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Members of the “Gators” celebrate a touchdown on Friday night, Oct. 10, against Manchester Central with some colorful powder. This was the Lancers Football team’s first home win of the season. See more on page 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

High Range Water Project Set to Reach Royal Lane

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on Oct. 7 with good news on the ongoing water installation project down High Range Road.

“The main water line

will reach all the way to Royal Lane by the end of next week, barring catastrophe,” reported Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen. “American Excavating is now going in and installing services from the main to the curb

stop, now that they’ve got most of the water line in. You’re going to see them installing those services, but they’re still cruising along and in great shape.”

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School District Hit With \$2M Unexpected Insurance Bill

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board was briefed at its most recent meeting on an unexpected bill of more than \$2 million from SchoolCare, a nonprofit organization that provides insurance benefits to school districts across NH.

“This was nothing any of the districts who subscribed to SchoolCare saw coming,” said Business Administrator Amity Small. She explained that the assessment came as a surprise to all participating districts.

Human Resources Director Lisa Drabik clarified that the bill is not based on claims specific to Londonderry. Instead, SchoolCare is issuing assessments to all member districts due to overall claims exceeding the funds collected.

“It’s just that we’re one of the biggest entities that they cover,” Drabik said, noting that Londonderry’s share of the assessment totals \$2,016,454.24.

In a memo to the School Board, Superintendent Dan Black explained that the district has attended semi-

nars and meetings to understand the situation. He noted that the assessment is both a statutory and contractual obligation under RSA 5-B and the district’s SchoolCare Membership Participation Agreement.

The full amount is due by Jan. 1, 2026. If unpaid, the district will incur a 0.5% monthly interest fee - approximately \$10,080 per month, totaling \$60,480 over six months. If payment is not made or a plan is not in place by May 1, claims will be

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Leach Library Trustees Criticized for Missing Budget Deadline

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A special meeting of the Leach Library Board of Trustees on Oct. 8 quickly became contentious after Town Manager Shaun Mulholland reported that the Trustees failed to meet the Sept. 30 deadline to submit their proposed 2026–2027 budget for review.

“You’re behind the eight ball here,” said Town Council Liaison Dan Bouchard. “I talked to the Town Manager today, and he’s still waiting for a budget from you guys.” Bouchard emphasized the urgency, noting that Mulholland aimed to finalize budget

calculations soon. “We’ve set an internal deadline to provide the Town Council and Budget Committee with budget packets by the end of the day on Oct. 24. That gives them time to review everything before the presentation on Saturday, Nov. 1.”

Trustee Chair Liz Thomas responded by claiming the library budget was “all done” and said she intended to send it to the Town Manager within a day. However, her plan quickly ran into procedural roadblocks.

“We haven’t had a meeting to discuss it,” said Treasurer Jan McLaughlin.

“It’s not on the agenda. It’s got to be on the agenda and we have to talk about it,” added Trustee Nancy Hendricks. “We can’t just say ‘here’s our budget.’ That’s not the way this works.”

Library Director Erin Matlin also questioned the readiness of the budget. “I feel like this process is being very rushed, and we won’t have **continued on page 6**

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School Board Approves Increase in Substitute Nurse Pay

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board unanimously approved a pay increase for substitute nurses during its most recent meeting, responding to ongoing staffing challenges that have impacted school operations.

Business Administrator Amity Small explained that the district has struggled to fill substitute nurse positions when regular school nurses are absent. A joint memo from Small and

Human Resources Director Lisa Drabik highlighted the issue.

"We have been having trouble filling nurse substitute positions when our school nurses are absent," the memo stated.

Small noted that the shortage has led to nurses being shuffled between buildings to provide coverage, a solution she described as far from ideal.

"The shortage of nurse subs has become problematic and requires the reshuffling of

nurses through different buildings for coverage, which is not ideal for the school system," the memo read.

During the meeting, Small said the topic of substitute nurse pay has come up repeatedly over the years, with many pointing out that the current rate is "abysmal." At present, substitute nurses earn just \$12.86 per hour - approximately \$87 per day.

"We believe a major factor in this shortage is our current pay rate of \$12.86/hour for nurse

subs," the memo stated.

To address the issue, the Human Resources Department conducted a survey of neighboring and similarly sized districts. According to Small, Londonderry ranked at the bottom in terms of substitute nurse pay.

"No surprise - we were at the very bottom of what every other district around us pays for sub nurses," she said.

The memo proposed raising the rate to \$25 per hour, which would bring the daily pay to

\$169. Small emphasized that this increase would nearly double the current rate and remain below the per diem rates paid to full-time district nurses.

"We believe this would help us secure more nurse subs and avoid having to contract nursing services, which come at a much higher rate through staffing companies," the memo stated.

Small described the proposed increase as a "starting point" for improving substitute

nurse recruitment.

School Board Chair Bob Slater supported the proposal but suggested revisiting the issue in the future to evaluate its effectiveness.

"I'd like to see how it goes with the new rate and then have you come back to let us know how it's working," Slater said.

The board voted unanimously to approve the pay increase.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

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in talks with Pennichuck to gather more information on homes along the line to determine how best to guide residents on the next steps.

"That is a conversation we're having with the state right now so we can send something out to all of those residents - almost like a flowchart with ques-

tions - so they can follow along and figure out what they need to do."

She emphasized the importance of communication and wanted to identify which residents would be in a position to hook up to the municipal system in the coming months.

Jeff McGraw and the Utilities water subcommittee remained active in their efforts over the past month.

"We had a nice water subcommittee meeting two weeks ago trying to figure out what our next steps are going to be," McGraw reported, adding that they were coordinating with Coordinator Hildonen and Town Manager Shaun Mulholland on the High Range Road project.

"One of the things we talked about was the water subcommittee doing some education

and outreach on specific projects when or if they become top-of-mind."

Ray Breslin was also working with Hildonen on a "Water Information Expo," hopefully set to happen in January.

The energy subcommittee continued working with Derry to gather information on what a town solar array could look like.

"I did get some outreach from one of the community members regarding contacts in Derry about their solar farm that's coming online. It isn't online yet, but it's nearing completion," said Chair Lynn Wiles. "We have a couple of people we're talking to - let's see if we can get a site walk or something over there."

Members agreed that while there was a lot of interest in making solar a reality in Londonderry, the project would not be easy to implement.

"There's a lot of moving pieces to it," said

Wiles. "It sounds wonderful on paper, but a lot of things have to come together to make it work."

Committee member Mike Speltz noted that "this is not a good time" to start a solar project, due in part to limited grant opportunities, although he wanted to continue brainstorming the idea.

Solid waste subcommittee members John Mahon and Joy Fraga Muller recently met with Mulholland to discuss the future of recycling and composting in town.

"There is a new company looking to move to Londonderry that will be very big in terms of recycling. As I understand the process, they'll capture commercial materials like out-of-date beer cans and soda cans," said Mahon. "There's also a discussion ongoing with them about being a drop-off site for composting and perhaps getting involved

with Londonderry - and perhaps even the surrounding towns of Hudson and Derry - as drop-off sites for composting, which is an interesting opportunity for us."

There was vague talk about possible financing options being available for backyard composters, although there were few details on what they could cost.

"When we're talking about encouraging composting, one of the benefits would be to reduce the weight that we put into our landfill currently," added Muller. "Not only is it environmentally beneficial - you can enhance soil, you can reduce methane in landfills - but because we pay by the tonnage, reducing that tonnage would reduce the payment the taxpayers have to give."

The Utilities Committee is set for Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

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School District Down Over 100 Students as of Oct. 1 Enrollment

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the most recent Londonderry School Board meeting, one of the key agenda items was the district's official Oct. 1 enrollment report - a figure used for budgeting and planning purposes.

"This is our official enrollment number," explained Superintendent Dan Black. "It's the number we use for budget-

ing." Black noted that enrollment in the LEEP program remained relatively stable, with 133 students this year compared to 136 in the 2024-2025 school year.

Kindergarten enrollment also held steady. "Kindergarten came in at the same exact number as last year," Black said. Both this year and last year's kindergarten classes have

209 students, which he described as a "small kindergarten class."

One school that saw a slight increase was Matthew Thornton Elementary, which has 541 students enrolled this year - three more than last year's total of 538. Black added that the district saw about 25-30 more students in first and second grade than anticipated over the summer, which could

influence future discussions about expanding full-day kindergarten at Matthew Thornton.

However, other elementary schools saw declines.

- North School dropped from 451 students last year to 426 this year - a decrease of 25 students.

- South School saw a smaller decline, with 407 students enrolled this year compared to 412

last year.

At the middle school level, enrollment also fell. Last year, Londonderry Middle School had 919 students as of Oct. 1. This year, the number is down to 891 - a decrease of 28 students. Black attributed the drop primarily to a smaller incoming sixth-grade class.

Londonderry High School also experienced a notable decline.

"The high school is

down about 50 kids," Black said. Last year's enrollment was 1,266 students, compared to 1,219 this year.

Overall, the district is down approximately 103 students from last year, representing a 2.7% decrease according to the chart provided by the school district.

The next School Board meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

Potential Changes for Role of Budget Committee Discussed

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council is continuing its exploration of potential changes to the structure and authority of the town's Budget Committee, a topic that has gained momentum following a citizen-backed warrant article earlier this year.

In March 2024, voters approved a non-binding warrant article by a margin of 2,259 to 1,621, signaling public support for transforming the Budget Committee from an advisory body into one with formal authority.

At a previous meeting, the Town Council directed Town Manager Shaun Mulholland to research the matter and present options for how such a change could be

implemented.

"Town Councilor Deb Paul made an agenda request for the Town Council to discuss changing the role of the present advisory Budget Committee," read a memo to the Council. "The proposal would be to change the advisory Budget Committee to a Budget Committee with authority and responsibilities as detailed in NH RSA 32:14-24."

The memo further explained that the Council acted on Paul's request during its Aug. 18, 2025 meeting, asking the Town Manager to explore the legal requirements necessary to amend the Town Charter or adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14. The Council also requested a report outlining possible courses of action that

could be implemented in time for the next Town Meeting.

Mulholland shared the report with both the Londonderry School Board and the Budget Committee, noting that any changes would impact the School District as well.

During the meeting, Mulholland explained that he is currently re-writing the town's administrative code, which includes the roles of committees and boards. He pointed out that the Budget Committee's role is currently defined by only a single sentence, stating that it is an elected board of seven mem-

bers.

He said the revised code would be presented to the Town Council for consideration in January.

Mulholland outlined three options for the Council to consider:

- Option A: Prepare a warrant article to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14.

- Option B: Prepare a warrant article and related documents to amend the Town Charter.

- Option C: Prepare an ordinance to revise the Administrative Code.

Town Councilor Dan Bouchard expressed support for involving the Budget Committee more

consistently throughout the year, particularly in discussions about departmental budgets.

Budget Committee Chair Joseph Gagnon said the general consensus among committee members was to revise the municipal code to more clearly define their role and responsibilities.

Councilor Paul agreed with moving forward on the changes and said she was pleased with

the progress. She also suggested holding more "workshop-style" presentations throughout the year to facilitate deeper discussions about the budget.

Ultimately, the Town Council unanimously approved Option C - to prepare an ordinance revising the Administrative Code to clarify the governance and authority of the Budget Committee.

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Editorial

A Change in the Landscape

Many of us moved to Southern New Hampshire for its rural charm - winding roads, wooded lots, and quiet neighborhoods. But as time passes, our towns are growing. What were once sleepy backroads are now busy cut-throughs, and the increase in population has brought more vehicles, more traffic, and more noise.

Growth is inevitable, and with it comes change. We're seeing not just single-family homes but multi-story buildings, high density apartments, and condos. Intersections that once needed only a stop sign now require traffic lights or roundabouts. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the pace of development and the challenges it brings.

But here's the good news: our town is starting to take action.

Under the leadership of our new town manager, a safety plan is being introduced to address traffic concerns, improve road conditions, and make our neighborhoods safer. It's still early, and the steps may be small - but they are steps in the right direction. For too long, these issues have lingered without meaningful solutions. Now, we're seeing a shift toward accountability and planning.

Traffic Safety Committees are hearing from residents. People are speaking up, asking for speed limits, signage, and enforcement. And

while not every request can be granted - especially on state roads - these conversations are prompting real attention from public officials. That's progress.

As we grow, we must also grow in awareness. This is the time to talk openly about how development affects our roads, water, air, and overall quality of life. Can we accommodate the influx of multi-family housing? Are traffic studies reliable? Are we considering the impact of neighboring towns' growth on our own infrastructure?

These are important questions, and they deserve thoughtful answers. But let's not lose sight of the fact that we're finally asking them. That's a win.

We don't need to wait for tragedy to spark change. We can be proactive, informed, and engaged. Attend meetings. Ask questions. Request documentation. Be respectful, but persistent. The responsibility to shape our town's future lies with all of us.

Let's stay positive. Let's support leadership that listens and acts. Let's recognize that even baby steps forward are better than standing still. The landscape may be changing - but with community involvement and a commitment to safety, we can help guide that change in a way that protects what we love most about our towns.



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Letters

Leach Library Trustees

To the editor,
Dear Neighbors,
There are monsters possessing as Library Trustees. Please take notice. If you have time do review videos of past Trustees meetings and you will see clearly the four who seem to view their jobs as adversaries of the Director.

They with no Librarian experience are telling the Director how to do her job and asking the impossible of her, right down to suggesting she should report to the trustees the number of pencils. The million dollar question is why?

We have an outstanding Library in this region and to see the staff being bullied is heart breaking.

A quote from the Library Trustees Associated Manual - A guide for Library Trustees Here goes: We value our nations diversity and strive to reflect that diversity by providing a full spectrum of resources and services to the community we serve. One would hope that the trustees would view their job as supporting the Library Staff, not as rebutting the Director.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Are Things Worse?

To the Editor
In 1896 Svante Arrhenius said the CO2, burn-

ing of fossil fuels will cause a temperature increase of 3-4° in 500 years. The highest summer temperature in Bedford Massachusetts hit 96°, 43° warmer than average.

1911 Boston, MA. in June and July had a 100° heatwave.

July 1936 had the warmest temps and February saw the coldest temperature on record history in Boston, Providence and Hartford.

1957 Roger Revelle and Hans E. Suess wrote that "Human beings are now carrying out a large-scale geophysical experiment" after examining CO2 uptake by Oceans.

1974 First evidence of chlorine chemicals in the ozone.

2006 China becomes the World's largest GHG emitter.

Former NASA climate scientist James Hansen predicted, "New York City would be under water by 2008".

2011 Canada pulls out of the Kyoto Protocol.

Obama said "The seas are rising", and then bought an oceanfront mansion on Martha's Vineyard and an \$18M oceanfront mansion in Hawaii.

2016 the Paris Agreement goes into affect.

2024 Average New England temperatures; winter 25°, summer 80-85°

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"Antarctica's Astonishing Rebound: Ice Sheet Grows for the first time in Decades".

Climatecosmos.com
"Antarctic Ice is Growing - Why Won't Anyone Talk About It?"

NHBulletin.com
"Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics will leave NH, close Merrimack facility". Saint-Gobain has been proven to have contaminated water supplies in southern NH.

I don't offer kool-Aid but I can offer evidence that you've been fooled since 1896.

I worked in the insurance industry. I know how underwriting works, so when insurance companies stop insuring oceanfront properties, I'll believe the "global warming, global cooling, climate change..." hoaxes. They should at least agree on a name for it if they're going to continue to fool people.

Stop letting people tell you what to think and start thinking for yourselves.

To those who wrote about the weather, are you doing your part? I don't think so. So how about not driving those combustion engine vehicles, and stop heating your homes with oil or propane. And what about solar panels? I'm betting most of you aren't following your own beliefs.

Alan Roy
Londonderry

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Former PUC Chair Answers Questions at Utilities Committee Meeting

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Oct. 7 meeting of the Londonderry Utilities Committee hosted a presentation from Dan Goldner, a former Chairman of the NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC), who was there to explain how towns like Londonderry interact with state utility regulators.

“The PUC is an administrative agency of the state deriving its powers from the legislature,” explained Goldner. “The PUC is supposed to be the arbiter between the customer and the regulated utility. That’s the role.”

He explained that a “regulated utility” is a

company granted a monopoly franchise by the state, naming Ever-source, Liberty Utilities, and Unutil, along with two gas utilities and a number of water utilities, all overseen by the PUC.

“There’s a reason why there’s only one wire coming into your house. In the 1800s, there might have been 10, but now there’s one wire coming into your house, that’s because there’s a monopoly, one franchise to deliver electricity to your house,” said Goldner. “Still, electricity is deregulated in NH. What does that mean? It means customers have a choice when it comes to power and supply. That’s com-

munity aggregation, that’s third-party suppliers, folks have a lot of options when it comes to supply. That is not the case for gas and water - you don’t have a choice for gas and water, you only have it for electricity.”

Alternate Utilities Committee member Ray Breslin expressed his opposition to the state-focused nature of the franchises, saying the town should “have something to say” about arrangements with utility providers.

“How do the franchises get formed?” asked Vice-Chair Martha Smith.

Goldner referred to NH’s current franchises

as “legacy products” dating back decades. Franchise agreements rely on agreements between a company and the state to provide “just and reasonable” rates as decided by the PUC. Rates and how they are broken down are available on the PUC website.

“Could you give some background on what ‘just and reasonable’ means in practice?” asked Utilities Committee member Mike Speltz. “When an interested party jumps up and says ‘this isn’t meeting your just and reasonable standard,’ what are they usually arguing?”

According to Goldner, the PUC had “considerable latitude” to determine what counted as a “just and reasonable” rate, with precedent being a significant

factor. Several NH Supreme Court cases have also provided “considerably wide guideposts” on what the PUC can take into account. He gave examples of PUC meetings where interested parties and utility companies would bring in expert witnesses to argue their case for a particular rate, adding that the PUC “listens to all input,” including from residents and state politicians.

While he is no longer on the PUC, Goldner had been on the Commission when Londonderry sent in its original application for community power.

“Community aggregation only applies to supply. This has nothing to do with transmission and distribution, this is only the supply portion of the bill,” stated Goldner. “The PUC’s role is

just to review community aggregation, to see the application that comes in and make sure it’s in compliance with the law.”

He added that the PUC had yet to reject a community power application.

Renewable energy has also been a big topic of discussion among state regulators. Utilities are typically required to purchase a certain amount of electricity from renewable sources.

“That requirement - that is put on by whom, saying that you must have a certain amount of renewables?” asked Smith. “Is it put by the federal government or is it put on by the state?”

Goldner stated that NH’s Renewable Portfolio Standard was a state requirement dating back to 2007.

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continued from page 1 held. Coverage will cease entirely if the bill is not paid by July 15.

Black outlined several options for the district:

1. Re-do the auditor’s work, amend the DOE-25, and re-vote on the Unassigned Fund Balance. This would require a public hearing, but due to timing, it is no longer viable.

2. Hold a hearing to expend funds from the Unassigned Fund Balance, which is designed for emergencies.

3. Include the cost in the FY2027 default budget.

4. Ask employees to contribute, though this would require union collaboration and is considered a sensitive option.

“In the interim, Attorney Graham is looking into the legalities of the assessment. It appears they are able to do so,” Black wrote.

Black recommended delaying any formal decisions until the district has a clearer picture of its year-end surplus and budget status.

The board agreed to rule out the first option during the meeting, meaning the district will still return money to taxpayers to reduce the tax rate, as previously approved.

School Board Chair Bob Slater expressed concern over the situa-

tion, stating that elected officials he spoke with had not seen an auditor’s report or financial breakdown from SchoolCare.

“This is holding school districts hostage,” Slater said. “We have to pay it to ensure our employees have insurance.”

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Personnel Policy Update at Leach Library Proves Controversial

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Tensions ran high during a special meeting of the Leach Library Board of Trustees on Oct. 8, as members gathered to discuss proposed updates to the library's personnel policy - recently reviewed by legal counsel. The changes sparked concern among staff, who questioned both the clarity and legality of the revisions.

"I reviewed the draft of the personnel policy attached to tonight's agenda, and I know concerns were raised by staff in an email chain," said Leach Library staff member Coleen Mag-

dziarz. "The key at the beginning of the document is difficult to follow, and there appear to be several discrepancies that require clarification."

Magdziarz pointed specifically to Section Eight of the updated policy, which referenced salaried employees - a classification she and others said did not apply to any current staff, all of whom are paid hourly. Additional concerns included confusion over merit bonuses and Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA).

"Also, please clarify why our current policy is not in compliance with the law," Magdziarz

added, calling for "open dialogue to express staff concerns."

The debate over the personnel policy followed a recent Statement of No Confidence issued by Leach Library staff - excluding Library Director Erin Matlin - addressed to the Board of Trustees. Speaking as a resident, Assistant Library Director Donna Plante urged the Trustees to take staff concerns seriously.

"You don't care about staff input," said Plante, accusing the Trustees of disregarding employee feedback.

"Your personnel policy directly impacts your staff, and your staff is your front end."

Trustee Chair Liz Thomas attempted to reassure staff, stating that merit and COLA benefits would remain intact under the revised policy.

"I want to make it very clear - we are not stripping away COLA, and we're not stripping away merit bonuses," said Thomas. "What we're removing is the clause that says if a person has reached the top of their wage range, they would no longer be eligi-

ble for merit."

Trustee Nancy Hendricks proposed holding a "non-meeting" with the Board's attorney to clarify legal questions surrounding the policy.

"It's so everybody knows what is legal, what is not legal, why we're doing something, or why we're not doing something," Hendricks said. "Given the number of changes we've made without clarity, I think a non-meeting would be a good avenue to pursue."

However, Thomas expressed reluctance, citing warnings from town officials that the Trus-

tees could lose access to town-funded legal services due to rising costs.

"The town has put us on notice," she said.

Despite the extensive public discussion, the Trustees ultimately decided they did not have enough time to finalize the policy update. With other pressing matters - including bylaws and the library budget - on the agenda, the personnel policy was deferred to a future meeting.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library meeting room.

Library

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enough time to discuss it properly," she said, adding that she had not been given any input on what had already been completed.

Bouchard reiterated the importance of meeting the town's deadlines. "We have timelines we have to meet, and the Town Manager is very strict about adhering to those timelines so we

have time to present. We have to vote on things and hear from the public," he said. "I'm asking the Board - get your budget in, or we're just going to go with what you had last year. And I don't think that's good for the library or the community."

Resident Nick Maher expressed frustration with the Board's ongoing issues, including frequent meetings and poor communication. "When

we get the agendas on time - when there are no revisions, and there are usually multiple revisions - there are still typos. We don't get corresponding documents on time. This week we got everything on a Monday and were told last night we could speak on the policies written in the documents," said Maher. "For the Treasurer's report, we've not even had one since April."

Maher accused the Trustees of "skirting responsibilities."

Assistant Library Director Donna Plante, speaking as a resident, echoed those concerns. "Staff concerns have grown over the Board's handling of financial matters, including the oversight of their own funds."

"Please, address your budget, and get your budget worked on!" urged Bouchard.

Despite the urgency,

Chair Thomas expressed doubt that the Board could meet the town's deadline. "At this point, the budget may be out of our hands and it might just be in the town's hands," she said. "I'm not saying that I want that to happen - I'm saying they've given us a deadline."

Her statement provoked audible anger from members of the public in attendance. One woman called the potential failure to submit a library budget "unacceptable" and "outrageous."

"My parting comment on that budget is that for weeks - perhaps months - we have been insisting that it's the Board's responsibility to establish the budget. We've heard this over and over," said Hendricks. "Here we are renegeing on this responsibility. I find this very disappointing."

OBITUARY

Carol A. Kelly



Carol A. Kelly, 62, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday Oct. 8, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was born on Sept. 12, 1963, in Chelsea, MA, daughter of Michael Ducrow and the late Carol (Donohue) Ducrow.

Carol was a passionate and artistic free spirit. She dedicated her life to her love of music, lending her soulful voice to numerous bands over the years. She was happiest rocking out with her cherished bandmates. She poured her creativity into exquisite floral designs that were enjoyed by everyone. She loved her family and friends fiercely and was endlessly proud of her sons and grandchildren. Her most beautiful moments were spent by the ocean with the love of her life, at their favorite place on Ogunquit Beach. Carol's presence in our lives was immense, our love for her is immeasurable and she will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her two sons, James M. Kelly III and his wife Jenna of Allenstown, NH and Daniel F. Kelly and his wife Jade of Nashua, NH, two grandchildren, Jace D. Kelly and Quinn L. Kelly; two sisters, Michele L. Double and her husband Kenneth of Sandown, NH and Julie L. Whelan and her husband Mark of Alton, NH; brother-in-law, Jeffrey Kelly and his wife Abby; half siblings Michael Ducrow and his wife Eugenia, and Erica Fodera and her husband Frank; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 35 years, James M. Kelly II in 2022 and her sister Vicki Marie Ducrow.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, a Celebration of Life will be held by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or www.alz.org; Autism Speaks, 1060 State Rd., 2nd Floor, Princeton, NJ 08540 or www.autismspeaks.org; Save The Music Foundation www.savethemusic.org.

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A Town Landmark with a Notable History - And a Future Worth Fighting For

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SUBMISSION

No one can remember a time when Londonderry's Town Common wasn't framed by the three proud white buildings that give our center its iconic charm. The two churches stand tall, their construction dates etched in history. But the third building - often overlooked - holds a story just as rich, and perhaps even more remarkable. Not everyone knows that this building,

too, began as a church. And not here, but in a completely different location.

As far back as 1740, Londonderry was officially divided into East and West Parishes. The building that now graces our Town Common began its life as the third Meetinghouse of the West Parish. In 1769, parishioners sought a more central location for their worship and civic gatherings. The existing meetinghouse stood on

Pinkerton Street in Derry, near where Ahern Family Dentistry is today. Late that year, they chose a hill beside the Hardy and Pillsbury Roads intersection - Henry Campbell's tobacco yard - as the new site. On Dec. 22, contracts for materials were auctioned, and on June 6, 1770, Henry Campbell, son-in-law of John Mack, donated the land. This act marked the beginning of a long tradition of generosity from the Mack family to the town.

By the end of 1770, the exterior of the meetinghouse was complete. But it would take ten more years - and a war - before the interior was finished and the building fully occupied. Rev. William Morrison became its first minister. Beloved in Londonderry and beyond, Morrison was often invited to preach in neighboring towns. In 1792-93, he delivered the Election Sermon at the NH House of Representatives, then located in Dover. In those days, the line between church and civic life was far less defined. The building served not only as a place of worship but also as the venue for town meetings - a true center of community life.

As Londonderry grew, so did its infrastructure. In 1831, the bond to build Mammoth Road was approved, shifting the town's center of gravity. Trade and travel routes moved from the post road along Pillsbury

Road to the stage route along Mammoth Road. In 1837, the Presbyterian Church built a new meetinghouse beside the Common. The original meetinghouse was sold to the town and continued to serve civic functions. But the town wanted its town house closer to the heart of Londonderry. So, in 1845, the old meetinghouse was dismantled and rebuilt in its current location - on land donated by Robert Mack. The gallery and stairs were removed, the entrance moved from the south wall to the west end, and likely, the larger windows were added. The building evolved, but its essence remained.

For another 33 years, the town house served the community until David Rollins Leach bequeathed funds to build and house a library within it. The building was moved back a few feet, and a two-story front was constructed. By January 1st, 1880, it was ready for use. Town offices and the library remained there for over a century, until they relocated in 1967, briefly to the central school. In 1972, a ballot initiative empowered the Lions Club to repair and maintain the

old Town House as a civic gathering place. It continued to serve this purpose faithfully until 2022.

Now, this building - our oldest public structure - stands at a crossroads. It has served Londonderry for over 250 years. The main hall still retains the envelope of the original meetinghouse. The original roof timbers remain visible and sound. Even the "modern" front addition is nearly 150 years old. This is not just a building. It is a living monument to our town's resilience, generosity, and civic spirit.

But it needs our help. With some repair, this historic structure can continue to serve as a gathering place for generations to come. It has given us centuries of service. Isn't it time we gave something back?

Let us not allow this landmark to fade into obscurity. Let us honor its legacy by preserving it - not just as a relic of the past, but as a vibrant part of Londonderry's future. The Old Town House deserves our care, our respect, and our action.

This building is more than wood and nails - it is a living testament to Londonderry's spirit. It has stood through revo-

lutions, reforms, and generations of change. But now, it needs us.

Preserving the Old Town House is not just the responsibility of historians or town officials - it is a community effort. Whether you're a longtime resident or a newcomer, this landmark belongs to all of us. It has hosted our meetings, housed our books, and welcomed our voices. Now it's time for our hands and hearts to return the favor.

We invite local businesses, civic groups, families, and individuals to get involved. Volunteer for restoration efforts. Attend town meetings and voice your support. Help organize fundraising events. Share its story with your neighbors. Every contribution - whether time, talent, or treasure - makes a difference.

Let's come together, just as our ancestors did, to ensure this building continues to serve future generations. Let it be a place where our children learn about their town's roots, where neighbors gather in celebration, and where history lives on - not just in memory, but in action.

The Old Town House has given us centuries of service. Let's give it a future.

OBITUARY

Ghislain "Lenny" A. Bedard



Ghislain "Lenny" A. Bedard, 90, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, in High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill, MA surrounded by loved ones. He was born on March 13, 1935, in Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada, a son of the late Omer and Laura (Roy) Bedard. Lenny had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 33 years, formerly living in Salem, NH.

Lenny was self-employed as a general contractor for GA Bedard Construction Company building homes and excavating. Following retirement, he loved working in his workshop building sheds and making furniture and doing yard work.

Lenny is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Claire (Cote) Bedard; two sons, Richard (Rich) Bedard, Stephen (Steve) Bedard; grandchildren, Brianna, Noelle, Jared, & Spencer; great-grandchildren, Jaiden, Julian & Callum; and one sister, Rolande Dufour. He was predeceased by his grandson, Jordan Bedard in 2014, by his sisters, Giselle Garneau, Simone Germain, and Solange Lefevre, and by his brother, Yvon Bedard.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 17 from 9:30 - 11 a.m., with a service to start at 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The burial will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 11 a.m., in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. The family would like to thank all the kind staff at High Pointe Hospice House for all their help during these challenging times. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to High Pointe Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Skeletal Remains

Owners of the home at the end of Old Coach Road in Londonderry have been busy this year with an extravagant display of skeletons and other haunted items for Halloween.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council OKs Building, Planning Fees Public Hearing for Oct. 20

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council is moving forward with a proposal to update land use and building permit fees - changes that could impact developers, contractors, and residents alike. During its most recent meeting, the Council approved a public hearing on the proposed fee adjustments, scheduled for Oct. 20.

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron explained that the town's building permit and land use fee schedules haven't been updated in many years.

"The Town's building permit and land use fee schedules have not been updated in several years," Caron wrote in a memo to the Council.

Caron said both the Planning and Building Departments conducted a thorough analysis of current fees, comparing them to those in surrounding communities.

"Staff reviewed fee schedules from comparable communities - Derry, Hudson, Pelham, Merrimack, and Litchfield - and found several of Londonderry's fees below regional averages," she wrote. "A detailed comparative analysis was completed in July and August 2025."

During the meeting, Caron noted that in

some cases, Londonderry's fees are up to 40% lower than regional averages.

"We're looking to right-size that, essentially," she said.

According to Caron's memo, the proposed 2025 Building Permit and Land Use Fee Schedule updates aim to:

- Align fees with regional averages for site plans, subdivisions, new construction, alterations, and specialty permits (e.g., septic, wells, demolition).

- Improve cost recovery for inspectional and administrative services.

- Add consistency across trades (electrical, plumbing, mechanical) using standard fixture or item-based calculations.

- * Introduce and standardize enforcement-related charges, including re-inspections, stop work orders, and after-the-fact permits.

"These adjustments will reduce reliance on the General Fund, improve transparency, and ensure fees better reflect the cost of services provided," Caron wrote. "In addition, revenues generated from the updated fees will help offset the cost of implementing and maintaining the Town's OpenGov permitting software, which will improve efficiency, transparency, and public

access to the permitting process."

Caron also said the town plans to review and update the fee schedules every three to five years moving forward.

In addition to the fee proposal, the Council also approved the appointment of Dave Wholley as the Town Tree Warden.

"This certifies that the undersigned, pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Council by NH RSA Chapter 231, hereby appoints: Dave Wholley to the position of Tree Warden for the Town of Londonderry, NH," the certificate of appointment states.

The certificate outlines the Tree Warden's responsibilities: "The Tree Warden shall have the care and control of all shade and ornamental trees within public ways, public grounds, and municipal property, and shall perform the duties prescribed by NH RSA Chapter 231 and applicable Town ordinances."

Wholley's appointment took effect on Oct. 6 and will remain in force until the expiration of the term, resignation, or appointment of a successor, in accordance with the law.

The next Town Council meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Secure First Victory at Home with 46-21 Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football team got their first home victory of the season with a convincing 46-21 drubbing of the Manchester Central Little Green last week.

Lancers junior quarterback Sully Daron threw for over 180 yards and completed 13 out of 15 attempts in the victo-

ry, with senior running back Adrian Cruz rushing for nearly 100 yards.

Londonderry was able to score in six out of eight drives, with the remaining two drives ending in a punt.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Lancers put together five straight touchdown drives to help solidify the victory, starting with a five-play, 58-yard drive that began

with one minute left in the first period.

In Londonderry's second possession, quarterback Broch St. Gelais handed the ball to Adrian Cruz from the one-yard line for the 6-0 lead to start the second quarter. Devin VanAvery's attempt for the point after touchdown resulted in an incomplete pass.

After the Lancers, defense held the Little Green to a turnover on downs, starting at the MCHS 38-yard line, LHS went ahead 14-0 in five plays in just over a minute, featuring a Daron pass completion to Jackson Rao that resulted in a 29-yard gain.

Daron finished up by running in the touchdown from the four-yard line, followed by a successful two-point conversion to Calan Murphy, who ran the ball in from the three-yard line.

Manchester made it 14-7 on their following drive before Londonderry responded with another score for the 21-7 lead going into the halftime break.

Daron had a three-yard pass completion to

Davis Magarian for six points, and Owen Monahan kicked the extra point for the 14-point lead.

After the break, Londonderry picked up where they left off, notching another trip to the end zone on a 65-yard, six-play drive ending with a Broch St. Gelais four-yard run as QB for the 27-7 lead, with the extra point missed.

The Little Green responded with their second seven points of the night to trail 27-14 before LHS got another touchdown to bring the score to 33-14, where it stayed until the fourth quarter.

In that drive, Daron threw a 30-yard bomb to Rao for a 40-yard catch-and-run to the end zone for the 33-14 lead, but Daron's attempt with a pass for the two-point conversion failed.

The Londonderry defense got the team's



Senior runningback Adrian Cruz heads in for the first touchdown of the game. Photos by Chris Paul

fifth touchdown of the night on a Braeden Ayers fumble recovery that was set up by a massive tackle by Dante Fabiano, who forced the ball out for Ayers to pick it up at the Lancers's 30-yard line and run it in

untouched, 70 yards, to pay dirt.

The final Londonderry points of the night came with two minutes left when Gabriel Dantas had a one-yard run for the TD, with Owen Mon-

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The Lancers Defence limited Drake Jamies to just 32-yards last week.

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Lancers Field Hockey Take Two, Head Into Final Week



Lancers senior Alison Chambers had the teams lone goal against Concord last week.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Field Hockey team got back to winning last week after suffering their first two losses of the season in the previous week.

The Lancers started the week at 10-2 after dropping two consecutive games on the heels of a 10-game winning streak to start the season. Now, with just two games left in the regular season, the Londonderry Field Hockey squad sits in third place in a very tight Division I

standings list.

Last week, the Lancers easily got by the Portsmouth Clippers on the seacoast on Monday, Oct. 6, winning 4-1 for their 11th victory of the season.

This was the Clippers tenth loss of the year, and they finished the week at 2-12.

Two days later, at home in their Senior Night game, Londonderry got by the Concord Crimson Tide in a tight 1-0 shutout.

The game also featured a ceremony honoring the Lancers, nine senior players.

Alison Chambers, Grace Paul, Sienna Schulz, Lindsey McKinnon, Eres Delorey, Isabel Lesieur, Jiselle Silvestro, Abigail Cook, and Avery Stowell will all be graduating in 2026.

Senior Chambers scored the game's only goal, with fellow senior McKinnon getting the assist, taking advantage of a penalty corner.

Junior goaltender Molly Tharrington solidified the win with four saves for Londonderry.

The victory put Londonderry at 12-2, giving them the third-place spot in the Division I

standings behind Bedford (13-1) and Keene (12-1-1).

The Lancers have two games scheduled for the final week of the regular season, traveling to Salem High School on Tuesday, Oct. 14, for a contest with the 7-7 Blue Devils.

Londonderry will host Bishop Guertin (7-8) on Wednesday, Oct. 15, for the final game before heading into the playoffs.

The Lancers are expected to take the third seed in the playoff bracket.

Lancers Compete in Hopkinton Cross-Country Festival

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Cross-Country teams competed in the Hopkinton Cross-Country Festival over the weekend, where the boys' team secured a second-place finish in a 24-team field and the girls placed seventh against 14 teams.

The 5K race took place on the Hopkinton Fairgrounds Saturday, Oct. 11, and three Lancer males finished in the top ten out of 113 runners.

Boys Varsity Results

Senior Carson Fitzgerald led the Lancers squad, taking fourth place with a time of 15:51.10, about a half-minute behind the winning time of 15:17.5.

Fellow senior LHS runner Josh Twomey came in sixth with a time of 16:05.46, and sophomore Patrick Ramsey placed seventh at 16:13.34.

Other LHS finishers were: senior Jack DiBuono, 28th at 17:06.37; junior Mason Hernandez, 36th at 17:22.83; junior Joey Gainey, 42nd at 17:34.82; senior Cash

Robles, 60th at 18:11.10; senior Gil Tapia, 67th at 18:18.09; and sophomore Alec Lemeris at 19:03.97.

Head coach Matt Smith was pleased with the team's first showing at the event, saying, "This was our first trip to Hopkinton, and overall, we had a great meet. It's always good when you have three guys in the top 10. Carson, Josh, and Patrick were outstanding."

On the JV race, Smith said, "Sophomore Aaron Modini had the race of the day for us

with an incredible win in the co-ed JV race. It was a huge personal record for him and very well deserved as he's worked so hard this season."

In that race, Modini finished with a time of 17:45.9 for first, with freshman Ethan Miller and sophomore Jamie Godbout coming in the

top 20. Overall, Londonderry took third place in the 5K race.

Girls Varsity Results

Sophomore Anna Laufersweiler was the first LHS girl to cross the finish line with a time of 20:19.70 and a 21st-place result.

The winning time went to a Hopkinton run-

ner at 17:23.10.

Fellow sophomore Stella Dutton had a time of 21:26.10; senior Ella DiBuono finished at 21:51.30; junior Harper LaBonte (22:23.40); freshman Bridget Quinlan (23:27); and senior Bella Mulhern (23:47.90).

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ahan's attempt at the point after good for the 46-21 much-needed second Division I win.

Of the seven Lancer receivers making catches in the game, Rao led the team with three receptions for 70 yards.

Brandon Dyer had two for 43 yards, and

VanAvery finished with one catch for 30 yards.

Cruz led in rushing with 98 yards on 14 carries. Dantas had four runs for 20 yards, followed by Daron, who kept the ball for 17 yards.

On defense, VanAvery and Tom Zyra led the team with six tackles each. Dyer finished with five, and Eli Bettencourt

and Fabiano had four tackles each.

Londonderry was able to keep its playoff hopes alive with the win but still has some tough games ahead.

Londonderry will host Salem next Friday night, Oct. 17, followed by a meeting with the undefeated Bedford Bulldogs at home on Oct. 24.

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Londonderry Boys' Soccer Stand at 7-3-2 After Split



Andrei Sandu

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team moved up to 7-2-2 in the Division I standings after a solid 2-0 victory over Manchester Memorial (3-4-4) last week, but then suffered 1-4 loss to end the week when they hosted the Windham Jaguars.

The Lancers began their week in Manchester, on Tuesday, Oct. 7, where they were able to

easily get by the Crusaders in a two-goal shutout.

The first goal of the game came in the first half, at the 17-minute mark, with junior Ryan Pasternak scoring on a pass from freshman Andrei Sandu.

In the second half, senior Khoi Totten sealed the deal with an unassisted goal at 45:00.

First year head coach Richard Clegg is liking what he's seeing as the Lancers approach the

end of the regular season.

Clegg said, "We had a solid team win on the road against Memorial. The boys are starting to play consistent soccer and really putting things together across all areas of the field."

The win gave the Londonderry squad its fourth consecutive victory, but the Jaguars of Windham High School put an end to that trend when they came to Londonderry on Friday, Oct.

10.

The visitors were able to notch their eighth win of the season in a rather one-sided game.

Londonderry scored just once, early in the first half, but were able to even things out in the second half, falling by three goals and ending the week at 7-3-2.

The record puts the Lancers in seventh place in the Division I standing with just four games left before the post season.

Lancers Girls' Soccer Get Fourth Victory

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Soccer team started their week with a ten-goal win followed by a narrow one-goal loss to finish the week at 4-8-1

The Lancers week began on Tuesday, Oct. 7, against the winless Manchester Memorial Crusader, where they easily achieved their fourth victory of the season with a 10-0 shutout, where nearly every player took part in the scoring.

Freshman Hayley Doyle and junior Abby Mantegari both finished with two-goals apiece.

The other six goals went to freshman Lexi VanAvery, senior Laurel Mitchell, junior Ashlyn

Proulx, senior Lindsey Hodkinson, junior Cora Rogers and junior Molly Leone.

Assists for the home squad went to sophomore Jackie Heimsath, Addi Doyle, with two, senior Laurel Mitchell, senior Ady Lavellee, senior Jaya Kelly, Rogers, Mantegari, and Leone.

In goal for the

Lancers, junior Shannon Crowley had three saves and sophomore Ari White knocked back six Crusader attempts.

Unfortunately that scoring momentum didn't carry over during the Friday, Oct. 10 road trip to neighboring Windham.

The 2-6-4 Jaguars needed just one goal to secure their victory at

Windham High School.

Of the 16-shots taken on the Lancers goal, Crowley was able to stop 15 in the defeat.

The Lady Lancers have just three games left in the season, with one this week on Thursday, Oct. 16 against Manchester Central-West (3-8-1) at home starting at 6 p.m.



Freshman Hayley Doyle had two goals in the 10-0 victory over Memorial. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer Golfers Finish with 19 Wins, Head to Championship



Sophomore Lancers golfer Connor Fucile and the team headed to the NHIAA Division I Championship this week. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Golf team finished the regular season with an outstanding record, winning 19 of the 23 matches, giving them one of the best records in the team's history.

Last week they played their final match before heading into the NHIAA Division I Championship, winning against the host Manchester Central Little Green, but falling for the second consecutive week to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the Lancers squad had a combined score of 201, defeating the Little Green by 15-strokes, but losing by double-digits to B.G., who shot a 187 at Derryfield Country

Club in Manchester.

This week, the Lancers were scheduled to play in the 2025 NHIAA Division I Championship at Canterbury Woods Country Club in Canterbury on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Eight Londonderry players will be competing in the event with the Lancers #1 player, senior Nick Bishop is set to tee off on the sixth hole at 9 a.m.

Junior Charlie Varnum will start on hole

seven, sophomore Connor Fucile at hole eight. Other players include freshman Nolan Murphy, senior Graham Kilelea, sophomore Colton Cameron, senior Theo Paccione and senior Carter Washington.

Annual Veterans Breakfast Returns Nov. 8



As a proud daughter of a Veteran, Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan has long wanted to do something meaningful in town to honor her father and the many Veterans she's come to know.

In 2011, with the help of her Pay It Forward students and Peter Curro, she organized a small coffee-and-donuts gathering in the LHS gym lobby. That first event welcomed just 28 Veterans.

Today, the tradition has grown into a beloved annual celebration, with over 200 Veterans attending each year. "I am beyond thankful for everyone who helps me put this on," said Sullivan. "We live in a great town that truly loves its Veterans."

This year's "Thank You Veterans Breakfast" will be on Friday, Nov. 8, starting at 8 a.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

Breakfast will be served from 8 to 9 a.m., followed by musical performances from the LHS band, student speakers, and presentations from students across the district.

Sponsored by the Londonderry School Board and Town Council, the event continues a tradition of gratitude and community spirit that began in 2011.

Veterans with questions or those wishing to RSVP can contact Ms. Katie Sullivan at ksullivan@londonderry.org or call 603-247-8304.

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Trunk or Treat

Londonderry Presbyterian Church and Kids by the Common Early Learning Center hosts Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 3 - 5 p.m. Rain or shine. Everyone welcome.

Country Christmas Craft Fair

On Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., join St. Jude for a festive day of holiday cheer, shopping, and community spirit! Our craft fair will feature: Handmade items from local crafters - including gifts for your pets; A delicious Cookie Walk and Bake Sale; A fun-filled White Elephant Room; Exciting raffles; A special Blue & Yellow Handmade Quilt Raffle - with a portion of proceeds benefiting the children of

Ukraine through Common Man for Ukraine; Food and beverages available for purchase, including lunch options; and A variety of local vendors offering unique holiday finds. Come support local artisans, enjoy tasty treats, and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Historical Society Open House

The Londonderry Historical Society will hold an Open House on Oct. 19 from 1 - 3 p.m. See the new one room schoolhouse display and enjoy cider and donuts in the newly refurbished Parmenter barn. For more information visit: www.londonderryhistory.org or facebook page [TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety)

5th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS

Londonderry High School's Community Service Club is hosting its 5th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m., on the LHS track. Raffle tickets for gift certificates to area restaurants and businesses will be on sale. Winners will be drawn after the walk. If you would like to honor someone who has had or is currently battling ALS, contact Kelly Giguere at kgiguere@londonderry.org by Oct. 16 to order a lawn banner.

Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat

On Friday, Nov. 7, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., join Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. Shabbat service

will be led by Rabbi Jonathan Biatch with musical accompaniment by Irina, religious school director. Adult services follow at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. Please RSVP to office@etzhayim.org by Nov. 6, so we can plan for pizza.

Sunday Family Camp

On Sunday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. - Noon, learn about the traditions of Shabbat, work on projects related to the holiday and learn the Hebrew letters that spell the word Shabbat at Etz Hayim Synagogue. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, to ensure enough materials. The program is free, and no membership is required. Visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1 for more information.

AI's Next Act: Your Smarter Future

On Thursday, Nov. 13, from 7 - 8 p.m., Wayne Kurtzman leads an AI-enabled social, communities, and collaboration for a global market intelligence firm. Discover what AI does now, what's next, and how it will transform work, life, and play. Learn

Student of the Month



Londonderry High School House 1 proudly recognizes Marlee Anastos '26 as our September Student of the Month! A dedicated senior, Marlee helped design the Dance Team's new uniforms, demonstrating creativity, leadership, and team spirit. She's also enrolled in a VLACS course to further her learning and has already completed her college and career readiness goals for the year. Balancing academics, extracurriculars, and future planning, Marlee maintains excellent grades and remains highly involved in the school community. Her initiative, enthusiasm, and well-rounded approach set a strong tone for the year. Congratulations, Marlee, on an outstanding start to senior year!

practical steps to embrace AI and thrive in an (arguably) smarter world. Learn what is driving the changes, and how to embrace new skills in a changing world by learning to use (and enjoy) AI. The program is free and all are welcome! Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics.

For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will be hosting this year's annual **Continued on page 15**

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Oct. 6

1:56 a.m. Three officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance reported on Owl Road.

2:13 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments. Anthony Hamel, 31, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

4:56 p.m. Disturbance on Lawson Farm Road investigated by three officers.

6:27 p.m. Three officers respond to an Overdose on Buckthorn Street and transport to subject to a hospital.

10:03 p.m. Disturbance reported on Constitution Drive.

Tuesday - Oct. 7

5:07 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Whitte-

more Road.

10:54 a.m. Assault at Londonderry High School investigated.

12:57 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Sawgrass Circle.

2:23 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

2:51 p.m. Liquor Law Violations leads to an arrest at the Garner Hotel on Perkins Road. Anthony Hamel, 31, of Londonderry, charged with: Criminal Trespass; Stalking (Domestic Violence); and two counts of Breach of Bail.

3:15 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Burnham Avenue. Charles Martin, 53, of Saugus, MA, charged with Burglary.

4:47 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses

on Loan Street.

11:44 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Hall Road at Lori Lane.

Wednesday - Oct. 8

11:57 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on High Range Road.

1:28 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by eight officers on Perkins Road.

5:30 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Berlang Road.

6:37 p.m. Five officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department investigated on Buckthorn Street.

Thursday - Oct. 9

10:08 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Nashua Road, at Winding Pond Road. Justin White, 18, Lowell, MA, charged with: Oper-

ating without a Valid License - License Required.

5:33 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Jefferson Drive.

7:35 p.m. Services rendered for Auto Theft reported at UPS on Pettingill Road.

Friday - Oct. 10

3:04 a.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport transported to a hospital.

5:14 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

12:22 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing at Londonderry High School.

12:51 p.m. Four officers respond to a Medical Emergency on Norwich Place, transported to a hospital.

3:48 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:04 p.m. Peace rest-

ored after a report of Trespassing on High Range Road.

4:06 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Mammoth Road, at Nashua Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Julie Caswell, 43, of Manchester, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension for DUI; Driving without Giving Proof; Alcohol Interlock Motor Vehicle - Not Equipped with Interlock.

4:40 p.m. Three officers respond to a Structure Fire on Kimball Road.

8:36 p.m. Three officers respond to a Motor Vehicle Check and make an arrest on Memorial Drive. Oziel Hernandez, 19, of charged with Driving after Revoke/Suspension for Reckless Driving.

Saturday - Oct. 11

3:30 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Pinyon Place.

5:56 p.m. Services Rendered for a Disturbance at the Mohawk Drive at the Londonderry BP sta-

tion.

8:18 p.m. Animal Control responded to a Dog Bite reported on Merlin Place.

Sunday - Oct. 12

3:16 a.m. Disturbance on Sherwood Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Jordan Baker, 19, of Malden, MA, charged with: Unlawful Possession/Intoxication.

9:09 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Dianna Road.

11:46 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on South Road.

1:04 p.m. Three officers investigate Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:46 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on High Range Road.

7:50 p.m. Five officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat and transport subject to a hospital from High Range Road.

Around Town

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Derry Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, with The Rev. Dr. Marjorie Gerbracht (Rev Margie) offering the sermon.

Experience New England

The Friends of the Leach Library will hold an "Experience New England" raffle to raise funds for future programming. Tickets are 20 for \$5 and may be purchased at the library. Visit the library between Oct. 14 and Nov. 1 to see the amazing prizes donated by local residents and businesses. Winners will be drawn on Nov. 3 and notified by telephone or email. For more information, contact friendsofleachlibrary@gmail.com.

Fire Department Open House

Join the Londonderry Fire Department for an Open House filled with demonstrations, activities, and fun on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date: Sun-

day, Oct. 26) At 9 a.m., Sensory-Friendly Time; 11 a.m., K9 Demo & Fire Prevention; Noon House Fire Demonstration; 1 p.m., Vehicle Extraction Demo.

Democrats Monthly Meeting

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democratic Committee is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m., in the Leach Library downstairs meeting room. Local Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents and Undeclareds are urged and welcome to attend. Please reach out to LondonderryNH Democrats via Facebook or email ps kud@gmail.com for more details.

Legion Halloween

On Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m., for Halloween American Legion Post 27 will have live entertainment, raffles and prizes for best costume at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry.

Football Sunday

Each Sunday afternoon come to American Legion Post 27 at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, to watch the Patriots play and eat some

great free food cooked by our members.

Veteran's Day Field of Flags

The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Molly Reid Chapter is supporting Veterans Day with the Fields of flags project that, honors Veterans. When you donate \$5 for each flag with identification Honoring your Veteran. This donation will be distributed to help support our chapter work and for non-profits and events that match the three areas of our DAR mission of Historic Preservation, Education (Londonderry & Pinkerton High School) and Patriotism (NH Veterans). If you have any other questions, please email Darmollyreid@yahoo.com or call Veterans Field of Flags Organizer, Judy Glen 239-948-9427.

Drop-In Tech Help

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Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on Nov. 5, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile must bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess or cannot produce proof of domicile may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications.

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Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaningful way to honor a veteran, loved one, organization, or group. Pricing: 1 Brick: \$125, 2 Bricks: \$225, 3 Bricks: \$300, Each Addi-

tional Brick: \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email salpost27@gmail.com.

Clean Water Survey

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Londonderry Heritage Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

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