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Home Field Finale

Members of the Lancers Marching Band took the Lancer Park field during halftime for the last time on Saturday. The Billy Joel halftime show had its final home-field performance in the quarterfinal win over Nashua South. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Residents Question Who Is Running Londonderry

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

More questions were raised about the status of Town Manager Mike Malaguti, during the Nov. 12 Londonderry Town Council meeting.

Malaguti recently submitted his letter of resignation giving the Town Council six months notice, however, it is unclear if the Town Council plans to allow Malaguti to continue until then or move in a different direction.

Brian Young, the Vice President of Professional Fire Fighters of Londonderry Local 3160 spoke

at the meeting. Saying, “Our local would like some stability. We’ve noticed that the Town Manager has been absent.” The union represents the Londonderry Fire Department.

Young said there has been no follow-up, and said it’s the union’s understanding that it’s the towns hold up for why the fire chief position hasn’t been posted yet.

Bo Butler, previously announced his resignation from the position of Londonderry Fire Chief during a Town Council meeting in October.

“We’d like to see some direction, some

stability and some movement forward,” Young said.

Also speaking during the meeting was former Town Councilor Jim Butler, who is also the father of Bo Butler.

Butler explained that during the Oct. 7 meeting he “asked for information concerning open positions in the town and related costs.”

He said it wasn’t in the meeting minutes and asked why.

“It is now approximately 35 days and I have not received what I requested, 35 days,” Butler said during the meeting. **continued on page 3**

Locals Volunteer To Save \$15K on Holiday Lighting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

After the Town Council approved a nearly \$15,000 contract for holiday lights on the Town Common, two local business owners came forward to offer their services and asked the council to cancel the contract.

At the Tuesday, Nov. 12 meeting, Director of Public Works (DPW) Dave Wholley presented a proposal to replace the holiday lights on the Town Commons.

Wholley explained that the Fire Department used to light the trees, until 2018, when the

Town paid for the lights to be on the trees. By 2021, when Wholley took over they were mostly broken.

He said they were able to make them work in 2021, and the last couple of seasons they have been able to put lights up, however, they have since been damaged from major storms.

While the DPW has been trying to help out, Wholley said, “We really need to get away from this business,” explaining that they are down four positions.

It’s why Wholley explained that the Commons is “going to be

fairly dark unless I get some decisions tonight on which way you want to go.”

Wholley told the board that there aren’t many people in the business of putting up holiday lights, however, he said they were able to get two different quotes. He also noted that the

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Police Look to Add Two Officers for Town Traffic

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During the Nov. 12 budget workshop meeting, the Budget Committee and Town Council heard a presentation about items not being considered in this year’s proposed budget.

For the Police Department that included the addition of six more police officers, with two of them dedicated to traffic enforcement.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said he got good feedback from people in Town who would sup-

port having two officers for traffic safety.

Police Chief Kim Bernard said traffic continues to be a major concern in Town.

“We have traffic problems in town, it’s no secret we hear it all the **continued on page 3**

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Ross Drive Resident Looks for Answers for Drinking Water Concerns

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on Nov. 7 with public input from Maureen Mansfield of 10 Ross Dr. She wanted to know what was being done to install a water line down Ross Drive.

“We have new construction now that’s going to start at the top of Gilcrest. Even though they says it’s not going to affect our water living on Ross Drive, I don’t believe that,” she said. “They’re going to be pushing everything and

they’re going to be pushing it towards Ross Drive, the whole thing, our water’s just going to be getting worse and we can’t get a water line down Ross.”

Mansfield complained that while it was not an issue at her house, at least some residents were receiving bottled water and wanted to know whether the town knew if the EPA was aware of the situation. She also wanted to know whether state or federal regulators planned on taking action to fix the issue.

Utilities Chair Lynn Wiles assured her the problem was under discussion by the town and was not being ignored.

“We are working at the Utilities Committee’s behest to trying to get a date where the EPA will come down. It’ll be a public meeting and open to everybody,” explained Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen. “We think it’s probably going to happen after the holidays at this juncture.”

She gave “early January” as a likely date and

promised to keep residents updated with any information town officials might get from the EPA over the coming days and weeks. She was open to finding an earlier date for the meeting if possible.

“I asked Pennichuck Water for a budgetary estimate on what it would cost to put a waterline through your neighborhood and to hook up the houses and received that today,” said Wiles. “It’s not a small number, it’s about \$3 million to do that, but at least it gives us an

idea of the scope.”

It was unclear when the funding would be available, though waterline extensions have been a focus in recent years. That focus is not expected to change anytime soon.

“There’s so many people with little kids who are afraid to use the water, and I feel bad for these new people moving into the new neighborhood,” said Mansfield, who noted that her whole neighborhood was interested in finding a solution for their issues. “We’ll all come

down when the EPA is here.”

Members of the Utilities Committee promised to keep her up-to-date on when federal officials might visit and encouraged Ross Drive residents to “pack the room” when they could to make their voices heard.

“It makes a difference,” said Wiles.

The Londonderry Utilities Committee is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room,

Local Vet Explains Hazards of Toxic Plants to Pet Owners

On Thursday, Nov. 7, The Green Team of Londonderry hosted a talk at the YMCA titled “Toxic Plants for Pets” featuring Dr. David Smiley, DVM, a local veterinarian and owner of Smiley Veterinary Clinic in Londonderry. This free educational event was aimed to

inform community members about the dangers common plants and substances can pose to pets.

Dr. Smiley walked through the various plants common in houses, yards and gardens to look out for. Among the plants discussed were Foxgloves, Oleander,

Castor Bean, and Pokeberry, all of which can have severe health consequences if ingested. With the holiday season approaching, he stressed caution around seasonal plants like mistletoe, poinsettias, and holly, which can be hazardous to pets.

Dr. Smiley also shar-



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ed actionable tips for preventing accidental poisoning, recognizing symptoms of toxicity, and what to do in case of an emergency. The talk emphasized the importance of awareness, especially as many of these toxic plants are very common.

While the turnout was smaller than anticipated, attendees were

deeply engaged and left the event feeling more prepared to protect their furry friends. The Green Team is proud to bring these valuable educational events to the community and is grateful for Dr. Smiley’s ongoing support and expertise.

The Green team will hold a series of similar talks into the next year.

Topics will include Herb Gardening, Composting, Seed Starting, and Container Gardening, with the intent on education for the public.

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Councilor Updates Utility Committee on State Water Council

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The November meeting of the Utilities Committee heard comment from Town Councilor John Farrell, who recently started as Chair of the NH Water Council at the invitation of outgoing Governor Sununu.

"I am slowly learning what this is all about. There's about 15 members on the Water Council and they come from

the different water districts from around the state," said Farrell. "It's very much a quasi-judicial board. Right now, I have about a dozen DES appeals on decisions that had been made prior that the Attorney General has to name hearing officers for."

The goal of the Water Council is to enforce statewide rules designed to protect drinking water.

"I'm sure I'm going to

get a much greater understanding of what the authority is of the Water Council and how it can actually help Londonderry," said Farrell. "I'm starting to understand. What I have been told, just from our first meeting, is that they appreciate the fact that someone who has an understanding of how things work at the local level is now involved. We'll see how that goes."

With continuing is-

ssues related to PFAS contamination from the former Saint-Gobain plant, drinking water has been a significant issue in Londonderry. Members of the Water Council serve two-year terms.

"Does it look like it going to be focused more on water districts and municipal water departments and things like that?" asked Utilities Committee Chair Lynn Wiles. "Or is it more focused on aquifers and aquifer contamination? Or is it going to be all of the above?"

Farrell stated his belief that "all of the above" would receive attention, especially PFAS contamination. Much of the Water Council's work

relates to the enforcement of new policies and rules violations.

"Can you give an example of the kinds of appeals that were filed?" asked Utilities Committee Vice-Chair Martha Smith.

Farrell was reluctant to give many details on pending cases. However, he confirmed their meetings are open to the public.

"I was wondering if we perhaps can designate someone from town of Londonderry or from the water board here to go to these meetings," suggested Alternate Utilities member Ray Breslin.

According to the new Water Council Chair, that should not be a

problem, although he warned that anyone who visited Concord would need to get through security to get into the building.

"Is there anything we can do to help you up there to address the concerns of our citizens?" asked Wiles.

Farrell promised he would share more as he got more used to his new role.

"I'm not sure I really understand what I got myself involved in, but I'm sure I will," he joked.

Currently, the Water Council meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the NH Department of Environmental Services office in Concord at 8:30 a.m.

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Continued from page 1 ing. "I'm a taxpayer in Town. I've been a taxpayer for 34 years and I still haven't received anything."

He added: "35 days gentlemen, poor management, unacceptable."

Butler also explained that Dan Bouchard, a former Londonderry Police Officer, also had asked for information, but is request went unanswered at the time of the meeting.

"One must wonder why we have requests under 91A (and) what has been the cost for the

Town executing 91As for the last three years," Butler said.

Butler also stated he has had people ask him about Malaguti since he has submitted his letter of resignation.

"It would be great if the town kind of told us who is running the Town," Butler said.

Ahead of the meeting last week, Town Council Chair Chad Franz said he did not have an update when asked by the Londonderry Times.

"Council is actively working on next steps on how to process and proceed best for the community. We are

aggressively doing this," Franz said during the meeting at the end of public comment. "I understand there's a lot of questions, I understand there's some concerns. The council is actively and aggressively working on next steps and everything is going to be alright."

Franz said they didn't have an exact time frame of when they would be able to discuss it "in short order."

As of Tuesday, Nov. 19, there has still been no announcement made on who is currently running the Town of Londonderry.



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Editorial

Getting in the Spirit of the Season

As many of you read this, you're probably at work filling up your holiday to-do list. After all, it's the most wonderful (and busiest) time of the year.

But what's included on your list? Gifts? Volunteering time to help those less fortunate? Holiday parties and dinners? Maybe even a brief vacation? Sure, that's what we are thinking about as we head into December, but something may be missing from your holiday agenda, something equally as important and yet so easily forgotten.

It's Town and School budgets, not as exciting as deciding what decorations to put up or what cookies to bake, but perhaps just as critical. It's something you can't put off: taxes.

Those pesky budget meetings need public input. After all, it is your money and your quality of life at stake, and you do have a say in how it is spent. From now into the New Year, there's plenty of time to put in your two cents.

Our towns and school are discussing their budgets, whether it's cost-of-living increases, new buildings, or new ways of doing things. One thing is for sure; your tax bill will be going up again if the budget process is left untethered.

Citizens have the right, no, the duty, to tell their elected officials what they consider important for their money to be spent on and what can wait, especially considering the difficulty most people have in finding the money to pay their own ever-

increasing taxes. Are you satisfied with how it's being spent?

You may be waiting with baited breath for your December tax bill. We hear a lot about making sure employees are paid well and have strong benefit packages so they don't move to better-paying jobs. Things that need to be considered is whether every school or town job is vital, whether it should be changed from full-time to part-time, do the positive have an impact, could some jobs be combined, eliminated, or maybe even outsourced to a local business. At the end of the day, officials should do what is best for all the residents in town, not just the ones who can afford it.

It's up to the residents to advocate for budgets that maintain the "needs" and cut the "wants." Those better days haven't arrived yet.

It is up to the citizens to question and ask for backup documents to the department heads, to include statements as to why they need more money.

If you don't let your elected officials know now what you think, you'll miss the opportunity. Most budgets have lots of fluff built into them, some more than others. Once again, we encourage you to get involved and have your say now, when change remains possible.

December brings more than the sound of Santa's reindeer and pricy lights on two trees. Democracy is calling. Make your voices heard, or keep silent and just write the check.

Letters

Saint of Londonderry those that need help with Christmas time. Not only that, as this Saint was getting ready to fly to Fla. for two weeks to work on their flooded out condo, took the time and the had the patience in the kindness way made up duplicate info for me as I lost my original copy. And her name is Kay Dole. Thank you Kay.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

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Londonderry Area Youth to Perform at the Palace Theatre's Nutcracker



Londonderry's Lily Ferreira other local dancers will be performing *The Nutcracker*, in seven magical performances from Thursday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Nov. 24. Courtesy photo

Lily Ferreira, and other Londonderry area youth to perform along with a cast of professional guest artists in the Palace Theatre's upcoming annual production of the timeless classic, *The Nutcracker*, in seven magical performances from Thursday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Nov. 24.

Sixteen-year-old Lily Ferreira who attends Londonderry High School and has been dancing with Southern NH Dance Theater (SNHDT) for the past twelve years. She has also trained with Regional Dance America and Louisville Ballet Summer Intensive. Lily will perform the roles of Snowflake in *Snow Scene*, *Mirliton Ensemble*, and *Flower in the Waltz of Flowers*. "Being in *The Nutcracker* brings me so much joy, because it shares the Christmas spirit with the entire audience," stated Lily Ferreira.

She will perform the roles of Spanish Soloist, Snowflake in *Snow Scene*, *Mirliton Ensemble*, and *Flower in the Waltz of Flowers*. "Dance is my passion. I want to be a professional dancer one day," stated Meagan. Other talented Londonderry area youth performing include Annika Romanskas (14) as Elf, Arabian Ensemble; and Aria Barbetta (8) of Londonderry as Bunny and Polichinelle.

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Board Denies Application Due To Incomplete Checklist Items

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent Planning Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a public hearing on an application for formal review of a lot line adjustment to adjust the lot line between two parcels.

The proposed lot line adjustment was for the properties located at 28 Jefferson Road and 35 Hillside Avenue with part of the property located in Londonderry and part of it located in Derry.

Before reviewing the lot line adjustment Planning Board Chair Jake Butler questioned many items missing from the checklist that goes along with the application.

"There are a number of outstanding checklist items," Butler said.

Director of Engineering Services John Trotter went over a number of different items from the checklist that were missing.

"Have you seen our checklist before," Butler asked Rob Degan, who was representing the applicant during the meeting.

After Degan said he

knew the purpose of the checklist, Butler again noted there were many outstanding checklist items.

"I just heard a laundry list of checklist items that haven't been completed," Butler said.

Degan explained that he considered a lot of the items in question on the checklist to not be applicable for the application since it was a simple lot line adjustment.

He also noted that they provided a waiver request letter.

"How would we like to act on completeness," Butler asked the rest of the Planning Board.

Planning Board Vice Chair Art Rugg, said that he didn't think it was complete enough, and that he didn't think they had enough information to make any decisions during the meeting.

"I don't have the information to make a decision on this," Rugg said.

Planning Board member Jeff Penta noted that there is a "column in our checklist that says not applicable."

Sylvia von Aulock, from the Southern N.H. Planning Commission, said she typically sees a lot line adjustment, and

that it shouldn't be a big deal, but said its different in Londonderry, because it's soil based lot sizing.

"I just think it would be a little more comfortable if we had that lot sizing information," she said.

The collection of Household Hazardous Waste will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The collection will be conducted in the parking lot at Nelson Fields (Lafa) off Sargent Street, behind the Central Fire Station.

Most waste from the yard, garage the house and workbench will be taken.

von Aulock also noted that there are still a lot of questions regarding the lot.

One question raised was whether or not staff had the chance to meet with the applicant for the proposed lot line adjustment.

"We did not have a pre-application meeting, because it is a simple lot line adjustment and we didn't see the need to jump through the extra hoops and spend an extra month on the process," Degan said.

The Planning Board

ultimately voted to not accept the application as complete, meaning they will have to reapply for the formal application, and it was recommended that they meet with Town staff, before going back in front of the Planning Board.

Hazardous Waste Day This Saturday

Londonderry's Fall collection of Household Hazardous Waste will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The collection will be conducted in the parking lot at Nelson Fields (Lafa) off Sargent Street, behind the Central Fire Station.

Most waste from the yard, garage the house and workbench will be taken.

From the Yard: Fertilizers with pesticides; Fungicide; insect spray; Lighter fluid; Pest strips/traps; Pesticides; Poisons; and Pool chemicals.

From the Garage: Acids; Antifreeze; Car waxes/polish; Creosote; Roofing tar; Flea powder; Gasoline; Brake Fluid and Driveway Sealer (Petroleum Based).

From the house: Bathroom cleaner; Disin-

fectants; Furniture polish; Metal polish; Mothballs; Oven cleaner; Rug cleaner; Thermometers; and Thermostats.

From the Workbench: Brush cleaner; Corrosives; Oil-based paint/stain; Rust preventative; Solvents; Thinner/turpentine; Wood preservatives; and Wood stripper.

They will not be accepting: batteries, water-based paints,

asbestos, explosives, radioactive material, infectious waste and water-based driveway sealer at the drop off.

Drop Off Center Closing for Season

Also on Saturday, Nov. 23, the Londonderry Drop Off Center on West Road will be closing for the season.

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Lights

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funds would come out of the Town Manager's budget.

"I think it makes sense to move forward with something that's done professionally as our town staff is stretched at the limits," Town Council Vice Chair Ted Combes said.

Wholley said the prices would also take care of the maintenance, and take them down and put them away. He presented the Town Council with different proposals ranging in price.

If they were to move

forward with it, Wholley said the idea would be to put it in the budget each year, and to see if they could get potentially better pricing by doing a bid in the future for multiple years.

"I would recommend doing the bid process next year," Finance Director Justin Campo said.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said he was concerned with spending that much money on the lights at this time.

"It's tough for me to sit here and authorize \$11,000 to spend on Christmas lights when we've got people in town that can't afford certain

things," Dunn said.

Campo explained that if they were to use funds from the Town Common line, it would be over expended for this year.

"I wanted you guys to make this decision," Campo said, explaining he didn't think it was a priority with everything else happening in Town.

Councilor Shawn Faber said he didn't think it was a large line item in comparison to other things.

"We're looking at optics too guys, we're going to spend \$11,000 on holiday lights," Dunn said.

It was also explained that the contract would have the company remove the lights each season, the town would not own the lights.

Members approved going with the option which would cost \$14,988, with the hope of potentially being able to get a lower price from the company.

Fast forward one week, at the Town Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 18.

During Public Comment, a number of citizens questioned the decision of the excess spending.

Tom Estey, of Estey

Lumber and Country Store and Eric Turcotte, of Turcotte Tree Service, told the council they had offered to donate the lights and the installation at no cost to the taxpayers.

Resident Richard Bielinski was frustrated with how the contract was awarded last week, saying the council had not followed the proper purchasing policy.

He said, "What was disturbing to me was how the money was appropriated. As far as I'm concerned, it was illegally appropriated."

He explained the bidding process wasn't fol-

lowed saying that anything over \$10K needed three bids, or the Town Manager could over-ride it if there was an emergency.

He said, "Why are we not following the purchasing policy? The council should be leading, showing people how it's done."

Turcotte explained that what was being asked to have done on the Town Common was "nothing" for him to do. He would be glad to offer his service.

He also mentioned that he had posted what he was offering on Facebook and had hundreds of residents offering help.

He said he thought the contract was just wasteful. "Especially to not own the lights."

"I want to know how we can stop this, from my understanding we have until tomorrow."

Estey spoke on buying the lights, saying that he had spoken with Chad Franz and Wholley on his proposal, saying, "I was going to buy the lights and Eric was going to put them up."

He added that Turcotte had the equipment and the insurance to do the job and he would be buying the lights. "All I would need to know from Wholley is how many strands I would need to buy."

In the end, the council voted to move forward with the donation and void the contract they had previously ok'd.

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Theresa M. Savageau



Theresa M. Savageau, 84, of Londonderry, NH formerly of Derry, NH passed away Nov. 16, 2024. She was born in Cambridge, MA on Sept. 16, 1940, a daughter of the late Alphonse J. and Thelma V. (Ptak) Rudnicki. Theresa was a graduate of St. Mary of the Annunciation High School of Cambridge, MA, Chandler School for Women of Boston, MA, and attended Holy Family College in Torresdale, PA.

After retiring from the Internal Revenue Service Center in Andover, MA, Theresa became a volunteer at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH and was involved in several social groups and organizations; including the Londonderry Senior Center, the IRS Retirement Association, a National Association for Active & Retired Federal Employees. She was also a devout Catholic and Communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church plus a member of the Rosary Group. She loved her family, friends, and mostly her grandchildren. She loved cooking, bingo, knitting, flowers and gardening. No matter where she lived there was always a garden to take care of.

Theresa is survived by her daughter, Mary Karen Egan and her spouse Clive Egan; her son Paul Joseph Savageau and his wife Carrie Ann Savageau; and grandchildren Kaitlyn, Robert, Tyler, and Cody. She was predeceased by her husband Philip George Savageau who passed away July 24, 1999.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 4 - 8 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m., in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH with burial to follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Derry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1999, Memphis, TN 38101.



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School Board To Receive Periodic Behavior and Culture Reports

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received a briefing from Superintendent Dan Black, regarding behavior and culture in the schools, during its most recent meeting.

“We have talked about behavior and culture at many points over the last couple of years and you see it in the school goal outcomes every year,” Black said during the meeting.

In a memo to the School Board Black explained that “Over the last few weeks, I met with each team at all of the schools that is responsible for keeping an eye on the patterns of behavior and culture

within the school.” Black said that he met with those teams for a number of reasons.

“As the School Board saw from the summer when the schools were presenting their goal outcomes, our cultures were in a strong place in terms of students living up to our expectations for culture and I wanted to make sure we are keeping on that path,” Black said.

Another reason he pointed to is because “Kim Carpinone and Jason Parent will be engaging in larger district wide work to articulate more clearly our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for behavior as a school system and I

wanted to better see the routines and procedures we have in place right now to help them in that process.”

He also noted that he wanted “to see if we could come up with an easy system to record and monitor our behavior and culture outcomes year after year much like we have been doing in the world of academics. I believe we

can.” “I learn a tremendous amount from classroom visits over the year – but I also want to make sure I am keeping a closer look at behavior going forward,” Black said.

It was noted by Black that his goal is every half year to have a “very simple report that can kind of go in the school board packet kind of like the enroll-

ment report where you kind of just see a quick update of how things are going.”

Black during the meeting said he can “easily build a mid-year and end of year routine to track a few important data points on behavior and culture to make sure we can keep an eye on those outcomes longitudinally.”

Black said in addition

to all the different levels of behavior they are seeing, and problematic behaviors, they are also asking for the school to specifically look at what they are seeing in terms of harmful language, cell phones, bullying, and harassment.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 26 beginning at 7 p.m.

Traffic

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time,” Bernard said. Bernard stated, currently they don’t have enough officers to have enough hours in the day to be able to dedicate a significant amount of time towards traffic enforcement.

If they were to move forward with two full-time officers dedicated towards traffic enforcement, Bernard said the idea would be to have them patrol based on commuter traffic.

“Up to 80 hours a week is a heck of a lot better than seven,” Bernard said about the potential increase for traffic enforcement.

It was explained that if they were to go with just the two officers for traffic enforcement as a warrant article, then it would be about \$367,801 for the first year and then approximately \$313,000 a year for recurring costs which would include benefits.

Bernard said during the meeting, that if they were to be able to get two officers for traffic, it would be helpful.

“I think two would be ideal,” Bernard said, explaining it would be a good start.

Bernard said that they continue to look at ways to help with traffic, including by looking for different grants.

“I don’t know what else to do for the com-

munity to ease those concerns because I don’t have the people,” Bernard said about the traffic concerns.

No decision was made during the meeting.

The potential future plans by the Fire Department to be able to look at staffing 15 or 17 new members per battalion, to be more in line with the national standards was also discussed during the meeting.

If the department were to go with 15 members per battalion it would mean the addition of eight firefighters based on their current staffing model, and if they were to move to 17 per battalion it would mean they would have

an additional 16 new firefighters.

The approximated cost for 16 new full-time members would be at \$2,513,121.91, and for eight it would be at \$1,258,060.96 based on salaries and benefits.

Deputy Fire Chief Phil LeBlanc said they were proposing to include it in the budget or to put it forward this year to the voters, and instead it is discussion for the future, and that instead their goal for this year is to make sure overtime is funded appropriately.

LeBlanc said there are a number of things that they look at including growth, volume of calls, and traffic as examples.

OBITUARY

Anne Elizabeth Mitchell



Anne Elizabeth Mitchell, 84, of Londonderry, NH, died Friday Nov. 15, 2024 in Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH of congestive heart failure. She was born in 1940 in Lowell, MA, a daughter of Harold and Mary (Gallagher) Sullivan.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jonathan Mitchell of Londonderry, son Robert Catalano of Lexington, MA, daughter Julie Catalano of Somerville, MA, step-daughter Laura Piscitello of Belmont, NH, step-son David Mitchell of Nashua, NH, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, brother Joseph Sullivan of Lowell, MA, brother John Sullivan of WV, sister Kathy Sullivan of Estes Park, CO, sister Pamela Bianculli of Deale, MD and several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Anne graduated from Lowell Technical College Secretarial College and worked in Civil Service for the U. S. Government and was an Executive Secretary for the U.S. Air Force at Hanscom Field in Bedford, MA for many years. As husband Jon was transferred many times for his job, Anne held several other positions for other government and private companies in MA, CT, RI, NH, MI, CO and TN

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Home, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A memorial service and time of sharing will follow at 4:30 p.m., in the funeral home. Burial and further services will be private for the family. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Marching Band Performs at Lancers Last Home Game



The Londonderry High School Marching Band and Color Guard performed its Billy Joel Halftime Show for the final time at Lancer Park on Saturday afternoon. The football team is moving into the semi-final this coming Saturday in at Exeter High School.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Get Past Panthers in 28-13 Quarterfinal Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football squad did what they needed to during their quarterfinal match-up with the Nashua South Purple Panthers. Winning by a score of 28-13, at home, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 16.

The victory will send the number three seeded Lancers to Exeter, the number two seed, next Saturday in the semifinals, being played at the Bill Ball Stadium at Exeter High School, starting at 1 p.m.

Most of the LHS damage was done by way of a running attack. The

Lancers finish the game with nearly 400-yards rushing, but were only able to gain four-yards in the air.

They were pretty vulnerable to the Nashua passing game, giving up 122-passing-yards to the Purple Panthers.

Junior running-back Adrian Cruz piled up nearly 200-yards of offense on the ground, finishing the game with 198-yards on 23 carries.

Senior quarterback Sam Ogden tallied 86-running-yards with 16 attempts and sophomore Jordan Ball ran for 49-yards in seven carries.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Coop-

er Freitas had five tackles and senior Alex Villa totalled four.

Senior Matt Luongo, sophomore Noah Rao, senior Zachary Ventura and senior Cameron Ayotte each had three tackles in the game.

Londonderry began the game with a touchdown in the first series. Starting at their 40-yard line, it took just seven plays to get into the endzone.

Cruz had runs with 15-, 2- and 25-yard gains before crossing the goal-line from the one-yard line to start the contest at 6-0.

Senior kicker, Blake Thompson made it a seven-point lead, three-

minutes into the game.

Thompson started the game, just five, extra-points shy of a LHS record.

Nashua stumbled immediately following the touchdown, giving up the ball after the kick-off with a fumble recovered by junior Brandon Dyer at the Nashua 21-yard-line.

Cruz quickly got his second touchdown of the game, running 15-yards on the third play of the drive and putting his team up by 13-points.

Thompson followed with his second successful extra-point of the game for a 14-0 Lancer



Junior running-back Adrian Cruz ran for 198-yards on 23 carries and had three touchdowns against Nashua South. Photo by Chris Paul

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Alex Villa tackles Nashua's Samuel Levine. Photo by Chris Paul

Football

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The Purple Panthers responded with a touch-down before the first quarter ended, but was unable to convert a two-point play after the score, making it a 14-6 LHS lead.

Senior Alex Villa took over as quarterback in the Lancers third drive, leading the team to their third touchdown of the game.

Villa had 26-yards running, while Cruz added 24, until senior Jon Inglese scored on a

six-yard run. Thompson made it 21-6 with his third successful extra-point.

Nashua South quickly bounced back, making it 21-13 with just under three-minutes before the end of the half.

Londonderry scored in their first possession in the third quarter.

The Lancer defense quickly forced a three-and-out to start the second half, giving LHS the ball at their nine-yard line.

From there, it took 11-plays before Cruz got his third TD of the game, running it in from the

two-yard line at 4:15 in the third quarter.

Both teams settled for a scoreless final quarter, giving the Lancers a 28-13 victory.

Next week, the Lancers will have to figure out how to win at Exeter High School if they want to compete in their fourth-straight championship final.

The Lancers lost at EHS 21-10 in the final game of the regular season and have lost in the last two championships played there.

The game against Exeter is scheduled for this Saturday at 1 p.m.

LHS Field Hockey Honors



The New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association made their selects to the 2024 All-State Field Hockey squads and three Londonderry High School players made the list.

Junior Allison Chambers, at left, was selected for the First Team and Honorable Mention was given to senior Ava Naar, bottom left, and junior Eres Delorey.

Exeter's Elsa Bishop was voted Offensive Player of the Year and Bedford's Amelia MacDonald was the Defensive Player of the year.

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South Road Development Will Likely Exclude Walking Trails

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board met on Nov. 6 to review a subdivision and conditional use permit request for the property at 116 South Rd. needed to build over a dozen new homes. Civil Engineer Jeff Merritt of Granite Engineering was at the meeting with Project Engineer John Wichert to make a presentation for the subdivision on behalf of the applicant.

acres in area, it's undeveloped today," said Merritt. "We're proposing a 17-lot subdivision, there would be 16 building lots and one non-buildable lot, one conservation lot."

The property had a patch of wetlands bordering Beaver Brook, along with several unconnected wetland pockets. A conservation lot would be an eight-acre parcel of land contiguous with nearby town-owned land and would be deeded to the Conser-

vation Commission. The conditional use permit would allow the engineers to encroach on the wetland buffer for the sake of improving stormwater drainage in the area.

Executive Director of the Southern NH Planning Commission Sylvia von Aulock wanted to know if the plan would include sidewalks or walking trails.

"According to the recent Master Plan survey, residents of Londonderry want a walka-

ble community and they want neighborhoods that are walkable," she said. "I recommend you consider that moving forward."

She also suggested adding more greenery, including trees in front of the houses, with Planning Vice-Chair Arthur Rugg asking the developers whether walking paths would be included in the overall design.

"As much as some people like paths there's a lot of people that don't, they don't like people in their backyards per se," said Merritt. "This doesn't have true open space and we'd like to keep the lots private."

The feasibility of upkeep on any trails without a mechanism to maintain them on pri-

ivate land was another concern, as he suggested putting trails on the nearby conservation land instead.

"My perception, one person's perception, is that people want the town to stay country," said Alternate Tony DeFrancesco. "To me, nothing says 'city' more than sidewalks. There are several places in town where we have sidewalks and people aren't using them."

He stated that adding sidewalks in such a small development would be "overkill" and that the low traffic volume would make the homes "more walkable without sidewalks." Board members agreed that the small development did not need sidewalks, although he argued for side-

walks on some of the busier roads in town.

Virginia Ugolini of 9 Timber St. had questions about environmental concerns related to the development.

"There are a lot of turtles and deer," she said, wondering if there had been a wildlife assessment.

The Planning Board and developers added the site plan had already been before the Conservation Commission, who left "substantial" notes on the matter.

After some discussion, the site plan requests were unanimously approved by the Planning Board, with the condition of a streetlight being added at the condition of Southgate Drive and South Road.



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Sundays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information please contact LondonderryLionsClub@gmail.com

Dinner Meeting

The Londonderry Lions Club will hold a meeting on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry United Methodist church, 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Enjoy dinner, connect with community minded individuals, and learn more about the impactful work the group

does. Whether you're curious about joining, or just want to support the groups efforts, come on by. For more information please contact John Blay 603-247-7361.

Holiday Craft Fair

A craft fair will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, from 3 - 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Homes of NH Realty, 200 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. All proceeds benefit the animals at Live and Let Live Farm Rescue. Fine

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Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning now through Dec. 11, toddlers and their caregivers are invited for story time at the Leach Library with songs, rhymes, books, and more. For ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required

and begins one week before each session.

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The Green Team of Londonderry will be making an all natural holiday door swag on Dec. 7, from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Each person will make a door swag of their own to take home. All materials will be provided. The event will be held at the YMCA. \$25 per swag or \$30 for a Family. This is a fundraising event for the Green Team's pollinator garden project. Space is limited to 25 participants, so register now. For more information contact the Green Team at www.facebook.com/groups/GreenTeamLondonderryNH or marge@margebadois.com

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 11

12:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Nashua Road, at Orchard View Drive, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Delcilene Vieira Silva, 54, of Lowell, MA, charged with: Tail Lamp and Reflectors on motor vehicle; Operating a vehicle without a Valid License - License Required.

11:05 a.m. Services rendered on Premier Drive to Keep the Peace.

12:49 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Mayflower Drive.

7:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by five officers. Randall Nielsen, 32, of Manchester, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

8:56 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Gilcreast Road.

Tuesday - Nov. 12

1:03 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on

Fieldstone Drive. Wayne Hasnohorse, 60, of Londonderry, charged with: Violation of a Protective Order.

9:54 a.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on King Henry Drive.

10:12 a.m. Four officers respond to an Airport Alert at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:50 a.m. Auto Theft reported at Penske Truck Rental on Jack's Bridge Road.

12:02 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Londonderry Town Hall on Mammoth Road.

7:17 p.m. Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport leads to an arrest made by three officers. Adam Lower, 19, of Manchester, charged with: Unlawful Possession/Intoxication; and Possession/Use of Tobacco Products By a Minor.

7:40 p.m. Services Rendered by three officers for a Disturbance on Boulder Drive.

Wednesday - Nov. 13

1:24 a.m. Motor vehicle check at Derry Plaza, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest. David Dow, 45, of Spring Hill, FL, arrested on a Warrant.

8:15 a.m. Three officers restore peace on Seasons Lane.

9:44 a.m. Peace restored by three officers during a disturbance on Scots Place.

11:51 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Norwich Place.

12:31 p.m. Trespassing reported at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road.

4:06 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at New England Kenworth on Horizon Drive.

5:10 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

8:36 p.m. Suspicious Activity leads to an arrest made by six officers at Bank of New England on Action Boulevard. Jason Deluca, 38, of Manchester, Charged

with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

11:07 p.m. Three officers respond to a motor vehicle accident on Alexander Road. Subject transported to a hospital.

Thursday - Nov. 14

12:40 a.m. Overdose, on Teton Drive, transported to a hospital.

8:16 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department on Black Forest Circle with transportation to a hospital.

12:58 p.m. Services rendered during a Auto Fire on Morrison Drive, at Proctor Drive.

9:59 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Friday - Nov. 15

4:37 a.m. Welfare Check at Nouria, on Rockingham Road, results in transport to a hospital.

8:02 a.m. Peace Restored during a Disturbance on Scots Place.

10:38 a.m. Four officers investigate Sex Offenses on Constitution Drive.

1:46 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Wyndmere Drive.

5:25 p.m. Motor vehicle check at the N.H. Liquor

Store, on Rockingham Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Michael Dachowski, 47, of Manchester, charged with Bench Warrants.

6:06 p.m. Services Rendered on St. Charles Street for Trespassing.

8:07 p.m. Disturbance reported on Whittemore Road.

8:14 p.m. Motor vehicle stop at Londonderry Fire Station II, on Young Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Milaad Fazli, 27, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving After Revoked/Suspended License; Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving Without Giving Proof.

8:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident at McAllister Drive, on Nashua Road leads to an arrest. Sean McCarthy, 38, of Nashua, arrested on a Warrant.

Saturday - Nov. 16

5:24 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:48 a.m. Sudden Death on Lincoln Drive investigated by three officers.

2:49 p.m. Prowler reported on Devonshire Lane

and arrest made by four officers. Aman Rampuria, 37, of Waltham, MA, charged with: Loitering or Prowling.

3:18 p.m. Warrant served on Vista Ridge Drive. Joshua Barber, 45, of Londonderry, charged with: Violation of a Protective Order.

3:45 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers at Market Basket on Michels Way.

Sunday - Nov. 17

1:05 a.m. Disturbance on Dresden Way leads to an arrest made by four officers. Dylan Menslage, 20, of Londonderry, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact; Criminal Mischief; Unlawful Possession/Intoxication; Resisting Arrest/Detention.

10:01 a.m. Assault investigated on Sanborn Road

9:29 p.m. Services Rendered for an Auto Fire at Nutfield Petroleum on Nashua Road.

11:34 p.m. Services Rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity reported at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Around Town

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time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held at the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Cookies and Coloring

Join Leach Library staff on Monday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. for a relaxing evening of coloring for adults. Cookies will be served, and each participant will receive a coloring book while supplies last. This program is intended for participants ages 18 and up. Registration begins on Monday, Nov. 18.

Coding Club and Maker Lab

Stop by the Leach Library's meeting room on Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 3 - 5 p.m. to explore, craft, and create. During this two-hour block, participants will be able to work independently or in small groups on projects and collaborations. This program is intended for participants age 8-18. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Cookbook Potluck

Join the Leach Library on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. for a cookie themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either 100 Cookies. Please make a batch of 24 cookies. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come

into contact with common allergens. To register, contact the library.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Dec. 4 from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Overeaters Anonymous

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Free Meals

Heaven's Kitchen Mobile Meals is providing FREE hot meals in Londonderry every Tuesday and Thursday. They'll be serving at the Leach Library parking lot now through March 28, 2025 from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Free PFOA Water Test By NHDES

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email:

Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

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The Sunshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to RSA 36-A:4, notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will hold a public hearing on the following item:

The transfer of Map 3, Lot 149 (13 Parmenter Road) from William M. Longmaid & Patricia L. Deneault to the Town of Londonderry

The public hearing will occur on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.

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