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Smoke Break

Londonderry Fire Fighters prepare for their next round of exercises at the departments fire training last week. Over 30 members of the department went through a number of evolutions at a home on Rockingham Road.

Photo by Chris Paul

Councilors Disagree on Legal Opinion of Land Use Agreement

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After questions were raised regarding a Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) agreement between the Town and Pillsbury Realty- the owners of Woodmont Commons, Town Manager Shaun Mulholland has clarified what took place.

The questions first emerged following comments made by Town Councilor Dan Bouchard at the Dec. 1 Town Council meeting.

On the docket were the appointments of Planning Board members.

Bouchard said he was concerned with the appointment of former Town Councilor John Farrell, who was one of the town councilors at the time who signed the agreement.

According to Mulholland, the agreement, that was signed in 2017, “specifies the amount of the land use change tax that is due to the Town for the property identified as 7 and 15 Pillsbury Road,” which is all of the land south of Pillsbury Road in the Woodmont PUD (Planned Use Development).

“It specifies the amount of LUCT assessed

would be \$568,600 as being owed to the Town from the property owner, Pillsbury Realty,” Mulholland wrote in an email. “The value of the property was determined to be \$5,656,000 according to the agreement.”

At the Dec. 1 Town Council meeting, Bouchard made allegations that the agreement was actually illegal since the method used to calculate the amount being paid did not follow the state RSA on LUCT.

Contacted after the meeting, Mulholland stated that it’s not necessarily illegal.

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Black Says Enrollment Drop Due to Lack of Full-Day Kindergarten

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The Londonderry School Board and Budget Committee were recently briefed on a potential warrant article that would bring full-day kindergarten to the District as early as next year.

Unlike last year’s proposal – which called for a stand-alone kindergarten building at Moose Hill – this year’s plan would place kindergarten students across the existing elementary schools.

As currently drafted, the warrant article would ask voters to approve full-day kinder-

garten, a move that Superintendent Dan Black said would reduce the tax rate by 12 cents.

Unlike last year’s bond project, requiring a two-thirds majority vote, this warrant article would only need a simple majority to pass.

Black explained that the tax rate reduction would come from two areas: increased revenue and a decrease in operating expenses. On the revenue side, the District expects to receive an additional \$548,226 in year one, largely due to increased state aid for full-day kindergarten.

On the expense side, the District anticipates a

net savings of \$208,000, which includes various one-time implementation costs.

“So that’s actually a 12-cent savings on the tax impact,” Black said, referring to the combined revenue increase and cost savings.

Black said the District is able to pursue this new approach

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Rep. Perez Outlines Bill Regarding Town Control of Municipal Libraries

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

State representative Kristine Perez was at the first December meeting of the Leach Library Board of Trustees to give a quick presentation on a bill she was co-sponsoring

that could impact the governance of local libraries. Despite some concern over the bill’s details, she claimed such changes were requested by “over 15 different libraries” in the Southern New Hampshire region, arguing

that current regulations needed an update.

“Libraries in New Hampshire began being run by trustees in the late nineteenth century. The NH Library Association was founded in 1889, and the library

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Officials Weigh Morrison House Warrant Article Options

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During the most recent Londonderry Town Council meeting, members of the Town Council and Budget Committee revisited a longrunning question: whether to place a warrant article on the March ballot regarding the future of the Morrison Meeting House.

The discussion focused on potentially asking voters to raise and appropriate funds to either restore or remove the historic building. A

bond would require a threefifths majority vote for approval, unlike most warrant articles that pass with a simple majority.

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland said he was asked to compile cost estimates for both options. Improving the building is projected at about \$3.3 million, while demolishing it would cost roughly \$500,000.

"I've been asked to produce those numbers. I'm doing that," Mulholland said.

Mulholland noted

that the Town Council would ultimately decide whether to advance a warrant article to voters.

Town Council Vice Chair Shawn Faber said the issue has been delayed for years and believes residents should finally have the opportunity to make a definitive decision he also stated maybe put the cost of tearing it down on as well.

"We need to let the Town decide," he said during the meeting.

"Let's put it on there,

give it to the voters, and put it in their hands," Faber added.

Town Councilor Dan Bouchard agreed, emphasizing that voters should have clear cost information before making a choice.

"I agree the voters need to make a decision on it," Bouchard said.

Council Chair Ron Dunn explained that the Town had already received a detailed cost report and reiterated that it would ultimately be up to the Council to determine whether the matter goes to the ballot.

One question raised during the meeting was whether the building could be sold instead of demolished.

Faber said his initial thought is to present the cost of saving the building first, and if voters reject that option, the Town could then explore alternatives.

Councilor Deb Paul inquired about residents and business who may want to get involved whether local contractors or skilled tradesperson might be willing to assist with the project. She also stated that there should only be one warrant article stating the cost to repair otherwise it gets confusing.

Mulholland said it is too early to know what level of volunteer support might be available but agreed it would be helpful to identify those

interested so they can be added to a list.

Councilor Ted Comb's asked about the possibility of burning the building as a Fire Department training exercise was also raised. However, Assistant Fire Chief Fred Heinrich noted that such an option would require approval from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and would need to qualify as an acceptable training benefit—something he said the agency would not approve.

No decisions were made during the meeting regarding potential warrant articles for the Morrison Meeting House.



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Kindergarten
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because the last three incoming classes have had fewer students than usual. He cited economic challenges, the difficulty of affording a home, an aging population, and lower birth rates as contributing factors.

However, he noted that other districts are seeing more stable or slightly increasing enrollments.

"They're seeing more stable enrollments - some are seeing slight increases," Black said, explaining that the lack of full-day kindergarten makes it harder for Londonderry to attract new

families, particularly those with young children.

Black said the drop in school enrollment can be attributed to the lack of full-day Kindergarten.

He said, "Since we don't have Full-Day Kindergarten, we're not becoming a very attractive place for young families to move to."

Black added that they expect enrollment to increase if full-day kindergarten is approved.

For an example, he said they would expect around 210 students in a half-day model, but full-day kindergarten could bring in approximately 30 additional students to that number. He also

noted that school choice plays a role.

As of now, the District is proposing 14 kindergarten classrooms beginning next year if the warrant article passes, though that number could change.

"It could change how that 14 are dispersed, but we're planning for 14," Black said, noting that 18 students would be the cap per classroom.

He also explained that the original plan called for 12 classrooms, but feedback led them to increase the number to 14.

No decisions were made during the meeting.

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Petition Warrant Proposed for Water Expansion Special Assessment District

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Administrative Services Director Kirsten Hildonen asked the Utilities Committee for assistance in advancing a proposed warrant article to raise and appropriate \$400,000 for

the Water Special Assessment District.

"We ran into a tiny snag in that towns with a budgetary town meeting don't have Town Councils that can create a special assessment district. It has to be created by residents," said Hildonen, who suggested resolving the issue through a petition warrant article. "Initially, we were going to do a special assessment district for every single household that was in one of these 12 water projects, plus households that could get water next year because they already have a curb stop. That number is close to 800, so we won't have time to get 400 signatures right now."

Under the revised proposal, the district would be limited to residents scheduled for near-term municipal water connections, primarily in areas of High Range Road not covered by the Saint-Gobain consent decree. This small-

er scope would require fewer signatures - representing at least 50% of residents and 65% of the assessed value in the proposed district.

"What we're focusing on are the households that have curb stops and then will have water by the time the Water Special Assessment District would be funded if it passes on the warrant," said Hildonen. She emphasized that the assessment would not come from taxpayers, describing it instead as a "loan" funded initially from the undesignated fund balance and repaid by residents. "The town under the special assessment district will help you fund, we're hoping, if you have any contamination."

Only residents connected to the water system would be subject to the assessment.

"Is it possible we could get a text message to those people with a header explaining to them what we're trying to do and ask them to come into a desk and sign?" asked Secretary John Ferreira.

Hildonen said outreach plans are underway, including January information sessions, social media updates, and possible door-to-door or phone campaigns.

"I think there's a general willingness out there now that people have seen the work going through to learn more about it," she said. "I like to give our residents credit, that they're going to be open-minded enough to learn about it, provided that we are available enough to answer questions, and I think that's the big thing."

Committee member Anne Fenn asked about the potential state or federal assistance.

"I'm also curious, if you're making a presen-

tation to DES, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate, are they going to have some role in getting the Town of Londonderry some additional money? There is a chance people won't have to pay the full amount?"

Hildonen noted that state support for infrastructure is limited, particularly for individual connections, and federal funding remains uncertain.

"I think that there is a chance in a few years - though definitely not right now - where the federal government is going to have to contribute," said Fenn. "The public is going to say, 'Why do we have to pay for this? We didn't cause this PFAS/PFOA problem.'"

Others cautioned against predicting state or federal action, preferring to keep the focus local.

"We kind of dug into all of the options for this, and we landed on what we think is the most streamlined one for this first time," said Hildonen.

OBITUARY

Roy A. Arsenault Jr.



Roy A. Arsenault Jr., 64, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 11, 2025 after a brief illness. Born on January 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 were held on Friday, Dec. 19 at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services will be held at a later date.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, Dec. 21, at Murphy's Tap Room and Carriage House in Bedford, NH.

OBITUARY

James H. Monroe



James H. Monroe, 83, of Londonderry, NH, died Friday Dec. 19, 2025 in the Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua, NH, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 17, 1942 in Jamestown, NY, and had been a resident of Londonderry since 1994, formerly living in Jacksonville, NC. Jim was a US Navy veteran retiring after 30 years of service. He was a member of the VFW Post 5791 in Hudson, NH. Jim was an avid reader and had enjoyed golfing in the past.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Monroe of Londonderry. Jim was the proud father of Michael Monroe of Londonderry, and the cherished grandpa to Emory Monroe and Callahan Monroe.

Following cremation, a private graveside service will be held at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial

Winter's Gift: Time, Tradition, and Hope

Winter arrives quietly after all the holiday craziness. As we take a moment to look around at the bare trees, the crispness in the air, and the hush of snow reminds us to pause and breathe. It's in these still moments we feel the weight and wonder of time. Geoffrey Chaucer's words echo: "Time and tide wait for no man." The year behind us is gone, and the road ahead stretches forward, whether smooth or winding.

This season invites reflection as we look back at days gone by - Auld Lang Syne, as Robert Burns wrote in 1788, meaning "old long since" or "for old times' sake." The song plays at midnight, and though few know all the words, its melody carries a promise: memories matter, but life moves on. Finché c'è vita c'è speranza - "As long as there's life, there's hope."

That brings us to tradition, which holds wisdom and helps us navigate life's complexities. For some, it's the countdown and the kiss at midnight. For others, it's gathering around a table filled with warmth - perhaps a steaming bowl of pasta, crusty bread, and rich espresso shared with family. Italians say: A tavola non si invecchia (At the table, one does not grow old.)

In hard times, that truth feels even more precious. Food, laughter, and love can slow the clock - if only for an evening. After all, Quel che sarà, sarà (what will be, will be).

Winter is not just cold; it is comforting in its own way. It reminds us that life's beauty often hides in simplicity: a walk through fresh snow, a pot of sauce simmering on the stove, a phone call to someone we miss. These small acts are threads that tie us to the past and weave hope for the future.

And yes, these are hard times. The world feels uncertain, and challenges weigh heavily. But winter teaches resilience. Beneath the frozen ground, roots hold firm, waiting for spring. In the same way, we can hold fast to kindness, gratitude, and faith that brighter days will come.

We cannot change the world overnight, but we can brighten our own corner. Light a candle. Share a meal. Offer kindness. These gestures ripple outward, warming hearts in a season that can feel long and lonely.

As the new year dawns, let us embrace winter's gift - a pause to cherish what matters most. Time will march on, but we can choose how to fill it: with generosity, with laughter, and with moments that linger like the comforting aroma of fresh bread in a cozy kitchen. La Dolce Vita (The Sweet Life) is something we can all hope for.

From our family to yours, may this winter bring peace, joy, and hope for brighter days ahead.

So raise a glass, Chin Chin, Buon Anno (Happy New Year!)



St. Mark's Gives

A donation of \$1,706 was presented to the Moose Hill School for the Londonderry Early Education Program. The proceeds of St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive benefitting Special Olympics held this past spring was earmarked for this donation. Pictured are from left to right: Tony Violanti, Recorder, St Mark's K of C; Sandra Mack, Moose Hill Principal; Kim Speers, Preschool Director; Nick Maffattone, Grand Knight, St Mark's K of C.

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State Rep

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trustees first met on Sept. 12, 1890. Additionally, the NH state legislature passed a law in 1849 that allowed towns to establish and maintain their own libraries," she explained, arguing that some of these laws were out of date, especially for small facilities that could not always get enough people to fill a local board of trustees. "This just adding to an amendment to RSA 202-A:2."

According to Perez, that amendment would allow municipalities to have their "governing body assume control of the governance of the library" under certain circumstances where a city or town needed to assume direct control through a public vote. The bill is set for a hearing next January.

"We wouldn't be able to do a warrant on this until next fiscal year, am I correct on that?" asked Library Director Erin Matlin.

Perez confirmed that if that law passes, it would not come into effect in time to impact Londonderry in the immediate future. She wanted to bring the bill to the attention of Leach

Library following concerns that some of the larger libraries in Southern New Hampshire were becoming "big business," a term one resident wanted clarification on.

"Can you explain what you mean by 'big business' for an entity that's a non-profit?" asked the resident. "I would love to know what your understanding of 'big business' is."

The state representative clarified that she was referring to the amount of money involved in the day-to-day operation of some of the state's larger libraries.

"What I mean is that it's become a big organization. It's not like you have a library in the corner of town hall. A lot of money is being put out, a lot of money is being requested, and a lot of money is needed," said Perez, who eventually conceded that 'big business' was "probably the wrong term."

"My question is, what is your end goal to this in terms of overall results for the towns and libraries?" asked Trustee Nancy Hendricks.

Perez stated that the intention of the bill was to give towns greater

flexibility when it comes to library governance, reiterating that only a public vote would allow a local board of selectmen or town council to take control of a municipal library.

"This is a 'may,' there's the big difference. This is not saying 'a town shall,' this is saying 'a town may.' It's a big difference," she said. "I think towns should have an option; it doesn't work having a board of trustees running every single town."

Several Leach Library Trustees and the Library Director focused on possible ramifications that could come from the loss of a trustee board.

"If I understand the bill correctly, if the trustees fall to the town, we would no longer have a trustee account," said Matlin. "I think that's something to think about."

While the bill was scheduled for a hearing, it was unclear what level of support it would attract from the state legislature or Governor Ayotte.

Trustee Chair Liz Thomas stated that the bill was "something to keep on the horizon and watch out for."

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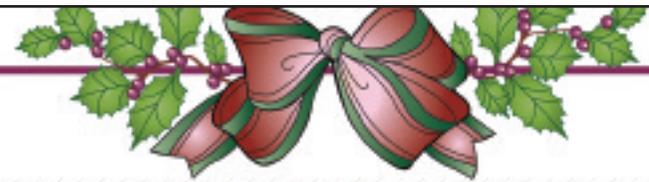
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Fire Personnel Trains in Rescue, Suppression and More



Dozens of Londonderry Fire Fighters got some much-needed training in fire suppression and search and rescue during a day of practice on a home being demolished. The home on Rockingham Road, near the the Intersection of Mammoth Road was being used to make room for an future apartment complex being constructed there. Training went on throughout the day on Tuesday, Dec. 16. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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LUCT

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According to Mulholland “on its face the agreement is per se not illegal.”

“However, there are questions regarding the methodology that was used and the timing of the determination of the amount of LUCT owed to the Town,” Mulholland wrote. “LUCT is determined at the time the property no longer qualifies for the current use exemption as detailed in NH RSA 79-A:7,I when its status changes.”

Mulholland explained

that the Town “cannot say what the LUCT amount owed might be on a piece of land will be two-years from now.”

“The LUCT is assessed when an actual change occurs,” Mulholland wrote. “That occurs when the land is physically changed such as constructing a road or the development of buildings on the property. And then only those portions of the land that are experiencing the changes.”

Mulholland went on to say if a project is a phased project then “only the portions ac-

tively being developed in that phase trigger the LUCT.”

He added, “Further, the tax is assessed on “the tax shall be at the rate of 10 percent of the full and true value...” (RSA 79-A,I),” Mulholland wrote. “That means that the LUCT is determined not on what the previous value of the property was in its undeveloped state, but on its new projected value based upon the approvals of the Planning Board. The apple orchard had a certain property value. The value of the property with the Woodmont plan is certainly of a higher value.”

Mulholland listed a number of different bullet point in an email to the Londonderry Times:

- We do not know how the LUCT was calculated for this agreement. The assessor at that time has passed away. I have not found any documentation as to how the amount was determined.

- The agreement was signed on June 6, 2017.

- The A-5 form, which actually assesses the LUCT, was filed with the registry of deeds on Aug. 2, 2017. The document shows the actual date of change to be May 15, 2017. The A-5 form was signed by three of the five Councilors on June 9 and June 12, 2017 respectively. The tax was due on July 15, 2017.

4. The property card for 2018 shows the land value of \$5,876,340.

- The property card for 2025 shows the land value of \$7,321,600.

- What we do not know is what the land value was at the time of the actual change (construction on the site). Was it assessed at its “...full and true value...” based on its development potential.

- The A-5 form is the appropriate document for the Town Council to assess the LUCT. I would say that is uncommon, if not unheard of, for municipalities to enter into an agreement as to what the LUCT would be for a piece of property. This is determined by the Town’s Assessor and acted upon by the governing body via the A-5 form.

Asked specifically what the amount of land being developed at the time of the agreement Mulholland said it was unknown.

“That is the fundamental question,” he wrote in an email. “I do not know the answer. The project was and is still being developed in phases. I don’t know what was being built and when. That could be figured out, however that would take considerable staff time and effort.”

Mulholland explained the Town Council entered into the agreement in June of 2017, years before he became Town Manager.

“I was provided a copy of the agreement from Pillsbury Realty recently as we are in discussions regarding the assessment of LUCT for the Procopio project on the north side of Pillsbury Rd,” Mulholland wrote. “We have no intentions of entering into any

similar agreement.”

Mulholland said “Procopio is trying to determine the amount of the LUCT so that they can determine the ROI and how much capital will need to be raised for their development project(s) and when the LUCT will be assessed.”

At this point the project has not been approved.

“The Planning Board has not approved a subdivision or site plan for these properties yet,” Mulholland wrote. “The best we will be able to do is provide a rough estimate of the range of the LUCT that might be due to the Town depending upon when the construction actually begins and on what parcels.”

During the Dec. 8 meeting, Town Councilor Deb Paul called for an apparent opinion given to the Town Council from their Attorney regarding the matter to be released so the public has all the relevant information.

Councilor Ted Combes, said he was concerned with voting on releasing the report without getting clarification from the Town Attorney on whether or not it is privileged information and invoked Councilor Privilege meaning no vote was taken.

At the Dec. 15 meeting, it was explained that the attorneys who worked on the report agreed it could be released.

On an unanimous vote the Town Council voted to waive privilege allowing for the release of the legal opinion on the previous LUCT agreement.

Combes asked for an apology from Bouchard who called the agreement “illegal” during a previous meeting, when discussing the appointment of previous Town Councilor John Farrell to the Planning Board.

Combes and Farrell were both on the Town Council at the time and signed the agreement in question.

Bouchard did not issue an apology during the meeting, but reaching out to him after the document was released, Bouchard stated, “When I first learned about the Land Use Tax Agreement between Woodmont Commons and the Town, I wondered, why do we need a land use tax change agreement when a state RSA governs current use taxation. Citizens have voiced concerns about preferential treatment towards this project and this document verifies the citizens concerns. This agreement did not benefit the taxpayers of Londonderry and I would like to know why it was done and if it was approved by the towns legal counsel. The agreement was not needed, because clearly NH RSA governs Land Use Change Tax. Further, my understanding is when you have a parcel of land that is under current use and you want to develop part of it you take the area you intend to develop out of current use and pay a land use change tax as stated under NH RSA. The remainder of the property stays in current use. When you go to develop

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OBITUARY

Jennifer Karen Jarvis LaFauci



Jennifer Karen Jarvis LaFauci, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away on Dec. 18 at the age of 72 at All American Assisted Living in Londonderry, NH after a prolonged battle with Parkinson’s Disease.

Jennifer was born on Jan. 1, 1953 in Houston, TX, to her Air Force veteran father Harold “Hal” Jarvis and her mother, Shirley Brown Jarvis. Jennifer spent her 6 years of elementary school in Durango, Mexico and later moved to Whittier, CA, where she graduated from La Serna High School 1971. She spent a year at the University of Southern California and then transferred to the University of Tulsa when her family moved to Claremore, OK.

She graduated from Tulsa in 1975 where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Motor Board, an organization of outstanding senior women. Her sense of humor, compassion, and loving kindness made her a friend to all. Jennifer moved to the northeast upon graduation and worked as a flight attendant for American Airlines and then for Framingham-based Voltech Electric.

She met her husband, David LaFauci, on a blind date set up by a mutual friend. The two were married in 1980 and moved to Londonderry in 1981. She later was a stay-at-home mom, working tirelessly to provide opportunities for her only son, Trevor, and her family. She would volunteer at South Elementary School to support student learning and would often provide rides to and from sports practices for her son and his teammates. She was a lifelong learner and found a passion for early internet chatrooms discussing the topic of metaphysics. She was bilingual, was an avid supporter of FC Barcelona, and would integrate Spanish language terms in the home.

She helped raise four dogs, including two golden retrievers, a chocolate labrador, and an Alaskan Malamute. She enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with her extended family during their annual summer retreats to Lake Tahoe on the California/Nevada border. Her family was important to her and she never shied away from telling them that she loved them.

She is survived by her loving husband, David LaFauci; her mother, Shirley Jarvis of Davis, CA; her brothers, Steve Jarvis of Whittier, CA and Duncan Jarvis of Claremore, OK; her son and spouse, Trevor LaFauci and Shweta Kukreja; beloved granddaughter Tara; and many other loving family members and friends.

The family invites you to a visitation on Tuesday, Jan. 6, from 4 - 7 p.m., at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. There will be no formal burial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in her memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s research.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for a formal review of a condominium conversion. 103 Rockingham Road, Map 13 Lot 43-1 zoned Agricultural-Residential (AR-1). 99 Rockingham Road, LLC (owner) and S & H Land Services, LLC (applicant)



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE TOWN COUNCIL

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

- A proposed amendment to the composition of the Recreation Commission, changing the number of members.
- A proposed amendment to the Purchasing Policy.

The public hearing will occur on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Vice Chair Urges Action on Budget Cuts Amid Rising Tax Concerns

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council held a budget hearing Monday night, Dec. 15, to discuss potential reductions to the proposed operating budget. As previously explained, the Council directed staff to identify \$400,000 in cuts to bring the proposed operating budget closer to the default budget.

However, by the end of the meeting, Town Council Vice Chair Shawn Faber expressed frustration over the lack of concrete action.

“I get to hear about how every single one of us is a champion for the taxpayers, but when it comes to taking any little thing off, no one can say the hard thing and say what that is,” Faber said.

He noted that residents continue to face high tax bills with little change. Faber refer-

enced public comment from Richard Bielinski, who shared that his wife suggested putting their house on the market due to rising costs.

“We keep hearing these stories year after year, and when it comes, we go in a circular conversation and come back to nowhere — don’t cut anything or insignificant things,” Faber said.

Faber urged fellow councilors to propose specific reductions.

“And by January 5, there’s no ‘I didn’t have time anymore.’ Come up with stuff, bring it back, and we’ll discuss it as a Council,” he said.

Council Chair Ron Dunn acknowledged the challenge, warning that if the default budget passes, the impact will be severe.

“If the Default Budget passes, it’s really bad for the Town. Services are going to get cut, and people aren’t going to be

happy,” Dunn said.

Councilor Dan Bouchard observed that few residents attended the meeting to weigh in on the budget.

Councilor Deb Paul criticized the late start to the budget process, saying it left little time for meaningful cuts.

“Next year, I expect the budget process to start much earlier,” Paul said, adding that deep discussions should happen throughout the year.

She pledged to push for a line-by-line review next year, requiring each department to justify its spending. Paul also expressed confidence that the town could manage if the default budget passes.

“I’m not worried — the Town’s not going to fall apart,” she said.

Faber added that there’s still time this year to make reductions and called for more ideas at the next meeting.

Leadership Londonderry Spotlights Senior Services & Library Innovations

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The fifth session of Leadership Londonderry featured presentations highlighting two vital community resources: the Senior Affairs Department and the Leach Library. Both departments shared their missions, programs, and collaborative efforts to serve residents.

Senior Affairs Director Illona Arndt began by reaffirming her department’s purpose.

“Basically, our mission statement, which is what the mission statement has been for quite some time, is that the Senior Affairs Department is there to assist Londonderry seniors by facilitating programs and

information that supports social and financial independence,” said Arndt. “We have different programs and events, and I also work with other departments.”

One example of this collaboration is a scam and identity theft prevention program involving the Senior Affairs Department, the Police Department, and the Leach Library.

“I want to work on the major problems facing seniors today like transportation, housing, food, and security,” Arndt explained. “Volunteers are phenomenal here. You can look at some statistics - over the last several years, we get 250 to 300 volunteer hours per month. Mem-

bers come in here to work the front desk, clear tables, and set up bingo.”

Her department serves thousands of seniors in Londonderry, including those who are not members of the Senior Center. While the center currently has only a few hundred members, that number has been steadily rising.

“How do they apply for membership?” asked one attendee. “Do they come here to apply?”

Arndt confirmed that applications are typically completed in person.

Leach Library Director Erin Matlin followed with an overview of the library’s role in the community.

“At Leach Library,

we are all about service. It is so important for us to be a safe, welcoming place for all of our patrons - not just Londonderry patrons, but all patrons outside of our community,” said Matlin. She noted that Londonderry participates in the GMILCS consortium, which allows residents to use their Leach Library card at Derry, Manchester, Hudson, and 13 other libraries.

Matlin encouraged attendees to explore

services beyond book lending.

“We have free Wi-Fi, study rooms, programs, and we also have a talk box, which is kind of like a phone booth, but it has a table and chair so if you want to take a phone call or take a Zoom meeting, you can do that,” she said. “We have three notaries on staff; I’m one of them. It is a free service, we do not charge, and it is very popular.”

She also highlighted the “Library of Things,”

which lets residents borrow items ranging from snowshoes to a giant Connect 4 set.

“Where do you obtain those?” one woman asked.

Matlin explained that items can be reserved online or at the front desk, noting that popular items often have waitlists. She encouraged residents to get involved by signing up for a library card or joining the Friends of the Leach Library.

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Master Plan Land-Use Map Seeks to Clarify Zoning and Future Growth

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The December meeting of the Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee focused on refining the land-use map, a key component of the town's long-term planning strategy. Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) repre-

sented Suzanne Nienaber and Cam Prolman led the discussion.

"When we were putting this together, we really envisioned this as an insert between parts one and two of the Master Plan," said Nienaber. "This is a really key component and we want to give it the attention it deserves."

Prolman explained that most of Londonderry remains residential and low-density housing, though the map highlights notable exceptions that distinguish the town from others in Southern New Hampshire.

"The predominant pattern across Londonderry continues to be

low-density residential neighborhoods represented extensively on the map. These areas contain established subdivisions, rural roads, and a mix of lot sizes shaped by topography, natural resources, and historic development patterns," he said. "The dark grey you see on the map is what we call 'airport-industrial,' for now. The airport-industrial designation encompasses the gateway district and the industrial areas adjacent to the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. These areas operate at a significantly larger scale than Londonderry's traditional industrial districts and serve a regional economic function."

Beyond traditional industrial and commercial districts, the map includes mixed-use areas, higher-density development at Woodmont Commons, and an increasing amount of conservation land.

The Steering Com-

mittee suggested changes to the map's terminology to avoid confusion.

"One of the bullet points says to support a broader mix of housing types such as cottages. For some reason, when people hear the word 'cottages,' they freak out thinking we're talking about tiny homes. I don't know where that came from," said Committee member Marge Badois. "For some reason, it's universally upsetting to people when they hear that."

Prolman agreed to adjust the wording, while Nienaber proposed adding a glossary to clarify terms.

"The idea is more diversity but keeping within the same aesthetics," Prolman explained.

Public surveys show housing remains a sensitive issue in Londonderry. Committee members urged SNHPC to avoid terms like "intensive" or "dense" housing.

"The original word we drafted was 'urban,'

and we said that's not going to work," noted Nienaber. "We acknowledge that this is a sensitive area."

Labeling challenges also arose with planned unit developments such as Woodmont and Technology Hill.

"One important thing to keep in mind here is that we're not here to critique development that is already on the ground," said Nienaber. "It's good to understand the challenges, and we've heard the challenges from the surveys and from our conversations, but we do want to be forward-thinking in our visions. If there are things that we aren't pleased with in terms of some existing developments, our job is to create a vision that solves some of those challenges."

She emphasized transportation planning for larger mixed-use developments, noting repeated concerns about traffic.

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more of this property you have now increased the value of this remaining open land that has improvements that have been built around it. As a result, the vacant land has increased in value and the Land Use Change Tax is higher that is owed when you take more of it out for development. This is where this agreement short-

changed the Londonder-

ry taxpayers." He also said, "As stated in the legal review from the town's attorney 'New Hampshire courts have recognized that the plain wording of New Hampshire RSA Chapter 79-A indicates the precise timing upon which LUCT assessments "shall" occur—namely, loss of the factors that qualify the property for current use. There is no specific wording in New Hampshire RSA Chapter 79-A or the Current Use

Board's Rules that permit either a municipality or a taxpayer to deviate from this timing."

Bouchard added, "Some people have asked if it was illegal and while reviewing this complex agreement and the legal counsels review you can see that NH RSA Chapter 79-A of the Current Use Boards' Rules were not followed in this case."

The full legal opinion can be found on the Times' website.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Boys' Basketball Squad Win Two, Drop Home Opener

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team had two solid road wins to start the winter season, but dropped their home opener last week.

Both victories came on the road, one in the first week of the season, followed by a loss at home on Tuesday, Dec. 16, to the Exeter Blue Hawks, where the Lancers were never able to mount much of an offen-

sive threat.

Londonderry's scoring woes began in the first quarter of the game, putting in just two baskets and trailed the Blue Hawks 9-4.

The Lancers were able to tighten the contest up in the second period, outscoring their opponents 9-6, to trail 13-15 heading into the locker room at halftime.

The troubles at the basket continued for both sides in the third period, with Londonderry scoring just 10-points and Exeter getting 12.

With just a combined 28-points scored by halftime, it was still anyone's game going into the final quarter, but that's where the Blue Hawks were able to bust out of their funk and tally 24-points, leaving Londonderry behind. The Lancers tallied half as many points in the fourth for the 35-51 loss.

Nathan Mbuyi was the only LHS player to hit double digits, leading the Lancers in scoring with 10. Ben Sakellar and Garrett Nahlik both finished with six and Casey Marsh had four-points in the tough loss.

Putting those scoring woes behind them in

game three of the season, the Lancers had a much better result at Manchester Memorial High School on Thursday, Dec. 18.

The Lancers were able to put up double-digit scores in each of the four quarters and lock in a 58-46 victory over the Crusaders, handing that team their third straight loss.

Davis Magarian led his team with 15-points, getting five baskets and going five of six at the foul line.

Casey Marsh finished with 11-points, Nahlik tallied 10-points and Evan Vago and Sakellar both had seven in the win.



Davis Magarian led the Lancers in the 58-46 victory over Manchester Memorial.



Nathan Mbuyi was the only Lancer to hit double digits against Exeter. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lancers Hockey Starts Season with Scoring Challenges

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Hockey team had a busy week, as they settled into the new winter season.

Although the first three games of the season had the Lancers coming away with two ties and a loss and very few goals despite some hefty efforts.

Londonderry opened the week with a road trip against the Division II Warhawks on Monday night, Dec. 15. A team made up of players from Merrimack-Hollis Brookline-Derryfield where

both teams finished dead even, with one goal each.

Londonderry's only goal went to senior Taran Bower.

Two nights later, the Lancers traveled to Manchester, where they fell to the Trinity Pioneers at the JFK Memorial Coliseum by a score of 1-4.

The Lancers were only able to get the puck by the Trinity goal tender, Joe Ronzello one time. Ronzello lives in Londonderry, and had an outstanding game, knocking away over two-dozen shots in goal, many of which came

during power plays.

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead at the end of the first, where the score remained until the beginning of the third.

In that period, Trinity scored three more unanswered goals to start before junior Luca Verani finally put one by Ronzello, with the assist going to junior Gavin Karoul at with three-minutes left in the game.

The Lancers finished the week with their first home-game of the season, against the Bedford Bulldogs.

Once again, scoring was an issue for both



Trinity's Joe Ronzello was nearly perfect against the Lancers barrage of shots at the JFK Coliseum. Photo by Chri Paul

teams and they settled for a 1-1 tie.

The LHS goal went to assisted by sophomore senior Nicholas Bishop, Austin Callahan.

Wrestlers Bounce Back with Tournament Win After Loss to Bedford

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was a week of high-stakes grappling for the Londonderry High School wrestling program, as the Lancers followed a difficult road loss to Bedford by dominating their home mats to claim a first-place team finish at the Londonderry Invitational.

The Lancers team week began on Wednesday, Dec. 17, with a challenging trip to Bedford for at Dual Meet with the Bulldogs. Despite the 55-24 team loss, the Lancers showed flashes of dominance in the middle weights. Cam Roussel (120 lbs) sparked the team with a second-period fall, while freshman

Gabriel Perez (132 lbs) needed just 71 seconds to pin his opponent.

The freshmen and juniors led a mid-match surge as Colin Egan (144 lbs) and Caleb Holden (150 lbs) both secured pins in 1:38 and 3:28, respectively. However, the Bulldogs' depth in the upper weights proved too much, as Bedford

took every match from 157 through 215 by fall or major decision to seal the victory.

The Lancers didn't have to wait long for redemption. On Saturday, Dec. 20, Londonderry hosted a coed and girls tournament featuring teams from across New England.

The Lancers Coed team took First Place overall, fueled by a powerhouse performance from junior Caleb Holden, who went a perfect 4-0 to claim the 150-lb title. The team showcased immense depth with five other starters reaching the finals to secure second-place finishes: Cam

Roussel (120), Gabriel Perez (132), Colin Egan (144), and senior Brendan Egan (157).

The podium was crowded with Lancers, as Lennox DeLeon (113) and Jayden Mahlatini (285) battled back to take third place in their respective divisions. The "Second Team" also impressed, with freshman Aaron Braley (106) taking third and senior Lucas DeLeon (113) and junior Liam Cronin (175) both placing fourth.

In the Girls Division, Londonderry secured a fifth Place team finish.

Freshman Claire Tillman led the way with a gritty 2-1 record to take

second place at 152 lbs. Aerilyn Curtain (110) took third, and Fira Shaffer (152) added a 4th-place finish to round out the scoring.

There is no rest for the Lancers over the holiday break. The Varsity and Girls squads will head to North Berwick, Maine, for the prestigious Noble High School Invitational on Dec. 29 and 30.

The schedule reaches a fever pitch on New Year's Eve, as the Lancers host the defending State Champion Timberlane Owls on Dec. 31. The team will then ring in 2026 at the Bruce Rich Invitational in Chelmsford on Jan. 3.

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Lancers Gymnastic Edged Out by Bedford in Season Opener



Kayla Gonsalves

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team hosted its first meet of the season over the weekend with a very close finish favored the visiting Bedford team.

The Lancers had 13 competitors challenge in four events at Spectrum Gymnastics on Sunday morning with the Lady Bulldogs finishing first with a score of 127.3. Londonderry was just over a point behind with a 126.15, and Campbell High School finished with a 105.2 for third.

In the Vault, Londonderry had two tie for second place. Sophomores Morgan Ayotte

and Sophia DePasse both scored an 8.8 with Skyla Houle of Campbell scored a 9.0 for first. Junior Gabby Nadeau was just shy of scoring with an 8.3 in the first event of the day.

Londonderry's freshman Kayla Gonsalves took first place on the Bars with an 8.6, beating out Bedford's gymnast who scored an 8.5.

The Lancers didn't have a top three in the Beam, sophomore Ashleigh Minahan finished with a 7.9, sophomore Kathryn Strong had a 7.7 and Kayla Gonsalves had a 7.6.

Senior Alex Pena led in the Floor competition, taking first with a 9.2. Sophomore Morgan Ayotte tied two other



Alex Pena

gymnasts for second place with an 8.8.

Freshman Addison Gonsalves was the next highest Londonderry

competitor with a 7.8.

This year's team features four seniors, two juniors, seven sophomores and seven freshman.

Londonderry Indoor Track Teams Shine at USM Meet

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Indoor Track and Field teams had strong performances at the NH Winter Track League meet held at the University of Southern Maine on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025. The boys team secured a second-place finish with eight competing teams, while the girls team finished fifth overall.

The meet was high-

lighted by several first-place finishes and podium sweeps for LHS.

Distance Events

The boys distance runners excelled in the 1,500m event, taking the top three spots. Senior Carson Fitzgerald took first place with a time of 4:08.07, followed closely by fellow senior Josh Twomey at 4:08.09, and sophomore Patrick Ramsey in third at 4:18.03.

Senior Jack DiBuono added another win for

the boys with the top spot win in the 1,000m, finishing with a time of 2:44.82. In the 3,000m, LHS placed three runners in the scoring positions: senior Cash Robles (third, 10:05.65), sophomore Alec Lemeris (fourth, 10:22.94), and sophomore Aaron Modini (fifth, 10:29.76).

On the girls' side, senior Drewanne Sherman clocked the fastest time in the 600m, securing first place with a

1:48.75 finish.

Field Events

Lancers showcased their versatility with first-place finishes in both the boys' and girls' high jump events. Senior Eres DeLorey cleared an impressive 5' 3" to win the girls' high jump, while junior Devin VanAvery leaped 5' 8" to claim the top spot for the boys. VanAvery also had a strong showing in the long jump, finishing

third with a distance of 19' 0.25".

Relays

The Lancers excelled in team relays, with both 4x400m squads making the podium. The boys' team, comprised of DiBuono, Robles, junior Joey Gainey, and junior Finn McDonald, took first place with a time of 3:50.95. The girls' 4x400m relay team finished third.

The boys' 4x200m relay team secured sec-

ond place, and the girls' 4x200m relay finished fourth.

Other Notables

Finn McDonald took second place in the boys' 300m dash (39.27).

Lucas Palma (4th) and J-veion Teeter (5th) scored points in a competitive boys' 55m sprint.

Molly Tharrington placed fifth in the girls' shot put.



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Lancers Girls' Basketball End 2025 with Perfect Record

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After starting the season with a near effortless 65-28 victory over the Winnacunnet Warriors, the Londonderry High

School Girls' Basketball squad finished out the year last week with three more lopsided wins. The Lancers had a busy week before the holiday break, winning 64-38 at Exeter High

School; 50-31 at Bishop Guertin; and 62-53 at Wachusett Regional High School.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, Londonderry easily got by the Blue Hawks during that team's home-opener, finishing with a 26-point advantage.

Senior starter Sammi Sullivan had 19-points to lead the team in scoring for the second straight game.

Junior Gemma Murray came away with 15-points, including three, three-pointers and senior Brooke Eacrett finished with 12-points, two of which were from outside the arc.

Freshman Mia Buco had seven-points and sophomore Allie DiNovo got six.

The following night, the Lancers headed west to take on the B.G. Cardinals, a team that was once the reigning powerhouse of girls' basketball in the state, and handed that squad their second loss of the season.

In the 21-point win, Sullivan came away with over half of her team's baskets, scoring 26 of the 50-points in the game.

Eacrett and Murray finished with eight-points and sophomore Alana LoPriore had five-points.

Over the weekend, the Lancers played their last divisional game of 2025, an out-of-conference match-up in Massachusetts against the Wachusett Regional High School Mountaineers in Holden.

The game was the closest of the year so far for the Lancers, as they came away with a nine-point victory.

Londonderry started slow in this one, leading 8-6 after one quarter, but then turned up the scoring in the second period to lead 31-18 at the break.

The third quarter saw the Mountaineers climb back into the game to close the gap to just five-points, at 43-38, but LHS was able to hold them back in the fourth for the win.

Murray and Sullivan



Brooke Wilson



Brooke Eacrett

both had 22-points in the win, with Murray getting her season-high and five, three-pointers.

Eacrett finished with seven; senior Brooke Wilson had six; and DiNovo tallied five.

Despite being out-of-state, the victory it still counts in the team's Division I standings, putting them at 3-0, along with five others teams. Seven teams remain undefeated in the division so far this year.

The Lancers next Division I game won't be until Tuesday, Jan. 13, when they take on the Division I Champions Bedford Bulldogs on that team's home court.

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Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Youth Girls Lacrosse Clinic

Open to all Girls K-8 no experience needed. Players will be divided into groups by age and experience. Taking place Sunday, Jan. 4 at Londonderry High School Gym from 1 - 3 p.m. Cost is \$25, proceeds to benefit LHS Girls Lacrosse Program (Please Pay via Venmo or checks made payable to Quick Sticks Booster Club). Please bring a stick if you have one. Goggles and gloves are not needed. Session will be run by Londonderry High School Girls Lacrosse Players and LYLA coaches. Register online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-fX06qvE5nPBivDoaa2lz5zkBxjvPKd204VYHOUousldS>

w9mw/viewform. Walk ins are welcome! Any questions please email: president@londonderrylax.org

Winter Seed Sowing Workshop

The Green Team invites the community to its Annual Speaker Series 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 Green-

Team603@gmail.com to register or for more information.

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.

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 life-saving 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 "RedCross-Blood.org" and registering to donate.

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.

Crying In The Wilderness: An Immigrant's Journey in Detention

Come to the Etz Hayim Synagogue on Thursday, Jan. 8, from 7 - 8 p.m., for a presentation by Becky Field. She has been photographing the lives of immigrants since 2012. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Family Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat Services

Join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts (bring a nosh to share!) on Friday, Jan. 9, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Book Bubbe, Leslie Kirshman, will read a story, and Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Jonathan Biatch with musical accompaniment by Irina, Religious School Director. All are welcome! Please RSVP to

office@etzhayim.org by Jan. 8, to plan for pizza.

Sunday Family Camp

On Sunday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. - Noon, this Etz Haymin event will take place with the Theme of Tu B'Shvat. Learn about how trees help us and may even get to try some special Tu B'Shevat foods! Please RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by Jan. 9 to ensure enough materials for the artwork. Visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1 for more information.

Drop-In Tech Help

On Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, the Leach Library reference staff is available to provide one-on-one assistance in technology-related needs. No appointment is necessary.

Memorial Bricks

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 15

12:10 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Holly Lane.

12:22 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Sunrise Drive.

5:39 p.m. Peace Restored by four officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Premier Drive.

7:02 p.m. Three-officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Londonderry Town Hall.

7:44 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Jennifer Road, Danville. William Moschetto, 46, of Danville, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

8:08 p.m. Five-officers investigate a Sudden Death on Pinyon Place.

9:52 p.m. Six-officers assist another police department with an investigation on Sandstone Circle.

Tuesday - Dec. 16

8:21 a.m. Four officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Woodbine Drive resulting in transport to a hospital.

10:41 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Buckthorn Street.

11:15 a.m. Welfare Check conducted at the Wallace Farm Apartments on Bridle Path.

5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop on Garden Lane, at Michels Way leads to an arrest made by three officers. Jeremy Wilson, 48, of Derry, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

5:10 p.m. Three-officers respond to an Auto Fire on Roundstone Drive, at Raymond Wiczorek Drive. Vehicle Towed.

6:04 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at TJ Maxx on Michels Way.

Wednesday - Dec. 17
9:01 a.m. Seven-officers investigate Juvenile Offenses committed at Londonderry Middle School. Bomb threat deemed a hoax.

9:48 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Hannaford Food & Drug, on Hampton Drive.

11:31 a.m. Peace Restored by four officers during a Domestic Disturbance at the Wallace Farm Apartments on Bridle Path.

2:56 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by five officers on Perkins Road.

3:39 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Auburn Road.

4:17 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported at Giovanni's Roast Beef on Rockingham Road.

4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by five officers at Midridge Circle, on Mammoth Road. Carlos

Nino Gonzalez, 30, of Londonderry, charged with: Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License - License Required; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

8:56 p.m. Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Sandstone Circle.

Thursday - Dec. 18
11:55 a.m. Disturbance on Rockingham Road leads to Vehicle being Towed.

3:40 p.m. Eight officers investigate a Disturbance at Londonderry High School.

4:59 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on Perkins Road investigated by three officers.

9:05 p.m. Shooting Complaint on Auburn Road investigated by three officers.

10:33 p.m. Suspicious Activity at the Water Tower on Gordon Drive investigated by three officers.

Friday - Dec. 19
3:39 a.m. A motor vehicle accident at RMZ Truck Stop, on Rockingham Road, leads to an arrest made by five officers. Tyler Moffatt, 27, of Plaistow, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

9:35 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Litchfield Road.

9:38 a.m. Welfare Check

conducted on Quincy Road.

12:23 p.m. Services rendered on South Road to Keep the Peace.

12:26 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport transported to a Hospital.

4:45 p.m. A Motor vehicle stop made at St. Mary's Bank, on Nashua Road leads to an arrest by four officers. David Yates, 44, of Hudson, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension; Traffic Control Device Violation; and Operating after Certified as a Habitual Offender.

9:09 p.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive.

Saturday - Dec. 20
3:18 a.m. Three-officers assist Derry Police with services on Acropolis Avenue.

7:10 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:31 a.m. Three-officers respond to a Medical Emergency at Red Arrow Diner, on Rockingham Road and assist with transport to a hospital.

2:21 p.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity reported on Kitt Lane.

4:56 p.m. Trespassing reported on Kitty Hawk Landing.

Sunday - Dec. 21
12:19 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, Route 93, leads to

an arrest. Brendan Horne, 18, of Hooksett, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Transporting Alcohol or Marijuana by a Minor; Open Container Alcohol or Marijuana; and Unlawful Possession/Intoxication.

12:42 a.m. Three-officers investigate Suspicious Activity at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road.

8:15 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated

at Park & Ride - North on Symmes Drive.

10:30 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Tokanel Drive.

9:18 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Rockingham Road at the Triangle Mobil Mart.

11:19 p.m. Six-officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on King Henry Drive and Issue a Warning.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

FY27 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will receive public input on the proposed FY 2027 Town Budget on Monday January 12, 2026 beginning at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, N.H. Please be aware the Warrant is likely to change based on any meetings that occur before the January 12, 2026 meeting as well as meetings that occur after the January 12, 2026 meeting. Any questions please call the Town Manager or Finance Department. The Warrant under consideration at this time includes:

W/A	Description	Fiscal Year 2027
1	Election of Officers	
2	Town Charter Amendment	
3	Town Charter Amendment	
4	Bond Issue for Morrison Meeting House (Amount not determined yet)	
5	Town Clerk Position - Provide Full-Time Employee Benefits	
6	Budget	
	Town Council	\$19,373
	Town Manager	\$712,231
	Human Resources	\$430,440
	Budget Committee	\$1
	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$771,654
	Finance	\$647,647
	Assessing	\$464,835
	Information Technology	\$1,049,332
	Legal	\$275,000
	General Government	\$578,921
	Cemetery	\$42,540
	Insurance	\$6,528,283
	Conservation	\$3,500
	Police	\$12,367,456
	Fire	\$10,693,078
	Building	\$506,486
	Public Works	\$5,711,666
	Solid Waste	\$3,401,379
	General Assistance	\$150,625
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	Recreation	\$351,663
	Library	\$1,679,230
	Senior Affairs	\$124,747
	Community Development	\$454,890
	Debt Service	\$1,179,714
	General Fund Appropriations	\$48,443,003
	Sewer Enterprise Fund Appropriations	\$7,572,362
	Tax Incremental Finance District (TIF) Appropriations	
		\$945,768
	General Fund/Sewer Enterprise Fund/TIF Total	\$56,961,133
7	Construction of School District Office	\$2,500,000
8	Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund	\$200,000
9	Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund	\$650,000
10	Capital Reserve Funding - Fire Dept. Trucks	\$300,000
11	Capital Reserve Funding - Fire Dept. Equipment & Defibrillators	\$800,000
12	Capital Reserve Funding - Information Technology Fund	\$350,000
13	Capital Reserve Funding - Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion	\$75,000
14	Capital Reserve Funding - Recreation	\$25,000
15	Capital Reserve Funding - Cable Equipment	\$32,500
16	Establish Capital Reserve Transportation Fund	\$500,000
17	Establish Capital Reserve Water Fund	\$500,000
18	Water Special Assessment	\$400,000
19	Fire Executive Assistant Position	\$143,303
20	Fire Lieutenant Training Officer	\$173,226
21	Reallocation of Remaining Funds Appropriated for the High Range Road Water Supply Project	
22	Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund through Adoption of NH RSA 261:153, VI Motor vehicle additional registration fee of \$5	
23	Transaction of Other Business	

Around Town

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tions are available online on the Moose Hill School website. LEEP Handbook will be 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 Please email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

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