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The local bee population have been kept busy recently as a large crop of sunflowers have sprung up along Pillsbury Road near Moose Hill School.

Photo by Chris Paul

Town Manger Calls for Longer, More Transparent Budget Process

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During his report at the most recent Town Council meeting, Town Manager Shaun Mulholland recommended changes to the town's budget process, saying the current

timeline does not allow enough time for councilors or the public to adequately review and understand the budget.

"I've talked to several councilors about the budget timeline and process," Mulholland said. "We need to make, in my

view, some incremental changes now," noting that the current budget is already in development.

Mulholland suggested that the process should eventually be significantly extended. "I

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District Office Location Gets Discussed at CIP Meeting

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee meeting, one of the projects under review was a potential new school district office building.

"Londonderry currently leases office space at 6A Kitty Hawk Landing," the justification narrative stated. "The lease ends in June 2028. Without a new space, the District will have to either extend the current lease or find new space elsewhere."

Business Administrator Amity Small explained that the District Of-

ice has been a topic of debate for many years.

"That has been a point of contention for the community," she said during the meeting.

Previously, a Task Force considered locating the office within and adjacent to Town Hall.

"The School Board has asked that the Town consider the concept of constructing a School District administrative office building attached to the Town Hall building," Town Manager Shaun Mulholland wrote in a memo to the Town Council. He noted that in the past there "was an office building attached to Town Hall which

housed the School District offices."

"This structure was demolished several years ago due to its poor condition," Mulholland said. "Presently, the School District rents office space elsewhere in town. This proposal would direct the Town Manager to create a working group in cooperation with the School District to develop the concept, determine feasibility, and present findings to the Town Council and the School Board. Additionally, if the project is deemed feasible, actionable items would be proposed to move the pro-

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Town Launches Second Master Plan Survey, Seeks Public Input

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee met on Aug. 21 to discuss launching its second survey, asking residents to provide feedback on Natural Resources, Economic Development, and Transportation. By late August, the survey was already underway, with 272 participants, according to Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director of the Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC).

"To ensure that those who responded to the first survey received notice of this one, re-

spondents who provided email addresses were sent an individual email informing them about it," said von Aulock, who added that participation numbers were climbing. "I think it's so important that we get this information out to the residents of Londonderry so they get a chance to respond to these surveys."

There was some initial uncertainty over how easy it was to find the link to the second survey on the town website. It is currently available under the "latest news" section. The SNHPC also printed postcards and flyers

with information about the survey, including a QR code, for distribution. The survey is also posted on the Master Plan Steering Committee webpage.

Some controversy arose over an apparent lack of preparation for outreach at community events such as Old

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Town Council Approves Amendment of 91A Fee Schedule

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council unanimously approved changes to the 91A fee schedule during its most recent meeting.

“This agenda item is to review and recodify the fee structure created in Fiscal Year 2025 for providing governmental records found responsive to 91-A Right-to-Know requests,” Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen wrote in a memo to the Town Council.

Hildonen explained that when the fee schedule was established last year, it was noted that it would come back before the Council again this year for fiscal year 2026.

She emphasized that none of the costs for records requests have changed.

“It is important to note that there is no charge for viewing and photographing any physical or electronic governmental records on premises at Town Hall. Fees are only incurred by the requestor when

they ask for copies of records to be provided to them by the Town for removal from Town premises,” Hildonen wrote.

The one adjustment to the schedule clarifies the threshold for sending records by email.

“We set very clear limits as to what we can email and what we can’t,” she explained, noting that fewer than 10 documents or a file size of less than 25 megabytes may be sent electronically.

Hildonen also reminded residents that

documents may always be viewed free of charge at Town Hall, where a designated laptop is available for that purpose.

“As always, people are welcome to view documents without any charge for viewing them on the computer here at Town Hall,” she said. “If cost is an issue, we can certainly help people out that way.”

A question was raised about whether the Town would continue to post 91A requests online, a practice started

several years ago.

“We are not currently prioritizing putting those documents online simply because of staff demands and time,” Hildonen said.

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland added that certain requests may contain sensitive information, making it inappropriate to post them publicly until the Town’s policy is clarified.

Councilor Deb Paul asked whether all requests should be considered 91A requests.

“It always was a re-

quest for information, is a request for information,” Mulholland replied, explaining that residents do not need to formally cite RSA 91-A when making an inquiry.

He noted that most requests are straightforward and can be fulfilled without requiring forms. For more complex inquiries, however, the Town asks that requestors submit detailed written requests to ensure accuracy and clarity.

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

Councilors Discuss Status of About 20 Vacant Positions

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Town Council reviewed updates on vacant town positions as of July 31.

Finance Director Justin Campo explained that the agenda item was requested by Councilor Dan Bouchard.

“This memo is intended to provide an update on the status of vacant/open positions as of July 31, 2025, per Councilor Bouchard’s agenda request submission,” Campo wrote in a memo to the Council.

Campo reported that, at the time of the memo, the town had 13 full-time

openings - including positions currently filled by contracted services - and six part-time positions.

“As of July 31, 2025, the Town has 13 full-time positions (including those being filled by a contract) and six part-time positions open,” he wrote.

Councilor Bouchard noted that the town has historically operated with vacant positions to help balance the budget instead of immediately filling them.

“Some departments still request additional positions, which I don’t agree with,” Bouchard said. He emphasized that

new positions should only be added when filling actual vacancies.

Campo said the town has revised its budgeting approach to better allocate line items and “right-size” the budget. He noted that, for example, up until three years ago, the Police Department received only about \$4,000 per year for vehicle maintenance, which was insufficient. Since then, the budget line has been increased.

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland added that the Police Department faces challenges in a tight labor market, making recruitment difficult.

However, he noted that Londonderry is performing better than some municipalities where police departments are experiencing a 45 percent staffing shortage.

Mulholland also highlighted that it takes sig-

nificant time for new employees to complete training and work independently.

He reported that the town recently filled the Deputy Director of Public Works position after three years and plans to

fill a third assessing department position currently managed through a contract.

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CIP Meeting

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ject forward for funding consideration.”

Small explained that the current District Office is located in the northern part of Londonderry, while the preference is to have it in the town center, one of the reasons for exploring the project.

“In an unprecedented partnership with the town, we have formed a working group to explore the prospect of

building this facility,” Small said.

She added that funding options include using part of the Fund Balance and noted that building a new office would eliminate leasing costs.

“We are looking to do this in the most cost-effective way for the community when we bring it forward together,” Small said.

Small said the working group has held two meetings so far and is currently in the estima-

tion stage.

“It’s pretty exciting to have people at the table working to get this done for the community,” Small said.

Town Council representative Deb Paul suggested giving the project the maximum score for “Addresses an emergency, public safety, or school safety need,” noting that the lease ends soon and new space will be required - a sentiment the rest of the committee agreed with.



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Londonderry Advances Government Transparency with New Initiatives

SHAUN MULHOLLAND
SUBMISSION, TOWN MANAGER

The Town of Londonderry is taking significant steps to enhance transparency and accessibility in local government, building on a commitment to keep residents better informed and engaged in civic life.

Detailed Agendas and Early Access

One of the most notable improvements can be seen in the structure and timing of Town Council agendas. Each agenda now provides detailed background information for every item under consideration. This allows residents to understand not only what will be discussed but also the context, purpose, and potential impact of each proposal before the Council.

In addition, the Town has advanced its scheduling transparency by posting agendas seven

days prior to each meeting. This early access provides residents, business owners, and community organizations ample time to review issues, prepare questions, and participate meaningfully in public sessions. At the bottom of each agenda, the Town has also begun listing items scheduled for the following two upcoming meetings, giving the community a longer view of municipal priorities and decisions in progress.

Reducing Closed-Door Meetings

Transparency also extends to the way sensitive matters are handled. Londonderry has reduced the number of meetings with legal counsel and the frequency of non-public sessions. While some matters - such as contractual negotiations or legal advice - must be handled confidentially, Town leaders have worked to

ensure these sessions are limited and only used when absolutely necessary. By keeping more deliberations in the public eye, Londonderry strengthens accountability and public confidence in decision-making.

Digitizing Records for Greater Access

Looking ahead, Londonderry is preparing to digitize its records and operating systems, a move designed to modernize government operations and make documents more accessible to the public. Once in place, residents will be able to more easily search, view, and request records online, eliminating delays and reducing

the need to visit Town offices in person.

The digitization effort will extend across a wide range of documents, from meeting minutes and ordinances to permits and historical records. Not only will this improve convenience, but it will also preserve valuable records for future generations by ensuring they are stored securely and can be retrieved quickly.

A Commitment to Open Government

Town officials stress that these initiatives are part of a broader effort to strengthen trust and collaboration between government and the community. By making agendas more detailed

and accessible, reducing closed sessions, and investing in modern digital tools, Londonderry is working to create a government that is more open, responsive, and connected to its residents.

Transparency is not just about providing information - it's about building trust. We want residents to feel confident that their government is working in the open, making decisions with accountability, and giving everyone the opportunity to participate.

Moving Forward

As these initiatives progress, Londonderry residents can expect to see continued improve-

ments in how information is shared and how the community can interact with local government. The commitment to transparency underscores the Town's vision of fostering a strong partnership with residents - one where information flows freely, decisions are explained, and public trust remains at the heart of governance. The Transparency Initiative is one of several measures we are taking to enhance the trust in municipal government.

With these changes, Londonderry positions itself as a model for open government, setting a standard of accountability and accessibility that reflects the values of its community.

Master Plan Survey

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Home Day.

"The content of this survey is often different from the last one, so there might not be as much excitement. We have to work a little bit harder to get it out there," said Committee Chair Jeff Penta. "I really want to make sure we have all of our ducks in a row as we tackle these next tiers."

Everyone at the meeting agreed that public outreach for the second survey was crucial, including resident Ray Breslin, who spoke during public comment.

"I think it's vitally important that the general public be included in some of this decision making," said Breslin. "Some of these decisions are so vital, and

we understand the purpose of the Master Plan. It's advisory to other boards and so forth. Some people think it doesn't have any power, but I think it's a vision for the town. We need to concentrate on what the vital issues are that need to be spelled out and brought forward."

Another resident, Kristine Perez, emphasized the importance of providing alternative outreach methods to reach seniors.

"We have the largest per capita population of seniors in the state. They do not go on the Londonderry website. I had people complaining

to me that they knew nothing about Old Home Day until the week of it," she said. "You need to put it where seniors can see it."

Von Aulock stressed the importance of collecting feedback on Natural Resources, Economic Development, and Transportation, noting that these survey topics were very different from the first survey.

"I have very little to go on with this one, and they're very different chapters compared to

the last survey," she said.

She suggested involving the business community and relevant boards, such as the Conservation Commission, in drafting the next chapters of the Master Plan.

The survey is expected to remain open until at least September 17.

The next meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

Wedding Announcement

Caroline Aaron & Finn Westergren



Caroline Aaron, of Londonderry, NH, daughter of Mona & Ed Aaron, is engaged to marry Finn Westergren, of Granby, CT, son of Els Fonteyne & Dean Blair, and of Eric Westergren. Both February 2026 and October 2026 wedding events are planned.

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Editorial

September & the Urgency of Suicide Prevention

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and it arrives at a critical time. As daylight wanes and the holidays approach, many people begin to feel the weight of depression and anxiety more acutely. For too many young people, these struggles end in tragedy. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among teenagers and young adults - surpassed only by accidents. Behind every statistic is a grieving family and a community left asking what more could have been done.

This is not just a sad reality. It's a public health crisis.

Rates of depression among teens have surged in recent years. The causes are complex - social pressures, isolation, trauma - but the outcome is heartbreakingly clear: we are losing young lives far too soon.

This year, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) launched its "Take the Moment" campaign, urging us to slow down, notice those around us, and break the silence that often surrounds mental health. The message is simple and profound: conversations save lives. When we speak openly about suicide and depression - without shame or judgment - we create space for people in crisis to ask for help.

Knowing the warning signs is another crucial step. The National Institute of Mental Health outlines simple but powerful actions anyone can take:

- Ask directly if someone is thinking about suicide.
- Keep them safe by limiting

access to dangerous means.

- Be there - listen without judgment and offer reassurance.
- Connect them with professional help, whether through hotlines, doctors, or counselors.
- Stay in touch, because support must continue beyond the immediate crisis.

Yet stigma still holds us back. Many fear that talking about suicide might "plant the idea" in someone's mind. That is a myth - and a dangerous one. Silence doesn't protect; it isolates. Honest, compassionate conversations can be the first step toward healing.

As a community, we must do more:

- Schools should implement universal depression screening, with parental involvement, to identify struggling students early.
- Parents and educators must learn to recognize signs of distress and respond with empathy and urgency.
- Local leaders and elected officials must invest in accessible mental health care. Long waitlists and unaffordable treatment are barriers that put lives at risk.

Help is available now. Anyone in distress can call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NAMI also offers support at 1-800-950-NAMI (6264), by texting "HelpLine" to 62640, or emailing helpline@nami.org.

We cannot afford to wait for more studies or better statistics. Every conversation, every resource, every step toward reducing stigma can save lives.

This September, let's take the moment- and take action.

Letters

Londonderry Student Enrollment In Steep Decline

To the editor,

The student enrollment in New Hampshire continues in a decline. Since 2006 it has steadily declined from 205,767 to 162,660 in 2025, a 21% decrease. New Hampshire is in the top five states for lowest birth rates in the country; and the fastest growing age group in New Hampshire is 55 and older. It is second in the country for aging population.

Londonderry, my hometown for 47 years, has reflected the decline in student enrollment. It went from about 5,600 students in 2006 to 3,924 in 2025, a 30% decline. During this period Londonderry High School went from 1,796 to 1,263, a decrease of 30%; Middle School went from 1,376 to 918, a decrease of 33%; elementary schools went from 1,960 to 1,400, a decrease over 28%; and Kindergarten went from 344 to 209, a decrease of 38%.

Superintendent of Schools Dan Black stated in July 2025 "It does seem like we have rapidly declining enrollment that is speeding up". This long-term trend will probably continue due to the aging New Hampshire population, low birth rates, and the proliferation of 55 and older communities. Additionally, in Londonderry, the high cost of houses and the tax rate make it difficult for young people to own houses, and these are the people raising children.

Therefore, Londonderry should not be looking at school capital

expenditure projects like adding classroom space or an auditorium. In the future we might have to consider consolidating enrollment among the schools and transitioning properties.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Happy With Results

To the editor,

I was pleased to learn that the baseless ethics charges filed by John Farrell against Deb Paul have been dismissed in their entirety. These allegations were without merit and represent a deeply troubling attempt at character assassination.

It is unacceptable that taxpayer resources were diverted to investigate such unfounded claims, particularly at a time when property taxes continue to rise and many seniors on fixed incomes struggle to remain in their homes. The community deserves accountability and fiscal responsibility - not the needless expenditure of public funds on politically motivated accusations.

For years, Deb Paul has demonstrated her commitment to public service and has been a strong advocate for free speech, transparency, and accountability. Few can match her record of dedication to the residents of Londonderry. That she has chosen once again to seek a seat on the Town Council, despite the unwarranted personal attacks she has endured, speaks volumes about her resilience and her commitment to serving the community.

I, along with many other residents, will continue to support Deb Paul as she works tirelessly to prioritize the needs and interests of Londonderry's citizens above the political maneuvering that too often clouds local government.

Lee Jeffers
Londonderry

Master Plan Survey

To the editor,

The Town of Londonderry is updating its Master Plan, and your input is essential. The Master Plan is our community's roadmap - it guides how we grow, protect our natural resources, improve transportation, and support economic opportunity. By updating it, we ensure decisions about development, infrastructure, and preservation reflect the values and priorities of residents today and for the next decade.

We are now focusing on important areas that affect our community's future, including Natural Resources, Transportation, and Economic Development. To capture resident perspectives, the Master Plan Steering Committee has launched a community survey. The feedback we receive will directly shape how Londonderry plans for growth, preserves its assets, and invests in the opportunities that matter most.

Your participation ensures this vision reflects the needs of the entire community. The survey is open now and can be completed at: www.londonderrynh.gov

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Letters

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We encourage every resident to take a few minutes to complete it and help guide Londonderry's future.

Sincerely,
Jeff Penta

Chair, Master Plan Steering Committee

Russian Propaganda

To the editor,

I read last week's letter titled Russia, Russia, Hoax, Hoax with amazement. Amazed at how someone could be that ill-informed to post such inaccurate propaganda. Let's get the facts straight, once and for all. The investigation into Trump Russia ties began in 2015 by the Washington Free Beacon. This was a Republican, so called Conservative site (when there was a republican party) they understood what an existential threat the Orange Lying, Con Artist, Fraud represented to our Democratic Republic. At that time, he was one of 17 running. As it became clear he would be the front runner, the Washington Free Beacon ended the investigation services of Fusion GPS. The Clinton Campaign then agreed to Fund the continued services of Fusion GPS regarding the investigation.

President Obama was informed by the CIA of what Russia was doing to interfere in our Election Process (Later to be learned; this was the

worst infiltration into our Elections in our Country's History!) President Obama then had a meeting with both parties Leaders and shared these findings. Mitch McConnell either completely ignored this warning or just did not care.

Muller report. I do not understand how someone could claim the report exonerated trump. First, the report is largely redacted (anything that mentions trumps name). You may recall Bill Barr taking 30 days to release the report once received. Perhaps you recall the shortage of Black ink? Similar to what is happening with the Epstein Files, FBI ordered to review thousands of pages and remove any that has his name on it. Barr ultimately told Congress the Justice Department wouldn't bring charges against Trump "the evidence developed during the Special Counsel's investigation is "not sufficient" to establish that the President committed an obstruction-of-justice offense." Like that was a surprise.

Perhaps you remember most of trumps campaign staff meeting with the Russians? Or how they all lied to the FDI about it? Do you remember how some went to Prison for it? I guess not.

If you were possibly infected by last week's letter. I strongly encourage you to read the Muller Report and then the Bipartisan Congressional report on Russian

interference in our Elections. Real eye openers! Overwhelming Victory? Get real! Try closest in American History, 49.8 % to 48.3%. If this does not prove you are Brainwashed, I do not know what would.

Are we better off? I think anyone who has purchased anything in the last 6 months can answer that question easily. Or perhaps they know: the value of the U.S. dollar against other currencies dropped about 11% in the first half of 2025, the biggest decline in more than 50 years.

Steve Homsey
Londonderry (CBR)

What a Shame

To the editor,

What are our Legislatures and Government thinking?

It would appear that they are walking in the Project 2025's shoes. Broderick is out, Sharon Carson calls him an elitist Democrat and a moralistic (where are the morals of our Leg and Gov?) egomaniac, the business tax and the interest tax has been reduced, and one knows why there isn't enough money to pay the YDC Victims.

And no comment from the Gov. on the Clairmont school situation, which the state by ignoring the court judgments that NH is not funding our Public Schools adequately has brought this on. So, is this the beginning of the end of Public Education in NH. The freestaters

will love this.

For more in depth reporting check out InDepthNH.org Aug. 28, 2025

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Response to Letter

To the editor,

A recent letter claimed that the Russia investigation was a "hoax" orchestrated by Hillary Clinton and the CIA. That account leaves out critical facts.

First, multiple independent investigations - notably the bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee (Republican-led) and Special Counsel Robert Mueller - confirmed that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to help Donald Trump. The Senate's final report called Russia's effort "aggressive" and described Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort's ties to a Russian intelligence officer as a "grave counter-intelligence threat."

Second, while the Steele dossier received outsized media attention and was partly funded through opposition research, it was not the basis of the FBI's investigation. The probe began after Trump aide George Papadopoulos learned from a Russian intermediary about stolen Democratic emails. The DOJ's Inspector General later reviewed the investigation and found no political bias in its launch.

Third, Mueller documented over 140 con-

tacts between Trump associates and Russian nationals. He did not charge a criminal conspiracy - a high legal bar - but he explicitly stated that the campaign expected to benefit from Russia's interference. Several Trump campaign officials, including Manafort, Michael Flynn, and Roger Stone, were convicted of crimes uncovered during the investigation.

Finally, comparing Clinton's email case to Trump's Russia contacts is misleading. Clinton was investigated by the FBI and criticized as "extremely careless," but no evidence supported charges under

existing law. By contrast, Trump's campaign had repeated, documented interactions with Russians, which is why the investigation was necessary.

The Russia probe was far from a hoax. The record shows Russian interference was real, and the question was always how much the Trump campaign welcomed or benefited from it. We may never know for certain.

Bob Pitre's letter deserves a fact check, and the public deserves an accurate account.

Sincerely,
Paul Swindlehurst
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Richard C. Hannon



Richard C. Hannon, 81, of Londonderry, NH, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2025, in VA Medical Center, Manchester, NH. He was born on Jan. 21, 1944 in Haverhill, MA, a son of Thomas and Helen (Bryson) Hannon.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Patience (Ward) Hannon; daughter, Tracey Hannon; his daughter-in-law, Erin Milliken; and three grandchildren who brought him so much joy, Brady Owen and Aiden Hannon. He is also remembered with love by many extended family and friends. He is reunited in heaven with his beloved son, Shaun Hannon.

He had a true love for the outdoors and could often be found birdwatching or simply soaking in the beauty of nature. With camcorder in hand, Dick captured countless family memories, from his grandchildren to his nieces and nephews, always wanting to hold onto the moments that mattered most. His humor was unmatched, filling our lives with laughter, jokes and joy. He was not only a husband, father and grandfather, but a wonderful friend to many, and his absence leaves a hole that cannot be filled.

His final resting place will be at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH at where a private burial will be held at a later date.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Non-binding review and discussion in accordance with RSA 674:54 for review of a water booster pump station on Town owned land on a portion of the former Auburn Road Landfill property. In the area of 58 Old Derry Road, Map 16, Lot 23, Zoned AR-1, Town of Londonderry (Owner) & Town of Derry & Underwood Engineers, Inc. (Applicant)

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan for a +/- 60,000 square foot warehouse, associated site improvements and a conditional use permit (CUP) for 6,100 square feet of wetland buffer impacts in the Industrial-II (IND-II) District. 17 Delta Drive, Tax Map 14, Lot 21-12, 17 & 22 Delta Drive Owner, LLC (Owner/Applicant).

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Town Eyes Digital Permitting System to Improve Efficiency & Transparency

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee reviewed a proposal to implement OpenGov Permitting & Licensing Software, a system designed to modernize the town's permitting and code enforcement processes and make them more efficient for both staff and residents.

"This project involves the implementation of OpenGov Permitting & Licensing Software to streamline and modernize the Town's

development and code enforcement review processes," the project justification narrative stated. "The software will provide an online portal for permit applications, plan submissions, fee payments, and interdepartmental reviews. It will replace or supplement existing workflows that rely heavily on manual processes and emails, increasing efficiency, transparency, and user satisfaction for both staff and the public."

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland explained that the software will allow

applicants to submit applications electronically and allow staff to review and process them digitally. Payments can also be made through the system.

A major advantage, Mulholland said, is its ability to integrate with the town's upcoming asset management program and finance system.

"It is critical that these systems can 'talk' to each other," Mulholland said. He noted that similar programs are successfully used in other communities, such

as Lebanon, where he previously worked.

Mulholland highlighted several benefits for residents. Currently, paper applications provide little visibility into the review process, and there is no easy way to track where an application is or how long it has been pending. With the new software, applicants can see the status of their application, the number of days elapsed, and whether it is awaiting review by a staff member.

"Ultimately, this will be a game changer," Mul-

holland said. "It will significantly improve how we work with the system and how residents interact with the Town."

The upfront cost for the software is estimated between \$50,000 and \$80,000, with an implementation timeline of about a year. Funding will come from user fees, not taxpayer dollars.

"Those who use the system will be the ones who pay for it," Mulholland said. He also noted that permitting fees will likely be adjusted, as current fees do not cover the town's costs

and have not been updated for many years.

Another benefit, Mulholland said, will be reducing staff time spent tracking down applications, which he called "a lot of wasted effort."

Town Councilor Deb Paul said she views the proposal as an effective way to streamline operations.

"I do see it saving a lot of money," she said.

Committee member Lynn Wiles agreed, saying he supports the project even beyond what the scoring criteria indicate.

Town Council Approves \$700K Road Repair Withdrawal

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council unanimously approved a proposal to withdraw \$700,000 from the Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund to complete maintenance and improvements on roughly 20 town roads.

A memo to the Council explained the request: "Funds from the Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund [will be used] for completion of various roadway projects." Director of Engi-

neering & Environmental Services John Trottier said the total cost for the projects is estimated at \$1.2 million, with the remaining \$500,000 coming from the roadway maintenance line item in the town budget.

The roads included in the FY25 construction season - subject to change - are:

- Spring Road
- Bittersweet Lane
- Hovey Road (portion)
- Thornton Drive
- Hampshire Lane

- Currier Drive
- Ashley Drive
- Wilshire Drive
- Melody Lane
- Woodhenge Circle
- Woods Ave.
- Sheridan Drive
- Shelley Drive
- White Plains Ave. (portion)
- Boyd Road (portion)
- Ridgemont Drive
- Leelyn Circle
- Raintree Drive
- Imperial Drive
- Jewel Ct

Councilor Dan Bouchard noted the importance of implementing an asset management program to help track maintenance and plan future projects.

"I hope that we get that management program in place so it will be helpful for budgeting, planning, and keeping a record of road maintenance and what has been done," Bouchard said. He added that the program would also help track traffic levels on town roads.

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland said the program will improve cost forecasting by providing data the town does not currently have.

"That process is already underway," Mulholland said.

Also at the meeting, the Council approved distributing \$8,000 from

the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. A memo explained, "The Town receives \$32,500 of funding for the Cable Capital Reserve from the franchise agreement with Comcast for the purpose of supporting PEG ac-

cess. Per an agreement entered by the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry School District, \$8,000 of this funding is to be directed to the School District for use in providing educational programming."

OBITUARY

Clifford E. Bice



Clifford E. Bice, 74, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Monday Aug. 25, 2025, in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Nov. 19, 1950, in Buffalo, NY, a son of the late Lincoln and Carolyn Graham. Clifford has been a resident of Londonderry for the past 37 years. He worked in manufacturing for many years at Hadco in Derry.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Annette (Kelley) Bice, four sons: Ricky Weaver, Julian Bice, Brenden Bice, Tyler Bice, and daughter, Dawn Cardoza; six grandchildren, Giselle, Kia, Meadow, Carmel, De'Vay and Meachie; two great grandchildren, Madison and Mason; his sister, Patricia Kasper of Fayetteville, NC; as well as many nieces, nephews, and a large extended family. He was predeceased by his brother William Bice.

Clifford's family was everything to him. A fierce love for his boys was evident to everyone he spoke with and he took great pride in raising them with his wife. He was a mentor not only for his children, but for so many of their friends he welcomed into their home.

After his wife and kids, sports were his greatest love. He was an avid fan of the Red Sox, Celtics, and Patriots, cheering them on through the good times and the bad; to watch a game with Clifford was to know him. He had a profound impact on those around him; his gentle humor, playful nature, and thoughts of wisdom will forever be cherished.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held on Saturday, Aug. 30, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services were held on Saturday Aug. 30 in the Congregational Church of North Chelmsford, 15 Princeton St., Chelmsford, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Center, 40 Buttrick Rd., Suite B, Londonderry, NH 03053.

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Senior Resource Group Prepares Senior Expo, Safety Programs

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Senior Resources Committee met for its monthly meeting on Aug. 5 and discussed the groups participation in Old Home Day.

According to Committee Chair Sherry Farrell, the committee was

to set up a booth at the town commons on Aug. 16.

After discussing its part in the annual town celebration, committee members had a few ideas for how they would push for better public awareness of the Senior Resources Committee and its activities,

most notably, including fliers for the Senior Expo next October.

"I'm going to print those out, I'll have those ready," promised Library Director Erin Matlin. "I'll bring them to your table because I'll be down there as well."

Old Home Day was the Committee's last

major event before their Expo.

"From Old Home Day, we'll fall right into the Expo," said Farrell. "Really, that's the purpose of why we're having the booth, to really promote the Expo."

While that was the primary purpose of their booth, members empha-

sized it was not the only purpose.

"Does everyone know what the Fall for Life is? It's pretty impressive. For anyone, really, you can write down your doctors' and contact information that goes on your refrigerator," explained Farrell, who planned to have more

information at the booth. "When firefighters or EMTs go into your home, it's right there on your refrigerator."

According to Fire Department Liaison Phillip LeBlanc, first responders were also working on a QR code in addition to the magnet.

Budget Process

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want to extend that process next year to allow for a lot more time. I don't think it's good practice for the Council

on Nov. 1 or the Budget Committee to be handed a book with hundreds of pages and no way to digest it in time," he said.

For this year, Mulholland said the goal is to make smaller improvements. "The best I can do this year is to get you the budget seven days in advance, but that's still not enough time to read all the material, ask intelligent questions, and allow the public to

review it as well," he added.

Mulholland emphasized transparency, saying all versions of the budget should be publicly available so residents can review them and contact their elected officials with questions or concerns. "I

want to look at totally revamping that process and making it longer so that when you finish one budget, you're already starting the next one, with the Budget Committee taking a more active role from the beginning," Mulholland said.

He added that the current process, where councilors receive the full budget just before presentations begin, is not productive. "It's not fair to any elected officials to be handed a budget book this thick and then expected to follow along during presen-

tations," he explained.

Mulholland said he plans to work closely with both the Town Council and the Budget Committee to create a more effective process. He also recommended reviewing the town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which he believes requires significant reforms. Currently, there is no mechanism for the public to propose projects, which Mulholland says should be reconsidered.

Any changes to the budget or CIP processes

OBITUARY

John Bicknell Jr.



John Bicknell Jr. went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sept. 1, 2025, surrounded by those he loved most. He was predeceased by his parents, John Bicknell Sr. and Annie "Shepherd" Bicknell.

For 48 wonderful years, John shared his life with his beloved wife, Donna. Their marriage was a true partnership, filled with love, faith, and devotion. Together, they raised two sons, Michael J. Bicknell and Joshua A. Bicknell, whom John adored and was endlessly proud of. Being their father was one of his greatest joys, and he delighted in celebrating their accomplishments, guiding them through life, and simply spending time together.

John also treasured his lifelong friendships with James Callahan and Fred Perry. More than friends, they were like brothers, sharing in countless memories, adventures, and laughs over the years.

A man of many passions, John found joy in the simple and the extraordinary. He was happiest on the golf course, casting a line on deep sea fishing trips, camping beneath the stars, or walking through the Fryeburg Fair. A devoted fan of the Boston Bruins and the New England Patriots, he rarely missed a game. He also enjoyed the peace of gardening, the comfort of a good cigar, and the thrill of training and owning harness horses, a pursuit that brought him great pride and excitement.

In addition to these hobbies, John loved giving back to his community through coaching. In the 1990s, he coached his sons and many other children, proudly working with LAFA. His encouragement, leadership, and love of the game left a lasting impact on countless young athletes who were fortunate to be guided by him.

Those who knew John will remember his humor, his integrity, his loyalty, and above all, his steadfast faith. He lived each day with purpose and love, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and devotion to both family and friends.

Though his absence is felt deeply, John's life and legacy live on in the hearts of Donna, Michael, Joshua, his dear friends, and all who were blessed to know him.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, Sept. 8, 2025 from 4 - 7 pm in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road Londonderry. A private family burial will be held in the Fox Hill Cemetery, Billerica, MA. A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date, where loved ones will gather to share stories, honor his memory, and take comfort in knowing that John now rests in eternal peace with his Lord and Savior.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org

OBITUARY

Lawrence V. Petroni, Jr.



Lawrence V. Petroni, Jr., 72, of Londonderry, NH, died Sunday Aug. 24, 2025 in Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Oct. 29, 1952 in Boston, MA, a son of the late Lawrence and Dorothy (Smith) Petroni, Sr. Lawrence served our Country proudly as a US Navy veteran. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 5 years, formerly living in Derry. Lawrence had been employed as a luggage manager for American Airlines.

He is survived by his wife Julie (Huckins) Petroni of Londonderry; his son, Jarred Petroni of Haverhill, MA; his daughter, Brittany Petroni of Manchester, NH; three grandchildren; two sisters, Karen O'Leary of Middleboro, MA, and Barbara Muzzarelli of El Centro, CA; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Fisher House Foundation, Inc., PO Box 791598, Baltimore, MD 21279. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Londonderry Eagle Scout Breathes New Life into Nutfield Trail

MEREDITH KENDRICK
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry high school senior Jakob Dahlgren is helping to revive Nutfield Trail for students and visitors alike with his Eagle Scout project; building and installing 11 new benches for students and patrons to rest and learn on. “When I was on the trail, there were 3 bridges that were previously built by Eagle Scouts, so I wanted to follow in their footsteps,” he said. “The trail goes all the way around the [North] school and is really easily able to be used during the school day, but students were sitting on the ground. I wanted to change that.”

The idea grew from his time at North School as a fifth grader. “For me, it was really that I had Mrs. Haarlander as a 5th grader. She took us outside to learn. She cares for that trail.” Jakob explained. “Before COVID happened I participated

in the trail club. We’d walk in the vernal pool and take care of the trail...examining specimens in the pond and things like that. It made me more interested in being in nature and being outside.”

Turning his plan into reality required navigating the long process every Eagle Scout must go through. “For an Eagle project, the first main step is getting the project approved...the paperwork takes a lot of time,” he said. “After I pass the first step, then comes the fundraising step.” Jakob organized concession stands at school events like dodgeball night, the ice cream social, and movie night.

Coordinating the project tested his organizational skills. “Getting the Eagle project approved was the biggest thing - getting everything coordinated. A lot of coordination and emails, making sure everything was all set, asking for volun-

teers, and getting the timing of wood deliveries right.”

Jakob said the role pushed him to grow as a leader. “As a leader of the project, I was not supposed to be using my hands, just leading, so it was different to me because you’re leading by example. That was a challenge.”

Designing the benches with children in mind was an important part of the project. “1st graders walk the trail and they can’t walk as long as other people, so I needed to think about them. I tried to space the benches out so they always had somewhere to rest,” he said. “There’s a lot of unused potential on the trail - it’s a really good resource and the kids really enjoy going outside - I think it makes a whole lot more sense if there’s a place to sit down and do academic things rather than trying to write on their lap.” He added that



From left, Owen Fontaine, Brendan Saich, Jakob Dahlgren, Isaac Labell, and Cooper Lee rest on the benches being installed. Photo by Meredith Kendrick

there are QR codes along the trail that visitors can scan to pull up a YouTube video and learn more about the natural landscape. He wanted to ensure the benches were near those sites.

The final design made the benches sturdy yet flexible. “At the very beginning, when I was figuring out the bench design, I had to consider the size and shape of the bench, because little kids would be using them, and probably climbing on them. I decided that the benches should be able to be moved so they are more versatile, like if a whole class wanted to go out into the woods and have

a lesson out there, they could gather all the benches together. Even though they can move, we made sure they are super sturdy and durable, and they don’t tip over easily.”

Teachers have already responded with enthusiasm. “Mrs. Haarlander was really excited about the benches. Most teachers were reacting really well. The teachers who know about it enjoy using it,” Jakob said.

For him, the most rewarding moment was seeing it all in place. “Once we built them, it felt great to almost be an Eagle Scout and to see it slowly come together - it was like watching the thousandth piece of a

puzzle click into place.”

Jakob will graduate this year, and he plans to study engineering, though he’s not sure what school he wants to attend yet. Jakob hopes to see more people become Eagle Scouts. “When I first joined Boy Scouts I didn’t think I was going to get there. COVID hit, so from the middle of 6th grade to the end of 7th grade I couldn’t work on ranks or merit badges,” he added. “But I kept going. Once you’re so close, don’t give up. Just keep going.”

Jakob’s benches now line Nutfield Trail; a new place of respite for those who visit and learn there.

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Stonehenge Road Intersection Rotary Project Moves Forward

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Officials from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) recently gave an update to the Londonderry Town Council on the status on the N.H. 28 and Stonehenge Road Intersection Project.

Jason Ayotte, NHDOT Project Manager, gave a brief project location and history on the state roadway plans. The intersection is one mile south of I-93 Exit 5 on Rockingham Road and dates back to the 1730's.

It was reconstructed in 1919 and was later realigned in 1931 to its current alignment.

In 2018 the Stonehenge Road right-turn lane was added by the developer of the MacGregor Cut Apartment complex.

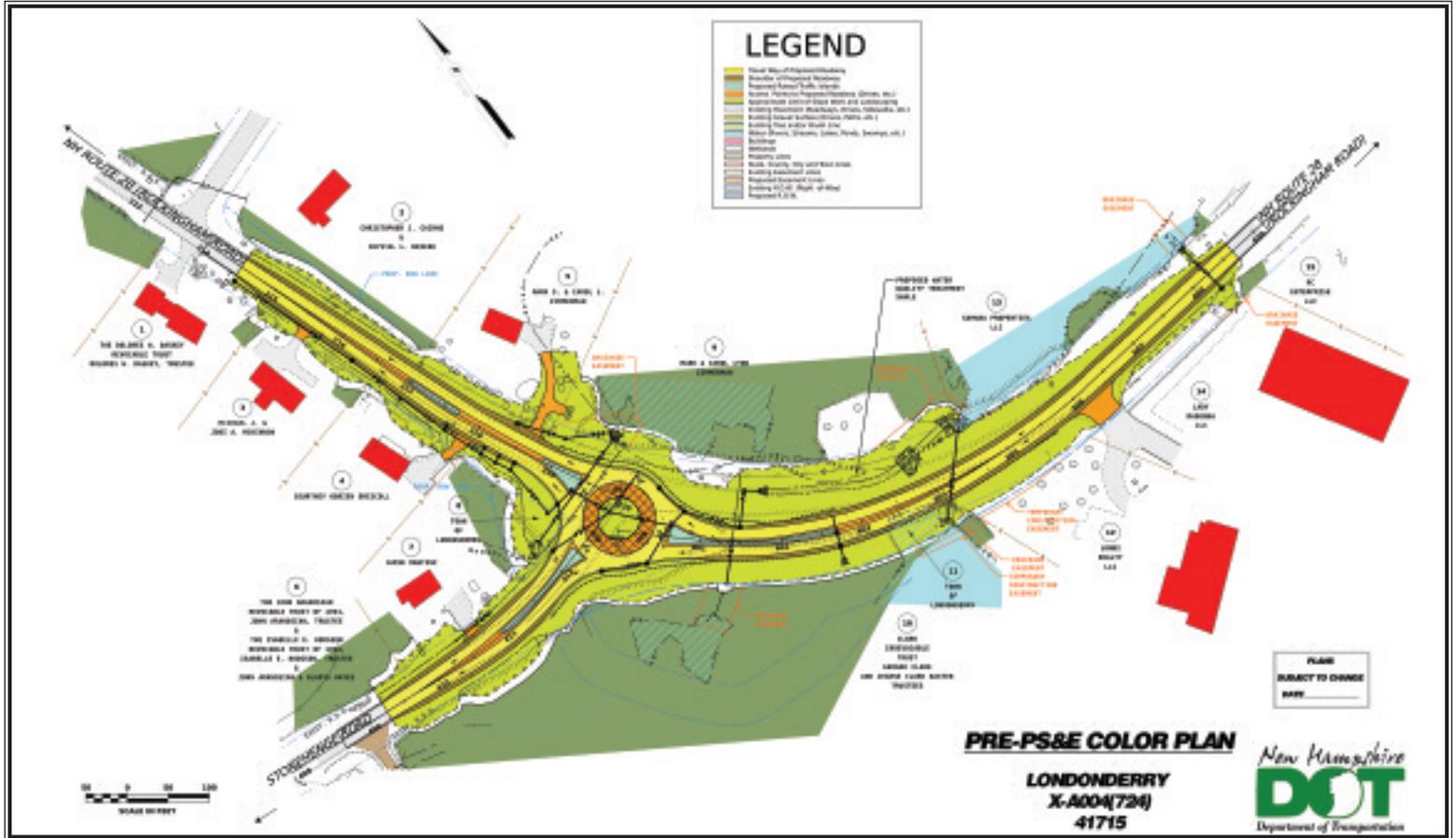
In the state's 2019-28 Ten-Year Plan, the NH 28 (Rockingham Road) at Stonehenge

Road - Londonderry was approved with a 50 percent Town match.

In October of 2020 the Londonderry Town Council was presented an Initial Project Review.

Other dates included:
• September 2022 - Alternatives Analysis Public Meeting

• June 2023 - Public Hearing and Finding of Necessity



- September 2023 - Preliminary Design/NEPA Approval
 - November 2023 - Project Agreement executed limiting Town costs at \$1M
 - August 2024 - NHDES Wetlands Permit Received
 - November 2024 - Final Contract Plans and Utility Relocation Designs Complete
 - August 2025 - Right-of Way Acquisitions will be complete.
- According to the presentation, Project Funding, in 2025 money:

Preliminary Engineering \$1,060,000; Right-of-Way Acquisitions will cost \$430,000; Construction will be \$3,900,000; for a Total Project Budget of \$5,390,000, costs do not include admin. costs (10%).

Important Notes:

- Town Contribution \$1.0M
- Construction includes Construction Items, CE, & Utility Force Account.
- Advertising Date Scheduled Aug. 26, 2025.

The construction timeline is as follows:

- Contract Advertisement: Aug. 26, 2025
- Bids Due: September 18, 2025
- Bid Analysis Complete: Oct. 3, 2025
- G&C Approval Anticipated: Jan. 28, 2026
- Contractor NTP: Jan. 30, 2026

- Phase 1 - Contractor Mobilization, Utility Relocation: March - June
- Phase 2 - Construction of roundabout & NH 28 fills June - August
- Phase 3A - Complete roundabout & NH 28 fills Aug. - Sept.
- Phase 3B - Central Island Completion: Sept.

- Phase 4 - Splitter Islands, Pavement Markings: Oct.
 - Phase 5 - Final Pavement & Punch List: May - June 2027
- Note: Information taken from the Aug. 4 Town Council presentation by the NHDOT.*



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What's Covered?

Once launched, eligible homeowners can receive rebates for:

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 - Heat pump water heater \$1,750
 - Electric stove, cooktop, range, or oven \$840
 - Heat pump clothes dryer \$840
 - Electric service center upgrade \$4,000
 - Electrical wiring \$2,500
 - Insulation, air sealing, ventilation \$1,600
 - Installation (based on project scale) Up to \$500
- Maximum rebate per household \$14,000
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Rebate amounts depend on household income relative to the Area Median Income (AMI):

- <80% of AMI: Eligible for 100% of project costs (up to rebate caps)
 - 80-150% of AMI: Eligible for 50% of project costs >
 - 150% of AMI: Not eligible for HEAR rebates
- To check your AMI, visit HUD's Income Limits Documentation Sys-

tem and select your town and county.

Timeline and Requirements

- The HEAR program was approved by the U.S. Department of Energy in Fall 2024
- NH DOE is currently selecting a program implementer
- Anticipated launch: Spring 2026
- Rebates will only

apply to projects initiated after the launch date

- Retroactive rebates for past projects are not available.

Stay Informed

To receive updates on the HEAR program, subscribe to the NH DOE newsletter by emailing newsletter@energy.nh.gov. For questions, contact IRARebates@energy.nh.gov.



Representing Post 5791 Post 5791 was represented at the Annual Blues Fest in Londonderry last week. The event featured several bands, raffles (which the Post supported by donating \$200 in gift cards), and information for veterans from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs location at the Manchester VA Hospital. Proceeds from the event benefited the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. Dan Barthelemy, Lionel Gendron and Christina Madden represented Post 5791 met lots of veterans and handed out flyers for the annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic on September 13. *Courtesy photo*

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Granite Stater to Recall Service as B-52 Crew Member During 9-11

Lt. Col. Glenn Carlson, USAF (Ret.) to speak at Aviation Museum on Thursday, Sept. 4

On the day of the 9/11 attacks, President George W. Bush was rushed from an appearance at an elementary school in Sarasota, Fla. to an “undisclosed location.”

That location was Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, La., which had communications systems to ensure that the President had contact with the proper military commanders in the event of a national emergency.

Stationed at the base that day was Glenn Carlson, a U.S. Air Force B-52 crew member who’d just returned from a Red Flag exercise in advanced aerial combat training - and who suddenly found himself part of the unfolding response to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Carlson, a resident of Laconia, N.H., will speak about the U.S. military’s response to 9/11 in a presentation on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of N.H., 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, N.H. Admission is \$10 per per-



son; museum members admitted free.

Carlson retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 2007 after more than 23 years of service. He served as a B-52 electronic warfare officer, instructor, evaluator,

flight test, and numerous wing and staff positions.

Carlson’s military career included deployment in support of operations Desert Shield and Enduring Freedom, and for Pacific Deterrence during the War in Iraq.

He also served as an instructor, research advisor, and course director at Air Command and Staff College.

But it was the rapidly unfolding events of Sept. 11, 2001 that stand out as a turning point in his service career. Carlson will speak about his perspective from the air surrounding the horrific events of 9/11, and how that day shaped his military career and U.S. air power from that point forward.

After retiring from the service, Carlson went on to work as the Electronic Attack Capability Group Lead at BAE

Systems in Nashua, N.H., overseeing a team of over 50 engineers supporting over three dozen programs before moving to Elbit America, where he was the Technical Director for Electronic Warfare until he retired in September 2024.

The Aviation Museum is located at 27 Navigator Road, off Harvey Road, in Londonderry, N.H. For more information, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4877 or email ldearborn@nhahs.org. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

Londonderry Police Officer Hit By Wrong Way Driver

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry Police Officer was involved in a Wrong Way Driver Hit and Run by a motor vehicle in Merrimack on Sunday morning.

According to the Merrimack Police Department’s Facebook page, on Sunday, Aug. 31, at 6:58 a.m., a Londonderry Police cruiser was driving north on Daniel Webster Highway in Merrimack in the area of Reeds Ferry Lumber, when the



Robin Guicoy Armira

officer observed the vehicle ahead of him swerve to the left to avoid what appeared to be a wrong way driver

traveling south in the northbound lane.

Seeing the oncoming vehicle coming towards him head on, the officer attempted to quickly pull to the right shoulder of the road to avoid a collision with the wrong way driver.

The officer was able to avoid a head on collision, however the vehicle did sideswipe the rear corner of his cruiser, causing moderate damage.

The operator of the vehicle in question made

no effort to stop, and continued south on Daniel Webster Highway in the northbound lane on a flat tire, attempting to flee the scene. The Londonderry officer was able to follow the vehicle and ultimately was able to stop it on McGaw Bridge Road and awaited the arrival of Merrimack Police officers.

Merrimack PD officers made contact with the operator of the vehicle, who was later identified by his Guatemala ID

card as Robin Guicoy Armira, age 22, of Passaic, New Jersey.

A records check indicated that Guicoy Armira does not, and has never held a valid driver’s license in the United States or any other country.

Guicoy Armira was arrested and charged with Conduct After an Accident, Operating Without a Valid Driver’s License and Criminal Mischief.

There were no injuries reported to the

Officer or his K9 partner who was in the vehicle at the time of the incident.

The Merrimack Police Department is asking anyone who may have witnessed this incident to contact Officer Stephanie Greenslade at 603-424-3774.

Guicoy Armira was released on Personal Recognizance Bail and is scheduled to appear in the 9th Circuit Merrimack District Court on September 30, 2025 to answer to the charges.



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Megan Plaza Competes in National Miss Teen America Competition

Local resident and Miss New Hampshire's Teen Megan Plaza is competing with fellow Granite Stater, Xanthi Russell, in the national Miss America Competition this week in Orlando, FL.

Xanthi Russell, Miss New Hampshire 2025, and Megan Plaza, Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2025, have been preparing to take the national stage at the Miss America and Miss America's Teen national competitions, being held in Orlando, FL, from Sept. 2 - 7.

This year, 52 Miss delegates and 52 Teen delegates from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will take the stage in pursuit of two of the most iconic titles in American culture. As the nation's largest scholarship program for women, the Miss America Organization has announced over



Megan Plaza was crowned Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2025 in May.

\$300,000 in tuition scholarships to be awarded at the 2026 Miss America and Miss America's Teen national competitions.

Megan Plaza, 16, was crowned Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2025 on May 2, 2025. She was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship and has earned \$13,600 in scholarships to further her education since her start in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program. During her year of service as Miss New Hampshire's Teen, she has continued to provide support to foster children and families through her non-profit organization called The Suitcase Project. Megan is a rising junior



Xanthi Russell is the 2025 Miss New Hampshire title holder.

at Londonderry High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and the Lancer Marching Band. She will be performing a vocal performance during the talent portion of the competition.

Xanthi Russell, 23, was crowned Miss New Hampshire 2025 on May 3, 2025. She was awarded a \$15,000 scholarship and has earned \$61,000 in scholarships to further her education since her start in the Miss

New Hampshire Scholarship Program. During her year of service as Miss New Hampshire, she has been promoting leadership development among young people through participation in the Miss America Opportunity and the 4-H program. Xanthi is a recent graduate of the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, NH, where she earned an associate's degree in Paralegal Studies. She will be performing a tap dance during the talent portion of the competi-

tion.

"We can't wait to see both of these exceptional young women shine on the national stage," said David Appleby, President and Co-Executive Director of the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program. "These young women are smart, talented, and they provide inspiring volunteer service to their communities. They are incredible representatives of the Granite State and we are excited to cheer them on at the national competition."

All the onstage action can be experienced live or streaming online. The preliminary and talent shows on September 2 - 4 and the final show of Miss America's Teen Competition on September 6 will be available via Live Stream on PageantVision.com. The final show for the 2026 Miss America Competition on Sept. 7 at 7 p.m., ET will be streamed live across all time zones at no charge, as well as streamed on YouTube and available on YouTube after the live event. Tickets can also be purchased to attend in person at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Orlando, FL. See the www.missamerica.org website for more information.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

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

Ordinance 2025-09 to Repeal Title VI of the Municipal Code and Establish Chapters as Standalone Policies

The public hearing will occur on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

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9-11 Observance

Members of the Londonderry Fire Department and Police Department will hold the annual 9-11 Observance Ceremony, beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11. The public is welcome to attend the brief service will be held in front of Central Fire Station.

Game & Meal

On Sept. 7, starting at 1 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will be showing the Patriots vs Raiders game and serving chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs and more at halftime.

Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting on Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Pavilion Dedication Ceremony

On Sept. 7, from 11 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 27 will host a Dedication Ceremony for the newly constructed Pavilion. The pavilion will be dedicated to long time Legion member John McCarthy. The public is invited to attend.

Live Music

On Sept. 11, from 7 - 10 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will have multiple bands playing live music.

Fire Department Open House

The Londonderry Fire Department will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All are invited to come and see what the department pro-

vides the community.

Karaoke

American Legion Post 27 will have Karaoke on Sept. 12, from 7:30 - 11 p.m., with DJ Sharon.

Craft Night

On Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will have an Auxiliary sponsored Craft Night. Venmo \$30 to @Kim-Misiano by Sept. 19 if you want to attend.

Historical Society Open House

The Londonderry Historical Society will have an open house on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 1 - 3 p.m. There will be free guided tours of the historical Morrison House, Parmenter Barn, and Clark blacksmith shop, located at 140

Pillsbury Road. Stark's Company, the Color Guard of the New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution, will be performing a militia drill including marching and firing muskets. There will be a display of school artifacts and historical toys in the Parmenter Barn.

Family Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat Services

Come to the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts on Friday, Sept. 5, 5:30 - 7 p.m., at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. All are welcome! Please RSVP at office@etzhayim.org by Sept. 1, to plan on how much pizza to have. For more information visit us at www.etzhayim.org

High Holy Days

The members of Etz Hayim Synagogue will gather together to reflect, pray and to seek forgiveness from Sept. 12 - Oct 14. High Holy Day services will be led by guest Rabbi Jonathan Biatch. Join us for any and all services. Tickets are not required, and there is no reserved seating. All are welcome! Please visit www.etzhayim.org

im.org/pray/holiday-services for the complete schedule of services.

Fall Artisan Craft Fair

Members of St. Peter's Church in Londonderry NH will host their 38th annual, fall artisan craft fair on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fair will be held on the grounds of St. Peter's Episcopal Church located on Mammoth Road at 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry, NH. Stroll through the over 65 booths of uniquely creative artisan crafts, rain or shine. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/>

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 His-

toric 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.

Fall Tennis

Time to register for fall tennis! Lessons will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 6 p.m., starting Thursday, Sept. 11 - 25. The cost is \$150. Lessons are held at the Town Courts off Sargent Road. Contact Roberta Davis with questions or to register go to Londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com.

Costume Closet on Saturday

The Friends of the Leach Library will be hosting a Costume Closet on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the downstairs meeting room at the Leach Library. Members of the community are invited to come select a costume from a selection of gently used costumes. If you would like to donate costumes or accessories

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HELP WANTED

Looking For A Developer with experience in C++ to complete a project in progress. The project is compiled with

Clang, but relies on CMake to make it run on Macs, and MSVC compiler for running in Windows environments. The written code has been tested on Mac systems; it'll need testing in Windows. Originally developed in QT5, this application will need to be updated to QT6. Conan is

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Aug. 25
2:41 a.m. Suspicious Activity at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Reynaldo Quinn, 31, of Manchester, charged with: Disorderly Conduct; False Fire Alarms; two counts of Criminal Mischief; and two counts of Reckless Conduct - Deadly Weapon.
9:03 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Heritage Drive, Woburn, MA. Brandon Keeley, 44, of Woburn, MA, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Bodily Injury or Physical Contact).
2:53 p.m. Officers conduct an Involuntary Emergency Admission on King Charles Drive and assist with transportation to a hospital.
7:10 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Ash Street.

Tuesday - Aug. 26
7:35 a.m. Disturbance on Premier Drive leads to arrest(s) made by five officers.
8:36 a.m. Report of Trespassing results in an arrest made by three officers on Hunter Mill Way. William Bilac Costalopes, 22, of East Taunton, MA, charged with:

Criminal Threatening Against Person; and Criminal Trespassing.
8:53 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes on Walton Circle.
9:35 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Sanborn Crossing on Sanborn Road.
1:45 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Industrial Drive.
1:54 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Pendleton Lane.
3:58 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Constitution Drive.
6:13 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated at Pinyon Place on Auburn Road.

Wednesday - Aug. 27
3:10 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.
7:19 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Liberty Drive, at Duncan's European Automotive. Samantha Diamon, 33, of Hooksett, arrested on a Warrant.
10:36 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at School House Road on Mammoth Road.
11:51 a.m. Six officers conduct a Follow-Up at a home on Beacon Street.

6:20 p.m. Three officers render services for a Disturbance on Whittemore Road.

Thursday - Aug. 28
4:28 a.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check on Currier Drive.
11:17 a.m. Welfare Check investigated at Londonderry Flea Market on Nashua Road.
12:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check on Nashua Road, at Commons Plaza, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Jennifer Nolan-Melanson, 41, of Laconia, charged with: Domestic Violence; Simple Assault (Bodily Injury or Physical Contact).
12:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.
3:39 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Fieldstone Drive.
4:01 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Pendleton Lane.
4:07 p.m. Six officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Rockingham Road at Independence Drive, at the Rail Trail and transport subject to a hospital.
4:51 p.m. Six officers serve warrant and make an arrest on Maplewood Avenue in Clifton, N.J. Christopher Rodriguez,

40, of Clifton, N.J. charged with: Kidnapping of a person under 18; Hindering Apprehension/Prosecution; Endangering the Welfare of a Child; Obstruct of Government Administration; and Misuse of Plates.

Friday - Aug. 29
2:28 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Backyard Brewery, leads to an arrest. Alvarenga Lopez, 25, of Manchester, charged with: Operating a vehicle without a Valid License - License Required.
3:16 a.m. Disturbance on Mammoth Road results to transport to a hospital.
7:40 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Manchester District Court. Sara Mientus, 39, of Sanbornton, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking (two prior convictions); and Bench Warrants.
9:20 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Fieldstone Drive.
12:36 p.m. Peace restored by 12 officers during a Disturbance at a home on Beacon Street.
6:07 p.m. Warrant served and an arrest made on Suncook Valley Road, Barnstead. Erin Malloy, 58, of Barnstead, charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000.

Saturday - Aug. 30
12:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop on Nashua Road, at Winding Pond Road, leads to an arrest. Sylvia Ann Landry, 59, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Disobeying an Officer; and Stop/Stand/Park Prohibited.
7:09 a.m. A disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport results in an arrest. Keshia Elizabeth Wallis, 35, of Keene, arrested on a Warrant.
1:04 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Arrowhead Road.
3:05 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Stonehenge Road at Hardy Road.
3:23 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated five officers on Beacon Street.
5:06 p.m. Welfare Check investigated at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.
5:42 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Constitution Drive.
8:21 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.
9:43 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Mammoth Road.
9:54 p.m. Peace Restored by five officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Lawson Farm Road.
10:19 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Vista Ridge Drive. Richard Sweetser, 70, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Trespass.

11:10 p.m. Three officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Lawson Farm Road.

Sunday - Aug. 31
11:37 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Gilcrest Road.
2 p.m. Domestic Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm apartments leads to an arrest made by five officers. Jonathan Alberto Camargo, 33, of Londonderry, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact).
3:58 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Wilshire Drive.
4:04 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Bridle Path.
4:41 p.m. Peace Restored after a Disturbance on Wilshire Drive.
5:36 p.m. Welfare Check investigated at Market Basket on Michels Way.
8:05 p.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite reported on Whittemore Road.
8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Rockingham Road, at Backyard Brewery, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Shannon Leigh Barrett, 32, of Jaffrey, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Driving Under the Influence - Aggravated with Passenger Under 16; and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

Around Town

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to this event, please drop them off at the front desk of the library before Sept. 26. If you have any questions, please email friendsofleachlibrary@gmail.com.

Sneaker Donation

Support Londonderry Girls Volleyball by donating your gently used athletic sneakers! Every pair donated helps to raise money for the volleyball program! Adult and child athletic sneakers accepted. Collection Sites are at Londonderry Planet Fit-

ness and Londonderry Town Hall Lobby and will be open for collection until Sept. 30. Want to become a collection site or have questions? Email londonderryvolleyball@gmail.com.

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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Library Summer Hours

Leach Library summer hours will take effect from Monday, June 23 through Saturday, Sept. 6. During this timeframe, the library will be open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Clean Water Survey

Clean water is more than a resource; it's the lifeline of our community. Your voice holds the power to shape a healthier water future for you and for generations to come. Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024. As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

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