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**On the Ballot** The town-owned Morrison Meeting House has two articles to be voted on this coming Tuesday, March 10. Articles 4 and 26 propose two ways to save the historic building. See the page one article for details. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Voters to Consider Four Citizens Petitions on Town & School Ballots

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters will see four citizens-initiated petition articles on this year's Town and School District ballots, each asking residents to weigh in on statewide

policy issues. All four measures are advisory only, meaning they do not create or change local laws. If approved, the Town Council or School Board will forward the results to the Governor and members of the New Hampshire

Legislature.

### Town Warrant Article 28: Emergency Risk Protection Order ("Red Flag") Law

Article 28 asks whether Londonderry voters want state law **continued on page 5**

## Town Voters to See Nearly 30 Articles on March 10 Ballot

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After Londonderry voters gathered last month at the Deliberative, a wide-range of financial, infrastructure and policy proposals will now be voted on March 10, shaping the town's 2027 fiscal year and beyond.

The official ballot vote will be voted on Tuesday, March 10, in the high school gymnasium, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Residents will be asked to elect town officers, consider two proposed Charter amendments, vote on a proposed \$56.6 million

operating budget, and decide on dozens of spending and policy articles - including several citizen petitions.

### Charter Amendments on the Ballot

Two proposed amendments to the Town Charter will appear on the March ballot.

**Article 2** would remove outdated transition language tied to the Charter's original adoption in 1996 and 1997, eliminating Section 3.11, Section 8.5 and Article 10.

**Article 3** would reorganize and renumber the Charter for clarity without making any substantive changes.

Both amendments would take effect July 1, 2026, if approved by a majority of voters.

### Morrison Meeting House

One of the most significant financial items is **Article 4**, which seeks authorization to issue \$3,381,000 in bonds to renovate the town-owned Reverend Morrison Meeting House. The measure requires a 60% supermajority to pass.

The proposal also includes \$307,814 for the first year's principal and interest payments. Based on a 20-year bond at 4.3% interest, the estimated tax impact would begin at approximately **continued on page 3**

## Voters to See 15 Articles on School District Ballot

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters will face a wide-ranging set of decisions on this year's School District Ballot, with articles that touch nearly every corner of district operations - from the annual budget and full-day kindergarten to long-term facilities planning, union contracts, and two citizen-driven questions on statewide education policy. The warrant outlines both routine financial items and several proposals that could shape the district's direction for years to come.

### Budget Choices Lead the Ballot

The annual operating budget appears as Article 2, giving voters two options for the 2026-27 fiscal year:

- \$94,960,409, the School Board's proposed budget, or
- \$95,234,013, the default budget.

The district reports an average cost-per-pupil of \$21,196.90, with student proficiency levels at 59 percent in English Language Arts, 49 percent in math, and 45 percent in science. Only one budget figure may be selected by voters on the ballot.

### FullDay Kindergarten Proposal Returns

A long-discussed shift in early education appears in Article 3, asking whether Londonderry should implement full-day kindergarten in all three elementary schools beginning in 2026-27. If approved, the district projects a **continued on page 2**

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## School Ballot

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 \$208,000 decrease in the operating budget and a \$548,226 increase in General Fund revenue. Supporters say the move would modernize programming and align Londonderry with surrounding communities.

### Custodians' Contract Up for a Vote

Article 4 presents a new three-year agreement with the district's custodians, represented by AFSCME Local 1801. The first-year cost is

\$191,060, with estimated tax impacts of two cents in each of the first two years and one cent in the third. If the contract fails, Article 5 would allow the School Board to call a special meeting to address the cost items.

### Federal Funds and School Lunch Program

Routine federal funding appears in Article 6, which asks voters to accept and appropriate \$3,281,000 in federal grants—

- \$1,717,000 for the school lunch program

- \$1,564,000 for federal projects

These funds are self-supporting and do not impact local taxes.

### District-Town Office Project Proposed

A major facilities proposal appears in Article 7, asking voters to authorize a long-term build/lease agreement with the Town of Londonderry for new School District office space on townowned land near Mammoth Road. The \$3.9 million project would be funded with \$2.5 million from the

Town, repaid through lease payments over 10 years, and \$1.4 million from the district's fund balance. The article will only take effect if the Town approves its corresponding measure.

### Capital Reserve Funding for Buildings, Technology, Equipment, and Vehicles

Four articles seek to bolster the district's capital reserve accounts:

**Article 8:** \$670,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund, with \$150,000 from fund balance.

**Article 9:** \$125,000 for the Technology Network Infrastructure Fund.

**Article 10:** Up to \$100,000 for the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, funded entirely from the June 30, 2026 fund balance.

**Article 11:** Up to \$37,350 for the Vehicle

and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund, also from fund balance.

These funds support longterm maintenance, technology upgrades, and equipment replacement.

### New Employee Benefits Reserve Proposed

Article 12 would establish a new Employee Benefits Capital Reserve Fund to help the district manage future obligations such as health insurance reimbursements, severance, and other negotiated benefits. The article includes a \$10,000 initial deposit from the fund balance.

### Acceptance of Donations

Article 13 asks voters to authorize the School Board to accept private gifts and donations on an ongoing basis under RSA 198:20c, a practice that would continue unless rescinded.

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### Citizen Petitions Address Statewide Education Policy

Two citizeninitiated articles close out the warrant:

Article 14 asks whether Londonderry voters oppose proposed statewide spending caps on school district budgets, arguing that such caps would limit local control and force reductions in areas where districts have little flexibility.

Article 15 calls on legislators to increase oversight of the state's Education Freedom Account (voucher) program, including requiring fiscal and performance reporting and limiting eligibility to families with demonstrated financial need. Supporters cite rising program costs and concerns about transparency.

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## Man Seriously Injured After Struck by Vehicle on I-93

A Massachusetts man who stopped in the breakdown lane of Interstate 93 was left with serious injuries after he was struck by another vehicle.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, just before 11 a.m., State Troopers responded to a report of a person struck by a vehicle on I-93 South at Exit 5.

During their on-scene investigation, Troopers determined Felix Matos Medina, 40, of Lawrence, Mass., had stopped his vehicle in the breakdown lane on the right side of the road to investigate a mechanical

issue. Shortly after stepping out of his vehicle, he was struck by a Chevrolet Malibu, driven by David Jodoin, 43, of Londonderry.

Medina was taken by medical helicopter to Lahey Hospital & Medical Center in Burlington, Mass., with serious injuries. Jodoin stopped at the scene and is cooperating with investigators.

During the investigation and to facilitate the landing of the medical helicopter, I-93 South was closed near Exit 5 for half an hour. One lane remained closed for

several hours while the New Hampshire State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction (C.A.R.) Unit investigated the crash. Troopers were also assisted at the scene by members of the Londonderry Fire Department and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

No charges have been filed at this time; however, all aspects of the crash remain under investigation. Anyone with information that may assist the investigation is asked to contact Trooper Evan Puopolo at (603) 451-9784.



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# Town Ballot

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4.1 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value in fiscal year 2026-27, decreasing slightly in subsequent years.

Separately, **Article 26**, a citizen petition, proposes establishing a capital reserve fund for the Reverend Morrison Meeting House/Lions Hall and appropriating \$950,000, including \$475,000 from unassigned fund balance, for reopening or maintaining the building as a community event center.

Proposed \$56.6 Million Operating Budget

Under **Article 6**, voters will consider a proposed \$56,592,573 operating budget for fiscal year 2027. If defeated, a default budget of \$56,078,411 would take effect, unless the Town Council calls a special meeting to revisit the issue.

## School & Infrastructure Investments

Several articles focus on long-term capital planning and infrastructure improvements:

**Article 7** would appropriate \$2.5 million from unassigned fund balance to construct a School District Office building next to Town Hall.

**Article 8** proposes adding \$450,000 to the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund.

**Article 9** seeks \$650,000 for roadway maintenance.

**Article 21** would create a Transportation Capital Reserve Fund with an initial \$500,000 appropriation.

**Article 22** proposes a new \$5 motor vehicle registration fee to support a Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund for local road and transportation projects.

**Articles 23 and 25** address water infrastructure, including real-locating unused funds from the High Range Road project, establishing a Water System Capital Reserve Fund with \$500,000, and funding a Water Special Assessment District with \$400,000.

## Fire, IT and Recreation Funding

Multiple capital reserve and staffing requests center on public safety and municipal operations:

**Article 10:** \$300,000 for the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

**Article 11:** \$800,000 for the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**Article 12:** \$350,000 for Information Technology capital needs.

**Article 13:** \$25,000 for Recreation capital improvements.

**Article 14:** \$75,000 for the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Fund.

**Article 15:** \$32,500

for Cable Equipment capital needs.

## Staffing proposals include adding:

A full-time Fire Executive Assistant (\$143,303).

A full-time Fire Training Officer (\$173,226).

A part-time Human Resources Assistant (\$44,812).

A part-time Human Resources Specialist (\$58,218).

If approved, those positions would become part of future operating and default budgets.

Senior Services and Transportation Funds

**Article 20** would establish a revolving fund for Senior Affairs and the Senior Center, beginning with a \$1 appropriation funded by donations and allowing revenues to accumulate year to year.

Transportation funding proposals in Articles 21 and 22 would allow the town to fund road improvements, traffic engineering studies, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and related projects, potentially leveraging state or federal matching funds.

Citizen Petitions Address State Policy

Issues

Two nonbinding citizen petitions ask voters to weigh in on broader state matters:

**Article 27** calls on the state legislature to ensure adequate state funding for local services and avoid shifting costs onto local property taxpayers.

**Article 28** asks whether the town should urge state lawmakers to adopt an Emergency Risk Protection Order, or “Red Flag,” law aimed at temporarily removing firearms from individuals deemed a danger to themselves or others.

If approved, the Town Council would forward the results of both questions to the governor and Londonderry’s legislative delegation.

## Election of Officers and Other Business

Voters will also elect all necessary town officers under **Article 1**.

### Town Council

Two will be elected to a 3-Year Term: Alan Roy; Ted Combes; Ron Dunn; and Kristine Perez.

### Supervisor of the Checklist

One for a 6-Year Term: John J. Ambrose; and Brian Patrick Crowley

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### Budget Committee

One for a 1-Year Term

Andria Hansen

### Trustee of the Trust Fund

Vote for one for a 3-Year Term: Jonathan Esposito

### Budget Committee

Three will be elected to a 3-Year Term: Isaac Scott Fernandez; Kevin Koehler; Jeff Penta;

Rebecca Roe; Matt Tapley; George Combes

### Library Trustees

Two will be elected to a 3-Year Term: Erica Laue; Azra Palo; and Donald E. Sommese.

Note: Additional information, including full reports on proposed Charter changes, is available at the Town Clerk’s office and on the town website.

# OBITUARY

## Allan Albert Roy



Allan Albert Roy, lovingly known as “Al”, passed away on Feb. 27, 2026, at the age of 64. He was born on Dec. 30, 1961 in Lowell, MA, and spent much of his life living in Londonderry, NH. Al dedicated more than 30 years of his career to working as a machinist, a profession that perfectly suited his sharp mind and natural ability to solve problems. He had a remarkable talent for figuring things out and was known by many as someone you could always turn to when something needed fixing.

Outside of work, Al had a passion for creating and building. He loved woodworking on his CNC router, building computers, and programming. Whether he was in his workshop or tinkering with technology, he was always working on something new. He also enjoyed bowling, playing darts, and most of all spending time with his grandchildren, who brought him immense pride and joy.

Al was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ann Marie Roy, who passed away in 2021; his parents Raymond Roy, Sr and Shirley (Jardine) Roy; and his best friend John W. Bicknell, Jr.

He is survived by his children: James Roy and his wife Catherine, Jennifer Murray, Alexander Roy, Nicole Richmond and her husband Kyle, and Richard Roy. He was a proud Papa to Jakob, Ryan, Adalynn, and Oliver. He is also survived by his siblings, Donna, Raymond, Jr., David, Sr., and Lisa; along with nieces and nephews.

Al will be remembered for his generosity, quick thinking, and willingness to help anyone who needed it. He had a kind heart, a brilliant problem-solving mind, and a steady presence that will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

The world is a little quieter without him, but the things he built, the problems he solved, and the love he gave to his family will live on forever in the lives he touched.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Wednesday, March 11, from 4 – 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. He will be buried at a later date in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. To send a condolence, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneral-home.com](http://www.peabodyfuneral-home.com).

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# Editorial

## Be Prepared to Vote on March 10th

Election Day for most towns in New Hampshire is March 10. Between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates, read their statements, and ask questions about the issues that matter to you. Local elections affect every household in town. The money being requested is your tax money, and you have the right, and responsibility, to decide where it goes. This is your community, and your voice only counts if you cast a ballot.

Because there are no state or national candidates on the March ballot, turnout is traditionally low. But your vote actually carries far more weight in local government than it ever will in a statewide or federal race. A handful of votes can decide a budget, a contract, or a warrant article that affects your tax bill for years to come.

Across the world, people risk their lives for the right to vote. Here, we only need to take a few minutes out of our day. We should never take that privilege for granted.

The warrant articles on both the town and school ballots deserve careful attention. Treat them the way you treat your own checkbook: Can you afford it? Is it necessary? Can it wait, or will delaying it cost more later? Many articles have long-term financial consequences, and understanding them is essential. Each one has pros and cons, and many will affect your wallet every

single year.

Staying home is easy. Casting an informed vote takes effort. If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek answers before you vote. Don't rely on the recommendations of boards, committees, or neighbors. The vote is yours alone, and it should reflect what you believe is best for your family and your community.

We call your ballot the golden ticket because it is the one tool that gives every resident equal power, no matter your income, background, or connections. It is the great equalizer in local government. When you use it, you shape the future of your town. When you don't, you hand that power to others and lose your say in decisions that directly affect your taxes, your schools, and your quality of life.

We let ourselves and everyone else down when we ignore local elections. If you fail to vote and later find yourself taxed out of your home or represented by people who frustrate or embarrass you, complaining after the fact will not help. The time to act is before the results are final.

Educate yourself. Understand the full picture. Listen to both sides. Then make the choice that reflects your values and your priorities.

For your own good, and for the good of the community, please vote on March 10.

# Letters

## Community Power Program

To the editor,

After reading the February 12, 2026 article about the proposed joining of the Community Power Program, I logged onto their website. Scrolling through the site if anyone is interested go to the page containing their "Our Mission, Vision & Values"

Most of their 6 stated values have little to do with acquiring long term energy. They push everything but that, the United States has the best technology available to utilize and cleanly burn fossil fuels, develop newer nuclear reactors that are coming soon.

I'm not sorry that some who read this will be offended, the elephant in the room is that wind turbines and solar panels do not have the power output needed to sustain our current and future needs. Lithium storage? Read into the toxicity in mining this material. Most wind turbines have a short life cycle of 12 to 15 years. And they are costly.

Let's not turn into Massachusetts.

Phil Carbone  
Londonderry

## Reply to Steve Homsey

To the editor,

You always have so much to say about your warped perception of what Republicans are doing. Are you proud of anything the Democrats are doing? Your letters are so negative, always filled with name calling and excoriations. Why not talk about how peo-

ple are fleeing Democratic controlled states?

Beautiful cities have been turned into cesspools by open immigration and waste.

You'd rather take money from the rich who care about this country and invest in business enterprise to equalize everyone in Socialism. Soon we will all be equal...Equally poor with your leaders.

Please stop being so negative.

We are grateful for our country and pray for its leaders to succeed in keeping us safe and, Yes, free. Freedom is costly.

Carol Filicchia  
Londonderry

## Compost Facility? Or Garbage Dump?

To the editor,

The town has received a proposal for a compost facility from a company called "Purpose Energy". It plans to build the facility next to Stonyfield Yogurt's plant off Harvey Road near the airport. It will process large amounts of "compost" trucked in to the facility as well as from Stonyfield. It needs many variances from the town as it doesn't comply with street footage, wastewater, and wetlands regulations.

Also, the facility pipes methane gas as a product to sell - this could place a heavy burden on emergency services. As north Londonderry residents attended the last planning board meeting to oppose this facility that will increase trucks with "compost" driving

locally (and we know what garbage trucks "leak" all over the roads), and oppose the plant as it will emit odors (even with "mitigation"). The next planning board meeting to discuss this is on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m., at the town hall. Please attend to oppose this facility. We don't want the reputation of Londonderry as a "garbage dump".

Thank you.

Stephanie Bottcher  
Londonderry

## Rebuttal to Misleading/Dishonest Letter

To the editor,

As a candidate for the Supervisor of the Checklist, I'd like thank the Londonderry Times for publishing my Letter to the Editor in the Feb. 19 edition. In that letter I described my candidacy for the position, and my determination to abide by the NH laws involved as a Supervisor.

In the Feb. 26 LT edition, a Letter to the Editor specifically targeted me by name, making comments which were blatantly false.

On Feb. 14, an informative and non-partisan Candidate Meet and Greet was held at the Town Hall. Numerous candidates and many Londonderry residents eagerly interacted about the Town and School positions. When this specific resident approached me, I began to mention the responsibilities of the Supervisor. She was oblivious to my Supervisor comments, and redirected

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# Citizens Petitions

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 makers to support an Emergency Risk Protection Order (ERPO) law in New Hampshire. More than 20 states, including all other New England states, have adopted ERPO legislation.

petition, ERPO laws allow law enforcement, and in some states, family or household members, to petition a court for the temporary removal of firearms from individuals deemed a danger to themselves or others. Supporters cite suicide pre-

vention as a key reason for the proposal, noting that New Hampshire loses one person to firearm suicide approximately every three days, with veterans particularly affected.

### Town Warrant Article 27: State Funding for Local Communities

Article 27 asks voters whether the Legisla-

ture should restore or increase state funding for essential local services to reduce pressure on property taxpayers.

The petition argues that reductions in state revenue sharing and other state contributions have shifted costs to municipalities, forcing towns and counties to raise property taxes to maintain education, public safety, health-care, county nursing homes, and infrastructure. Supporters say restoring state funding would ease the burden on local budgets and strengthen longterm community stability.

### School Warrant Article 14: Local Control Over School Budgets

Article 14 asks whether voters believe school budget decisions should remain under local control

rather than be subject to a statewide spending cap.

The petition responds to proposed legislation that would impose uniform budget caps on all New Hampshire school districts. Supporters argue that because the state funds less than 30 percent of local education costs, a statewide cap would limit local flexibility and shift decisionmaking authority away from voters. They also note that districts face mandatory expenses; such as special education, transportation, and health insurance; that cannot easily be reduced.

### School Warrant Article 15: Oversight and Eligibility for Education Freedom Accounts

Article 15 asks vot-

ers whether the Legislature should require the state's Education Freedom Account (EFA) program to provide financial and performance reporting similar to public schools, and whether eligibility should be limited to families with demonstrated financial need.

The petition notes that recent legislative changes removed income limits from the program, expanding eligibility and increasing projected costs to an estimated \$110 million over the next two years. Supporters argue that the program lacks transparency and that shifting public funds to private education increases pressure on local property taxes because public schools must still cover all required services.

# Letters

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 anything I said to the 2020 Presidential election.

To satisfy her desire to talk about that election, I stated the unreliability of mail-in ballots (not absentee ballots), and the destructiveness to our country of having an open border. Not having a comeback, she became discom-

posed and moved on to become equally unreasonable with other candidates.

Initially wanting to create a stinging rebuke to this resident's far-fetched Letter to the Editor comments, I took a step back to put things in perspective - She did not intend to find out what I would do as a Supervisor, but rather used the interaction to ultimately fabri-

cate a false story.

This resident, and people like her, truly need our sympathy and prayers.

I respectfully encourage all readers to cast their vote on March 10.

Sincerely,  
 Brian Crowley,  
 Candidate for  
 Supervisor of the  
 Checklist  
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## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY BALLOT

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### SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

John Ambrose

### BUDGET COMMITTEE CHOOSE THREE

Jeff Penta

Matt Tapley

George Combes

Issac Fernandez

### TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND

Write In: Joe Stelmach

### WARRANT ARTICLES

YES on Articles 2-25

NO on Article 26

YES on Articles 27 & 28

## LONDONDERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL BALLOT

### SCHOOL BOARD CHOOSE TWO

Bob Slater

Tim Porter

### SCHOOL WARRANT ARTICLES

**YES**

**on**

**Articles 2-15**

**Tuesday, March 10**

# Utilities Group Exploring Pet Waste Control Initiative

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met in February and reviewed early plans from the sewer and solid waste subcommittee to minimize water runoff related to improperly disposed pet waste. While most talk on the matter has been informal so far, several town officials have already expressed interest in the idea.

"There are some education requirements in controlling pet waste and finding ways of keeping it out of stormwater," said subcommittee chair John Mahon.

The subcommittee

was in active contact with Deputy Director of Public Works James Danis to gather more information on a possible public outreach campaign.

"I chased that down and spoke to the Town Clerk, who loves the idea of getting the word out," said Danis.

Long-term goals included not only encouraging proper disposal of pet waste in Londonderry, but also looking at other ways to keep such waste out of local landfills.

"Manure is digestible. You have a farm with cows, that can go into bio-digestion and be broken into methane. I'm

not saying necessarily that we're going to get into that, but you can learn something here," said Mahon. "The pet waste thing is a little smaller, but you have citizens interested in ways to break it down."

This approach was in line with an existing effort to expand composting, a similar effort being driven by the Utilities Committee as a way to limit food waste.

Another issue the sewer and solid waste subcommittee wanted to tackle included septic tank maintenance. They remained in contact with the Town Manager Shaun Mulholland, and

Administrative Services Director Kirsten Hildonen to coordinate with the town.

Mahon also reported that previously discussed plans to implement a recycling app for the town could be expensive to build.

"Better Bin was an app that people could put on their phone to determine if something is recyclable or not. Very cool app, the technology is great, the folks are great, but unfortunately the cost is great," he said. "For a town the size of Londonderry, it's \$8,000 plus to put the app out, and it's another \$500 for a set up fee, and then there would be

additional fees if we were looking to add a composting segment to the program. Our subcommittee has decided to put that on the shelf for a period of time, although we do have a contact with somebody at Waste Management, and they've asked to take a look at this app without making any promises."

A long-standing goal of the subcommittee has been to encourage residents to "put the right stuff in the right bin" when differentiating between what can and cannot be recycled.

The sewer and solid waste subcommittee also announced that it

was facing some issues with low attendance, making it harder to address major issues.

"I did get work from Lynn Wiles, who was our former Chair, that he was willing to move to sewer and solid waste subcommittee because we were short a member," said Utilities Committee Chair Martha Smith. "I want to keep the committees at four or five members."

She thanked Wiles for helping out.

The next meeting of the Londonderry Utilities Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

# School Board Approves Increased Pay for Substitutes

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board continued its discussion on substitute pay during its most recent meeting, ultimately approving a series of increases across several substitute categories.

Human Resources Director Lisa Drabik reminded the Board that at its previous meeting, members had already approved a new per diem rate for long-term teacher substitutes, setting the pay at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate on the teacher salary scale. For

FY26, that amounts to \$263.44 per day.

At that time, Drabik had also proposed raising the daily substitute teacher rate to \$16.15 per hour, or \$105 per day. However, Board members asked whether the district could go even higher to remain competitive with neighboring communities and asked Drabik to revisit the numbers with the Business Office.

After reviewing projections with Business Administrator Amity Small and Finance Director Colleen Lewis, Drabik returned with a new

recommendation: increasing the daily teacher substitute rate to \$16.88 per hour, or roughly \$110 per day.

"This is more in line with what neighboring districts pay and should help us with both recruitment and retention of daily teacher subs," Drabik wrote in her memo. She added that the increase would not disrupt the district's pay structure, noting that full-time Instructional Assistants currently earn \$16.69 per hour and Special Education Assistants earn \$17.62 per hour.

Drabik also said the change is expected to be budget neutral, and may even result in savings, due to the Board's recent adjustment to long-term substitute pay.

Assistant and Custodian Sub Rates Also Reviewed

During the review, Drabik said it became clear that the district should also examine substitute rates for Instructional Assistants, Special Education Assistants, and Custodians. All three positions currently pay \$12 per hour, a rate she described as increasingly un-competitive.

She recommended the following adjustments:

- \$13 per hour for daily Instructional Assistant and Special Education Assistant substitutes

- \$15 per hour for daily Custodian substitutes

Drabik noted that while the district does not rely on assistant substitutes as heavily as teacher substitutes, the modest increase should help with recruitment and retention. The \$13 rate also aligns with the additional hourly pay current assistants receive when they substitute for teachers.

Custodial substitutes, she said, have been especially difficult to find at the current

rate.

"It has been nearly impossible to find Custodian subs at \$12 per hour," Drabik wrote. Buildings & Grounds Director Joe Parzych told her that even a small pool of reliable substitutes would significantly improve coverage and reduce overtime costs. Based on his experience and knowledge of surrounding districts, \$15 per hour is the rate at which the district could successfully hire custodial subs.

After reviewing the recommendations, the School Board voted unanimously to approve all increases. The new rates will take effect March 2.



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# School Board Approves Updated Public Complaints Policy

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Londonderry School Board meeting was a proposed update to the district's public complaints policy, a document that outlines how concerns from residents, parents, and staff should be handled.

In a memo to the Board, Superintendent Dan Black explained the reasoning behind the revisions. "Based on the prior conversation we

incorporated a few statements from the old policy KL into the new policy but kept the updated sections to ensure public complaints follow 91A laws as well," he wrote, referring to New Hampshire's Right to Know statute.

The updated policy emphasizes that concerns should begin at the lowest appropriate level before being escalated. It states: "The School Board recognizes its obligation to be available to the public. It also

believes that an individual's complaint can often be most efficiently addressed if taken up with the lowest authority able to react to the problem. If un-satisfied at that level, the individual may, of course, escalate the complaint further." The policy then outlines the proper chain of communication:

1. Teacher
2. Principal
3. Superintendent
4. School Board

The policy also clarifies how complaints

involving school personnel should be handled. "Any complaint presented to the Board about school personnel shall be referred back through proper administrative channels," it reads. The Board will not hear such complaints until they have gone through the appropriate procedures, except in cases where the complaint relates solely to Board actions or operations.

Additional guidance is provided for situa-

tions where a complaint is made directly to an individual Board member. In those cases, the Board member must refer the individual to the Superintendent for investigation, with the Superintendent allowed to delegate the matter to the Principal. If the complainant refuses to bring the issue forward personally, the Board member must request the complaint in writing and forward it to the Superintendent. Should the individual remain un-sat-

isfied after receiving a response, they may request a hearing before the full Board, which will act on the matter only by majority vote. Any decision made by the Board is final.

The updated policy also notes that "Inquiries as to the most appropriate place to initiate a complaint may be made of School Board members or the superintendent's office," reinforcing the district's intent to help residents navigate the process.

## Multiple School Capital Reserve Articles Head to Voters With Full Board Support

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters will consider several School District capital reserve warrant articles next month, with all four proposals advancing to the ballot unchanged and carrying unanimous support from both the School Board and the Budget Committee. The articles represent ongoing efforts to

maintain district facilities, upgrade technology, and plan for long-term equipment and vehicle needs.

The largest request is a \$670,000 appropriation to the District Wide Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund, created in 2021 to support maintenance, renovations, improvements, and related professional services across all dis-

trict properties.

The warrant article allows up to \$150,000 of the total to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance, with the remaining amount raised through taxation. The estimated tax impact is seven cents, and both the School Board and Budget Committee voted unanimously to recommend the article.

Another article seeks

\$125,000 for the Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2019. The money would support routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless upgrades, and other equipment or services needed to maintain and improve the district's network.

The estimated tax impact is two cents, and the article received unanimous support from both boards.

A third article asks voters to approve up to \$100,000 for the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, created in 2013. The full amount would come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance, resulting in no tax impact.

The fund supports ongoing equipment needs such as class-

room furniture, technology, and building maintenance tools. This article was also unanimously recommended.

The final capital reserve article seeks up to \$37,350 for the Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2020. Like the Equipment Fund article, the money would come entirely from the June 30, 2026 fund balance, with no tax impact.

The fund supports the purchase of district vehicles and machinery. Both the School Board and Budget Committee voted unanimously to recommend the article.

Together, the four warrant articles reflect the district's continued focus on long-term planning and infrastructure stability, with no proposed changes from their original drafts.

## Free Tax Prep Program

Appointments for free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is open for eligible NH residents with household incomes up to \$69,000. The program is administered by Granite United Way and provides no-cost, confidential tax preparation services completed by IRS-certified volunteers.

Residents can con-

nect with the VITA program in several ways:

- Call 2-1-1 for information and assistance with scheduling an appointment
- Visit NHTaxHelp.org to learn more about available tax preparation options
- Use MyFreeTaxes.org to prepare a return online for free, with guided support available

Once an appointment is scheduled, individuals

gather their tax documents, valid identification and meet with an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer. It is reviewed by a second IRS-certified preparer for before being submitted. All services are provided at no charge.

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# Kim Freccero Named Assistant Principal of the Year

In a press release by Bridey Bellemare, Executive Director, New Hampshire Association of School Principals (NHASP), North School's Kim Freccero has been selected as the 2026 New Hampshire Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year.

It reads: The New Hampshire Association of School Principals (NHASP) is thrilled to announce that Kim Freccero has been selected as the 2026 New Hampshire Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year. This esteemed recognition follows a rigorous selection process, including a recent site

visit on February 17, 2026, where the committee witnessed the profound impact of Freccero's leadership on her school and the wider community.

Described by parents as a "beam of light," Freccero has fostered a culture of safety and belonging, ensuring that every student, staff and family member feels truly valued. Students appreciate her unwavering presence, as she warmly greets them off the bus each morning and inspires them to take pride in their learning. Her ability to engage with "dignity and respect," even in chal-



Kim Freccero

lenging conversations, has earned her the deep trust of the school and parent community.

The selection committee was particularly impressed by Freccero's unique strengths as both a compassionate

mentor and a high-caliber instructional leader. Her notable achievements include:

- **Instructional Excellence:** Leveraging her robust background in mathematics to spearhead district-level curriculum initiatives and enhance data practices.

- **Systemic Improvement:** Effectively organizing the school's Multi-Tiered System of

Supports (MTSS) to ensure that no student "falls through the gaps."

- **Civic Innovation:** Launching the "Kids Vote" program in the town of Londonderry to instill a sense of civic duty among students.

- **Staff Empowerment:** Building a strong "school family" through creative problem-solving and after-school events that promote staff wellness and collaboration.

Colleagues regard her as "the complete package," commending her ability to navigate the roles of administrator, mentor, and friend with a consistently steady "voice of reason." Freccero's leadership extends beyond North School; she is a dedicated advocate and social media ambassador for all schools across the district.

In recognition of her

exceptional contributions, Freccero will be invited to Washington, D.C. in April to collaborate with fellow award recipients from across the nation. She will also receive formal honors at the NHASP Leadership Academy in June and during the annual Excellence in Education (EDies) awards ceremony.

The NHASP extends its heartfelt congratulations to Kim Freccero on this well-deserved recognition. We commend her leadership and unwavering commitment to the students of New Hampshire.

# Local Senior Named State's High School Journalist of the Year

Londonderry High School senior Kelsey Sweet has been named the New Hampshire High School Journalist of the Year, the state's top honor for student journalists, the New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) announced. Sweet was

also selected as a member of the AllNew England High School Journalism Staff, placing her among the region's most accomplished young reporters.

The Journalist of the Year competition is sponsored nationally by the Journalism Educa-

tion Association (JEA), which selects one winner from each state. Those state winners advance to compete for national recognition and scholarships. JEA will announce the national Journalist of the Year and runnerup at its spring convention in

Minneapolis this April.

Sweet serves as news chief for The Lancer Spirit, Londonderry High School's student news publication. She is one of only two New Hampshire students chosen for the 17-member All New England Journalism Staff, which honors the strongest high school journalists working in newspapers, yearbooks, broadcasts, and literary magazines across all six New England states.

LHS journalism adviser Mary DeWinkleer oversees the school's program and supported Sweet's application.

To enter the competition, Sweet submitted a professional portfolio showcasing her report-



Londonderry High School senior Kelsey Sweet interviews junior Callon Rhoden, Staff Writer of The Rider Online from Mansfield, Texas, about the Nashville JEA/NSPA Conference

Photo by Dylan Torre-Moody

ing, writing, and multimedia work, along with a résumé and reflective essay. Her portfolio can be viewed online at: <https://sites.google.com/view/kelsey-sweetportfolio/home?authuser=0>

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Girls' Bounce Back, Primed for Postseason



Lancer junior Gemma Murray had 16 points in the first-round playoff game against Keene.

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School girls' basketball squad took care of business in their final regular-season game, steamrolling the Keene Blackbirds 70-39 at home. The win solidified a 15-3 record and secured the #3 seed in the NHIAA Division I State Championship.

Following a tough loss to the Bedford Bulldogs earlier in the month, the Lancers used the finale to regain their offensive rhythm, putting up one of their highest point totals of the year.

**Regular Season**

**Finale:** LHS 70, KHS 39  
In the Thursday, Feb. 26 matchup, Londonder-

ry wasted no time. They sprinted to a 20-9 lead in the first quarter and entered halftime with a comfortable 34-20 advantage.

The real fireworks happened after the break. Four different Lancers found the range from beyond the arc in a 23-point third-quarter explosion that effectively put the game out of reach.

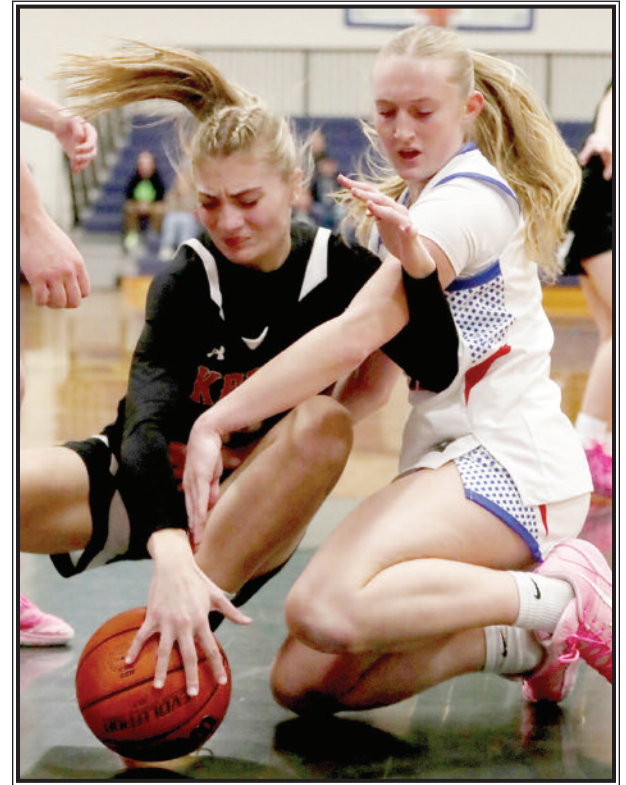
**Top Performers**

**Sammie Sullivan:** 21 points (3 triples, five 2-pointers, 2-for-2 at the line).

**Brooke Eacrett:** 17 points (5 triples, one 2-pointer).

**Gemma Murray:** 10 points (2 triples, two 2-pointers).

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Senior Brook Wilson battles for a loose ball Monday night. Photos by Chris Paul



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# Lancers Have Ten Wrestlers Compete at Meet of Champions



Rira Shaffer



Claire Tillman



Caleb Holden

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School had seven members of the wrestling team compete in the NHIAA Meet of Champions on Saturday, Feb. 26, and three members compete in the Girls Championship on

Friday Feb. 27.

On Friday, Aerilyn Curtin competed at 114-pounds; Rira Shaffer wrestled at 145-pounds; and Claire Tillman wrestled at 152-lbs.

Both Tillman and Shaffer finished the tournament in second place, making it all the way to the championship bout.

Tillman had a 15-0 Tech Fall to start; a victory by Fall (5-0) in the Semi-final and a fall loss in the finals.

Shaffer also had two wins and a loss; in the quarter she won 18-3; in the semis pinned her opponent at 5:28; but in the finals lost by fall at 3:14.

The following day, at the Meet of Champions, four Lancers placed in the top five.

Caleb Holden and Gabriel Perez both made it to the Championship bouts and both took second place at the event.

Camryn Rousell placed fourth at the MOC and Colin Egan had a fifth-place finish.

The top two placers for Girls and top three for Boys have qualified for the New England Championships this coming weekend in Providence RI.

One week earlier, at the Division I State

Champions, a number of Lancers were able to make it to the top five.

Anthony Cipolletta at 106, taking fifth place; Camryn Rousell at 120, a Sophomore seeded second took first place; freshman Gabriel Perez, at 132, seeded second and placed first; freshman Colin Egan at 144, seeded fifth and placed third; at 150, junior Caleb Holden was seeded second and placed third; at 165, freshman Sawyer Chaffee was seeded seventh and took fifth place; and at 285, sophomore Jayden Mahlatini was unseeded

and won third-place.

Londonderry head coach Mark Williams was also awarded the Division I Coach of the Year at the meet that was held at Londonderry high School.

Of note: Gabe Perez is the first ever freshman champ in school history and Cam Rousell is only the second-ever Sophomore Champion with David Pento Jr. being the first. They are the 14th and 15th individual DI champions in school history and 20th and 21st total DI titles in school history.

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# Lancers Secure #7 Seed; Set for Rematch with Hanover

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School hockey team navigated a split final week to finish the regular season at 8-8-2. That record proved enough to lock in the #7 seed for the NHIAA Division I Championships, setting the stage for a postseason run that begins with a very familiar opponent.

## Regular Season Finale: A Tale of Two Games

The Lancers' final week began with a stum-

bling block at home on Thursday, Feb. 26. Facing an 11-7 Keene Blackbirds squad, Londonderry struggled to find the back of the net, ultimately falling in a 0-3 shutout.

However, the Lancers showed their resilience on Saturday, Feb. 28, traveling to Hanover for a must-win regular-season finale. In a gritty performance against the Bears, The Londonderry squad walked away with a 3-1 victory and the momentum needed for the playoffs.

## Scoring Summary vs. Hanover:

Sophomore Austin Callahan: Opened the scoring with helpers from senior captain Brendan Fitzgerald and assistant captain Taran Bower.

Junior Ethan Leon: Doubled the lead, assisted by junior Mike Bell and freshman Andy Soucy.

Junior Luca Verani: Put the finishing touches on the win, with assists credited to Gavin Karoul and Callahan.

## "Rubber Match" at JFK

In a twist of playoff fate, the #7 Lancers are scheduled to play the #10 Hanover Bears for the second time in five days. This opening-round clash will take place at a neutral site in Manchester.

The Opening Round took place on Wednesday, March 4, after the Londonderry Times went to press, at the JFK Arena in Manchester.

Londonderry has already defeated the Bears twice this season. However, as any hockey veteran knows, beating the same team three times in one year - especially in a "win-or-go-home" scenario - is one of the toughest tasks in sports.



Sophomore Austin Callahan had a goal and an assist in the win over Hanover.

## Girls'

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Mia Bucu: 9 points (3 triples).

## Playoff Rematch:

The Press Makes the Difference

On Monday evening, the Lancers began their quest for the state title against the very same Keene team. Hoping to improve on last year's runner-up finish, the Lancers found that the playoffs bring a different level of intensity.

Scoring proved sluggish early on, with Keene keeping pace through the first quarter

and into the second. With the score tight, the Lancers shifted their strategy, implementing a full-court press that rattled the Blackbirds.

The tactical shift forced a series of key turnovers, allowing Londonderry to pull away. Leading 22-14 at the half, the Lancers locked down defensively in the fourth quarter, outscoring Keene 20-6 to secure a 56-30 opening-round victory.

## Scoring Leaders:

Sammie Sullivan: 19 points (3 key second-half triples).

Brooke Eacrett: 16 points (4 triples, two

layups).

Gemma Murray: 16 points (1 triple, dominant play in the paint).

The victory earns Londonderry a quarterfinal home game against the #6 Windham Jaguars on Thursday at 6 p.m. The Lancers previously defeated the Jaguars 40-27 in early February, but the stakes are significantly higher this time around.

Should the Lancers advance, they are on a collision course for a third meeting with the Bedford Bulldogs in the semifinals on Monday, March 9.

## Looking Ahead: The Road to the Title

If the Lancers can complete the sweep of Hanover tomorrow, the road only gets steeper. A victory would propel them into the quarterfinals against the #2 Trinity Pioneers (15-2-1).

The Pioneers took the first meeting bet-

ween the two teams back in December with a 4-1 win. A quarterfinal rematch would offer the Lancers a chance for ultimate redemption on the state's biggest stage. The Lancers' 8-8-2 record belies how dan-

gerous this team is when their top lines are clicking. With Callahan and Leon finding their rhythm at the right time, the "underdog" #7 seed is a label they'll be happy to shed at JFK on Wednesday, Mar. 4.





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# What's in a Word: From Carts Versus Perambulators

DAVID J. ELLIS  
SUBMISSION

A recent communication with a friend got me thinking about past events. Those that know me are aware that I'm a naturalized citizen, formerly British, although I've lived in Londonderry longer than anywhere else in my lifetime. I suspect my little anecdote, told me by my mother, will prompt equivalent memories in at least a few of you, regardless of where you came from. The same words have different meanings in different contexts and to people from different backgrounds. Fortunately, this one was harmless and amusing.

Older readers will recall the old-style baby carriages. The baby was laid flat in them for safety, they doubled as a cot during the day and, when the mother took the baby to the store, they doubled as a con-

venient cart to bring home the groceries. After they had been totally beaten up by three or four children, they were useful for bringing in the firewood. Finally, the teenage children stole the wheels to make "go-carts". In England they were called "perambulators". Early on, mothers became weary of saying "My, what a nice perambulator" and settled for the more concise "My, what a nice pram".

My father was a police constable, like his father before him. He was born on Dartmoor in a small village below Hay Tor, a very rural setting and, in those days, considered 'inland' and far from the sea. After joining the police force, he was stationed at a coastal town that was twenty-five miles away. Early in his career he was assigned to investigate the reported theft of a pram. He set off

eagerly making enquiries but to no avail. Eventually he had to report back that he could not even find any sign of one being missing. Puzzled, the sergeant asked him to check with 'old Jim, down by the quay, he told us about it' (not his real name). After talking to old Jim, my father suddenly realized he had spent hours looking for a baby carriage when the "pram" in question was a small boat with a transom bow, used to get to and from a larger vessel. As I said, my father was from an inland village and had no maritime experience. According to my mother, he spent a long time living that mistake down amongst his fellow officers.

Even in that remote part of England, we had early an early American connection. One American was billeted with us over night during troop

movements in preparation for D-Day. My father's first patrol area had included the villages of Slapton and Tor Cross that were within the area that was totally evacuated in order to

maintain secrecy during D-Day training. How many of you realize that 800 Americans died during one day's training in that area - more than died in the actual invasion of Normandy? The

US military and government managed to keep the lid on that secret for about forty years. Look up Exercise Tiger if you want to learn more about it.



## New Dart Board Area at American Legion Post 27

American Legion Post 27 recently received a donation from Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8546 of Salem of a newly installed dart board area at the Post's facility on Sargent Road. The installation work was completed through a donated effort from Green Shed Renovations based in Londonderry.

The contribution comes as VFW Post 8546 has merged operations with VFW Post 1617 in Derry. As part of this transition, Post 8546 has been making donations to support fellow veterans' organizations and strengthen the local veteran community. The dart board area will provide a recreational outlet for members and guests and further enhance camaraderie and social engagement among veterans.

Members from both organiza-

tions gathered at Post 27 to mark the donation and recognize the cooperation between veteran service groups across the region.

Pictured from left to right are Joe Grivois, Tom McManus, Gene Grivois, Lance Reynolds, John DeBonis, Bob Stuart, Lori Silva, John Bouchard, and Lou Misiano.

American Legion Post 27 is located at 6 Sargent Road in Londonderry and continues to provide programs, services, and community support for veterans and their families throughout southern New Hampshire.

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## Chili and Chowder Cook-off

Bring Your Appetite to St. Peter's 9th Annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off, on Saturday, March 21, from 4:30 - 6 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Mammoth Road at 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Attendees are invited for a \$15 donation (\$7 for children 10 and under). Proceeds will support the Liberty House, a program of Catholic Charities, in Manchester and St. Peter's various missions. Prepare to taste a variety of delights and bring your best chili or chowder if you wish to enter, while kids are encouraged to participate in the Kids' Dessert Competition. Cast your ballot for the winners and then

check out the many popular raffles. There is an entry fee of \$10 for chefs, while kids may enter the dessert competition for free. Cooks can register by emailing [church@stpeterslondonderry.org](mailto:church@stpeterslondonderry.org) or calling 781-801-8161. Late entries will be accepted in person on the 21st at 4:15 p.m. For more information, please visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

## Community Choice Aggregation

In preparation for the Londonderry Community Choice Aggregation rollout, Freedom Energy and the Town are holding a joint Information Session on Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.

Additionally, informational materials are available on the town's website, Freedom Energy's Londonderry CCA website, and in Londonderry's Town Hall.

## Blood Drive

The Rotary Club of Londonderry, in partnership with the Red Cross, will be hosting a Blood Drive in March. It will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at Orchard Christian Fellowship, in the Sanctuary, 136 Pillsbury Road. The Blood Drive will run from noon - 5 p.m. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit "RedCrossBlood.org" and enter "Londonderry Rotary" to schedule and appointment for your blood dona-

tion. There continues to be a critical need for blood, so please consider making an appointment to donate.

## Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold its Monthly General Meeting on March 9, at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

## Legion Karaoke

On March 13, from 7:30 - 11 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will host Karaoke with DJ Sharon.

## VA Information Day

On March 14, from 9 a.m. - noon, American Legion Post 27 will hold a VA Information Day. VA representatives will be at the Post to answer questions and to help veterans join if necessary. Please bring your DD-214 if you want to sign up for the VA.

## Comedy Night

The Londonderry Women's Club (LWC), will host a Comedy Night Fundraiser on Thursday, April 16, at Chunky's Cinema in Manchester. The evening will feature live comedy performances and raffles, including a

50/50 raffle. Proceeds will support LWC's community initiatives, including high school and adult women's scholarships, providing snacks for local elementary students, partnering with End 68 Hours of Hunger to combat food insecurity, making & donating fleece caps for chemotherapy patients, supporting families through St. Jude's Blue Angels, and other charitable programs. To purchase tickets, email: [comedy@londonderry-womensclub.org](mailto:comedy@londonderry-womensclub.org)

## Family Pizza Shabbat

On Friday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will hold the Monthly Family Pizza Shabbat for all generations. A free pizza dinner will be followed by an intergenerational service for everyone. There will be kids' activities while adults enjoy a sermon. Bring a nosh for our potluck one. Join us to share in the mitzvah of L'Dor V'Dor, transmitting Jewish heritage and values across generations. RSVP by March 5 to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org).

## Purim Carnival & Spiel

Join Etz Hayim Synagogue for a joyful, laughter-filled Purim Celebration on Saturday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Whether you want to make a grogger, meet new friends, enjoy wine and snacks, or simply sit back and laugh at a hilarious performance, there's something for everyone! Interactive Purim Activities, Costume Parade - come dressed up!, Small Bites, BOO Haman, Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet with Rabbinical Candidate Rabbi Eitan Krul. Then at 7 p.m., take your seat for our Purim spiel: Chaos in the Shul: A Shul with No Rabbi! Free popcorn and hamantaschen! Costumes encouraged. Laughter guaranteed!

## Mah Jongg Tournament

On Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a fun-filled day of tiles, prizes and friendship! Entry fee is \$30. There will be 4 rounds of game play, 4 games per 1-hour round. There will be prizes for placement, a 50/50 raffle

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Monday, Feb. 23

**6:20 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Aviation Park Drive.

**11:20 p.m.** Five-officers investigate the report of a Domestic Disturbance on Peabody Row

## Tuesday, Feb. 24

**7:37 a.m.** Services provided on Michels Way for Suspicious Activity.

**10:38 a.m.** Auto Theft reported at United Parcel Service on Commerce Avenue investigated.

**11:03 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Mammoth Road.

**5:41 p.m.** Trespassing investigated by three officers on Mill Road.

**11:31 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at Man-

chester Boston Regional Airport.

## Wednesday, Feb. 25

**8:38 a.m.** Shop-lifting investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**10:43 a.m.** Three-officers serve warrant and make an arrest on Lexington Court. Taylor Meal, 24, of Londonderry, charged with Theft of Services of under \$1,000.

**11:20 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Clark Road.

**12:19 p.m.** Officers renders services to Keep the Peace at Davita Dialysis (Derry Dialysis) on Action Boulevard.

**2:24 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Buttrick Road

**3:54 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated on Bartley Hill Road

**4:29 p.m.** Warrant served at Manchester Valley Jail. Yasin Shearin, 28, of Jamaica, NY, charged with: Willful Concealment, Theft (Three Businesses).

**6:04 p.m.** Auto Theft reported at Park & Ride North on Symmes Drive.

**7:49 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted by three officers, on Harvey Road, results in transport to a hospital.

## Thursday, Feb. 26

**12:58 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Berkshire Lane.

**7:46 a.m.** Officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with trans-

portation to a hospital from the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**9:31 a.m.** Officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from the Nouria Rockingham Road.

**1 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**2:47 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers on Tamarack Place for Suspicious Activity.

**3:51 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Schurman Drive, Derry. Jonathan Marks, 39, of Derry, charged with: Theft of Lost/Mislaid item(s) of over \$1,500.

**6:39 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Sherwood Road.

**9:50 p.m.** Disturbance investigated by four officers on Windsor Boulevard

## Friday, Feb. 27

**3:42 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**8:52 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Washington Street, Lawrence, MA. Jeffrey Guilermo Montero, 31, of Lawrence, MA, charged with: Forgery of a Government Instrument; and Theft By Deception of over \$1,501.

**7:06 p.m.** Report of Dog Bite investigated by Animal Control on Hemlock Street.

## Saturday, Feb. 28

**12:30 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road, at Route 93 southbound On-Ramp leads to an arrest. Nicole Sylvester, 29, of Peabody, MA, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**5:26 a.m.** Four officers investigate a Disturban-

ce at the Garner Hotel on Perkins Road.

**11:17 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Bluebird Self Storage facility on Perkins Road

**4:26 p.m.** Six-officers respond to a disturbance at the Kendall Pond Apartments on Kendall Pond Road, leading to an arrest. Aisha Langley, 25, of Dover, charged with: Reckless Operation; Driving After Revoke/Suspension; and Disobeying an Officer.

**9:46 p.m.** Assault investigated by four officers at the Nashua Road Mobil station.

## Sunday, March 1

**12:24 a.m.** Four officers respond to a report of an Assault on Charleston Avenue.

**7:15 p.m.** Three-officers Keep the Peace at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

## Around Town

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and additional raffles, and sandwiches, desserts and refreshments. Sign up by April 12. Doors open and check-in from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Pre-register and pay at [www.etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament](http://www.etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament). Rules and scoring provided after payment receipt. Questions? Contact Jean Lisien at [jbortz@comcast.net](mailto:jbortz@comcast.net) or Deb Eisner at [rlc800@aol.com](mailto:rlc800@aol.com).

### The History Of Etz Hayim Synagogue

On Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m., Jill Pelunis will describe how The Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS") evolved out of a Torah Study Group taught during the winter of 1991 into the center of Judaism in the Derry area. She will talk about the Interfaith Campus, building of the synagogue, and the many facets of its spiritual, educational, social, and community involvement growth. Please visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning) for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreff15@aol.com](mailto:soreff15@aol.com) or 603-895-

6120.

### Sunday Family Camp

Come to the Etz Hayim Synagogue on Sunday, March 8, from 10 a.m. - Noon for a Monthly Sunday Family Camp for ages 4 - 6. This month's theme is Purim. March's class will focus on Purim in preparation for the holiday in March. Children will learn about the Purim story (using an age-appropriate text) and how we celebrate this fun holiday. RSVP to [sarahjohnplater@aol.com](mailto:sarahjohnplater@aol.com) by March 6 to ensure we have enough materials. To learn more about this free program, visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1)

### Veterans Assistance

American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, will host representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. noon, to provide direct assistance to veterans in the community. During the event, VA representatives will be available to: Sign veterans up for VA benefits and services; Help resolve existing VA-related issues; Answer questions about eligibility, health-care, and benefits; and Pro-

vide guidance on navigating the VA system. This event is open to all veterans, not just members of the American Legion. Veterans who need to sign up with the VA are asked to bring a copy of their DD-214. Veterans, family members, and caregivers are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity for one-on-one support. For more information, veterans may contact American Legion Post 27 directly via [mail@alpost27.com](mailto:mail@alpost27.com) or stop by during the event.

### Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: March 11, and April 15, 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; and Photo ID. Applicants for registration must provide proof of age, identity, citizenship and domicile. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof of domicile or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affi-

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### Clean Water Survey

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