducted at Londonderry Police Department.

7:22 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on High Range Road.

3:36 p.m. Four-officers respond to at Citizen's Bank on Nashua Road for a report of Larceny/Forgery/Fraud.

6:43 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Hotworx on Nashua Road.

Tuesday - Dec. 9

12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Rockingham Road, at Seasons Lane, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Heather O'Donnell, 40, of Manchester, arrested on a Warrant.

9:36 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Maple Street, Manchester. Dennis Morales, 24,

of Manchester, charged with Conduct After Accident.

11:14 a.m. Suspicious Activity on Morway Drive investigated by four officers.

1:59 p.m. NIBIN services rendered at the Manchester Police Department.

6:05 p.m. Three-officers conduct a Welfare Check on Old Nashua Road.

6:53 p.m. Complaint at Manchester Boston Regional Airport leads to an arrest made by four officers. Marc Omer Mandler, 61, of Leominster, MA, charged with Criminal Trespassing.

Wednesday - Dec. 10

12:59 a.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport transported to a hospital.

12:17 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:18 p.m. Welfare Check conducted at Park &

Ride - North, on Symmes Drive.

Thursday - Dec. 11

10:06 a.m. Welfare Check conducted at Home Depot, on Nashua Road.

1:56 p.m. Welfare Check investigated at TD Bank on Nashua Road.

2:50 p.m. Services rendered for Sexual Offender Registration on Shasta Drive.

8:02 p.m. Officers investigate a Disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Friday - Dec. 12

2:30 a.m. Three-officers investigate a Shooting Complaint on Mohawk Drive, at Reed Street.

9:16 a.m. Five officers respond to Park & Ride - North, on Symmes Drive, for an Involuntary Emergency Admission transported to a hospital.

10:33 a.m. Complaint investigated by three officers on Perkins Road.

1:09 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Juvenile Offenses on Chapparel Drive.

2:21 p.m. Sexual Offender Registration investigated at Park & Ride - North, on Symmes Drive.

4:39 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated by four officers on the Rail Trail on Sanborn Road.

7:26 p.m. Auto Theft reported at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:01 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Meetinghouse Road, Windham. Kristopher Balcom, 46, of Windham, charged with: Two counts of Conduct After an Accident; and two counts of Criminal Mischief.

Saturday - Dec. 13

2:58 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Commons Plaza, on Nashua Road.

3:27 p.m. Four officers respond to an Airport Alert at Signature Aviation on Airport Road.

10:20 p.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Sunday - Dec. 14

12:53 a.m. Four-officers Restore Peace during a

Domestic Disturbance

on Trolley Car Lane.

10:49 a.m. Welfare Check conducted at Park And Ride - South on Garden Lane.

12:36 p.m. Juvenile Offenses results in subject taken to Family/Guardian/Other on Lafayette

Road. **12:53 p.m.** Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:27 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Litchfield Road.

OBITUARY

Roy A. Arsenault Jr.



Roy A. Arsenault Jr., 64, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025 after a brief illness. Born on Jan. 21, 1961 in Melrose, MA, Roy was the son of the late Roy Arsenault Sr. and the late Marie (Palermo) Arsenault.

Roy was a successful business owner for many years, operating several well-known establishments that served as gathering places for friends, colleagues, and the broader community. Through this work, his life became deeply intertwined with the city of Manchester and the people who call it home. To many, he was a familiar and constant presence. An active and engaged member of his community, Roy believed in lifting others up and supporting friends, colleagues, and causes with generosity and loyalty, never seeking recognition. His impact extended beyond business into local politics, where he was deeply involved and supportive of candidates and causes he believed in. He was widely respected for his sharp political mind and wealth of knowledge. Roy ran for public office himself, a reflection of his commitment to civic life. He believed deeply in participation and dialogue.

What defined Roy the most was the way he showed up for people. He was a loyal friend, a mentor, and a reliable presence during some of the hardest moments in others' lives. Time and again, he offered help without being asked, gave advice without judgment, and extended second chances when others would not. Many credit Roy with teaching them, guiding them, or simply listening when it mattered most. He was known for his intelligence, his dry sense of humor, and a reserved nature that gave way to warmth once you earned his trust.

Roy was deeply devoted to his family. He cared for his parents with steady love and commitment throughout their lives, always attentive to their needs and well-being. He shared an enduring bond with his sister, remaining a constant presence in her life. They spent holidays together as a family, and Roy offered his time, insight, and perspective when needed. He was especially proud of and close to his niece and nephew, whom he adored. He took quiet joy in staying connected, checking in, and making time for those he loved, even when his own life was demanding.

A lifelong New England sports fan, Roy was an avid supporter of the New England Patriots. He attended many games, including several Super Bowls, always sharing those experiences with friends because, for him, the best part was watching others enjoy the moment. Whether at a game, talking politics, or managing his business, Roy was always making sure everyone was taken care of. He created memories that people will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Roy is survived by his sister, Lynne Dejadon, and her husband Robert of Pelham, NH; his nephew, Tyler Dejadon, and his wife Nicol of Bedford, MA; and his niece, Brooke Dejadon, and her fiancé Joseph McMains of North Andover, MA; and several longtime friends who were like family to him.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Dec. 19 from 4 - 7 p.m., at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Funeral services will be held at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 1 - 4 p.m., at Murphy's Tap Room and Carriage House in Bedford, NH. Friends, family, and all who knew Roy are invited to gather, share stories, and honor a life that meant so much to so many.

To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

EPA Finalizes Plan to Address Drinking Water Contamination at Londonderry Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized its Interim Record of Decision (IROD) for the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site in Londonderry, New Hampshire. The decision confirms EPA's plan to extend the existing municipal water line into targeted neighborhoods where groundwater is used as a drinking water source. The plan also includes connecting homes affected - or potentially affected - by site-related contaminants that were not previously linked to the water system.

Contamination concerns at the site date back to 2018, when 1,4-dioxane and per - and polyfluoroalkyl substan-

ces (PFAS) were detected in groundwater at levels posing unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. These substances were found both at the site and in downgradient water supply wells. Since then, monitoring has continued, and households with contamination above federal or state standards have received bottled water from responsible

parties or the EPA as a temporary measure.

The IROD represents a significant change to the previously selected remedy, following public comment and review. Copies of the IROD and the Administrative Record are available at www.epa.gov/superfund/tinkham or at the Leach Library.

Site Background

The Tinkham Garage Superfund Site spans

roughly 375 acres in Londonderry and includes residential, commercial, and conservation land. The area encompasses the 13-unit Woodland Village Condominium complex (formerly Londonderry Green Apartments), single-family homes along Mercury and McAllister Drives, and neighborhoods along Gilcreast Road, Boston/Charleston/Albany, and Ross/Tokanel.

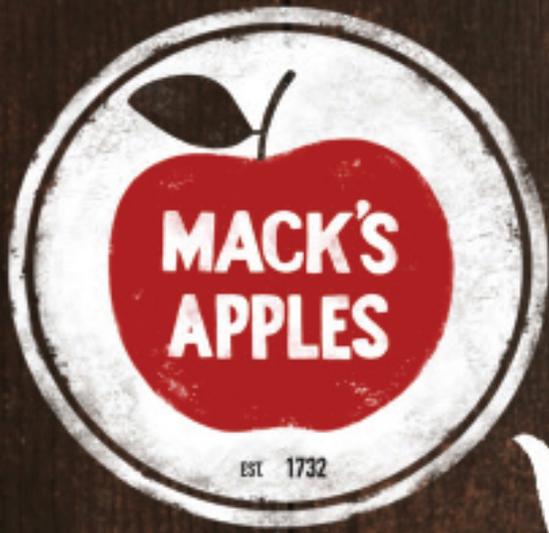


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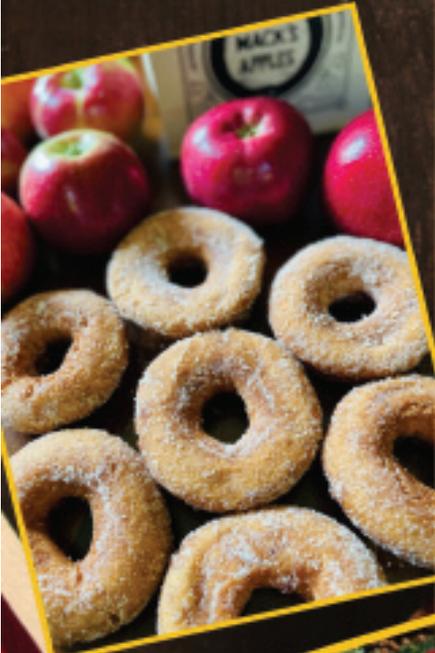
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