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## Derry Traffic and Speeding Top Concerns at Safety Meeting

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At the Highway Safety Committee's most recent meeting on Thursday, July 20, a familiar topic was brought up: speeding.

The road in question was Kendall Pond Road, but speeding is something that has always been a problem on the winding back roads of Derry. Add the road construction, and more traffic is being directed away from the main stretches of the town and towards the less-known, more residential areas.

Though no one from Derry's Highway Safety

Committee was available for comment, Joshua Bourdon, council chair of Derry's Town Council, stated that every one of the four years he's been a part of the council, speeding, especially in downtown, has been an issue.

"Unfortunately, I think there's always going to be some sort of issue," he said, but this doesn't mean the council doesn't take speeding very seriously. In the past, pedestrian safety in regards to speeding have come up in meetings, as well as maintaining the crosswalks and educating the public on crosswalk safety.

The Highway Safety Committee has "been working on studying how to make our crosswalks safer." According to Bourdon, they've been looking into different types of signage and lights and how they might impact speeding. Signage includes the electrical signs that register what speed a car is going and blink if the car is going over the limit.

Studies collected by Radarsign, a company that produces and promotes the use of radar speed signs, indicate that speeders will slow down 80 percent of the time when alerted that their

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## Council Moving Forward With RFP Process On Proposed Solar Sites

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Derry Town Councilors have agreed to move forward with the request for proposal process (RFP) as they consider a project to possibly add solar to two municipal buildings.

They voted on their Tuesday, July 18 meeting to go forward with only the RFP process for the Marion Gerrish Community Center and the town's Transfer Station after a motion was proposed by Councilor Jim Morgan.

Before the vote, councilors received an update on the efforts of the Net Zero Task Force on possibly adding solar and promoting it in town. The presentation was made by Jeffrey Moulton, Net Zero chairman, and Public Works Director

Michael Fowler, also a member of the task force.

Fowler said Net Zero members have been working diligently over the past six months to a year to develop ideas and solutions of how to promote solar in town.

The task force is composed of members from Pinkerton Academy and other Derry schools, along with municipal organizations such as the Derry Economic Development and Advisory Committee, the Go Green Committee, and the Planning Board.

"So, we have a really good cross section within the group that represents a lot of different groups," Moulton said.

Net Zero members have been exploring ways to implement energy conservation at local schools and municipal buildings.

"We spent the last year looking at trying to implement energy conservation across the schools and the municipal buildings to ensure they were operating at an optimum level," Moulton said.

He added that most of the facilities were already operating at optimum levels thanks to Fowler, who has done an excellent job as public works director to ensure municipal buildings were modernized and by adding LEDS and modernizing HVAC systems and other equipment.

Toward the end of last year, the task force members turned their attention to possibly introducing renewable energy to Derry. In reviewing potential sites, they considered locations that were central to downtown and

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**Carnaval Time** Willow Jean was dressed for the spirit of the day at the Derry Recreation activity at Humphrey Park on Thursday, July 20 as they celebrated Rio during their week of world traveling. See more photos on page 8.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Work Continues on Honeywell Project Through the Summer

HUNTER MCGEE  
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While students are away for the summer, work is progressing on a high efficiency boiler and energy savings project for the school district, according to officials.

Crews have been busy focusing on the project during the summer, with plans calling for it to be completed

in late November, said Gary King, Honeywell's project manager.

"We are hitting it hard this summer," King said of the effort, which began last year.

He said workers have done a good job of concentrating on the task while "staying out of everyone's way."

King gave an update on

how the \$9.3 million project is progressing during the School Board's July 18 meeting. He said crews were ready to go once school ended for the summer, with workers beginning the job in earnest to complete as much of the work as possible before the start of classes.

The work entails making capital improvements for

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# Town Council Workshop Focuses on Residents Inquiries

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Derry's Town Council had a nearly four-hour workshop meeting Thursday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m., during which they put their focus on the desires of the people. The way the council works, according to Council Chair Joshua Bourdon, is that after the elections in March, the members of the council are thrown right into budget season; during this time, it's hard to get a lot of other work done, so Bour-

don wanted to make sure the council could set aside a time after the budget season to work on more specific inquiries.

"I made it clear to my fellow councilmen and women to keep their ears open," he said, "and to talk to residents to think about where they wanted this town to go."

In past years, councils have waited until after budget season to even begin thinking about other projects, but this year, Bourdon wanted them to "hit the ground running." Over the

past few months, each council member has worked with the public to put together ideas on how to make Derry better. Before the workshop meeting, they had to submit their findings to the Town Administrator, who then compiled a list of action items and categorized them into overarching goals—things like economic development and fiscal efficiency.

At the meeting, each council member presented the action item they believe would help improve Derry the most. After each item

was discussed, each councilor anonymously ranked all the action items in order of importance and at the end of the night they submitted their list to the Town Administrator, who will then compile them into a master list that can then be chipped away at.

If there is an overwhelming instance where almost everyone on the council agrees that an item is extremely important, then that item would likely go to the top of the list and get accomplished faster. An

example of this would be something like putting up a massive solar farm in Derry. This is a topic that was brought up at the meeting, and the "entire council overwhelmingly feels that that was the most important goal or action item discussed."

Some other items that were discussed include putting up professional bike racks and collaborating with a private company to emulate Boston and set up bike rentals, improving recreational activities in Derry, overhauling the cable

department, and following Concord's lead by working on public/private opportunities to enhance certain parts of Derry.

The Town Administrator also shared what he and his staff have been working on the past few months.

"It was an opportunity to really dig in on what each councilor, and the people they represent, feels is important," Bourdon said. As soon as the master list is compiled, the Town Council will start working towards meeting each goal.

# Green Mountain Stove Shoppe Approved for Showroom

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The Green Mountain Stove Shoppe, owned and run by Garon Kachanian, is establishing a showroom in the adjacent lot to Blue House Pizza this fall. Kachanian sells stoves of all kinds, offering services such as installation, and plans to expand to encompassing home heating systems such as wood burners for outdoor,

gas, and oil-run stoves. The shop has been open since 2006, and up until now, the business has operated out of a warehouse located on Tinkham Avenue.

On Wednesday, July 19, a representative from A & C Realty, LLC brought forth the plan of converting an old storefront in the lot next to Blue House Pizza into the showroom to the Derry Planning Board. The property, owned by the same per-

son who owns Blue House of Pizza's lot, is a 900-square-foot area that hasn't been used for many years, though it once was a candy shop.

The biggest concerns of the Planning Board had to do with parking and traffic obstruction. Traffic on Birch Street has a tendency to get backed up, and the worry is that adding another establishment to that area will have a direct, negative impact on traffic flow.

The owner recently renovated the parking lot after a meeting with the Technical Review Committee, changing the flow of traffic within the parking lot to a one-way

circle that redirects customers to a street perpendicular to Birch, and repainting the lines that denote parking spaces. This, it was argued, would compensate for the extra cars that might be associated with the stove shop.

In addition to this, the shop will operate on an appointment-only basis, and Kachanian does not foresee parking being an issue because he rarely meets with more than a few customers at a time.

While Kachanian was not at the hearing, he did say "It's going to be a place where people can come in, view certain things that I

carry, and get more information," not a retail storefront geared toward accommodating multiple customers.

By the end of the hearing, the board voted to approve the site plan, provided some conditions were met: getting the owner of the lots' signature, prohibiting cars from backing out onto Birch, and making sure there are no issues with Public Works. Jim MacEachern, a member of the Planning Board, did advise an easement on the two properties, allowing Kachanian to continue to have his show room there even if ownership of the lot changes.

Without an easement, MacEachern said, "There's nothing to stop this person from saying, 'I don't want the apartment buildings,'

and the next thing you know, the stove guy's out in the cold." He mentioned the apartment buildings above Blue House Pizza, but the logic applies to the pizza shop as well.

If these conditions are met, The Green Mountain Stove Shoppe Showroom will open for business. Kachanian is thinking about making be more accessible for those with nine to five jobs, operating from 4 to 8 p.m. so that customers can make appointments after they get off work. Once the showroom is open, customers can make appointments by calling the number on the stove shop website.

Kachanian plans to open the showroom by the first of September.

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# Derry School Board Hears Results on Blizzard Bag Survey

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The results of a recent survey are in, and the Blizzard Bag program showed strong participation rates for the past school year, according to school officials.

On four snow days for the 2016-17 school year, participation rates were 87, 89, 87, and 87 percent, said former Superintendent of Schools John Moody, who

gave a presentation on the results of the survey during the School Boards July 18 meeting.

"It shows that people are aware of the program; they understand the program," Moody said.

The so-called Blizzard Bags are assignments students complete at home on days school is cancelled because of inclement weather or other emergencies.

A minimum of an 80

percent participation rate is required for a Blizzard Bags day to count. If this percentage is reached, the snow day does not have to be made up at the end of the school year.

The survey results showed 87 percent of parents and 97 percent of staff were in favor of continuing the program next year.

The survey went out to 1,803 families, with 882 families responding. There were 496 comments from

parents, with many positive responses and some inciteful suggestions.

Parents responding to the survey indicated that 97 percent of their children participated in all four Blizzard Bag days during the school year, according to the survey results.

Parents results indicated that on average, 49 percent of their elementary school children spent up to two to three hours working on Bliz-

zard Bag days. As for middle school children, parents indicated that 68 percent spent up to three to four hours on Blizzard Bag work.

The staff responding to the survey indicate that at least 50 percent spent four to six hours on school related work on Blizzard Bag days. It also showed that 83 percent find Blizzard Bag days relevant to their professional learning, with 95 percent finding Blizzard Bag work

relevant to students.

Some of the educational benefits of Blizzard Bag day materials include students remaining connected when school isn't in session, according to officials.

While there were only 40 staff comments, the majority showed positive views of the Blizzard Bag program. The main emphasis from staff was the benefit of not having to make up snow days.

# Planning Board Handles Escrow Cases, Accepts Willow Road Site Plan

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Despite the monthly summer meeting schedule of the Derry Planning Board, there was not much on the agenda for the July 19 meeting: only a handful of escrow cases, two short topics of other business, and one public hearing.

Lasting only a little over 30 minutes, the board's members sped through the administrative business, approving the release of seven escrow cases, including escrow for Tupelo Music Hall and Kendall Pond Apartments.

Once the board approves a subdivision or site plan as a part of an escrow, they hold a construction escrow that will be put in place until the project is finished. This ensures that if for some reason the company or people completing the project

decides to stop mid-project or walk away completely, the town "would be able to either complete that project, or put it back—if it was raw, virgin land, to pre-development status," according to the Board's Planning Assistant Elizabeth Robidoux. As the projects advance and portions are completed, the board will give back some of the money taken for escrow. Eventually, when the project is finished, all of the money will be returned because the town no longer needs it as collateral.

Robidoux, who was filling in for George Sioras of the American Institute of Certified Planners at the meeting, said the reasoning behind the speed with which the board approves escrow cases is because "it's an administrative function that is subsequent to approval." This means that town staff handle the administrative

part of the project internally, and engineering staff complete inspections on the projects and let the board know when portions of the escrow can be released. The Planning Board simply approves it.

After all the escrow cases were approved, Jim MacEachern, serving as correspondence, read briefly through letters from other meetings. The most in-depth description was that of a Scobie Pond Substation project involving a proposal for a "built-in sphere reactor." This improvement is to take a "proactive role in providing system liability and operational flexibility," according to the letter he read from. Though there was mention of returning to the subject, the meeting continued without further reference.

There were only two subjects of other business: amending the fire protection note on PID 033119-003 at 62 Stark Road, and accepting Willow Road in a site plan.

The subdivision at 62 Stark Road was approved by the board in 2008, and at the time, the town safety regulations required that any new home that was not connected to a public water system had to have a sprinkler system installed. The town has since run water in that area and there will be a fire hydrant installed near the vicinity, and the new owner of the property is asking for the note to be amended.

Robidoux clarified to the board that since Public Works told her the water lines would go live in a few weeks, the escrow would be unnecessary. The fire

department had also agreed that it would be fine, and so the members of the board amended the note.

The accepting of Willow Road occurred quickly because the road was an oversight on a development plan, the only discussion came from the fact that the Town Council had already approved the acceptance at their meeting the night before. MacEachern raised the question of whether or not the Town Council accepted it "pending board approval," because if they did not, then the road cannot legally be accepted.

"If they didn't say 'pending Board approval,' then they need to re-vote only

this section of the road," he said.

The board then motioned to review the subject at a later date once the state of the Town Council approval had been established.

The last item on the agenda was the public hearing, where a representative from A & C Realty, LLC, made the case of accepting the site plan for Green Mountain Stove Shoppe's new store front, which will be located in the lot adjacent to Blue House Pizza. More on this story can be found on page 2.

The next Planning Board meeting will occur on August 16 at 7 p.m.

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# Editorial

## Get Surfing

We'd like to point out a website that probably doesn't get as much use as it should: [www.gencourt.state.nh.us/](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/).

By visiting this site and checking out the State Legislature dashboard, you can find the bills a legislator is sponsoring or co-sponsoring. Simply go to "Advanced Bill Search" and enter the names of your legislators under "Sponsor."

This will provide you with a world of interesting information. With multiple legislators for each of our towns, we can learn how each one of them is representing their constituents, where their interests lie, and on what statewide issues they are directing their focuses. Are they interested in social issues, in changing how town governments take care of business, or in directing the state to take a stance on national issues?

Is your legislator really representing you? This site offers a way to find out.

If you find a bill that intrigues you, upsets you, or delights you, you can attend a hearing on it and speak your mind. That puts an added meaning to the term, "citizen legislature."

And, as always, you can call or otherwise contact your legislators and let them know how you feel

about their agendas. You can use that information and their comments when the time comes for reelection.

If you have a particular interest in seeing New Hampshire's government move in a specific direction on an issue and you don't find a bill on that topic, that's something to discuss with your legislators as well. Of course, all of this requires some personal involvement and action. That's what a democracy is all about, so take some time to get to know your town's charter as well as state RSA's to make sure our local government is telling us the truth. Make an effort to be involved and to have your say in your state government. These days, many of us fill some of our spare time by "relaxing" at the computer and surfing various websites. We encourage you to make the General Court website one of your favorites and to check it regularly. At this newspaper, we try to bring to your attention to bills of interest in the state, but we aren't going to be able to hit all of them. That information, however, is at your finger tips through your keyboard or touch screen.

The more we know about what our legislators and local government officials are doing, the better.

## Honeywell

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greater energy efficiency for Ernest P. Barka Elementary School, East Derry Memorial Elementary School, Grinnell Elementary School, Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, and West Running Brook Middle School. In addition, a program that includes energy saving projects and temperature control improvements will be added to South Range Elementary and Derry Village Elementary schools.

The project also includes new energy saving programs, such as LED lighting and software improvements to help lower costs. The project, which has a 16-year payout, will also improve ventilation and heating systems while upgrading controls on boiler systems, according to officials.

At East Derry Memorial Elementary School, crews have been busy removing

old equipment in preparation for adding new equipment for greater energy efficiency.

Over at Grinnell, workers are focused on completing ventilation work in the older section of the building. The crews are also in the process of putting the ceilings back in place to allow staff members adequate time for cleaning, King explained.

At Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, new equipment has been installed with all of the necessary wiring completed.

Some minor work at Derry Village, South Range, and West Running Brook Schools is continuing, with most of the work confined to the boiler room, he said.

After starting last year, work continued through the winter, including the completion of the lighting program, pipe insulation, destratification fans, along with power management

projects, King said. Crews worked in the evenings so as not to interfere with students, focusing on installing control systems and some HVAC systems.

Work also progressed on the installation and setup of devices that are plugged into an outlet to control the power of large devices like printers, vending machines. The devices are programmed through Wi-Fi.

Other work includes the placement of natural gas tanks at South Range School. After considering the options, officials chose to go with natural gas in the spring.

Plans call for finishing the project by the end of November, King said when asked by School Board Chairman Dan McKenna.

"Thanks for getting everything ready," McKenna said, adding that he had heard good things about the project.

## Traffic

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speed is over the limit.

The Highway Safety Committee is currently working towards coming up with a recommendation for the town, but speed and safety is also on the minds of the Town Council. The same day the Highway Safety Committee had its usual meeting, the Town Council members had their workshop meeting, in which reducing speeding in town was a major goal and has been incorporated in next year's town budget.

From a police stand-

point, Derry's entire police squad takes speeding very seriously. Bourdon recalled the other day when police officers took to biking through downtown to be more involved in the community, and how the police are stationing themselves in speeding "hot-spots" to help crack down on fast drivers.

As far as traffic goes, "you can drive through any community across New Hampshire" and come across it. Bourdon is extremely proud of the workers who maintain the roads of Derry. "They're efficient, the way they keep up with our roads," he

explained. "Not only is it the right way to do it, but it saves taxpayers money."

Most towns wait until the roads are bad before spending the money to fix them, but Derry makes sure they maintain them before they need to be completely re-done. Bourdon believes people just need to be a little more patient; there are many ways to get around traffic, and he suggests that people take advantage of today's technology—check traffic patterns and reroute if necessary, and perhaps enjoy some of the beautiful back roads at a safe, steady speed.

## RFP

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would routinely draw a lot of residents.

One of the projects involves possibly adding solar panels to the Marion Gerrish Center to achieve about 45 percent of the electric energy needs, Moulton said. Under this scenario, the system would add panels to the roof of the building and cost about a total of

\$49,000.

But, with rebates, the cost would be reduced to about \$36,000. With other savings, the system could be paid back in about seven to eight years.

With the systems warranted for 25 years, after the first seven to eight years, the town would be receiving electricity for free for approximately the next 17 to 18 years, Moulton ex-

plained.

As for the transfer station, figures were presented that showed the overall cost to add solar would total approximately \$270,000. With rebates, the cost would be reduced to about \$202,600 under the scenario that was presented. With other savings, the system could be paid back in about seven to eight years.

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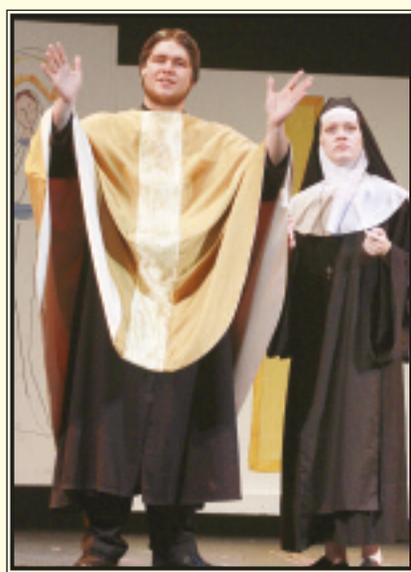
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Kids Coop Theatre will rounded out their 20th Anniversary season with its Summer Teen Production of "Sister Act" over the weekend at The Derry Opera House. The musical comedy was directed of Rachael Longo, with music direction by Amanda Morgan and choreography by Bethany Cassidy. The 40-member cast featured members ages 13 to 19 from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, and Chester, as well as other bordering communities. Derry cast includes: Brandon Bakken, Grace Cass, Elora Chase, Sara Chemi, Nicole Delpidio, Emily DeWolf, Arianna Earnshaw, Joshua Gore, Tracy Hickey, Heidi Krantz, Amara Phelps, Ivy Phillips, Jillian Pooler, Rachel Spellman, and Tyler Vinson. Amara Phelps played the lead role of Deloris Van Cartier.

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# Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores Still Going Strong After 27 Years, no Plans of Retiring

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In 1990, Phyllis Katsakiores was elected to Derry's Town Council, but her contributions to this small, historic New Hampshire town did not begin here. The 82, soon to be 83, year-old councilor has spent the majority of her life here in Derry serving on a variety of committees, councils, and commissions, ensuring the widest range of reach possible—and she has no plans on stopping now.

"I would never retire," she said, claiming her involvement in the town is what keeps her mind going; that, and the fact that she loves helping people too much to stop.

Though it would be easy to believe Phyllis was born and raised in Derry, she grew up in Massachusetts and didn't move to Derry until around 53 years ago. It was here that she settled with her late husband George, who was a Derry native, and began her life in the political sphere they both served as state representatives for Derry in addition to numerous positions in town government.

Phyllis currently serves as a Heritage Commission representative, Legislative Delegation Council repre-

sentative, chairperson for the Senior Advisory Committee, and a member of various safety departments.

She credits the beginning of her involvement in the town to the Derry Junior Women's Club around 30 years ago, where she found her love of helping people. Eventually, she became Chairman, and then State Chairman of the organization, but one of her fondest memories of that time was organizing the first Walk-a-Thon in Derry between the fire department and the police department. They raised over \$3,000 and used the money to buy a furnace for the community center.

While at the Junior Women's Club, friends and other members told her she would be perfect to run for office in town, but she remembers that she didn't get elected right away.

"You win some, you lose some," she said. "It takes a while to get connections, for people to know you and to trust you."

Now that she's been involved for so long, she's definitely "got the connections." Not a day goes by without her phone ringing with someone asking for some sort of help, but she doesn't mind. "I think every call that I get and everything that I do is important to

somebody," she explained. The reason she believes so many people approach her is because she is accessible and involved in so many aspects of the town.

Just the other day, she was at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister - a member of the church who assists the priest in the ceremony of Holy Communion, and a man asked her if she could call someone to sweep his street. The very next day, individuals from Town Hall were sent to clean up the street, which is only half paved and can accumulate quite a mess from the cars driving on it.

Members of the Derry community come to her for a variety of reasons, ranging from veterans' affairs and helping senior citizens find affordable housing, to helping Derry's youth find scholarship money for college. The reason, she believes, is because "the day they call me, it's done. When they hang up, I get right on it."

Faith plays a strong role in the way she lives her life as a community member. On the wall above her dining room table hang over 20 crosses of different materials—some metal, some meticulous wood carvings, some simple, but all repre-



Phyllis Katsakiores sits proudly, displaying the collection of crosses on her wall. Faith plays an important role in her daily life as she is always willing to help others while asking for nothing in return.  
*Photo by Alyssa Guinn*

sentative of the value she places on a main value of the Christian faith: help others and ask for nothing in return.

One of her proudest and most faith-filled moments was when a young, single mother from Derry called Phyllis to tell her that she had been late to pay the dues associated with being a licensed practical nurse (LPN), and that she was being fined around \$1,000 and would be unable to work until it was paid. Upon hearing this, Phyllis took the young woman up to Concord to try to get the situa-

tion settled and was met by members of the nursing board who "were terrible" and "had no patience or understanding."

Later, Phyllis visited a former nun at a Christmas party hosted by the nursing home where the nun lived. Phyllis had not known the party was happening and was about to leave when she found an open seat—the only open seat in the room—at a table where the nun was sitting. After telling the nun about the young woman, the nun, and some other nuns in attendance, decided they wanted to pay for the woman to get her LPN license back.

"I think being a town councilor has brought me a lot closer to the people of Derry," she said.

In addition to the individual impacts she's made on the people of Derry, she has also made visible impacts: she helped get the State Liquor Store in Derry and

was also involved in the process of renaming the post office the Alan B. Shepard Jr. Post Office. As a legislator, she helped pass over ten bills, and continues to lead an active role in state politics.

Though she's lived a lot of places, Derry is her home, and she never plans on leaving.

"I think Derry is one of the greatest places in the world to live," she said and continued, saying, "I'll die here."

Phyllis will continue to make an impact on Derry as long as she can and plans on trying to make Derry more accessible for the elderly. She believes Derry is "lagging behind" when it comes to incorporating seniors into everyday life and would like to see a form of senior transportation established, as well as more low-income housing for seniors.

"We're all going to be seniors someday. We'd better start preparing for it."



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# Town Historian Rick Holmes Will be Missed as His Retirement Begins

**ALYSSA GUINN**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

If you walk into Derry's Municipal Center and peruse the glass cabinets lining the walls, you will find a display dedicated to Town Historian Richard Holmes, who is retiring this year. Holmes, who was officially appointed as Derry's first town historian in 2012, is well known and celebrated in Derry for the depth of his knowledge and passion for history.

"Oh my god, that guy

knows everything," said Town Council Member Phyllis Katsakiores, who was in attendance on Tuesday, July 18 when the council and community members celebrated Holmes's commitment to the town.

This was not the first time Holmes had been honored; in 2008, he received the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award, in addition to a slew of other accolades from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, Pinkerton Acade-

my, and Keene State College, where he received his B.A. in Education.

The display in the Municipal Center was created without Holmes's knowledge, and he was surprised to see the lay of his life illustrated in a glass case for the public to view.

"I'm at the age where maybe I should be put in a glass case," he joked.

He was flattered, though, and continued on to say, "I'm a humble man with much to be humble about, and it's always nice to be

remembered."

Born in East Derry, Holmes has served on multiple state and local boards, such as the Department of Transportation's Robert Frost/Old Scenic Byway Committee, and is a trustee of the Robert Frost Farm State Historic Site.

"Rick is a gift to the town," said Chairmen Paul Dionne at the Conservation Committee's meeting on July 24.

Though he is retiring, Holmes continues to donate his "personal treasures, collectibles, and junk" to historical sites around town as he downsizes. He recently donated Alan Shepard's personal Bible, which is now on display at the Taylor Library, as well as hundreds of thousands of news snippets in filing cabinets. He plans on continuing to contribute to the historical upkeep of the town but allocating items to places like Derry's Historical Museum and the Robert Frost Farm.

Just because he has retired doesn't mean he is done doing research, though; he plans on finishing two more local history books about Robert Frost,

## Conservation Commission Plans Site Walk for Proposed Store

**ALYSSA GUINN**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The main agenda item for the Conservation Commission's July 24 meeting was a preliminary hearing for a new convenience store/gas station at Grand View Farm on Island Pond Road and South Maine Street.

A representative for Jeanne Warren and Edward N. Herbert Associates, Inc. presented the plans for the building – a 3999-square foot storefront that will be located on 1.1 acres of land. The store will contain a small Dunkin Donuts and have a similar layout to the convenience store on Cowbell Corner, with a drive through and a small walk-up counter within the building.

Outside the building will be four gas islands and eight pumping stations.

The main concerns of the commission were about

the quality of the water from the establishment that will be released into a small pond on the property, and the types of plants that will be used in the landscape of the business.

Before being released into the pond, the water will go through multiple filtration systems and into a 40,000 gallon tank on site where it will then be released into two manholes that will go through a pipe to a level spreader and into the pond. A level spreader is an erosion control device that reduces water pollution by lessening the impact of stormwater surface runoff.

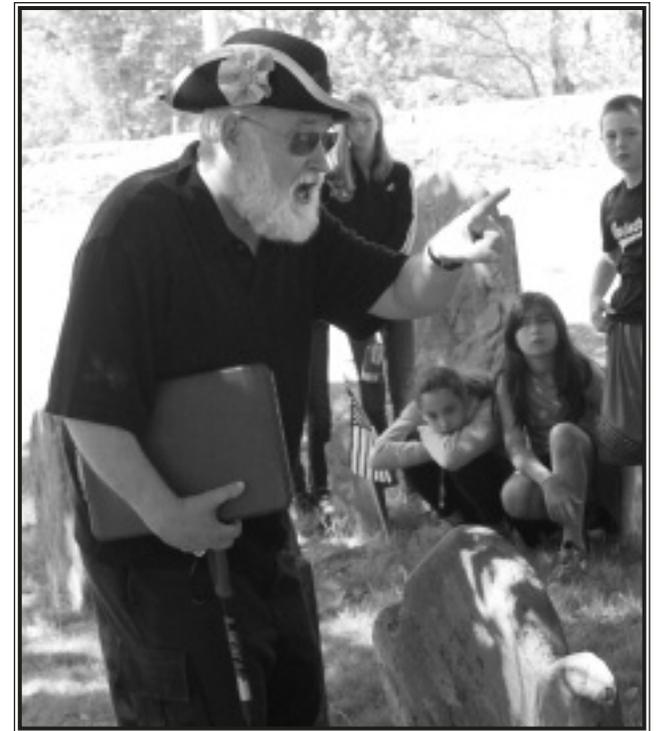
The site, according to the representative, has to be designed so that pre and post development "waste" match each other. Since there is some existing runoff on the site from pavement and previously established buildings, like the barn that

resides on the property, the additional waste cannot exceed pollutant levels. This will be kept under control by the technology used to filter the water.

As far as the plant species are concerned, site plan only intends to bring plants native to the area, and that would be a good fit in helping absorb water should there be an excess of rain.

Since this was a preliminary hearing, the Conservation Commission plans on doing a walk-through of the site before making any decisions. The site walk is planned for Thursday, July 27 at 5 p.m., and if there are no problems, the site plans will be presented again at the next meeting and up for approval.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on August 14 at 7 p.m.



Retired Derry Historian Rick Holmes gave his official last public talk in June to students at Chester Academy on the history of headstones. *Photo by Chris Paul*

adding to the list of his numerous publications. The project was originally going to be one volume but neared on 1,000 pages, so Holmes decided to separate it into Robert Frost at the farm and Robert Frost at Pinkerton Academy.

Holmes and his wife, Carol, also plan to do a lot of traveling in the near future, and will be heading to Scot-

land for a few weeks. "It's nice to find places that are older than I am," he said.

While he will still maintain a strong presence in Derry's community, his absence at the Municipal Center where his office was will be felt greatly.

"He's our town jewel," said Katsakiores. "He's irreplaceable."

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# Derry Recreation Transports Kids to Rio at Humphrey Park



Those visiting Humphrey Park were whisked away to a number of countries By the Derry Recreation Summer Program, which is held each afternoon. On Thursday, July 20, participants enjoyed a day at the Rio Caraval. They decorated masks while listening to festive music and later enjoyed some water games on the lawn. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# DERRY SPORTS

## GDTC Summer Fun Runs Resume With Great Races on July 20



CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After losing its prior week's races to bad weather, the weekly Greater Derry Track Club (GTTC) summer fun runs resumed on Thursday night, July 20, with a strong crowd of young racers who competed in somewhat steamy conditions.

Hordes of young runners took part in that evening's races, and Derry youngsters stood tall in tallying a slew of top-three finishes in the different age groups.

Several boys' divisions were won by Derry kids, with young men from town

snagging the top three places in the nine-year-old class (Jonah Roberts, Elijah Roberts, and Eli Donovan respectively) and the 13-year-old class as well (Luke Brennan, Evan Tamborello, and Chris Sheppard).

In the 10-year-old boys' division, Bryson Hooke finished first and Alex Tamborello was right behind him in second, and Nathan Donovan finished second in the 11-year-old boys' grouping.

On the girls' side of the ledger, Kate Brennan of Derry showed off her running skills by placing third in the 10-year-old class and

finishing first in the open mile race with her fine time of 11 minutes and 53 seconds.

Other Derry girls who performed well included Isabella Dupuis and Rebecca King (first and second among the girl nine's), Sarah Valliant (second among the 11-year-old girls), and Amelia Hernandez (12-year-old girls' winner).

The 42nd summer series, which is directed by the GDTC along with support from the Derry Recreation Department, will be held Thursday nights through August 3.

Registration is free, but runners are asked to donate a non-perishable food item which will be forwarded on to a local food pantry.

Kids aged two and three run approximately 50 yards, four to six-year-olds run 200 meters, seven and eight-year-olds run 300 meters, nine and ten-year-olds race 600 meters, and those 11 to 13 run the cross-country mile. Runners 14 and older run the open mile, but everyone aged two through 92

Youngsters never fail to have a good time during Greater Derry Track Club fun runs, as was the case again last Thursday night. *Photos by Chris Paul*

from any town is welcome. Club. Water, Gatorade, and watermelons are supplied each week. At the end of the series, prizes and medals are given for participation in this healthy lifestyle-conscious event.



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# After Rough Start, Derry Junior Legion Baseball Bounces Back



Derry Junior Legion stalwart George Welch was right on this pitch during his team's highly-successful double-header in Salem. *Photos by Chris Pantazis*

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry Chase Post 9 Junior American Legion baseball squad coach Steve Tritto knew that he had a 2017 team which could certainly win some ballgames and give opponents a tough

time this summer. It took the squad a bit of time to live up to its coach's hopes, but Tritto's charges did, in fact, do so.

After beginning the campaign by dropping its first seven games, the Derry contingent turned its fortunes around distinctly in the sec-

ond game of a double-header against Exeter on the evening of Friday, July 14.

The locals had fallen to 0-7 with a loss in game one of that twin-bill against the seacoast opponent, but Derry snared a 3-0 shutout in game two in reaching the win column for the first time.

The Chase Post crew would go 5-1 in the next six games following the game-one loss to Exeter, starting with that fine 3-0 blanking in game two.

In the wake of that win, coach Tritto's troop defeated Portsmouth by a 6-2 score and then Salem by tallies of 4-1 and 15-10 in a twin-bill at Salem's Michele Park in putting together a fine, four-game winning streak.

That streak was broken on Thursday, July 20 with a 6-5 nipping at the hands of previously-winless Hudson in Derry in a continued game from weeks before. But, a full game was then played between those opponents that evening as well, with host Derry claiming a 12-2 blowout victory to make it five wins in six games.

One of the superb efforts during that winning run for the Derry crew came in the 4-1 besting of Salem on the road last Wednesday evening, July 19.

George Welch played

several major roles for the locals in that victory, collecting the pitching win and slamming two of the Derry squad's nine hits.

Welch pitched the first four innings - struggling with his control at points but also simply overpowering a number of Salem batters - on the way to striking out nine batters and walking four while holding the host team to just three hits and one run.

Billy Gonya took over on the hill for Welch in the fifth inning and finished up strong by hurling three scoreless frames on the way to the win.

Derry rebounded from a 1-0 deficit on the extremely hot evening - after Salem scored what would prove to be its lone run in the latter half of the first inning - by scoring once in the top of the third, twice in the top of the next inning, and then once more in the top of the sixth.

The locals knotted the score at 1-1 in the third, during which they bashed out three hits. The tying run scored on a single by Matt Michaud.

Derry jumped into the lead to stay in the top of the fourth when a sacrifice fly off of the bat of J.D. Normand scored Zac Plaza and then Ben Zikmanis sprinted home from third base on a wild pitch.



Derry Junior Legion base-runner Billy Gonya does a double-check on how close he is to first base while taking a modest lead against Salem last week.

The locals then bumped their lead up to 4-1 in the top half of the sixth when Normand drove home his second run of the night with a single which plated Dom Tritto.

Along with George Welch's two hits - a single and a double - the victorious Chase Post crew received two singles from Plaza.

The Derry contingent then went out and put up

more than a dozen runs in a 15-10 win in the nightcap that evening.

The team finished its up-and-down 2017 campaign this past Sunday, July 23 with a home game against that same Salem crew.

The Derry crew wound up losing a tight, 5-4 decision to Salem in that season-closing contest at Pinkerton Academy to end up at 5-9 overall.

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# Derry's Thompson is Aiming to Make Las Vegas His Next NHL Stop

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Former Pinkerton Academy ice hockey star and Derry resident Paul Thompson has put in a huge amount of work in trying to fulfill his dream of a career in the National Hockey League.

If Thompson has his way, he will wind up being a fixture at the NHL level for the brand new expansion Vegas Golden Knights during the forthcoming 2017-18 season.

Through the years since his PA days back in the early 2000's, the talented forward has worn a great many uniforms at many different hockey levels, including those of the Pinkerton Astros in New Hampshire Division I high school hockey, the New Hampshire Junior Monarchs of the Eastern Junior Hockey League, the University of New Hampshire in Hockey East, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League, the Wheeling Nailers of the East Coast Hockey League, and at long last, the New Jersey Devils and Florida Panthers of the NHL. There have been other minor league stops on the way to the promised land of the National Hockey League.

After playing 21 games for the Panthers in sunny Florida during the 2016-17 campaign, Thompson became a free-agent and was recently one of six "depth" players signed by Vegas

general manager George McPhee.

The idea is for Thompson and fellow forwards Stefan Matteau, and T.J. Tynan, defensemen Chris Casto and Brad Hunt, and goalie Maxime Lagace to potentially wind up with the American Hockey League's Chicago Wolves as call-ups in case of injuries with the big club in Las Vegas.

However, as the Golden Knights' website states, "They'll be coming to big camp and will have an opportunity to open eyes and earn an NHL roster spot."

So, if the 28-year-old Thompson is able to show enough to Vegas head coach Gerard Gallant, his assistants, and the front office folks, he could certainly end up back in the NHL living his dream of trying to be a regular National Hockey Leaguer for perhaps a full season and beyond.

Thus far, Thompson's NHL career has consisted of 24 games spread over two seasons with the New Jersey Devils and those Florida Panthers. He has notched three assists in his NHL career, so that elusive first goal is still hovering out there in the ether somewhere.

The former Derry resident showed plainly during his freshman and sophomore seasons on the Pinkerton varsity hockey squad that he had the potential to go places with his hockey ability.

From Pinkerton - where Thompson also played foot-



Former Pinkerton Academy and UNH hockey star Paul Thompson is hoping to claim an NHL roster spot with the new Las Vegas team. *Courtesy photo*

ball and baseball - he moved on to the higher level of play with the New Hampshire Junior Monarchs of the EJHL, for whom he tallied 58 goals and 113 points in 82 games.

From there, it was a storied career with the UNH Wildcats of the collegiate hockey world, with Thompson becoming the highest-scoring New Hampshire native in the UNH hockey program in the last 30 years.

The Pinkerton graduate ended up netting 57 career goals and bagging 112 points as a Wildcat, and he

was a finalist for the coveted Hobey Baker Award as collegiate hockey's top player in 2011.

As a UNH senior during the winter of 2010-11, the Health Management major potted 28 goals and assisted on 24 others to end up with 52 points in 39 contests.

The former PA Astro got his first crack at professional hockey during March of 2011 after signing a two-year contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins, but Thompson never made it up to the big club in Pittsburgh, instead playing several sea-

sons on the AHL level with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Panthers before being traded by the parent club to the Columbus Blue Jackets in early 2014.

After playing some 30 games considerably closer to home with the Columbus-affiliated Springfield Falcons in 2014, Thompson decided to try out his fortunes with another NHL organization and signed a one-year AHL contract with the New Jersey Devils' affiliate in Albany, N.Y.

Prior to the 2014-15 season, Thomas attended the NHL parent club New Jersey Devils' training camp. He earned a two-year contract with New Jersey to start the 2015-16 hockey campaign, and Thompson ended up playing his first NHL contest for the Devils - against the Boston Bruins in early January of 2016 no less - in New Jersey.

The local man would end up playing three, point-free contests for the big Devils before being sent back to Albany to continue his hunt for a full-time NHL career.

In June of 2016, the Devils traded Thompson

along with teammate Graham Black to the Florida Panthers, and his hockey odyssey took on a Floridian flavor for a time.

The local played in 21 games for the Panthers - also seeing time with the Springfield Thunderbirds of the AHL - notching the aforementioned three assists on the NHL level.

Then, this July 1, having left the Panthers as a free agent, Thompson agreed to a one-year, two-way contract with the Vegas Golden Knights.

Seeing the absolutely huge amount of work Paul Thompson has put into becoming a professional hockey player and the drive he obviously has to finally become a regular in the NHL, one can't help but hope that his immense amounts of effort pay off. The fact that he's a local boy grasping for the proverbial brass ring can't help but make his efforts even more moving for Derry-area and New England ice hockey fans and certainly folks connected to Pinkerton Academy. So, many eyes and hopes will be on the local.

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# Former PA Baseball Standout Rossi a Top Backstop For Keene State

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Folks who know baseball will assure you that the very best kinds of catchers are ones who have no qualms about getting down in the dirt around home plate and doing their all to keep the ball in front of them while helping their pitchers to be the best they can be.

Those who have seen catcher Nate Rossi of Hampstead during his years as the superb backstop on Pinkerton Academy baseball squads will tell you that Rossi was the kind of catcher who would do whatever it took to keep the baseball within his reach

and to maximize his Astro pitchers' chances for success.

Rossi, who was a two-time New Hampshire all-state selection who helped lead the 2014 Pinkerton hardball crew to the Division I championship game against the eventual champs from Londonderry High, was also a tough-as-nails hitter who would never give an inch in a battle with any pitcher.

The Pinkerton graduate has now brought his hardball talents to Keene State College (KSC) after starting out at Southern New Hampshire University. Rossi played a pivotal role for the 2017 KSC baseball contingent this past spring.



Nate Rossi

After watching the Keene State baseball action from the sidelines as a red-shirt player during 2015, the former Pinkerton standout appeared in eight games

for the KSC crew during the spring of 2016.

But during that campaign, Rossi showed Keene's head man what he could do both behind and at the plate, and he earned considerably more playing time and that key role this year.

The criminal justice major played in 37 games during the 15-23 Keene crew's 2017 campaign, compiling a .992 fielding percentage and throwing out 21 of the 46 runners who attempted to steal bases on him.

While Rossi didn't hit for a great batting average, he had quite a few productive days at the plate for the Keene State

contingent.

The former Pinkerton all-stater enjoyed a half-dozen multiple-hit games and finished up with nine runs batted in, 22 runs scored, 14 walks, and five doubles.

Among the multi-hit games, Rossi managed a 2-for-4 day with two runs batted in in a 10-4 thrashing of Plattsburgh State; a 2-5 performance against Johnson and Wales in a 5-2 victory; a 2-3 with an RBI in an 8-4 defeat of Salve Regina; a 2-3 against Clark University - with two doubles and an RBI - in a 7-3 success, and a 2-4 performance in a loss to Eastern Connecticut.

In perhaps his team's

biggest victory of the campaign - a 5-4 edging of 20th-ranked Southern Maine in the first round of the Little East Conference tournament - Rossi smacked two hits.

The hard-working local hardball standout is continuing to fine-tune his considerable skills this summer by playing for the North Shore Navigators of Lynn, Mass., in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League.

Through 18 FCBL games, Rossi was batting .219 (7-for-32) with four runs batted in and a particularly strong performance against the Seacoast Mavericks (2-4, one RBI and a walk) in late June.

# Local Runners Help the GDTC Stay in the Grand Prix Title Hunt

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Members of the Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) have long taken pride in the fact that year after year their group is competitive in the New Hampshire Grand Prix Racing Series.

The local club, which includes runners from throughout the area, is right in the mix for the Grand Prix title again this year.

The Grand Prix is an annual road running racing series for the running clubs of New Hampshire. Clubs compete against each other in a group of road races spread throughout the racing

season. In addition, runners who complete every race in the series in a given year are granted the coveted "Granite Runner" status.

A total of eight races were chosen for the 2017 series, with five of them completed.

The locals - who regularly battle it out with The Gate City Striders based in Nashua and The Upper Valley Running Club based in Lebanon for the Grand Prix crown - posted the top team scores in the Red's Shoe Barn 5-Meter Race for a Better Community in Dover in April and at the recent 50th Annual Bill Luti 5-Meter Race in Concord ear-

lier this month.

In fact, the local club's racers haven't finished lower than second in any of the five races held thus far, but they're looking up at the Gate City crew where point totals are concerned heading into race six - the 5K Run From the Law in Canaan - which is slated for August 6.

Gate City has posted a total of 761 points to lead the Grand Prix series after the first handful of races, with the GDTC second with a strong tally of 544.

The Greater Derry group had nearly 50 runners compete in the 2017 series-opening race - The Leprechaun Leap 5K - in mid-March in

Nashua. But, the Gate City Striders were just too strong that day, taking nine of the top 13 finishing spots in notching an impressive team score of 203. The GDTC group tallied a score of 165, with team members Eddie Clements of Salem (14th), 12-year-old Luke Brennan from Derry (16th), J.D. Toscano from Salem (17th), and Nick Gregory from Derry (18th) all crossing the finish line among the top 20 runners.

But, on April 9 in the Red's Shoe Barn race the Greater Derry team, which consisted of 27 competitors, came out on top among the Grand Prix teams with a score of 152. Gate City finished second with a 142.

Rick Bernard from Hampstead was the local group's top finisher (17th overall) with Londonderry's

Mike Dufour finishing behind him in 22nd place and youngster Brennan ending up 24th overall.

Next up in the series was the Chief Maloney 10K Unity Run in Greenland on April 30, and the team scoring wound up being incredibly tight at that event.

Gate City took first, with a team score of 132, just three points ahead of the second place GDTC and Upper Valley contingents (129 each).

The Greater Derry crew consisted of 26 runners in that race, with Derry's Charlie Bemis finishing a strong eighth overall, Amy Bernard of Hampstead (and Pinkerton Academy) ending up 16th, and Londonderry's Dufour just one place behind her in 17th.

Race number four was the Gate City Half Marathon

in Nashua on May 21, and the GDTC crew consisted of 22 runners that day. The Gate City Striders finished first with 141 points, with the locals second with a 125.

Bemis was the Greater Derry crew's top finisher again that day (seventh), with Dufour next in 18th place and Gregory next in 22nd.

The most recent Grand Prix event was the Luti race in Concord on July 15, which was won by the Greater Derry group of 31 runners with its top score of 173. Gate City took second (143) and Upper Valley was third (135).

Gini Nichols from Candia and Lynne-Marie Fawcett of Chester each tallied 10 big points for the locals. So, with three series races remaining, the locals' title hopes remain.

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Adult coloring will be offered on the following dates this summer: July 31, August 7, 21. All meetings run from 6:30 - 8 p.m., and will be held in the teen area. To register, visit [www.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Derry Garden Club

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Friday, August 4 at Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury. It is a non-profit museum. There will be a brief business meeting starting at 10 a.m. and we will tour the homes and gardens immediately after the meeting. The fee is \$13 and pre-registration and payment is required. You may choose to eat in the Shaker Village Box Lunch Farm Stand or bring a lunch. Please bring a chair.

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