

Town Council Prohibits Parking at Broadway/Fenway Street Section

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – At their March 24 Town Council meeting led by Chairman Charlie Foote, Department of Public works (DPW) Director, Mike Fowler spoke to council members on behalf of the Highway Safety Committee to propose amending Derry's Chapter 55 Code in its entirety with a new ordinance.

Scott Savard, Highway Safety Committee Chairman, and Jill Jamro, Executive Secretary of the DPW, helped the safety committee prepare this amended ordinance. Specifically, the town wants to amend the Traffic Ordinance to include prohibit-

ed parking on Fenway and East Broadway.

Town Administrator, David Caron, was at the meeting and had previously helped the Town Council schedule this public hearing on March 24, and he recommended supporting the committee's recommendation.

The Highway Safety Committee had received a citizen's request from a resident living on Fenway Street to consider permanently banning on-street parking between the intersection of Fenway and East Broadway - the corner of which terminates in front of 3 Fenway. The committee has conducted a safety analysis study of this area.

The Highway Safety

Committee had discussed this issue with the council during the Dec. 19, 2019 council meeting and in their analysis had determined it be safer for the area if parking was prohibited along the westerly side of Fenway beginning at East Broadway - to the property line of #1 and #3 Fenway and on the easterly side beginning 200 feet from East Broadway to the property line of #6 and #8 Fenway.

At their subsequent meeting, the Highway Safety Committee recommended by unanimous decision that the Town Council amend the Traffic Ordinance Article I Section 150-4 - Prohibited Parking to include this

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Hampstead School Board Meets, Makes Appointments

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HAMPSTEAD – Dr. Earl Metzler, Superintendent of Schools for Hampstead, is also the Chief Executive Officer for both the Hampstead and Timberlane School Districts. Dr. Metzler supported and led this month's teleconference discussion for both districts during the School Board meeting held on April 7.

Metzler began the meeting by introducing new School Board member, Megan Malcom who was recently elected to this position.

Malcom said, "Thank you for this opportunity. Certainly, the next two years will be challenging. I am looking forward to working with everyone on the board, as well as, with the school community in nurturing a learning environment that we are excited to be a part of. I like to ask a lot of questions and the more I participate with the board discussions and learn information, the more likely I will ask more questions."

The agenda discussions started with appointment selections for the 2020-2021 school year as directed by School Board Chair,

Caitlin Parnell. The first request was to name a school legal counsel for the Superintendent to be able to work with.

Dr. Metzler told board members that it is fine with him to continue to work with the current school district legal representatives, Wadleigh, Starr and Peters PLLC and that he intended to go to them first in cases when that would make the most sense. Dr. Metzler was also looking for the ability to go outside that law firm where necessary for certain counsel needs and a different counsel may be more appropriate.

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BUNNY LUNCHES Grinnell Elementary School Cafeteria staff member Lisa Chabot was handing out treats as the Easter Bunny at Derry Village School on Friday. Chabot is one of the many Derry School District staff members cooking and handing out hundreds of meals each day for local students during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Chester Selectmen Conduct Public Meeting Remotely

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CHESTER – Chester Town Administrator Deb Doda helped support the April 6 Selectmen meeting as the only one seated in the Town Selectmen's meeting room and as the only one that was clearly visible on the broadcast. That meeting for the public did not include the Zoom switching connections that could highlight who the various speakers were during the session as is possible using the conferencing. The session videos for each speaker were not bridged directly into the public broadcast for the recording. It appears that Vice Chairman Chuck Meyette who moderated discussions remotely using Zoom teleconferencing led the session. Several members but not all Chester Selectmen were able to join the meeting remotely

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Sandown Conservation Commission Plans for Spring and Summer

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Conservation Commission (Con Com) lead by Chairman Brian Butler met on April 9 in a hybrid meeting format that was set up with 6 members of the Commission seated according to social distancing practices. The remaining members joined the meeting via teleconferencing. The meeting broadcast is available on Sandown's Channel 17; Sandown Community Television station recordings that can be accessed online at: www.173.209.96.235/cablecast/public/About.aspx?ChannelID=1

The first order of business for the Con Com team was to swear in of two members of the commission - Tom Sands and Pam Gaudreau. The Con Com members then discussed a proposal for a

forestry cut with a partner that the conservation group has been working with for a long time. Butler said, "The Town of Sandown Conservation Commission has continued to work with Charles Marino who is a consulting forester. We have worked with him on two of our previous forestry cuts and have worked with him for probably 15 years now." The Chair continued, "He has also done two Forestry Management plans with us. So, he has done this type of forestry work before for us. And what we are going to be doing is cutting on the Wells Village Road Town Forest. It's going to be about a 45-acre forest cut. This cut is probably going to take place in late Summer or early fall." As work is done by Marino, he is very thorough as he marks the trees and does a plethora of project management and related work

in his service contracts that have worked out for the town in the past. The Chairman pointed out that Marino is looking for about \$25,000 as the projected costs to the town for the project.

Commission members had been previously given an outline with numbers and the detailed services involved in Marino's proposal, so they were well versed with the proposal. This meant there was little discussion needed about the proposal as it had already been outlined for all the members. The members approved the proposal unanimously.

The conversation for the commission next moved to the community garden. The chairman review-

ed a previous discussion about planting wild flowers in some areas where forest areas had been cut down. Christy Ortins is the leader - Garden Chair for the community garden and she overviewed ideas she was recommending for the commission's consideration.

Ortins reported that she had updated the registration form for the town, so people can go in and register for the 2020 season. Ortins reported that residents should check the town's page for updates about the garden efforts. That acmes for the forms and garden maps can be accessed at www.sandown.us/conservation-commission/pages/community-garden.

The Sandown Conservation Commissions facebook page is a great place to connect with too and it can be accessed at: www.facebook.com/SandownConservationCommission/

There is a lot of infor-

mation that will be interesting online for many town residents to consider - especially in light of the current pandemic and with the need for people to find some outdoor activities to participate in. Check it out.

OBITUARY

Michelle D. Judge



Michelle D. Judge, 41 of Derry, NH died April 7, 2020 unexpectedly from a ruptured brain aneurysm. Michelle was born in Laconia, NH on Nov. 26, 1978, daughter of Susan (Drapeau) Judge and the late James P. Judge. She was raised in Wolfeboro, NH and moved to Derry in 1998. Michelle was employed as an LNA at Derry Health and Rehabilitation.

Everyone who knew Michelle knew she loved to travel the country following Phish, Grateful Dead, and many other groups. She loved her residents very much like they were her own family. She also loved watching National Geographic channel about all the animals in the world, her favorites were lions and penguins. She loved field hockey and skiing and worked as a skiing instructor at Smugglers Notch in Vermont in 2004. She was dedicated and loved her children and Rich. She touched the hearts of everyone she met and always took care of everyone before herself.

Michelle decided to become an LNA after taking care of her father who passed from his courageous battle of cancer. Even though Michelle was suffering from headaches the week before she passed, her only concern was taking care of her residents and family. Her last words to Rich were how she needed to go into work and be there for them. She will be missed dearly by everyone. The impacts she made on her family and friends touched many hearts and she deserves gratitude for all the love, light, and laughter she brought into our world.

Michelle is survived by three children, Corrin Belle Davis, Kayla Ann Davis, and Richard J. Davis, Jr. all of Derry, her longtime partner of 21 years, Richard J. Davis, Sr. of Derry, her mother, Susan J. Judge of Derry, four siblings, Michael Judge of NY, Christopher Smith of PA, Laura Judge of NY, and Kristin Judge of Manchester, NH. She was the granddaughter of Mary Drapeau of NY, the late Charles Drapeau and the late Millicent (Pearsall) Drapeau, also Alfred and Catherine Judge.

Broadway

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area.

There will be an impact of less than \$150.00 for the town to fabricate and install signs for this updated ordinance initiative. At the public hearing section of the proposal, no one from the public came forward or provided any written comments for or against this updated ordinance.

The Highway Safety Committee specifically recommended for the council to adopt this amendment with the following specific motion language - The Derry

Town Council moves to amend the Code of the Town of Derry, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article Section 150-4 Prohibited Parking to read: Fenway West side - beginning at East Broadway to the property line of #1 and #3 Fenway. Fenway East side - beginning 200 feet from East Broadway to the property line of #6 and #8 Fenway.

There was minimal discussion or questions among council members about this ordinance and the council took the recommendation of the Highway Safety Committee's using their specific motion language and passed this new ordinance by a council vote of 7-0.

This resolution will officially take place 30 days after the March 24 date adoption by the council.

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Derry Fire, Police Emergency Responders Back from Quarantine

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DERRY - At the Town Council meeting on April 7, Fire Department Chief Michael Gagnon provided an update about the fire and police emergency crews and staff. He informed the Council what these first responders have been facing with the coronavirus challenge in Derry and discussed communications with the State of NH.

Gagnon said, "So as the Governor continues to issue emergency orders in an effort to assist with the current pandemic, orders have been coming out every day sometimes 2 or 3 orders at a time. And one of those is a general executive order that allows public meeting to

be held in a virtual format as we are doing tonight. And the public may listen in and call in during public hearing and public comment session."

The Fire Chief continued, "Things continue to change very quickly at all fronts. At this time, schools within the state are continuing with an online learning format until May 4th and whether or not that date will be extended remains unknown at this time. The Derry Municipal center remains closed to the public."

Residents should also continue to check out Derry's Town website to get updates about the town's virtual online operations and procedures for using the town's drive up operations.

Gagnon said the COVID-19 situation was presenting a unique challenge for all emergency teams. He reported that Fire Department (FD) staff and Police Department (PD) emergency crews were working extremely hard to keep both residents and first responders safe. At this time, both the Derry fire and police stations remain closed to non-essential visits. No FD or PD tours are being allowed and no public education courses can be supported until further notice. The hiring process for new staff for both departments is continuing and now it is being conducted utilizing online sources. It was interesting that Gagnon pointed out, "There has also been less call in vol-

ume in both departments.

The Fire Chief reported that 13 Fire department personnel and three police staff members, who may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus and who were quarantined, are all back at work. Protective Gear is critical and is being monitored to insure there is enough of the right gear to protect the town's first responders.

"The police department has made changes during regular stops and home calls", Gagnon said. Officers who make

stops are maintaining safe distance and some are now wearing masks. For a traffic stop, the officers are asking drivers to hold up their driver's license so the officer can read the information without having to touch it or approach too closely.

The town's emergency management staff is in regular contact with Parkland Medical Center, state agencies and community health partners, Gagnon said. He credited town staff, emergency staff and responders, and residents for all the hard work to get

through this crisis. Town officials, the fire Department and the Police Department are all urging citizens to follow social distancing guidelines at all times. In the event of some type of emergency, it is important that the emergency teams are told proactively about any one involved at the emergency location, whom might have been exposed to the coronavirus.

Gagnon said, "This is a very difficult time for everyone and we are all together, every step of the way."

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It's not only the architecture and design community which has expressed confidence in the future of The Baldwin. A number of



New Hampshire and Massachusetts residents have already made a 10% deposit and chosen their new apartment homes in the community. Understanding all the excitement is easy: an expansive choice of floor plans (54 total layout options) open

up new possibilities for residents to rightsize their lives and to entertain friends and family. Options for customization are a welcome deviation from the one-size-fits-all home designs that have been the norm for senior lifestyle communities. The Bald-

win's depositors are looking forward to the freedom they will have to personalize their living spaces into homes that are uniquely their own and to finish them with the luxury and craftsmanship of a Scavolini kitchen or a Porcelanosa tile bath.

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Editorial

Time to Think About Lyme Disease

I love the outdoors, but I check for ticks every time I go outside. Ticks can be found out almost every month of the year, one should be especially aware of the risk of tick bites from early spring until late fall.

If you find a tick attached remove it as soon as possible. You should put the tick into a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel and mark the date and the person who was bitten on the bag. Then, the tick can be identified by someone knowledgeable about ticks or can be sent to a lab to see if it was a carrier of Lyme disease or other infections such as Bartonella, Ehrlichia, Babesia or Anaplasma.

Most people feel that you need to have a bulls eye rash (erythema migrans rash) to develop in order to be diagnosed with Lyme disease, this is not true. It can also be an even red appearance across the entire area. Typically when a person first contracts Lyme disease, he or she will develop flu-like symptoms about 7 to 21 days after the tick bite. However, this is not necessarily the case. Sometimes the onset is quite insidious and may take years to show.

Lyme disease can spread to most organ systems, including the heart and the central nervous system. More than a decade ago, Syphilis was nick named "the great masquerader" since it could develop symptoms that mimicked most any other disease. Today, Lyme disease

is the great masquerader, since it may appear to be like other illnesses, like cardiac arrhythmias causing sudden death, neurologic symptoms that often appear like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. There is often a buzzing or tingling sensation of the skin, burning neurologic pain, and a great amount of joint pain, muscle pain and incredible muscle stiffness. A lot of "brain fog" resulting in poor memory, difficulty with language skills and even out right dementia. Chronic sinus infections, migraines, and Lyme rage can be experienced as well. In other words, there are numerous complications a person can suffer that are connected to Lyme disease.

With most disease the best "treatment" for Lyme disease is prevention. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make them tick resistant. DEET, Lemon, and Eucalyptus Oil, to name a few, can be used as insect repellent for the skin. Wearing light clothing makes it easier for you to spot ticks. Clothes should be put in a dryer for 10 minutes on high heat after coming in from outside to kill ticks. Tucking pants into socks can prevent the ticks from climbing up your leg.

Enjoy the outdoors and protect yourself from Lyme disease by taking preventative measures from tick bites and seek treatment if necessary.

Letters

Open Letter to Governor Sununu

To the editor,

Thank you for your recent Stay-at-Home order. I strongly urge you as my Governor, to read and act upon the letter sent to you by NH medical professionals, which was published on 4/6/20 in the Concord Monitor. The letter stated that "We strongly emphasize New Hampshire must test, treat and track COVID-19 cases to produce accurate, evidence-based data for decision-making and public education." They then went on to follow up with specific reasons why and suggested steps to take.

My understanding is that a second letter from those same medical professionals stated the following. "We, the undersigned, are imploring you to issue an immediate Executive Order to require, at a minimum, face coverings, nitrile gloves, and plexi glass or other barriers for all essential workers. All citizens entering populated places of likely virus transmission such as liquor stores, grocery stores, restaurants, state and county employees working with the public, and pharmacies. All workers should be provided with the necessary PPE for their shift at work by either the state or their employer. Workers employed by the state represent a particular responsibility of the state to protect them in their workplace."

As your constituent I ask you to follow their advice.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

Stay Safe at Elections

To the editor:

I am pleased to hear that the Attorney General has provided a liberal interpretation of current election law that would broaden the definition of "disability" to include a decision or order to stay home for health reasons such as with the current pandemic. But an interpretation can easily be reinterpreted so I still see a pressing need for legislation to provide for no-excuse absentee voting regardless of the reason as proposed in HB 1672.

That said, the federal legislation known as the CARES act provided NH with \$3.2 million to use in the upcoming federal election cycle to keep voters and election official safe. I urge Secretary of State Gardner to share a significant portion of this money with local authorities to use to provide personal protective equipment for election workers and to provide safe and sanitary polling places for both the September primaries and the November general election.

Mary Till
Derry

Honoring Public Health Workers During National Public Health Week

To the editor,

This week, April 6-12, is National Public Health Week (NPHW), a week that has been celebrated for 25 years to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation's

health. Sadly, this year the week falls just as we are being told by US Surgeon General Jerome Adams, "This is going to be the hardest and saddest week of most Americans' lives," in reference to the escalating COVID-19 pandemic.

Now more than ever, the critical role of public health workers in keeping our nation healthy and safe is clearly apparent. Our thanks go out to our New Hampshire public health partners at the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) and local public health as they work countless hours to track this virus, follow contacts, face the media, and strategically plan to lessen the effects of this pandemic and address the needs of the people in our state.

While these efforts are critical and invaluable, public health is and has been so much more than COVID-19. We hope that you will join us in celebrating NPHW this year by looking back at public health's successes and moving forward to eliminating health disparities.

Every year, New Hampshire public health workers educate people about the flu and give out the flu vaccine. They help pass laws to eliminate smoking in public places and to ensure that children ride in car seats and are screened for lead poisoning. Public health workers develop home visiting programs to promote the health and well-being of pregnant women and their children. They implement falls prevention programs for seniors to keep them

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living safely in their homes.

It is public health workers who review data to understand the health disparities that exist among some populations, such as higher maternal mortality rates among African American women, and seek to eliminate such disparities.

But we know that making the U.S. the healthiest nation can't be done in a week. That's why we're encouraging members of our community to learn more and take part in the

All of Us Research Program, a historic effort to collect and study data from one million or more people living in the United States. The goal of the program is better health for all of us. Learn more at <https://allofus.nih.gov/>.

We hope you'll join us to celebrate NPHW 2020, April 6–12, as we celebrate the power of prevention and preventive care, advocate for healthy and fair policies, educate our community about healthy behaviors, and work to build a strong public health system across our country. Learn more at www.nphw.org/nphw-2020.

And please take a moment to thank and support our public health workers for the crucial work they are doing throughout the long days, weeks, and months of this pandemic.

Joan H. Ascheim
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Health Association

A Message from Postal Worker

To the editor,
During these challenging times, postal employees are working hard to

ensure residents stay connected with their world through the mail. Whether it's medications, a package, a paycheck, benefits or pension check, a bill or letter from a family member, postal workers understand that every piece of mail is important. While service like this is nothing new to us, we need our communities' help with social distancing.

For everyone's safety, our employees are following the social distancing precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health

officials. We are asking people to not approach our carriers to accept delivery. Let the carrier leave the mailbox before collecting the mail. With schools not in session, children should also be encouraged to not approach a postal vehicle or carrier.

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With social distancing, we can keep the mail moving while keeping our employees, and the public, safe.

Regina Bugbee
District Manager
U.S. Postal Service
Northern New England District

OBITUARY

Morris L. Messina

Morris L. Messina, 54, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday April 1, 2020 in his home. He was born in Lawrence, MA on Nov. 3, 1965, a son of Michael Messina and the late Ruth Ann (Marion) Purcell. He had been a resident of Derry for many years, formerly living in Auburn, NH. He attended Auburn Village School in Auburn and Pinkerton Academy in Derry. He had been employed as a cook, most recently for Southside Diner in Derry, and previously at Red Robin in Nashua, NH.

He is survived by his stepfather, Richard J. Purcell of Derry; his brother, Michael Messina of Berlin, NH; his sister, Kimberly Dutton and her husband Joel of Hooksett, NH; two half brothers, Dwayne Dee of Londonderry, NH, and Wayne Dee of Fayetteville, NC; his step brother, Scott Purcell of Manchester, NH; and his step sister, Penny Pare of Boynton Beach, FL. He was predeceased by his sister, Stacy Messina.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARY

Timothy John Scott



Timothy John Scott, 60, of Derry, NH, died Sunday March 15, 2020, at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. He was born in Binghamton, NY on Nov. 27, 1959, a son of Robert and Sandra (Walsh) Scott. Timothy graduated from Bishop Guertin High School and Worcester Academy before attending Keene State College and Plymouth State University. Timothy greatly enjoyed basketball and played throughout his entire high school and college career. He was employed as a CDL driver at Material Installations of North Andover, MA. Timothy enjoyed his work life, especially his co-workers and considered them like family. At home, he loved spending time with his dogs.

He is survived by his life partner, Theresa Russell; son, Shane Scott; grandsons Shea and Liam; two nieces and a nephew. Timothy is predeceased by his brothers Robert and Jeffrey Scott.

Following cremation, a memorial will be held at a later date. The burial will take place in Maine. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NHSPCA PO Box 196, 104 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham, NH 03885.

OBITUARY

Gerard M. "Jerry" Bennett



Gerard M. "Jerry" Bennett, 74, of Derry, NH, passed away Sunday April 5, 2020 in the Beaver Lake Lodge in Derry. He was born in Boston, MA on Jan. 16, 1946, a son of the late William and Helen (Alward) Bennett. He had been a resident of Derry for the past several years and had been employed as an aviation inspector for General Electric. Jerry was an avid golfer, collector of sports memorabilia, classic car enthusiast, and loved traveling among other activities. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a proud Dad and "Papa" of his children, grandchildren, Daughter in-laws, and Son in-law. He will be remembered for his infectious personality and his belly laugh that would fill the room.

He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Mattuchio; two sons, David Bennett, and Richard Bennett; the mother of his children, Joyce Bennett, eight grandchildren; and one brother, Alan Bennett. He was predeceased by his brother, William Bennett.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date.



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Derry Resident Loses Father to Covid-19 Coronavirus

MARTHA SMITH
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry resident Lori Hannaford lost her stepfather, John Gness recently due to the Covid-19 virus on March 14. Although Gness was Hannaford's stepfather, she had called him "Dad" since she was five-years-old. Hannaford received a call from her Mom who told her Dad, John Gness, was in the hospital in Fort Meyers, FL.

Gness had just learned the he had tested positive for the Covid-19 virus and wanted to speak with this daughter. Hannaford said, "He wanted to say goodbye, because he knew he was dying." She immediately got on a airplane and flew to Florida to be with her parents. In early March when this happened Hannaford said, "The plane going to Florida was completely full with passengers."

Although, her family had heard of the Covid-19 virus that was happening in Wuhan China, they did not really know much about the virus. They thought that it would never happen here in the United States. Hannaford mentioned her stepfather had said, "If that does come here I'm a dead man." Unfortunately, his very words came true and his family has suffered a great loss.

Gness, was 77 year old and did suffer from COPD, but had been doing relatively well. When he first began show symptoms the family thought it was a normal bout of bronchitis, that Gness periodically suffered due to his COPD. When his cough became more severe his wife called the doctor and he was eventually transported by ambulance to the hospital in Fort Meyers, FL. Originally, the doctors diagnosed him with pneumonia, however after a few days they did test him for the Covid-19 virus and the test results confirmed he was positive for the virus on March 13. The next day March 14 he passed away. Fortunately, Hannaford, his daughter was able to be there by his side. The doctors in the hospital did allow Hannaford to put on the proper protective equipment (PPE) and stay with her father, after he was removed from the ventilator, until he passed away. Her mother, however, was not allowed in the room to say her goodbyes, as she had been exposed and was also suffering from a sinus infection. Wearing a mask on her face, sadly Hannaford's Mom, said her goodbye to her beloved husband of 40 years from outside the room through a glass window.

At the time of his death Gness was only the second

person in Lee County, FL to die of the Covid-19 virus. Hannaford said, "We really don't know how my Dad contracted the virus, he is basically a homebody." Hannaford's parents live part of the year in Salem, NH and the other part of the year in Fort Meyers, FL. The only places Gness had briefly visited were a local casino and a Moose Lodge, both located in the Fort Meyer locale. Both the casino and the lodge are now closed. We all remember seeing the news about the kids on Spring Break in Florida this past March. This pandemic and not really reached Florida, although New York City was already getting huge numbers of positive cases. Hannaford told this reporter, "This pandemic is



John Gness

hitting our country regionally. It seems to be spreading faster in some areas rather than other areas of the country."

Our hearts break for all of the families who have lost loved ones during this pandemic. Hannaford's mother, who eventually also tested positive for the Covid-19 virus, really never showed any symptoms of the virus, other than a cold

and a sinus infection. After staying quarantined and practicing personal distancing in Florida Hannaford and her mother flew back to New Hampshire. They had to stay in Florida until her mother's test for the virus came back negative. Hannaford said, "Once again the plane coming home to New Hampshire was full of passengers and we were able to get the last two seats on the plane."

When back home in New England, Hannaford said, "We had a very small service that was by invitation only." My Dad was a well-loved man with a big family and many friends. "We were not even able to grieve as a family would under normal circumstances. There were no flowers and few mourners

at the service. In some ways the whole thing does not seem real to me yet."

The Covid-19 virus spreads easily and rapidly. Hannaford's advice to all is, "This is a very serious and deadly virus. Everyone must take it very seriously. Stay home, follow all of the guidelines that have been put in place and stay safe and well for the benefit of us all."

Sincere sympathies go out to Lori Hannaford and her entire family. Losing a loved one is so very sad, but particularly so during these difficult and very strange times while we endure this pandemic. The world seems quiet and somber, which is a state we are not accustomed to living in.

We are all sharing in this experience.

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The board unanimously approved this capability for the Superintendent to utilize an alternative firm when appropriate.

The next selection was to decide the appointment for the position of School Board Clerk. Melissa Post was recommended to repeat her efforts here. The board approved this recommendation with a unanimous vote.

The next appointment area was for representatives and delegates. The first appointment was for someone to be the delegate to the N.H. School Board Association, which meets one time per year in Concord. At that meeting Hampstead's delegate will be invited to participate in whatever way they see fit. For example, school boards can put forward items to be voted on and it helps the association to know best how they can support school boards across NH. Megan Malcom volunteered for this appointment and was approved.

The next appointment was for Assistant Treasurer of the district. Deb High-

field was selected and approved by all the members for this position. Next up was the appointment for the Truant Officer and Officer Scott Randall was selected for this position.

And the last appointment selection was for the School District Clerk. Chairperson Parnell said, "This is an elected position but we did not have anyone run this year in the election that happened last month. So, it is our duty to appoint a clerk who will serve in the vacant position until the next town vote that will be for the two years remaining on this term. That would be on the ballot of March 2021. I believe we need to advertise for

this position before we appoint someone - so we can see if there is anyone in town interested in this position."

Dr Metzler briefly discussed the position's responsibilities and noted that, "The posting will be far clearer for this position that I can say here. The clerk's position primarily helps with the elections and the ballots and other appointments."

There will be an internal school district posting and likely an external job posting for this Clerk position, so if you would like to be the School District Clerk, now is the time to apply.

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to support a quorum as per the current situation to stay safe from the corona virus.

The Vice Chair pointed out, "Most of us are doing this meeting electronically. In light of the COVID-19

pandemic situation in the State of New Hampshire and as per declaration, most if not all members will not be able to attend a Council meeting in person as they are concerned about getting sick."

He continues, "In cases where the presiding officer

declares an emergency and the requirements of a physically present forum is waived, a meeting of a public body may be adapted with most or all of the members connected electronically. I therefore declare an emergency for the

purpose of our board of Selectmen meetings until the Covid-19 pandemic situation has subsided. Essentially all of us are using zoom for the teleconferencing."

Town meetings are broadcast and recorded for

Internet via Chester Public Access Television. That station provides the town of Chester with hyper local content including local board meetings, events, and other television content.

Public Meeting information is available on the Town web site and enables the community to participate in town meetings via zoom conferencing. Connect to the meeting via the following link address: <https://www.chesternh.org>

At this April 6 meeting, the Selectmen discussed that it is likely that Town now has the ability to apply for public grant assistance under a FEMA grant. There are some concerns about keeping the town operations at highest levels during the pandemic. The Selectmen are also monitoring tax impact that could create revenue issues in conjunction with other revenues that may not be coming into the town during the pandemic while balancing the impact that is being put upon many in the community.

It is thought that the town may be able to recover for these problems that are now being faced such as safely getting the Town Hall building open again and usable. The Selectman discussed that they would

have better estimates within a week or so as to how much that might cost.

It was pointed out that the Governor of NH has issued certain declarations that discuss how the town can handle abatement requests and other such revenue situations during the pandemic that has halted business and town operations in the state. There are temporary prohibitions on foreclosures across the state at this time and certain guidelines that have been given about late payments of property taxes. A declaration came from the Governor about a week ago that updated previous details for this situation.

Governor Chris Sununu said, "With Emergency Order #25, municipalities will now have the option to offer a blanket abatement of interest for late property tax payments. I encourage municipalities to utilize this authority where they are able to provide relief to their citizens."

Local NH communities are all impacted by the pandemic and resulting business downturn. Chester Selectmen are working hard to find solutions that will keep quality operations going that will help the community meet these challenges.

OBITUARY

Robert S. Waites



Robert S. Waites, 72, of Derry, NH passed away at his home on Saturday April 11, 2020. He was born Jan. 21, 1948 in Lawrence, MA and was a son of the late Robert G. & Betty A. (Studley) Waites. Bob was raised and educated in Methuen, MA and graduated from Tenney High School in Methuen. He also was a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Boston. Bob has been a resident of Derry for the past 20 years.

Mr. Waites was employed for 25 years as a machinist with General Electric in Rochester, NH in their Jet Engine Division. After retirement, he worked as a bus driver for several companies in the Derry/Salem area. Bob enjoyed auto racing, motorcycling and the NE. Patriots, he was formerly a member of the Board of Directors at Camp Berea in Hebron, NH. He was a devout Christian and member of Marsh Corner Community Church of Methuen and Calvary Bible Church of Derry. Bob's grandchildren will always remember him as a "fun loving" Papa. Friends describe him as a jokester and yet Godly man. Sandra adds: "My husband was my knight in shining armor and will truly be missed by all".

Members of the family include his loving wife of 26 years, Sandra (Lee) Waites, of Derry, his five children, Christina Johnson & her husband Tim, Cheryl Jackson & her husband Steve, John F. Lee & his wife Jackie, Christopher Lee & his wife Cara and Bonnie-Jean Lee, Eleven grandchildren, Austin, J.T., Aubrey, Kyla, Brianna, Andrew, John, Jr., Phillip, Faith, David and Maranda, a brother and his wife, Douglas & Barbara Waites and a sister Judie Waites, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Following cremation, due to COVID 19 protocol, services will be planned for a later date. The family would like to thank the following churches for their assistance. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry, NH 03038 or to the Marsh Corner Community Church, 317 Pelham St., Methuen, MA 01844.

The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARY

Richard Emery Groves



Richard Emery Groves, 76, of Sandown, NH, formerly of Atkinson, NH passed away Sunday April 5, 2020 at his residence after a lengthy illness. Richard was born Sept. 3, 1943 in Chicago, IL and was a son of the late Arthur and Elvira (Palermo) Groves. He was raised and educated in Chicago. Richard resided in Atkinson, for many years, prior to relocating to Sandown, 16 years ago.

Richard served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Pease AFB, in NH at the end of his enlistment and decided to make NH his home. He served for 10+ years as a police officer with the town of Rochester, NH and later as a court officer, in Rochester and Salem, NH. Richard was a member of the NH Police Association, an avid coin collector and enjoyed the Internet.

Members of the family include his wife of 32 years, Karen (Healey) Groves of Sandown, a son and his wife, Jared & Kelly Groves of Atkinson, a daughter and her husband, Wendy M. Walsh & Tom Paschetto of Salem, MA, four grandchildren, Brady, Dylan, Ella and Aaron and five great grandchildren. Richard was predeceased by his brother, Arthur Groves, a daughter, Laura S. Chase, a grandson, Heath Chase.

After cremation, services will be held by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Richard's name to: Autism Speaks, 1060 State Rd., 2nd floor, Princeton, NJ 08540, or at www.autismspeaks.org. The Peabody Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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Area Residents Participate Global Lights of Hope

MARTHA SMITH
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Covid-19 virus has affected people throughout the planet. Around the globe a movement has begun called "A Candle of Hope." Articles have been written about people lighting candles in India, Italy, Britain, Australia, and many other places as well. This movement is also reaching our shores, as the United States is also experiencing this pandemic and all of the terrible consequences it has brought home to us.

People may have noticed posts on Facebook about lighting candles as a message of hope to the community and a thank you to all of those fighting this battle on the front lines

including, doctors, nurses, fire, police, grocery store workers, pharmacy workers, those collecting our trash and recycling and all other essential personnel. Lisa Jennings, a resident of Londonderry, noticed a post on the Town of Londonderry Facebook page that they were lighting some of the trees on the Londonderry Common to support the community during this dark time. She said the trees on the Common were lit up for a short time, but are no longer lit up as far as she knows. This gave Jennings the idea to put out her own post to encourage all residents in Londonderry to place a candle in their windows.

Jennings said, "Dear Londonderry Residents,

I thought of a way for

us to connect during these isolating times and hope you will join me with COVID Candles by putting one of your Christmas candles in a window. This is in solidarity and support of our family, friends, and neighbors. For those that are sick, alone, or struggling with today's challenges. Seeing these candles will be a reminder that you are not alone. We are all in this together. I'm not going to let my candle go out until we can all go out again safely! Pass it on! #covidcandle"

I also heard that the local Rotary Clubs have begun a project, which they are calling "Lights of Hope" Matt Johnson, President of the Derry Village Rotary, said, "One of our members, Mark Bras-

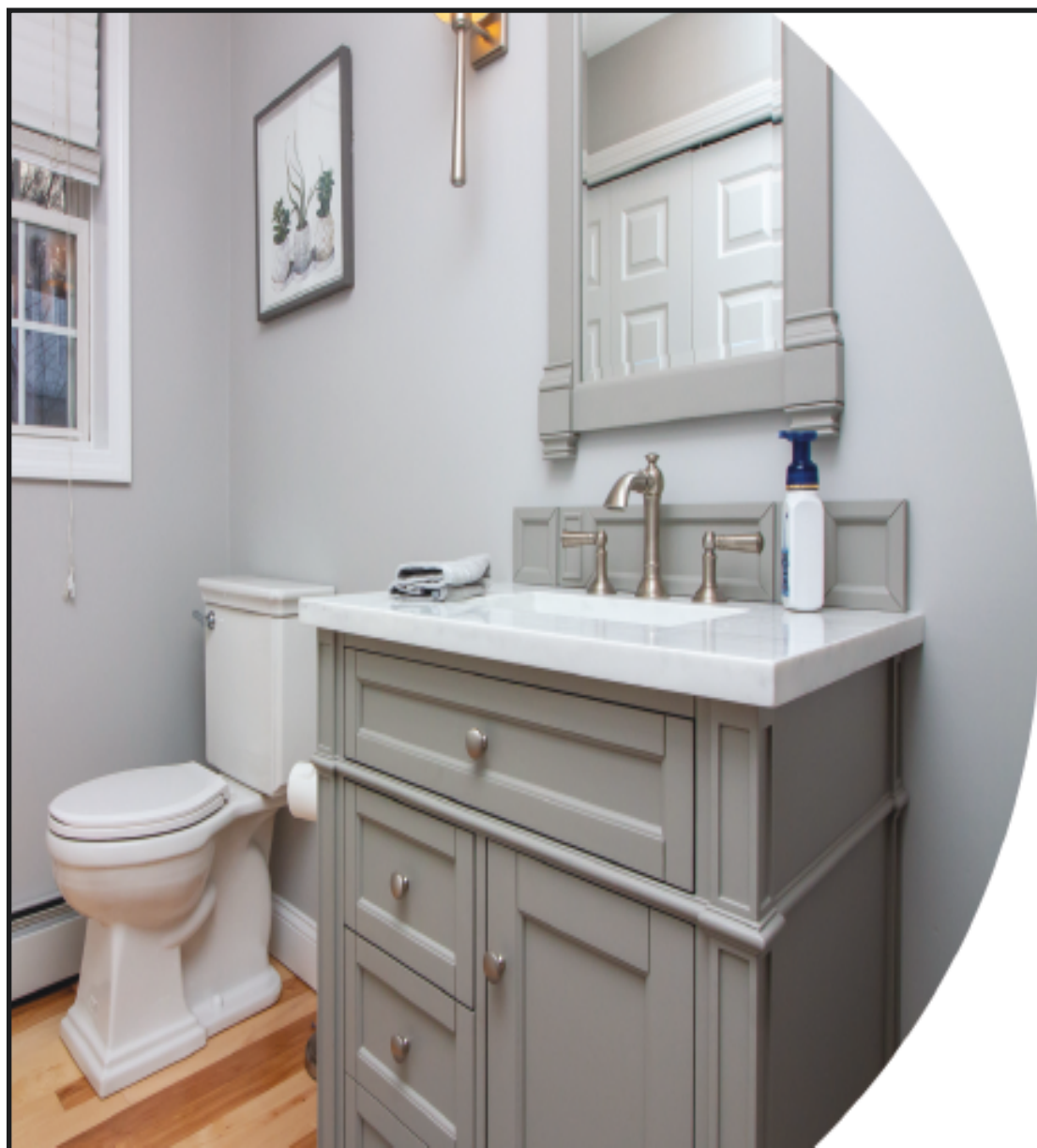
sard, sent around an email indicating that it might be a good idea to do something to lift up the spirits of the Community. We tossed around several ideas and finally came up with "Lights of Hope". Adam Mead, President of The Derry Rotary, has joined in partnership with the Derry Village Rotary and jointly they have adopted this initiative and have begun to spread the word. Mead said, "We enthusiastically embraced the idea of "Lights of Hope" as soon as we learned of this project. This is a sign of support and hope for all within our community." The Rotary Clubs are open to all within their community and these organizations main purpose in to serve the communities where

they are located. Both Derry Rotary Clubs are working together to help out the Derry Community. Mead said, "Each Club has donated \$1,000 to the organization "End 68 Hours of Hunger" and in addition each Rotary has donated \$3,000 to help various organizations within the Derry community including, The Upper Room, The Salvation Army, and the 1st Baptist Church's Food Pantry."

The idea of this movement is to light a candle (perhaps one of your Christmas candles) in the window of your home. This "Candle of Hope" will remain lit and serve as a ray of hope and thanks to all,, especially those on the front lines, during these strange new times that we

are all experiencing. We are all trying to do the very best to protect ourselves and each other and keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, we weep for the many families that have lost loved ones. Dealing with loss and trauma during this time is particularly difficult and so very sad. We all need a ray of hope and the "Lights of Hope" idea is something everyone in all of our surrounding communities can share.

Light a candle (one of your electric Christmas candles) and place it in your window. Be a part of the "Lights of Hope" movement. The candle will shine to remind all of us that this is a shared and very new difficult experience and together we will get through this time.



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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Astros Win Second Straight Boys Lacrosse Title

With spring sports being shut down due to the Coronavirus the Nutfield News has reached into its archives to run the following story:

The following story originally ran on June 13, 2019

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

It was the last game of the 2018-2019 school year for Pinkerton Academy varsity teams, and what a game it was. On Saturday, June 8, at the William Ball Stadium in Exeter, the Astros claimed their second straight Division I Boys' Lacrosse State Championship, their third in five years and 12th overall, after beating the number one seeded Bishop Guertin with a 14-12 victory, thanks to an amazing fourth quarter surge.

The two rivals, who were ranked first and second in this year's playoffs, met in this year's finals for the seventh time in a row. It was also the Cardinals 15th straight time in the championship game and they were hoping to win it for the tenth time, but the opening quarter was all painted in Pinkerton's red-and-white.

Mason Drouin scored the opening goal, 4:18 minutes into the game and within 62 more seconds, it was 3-0 Pinkerton thanks

to goals by Ryan Auger and Owen McCormack. Hunter Drouin joined the party with a fourth unanswered Pinkerton goal and inside the last minute of the quarter, after the Cardinals finally got on the board, Hunter Drouin scored again to make it 5-1 Astros at the end of the first 12 minutes.

But the experienced Cardinals found their footing, and took control of the game in the second. Pinkerton did not score another goal for 22 minutes and that led to a big turnaround. In the final second of the first half, BG took its first lead of the game, 6-5 and the lead was three goals in the third quarter, until Mason Drouin stopped the bleeding. The Cardinals scored again and with 12 minutes left to play, they held a promising 9-6 lead.

With just 24 seconds into the final quarter of the season, Hunter Drouin scored. Gennaro Marra, who had another massive performance as Pinkerton's face-offs player, got the ball, and found the net seven seconds later. A fourth goal by Hunter Drouin tied the game at nine goals apiece, 10:16



Astro senior Gennaro Marra helped put the final touches on the Division I title game winning a faceoff and scoring at the end of the fourth quarter.

minutes before the final whistle. BG got the lead again, but Pinkerton scored the next three goals (Mason Drouin, Marra and Auger) and was up by two goals, 12-10, with six minutes to go.

A misstep by the Pinkerton goalie, Jack Sweeney, (Otherwise in a brilliant, 16 saves game) helped the Cardinals cut Pinkerton's lead in half and BG got the ball again and tied the game at 12, with

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Pinkerton junior attack standout Mason Drouin celebrates after getting the go-ahead goal in the final seconds of the DI finals. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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less than a minute to play. Marra won another face-off, Mason Drouin scored 35.6 seconds before the end of the game and repeated that 19 seconds later, after Marra got another ball, to close the game. He finished with five goals, his brother Hunter had four, Auger and Marra scored twice each and McCormack once.

Pinkerton's coach Brian O'Reilly said after the game, "It was fun. It was an exciting game. This is why people show up to see it. We said before the game that somebody is going to jump to a big lead. That is the way it always starts. If it's us, don't get excited, because they are going to make a run. If it's them, don't get depressed. We just wanted to stick with the plan. It was a great game."

O'Reilly added, "We

were ready for them in the beginning of the game, but after we burned them, they started playing better defense. We had confidence. We are the defending state champions and we believed we are the far better team. They proved that we are not the far better team, but just the better team."

The coach also complimented his players, "Marra made the difference. For two years, they have no answers for him. They tried to pressure him, but he is too much of an athlete, not just a kid who faces off. He is just too good for them. He got us the ball, scored two goals of the face-offs and changed the momentum when we were down. And they couldn't get the ball in the end. Marra and the Drouin brothers are varsity hockey players, they are big players, and they like contact and learn things from other sports. Maybe



The Pinkerton Academy Boys Lacrosse team celebrates after receiving the DI Trophy Saturday night.

there are too many lacrosse players on the other team and not enough multi-sports athletes. When it's tough, in the fourth quarter, our kids get going. They faced adversity, nothing shakes them. I take hard-nosed athletes every single

time. Jack Sweeney played the game of the year for him. He was awesome and made big saves. He gave us everything that I could possibly hope for today."

Marra commented on his performance and the win, "We knew they are a good team, but I feel that when we can win the face-offs, we can slow it down and control the game. It was a great job by my wings, the whole team around me. It's hard to stay

calm and focused, but in the final face-off I knew that no matter how tired I was, I just needed to win the ball and run for the state championship. I've played in enough of these games, so I didn't feel any pressure."

Sweeney was thrilled, "It was awesome. A lot of fun. We have been practicing all year, all four years of high school for this. I was feeling good during the whole game. I was def-

initely the game of the year for me. When I get a few early saves, it gets me in a good mood for the rest of the game."

Mason Drouin added, "We knew it was going to be like that and for us to take over like that, it was awesome. If we have enough confidence, we get goals. Hopefully we can go for the three-peat. Scoring the winner in the state championship game feels amazing. I dreamed about this, growing up and watching this game." His brother Hunter added: "It was a battle. Back and forth. Both teams scored and we had to earn it. It wasn't given."

Pinkerton's Headmaster, and former Athletic Director, Tim Powers said after the game, "It's great. The kids did an excellent job and the coaches put together a great game plan. They never gave up. Watching the kids' faces when they have this kind of success, it's fun to see it."

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State Releases Water Quality Certification for Exit 4A Project

The New Hampshire department of Environmental Services (DES), in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean water Act (33 U.S.C.1341) and NH RSA 485-A: 12, III, recently released a draft of the Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the activity described below is now available for public review and comment on the New

Hampshire department of Environmental Services (DES) web site at: www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/section401/coe_ind.htm

The draft certification states that, based on the facts, findings and conditions, NHDES has determined that there is reasonable assurances that the proposed activity will not

violate state surface water quality standers.

Activity Description: The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT or applicant) is proposing a new interchange on I-93 (known as Exit 4-A) in Londonderry with additional improvements on local roads in Derry and Londonderry, and other transportation

improvements, to reduce congestion and improve safety along Route 102, from I-93 Exit 4 easterly through downtown Derry.

Instructions for submitting comments: Comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on May 11, 2020. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent by postal mail, or email (email is pre-

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State Leadership From Hampstead and Derry Serve the Community

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

This past week; we contacted NH Senate District 19's Regina Birdsell who supports Hampstead, Derry and Windham. We asked her about what she is doing to help her constituents and the state Senator provided the following perspective.

"In regard to helping our community stay healthy, I advise our community to follow CDC guidelines at this moment as well as Governor Sununu's "stay at home" advisory. It is in the best interest of our community to participate in social distancing and to limit in-person social and community interaction to necessary circumstances only such as grocery shopping, pharmacy visits, or doctor's visits if you find yourself feeling

ill or injured."

"I also suggest my constituents take advantage of the nicer weather coming our way by exercising, gardening, and spending time outside. And please - if you have the means - think about supporting our local restaurants by ordering takeout or purchasing gift cards. These small businesses are the lifeblood of our community. In addition, please consider donating blood and donating to your local food bank or the Salvation Army."

"Currently the NH Legislature has postponed its activities to May 4th and there is a possibility that will be extended. In the interim, I have been a resource to constituents looking for direction regarding the federal funds made available to help businesses and employees seeking unemployment

benefits during these tough times."

"I encourage any constituent struggling with the government bureaucracy or access to these programs to reach out to my office and I will direct you to the proper agency. My Concord office is not open, but we do pick up our messages. My Facebook page www.facebook.com/ReginaBirdsellforNHStateSenate - remains very active keeping constituents updated with the Governor's most recent Executive Orders."

We asked the Senator how she else she was supporting residents in the community. Here is what she reported, "I have engaged with constituents via Facebook, email, and telephone. Those who reach out can expect a response from either my staff or me."

Derry and Hampstead, your Senator can be reached by email via regina.birdsell@leg.state.nh.us or by phone at 603 548-7118 if you want to contact her about the current pandemic and business situations. Thank you, Senator.

Mark Pearson is your State Rep if you live in the "floterial" district of Rockingham District 34 - and that includes Hampstead, Atkinson, Kingston and Plaistow. Our readers from Hampstead should know that Mark is working hard to keep his constituents going and he is doing some really special things to help

out in these times. He says, "I usually keep open several hours a day and I can be reached by phone at (603) 571-0205 and via email at canonpearson@yahoo.com." Pearson says, "I have been busy, busy, busy even though the legislature is not open. Here's what I have been doing - as an Auxiliary U S Air Force Major through the Civil Air Patrol I delivered PPE (personal protective equipment) to a dozen facilities in northern New Hampshire."

"I am part-time Chief Executive Officer of a faith-based family practice

medical center in Kingston, co-founded by me and my doctor wife. We are finding ways to provide medical care to those who have flu-like symptoms while treating those who don't."

"I chair two state commissions addressing the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing. My several bills on this passed through their House committees and then the House as a whole unanimously. Anticipating their eventual passage by the Senate, I am working hard on what we hope to accomplish as these bills become law."

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NH Small Businesses Can Reach to the NH District SBA for Help

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The NH District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is helping wherever they can with our community small business challenges at this time. There may be certain obstacles that business owners are having trouble getting connected to regarding various programs. The COVID-19 virus is impacting a very busy workforce, though businesses are getting connected everyday.

Also, many SBA Administration workers are mostly working remotely and are not necessarily connected transparently with call center communications. There are certain delays that are

being reported across NH, but there is help out there and businesses should persevere to get the help they need.

The local NH District office has many programs in progress that are set up for NH businesses that are impacted by the pandemic. Some of these available programs include webinars and mentorship connections. The New Hampshire District Office of the SBA is located at 55 Pleasant Street, Suite 3101, Concord, NH and can be reached by phone at 603-225-1400. The NH District Director is Greta Johansson.

If you are having problems getting the right support for your business, you should consider contacting your NH State Representatives, State

Senators or Executive Council members. You may want to connect to the Citizens Count website which is set up to help NH Citizens to find the right contact information for their NH Elected Officials. That Website is located at www.citizenscount.org/elected-officials.

The National SBA organization has set up a site area to specifically support business with Coronavirus Relief options at www.sba.gov. These programs are also connected with NH programs, banks and other organizations to help a business.

The web site presents funding options that include the new CARES Act — in addition to traditional SBA funding

loans. There is a special section to support the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This loan program provides loan forgiveness for retaining employees by temporarily expanding the traditional SBA 7(a) loan program.

There are also options for EIDL Loan Advances that will support loan advances that can provide up to \$10,000 of economic relief for businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties.

Another SBA loan option is called SBA Express Bridge loans and this enables small business that currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly.

The SBA Debt Relief

program can provide financial reprieve for small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are tools for business owners to connect with free business counseling to help them sort out details that can help them keep their business afloat during this challenging time.

The SBA has set up a free learning center that also can help businesses retool or prepare their business to kick back into gear once there is a clear path for business again. It is a good time now to actually look at your business strategy while many businesses and their customers are at home. There are courses about how to write new business plans, overviews of legal requirements, more about

financing options and even courses for young entrepreneurs.

In addition, there are courses that may help you with social media and show you how to set up different virtual business options.

There is an important guide for businesses from the Centers of Disease Control to support plans for employers to prevent the spread of the virus across their business to keep everyone healthy. There is a unique guide to help business deal with any stigma that could be business related and that might impact their business over the near term.

The NH SBA teams are ready to help you. Now is a good time to begin to connect with them.

Sandown Announces Christmas in April Parade on Saturday

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Monday night, April 13, meeting of the Sandown Board of

Selectman, member Jon Goldman, who is also the Sandown Emergency Management Director, mentioned that the town will be conducting a Christmas in April Parade

over the weekend.

The "Christmas in April" event will be orchestrated by the Sandown Fire-Rescue and Police Departments on Saturday April, 18 and a

large procession of decorated vehicles will be parading through Sandown neighborhoods for the holiday.

According to Goldman, the time and route information will be posted on Friday, April 17, on the Sandown Fire Department's Facebook page and shared amongst the community.

Due to time limitations he said the caravan will not be able to travel down every street in town. However, they will make a drive by at the Recreation Building that day.

If residents see that their street is not listed, they are encouraged to practice social distancing in your car along one side

of Pheasant Run Drive or at the ends of their street, where they intersect with the main road.

He added that they are trying to work on a special guest, but it is not confirmed yet. He also said the parade will not be stopping at any point, and parents are asked to practice social distancing..



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DERRY

Virtual Story Time

Virtual story hour by Taylor Library will happen again on, April 17, 24, and May 1 at 10 a.m. The Library has decided to make this a regular segment while the library is closed. Please tune in this Friday at 10 a.m. for the next one to Facebook.

Taylor Library Closed

Taylor Library Closed For the safety of all patrons the Taylor Library will be closed starting Sunday, planned to re-opening on Monday May 4. Any fines/late fees during this period will be waived. Please monitor the website for any updates during this time period. Thank You Linda Merrill Library Director

Touch A Truck!

Free family event offers hands-on opportunities for children to Explore, Climb, and Touch trucks, emergency response vehicles, heavy machinery, and other equipment. On June 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry. A kid's fire muster will be held on the rear field hosted by your very own Derry Fire Department Prepare to be Amazed by the BMX Stunt Show who will be promoting helmet safety and showing off their BMX skills. Don't forget to pick up your Free all-purpose helmet provided by the

Derry Police Department and get sized by Derry PD Officers with assistance from Derry Cooperative School Staff Members! Jump in line early - helmet sizes and numbers are limited. BMX Stunt Shows will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Horn/siren free hour is 10 - 11 a.m. (for sensitive ears). Overflow parking is located at the following locations: Derry SAU Office: 18 South Main St., and Derry Village School: 28 South Main St. A free shuttle will be provided to and from the event at each above location.

Derry Garden Club Annual Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club is pleased to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduated or soon to graduate New Hampshire student who plans to pursue a career in Environmental Studies. This could include Botany, Landscape Design, Forestry, Horticulture or a variety of other subjects. Application and Procedure information is available on the Derry Garden Club webpage www.derrygardenclub.org or in the scholarship information available to students at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School. Materials are due by May 1, to Kathy Lane, 51 Drew Woods Drive, Derry, NH, 03038.

Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club's annual plant sale has a new location this year at the

Robert Frost Farm, Route 28, in Derry on May 30 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event is our biggest fundraiser for the year and all proceeds go toward improving Conservation efforts in town and supporting our community projects. The plants come from our members' gardens as well as those donated by nurseries and our supporters. Our plants are guaranteed to be "clean". We make every effort not to transmit diseases and abide by all good gardening practices. We have knowledgeable gardeners on site to answer any questions you may have. Please join us on May 30.

Derry Lions

The Derry Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center at 39 West Broadway, Derry. The Derry Lions are part of one of the largest civic organizations in the world. We are looking for new members to enable us to continue our support of the community. For decades, we have provided eye exams and eye glasses for needy members of the community. For more information contact us at derrylionsclub@gmail.com or google Lions International. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

CHESTER

Senior Banquet Canceled

The Chester Lions Club

Senior Banquet scheduled for April 25, 2020 has been canceled.

HAMPSTEAD

Online Services

Hampstead Congregational Church will be holding online services on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Streaming on Facebook Live all information can be found on our website hampstead-ucc.org

Storytime Online

Hampstead Youth Services Librarian Devin continues to post Storytime videos on the Library's Facebook page as well as the Library website. This has been a great way for toddlers to continue to connect with Devin and add to their budding reader routines. Upcoming Storytime themes include rainbows, butterflies, bugs, and dragons.

Storybook Walk

The Hampstead Public Library has put out their Storybook Walk on the Library's front lawn. The featured book is We're Going On A Bear Hunt. It starts near the stone-wall. Thanks to the Hampstead Mothers' Club for funding this project. The page-poles are at least 8' apart and should allow space for families to take turns, if more than one should visit at the same time. The Library will try to keep the story-walk up for a couple of weeks, but the book pages may be taken down on rainy days, and put back up for sunny days. If a pole falls down, don't worry, we'll get there and fix it.

Virtual Peeps Diorama

The Virtual Peeps Diorama Contest is underway and photo entries will be

accepted through Saturday April 25. Participants submit pictures and entry information via email to dvan-curen@HampsteadLibrary.org. Rules and details are available on <https://hampsteadlibrary.org/library/upcomingevents.asp>, as well as in a Facebook Event on the Library's page. Don't have Peeps? No worries. A drawing or picture cutout of Peeps are acceptable in the diorama. A link to an online ballot will be available soon, so the public can vote for the People's Choice Award.

Online Spinning and Knitting

Librarian Nancy has taken her Spinning and Knitting group to Facebook. She created the Island Pond Knitters & Spinners group. Members share inspiration and photos of their latest creation. Look for it on Facebook, and ask to join. All needlework crafters are welcome.

Staying Closed

The Hampstead Library will remain closed to the public until at least May 4. Thus, April and early May meetings and events are cancelled. As for items checked-out, patrons should keep the materials for now because the book drop is closed. No late fees will be generated during this time. Librarians continue to reach out to the public in virtual ways, utilizing phone, email, and social media.

EBooks

Hampstead Library cardholders can access hundreds of titles via NH Downloadable Books Consortium/Overdrive, and using computer, tablet, or smart phone. There are

ebooks and audiobooks for children and adults. Now Overdrive's new Deliver Later feature helps manage reserves better. For example, if you're not ready for a book when it becomes available, choose the Deliver Later option. The title will go to the next waiting patron, but you won't lose your place in line. Hampstead Library patrons, who need help with downloading books or have questions, can email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org.

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SANDOWN

Drop-in Playgroup

Parents and those caring for children ages newborn to 5 are invited to take part in a drop-in playgroup on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility located at 25 Pheasant Run Drive, Sandown. Meet up with

other parents for some adult conversation; let the kids play, do a simple craft and have space to move around. Bring a toy if you wish. Some toys provided. Lead by volunteer Amanda, it's a great way to spend some time with other adults and let your child socialize.

REGIONAL

Free Meals

All meals are "To-Go": on April 18 from St. Luke's Church, from 5 - 6:30 p.m., from Sonshine Soup Kitchen

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