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Pollinators

Members of the GREEN Team of Londonderry worked to plant and transplant some pollinators at their garden near Moose Hill School over the weekend.

Photo by Chris Paul

School's End of Year Finance Report Show Some Savings

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received a report regarding its end of the year finances during its most recent meeting. "At this time, these financial statements were audited Aug. 5 through Aug. 8," Business Administrator, Amity Small, wrote in a memo to the

Board. "The field audit took four days with the final report coming to the Board in the December/January timeframe." For the general fund, which consists of property taxes, state and local revenue, they expect it to come in at \$295,796 above expectation. "The major factors for this are Special Edu-

cation Aid [Catastrophic Aid] accounting for \$177,006 of the overage, Interest earned accounting for \$170,991, and \$34,822 in Other State Aid," Small said. "These overages helped offset the \$133,000 shortfall of projected Medicaid revenue." In terms of expenses, Small noted it will be

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Truancy Policy Reviewed at School Board Meeting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board had a second policy reading, for its proposed district wide truancy policy during its latest School Board meeting.

As part of the proposed policy, it states that the District "believes every pupil should attend school regularly."

"The principal or his/her designee(s) has the authority to excuse students for absences due to personal illness; bereavement; family commitments or personal appointments which cannot be scheduled at another time such as lawyer, physician, court;

compliance with the established ordinance for religious instruction or observance," the proposed policy states. "A student who is excused must, however, still fulfill the school's requirements for advancement."

The proposed policy explains that "Parents/Guardians, students, school administrators, and teachers all have important responsibilities to ensure that students attend school and are on time."

"Students have an obligation to attend school and to be on time for scheduled classes and scheduled activities," the proposed policy states. "A student who has been

absent from school on the day of a school activity taking place after school or in the evening is not eligible to take part in the activity unless advance approval of the absence has been given by the school administration."

It states that parents have the obligation "to avoid whenever possible disruptions of the academic year by planning appointments and vacations at times that will not require students to be out of school. The building principal or his/her designee(s) is responsible for truancy issues."

"The building principal or his/her designee

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Community Choice Gets State OK, Waits on Rates

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee met on Sept. 3 to review the latest step in the Community Choice Power Aggregation Project, which recently gained expected approval from the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

"We did get the PUC approval for our plan. At this point in time, we're kind of waiting to see what Eversource will come up with for their rates," explained Chair, Lynn Wiles. "Once they've published those rates, we'll see what Colonial

Power comes back with. Hopefully it'll be competitive."

If the community rate is cheaper than Eversource, he expects to move forward with the next step in the Community Aggregation Process. With competitive numbers, Aggregation will likely go into effect next February. Colonial aimed to shop for new rates within the next two months.

"They'll go out to the market in the next 30 to 60 days, find out what the market will be," explained member Paul Ramsey. "They then

have to make a filing with the NH PUC. There's a hearing, people can ask questions, they'll go through all that hearing process and then the PUC will make a decision on the rate and they'll announce the rates."

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Finance

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\$926,000 below the approved budget.

“Savings from staff turnover with related savings in benefit accounts are the major factors for this positive budget to actual position,” Small said. “We also had unfilled positions that resulted in a positive variance in salary accounts. We did have some accounts with negative variances, which are detailed later in this report.”

Small explained that a lot of their savings will come from retirements, and hiring employees generally for lower salaries at first.

“This year, the School District’s financials will show a large savings in professional salaries due to the number of retirements effective June

2023,” Small said.

In total, for full-time salaries, they are expected to save about \$1.45 million compared to the original budget.

“This includes a professional staff savings of \$639,000, support savings of \$651,000, and custodial savings of \$161,000,” Small wrote in a memo. “Unfilled positions along with new or incoming employees, who are very often hired at a lower rate than the employees who retired, account for this large variance.”

It was also noted that the District “did have some unfilled special education support staff positions this year.”

“This is reflected with \$709,566 budget variance on the salary line,” Small said. “We did, however, contract those services out, and there is a budget overrun in the contracted services line

of \$750,090. The number of open positions has decreased from last year, thanks in part to a new support staff contract, and we are optimistic that there will be even fewer open positions next year.”

Another major savings that they had this year was for employee benefits about \$630,000 less than the budget amount.

“Some of this is driven by indirect savings from the salary accounts mentioned above, [taxes, retirement],” Small wrote in a memo. “Health and dental premiums came in \$382,222 below budget. The account line “other retirement salary” [500238] captures the cost of retirements at year-end. This line is contractual and is based on calculated costs of those individuals who have retired in FY24 and

shows a negative budget of \$274,959. FY24 has sixteen teacher/admin retirements and thirteen support/custodial retirements versus ten teachers/admin from last year.”

One area that was over budget was for out-of-district tuition cost which Small said was over-budget by \$281,237

“due to more students going out-of-district than was budgeted due to unplanned move-ins, court ordered placements, and Charter schools.”

“Unplanned tuition increases also account for the variance. Special Education transportation also is over budget by \$116,456 due to additional out-of-

district runs and an unplanned homeless placement,” Small wrote in a memo. “Vocational tuition is also over budget by \$99,263 due to increased student participation in CTE programs, increased tuition, and less reimbursement from the State of NH.”

Rates

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the rates is scheduled for Nov. 1, although it may be delayed by a week or two.

“What are the next steps?” asked member, Anne Fenn.

The Chair outlined an information program similar to the two public hearings once the Colonial Power Group gives the green light. Such a program is designed to inform the public about what Aggregation means.

“There’s going to be information cards send out to every resident in town saying what’s happening, why it’s happening, and steps people can take if they have any

questions,” said Wiles. “The meeting we’ll have after the postcards go out.”

The Committee met with airport officials to discuss the potential of setting up municipal solar panels near Manchester Airport.

“The airport has 12ish acres on Harvey Rd. It is at the top of the hill on Harvey if you’re going towards the airport,” said Wiles. “The airport is very interested in doing it.”

Located under an existing flight path, Manchester Airport considered the land “undevelopable” for much else due to height limitations. “It seems like what appeals to them is that

it’s non-aviation revenue, so they’re diversifying the revenue streams,” said member, Jeff McGraw. “This would be a long-term lease for ‘x’ dollars.”

Currently, the airport has solar panels in its garage and has not had any issues related to sun glare from the panels and air traffic interference.

Financing for the array was not immediately clear, as the Chair admitted there were still “financial hurdles” to overcome. The situation is still developing.

The next Utilities Committee meeting is set for Tues. Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Moose Hill Council Chambers.



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School Board Approve Retaining Part of Fund Balance

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board was tasked with deciding on how much should be retained for the fund balance, during its Sept. 3 meeting.

"The School District has adopted RSA 198:4-b as amended, which allows the School District to retain up to 5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment," Business Administrator, Amity Small, wrote in a memo to the School Board. "It allows the expenditure of any amount retained after the School Board holds a public hearing."

She said based on last year's number form,

the Department of Revenue, 5% of the net assessment and maximum allowable retention is \$3,433,329.

"This number will be updated at the setting of the tax rate later this fall," Small said. "As of June 30, 2023, the School Board voted to retain \$1,375,000 as Unassigned Fund Balance."

It was explained by Small that the District's auditors "completed their fieldwork a few weeks ago."

"Once the audit report is complete, they will come before the School Board and present their findings, sometime later this fall/winter," she wrote. "Based

on their fieldwork, the School District's Total Fund Equity is estimated at \$2,852,578. At this point, it is doubtful that numbers, including fund balance, would change with any material effect."

As of June 30, she said that the Total Fund Equity was \$2,852,578.

"After accounting for the capital reserve funds approved by the voters back in March 2024 and deducting all necessary reserves, \$622,770.45 [pre-paid expenses, encumbrances, capital reserves, and support staff article], the Unassigned Fund Balance for June 30, 2023 is \$2,229,807.55," Small wrote in a memo.

"This represents the

total amount available for the Board to decide how much to retain and how much to return as revenue to offset the December property tax rate for educational efforts this Fall. If the Board voted to maintain the current retention amount of \$1,375,000, that would leave \$854,807.55 being utilized to offset the tax rate."

Last year it was noted that \$235,151 was returned to help offset the tax rate, and in FY 22 \$133,605 was returned to the voters.

One thing Small said the Board needed to consider was if they were to move forward with a bond project, it would be important for

the credit rating to have funds in the fund balance.

"We continue to recognize the current economic environment; however, we know that retained fund balance is one of the important factors the rating agencies use when calculating the District's bond rating," she said. "If the School District were considering a bond article in the near future, it would be good financial practice to keep the Unassigned Fund Balance at or above the current retention amount of \$1,375,000. It is also fiscally sound to retain enough to be available for unplanned expenditures."

Small also noted that

they will likely need about \$400,000 to update their phones from analog to a cloud based system, since they recently became aware that their current analog system is no longer going to be serviced in the near future.

"We also know we have a teachers contract," Small said, noting that they could keep some funds for both items.

School Board member, Kevin Gray, suggested that they keep at least \$400,000 so they have the funds for the phones.

The School Board ultimately approved retaining \$400,000 out of the \$854,807.55.

Leach Library Joins GMILCS

Leach Library is joining GMILCS, the Greater Manchester Integrated Library Consortial System, in October! GMILCS currently serves the libraries of Amherst, Bedford, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Hudson, Manchester, Merrimack, Milford, Salem, Windham, and New England College.

Starting on Monday, Oct. 28, Leach Library cardholders will have access to materials at 13 other libraries through a shared catalog and a common borrower card

as well as a new digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks.

Leach Library will be closed during the first day of migration on Thursday, Oct. 17. The library will be open normal hours with limited services from Friday, Oct. 18 through Satur-

day, Oct. 26. The catalog will not be available for renewing or reserving materials and overdue fines will not be charged during this time. For more information, call the library or visit the library's website at <https://londonderry.gov/leach-library>.

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Editorial

September: A Month For Suicide Prevention

With the days getting shorter and holidays approaching, seasonal depression and anxiety issues may start to appear, and could make for the perfect storm of mental health woes.

The second leading cause of death among young people, surpassed only by accidents is suicide. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, "The rate of teen depression shot up, but not a surprising trend given the link between suicide and depression". Teenagers and young adults are being taken away far too soon; we have a mental health crisis on our hands and we need to take steps to make it better.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has created this year's campaign, "Take the Moment" to encourage people to unite to advocate for and reduce the stigma against mental health care.

NAMI wants the public to know the signs that could lead to suicidal thoughts, as it is crucial to getting life-saving help. The National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH) offers five action steps for helping someone considering suicide.

The first step is to ask. Anyone who suspects that any friends or family members might be in crisis is encouraged to approach them and ask if they are thinking of harming themselves or committing suicide. If so, step two is to keep them safe by reducing access to lethal items or places, and step three is offering emotional and physical reassurance. The fourth step is to help loved ones connect to mental health resources

including suicide prevention hotlines, mental health care providers, physicians, etc. Finally, loved ones should be sure to stay connected, and to follow up throughout and after their family or friends experience a crisis.

According to NAMI, "There is a widespread stigma associated with suicide and as a result, many people are afraid to speak about it". It can be an uncomfortable subject, but talking about it openly, honestly, and non-judgmentally is crucial to providing anyone in crisis with the proper care to make steps toward recovery.

The good news is that we don't have to wait for all the answers to know what to do. We know that various psychotherapies and medications are highly effective in treating depression, but we should try to do a better job of identifying, reaching out, and providing resources for at-risk youths.

We need to educate parents and teachers to recognize depression in young people and to learn about the warning signs of suicide. We should have universal screening of teenagers at school, with parental consent, to identify those who are suffering from depression and who are at risk of suicide.

Anyone experiencing distressing or suicidal thoughts is encouraged to contact the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or 988 Suicides and Crisis Lifeline.

Those who may be having trouble expressing their thoughts, for any reason are encouraged to Call 1-800-950-NAMI(6264), text "HelpLine" to 62640, or email helpline@nami.org.

Letters

I'm With HER

To the editor,

As the Londonderry Team Trump Captain, I've been eagerly waiting to declare this for some time – I'm with HER. This may be a shock to some, and welcome news to others, but let me explain myself. There are actually many HER's that I am referring to.

I'm with HER – the young woman athlete at the high school, college, or Olympic level. Sub-par male athletes have no right to infringe on your opportunity to prove your ability against other biological females and prevent you from standing on the podium for your well-deserved recognition. Why is NOW (National Organization of Women) silent on this issue? Why do Democrats promote men in women's sports?

I'm with HER – the scared young pregnant woman facing a life altering decision. There are numerous options for those willing to bring a beautiful child into the world. Whether you choose to raise the child, or put the child up for adoption to a caring couple who have prayed to add this child to their family, you need to know that you are not alone. There are resources to help. #LoveThemBoth

I'm with HER – the middle aged woman that sees herself and family members working several jobs to keep financially above water. Inflation due to Harris/Biden incompetence has priced groceries and home ownership beyond the reach for too many. While "Border Czar" Harris' open border policies have resulted in record

illegal immigration and record Fentanyl deaths, these same policies have a detrimental financial effect on citizens trying to provide for their family.

I'm with HER – the senior age woman who has limited resources, who watches TV showing tax dollars doled out to illegals. Her fellow seniors are removed from low income housing to make room for an unending flood that come here illegally. She is understandably furious that the illegal's stipend exceeds HER monthly Social Security check. The Harris/Biden Democratic Party has made American citizens 2nd Class persons in the country they built.

Finally, to all the HER's eager to cast their ballots on Nov. 5, remember where our country was four short years ago – Prosperous and at Peace. Please go into that voting booth knowing that your decision will shape the future of our beautiful Constitutional Republic – For ourselves and our posterity.

God Bless our Country, God Bless our Troops, and together we will Make America Great Again.

Sincerely,
Brian Crowley
Londonderry
Team Trump Captain

Senate Republicans

To the editor,

I am very proud of the accomplishments that the Senate Republicans achieved this year on behalf of NH kids. It is one of our highest duties as lawmakers to protect NH's most vulnerable

children, and that is why this year I filed and supported numerous bills to increase protection for Granite State kids.

Children are often unable to advocate for themselves, which is why it is up to legislators to be their voice. This year, I voted to improve protections and expand legal representation for children in state custody and supported increased investment in protecting all NH children. These critical changes will ensure the best interests of the child are always at the core of every decision made by the courts and by the Department of Health and Human Services. They also prioritize keeping children with their relatives and in their communities, which has been shown to greatly improve their stability and long-term success.

Protecting children also means punishing those who would seek to do them harm. That is why this year we increased the penalties for child pornography and violations of privacy involving minors, to ensure children are sufficiently protected in law from those who seek to harm or exploit them.

Strong Republican leadership has helped make NH the safest state in the nation and one of the best for children's health, child well-being, family, and community according to Annie E. Casey Foundation 2024 Kids Count. Senate Republicans will always fight for all Granite State kids.

State Senator
Sharon Carson
Londonderry

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GREEN Team Helps Keep Bird & Bee Population Busy



Members of the GREEN Team of Londonderry spent some time over the weekend sprucing up the Pollinator Garden near Moose Hill School. The group weeded, transplanted milk weed and adding some butterfly bushes to the meadow. The long-term project has been going on for a number of years and members have been adding a variety of plants to help butterflies, birds and bees with their pollination of the area.

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Who Is Kamala Harris?

To the editor,
 While Trump's personality is objectionable to some, we know his agenda - successful. If reelected, Trump will continue his successful policies of his first term: renewing tax cuts to now include no tax on tips, rebuilding our military to deter America's enemies, support our allies especially Israel, increase oil & gas production to reduce inflation, downsize and infringement of the federal government upon our lives and deport illegal aliens whose presence we taxpayers pay for. Harris has no experience and zero tools to even minimally qualify to be president of the most powerful country in the world. Harris' political career only came about in 1994-'95 when she had romantic affair at the time with married

San Francisco Mayor and California State Assembly Speaker Democrat Willie Brown giving her political appointments. Harris' shortcomings as a potential president: no skills and intelligence to make decisions on difficult issues; no experience in national security issues; no experience with military operations; no experience with the federal administrative state or familiarity with the mission of 3M federal employees and lacking understanding of the roles and responsibilities of executive department heads that answer to the president; no experience or political skills in negotiation and compromise across the aisle or with governors or friend and enemy nations; no ability to articulate and communicate intelligently with Americans via interviews, press conferences and especially major network speeches that impact American lives.

Harris' 2020 presidential run ended quickly in less than a year with voters rejecting her far left, radical socialist agenda of socializing America's economy, socialist wealth redistribution, increased taxes, excessive welfare spending, open borders, universal health care, woke DEI, woke education, soft on crime/defund the police, Iranian appeasement and weakening of America's military. Harris is now attempting to rewrite her past by stating she's changed and even wants to take credit for not taxing tips first espoused by Trump months ago. Harris will say and do anything to change the narrative of her past radical policies and incompetence. As I've said previously, the aforementioned are her core values and like the tiger, she can't change her stripes. Harris doesn't have the acumen to complete tasks successfully. We merely have to look at her performance to the only task Biden assigned her; border tsar. With 10M illegals crossing the southern border and fentanyl smuggling, she utterly failed. She can't run from the Biden-Harris failed policies; she repeatedly endorsed and

owns them. Harris hasn't had a press conference in over 6 weeks since Biden dropped out. Yet the media covers for her. Why? Because she has no clue on any issue of substance other than soundbites read from her teleprompters. Her handlers and the media realize her incompetence and keep her from ranging press conferences and only doing one-on-one interviews with friendly media fielding soft-ball questions. America will not know the full extent of the radicalism and disaster of Harris-Walz until after their election if indeed they are elected. Be aware of what you sow.

Bob Pitre
 Londonderry

Illegal Immigrants in N.H.

Letter to the editor
 On July 30, I attended the Londonderry Republican "Meet the Candidates" event. I'm firmly a Democrat, but as a newcomer in Londonderry from neighboring Litchfield, I wanted to see them and hear them express their local and state concerns and ideas. It was a really well-run event with each

of the candidates responding to each of three questions posed by the moderator. A question about supporting veterans garnered the most emotional support. But a question about "illegal immigrants" coming to New Hampshire and voting had each candidate voicing even more opposition to this interference in American politics than the previous speaker. "I second that." "He said what I wanted to say. I double second it." "Ok, I triple it." When all had spoken their piece, I raised my hand and asked how prevalent and rampant "illegal immigrants" voting here is and has been. Silence. Then one candidate admitted that he didn't "have any numbers," but he acknowledged it was something that needed research. Each of the other candidates said roughly the same thing. (Kristine Perez said that 3,000 had entered the state. I don't know if she said they had voted too. Moira Ryan said she had studied at Columbia and knew that "illegal immigrants" had university IDs, and I think she meant that they used them to vote. I don't think she meant in New Hampshire.)

But to me, the take-

away statement was Speaker of the NH House Sherm Packard's. After explaining that even just a few can change the vote and affect legislation, he said that although serious elsewhere, "illegals" coming into New Hampshire and voting is only a slight issue here. I believe that at least the last part of his comment was a very responsible statement coming from a knowledgeable leadership position, and I hope we all remember it the next time we hear such unsubstantiated claims.

John Croes
 Londonderry

Trail Angels

Londonderry is so lucky to have such fabulous trails throughout out lovely conservation areas. Most of these trails have been constructed over many years through joint efforts between the Conservation Commission and Londonderry Trailways. Trails, being out in the natural world are always subject to the effects of weather and mother nature. Trees fall across trails. Trails become flooded as nature rearranges our terrain.

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Committee Members Encouraged to Participate in Master Plan

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee heard an update on the Master Plan at their September meeting. Vice-Chair, Martha Smith, was impressed with the response she was seeing from the townwide survey on what residents wanted to change in town.

“There have been quite a few responses to the survey that is part of the Master Plan. There’s been over 400 responses already, and there are fliers with the QR code I think in the Clerk’s office and Planning,” said Smith, who suggest-

ed putting up more fliers around town to increase survey participation. “I also posted the code on Facebook and several others have posted it on Londonderry sites.”

Chair, Lynn Wiles, called the response “fantastic” and hoped to see greater participation in the coming weeks.

“It’ll be really interesting when they start doing the data analysis,” said Wiles.

Somewhat surprisingly, not every several members of the Utilities Committee had not filled out the survey, worrying about a possible conflict of interest owing to their place in one or more

governing bodies. Smith discouraged this stance, stressing that the Master Plan Steering Committee needed as much information as possible to do its job.

“We want everybody’s opinion!” she said. “If you haven’t done it yet, please let everybody just give their opinion, every opinion counts. There’s not a conflict, please fill it out, everyone.”

The survey is anonymous for every resident.

Wiles expressed his desire to get together with the School Board to get them more involved in the Master

Plan process.

“On my agenda is to get together with School Board to tell them what is going on with the Master Plan. The initial reaction I got back is that they’re on board with us,” said Wiles. “But I think the response rate has already surpassed what I expected.”

Several ongoing issues like the development of a larger water system will likely be relevant to the activities of the Utilities Committee, especially with the ongoing High Range Rd.

project.

“Broad strokes, does Londonderry want to remain somewhat a semi-rural community? Or do we want to develop a semi-urban environment like Derry?” asked member, Jeff McGraw. “How heavily do we want to develop Londonderry and how many bodies do we want to bring into town? That will impact how much water is necessary.”

He hoped the Master Plan would allow town officials to work with Pennichuck on what the

water system would look like over the next years.

“Has there been a discussion with the Master Plan Committee as to whether there’s going to be a short-term look versus a long-term look and what ‘short-term’ actually means?” asked member, Anne Fenn. “What’s ‘long-term’? It long-term 10 years? 20? 50 years?”

Smith stated that a more extensive discussion on what water will look like would happen in the near future.

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School Board Move Forward With Freedom Energy Logistics

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to the potential of moving forward with Freedom Energy Logistics for group metering.

It was explained by Londonderry Business Administrator, Amity Small, that School Board Chair, Bob Slater, had previously talked about the town partnering with Freedom Energy, and that they should look into it for the School District as well.

“Freedom Energy Logistics reached out to the Londonderry School District with an offer exclusive to NH cities, towns, and school districts to participate in their group metering incentive program. Freedom Energy is already work-

ing with several other municipalities, including the Town of Londonderry and the State of NH,” Small wrote in a memo to the School Board.

She said essentially if they agreed to go with it and agreed to use the same amount of kilowatts hours as they use now, they can get an incentive.

“You can either do a five year term which we could get over \$100,000 back in the course of that five years by agreeing not to pursue any solar options in that five year period or we can look month to month,” Small said, noting that if they were to go with the month to month program they could get about \$40,000 in incentives.

She explained that by participating in the program, they would “have the School District part-

nering with renewable generators.”

“We would continue to use our electricity as we normally do, and we receive quarterly checks. We can elect to participate in a 5 year term or a month to month term. The incentive rebate is much higher under the 5 year term,” Small said. “There is no cost to us, and it does not interfere with any of our electric

service agreements.”

Superintendent, Dan Black, said the decision would be whether or not they want to move forward with the program, and if they do, would they want to go with the five year commitment or not.

“I think the decision for the school board is do we think anything’s viable in the next five years,” he said.

Slater said he doesn’t see anything coming soon when it comes to solar projects, and it would likely be if they replace one of their buildings.

The School Board ultimately agreed to move forward with the program for five years.

“Anything we can do to help our taxpayers,” he said.

In personnel news,

the School Board approved a number of resignations.

It included the resignation of Lisa Marie Capistran, a Support Staff at Moose Hill, Rachael Cunningham, a Support Staff at South School, Lindsay Giampaolo, a Dining Services employee at Matthew Thornton, and Ashley Hugh, a Support Staff employee at Londonderry Middle School.

Truancy

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(s) must submit attendance information to the superintendent’s office and must communicate with parents when a student’s attendance becomes a concern or as required by policy,” the proposed policy states. “School officials and parents/guardians must then

work together to come up with a plan to address the child’s absences or tardiness.”

“Any absence that has not been excused for any reasons listed in JED-R will be considered an unexcused absence,” the policy reads. “Truancy and continued unexcused absences, including tardiness, will result in disciplinary action under The Disciplinary Code,

Londonderry School District Policy JG.”

According to the policy, ten half days of “unexcused absence during a school year constitutes habitual truancy. A half day is defined as a student missing more than three hours of instructional time.”

“The principal, his or her designee(s), or the truant officer at each school is hereby designated as the district employee responsible for overseeing truancy policy states.

For the intervention process, it explains that if a student “has five days or ten half days of unexcused absences in the school year, the building principal or his/her designee(s) shall notify in writing parents/guardians.”

“In accordance with NH law, the building principal or his/her designee(s) shall enclose copies of RSA 193:1, this policy, and the student’s attendance record,” the policy reads.

It explains that if truancy continues past the 10 days “the building principal or his/her desi-

gnee(s) shall schedule a meeting with the parent/guardian, truant officer, and appropriate school personnel.”

“The purpose of the meeting shall be to develop a plan to address the truancy,” the proposed policy reads. “At the meeting, the building principal or his/her designee(s) and the truant officer shall inform the parents/guardians that additional unexcused absences may result in a report to the Division of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) and/or the filling of the appropriate action under RSA 169-D: 2, III (a) in the local district court.”

As part of the policy, if a student “fails to comply with the plan and has either 20 full days or 40 half-days of unexcused absences, the building principal or his/her designee(s) and the truant officer shall consult with the Superintendent to determine whether DCYF should be notified and/or court action filed.”

The proposed policy was sent to a third reading by the School Board without any changes.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Roast Blue Devils 30-7 in Season Opener

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School football squad needed to travel to Haverhill Mass., for their first game and victory of the season, and did it with four touchdowns and a safety, securing a 30-7 win over the Salem Blue Devils.

Salem High School is getting some new turf, thus the reason for the road trip over the border, but the longer drive didn't seem to get in the way of the Lancers ability to score on both sides of the ball.

Londonderry set the tone early, with the

defense forcing a quick three-and-out after the kick-off, nine plays later, LHS led by a touchdown thanks to a six-yard run by Adrian Cruz from the three-yard-line.

Blake Thompson finished with the extra-point.

The Lancers were able to make it 9-0 before the end of the first quarter when senior Sam Ogden tackled a Salem runner in the end zone for a two-point safety.

Both sides struggled in the second quarter, leaving the field at half-time with the same 9-0 score.

In the second half,

Salem got on the board first after Kevin Todisco Jr, carried the ball 98-yards to the LHS end zone, bringing the game to 9-7.

That was as close as it got for Salem, with LHS scoring three, unanswered TDs to end the season opener with a 23-point lead.

Following the SHS touchdown, it only took seven plays before one of the LHS quarterbacks, Ogden, was able to run the ball in from the two-yard in to help make it 16-7 in favor of the visitors.

In the fourth, fellow quarterback, Alexander Villa, had a two-yard

touchdown carry of his own to make it 23-7, after another Thompson extra-point.

The final points of the game came with three-minutes left. Villa handed the ball off to Jordan Ball where he pounded it in from the 9-yard-line.

Thompson remained perfect on extra-point attempts for the 30-7 victory celebration.

Londonderry finished with 409 yards of total offense, while Salem finished with 220.

Of the 409-yards, LHS ran the ball for 361-yards, leaving just 48-



Carson Palma had 100-yards rushing against Salem last week. Photo by Charlie Ogden

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Londonderry Boys' Soccer Get Big Win in Home Opener

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team finished last week with a win and a tie, evening off

their season record to 1-1-1.

After starting the year with a disappointing 0-1 loss in Goffstown, the Lancers bounced back on Tuesday, Sept.

3, by pummeling the Red Raiders of Spaulding High School 5-0 for the team's first victory of the young season.

The Londonderry boys had a total of 21 shots on the Red Raiders goal tender, overwhelming their opponents defense, while LHS tender, Noah Celio, needed to make just one save to secure the shutout victory.

Londonderry had three goals in the first half, keeping the ball in the visitors end for most of the period.

Leo Sochanek was able to get the first goal of the game and his first varsity goal in the eighth minute, with the assist going to Tiago Keyes.

Ten minutes later, in the 18th minute of the half, Zach Mantegari put

one past the Spaulding tender with the assist from Sochanek.

Zach Mantegari had the final goal of the half at 20:21, assisted by Khoi Totten.

Londonderry continued its dominance in the second half and added two more points.

Mantegari had his second goal of the game in the 49th minute, assisted by Parker Lewis and Sochanek.

During minute 65, Sochanek got his second goal for the 5-0 victory. Sochanek was assisted

by Brett McKinnon on that one.

Head coach, Todd Ellis, was pleased with the team's first win of the season, saying, "Today we did a better job of playing as a team and using the full field. It was great to get everyone involved, and we're look forward to continuing our team-focused progress."

In the Lancers third game of the season, another one on the road, LHS had to settle for a 1-1 tie despite dominating on offense again.

Londonderry traveled to the seacoast on Friday, Sept. 6, where they battled the Warriors at Winnacunnet High School to a scoreless tie in the first half, took the lead early in the second, but allowed a late goal to finish at one a piece.

Sochanek got the lone goal for his team, assisted by McKinnon.

The Lancers had 15 shots on the Warrior tender, while the Warriors had three shots.

Celio had two saves in the LHS net.



Zach Mantegari

Lancers Field Hockey Recap

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The second week of the fall sports season wasn't good to the Londonderry High School Field Hockey team, losing both matchups and unable to put the ball in their opponents net.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, the Lancers hosted a game with the Windham Jaguars where they fell behind 2-0 early and

were never able to recover.

All of Windham's goals were scored back-to-back, with two minutes left in the first, by Kendall Salvador.

Londonderry had nine blocked shots on the Windham tender, while the Lancers Molly Tharrington made three saves.

Head coach, Nichole Treadway, gave credit to her opponents, saying,

"We played a great game and dominated most of the play with 14 offensive corners, but just could not finish. Windham's goalie had a great game."

Two days later, in Keene, the Lancers fell to the Blackbirds 4-0.

Londonderry played Manchester Memorial-Central at home, on Monday, followed by a contest with the Grizzlies in Goffstown.



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Lancers Girls' Volleyball Start Fall Season With a Split

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' volleyball squad started its regular season last week with a very solid performance against Concord High School on Wednesday night, Sept. 4. The Lancers fell behind in the first set to the Concord contingent, but came back in the following three to end up with a 3-1 victory in the season opener.

The Crimson Tide squad got off to an early lead, putting as much as an eight-point advantage

up in the game. Londonderry rallied late in the game to tie things up at 23-23, but despite that, CHS took the first set 23-25.

The following three were also close games, but the Lady Lancers kept the advantage winning, 25-21, 25-22 and 25-20.

There were a number of standouts for the Lancers in the tight match with Concord.

Mady Normand came away with 24 assists and two aces, while Riley Campo chalked up nine kills, four aces, and eight digs.

Gabby Pedrick was able to get to the net with a total of nine kills and Kylie Harrison finished her night with 15 digs and two aces.

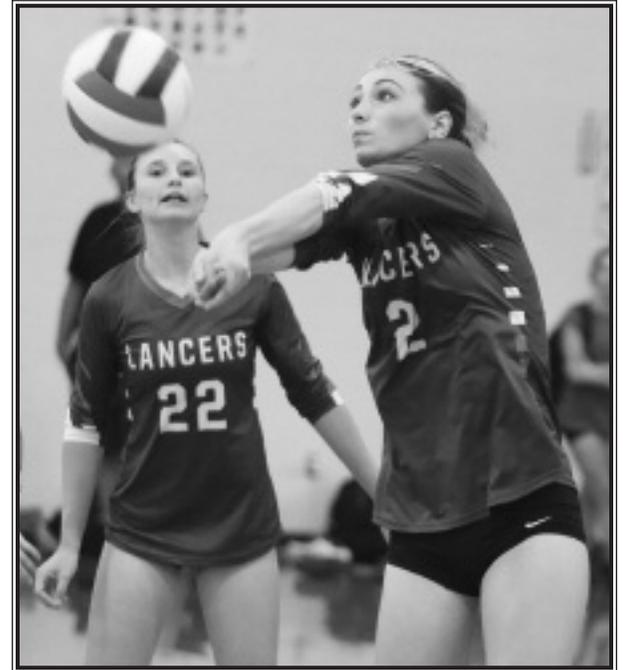
In the Lancers first road game of the season, the LHS squad didn't fair as well, losing three tight sets at Nashua North High School.

Londonderry began the night with a 25-17 losing set, but came back in the second for a 22-25 win.

In the third, the Lady Titans edged out LHS 25-22 and the fourth went 25-19 in favor of

NNHS. Highlights for Londonderry included: Jae Brunelle with 11 digs; Annie Williams finished with 10 kills and two aces; Elisabeth Kearney got six aces, 10 digs and three kills; while Gabby Pedrick tallied eight digs, seven kills, and three aces.

The 1-1 Lancers were scheduled to play at Exeter High School (1-1) on Wednesday, Sept. 11, followed by their second home game on Friday night, versus the Salem Blue Devils (2-0), starting at 5:45 p.m.



Riley Campo and Elisabeth Kearney

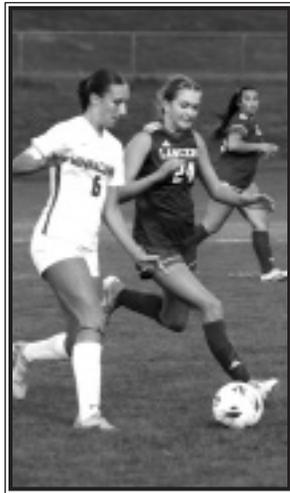
Lancers Girls' Soccer Get Season's First Win and Loss

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Soccer squad got a strong win to begin last week, but then fell 1-0 to end the week.

The Lady Lancers started their season back on Aug. 29 with a 2-2 tie thanks to a free kick and a penalty kick late in the game.

In week two, the girls' had their first road game of the season, where they dominated



Senior Lancer Aloisa Von Pichl

their Spaulding High School opponent 5-1, but then returned home and dropped a close 0-1 game to Winnacunnet.

Londonderry got by the Red Raiders without much trouble on Tuesday, Sept. 3, scoring five times and only having to defend their goal twice in the game. Spaulding, 09/03

Senior center forward, Reagan Anderson, had three goals in the game.

Anderson got assists

from Audrey Hughes, Ali Von Pichl, and Jackie Heimsath.

Anderson returned the favor to Von Pichl by serving up an assist to her lone goal of the game.

Ashlyn Proulx had the fifth LHS goal of the contest, and Audrey Hughes had her second assist.

Reagan Delude had a

fairly dull day in goal for the first half, the Lancers defense kept everyone away from her net.

Second half tender, Shannon Crowley, needed to make just two saves in the team's first win of the season.

Two days later, at home, against the Warriors, despite a strong first half with Delude

making seven saves, one shot from directly in front of the goal got through at the 21:00 minute mark of the second period and Winnacunnet got the win.

The Lancers will host Exeter (3-0) on Tuesday, Sept. 10 followed by a game at Merrimack High School (0-1-1) on Friday, Sept. 13.

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Letters

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All these changes require maintenance of our trails.

I wish to express my gratitude to all the unknown "Trail Angels" who have been taking care of our trails throughout the years without even being asked or taking credit. Thanks also to those who alert us to obstacles on the trails in need of attention. Together we are keeping our trails something to be proud of.

We have especially benefited from community support over the past year. New England Mountain Bike Association led by Fran Boucher, have not only cleared downed trees from trails, but have designed and created two new trails in the Musquash. Snake Eyes and Piper Rising are unique trails with added interest for mountain bikers. This crew has also built and

repaired bridges and boardwalks along trails. Most notably on the Landing Trail just before the Landing area.

A special shout out to Al Sypec and his team for removing a large tree that was blocking the Betty Mack trail. This involved a one-hour hike into the woods with a full-size chain saw in a pack on his back.

This past week we were fortunate again to benefit from our terrific community. "Team Depot", a volunteer group of about 20 employees from Home Depot captained by Dana Furlong, the store manager spent most of the day on Thursday building or repairing several bridges and board walks in the Musquash. Home Depot donated the materials needed. Fran Boucher and his team from NEMBA were also busy working on trail repairs.

I wish I knew the names of ALL the Trail Angels who have been

helping to keep our trails as fabulous as they are. Please know that you are greatly appreciated.

Marge Badois
Conservation Commission
Londonderry

Living in Bizarro U.S.

Letter to the Editor:
If you did not know it, we are still living in the Bizarro U.S. created by the Orange Un-American Felons past deeds. Why?

First, we can look at what Georgia has done (GOP). Basically, a bunch of last-minute election rules. Some are so bad, even if you think or believe something is wrong with the elections, you can stop certification (no Evidence or Proof required). It is estimated there are some 70 election deniers working in the Elections capacity, 22 of which have said they WILL NOT certify and election unless their candidate wins.

Second, the Governor of Texas (wheels as I call him) has been purging voter rolls. Over 6,000 because they have a Felony conviction on their record. Does he not have a problem with a convicted felon being on the ballot for President? No, he does not.

Third, Judge Canon throws out The Orange Criminal Documents case because it was brought by a special council, claiming it had no legal or constitutional basis to bring the charges. So, Hunter Biden takes his special counsel Tax charges to a federal judge, citing what Judge Canon had

done. He is told NO. There is No Legal or constitutional reasons to dismiss charges brought by special counsel. Can't make this stuff up!

Fourth, our corrupted Supreme Court. Personally, I for one am not happy knowing some of our SC Justices are on the "Take". Thomas is probably the worst of the lot, with his: I will decide in your favor for the right gift agenda.

Do I expect anyone reading this to care? No, I do not. Why would I after all. Many reading his probably still blame President Biden for gas prices. They completely ignore reality. Like: "The

top five US-based oil and gas companies by market cap, according to S&P Global: ExxonMobil, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, EOG Resources etc. have raked in more than \$250 billion in profits between 2021 and 2023. That's a 160% jump compared to the first three years of the pro-big-oil Trump administration".

Let's all hope come this November we can stop living in a Bizzaro America. Yes, even in New England's red-headed stepchild state New Hampshire.

Steve Homsey
Londonderry, NH

Football

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yards in the air.

Carson Palma lead with 100-yards on the ground, Ogden and Adrian Cruz got 97-yards. Jordan Ball rushed for 67-yards.

Ogden had the longest reception for LHS, a 34-yarder in the second quarter.

That was also the longest pass for LHS, coming from Villa.

Londonderry will travel back to the Bay State for its second game of the season, an

Out-of-Conference match-up with St. John's Prep, in Danvers.

Londonderry won't have its first home game until the final weekend of September during the Mack-Plaque contest with Pinkerton on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN

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

High Holy Day Services

Rosh Hashanah begins on Oct. 2, Etz Hayim Synagogue invites the public to their High Holy Day Services. To view the complete High Holy Day service schedule, please visit www.etzhayim.org/pray/holiday-services. To attend remotely, please contact the office at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004 to register and obtain the Zoom link.

Women's Club Welcome Back Social

Looking to connect with other women in town, come join the Londonderry Women's Club Welcome Back Social Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m., at Parmenter Barn-Morrison House Museum on Pillsbury Rd. Enjoy hot dogs, snacks and s'mores around a fire, meet new friends and learn about the club.

Puzzle & Board Game Exchange

Start saving your puzzles! The Leach Library Puzzle Exchange is coming

back in September. From Monday, Sept. 16 through Saturday, Sept. 21, drop off your jigsaw puzzle and board game donations at the main circulation desk during library operating hours. The library will accept gently-used jigsaw puzzles and board games for any age. In exchange, the library staff will provide a voucher indicating how many puzzles and games you contributed. On Monday, Sept. 23, return to the library with your voucher between noon and 7 p.m. to select your new puzzles and games! For further information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Story Time at Mack's Apples

Join Leach Library staff on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. for a special fall story time at Mack's Apples! This event is weather permitting. Check the library's online event calendar for updates or call the library at (603) 432-1127. Registration is not required.

Wiggle Worms

From now through Oct. 16, toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m., come to the Leach Library for a special Friday the 13th showing described as a corpse's coming of rage love story (2024, rated PG-13). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Sept. 6.

Tinker Time

Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. for Tinker Time. A variety of toys and

games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Registration is recommended and begins on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Duplo Budding Builders

On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks at the Leach Library. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Talk like a Pirate Day

Celebrate Talk like a Pirate Day at the Leach Library on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 3 - 5:30 p.m. by watching the 2003 Disney film that first introduced Captain Jack Sparrow (rated PG-13). Participants will be able to enjoy some Pirate Booty snacks during the movie. This program is intended for participants ages 13-18. Registration begins on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Building Buddies

On Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the Leach library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Coding Club and Maker Lab

Stop by the Leach Library meeting room after school on Tuesday,

Sept. 24 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 ages 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Cupcake Decorating

Children ages 5 and older are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, Sept. 16 at 4:30 p.m. to decorate a cupcake based on the Mo Willems Pigeon book series. Cupcakes, frosting, and candy will be provided and staff will be available to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins Monday, Sept. 9.

Adult Craft

Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. to make your very own book pumpkin. This workshop will be led by artist Rachele Toth and is open to adults and teens ages 13 and up. Registration is limited to 25 participants and begins on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Movement Story Time

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Sept. 30 at 4:30 p.m. for Movement Story Time. During this interactive story time, children will get up to stretch and move while participating in stories and songs. Registration is required and begins on

Monday, Sept. 23.

Baker Street Escapes Mini Escape Rooms

The Leach library will hold a mini escape room program once a month in Study Room A. Find inspiration from the original consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes, and unlock the mystery. Each month will feature different themes and puzzles to solve. Join for the first mystery on Friday, Sept. 27 from 3 - 4 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. This program is intended for participants ages 12-18. Registration begins on Friday, Sept. 20.

Pumpkin Painting

What's better than painting pumpkins? Painting pumpkins at the Leach library. Adults and teens ages 13 and up are invited to paint their own pumpkins at the Leach Library on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. We bring the pumpkins; you bring the creativity. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 26.

Cookbook Potluck

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 12:30 p.m. for a soup and bread themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either Easy Soups from Scratch with Breads to Match by Ivy Manning or Soup Swap by Kathy Gunst. The library cannot guarantee each

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Sept. 2

5:36 a.m. Disturbance on Woodmont Avenue taken/referred to another agency.
3:38 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Mammoth Road, at Shasta Drive.
4:10 p.m. Officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on State Tree Circle.
4:14 p.m. Services rendered during a Disturbance on Hall Road.
4:20 p.m. Officer assists in restoring peace on

Winterwood Drive.

Tuesday - Sept. 3

1:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at 7-eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by five officers. Shane Demers, 34, of Milford, charged with: Four counts of the Possession of a Controlled Drug - Schedule 1-4; and two counts of Receiving Stolen Prop (\$0-\$1,000).
12:52 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital

from Londonderry High School.

1:10 p.m. Services rendered for Shoplifting at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.
1:51 p.m. Car Break-Ins reported at FedEx on Industrial Drive.
6:42 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Sherwood Road.
7:48 p.m. Three officers investigate report of Trespassing on Nashua Road.
8:08 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on

Grove Street.

Wednesday - Sept. 4

8:55 a.m. Services rendered during Neighborhood Disputes on Bartley Hill Road.
10:32 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Grove Street.
10:42 a.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite reported on Elijah Hill Road.
4:21 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by four officers on Airport Road. Jacob Newell, 22, of Littleton, charged with Bench Warrants
4:46 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

7:32 p.m. Four officers keep the peace on Trail Haven Drive.

Thursday - Sept. 5

12:27 p.m. Assault investigated at TD Bank on Nashua Road.
6:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Route 93, at the Rail Trail - Route 93 Overpass.
6:34 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for a Pedestrian Check on Nashua Road, at Route 93.

Friday - Sept. 6

12:36 p.m. Welfare Check conducted at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.
1:29 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Watts Road.
5:17 p.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for the report of a Dog Bite on Hovey Road.
7:44 p.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Welfare Check on Fieldstone Drive.
8:38 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Hall Road. Brian Eklund, 64, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Threats Against a Person.

Saturday - Sept. 7

1:57 a.m. Three officers assist with arrest after a Motor Vehicle Stop Made on Rockingham Road. Julian Acciard, 36, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

tration.
2:49 a.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Isabella Drive.
10:03 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
1:29 p.m. Three officers render services during a Sudden Death on Oakridge Drive.
4:12 p.m. Motor vehicle stop made on Route 93 Southbound, near state DOT Shed, leads to an arrest. Jon Esteves, 31, of Springfield, MA, charged with: Operating a vehicle without a Valid License - License Required; and "Hands Free" Violation.
6:58 p.m. Shooting Complaint on Hardy Road investigated by four officers.
9:12 p.m. Disturbance investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Sunday - Sept. 8

7:13 a.m. A Domestic Disturbance on Lori Lane leads to an arrest made by three officers. Bruce Pfau, 40, of Londonderry, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact; and Criminal Misconduct).
7:36 a.m. Trespassing on Trail Haven Drive investigated.
1:26 p.m. Animal Control investigates the report of a Dog Bite on Elijah Hill Road.

Around Town

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 dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration opens on Monday, September 16 and is limited to 15 participants. Copies of the books will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Sept. 24, Oct. 2 and 29, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, and Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified appli-

cants 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.

Cemetery Walk

The Londonderry Historical Society is sponsoring a Cemetery Walk at the Pleasant View Cemetery on Mammoth Road on Sept. 14, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Rain date is Sept. 21. Join in to meet fascinating people from Londonderry's past

Retiree Day Luncheon

The NH Army National Guard (NHARNG) will hold its 15th Annual Retiree Day Luncheon on for Thursday, Sept. 19. Retirees who have not attended prior luncheons or have relocated are urged to contact Command Sergeant Major (Ret) David Follansbee via e-mail: dave_follansbee@comcast.net or (603) 623-7757. Please RSVP no later than Sept. 13. This year's luncheon will be at the

Joint Force Headquarters building on the State Military Reservation in Concord and will feature a briefing on the current status of the NHARNG as well as exhibits and displays of interest to retirees. A group photo is also planned. The luncheon fee is \$5 at the door.

Veterans Picnic

Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 will host its 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic for All NH veterans and their families at the Hudson VFW, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event is open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military. Veterans don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion, or any other veterans' organization to attend. This is just a recognition of service and an opportunity to meet fellow Veterans. Vets are encouraged to bring their spouses, kids, and

grandkids. There is a large fenced-in picnic area (weather permitting) and a large hall if the weather is bad. There will be horse shoes, bocce, and corn hole games, plus games and activities for the kids. New this year, at noon there will be a Cornhole Tournament with a prize for the winner. Veterans are automatically entered in a drawing for free door prizes! Various Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) will be on hand to distribute information and speak with Veterans about the services they offer.

Middle School Tennis Club

All middle schoolers/ all levels welcome to this Tennis Club. Now through Oct. 3, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:45 - 4:15 p.m., at the town courts. This is a school sponsored activity. Contact Roberta Davis, londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com, with questions or to register your child.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

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

An update to Title II - Traffic Safety Code regarding Chapter IX - Speed Limits/Trucking regulations

Copies of this item are on file in the Town Manager office.

The public hearing will take place on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Londonderry Town Council



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

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

The Public Hearing will be on an application for a rezoning request to rezone 42 Ash St (Map 10, Lot 45) from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) and Woodmont Commons PUD to IND-1 (Industrial I). Pillsbury Realty Development LLC (Owner) TC Boston Development, Inc. (Applicant)

The public hearing will occur on Monday, Sept. 23, at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Londonderry Town Council



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public Hearing

CASE NO. 09.18.24-1 Request for variance from LZO section 4.2.1.3.C.1 to allow an encroachment of 3 feet and 6 inches into the 40-foot front setback for a front porch. The parcel is located at 56 Manter Mill Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 18, Lot 013-21, Daniel T. Trainor and Jaclyn Michelle Trainor (Owner & Applicant).

CASE NO. 09.18.24-2 Request for variance from LZO section 5.14.B to allow a 6 - foot fence within the 40-foot setback. Parcel is located at 286 High Range Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 11, Lot 81, Dan & Alexa O'Neill (Owner & Applicant).



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