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The Planning Board recently discussed a proposal for a Farm-to-Table restaurant within the Mack's Apples Farm Stand. Photo by Chris Paul

Mack's Apples Proposes Farm to Table Dining Area

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The idea of a "Farm-to-Table" dining area at the Mack's Apple Farm Stand was met with mixed opinions at the latest Planning Board meeting, with a few members agreeing the plan might be a good fit for the area.

Christopher Salomon, an Architect for Samyn-D'Elia Architects, presented the plan on behalf of

Mack's owner Kyle Chrestensen during a conceptual discussion at the July 9 Planning Board meeting.

The idea is to construct a dining area in the rear portion of the building, behind the current retail area.

Salomon told the board, "We're proposing to use part of this apple storage facility as a Farm-to-Table restaurant within the building."

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School District Looking at the Decline of Enrollment Numbers

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received an enrollment preview and what is expected to be an in-depth conversation on Aug. 5 during its most recent meeting.

"For the August 5th School Board meeting, we are working on a big project to better map out our enrollment, space needs, and staffing needs within our elementary schools through 2030," Superintendent Dan Black wrote. "That project grew out of the full day kindergarten conversation this spring when the budget committee approached the school board to bring

back last year's project again."

He added: "This project also grew out of the conversations and questions that parents and community members had at our first full day kindergarten roundtable last month."

During the summer of 2022, Black said they had "very predictable incoming classes for 1/2 day kindergarten and additional students that joined us in first grade for much of 10-years prior."

"We built our first project that went to the voters around this stable view of about 300 students for each new class," Black said.

By the fall of 2023, he said they found themselves with a new class, smaller than most classes for the past decade.

"We asked for outside help from NESDEC – a regional expert that studies school enrollment-to figure out if this was a new pattern or an anomaly," Black said. "NESDEC concluded that this smaller class in 2023 was a one-time blip in enrollment because, unlike most New England communities."

Londonderry had a lot of construction, Black said, and "turn-over had been stable in terms of families with kids moving out and new

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EPA Proposing Public Water to Homes Near Tinkham Site

MEREDITH KENDRICK
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a permanent public water line extension for neighborhoods affected by groundwater contamination linked to the former Tinkham Garage, a 375-acre Superfund site on Londonderry's east side.

The site has a long and complex history. Originally agricultural land, it was later used by John Tinkham for hauling and washing industrial and septic waste, some of which was disposed of in trenches and

leach fields. The site was added to the National Priorities List in 1983 after reports of "foamy, smelly" stream water and contaminated wells.

EPA officials said the contaminants of concern, including 1,4-dioxane and PFAS, can travel through fractured bedrock and reach private wells. "We know we have 1,4-dioxane and we know we have PFAS compounds, primarily PFOA and PFOS," said Cheryl Sprague, the EPA's remedial project manager. "Over 90% of households had detections of PFOA."

The EPA released the plan on July 11 following

years of sampling and monitoring that revealed elevated levels of 1,4-dioxane and PFAS in residential wells located downgradient from the site. At a public meeting on July 10, EPA officials said their proposed action is based on a determination that "groundwater used as drinking

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Old Home Day Returns with Four Days of Community Events

SUBMISSION
KIRSTEN HILDONEN

Londonderry's favorite summer tradition is back! Old Home Day 2025 will bring four days of fun, food, and hometown pride to town from Wednesday, August 14 through Saturday, August 17, with events designed to bring the community together in celebration.

This year's theme, "Join One," honors the many local clubs, non-profits, and volunteer organizations that make Londonderry such a vibrant and connected community. Throughout the week, residents are

encouraged to explore the many ways they can get involved, give back, and build relationships.

The festivities kick off Wednesday afternoon with the annual Senior Picnic at the Rev. Morrison Pavilion (4:00-6:30 p.m.), followed by the final Concert on the Common at 7:00 p.m. featuring the annual return of the crowd-pleasing favorite Studio Two Beatles tribute band.

Thursday evening features two fantastic activities for the whole family to do together. Come for the high-energy Second Annual Color Run at 5:30 p.m., now at

the Town Common, and stick around for a family-friendly movie night hosted by the Londonderry Police Association. Stay tuned for the announcement on this year's film, and don't forget your chairs and blankets!

Friday, August 16 offers a mix of sports and celebration. The Town Showdown Home Run Derby and L-Town Classic softball tournament take place during the afternoon at the LAFA Fields, building up to the always-popular Food Truck Festival from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. behind Londonderry

High School. The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks display set to music at 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, August 17 is the main event. The day starts with the Baby Contest at 8:30 a.m. at the Bandstand, followed by the traditional Old Home Day Parade down Mammoth Road at 10:15 a.m. The parade, booths, and day-long activities all reflect this year's "Join One" message, offering residents a chance to meet the civic groups and service organizations that help shape Londonderry year-round. Other highlights

include the Morrison House Museum Encampment, Touch-a-Truck at Orchard Christian Church and vintage car lineup down Pillsbury Road, two beer tents brought to you by 603 Brewery and the American Legion, and over booths on the Common and Meetinghouse grounds showcasing local businesses, clubs, crafts, and causes. From 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., there's something for every age and interest.

The celebration wraps up in style with the Boot Scootin' Boogie & Brewfest brought to you by Millenium Run-

ning from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Nelson Road field. Featuring live music, dancing, and local brews, it's the perfect way to close out a week of hometown pride.

Whether you've lived here for decades or just moved in, Old Home Day is a chance to rediscover what makes Londonderry special-and maybe even find a group to "join." Let's come together to celebrate community, connection, and tradition.

For more information, event registration, and up-to-the-minute details, please visit londonderryh.gov/OldHomeDay.

Mack's

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He also stated that they had met with the state Agricultural Commissioner who deemed the farm to be a proper use of the agriculture facility to be used for the purpose of agritourism.

The proposal was for a 200-seat restaurant area within the building with 134 total parking spaces to accommodate the new use.

Salomon added that there would be lighting added to the parking area as well as a sprinkler system for the din-

ing area.

The first comment from the board came from longtime member Art Rugg who cautioned the presenter that this was not a permitted use in an AR-1 district.

Rugg said, "We have an ordinance. You have to get a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment," and he went on to read the ordinance to Saloman.

Assistant Town Manager/Economic Development Director, Kellie Caron interjected at that point saying that the town was still in the pre-

liminary stages with the plan and the applicant is planning on using the states agritourism statute, which may supercede local ordinances.

Caron added that town staff would be meeting with Mack's Civil Engineer for additional feedback.

She stated, "This very well may fall within the agritourism state law and that would be the means by which this would be allowable in terms of the use."

Caron then cautioned the board to proceed with questions

based on knowing they may not need to follow local regulations.

Further board discussion had member Tony DeFrancesco comment, "It seems like you have conflicting seasonal use." DeFrancesco explained that he had concerns with the ice cream stand and the restaurant being open at the same time and causing parking issues. He also divulged that from his standpoint, "I don't believe there should be an ice cream stand there either. It has nothing to do with what they grow at the farm."

He also argued, according to the states land use regulation book, that he didn't feel municipalities are required to allow agritourism.

Member Giovanni Verani was in support of

the plan, saying that he felt it was a good fit and will help make the business more viable. He said, "Your allowing a land owner and business in the town to stay in operation, so they can continue to do what they do." He felt the town should work with the owner.

Salomon was asked the space the restaurant would require and he responded about 20 percent of the building would be used for a dining area.

There were also concerns raised on whether or not the owner would be meeting the guidelines of the agritourism RSA, citing how much of the produce being grown will be used for the dining area.

Other members, for the most part, felt the plan was a good idea,

but cautioned that "the devil will be in the details," saying that it had the potential to be a good addition to the farm and a draw for the town.

Vice Chair Jeff Penta made the point that the next step would need to be a full site-plan, not just an amendment to the existing plan, adding that the septic, parking and lighting would need to be addressed.

There were also concerns raised about a change in ownership and what would happen if the farm was sold.

Caron clarified that if the new owners decided move away from farming, it would be considered a change-of-use and they would then need to reevaluate the property and look at what other reviews and approvals would be needed.

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The Granite State Moves to Eliminate Annual Car Inspections

MEREDITH KENDRICK
LONDONDERRY TIMES

New Hampshire is set to become the only state in the Northeast to eliminate mandatory vehicle safety and emissions inspections.

The change, part of the biennial state budget signed by Governor Kelly Ayotte in June, ends the longstanding requirement for most passenger vehicles to undergo annual inspections.

Under the new law, safety inspections will no longer be required starting Jan. 31, 2026. Emissions testing will be phased out by Sept. 2026, pending approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The measure originated as House Bill 649, which was later incorporated into the broader state budget after stalling in the Senate. Supporters argue that the state's inspection system is outdated and imposes unnecessary costs on drivers, particularly

those with newer vehicles. Opponents warn that the repeal will have serious consequences for public safety, air quality, and compliance with federal regulations.

Law enforcement agencies have expressed concern that without routine inspections, identifying unsafe vehicles will become significantly more difficult. Police would need to rely on visual cues during traffic stops or wait until a vehicle is involved in an accident. Critical issues such as brake failure, tire wear, or suspension damage often go undetected without formal inspection and pose heightened risks on the road, especially during NH's winter months.

Capt. Matthew Amattucci of the N.H. State Police testified to the Senate that shifting responsibility to officers "places an undue burden on troopers who are already stretched thin, expecting them to spot mechanical issues during routine patrols without the tools, time, or

training of a licensed inspector." He added, "Relying on police means that the danger has already reached the road" (NH Bulletin, May 19, 2025).

The law also eliminates emissions testing, the state's primary method for identifying malfunctioning pollution control systems such as catalytic converters and oxygen sensors.

Environmental advocates have raised alarms, warning that high-emitting vehicles may continue to operate undetected, contributing to increased levels of ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter, which are pollutants linked to asthma, cardiovascular disease, and other respiratory illnesses.

Eliminating emissions testing could also place NH at odds with federal clean air requirements. The state has requested a waiver from the EPA to discontinue the program. Without that waiver, the state

risks losing federal highway funding under the Clean Air Act.

Studies on the impact of vehicle inspections have shown mixed results. A 2018 national study found that states with safety inspection programs experienced 2.8% fewer vehicle-related fatalities per 100,000 registered vehicles than those without. However, a review of New Jersey's decision to eliminate mechanical inspections in 2010 found no clear increase in crash rates. While experts debate the direct impact, many agree that inspections play a modest but measurable role in reducing risk by identifying mechanical defects before they cause serious incidents.

Supporters of the repeal say the safety

concerns are overstated. "It's a scam, really, because the data shows that forcing car inspections doesn't actually lead to safety. It can lead to \$1,000 bills that average people weren't expecting," said Rep. Sam Farrington, a Rochester Republican and member of the Liberty Caucus who supported the repeal (WMUR, June 27, 2025).

House Majority Leader Jason Osborne framed the change as a response to widespread public frustration. "When I'm in the barber shop or the grocery store, they're not asking me about all of the things that are in HB2," Osborne said during floor debate. "The one thing they ask me about is, 'When are you going to repeal those car inspections?' And that's

what we're doing today" (NH Journal, June 27, 2025).

Opponents argue the move ignores clear risks to public health and safety. "This change removes one of our best tools for keeping unsafe and high-emission vehicles off the road," said Dan Bennett, president of the NH Automobile Dealers Association. "It's reckless and shortsighted to think this won't have real consequences" (NHPR, June 27, 2025).

Despite those concerns, the law will take effect gradually over the next 18 months. Until then, NH drivers must continue obtaining annual inspection stickers. The EPA's decision on the emissions waiver will determine whether the rollback is fully implemented as planned.



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Editorial

Celebrating Your Town with Old Home Day

August is just around the corner. The flowers are blooming, our gardens are yielding a wonderful bounty, fall sports are either starting or have already begun, and there's still plenty of time to relax on the porch and enjoy the season. This time of year is truly delightful.

Even though we are in the heart of summer, you might catch glimpses of fall in the coolness of some evenings. Even still, there's still so much time and so many activities to fill the long summer days, and one of the highlights is our town festival!

Londonderry Old Home Day will take place from Wednesday, August 13, to Saturday, August 16, 2025. These four days will be packed with activities for all ages.

We haven't included specific events in this message, so please check the town's website in the coming weeks for all the details.

These large town events foster community spirit and bring volunteers together. You can enjoy a back-to-basics festival filled with games of skill and chance, hearty food, parades, races, displays of traditional kitchen skills, live music, cow pie bingo, regular bingo, cornhole competitions, showcases of the newest emergency vehicles, and often fire-

works to end the evening. Old-fashioned games like tug-of-war and sack races are new again as today's youngsters take part.

Despite the hectic pace of life throughout the year, town festivals provide an opportunity to come together. They encourage us to leave our homes and backyards, allowing us to relax and connect with our neighbors.

However, these celebrations don't come together effortlessly; they require the hard work of many volunteers and various groups, all united by their love for their hometown and their desire to create a festival that everyone will want to attend year after year. That's the essence of these charming summer gatherings.

While our weekdays often involve long hours in other communities or states, summer reminds us to appreciate where we live.

So be sure to mark your calendar for your local festival and plan to celebrate your community. This is the year to get better acquainted with your neighbors and learn about your town's history while participating in a summer tradition that forms the heart of New England.

I hope to see you there!



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Letters

Ethics and the Library Trustees

To the editor,

I am writing to you today as a citizen of Londonderry, a professional librarian, a former employee of the Town of Londonderry, and a former trustee of the Leach Library.

Having watched the debacle that is the Board of Trustees meetings of the past six months I felt I had to speak up. I would like to give kudos to Erin Matlin, Donna Plante, and the entire team of dedicated employees of the Leach Library. I would also like to give a shout out to board members Helen Palmieri, Nancy Hendricks, and Beth Marrocco for their willingness to listen, contemplate, and act on what it truly means to be a member of a library board of trustees.

There is actually a Code of Ethics that elected or appointed trustees of NH public libraries have an obligation to meet. Number one on that list is

“Sustain the core freedoms of our democracy by providing a broad diversity of viewpoints, beliefs, information, and literature and equal access to everyone.”

Another key obligation is to “have the moral courage to protect the integrity and purpose of the library as a community institution; challenge proposals and actions that are illegal or contrary to the mission; challenge any Board member whose actions betray the public trust, violate the law, jeopardize the integrity of the

institution, or cause dissension within the library.” The people I mentioned above are tirelessly working to abide by these ethics. If you would like to read the entire Library Trustee's Code of Ethics you will find it on the NH Library Trustees Association website. (www.nh-lta.org)

I have worked in a number of public libraries during my 40+ year career, and I have also served the public on two library trustee boards. I never dreamed I would witness what I am seeing unfold in this town. My only wish is that our library board can rise above all this and allow the amazing library staff and community to continue enriching the lives of all the citizens of Londonderry.

Kimberly Bears
Londonderry,

Library Trustees Continue to Fail Us

To the editor,

The latest meeting of the Leach Library Board of Trustees, on July 9, ran for five hours. You would be forgiven for not wanting to watch the entire recording of the meeting, especially since very little was actually accomplished in those five hours. However, if you want to rely on Trustee Fitzgerald's minutes for the meeting, you will be missing some key information. Here are just a few of the many things that she left out:

1) Trustee Hendricks revealed that Board Chair Thomas had unilaterally forced the removal of the job posting for a library tech, overriding the vote of the

Board. This is not something that the Chair is allowed to do.

2) Chair Thomas, Treasurer McLaughlin, Trustee Fitzgerald, and Trustee Ryan voted against the re-posting of the position because they disagreed with the salary range and paid time off in the posting. They accused Library Director Matlin of malfeasance. Trustee Hendricks and Assistant Director Plante were able to demonstrate that this was patently false and that the salary and PTO offered were both consistent with NH law and the Personnel Policy adopted by the Board in April 2025. When Assistant Director Plante asked what they were expected to offer instead, Chair Thomas said, and I quote, “Figure it out.”

3) During public comment, which began at 11:30 p.m., Paul Skudlarek had a back-and-forth with Chair Thomas about her illegal meeting and subsequent removal of the library petition in May 2025. What the minutes neglect to mention is that Mr. Skudlarek asked, yes or no, if Chair Thomas would update the minutes for the illegal meeting with a record of how each attendee voted. Chair Thomas point-blank replied, “No.”

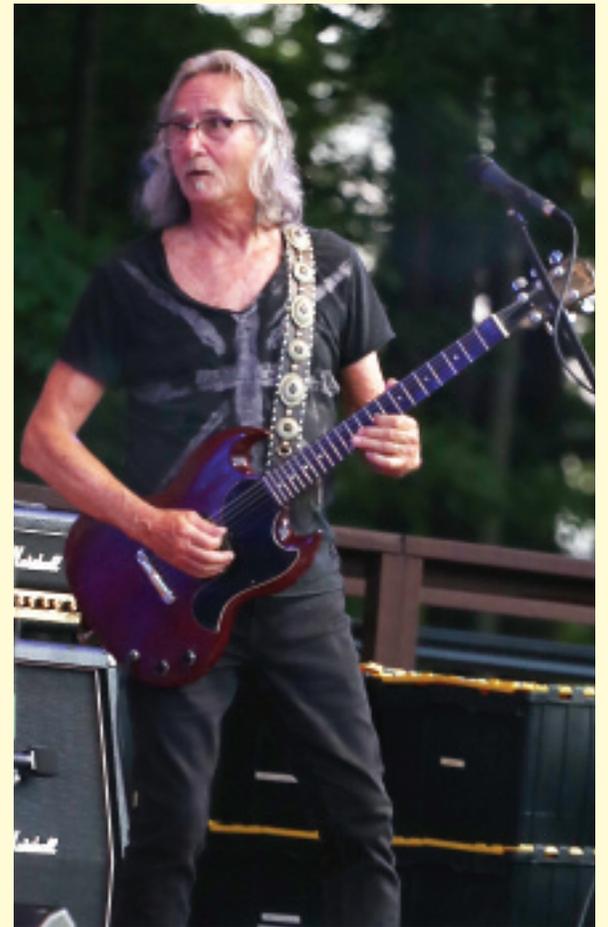
If you don't believe me, feel free to watch the recording.

The level of disregard and disrespect for the library, the taxpayers, and the law is absolutely flagrant and on display at every Trustee meeting. We have now been waiting since March for a children's librarian

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Concerts Continue Featuring Boston Lead Guitarist



The Brian Maes Band returned to the Town Common last week, featuring Boston's guitarist Barry Goudreau. The Concerts on the Common series has just four shows left to the season, starting Wednesday, July 22.

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water downgradient of the site in these neighborhoods presents an unacceptable risk” to human health.

1,4-dioxane is a synthetic industrial chemical commonly used as a solvent stabilizer and found in products such as adhesives, paint strippers, and some personal care items. It is highly water-soluble and does not easily break down in the environment, which allows it to travel quickly through soil and groundwater. According to the EPA, 1,4-dioxane is classified as a likely human carcinogen based on evidence of cancer in animal studies. Exposure may occur through inhalation, ingestion of contaminated water, or skin contact,

with potential health effects including liver and kidney damage and an increased risk of cancer over long-term exposure. Due to its mobility and persistence, 1,4-dioxane is difficult to remove from drinking water and is not effectively treated by standard filtration methods.

PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also referred to as “forever chemicals,” are a group of synthetic chemicals used in products such as nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, firefighting foam, and food packaging. They do not break down easily in the environment or the human body. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the EPA, exposure to certain PFAS has been linked to increased cho-

lesterol levels, liver damage, thyroid disease, decreased vaccine response in children, developmental delays, and increased risk of kidney and testicular cancer. The National Academies of Sciences have also recommended blood testing for individuals with high exposure due to the chemicals’ persistence and potential long-term health effects.

The EPA’s preferred remedy includes connecting 89 homes that currently rely on private wells to municipal water and disconnecting those wells to reduce what officials called “stresses on the aquifer.” Sprague explained, “We would extend the water line and connect the households in these two neighborhoods to the water line. The design and the installation would be

coordinated with your local supplier. Pennichuck Corporation is the local water supplier. They are the experts. This is considered a permanent provision of alternative water. It would stay there and it will immediately mitigate risk.” The targeted neighborhoods include the Boston, Charleston, and Albany streets, which are southeast of the Tinkham Garage site, as well as residential properties along Ross and Tokenol.

Since 2018, residents whose well water exceeded state or federal drinking water standards have been offered bottled water. According to the proposed plan, 66 homes are currently receiving bottled water while the long-term remedy is finalized.

The proposed fix is

estimated to cost \$6.8 million and would be implemented by responsible parties identified by the EPA under the Superfund program. The EPA may issue an order or carry out the work directly if necessary.

One resident asked about the cost to homeowners and the requirement to disconnect wells. Sprague replied, “Once you are connected and water is flowing into your house, you are responsible for the payment of your water.” The average monthly cost, according to Pennichuck Water, is expected to be about \$60 per month over five years.

Home owners are not legally required to connect to the new public water line, but the EPA strongly encourages it to reduce health risks and environmental impacts. EPA officials confirmed that connection to the water system and disconnection of private wells require the home-

owner’s permission through an access agreement. While some residents in previous Superfund projects have refused connection, the EPA typically installs a curb stop at the property line and may request permission to continue sampling private wells. Active private wells could continue to draw contaminated groundwater, increasing the risk of exposure and affecting nearby properties.

EPA officials encouraged residents to submit comments online at www.regulations.gov, by email, or by mail. “We want to hear from you,” Sprague said. “Yours is the final criteria we need to hear from.”

A formal public hearing is set for July 29 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

More information, including the proposed plan and meeting materials, is available on the town’s website under the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site section.

Letters

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and since May for a tech librarian, and the Trustees have been unwilling to provide us with either. We have been asking for accountability, and instead the Chair gives us illegal meetings and a refusal to explain herself. Over and over, when confronted with facts or documentation,

four of the Trustees—Thomas, McLaughlin, Ryan, and Fitzgerald—refuse to budge or cooperate. If they are unwilling to do their jobs fully, then they need to resign. And if they won’t resign, it’s high time that we, the townspeople, petition them out of office. Our community deserves better than this.

Erica Laue
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Maureen A. Sacchetti



Maureen A. Sacchetti, 78, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at her home in Londonderry. Born Sept. 4, 1946, in Newton, MA, she was the daughter of James and Virginia (Tullos) Brasco.

She is survived by her daughter, Angela V. Sacchetti-Martin; son, Donato J. Sacchetti; grandchildren Brett and his wife Rachel, Bailey and her fiancé James, Timothy, Sabrina and her husband Spencer, and Daniel; great-grandchildren Symphony and Jazz; brother Michael Brasco and his wife Katie; brother-in-law Frank Sacchetti and his wife Diane; sister-in-law Frances Kervin and her husband Timothy; and numerous nieces and nephews including Frank Jr. and his fiancé Nikki, Carissa, Katrina and her fiancé Michael, Kirsten, Cassidy, Timmy Jr., James, and Virginia, as well as many extended family members, friends and pen pals.

She loved knitting, reading, watching movies, Daily posts on Facebook, York peppermint patties, Christmas and the more snow the better!

She is predeceased by her saint of a husband Danny as well as her sister Jean and nephew Andy.

Following cremation, the burial will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to Any animal rescue you choose. Condolences may be sent to www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Patricia A. Bernard



Patricia A. Bernard, 83, of Londonderry, NH, passed away in the early morning on July 14, 2025, at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. Patricia was born on June 21, 1942, Father’s Day, to Charles Warren and Mary (Gleavy) Warren, in Boston, MA. For more than fifty years, she called NH her home.

Patti lived each day by a simple mantra: “Don’t postpone joy.” She remained joyful even through life’s challenges, focusing on the good, rather than the bad. Everyone who met her instantly recognized her warm smile and contagious optimism. Her unwavering generosity brightened the lives of countless friends, family, and even strangers.

As a young girl growing up in Dorchester, Patti commuted across Boston each morning to Girls’ Latin School. She attended Stonehill College and later earned her master’s degree from Columbia University in New York. She then worked as a special education teacher, counselor, and principal in Nashua for more than thirty years.

No place brought Patti as much fulfillment as her mountain home in Freedom, NH. There, she spent her mornings tending to her flower garden; her afternoons floating in Ossipee Lake; and her evenings watching the Red Sox with a bowl of ice cream. Above all, she cherished the time she spent with her grandson, who was the center of her life.

Patti’s love and joy will be missed by all, especially by her daughter, Jennifer Bernard, and grandson, Jeffrey Cieslikowski, both of Londonderry. She is also survived by her two sisters; Mary Virginia Kelly of Woburn, MA, and Judith Holmes of Burlington, MA and by her extended family, who loved her dearly.

A celebration of life will take place in August. In lieu of flowers, Patricia requested that donations be made to the Special Olympics of NH.

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Town Council Fills Vacant Zoning Board Appointments

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent Town Council meeting, a discussion took place on how to move forward with filling vacant positions.

During the meeting, the Town Council appointed Robert Robicsek.

An alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill a vacant full member position.

The Board of Selectmen also appointed John Grennon to fill a vacant alternate position.

With Robicsek's alter-

nate seat then becoming available after taking the full member position, the Town Council appointed Kristine Perez to the position. Perez had also interviewed for an alternate position.

But later on in the meeting, the Town Council Vice Chair, Shawn Faber, questioned whether or not they followed their procedure.

"We went through so quickly with the alternates for the ZBA," Faber said.

He explained that he has heard complaints in the past about positions not being posted.

"I want to make sure we're doing things properly every time and not sometimes we post, sometimes we don't post," he said.

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron noted that technically, another alternate position became available during the meeting, after Robicsek was appointed.

"That's my concern because we've complained about that in the past, and I want to make sure we're doing everything by the book and consistent," Faber said.

Administrative Support Coordinator Kirs-

ten Hildonen explained that in the past, they would fill open positions from the applicant pool if they desired.

Town Councilor Deb Paul stated that they should create a process on how to do it moving forward, and to post it on the website with the application for open positions.

Town Councilor Dan Bouchard, who is the liaison from the Town Council for the ZBA, explained that "they've struggled to get enough people," and that he thought it made sense to make sure they have a

full Board right away.

Hildonen explained that typically, they have a time frame of at least two weeks during which they post that they are looking for open vacant positions.

"That's the minimum post," she said.

However, she explained that she could think of multiple times in the past year, where they have appointed someone as soon as they become available at a meeting, similar to what happened with the ZBA.

Hildonen also noted during the meeting that the Town Council has

had a hard time filling the positions they are responsible for appointing due to a lack of people who want to volunteer.

"We've not had enough people to fill all the vacant positions," she said.

Faber said that he is OK with how they handled the vote, but wants to make sure it is clear that they plan on handling it the same way in the future if the same scenario emerges.

If there are questions in the future, they can refer to the meeting recording, he said.

Enrollment

Continued from page 1 families with kids moving in.

Black said it led to their full-day kindergarten proposal that went to the voters in 2024.

Now, they continue to look at declining enrollment.

"It does seem like we have rapidly declining enrollment that is speeding up," Black said.

Black said that what declining enrollment may mean for the District is expected to be discussed more during the Aug. 5 meeting.

He said seeing the enrollment declining "is shocking and I think we're trying to react to it as quickly as we can."

By the Aug. 5 meeting, Black listed what they will address:

- Review a couple of scenarios for future enrollment through 2030 in our elementary schools, but also be clear that we are now in a pattern of

rapidly declining enrollment in our schools.

- Detail what this pattern of much smaller enrollment means for space needs at Matthew Thornton, North School, and South School – and what it could mean for full-day kindergarten in the future.

- If full-day kindergarten is possible shortly, what staffing needs would be compared to current staff to help with a future budget cycle?

- Detail out investments that could be needed in furniture and curriculum supplies if we move forward with full-

day kindergarten at some point in the near future.

School Board Chair Bob Slater said he asked for the agenda item during the meeting because they have to present to the CIP Committee before the Aug. 5 meeting, and what they should do in terms of presenting.

"Originally this was a

number one priority last year through the CIP at 7 plus million dollars," Slater said.

Slater explained that with declining enrollment, the project would likely be less, and asked if they should keep their project from 2025 on the CIP plan as a placeholder, if they should decrease

the price, or increase it.

"I thought this was a conversation we should have before presenting to the CIP," Slater said.

It was agreed to explain that the importance of all-day kindergarten remains, but the amount being put forward for a project is to be different from that in 2025.

OBITUARY

Richard A. Roy

Richard A. Roy, 62, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday July 14, 2025 at his brother's home in Lee, NH. He was born on July 15, 1962 in Methuen, MA, a son of Gloria (Levesque) Roy. He was a resident of Derry for over 30 years, formerly living in Massachusetts. Richard was a hard worker with a special talent for woodworking. He loved to tinker with wood projects, making many things for his family. Richard also loved to cook. He enjoyed fishing, making art and was a History buff. Richard also will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, which he kept to the very end. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and will be forever in the hearts of his loved ones.

He is survived by his two sisters, Gail M. Roy and husband Joel Fries, and Patricia Comerford and husband Sean; his two brothers, Alan Roy and Robert Roy; one nephew, Tim Comerford and wife Liya and one niece, Tamra Sampson and husband Connor.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, a private graveside service for family will be held in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Londonderry at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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Summer Campers Get Wet During Annual Balloon Throws



The Londonderry Summer Recreation campers got a short break from the heat during the program's annual Water Balloon Toss competition. Children divided into age groups and played catch with the allusive balls of water.



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Town Manager Working with Utilities Committee, Eversource Releases Rates

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Town Manager Shaun Mulholland went before the Londonderry Utilities Committee on July 1 to familiarize himself with the committee and to coordinate some of his long-term plans with town officials.

"I like to operate with guidance," said Mulholland, citing the developing Master Plan and Strategic Plan, which are essential to how the town will move forward over the next few years. "Clearly, the water issue in the community, the contamination of water, seems to be a high-priority item, and obviously there's been a lot of focus on that with the town. My goal is to work with you and the Town Council to refine that plan even more and consolidate that plan town-wide to develop action items and get that ball moving forward."

He aimed to prepare projects for state and federal grant opportunities whenever possible,

highlighting the importance of outside funding sources for larger projects, such as the ongoing water system buildout.

"I'll get further information and guidance from you and the Town Council as we develop that," said Mulholland. "Municipal aggregation is, of course, hanging out there too. Lots of communities have added that to their repertoire of opportunities, and I know that's under consideration here as well. I look forward to working with you as we develop those items and providing the logistical support you need for the work you're doing."

Committee Chair Lynn Wiles stated he was looking forward to working with Mulholland with a "strong, constructive partnership."

That Community Choice Aggregation Program was moving forward as the energy subcommittee continued seeking more information from the NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Eversource,

who seemed to have an outline of what their upcoming rates could look like through late 2025 and early 2026.

"They came in with the rate of 11.2 cents per kilowatt hour, and I did forward that rate on to our current aggregation partner. They're off looking at competitive pricing situation right now to see what they can come in with," said Wiles. "Depending on what they come back with, and I really expect

to have that within the next week, we can think about what our next steps are and where we can go with that."

Whether or not to move forward with the delayed aggregation program would depend on whether the new rate is.

"Are there components or rates other than the 11.2 cents per kilowatt? Are there any other increases in their rates?" asked alternate Ray Breslin. "With that rate, how's the aggregation compa-

ny going to beat it?"

According to the Chair, the aggregation program impacts supply costs by offering more competition. Supply costs represent around 35% of the monthly bill for most customers. Despite some concern over the Aggregation Program assurance of lower long-term rates, committee members continued to hope numbers would be favorable enough to start moving the program forward within the next few

weeks.

"I would hope that from a consumer standpoint, the rates are going to be competitive," said Wiles.

Londonderry officials will only move forward when Eversource rates fall below aggregation rates enough to make the switch worthwhile.

The topic will be up for discussion at the next meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.



Spirited Shine

Members of the Lancers Cheerleading squad were raising funds near the Crossroads intersection during the team's annual fund raiser on Saturday, July 19. Half the team flagged down vehicles while the other made the vehicles shine.

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Kids Fun Runs Enjoy Ideal Weather for Its Third Week

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The annual Greater Derry Track Club's Kids Summer Fun Runs resumed on Monday night, July 21 after having to take a second week off due to another bout of inclement weather on July 14.

The free races are held each Monday night, weather permitting, at the Londonderry High School track for area youngsters, ages two-years and up competing in seven categories in a variety of distance races.

The club keeps track of race results in the

nine- through 13-year old divisions and tabulates overall winners at the end of the season, which will be announced next week.

Each participating family is asked to donate a non-perishable food item as part of the registration.

Third Week results were as follows.

Nine-Year Old Girls: First, Madeline Ambrose of Londonderry; second, Rylee Bell of Derry and Macie King, of Pelham, was third.

Nine-Year Old Boys: Taking first again was Joshua Tiney of Sandown; Lennox Finn, of Londonderry was second; and Aiden Capone of Londonderry came in at third.

Ten-Year Old Girls: Sasha Solovyeva of Hudson took first for the third consecutive week; Harper Gorman of Chester was second, and Paisleigh DeCarolis of Derry took third.

Ten-Year Old Boys: First was Will Burke, of Salem; Robert Var-solone, of Chester, was second; and Wyatt Boston, of Hudson, was



third.

The 11-Year Old Girls had two runners: First was Ryla Zatsky of Windham and second was Jenna Fleming of Derry.

For the 11-Year Old Boys: Tommy Mane of Windham was first; Second went to TJ Santos-osso of Derry; and taking third was Calvin

MacLeod of Derry.

The 12-Year Old Girls had Annabell Hall of Sandown winning, Corinne Tinkham of Litchfield was second; and Ava Miller, of Litchfield, took third.

The 12-Year Old Boys division had Andrew Solovyev of Hudson taking the top spot.

The 13-Year Old Girls had Emily Miller, of Litchfield, winning and the 13-Year Old Boys Nicholas Tiney, of Sandown, winning.

Races will continue next Monday until with registration for new racers starting at 6 p.m. and races beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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School Board Approves Proposal For New Scoreboard

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Londonderry School Board meeting was in regards to a proposal to replace the scoreboard for the soccer/ lacrosse field.

It was explained by Business Administrator Amity Small that the scoreboard has reached the end of its life expectancy.

“The scoreboard on our soccer/LAX field shorted out in June. Our Buildings and Grounds Department worked with our electrician and local companies to repair, but it has been determined

that the decades-old scoreboard has reached its end of life and needs immediate replacement to be ready for the fall sports season,” Small wrote in a memo to the School Board. “We believe time is of the essence, and we need to proceed with ordering the replacement as the company says it will take 5-8 weeks to receive the scoreboard and have it installed and ready for the fall season.”

It was explained by Small that they have been looking at different companies.

“Due to the age of our scoreboards, Buildings and Grounds has been

researching companies and collaborating with other Districts on replacement cycles and best companies to use in terms of value, service, and usability,” Small wrote. “Three companies surfaced; one is no longer in business, one is too busy this season to provide a bid for summer replacement.”

Another company, Scoreboard Enterprises, had a bid of \$21,380.

“After researching our needs and costs for a scoreboard replacement, Buildings and Grounds is recommending that we purchase the scoreboard through Scoreboard Enterprises.

The company is local and able to meet our immediate need for a competitive price,” Small wrote. “Their bid includes the removal of the old sign, the new sign and design, the control console, the outdoor access components, and the outdoor installation, which will require the use of a crane. This replacement would be funded by the FY2026 Field Improvements & Repairs portion of the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund approved by voters in March 2025. We also think we may receive a donation toward the item from the

Scoreboard Association that we would apply to offset the cost.”

Small also pointed out that they have other scoreboards that will need to be replaced in the near future.

“We would also like to note that we have several other scoreboards at their end of life, and we plan to budget for replacement through upcoming budget cycles to avoid an emergent need for replacement like this,” Small said. “This sign and control console would be compatible with future replacements we hope to fund.”

The School Board approved awarding the

bid to Scoreboard Enterprises for a total of \$21,380.

Also during the meeting, the Board addressed its Nov. 11 meeting.

It was explained by Superintendent Dan Black that when they approved the school board meeting schedule originally, they didn’t realize that Nov. 11 was a federal holiday.

Black explained that he recommended that they make the meeting date Nov. 4 or Nov. 18.

“It’s really whatever is best for the School Board,” Black said.

It was decided to move the meeting to Nov. 4.

Library Trustees Deal with Secretary Issue, Bank Account Switch

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees opened their first July meeting with an announcement that one of their members, Beth Marrocco, wanted to step down from her role as Secretary.

“The job is very intense and her life is busy too,” explained Chair Liz Thomas.

Owing to the high stress associated with the role following a series of particularly long Board meetings, Trustees Moira Ryan and Christine Fitzgerald declined a joint nomination as co-secretaries, saying they would be

unable to find the time needed to do the job effectively, even with split responsibilities. Fitzgerald agreed to cover the minutes for one meeting, and Marrocco was open to helping out in a reduced capacity.

“I think we need to talk about hiring a service,” admitted Trustee Nancy Hendricks.

Thomas agreed, saying the position of a recording secretary had already been approved and needed to be filled. Trustee Jan McLaughlin added that the position would need a source of funding.

“The money for that position has run out,” said McLaughlin. “But

we need to have one.”

A paid staff member would cover stenography and transcription as needed.

Members also continued an ongoing discussion to move their funds to a new bank, with an eye on St. Mary’s Bank. Financial security was seen as a central concern during the transfer following a loss of confidence in Citizens, their old bank.

“In the unlikely event our account is hacked and our money is stolen, does anyone happen to know what the process is like to get that money back?” asked Hendricks.

“If we move forward with online banking, I’m assuming we can pay our bills with that account?”

According to McLaughlin, who researched St Mary’s, the accounts were monitored, and the Trustees would only need to notify the bank with evidence. She stated that either physical checks or online payments were equally effective for the Trustees to pay their bills with the new account.

“We can use the online portion to check account balances to make sure there’s not any fraud or whatever,” said McLaughlin. “We

could be doing online bill paying.”

Currently, Trustee payments favor physical checks, and it is unclear if this would change, at least in the short term.

“Nothing is going to change, basically except the bank,” said Thomas, who wanted to clarify that the move only impacted Trustee funds. “This is the Trustees’ money, we’re not talking about the \$1.6 million budget that the library has; we’re talking about the less than \$80,000 that belongs to the Trustees.”

Despite this assurance, Assistant Director

Donna Plante indicated that the Trustees would need to be careful when transferring money from the library’s book account.

“You are taking taxpayer money from the town into the book account. There is a portion of the money from the book account that does belong to taxpayer fund,” said Plante. “It’s not just donated money or grant money that the Board is overseeing.”

She asked the Trustees to be careful with the transfer, even with unanimous support to move the Trustee bank accounts.

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

- Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a) Grant received from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$25,017.00.
- An Amendment to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance Section 9.3 Relative to Reassigning Responsibility for Demolition Review.

The public hearing will occur on Monday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m., in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.

Londonderry Town Council



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 4,763 square feet of permanent wetland buffer impacts for grading within the Conservation Overlay District. 23 Wilson Road, Map 16 Lot 9 and Map 18 Lot 24-5. Zoned AR-1. Douglas & Maria Jones (applicant) and Evans Family Limited Partnership (owner).

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan to construct a building addition and 6 bay outbuilding garage along with associated site improvements. 1 Action Boulevard (Map 010, Lot 051-0) Zoned Commercial-2 (C-II), Windham Realty Inc, c/o William P. Deluca, III (owner/applicant).

Ovation's Hunchback of Notre Dame Starts This Week



Ovation Theatre Company's rendition of The Hunchback of Notre Dame will be performed at the Derry Opera House on Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 26 at 1 and 7 p.m., at 29 West Broadway, Derry. The production is directed by Meg Gore and choreographed Katy Gore. Eric Berthiaume plays the part of Quasimodo and Debrah Hernandez plays the role Esmeralda. The musical features a cast of predominantly adult actors drawn from all over NH and Massachusetts. Tickets for adults are \$25 through July 17 and \$30 beginning July 18; for students/seniors, tickets are \$20 through July 17 and \$25 beginning July 18. Tickets are on sale at ovationt.com.

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Concerts On The Common

Concerts on the Common Features Delta Generators on Wednesday July 30, on the Londonderry Town Common, 265 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For a complete schedule and more details visit: concertsonthecommon.org. Singer Brian Templeton, once a Londonderry resident, commands over 40 years as a stalwart presence in Boston's formidable music scene. His credits include the legendary band the Radio Kings and the Original House of Blues Blue Monday Band. The other members of this rockin' band - Charlie, Jeff and Rick - bring the same level of talent. Head over to the Common to enjoy

this super-talented band! Bad weather venue - Londonderry High School cafeteria.

Literary Fiction Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss "What Comes After" by Joanne Tompkins. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required and begins on Monday, June 23. Copies of the books will be available to check out at the library.

Stories with Oscar

On Tuesdays in July at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m., come to the Leach Library as a storytime with Oscar the Tortoise, will be held. Registration is required and begins one week prior to

each session.

GMILCS Library Hop

The GMILCS Library Hop is back and includes the Leach Library for the first time! From June 1 - Aug. 31, visit each participating library in the GMILCS Consortium, complete a unique challenge at each library, and earn prizes along the way. To get started, stop by your home library to pick up a game board. On your game board, you'll find each library's information and challenges. After you complete a challenge, show it to a library staff member to receive a stamp or sticker on your game board and earn a prize. Once you have completed all of the challenges, present your completed game board to your

home library to be entered into a raffle for a \$100 gift card to The Bookery in Manchester, NH. The grand prize will be drawn at the end of the Library Hop, and the winner will be notified by their home library.

Tennis Camp

The schedule for upcoming Tennis Camps and Lessons is as follows: Camp being held Aug. 18 - 22, 9 - 11 a.m., for ages seven-plus. Fall Middle School Club, Tues./Thurs., Aug. 9 to Oct. 16, 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Lessons, Aug. 9 to Oct. 16, 4:30 - 6 p.m. for ages seven-plus. A minimum of eight students needed per group. Cost of each group is \$150, \$125 for multiple family members. Contact Roberta Davis at londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com with questions or to register.

Summer Reading

Leach Library Summer Reading Program sign-ups for children, young adults, and adults begin on Monday, June 2. This year's theme is Level Up at Your Library, and the program will include story times, craft workshops, special presenters and perform-

ers, collaborative off-site events, reading incentive prizes, and more. Visit the library to register and pick up program details from June 2 through Aug. 31. For more information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Library Summer Hours

Leach Library summer hours will take effect from Monday, June 23 through Saturday, Sept. 6. During this timeframe, the library will be open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please note the library will be closed to observe Juneteenth on Thursday, June 19 and Independence Day on Friday, July 4 as well as to celebrate Old Home Days on Saturday, Aug. 16.

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sary. Stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. - noon.

Overeaters Anonymous

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Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces Free community child find program for all residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of age who are suspected of have developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry.

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members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaningful way to honor a veteran, loved one, organization, or group. Pricing: 1 Brick: \$125, 2 Bricks: \$225, 3 Bricks: \$300, Each Additional Brick: \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout,

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 14

9:49 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Westwind Drive. Caiden Wyman, 18, of Manchester, charged with: Second Degree Assault; and three counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).
11:25 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on South Road.
12:28 p.m. Disturbance investigated at F.W. Webb Warehouse on Webb Drive.
1:10 p.m. Three officers assist with transportation to a hospital after a Medical Emergency on Michels Way, at Market Basket.
3 p.m. Auto Theft investigated on West Road.
5:21 p.m. Three officers respond to an Assault reported at Victory Bap-

tist Church on Litchfield Road.

9:11 p.m. Four officers render services for a Disturbance on Winding Pond Road.

Tuesday - July 15

12:16 p.m. Three officers investigate Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:15 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated by three officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

7:14 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Mammoth Road, at Sargent Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. John Cunio, 44, of Derry, charged with:

Drive After Revoke/Suspension for Driving Under the Influence; and Alcohol Interlock Motor

Vehicle Not Equipped with interlock.

8:07 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by four officers on Bayberry Lane. Timothy Hudson, 40, of Londonderry, Arrest on a Warrant.

9:13 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on Lawson Farm Road transported to a hospital.

Wednesday - July 16

2:20 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:37 p.m. Seven officers render services for a missing person reported on Southwood Drive.

Thursday - July 17

12:27 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Connors Street Taken/Referred to another agency.

12:32 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

5:12 a.m. Services rendered for Homeland Security at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:08 p.m. Criminal Threatening reported on Stonehenge Road at the Macgregor Cut Apartments.

12:44 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers after an Assault on Winterwood Drive.

1:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Rockingham Road, at Route 93, leads to an arrest. Cecil Laux, 28, of Manchester, charged with Operation after Certified as a Habitual Offender.

8:17 p.m. Five officers conduct a Welfare Check at Londonderry High School.

Friday - July 18

12:18 a.m. Motor Vehi-

cle Stop on Ash Street, at Beacon Street, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Jennelle Boyle, 42, of Derry, charged with two counts of Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

11:28 a.m. Shooting Complaint on Angelo Lane investigated by seven officers.

2:02 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Sudden Death at All American Assisted Living on Button Drive.

9:17 p.m. Four officers assist Hudson Police with services on Adams Road.

Saturday - July 19

2:48 a.m. Missing Person reported on Boston Avenue.

9:47 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency reported at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:02 a.m. Criminal Mis-

chief investigated on

Grenier Field Road.
11:47 a.m. Five officers investigate a Sudden Death on Garden Lane.

4:38 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Grenier Field Road. Don-tavius Carlson, 22, of Manchester, charged with Criminal Mischief.

10:48 p.m. Peace restored during Neighborhood Disputes on Constitution Drive.

Sunday - July 20

1:52 a.m. Four officers restore peace on Stonehenge Road at the Macgregor Cut apartments.

12:32 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

12:40 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Constitution Drive.

1:14 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Wiley Hill Road.

Officials Warn: Don't Throw Your Chemicals Away

NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Just by walking around the average home, you're likely to see an array of hazardous products in everyday household items. When used, stored and disposed of correctly, these products can help keep your home clean and your household running smoothly. When not used or disposed of correctly, they can cause damage to one's health and the environment. In fact, some of the leading causes of poisoning in the United States are from personal care products and cleaning substances. Consumers are not always aware of the toxicity of these products and the damage they can cause by being stored or disposed of incorrectly.

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

The average house-

hold throws away around 15.5 pounds of hazardous materials into the trash each year. Household hazardous materials become Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) when they are not needed nor wanted anymore. Some examples of HHW are:

- Oil-based paints, paint thinners, stains, varnishes.
- Solvents and cleaning agents.
- Bleach.
- Drain and oven cleaners.
- Polishes and waxes.
- Pesticides and herbicides.
- Lead fishing weights.
- Automotive products (antifreeze, car batteries, motor oil, gasoline/diesel fuel).
- Rechargeable batteries.

By being stored, used or thrown away incorrectly, disposal of these chemicals as solid waste could allow them to leak into the environment.

Not only can this threaten our air quality and drinking water, but product vapors in one product may react with the chemicals in a different product, creating toxic gases, poisonings and even fires.

Hazardous Properties

If a product has hazardous properties in it, the label should indicate as such. These properties can be divided into four categories:

- Flammable. Easily sets on fire or ignited.
- Corrosive/caustic. Burns and destroys living tissue on contact.
- Explosive/reactive. Detonates or explodes by exposure to heat, sudden shock or pressure.
- Toxic/poison. Capable of causing injury or death through ingestion, inhalation or absorption through skin.

The labels will also indicate the toxicity of the product with three

different signal words: "Danger" (most toxic), "Warning" and "Caution" (least toxic).

Impacts on Wildlife and People

Different kinds of products have different impacts on the environment. Dumping solvents into septic systems or landfills can contaminate the ground and surface waters surrounding it, resulting in loss of fish and wildlife and ruining drinking water. Similarly, pesticides that are improperly disposed of can harm wildlife, while also damaging sewage treatment plants. Used motor oil that goes down storm drains can flow directly into different kinds of bodies of water.

Not only do these acts negatively affect local ecosystems, but they can directly harm humans and our communities as a whole. Chemicals spilling or

interacting with each other in the garbage (whether at home or at a solid waste facility) can result in fires, explosions and toxic gases. Exposure to some pesticides, paints and solvents can cause weakness, confusion, dizziness, irritability, headaches, nausea, sweating, tremors and convulsions.

So, How Do You Dispose of these Chemicals?

A great way to safely dispose of hazardous materials is to bring them to a local hazardous waste collection event. Most NH communities offer these events once or twice per year. When in doubt, you can always reach out to your local solid waste facility for guidance on how to properly dispose of certain items. In addition, the NHDES HHW program provides resources and education on purchasing, identifying,

using and disposing of these products. Check out the Managing My Waste page to learn about how to dispose of all kinds of items, whether they are hazardous or not.

Don't forget, there are ways to reduce chemicals in your home, too! By choosing alternative products – or even making your own – you can limit the hazardous materials sitting in your house or garage. Check out EPA's Reducing HHW in Your Home for product substitutions and recipes for common household cleaners and polishes. You can also check out our Green Cleaner videos to learn how to DIY your own furniture polish and glass cleaner.

Taking the proper measures to safely dispose of HHW can help protect the environment in big ways, and protect everyone in your home, too.

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