

Derry Considers Three Options for Starting School in the Fall

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DERRY - Like school districts all across the nation who are trying to figure out how to start school in the midst of the covid-19 pandemic, Derry school administrators presented a "Road Map to Opening Schools" during the July 14 school board meeting. This detailed overview of three potential options for starting school in the fall unexpectedly followed Governor Sununu's announcement about New Hampshire's Back-to School Guidance.

As Governor Sununu referenced in his remarks during the press conference, the School Transition Reopening and Re-design Taskforce (STRRT) was charged to provide recommendations to the NH Department of Education and local school districts with guidance for students and school personnel to return to school safely. The published document states: "This guidance is dynamic and as circumstances and data change, it may require updating."

Because the Derry task force teams had completed the presentation prior to Governor Sununu's announcement about returning to school guidance, Superintendent Connors-Krikorian made it clear that she had not had time to update her presentation to the board and that the task force would be meeting the next day to make any necessary modifications to the options the teams had developed.

"As our schools prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we find ourselves planning based on many unanswered questions to create conditions for a successful reopening," said Connors-Krikorian. "One aspect, however, that will remain constant within all of our schools is that of the care

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Hampstead Selectmen Give Go Ahead with FEMA Grant

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HAMPSTEAD - At the Monday, July 14, meeting of the Hampstead Selectmen, the board gave the go ahead for the Fire Department to ... Communications Equipment grant.

Hampstead Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault began the discussion by say that recently, the Fire Department had applied for and received an Emergency Management Performance Grant through FEMA. The purpose of the grant, which is a 50/50 percent grant, meaning the town would need to match what they received, was to enhance the communications ability in town. The funding would go toward leasing space on a tower in Derry, purchasing and installing new communications equipment, and removing equipment that is current on the Kent Farm Cell tower.

Theriault added that a lease agreement would need to be signed that evening as well as the approval to move forward with the grant. She told the board that there was already money available for the town portion of the grant.

The total cost of the project would be \$60,420 with the town of Hampstead paying 50 percent.

Hampstead Fire Chief Mike Carrier explained to the board that once they transferred to the new tower, it would be the town's primary site. He also added that the move would make a significant improvement on the Fire Departments ability to communicate. He said, "Right now, we have probably 80-85 percent effective communications in town, this should bring us closer to 95-98 percent. No way are you ever going to get 100 percent. So this will be significant for our ability to communicate."

When asked whether this would have any effect on the dispatch agreement with the town of London-

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Dream Dwellings Sofia and Ariana Parasco attended the Fairy House Building event at the Chester Public Library last week to build structures for the fairies that gather at their home each evening. The library recently opened for the summer and are offering a number of outdoor activities for children this summer.

Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown Selectmen Discuss Safety Issues During Upcoming Elections

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectmen held a meeting on July 13. The majority of the discussion during the meeting was centered on the upcoming election plans and a new safety plan.

Present at the Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the upcoming elections was the Town Moderator, Kevin Major who said due to the pandemic there will be many changes to the layouts of the elections. Major explained that the Secretary of State sat down with town moderators across the state to discuss what the state will provide for the elections. Towns can expect PPE gear such as surgery masks, sneeze guards, gowns, sanitizing wipes, and tape for floors among other helpful items. Major also informed the Board that the State

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Chester Board of Selectmen to Remedy Issue of Unregistered Dogs

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CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Lynn Rockwell spoke at the meeting during public comment "on behalf of myself and

Co-chair members of the Meetinghouse Preservation Project we wanted to thank you for support in restoration of the church." Article 11 passed with support of the selectmen at the town meeting. Rockwell also mentioned that they are planning on documenting the renovation of the church on Youtube and that the Covid 19 Pandemic has not derailed any of their plans to start renovating the church in the Spring of 2021.

The Board then discussed the Spring Hill Farm trail ride. The trail ride scheduled for Saturday, September 5th, during Labor Day weekend will help benefit Spring Hill Farms. The board discussed whether or not a police detail was needed, because the expected number of riders was

likely to be under twenty-five and they are hoping not to pay any additional fees. There is a worry that traffic will be of concern on Lane Rd. because of the closure of North Pond Rd. However, signage will hopefully be provided to help alleviate the traffic flow. The Board then decided to revisit the matter in late August to see what else might be needed for the event.

This discussion then led into a discussion about a shed on the Spring Hill Farm ("SHF") property. There was a request to have electricity go from the barn to the shed because SHF is looking for a building to be able to store equipment and use it as a workshop. It was looked at and there is work to be done before new wiring can be installed.

Selectmen, Steph Landau, then suggested they should determine if this shed has any historical significance or not and if it does not then use it as a garden building. Also a fundraiser could be started to develop a two car garage and garden center

and have that building built in the Greek Revival tradition in keeping with the Towns 300th anniversary. Chuck Myette said he would bring all of this information up at the coming Spring Hill Farm Committee meeting.

Next up was the heavily discussed issue of dog licensing in town. Liz Lufkin, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, supplied the board with a list of all unregistered dogs in town. She is looking for the Board to issue a warrant to authorize sending out civil forfeitures to each citizen with an unlicensed dog. The deadline

to register your dog in the town of Chester this year was June 20. The town can either mail out a certified letter notifying the dog owner of the civil forfeiture or serve them by hand. Considering the risk of the pandemic still, the town will most likely issue them by certified mail to reduce the risk to the officers, who would have to serve those letters on non-compliant residents. Since the last mention of the amount of unregistered dogs, the number has dropped by around 40, going from 161 unregistered dogs to about 123. The letters

will go out on Aug. 1 and give residents about two more weeks to register their dogs.

Selectmen Landau also added that it is frustrating to have to keep talking about dog registrations, and the town provides many opportunities to register dogs and get them checked for rabies.

The Board then heard from two residents of the town. Ken Biel added that the Board should be more willing to help out

its residents during this time, especially because of Covid. Then Jack Hannon, stated that most people are "repeat offenders and Covid does not have anything to do with it."

With the decision being made to send out the letters on Aug. 1 the meeting then went into non-public session. The next meeting of Chester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, July 23 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Richard Loring Child



Richard Loring Child, 84, of East Derry, NH passed away Tuesday July 14, 2020 at Pleasant Valley Nursing Care Center of Derry, NH, after a lengthy illness. He was born July 30, 1935 in Arlington, MA and was a son of the late Loring C. and Mabel F. (Berry) Child. Richard was raised and educated in Derry and had been a resident of East Derry since 1942.

Mr. Child served in the US Airforce and the Air National Guard at Grenier Field in Manchester, NH and Pease Air Force Base in Newington, NH. He was employed by the Dept. of the Army as a civilian Fire Lieutenant with the Fort Devens Fire Department in Ayer, MA for 20 years, retiring in 1993. He was a firefighter with the East Derry Fire Precinct as a Fire Lieutenant, Commissioner, Deputy Chief and firefighter from 1952 to his retirement in 1995. Richard was also a bus driver with several different companies in his retirement. He enjoyed participating in town events and working with the sound system at Calvary Bible Church of Derry, where he was a longtime member.

Members of the family include his loving wife of 58 years, Betsy A. (Estey) Child, of East Derry, a daughter, Sandra A. Child of East Derry, a son and his wife, Loring and Paula Child of Manchester, two grandchildren, James Child and his wife Alison Perkus of Manchester and Johnathan Child of Manchester, a brother and his wife, Kenneth and Alice Child of Hillsborough, NH, a nephew and his wife Fred and Doris Child of Manchester and a niece, Gail Conquest and her husband of Merrimack, NH.

After cremation, a memorial reception was held on Saturday July 18, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium 15 Birch St. Derry, NH, with a service and a private burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery in East Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Calvary Bible Church 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry, NH 03038 or to Continuum Hospice Care 7 Wall Street, suite 201, Windham, NH 03087. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Janice M. Barrett

Janice M. Barrett, 70, of Derry, NH died Thursday July 16, 2020 in the Parkland Medical Center, Derry. Janice was born in Methuen, MA on Sept. 26, 1949, a daughter of the late Bertram P. and Eleanor M. (Gibbons) Beaulieu. She had resided in Derry for the past 40 years, formerly living in Salem, NH.

Janice had been employed in retail for over 30 years, most recently as a cash office supervisor for Homegoods. She enjoyed speaking with her friends weekly.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Barrett of Derry; two sons, Christian J. Barrett of Manchester, NH, and Ryan E. Barrett of Goffstown, NH; two grandsons, Tyler M. Moccio of Nashua, NH, and Donovan J. Barrett of Manchester; one great-granddaughter, Angel Marie Bunnell of Milford, NH; her brother, Bert Beaulieu of Alton Bay, NH; and her sister, Corinne Sheridan of Concord, NH.

There are no calling hours. Memorial services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to the NH Heart Association, 2 Wall St., Manchester, NH 03101. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Pinkerton Hires Retired Officer as School Marshal

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The safety of America's young people in classrooms and on campuses across the country is vital to their physical health, social and emotional well-being, and ultimately, their ability to learn. While the reality of the covid-19 pandemic continues to force parents and educators to examine what is the safest way to start school in the fall, Pinkerton Academy has had the foresight to hire New Hampshire's first school marshal who will ensure the security and safety of students and staff on campus.

Eric Kester, who recently retired from the Derry Police Department after serving in law enforcement for over 20 years, has an extensive

background managing critical incidents and training officers in group crisis intervention. A veteran of United States Army Reserves in military intelligence and a graduate of Westfield State University with a degree in criminal justice, Kester looks forward to his new role as the school marshal.

"I am here to protect the students and staff," said Kester. "It's my number 1 job."

For years, Pinkerton Academy has worked closely with the Derry Police Department by having a SRO (School Resource Officer) on campus. The school marshal program derives from Governor Sununu's 2018 School Safety Task Force. The report stated, "Similar to a school resource officer, a school marshal is an armed individual ap-

proved by the school and local police department but is no longer a sworn law enforcement officer. A school marshal could provide a visible deterrent to a potential active shooter, should an incident occur, and take action against an active threat."

School Marshal Kester stressed that his entire mindset and posture has been formed as a result of the school shootings that have occurred in America since he became a police officer. Two months after Columbine, he was hired by the Derry Police Department. Throughout his career, he has experienced a number of situations that have allowed him to practice and hone his problem-solving skills.

As a school employee, Kester will work closely with associate deans, counselors and the social



Eric Kester, Pinkerton's School Marshal, looks forward to working with all of the stakeholders to ensure the school community's safety.

Photo by Timothy Cain

workers at the school. He acknowledged that 60 percent of his job is prevention and that he will work tirelessly to build relationships with both staff and students.

During our conversation, Kester expressed candidly that he understands the prospect of an active shooter is sobering. As a result, he will be empathetic and sympa-

thetic when conducting ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training. In addition to this training for the Pinkerton community, he will facilitate and monitor Table Top Safety activities as well as visit individual classrooms to answer questions and concerns from teachers and students about safety protocols.

"School safety has become a full time job," said Kester. "My job is to put my nose in a situation and stop it."

Kester applauds the work that the school administrators and board of trustees have taken to make certain that the campus is safe. He stressed that if anyone has a question about his role on campus to contact him at ekester@pinkertonacademy.org.

NH DHHS Announces Online Purchasing Program for SNAP Recipients

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a pilot program that allows recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase and pay for groceries online. The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program allows the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase eligible food items through two authorized online retailers, Amazon

and Walmart.

"From the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency, we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are able to safely access the things their families need when they need them the most," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Online purchasing provides additional flexibility for all Granite State SNAP recipients, allowing them more ways to use their SNAP benefits to make sure their families have access to healthy and nutritious food during the pandemic and beyond."

"Online purchasing is one more way New

Hampshire residents can access good nutrition throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic," said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibinette. "Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

SNAP recipients will be able to purchase eligible food items, but will not be able to use benefits for service or delivery charges.

Participation in the pilot program is one of several measures DHHS has taken to reduce concerns around

food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include the issuance of emergency SNAP benefits; the extension of certification periods for SNAP recipients; a temporary suspension of SNAP work requirements for eligible individuals; participation in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which provides families with children enrolled in the National School Lunch

Program additional SNAP benefits due to the loss of school meals during remote learning; and accepting applications by phone for the Women, Infants and Children program.

The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot was established by the federal 2014 Farm Bill, which mandated a pilot to test the feasibility of allowing online transactions using SNAP benefits.

In 2017, eight states were selected to be part of the pilot, which was launched in New York State in 2019, followed by Washington in January 2020. Additional states have joined the program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program, please visit www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/food-stamps/index.htm.

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Editorial

Bringing on the Summer Heat

It's hot outside now. We're experiencing our first extreme heat stretch of the summer. Expected temperatures will be in the 90s over the next few days, add humidity and it feels like 100 degrees. Sending air conditioning into over drive and those without it looking for shade.

Time to remind everyone to take proper precautions to protect themselves, their families, the elderly and pets from the hot weather. These extreme heat conditions could lead to heat exhaustion, or worse, heat stroke. Here are some tips from the American Red Cross that may help:

- Never leave children or pets in your vehicle.

- Stay hydrated drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.

- Continue to wear cloth face coverings in public.

- Slow down, stay indoors. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.

- Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.

- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

Excessive heat can lead to:

Heat Cramps; signs are cramps in legs or abdomen - Move to a cooler place, rest, lightly stretch the affected muscles, and replenish fluids.

Heat Exhaustion; signs are cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness and

exhaustion - Move to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths or towels to skin.

Heat Stroke; signs are hot red skin that may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness, vomiting and high body temperature - Slowly drink small amounts of cool water - If signs get worst, call 9-1-1.

Signs of heat stroke in your pet according to akccchf.org:

- Heavy panting and unable to calm down, even when lying down.

- Brick red gum color

- Fast pulse rate

- Unable to get up.

If you suspect your pet has heat stroke, take their temperature. If the temperature is above 105 degrees, cool the animal down with water. Stop cooling the animal when the temperature reaches 103 degrees. Bring your pet to a veterinarian.

One last warning for those who want to cool off in the water - Use places designated for that purpose. It's challenging to find water recreation this year with fewer pools in operation and crowd limits on places that are open due to Covid 19. Avoid places off the beaten path, they can be dangerous for swimmers. If something goes wrong, there's no one nearby to help. Just be smart.

Remember, in a few months we'll be talking about how much we miss these days. Summer is normally a time of fun in the great outdoors and there should be plenty of opportunities for that once these dangerous temperatures subside. Until then you should take the proper precautions to avoid the summer danger zone of extreme heat conditions.



Gardening Honors

At the July 'Gathering in the Garden' held at Michelle Mensinger's home the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs presented Derry Garden Club with Awards from 2019. These awards would have been given out in May at the NHFGC Annual Meeting, that was then postponed. The club tied for first place and received a Certificate of Commendation for their 2019-2020 Yearbook in the membership size category of 100-299. They earned Award #1a for most members attending the Fall Meeting in 2019. Their digitally prepared Scrapbook, created by member Susan Davis, was recognized for its artistically formatted layout. Susan has received many previous awards for her Scrapbook designs. Lolly Fleming received a Silver Seal Award for service to the club and the Derry Garden Club was commended on celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year. For more information on the club, please visit their website www.derrygardenclub.org. Left to right, Co-presidents of Derry Garden Club Sylvia Roberts and Alison Kennery. Presenting the awards is President of the NHFGC Susan Miner, and hosting the Gathering is Michelle Mensinger.

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Derry Teenage Still Missing

The Derry Police Department is still investigating a report of a missing person.

Amanda Grazewski was last seen in Derry on March 17, 2020 where she was staying with a friend on Birch Street.

She reportedly left that residence in the early morning hours without her purse, cell phone or other belongings and has not been seen or heard from since. Amanda has a history of substance abuse. She is known to frequent Nashua, Salem, Manchester and Hooksett, NH. Derry police are seeking the public's help



Amanda Grazewski was last seen in Derry on March 17, 2020

in locating Amanda vehicle.

Grazewski. Amanda is described as white female, 5'5", 135 lbs, brown hair and hazel eyes. She does not own or have access to a

Anyone with information regarding Amanda Grazewski or her present whereabouts is asked to contact Derry Police at 603-432-6111.

Derry Planning Board Discusses Net Zero Metering Ordinance

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Planning board met on July

15. The meeting was a mix of virtual and in person, with some members of the board attending the meeting virtually.

The meeting started off on more of a somber note as Chairman O'Connor remembered Frank Bartkiewicz, who served as a

member of the planning board for over 10 years. "Whenever we had site walks, Frank always showed up with his camera and documented everything and he will truly be missed," said Chairman O'Connor.

The Planning Board received a letter from Mary Till under the direction of Net Zero. This letter was a request from assigned committees from the Town Council to look at and request a zoning ordinance for renewable energy systems. There are a couple places in the state that have already modeled ordinances for renewable energy sources. Some of these places include the Municipality Association, The Department of Strategic Initiatives, and also the town of Wilton. "The reason why these ordinances are coming forward is that the state of New Hampshire is getting close to opening up what is called net metering", Chairman O'Connor, explained. Net metering is a billing system that credits solar energy system owners

for the electricity they add to the grid. "This could potentially save the town of Derry over one million dollars in its first year," said Chairman O'Connor. That would be with combining all the schools and municipality buildings. Right now there is only the capacity for 1 megawatt with legislation pending for allowing up to 5 megawatts. The opportunity to build a solar complex would be over the old dump and landfill. Because of all the electricity it could create, after a five-year period, the town could buy back the power agreement with the benefit of the federal rebate and increase the town's savings. With new technology these solar plants can last between 25-30 years. Board member, Mark Connors, also added to the discussion by offering that the town also look into biomass energy, geothermal and even hydrothermal energy. This is something that the board is looking further into and will be creating a sub-committee for.

The next topic of dis-

cussion was the unmerging of a lot on Carols Circle. This lot was merged during a time where Town Assessors had the lawful right to merge lots together without the agreement of the landowner. Now the law gives legal authority back to landowners to unmerge the lot. The council then made and passed a motion to recommend to the Town Council to restore the parcel as requested by the owner to its pre-merger status. The landowners plan to remove the barn from one of the lots and build a house. The family would only need a permit from the ZBA, as the piece of land is zoned as industrial.

After discussion ended on the restoration of a lot in town the Board then discussed the topic for their next meeting. The next Planning Board meeting will be held on Aug. 5, to hear a presentation regarding a Siragusa property in town, which houses a yellow barn. The design team is looking for input on their design plans from the Planning Board.

Neighborhood Lemonade Stand Donates to Local Caregivers



Last week, the daughter of a volunteer at the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, Sara Clark, brought her Londonderry neighbor friends to the office handed the staff an envelope with \$90 in cash from the efforts of their lemonade stand two weeks ago. The kids even went mobile taking orders from neighbor houses and delivering it. Executive Director Cindee Tanuma said, "In our 33 year history I am unaware of a single

instance of this occurring so I was very pleased. Having these kids think of us, and doing something to effect change locally is inspiring. This behavior will hopefully continue and one day these kids will become volunteers."

Pictured in top photo, left are: Caylee Lombardo, Kaci Crawford, Ashley Clark, Nate Lombardo, Reese Iller and Logan Iller.

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and concern that we demonstrate as educators for all of our students.”

When developing the potential options for the reopening of schools in the fall, the Derry Cooperative administration, in conjunction with community stakeholders who were represented on the task force teams, kept guiding principles and considerations in mind during the planning. To name a few: develop plans for face-to-face, hybrid and remote instruction; protect and monitor the health and safety of students and staff; maintain strong communication between families and the school district; and provide 1:1 technology devices to support learning and instruction.

In addition to feedback from family surveys and any national, state or local mandates, the “Roadmap to Reopening Schools” planning also considered the guidance

of the Centers of Disease Control, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and the reopening guidance plans from other states when designing the district’s plan options.

The uncertainty of the health crisis that has impacted the country is fluid; thus, it requires school districts to think creatively and forces students, parents, teachers and school administrators to be flexible. Connors-Krikorian mentioned that one way to facilitate this flexibility and adaptability is to have daily check-ins with the students and staff.

“The interconnected model of plan, adjust, and monitor with the children is the center of all that we do,” said Connors-Krikorian. “It is the continuous process we use from preK through adult education.”

Plan A Option: Completely Reopen and On-site

In this option of returning to school,

school facilities are open to all students and staff with new safety measures, such as social distancing protocols maintained in hallways, restrooms and common areas. Family members and visitors to the school buildings will be limited.

Students will be organized in cohorts (designated groups of students); teachers will incorporate elements of online learning and face-to-face instruction. A significant benefit of physically being in school supports the developmental and social-emotional needs of students.

The design and layout of a classroom will require desks facing the same direction and students appropriately spaced apart when seated at tables. Efforts also will be made to minimize the sharing of materials among the students.

Plan B Option: Hybrid, Limited Capacity

For this option, school facilities will be open to students and staff at a limited capacity as well as adhering to new safety measures. Again, social distancing protocols will be established in hallways, restrooms and common areas. Similarly,

family members and visitors to the school buildings will be limited.

Students will routinely transition between online and face-to-face instruction. At this time, there is some discussion about kindergarten through second grade students having face-to-face on a full time basis. Cohorts will be determined by geographical location so that family members can have identical schedules when attending face-to-face instruction.

Like the plan A option, the design and layout of a classroom in the hybrid plan will require desks facing the same direction and students appropriately spaced apart when seated at tables. Efforts also will be made to minimize the sharing of materials among the students.

During the hybrid option presentation, Assistant Superintendent Garofalo explained the task force has examined three options: alternating days (cohorts attend school on-site every other day); alternating weeks (cohorts attend school every other week); and half-day rotation (cohorts attend school on-site either in the morning or

afternoon). Garofalo stressed that the task force was leaning away from the alternating weeks option because K-8 students developmentally would not benefit from it.

Plan C Option: Remote Learning

This is the plan that families, students and teachers used starting last March when school buildings were shuttered because of the coronavirus outbreak. The lessons would be both taped and live instruction.

Garofalo stressed that the three plan options are not linear and no one should think the school district would move in and out of them in that way.

“First of all, if we start with plan A, for instance, and covid-19 spikes, it should be understood,” said Garofalo, “that we may move directly to plan C.”

Assistant Superintendent Garofalo echoed Dr. Connors-Krikorian’s belief that the social-emotional and mental health of the students and staff is paramount. To that end, monitoring and support of students’ social-emotional health will be a priority as will continued communication with families who need additional support. Garofalo highlighted the fact that the district has worked collaboratively

with Dr. Thibodeau, chief district psychologist, to address the need for self-care and coping strategies during these difficult times.

Despite the plan options that both Dr. Connors-Krikorian and Dr. Garofalo presented to the school board, families and school personnel are still concerned about the health and safety of everyone.

Margaret Morse-Barry, DEA President, called in toward the end of the meeting to express her frustration with Governor Sununu’s lack of clear health and safety guidelines.

“Masks are not mandated,” said Morse-Barry. “It makes no sense.” She continued, “He [Sununu] did not consider any of the issues [teachers] are facing.”

Speaking for many educators, Morse-Barry expressed the governor’s flexible, dynamic plan lacks detailed mandates and is a “reckless, dangerous gamble” that could negatively impact educators.

The next school board meeting will be held at Hood on July 28, with the option for anyone to join the meeting virtually. At this meeting, the expectation is that Derry Cooperative School District will announce which plan option the students of Derry will begin the 2020-2021 school year.



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Derry Zoning Board Approves Home Firearms Business

KELSEY DERHAK
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the most recent meeting of the Derry Zoning Board of Adjustments, members heard a request from Patrick Ferrera to operate a Firearms business from his home on English Range Road.

Ferrera was asking the board to grant him a special exception to operate a primarily on-line business in his home to sell firearms and ammunition and accessories. There would also be in-person transactions by appointment only.

Ferrera explained that there would not be any more than 25 percent of the business occupying the home, the business would not change the character of the neighborhood or dwelling, there

would not be more than one sign for the business there, the total of non-resident is zero and not more than one business will be taking place on the property.

Ferrera continued to explain that he has seven years of experience with ownership and training, he also has instructor certifications dealing with firearms. He would do background checks on those buying from him and also for other retailers.

He also said he would be running small classes on safety, with no shooting.

The hours of operation were given as 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, Saturday and Sunday would be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ferrera added that he also has space for three additional parking

spaces within what is required by the town.

Board members were initially concerned with making sure that the firearms he would be selling would be secure on the premise, and whether the FFL (Federal Firearms License) was issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) with stipulations on how the merchandise was locked up.

Ferrera explained that they would be sufficiently secured.

Member Donald Burgess asked why the business was being located on the second floor of his home and not the basement, concerned that anyone visiting the business would have to go through the whole home to get to his office.

Ferrera responded that

90-99 percent of his business would be done on-line and although the basement is a good idea, it's not a finished space.

He added that he would only need a computer, a desk and an assembling table for the business.

The focus of the business is to assemble custom built arms for those who contact him on-line.

When asked how much assembly work on guns he would be doing, he answered that since he's just starting out, he'd be surprised if it were more than two or three in the first six months.

Ferrera was also asked why there is a need to assemble guns as opposed to buying a gun that is already made, to which he explained that the trend in the industry is to customize handguns and

rifles.

An abutter, Kathleen Beach, spoke in opposition to the business location with two concerns. One was that they ask that the sign have "By appointment only" written on the sign, and the other was a fear that there might be another structure on the property.

She was assured that there wouldn't be anything built over 25 percent of the existing structure. He would also have to come back to the ZBA for that change.

With only one negative comment made, the board deliberated over the plan.

The major concern was that there wouldn't be any walk-in visitors, and that they could expect the words "By Appointment Only" on the sign.

During that portion of

the meeting, it was discovered that the home being used for the business is a duplex, and the tenants of the other dwelling were not notified of the hearing.

Code Enforcement Director, Robert Mackey then told the board that the town only notifies the owner, not the tenant.

At that point, the ZBA Chairman, Lynn Perkins, asked if the board felt they were out of protocol, and if so, should they suspend the hearing, but seeing no gestures to vote, they proceeded.

The conditions added to the approval were to list the business hours with the town, and add "By Appointment Only" to the three by one-foot sign.

The board voted 5-0 to grant the special exception for the business.

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would determine the number of booths and tables in the voting space.

Major is preparing for both the State Primary on Sept. 8 and the General Election on Nov. 3. While Covid-19 is still a major concern, the town is expected to see that around 50-60 percent of voter turnout will actually be by absentee ballot. Major recommends that residents request their absentee ballots as soon as possible because the ballots need to be in by the time voting closes on election day. Residents

can request their absentee ballots from the Town Clerk's office. New Hampshire does not have a mail-in option to vote but because of the pandemic, Covid-19 is seen as a medical reason for citizens to request an absentee ballot. Sandown has around 4,700 registered voters and because 50%-60% of voters are predicted to be by absentee ballot, Major is enlisting the help of local High School students to help process all of the ballots. Along with the High School students, Major is requesting the help of the Selectmen because a majority of the ballot

clerks that regularly help with elections fall into the High Risk category for Covid-19.

Due to the upcoming elections the town will hold a regional training. The training will take place on August 18th and modifications will be made for the safety of everyone attending.

Next on the agenda was an update of the renovations for the Town Hall. The Town Hall is in need of structural work. The Board discussed the approval of a contract for a group of engineers to decide what needs to be done to the building. Once that is

completed the town can move on to find a group to complete the construction phase of the project. The cost for the engineers would total about \$5,500 and would be paid for by the mutual aid grant from the state.

Next up in the meeting was an update on the Safety Plan by the Joint Loss Management Com-

mittee. The safety plan had not been previously updated since 1996, and the town is required by law to have a safety plan in writing. The suggestions that the Board gave were that the committee add a revision page to keep track of all updated safety items. The next suggestion from the board was they list all

locations of automated external defibrillators, commonly called "AEDs". Along with the last suggestion came a plan to have all town employees be certified in First Aid/CPR and AED training every year. Details for the specific training will be made at a later date.

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Chester Public Library Hosts Fairy House Building Event



Sofia and Ariana Parasco were making their fairy wishes come true at the Chester Public Library last week. The two gathered up a variety of items from the woods surrounding the library and made fairy houses for the visitors they have come to their home every evening. At left, Assistant Librarian and Director of Youth Services Maryjo Siergiej helps out.

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derry, Carrier said it would only make it better, and that the communication improvement was primarily for the portable radios.

Two of the three Selectmen were at the meeting that evening, and both passed the motion to move forward with the lease agreement and the grant. Chad Bennett was not present.

Also at that meeting:

- Selectmen approved Hampstead Road Agent, Jon Worthen's recommendation that the paving contract go to Busby Construction, the cost will be \$374,498.

- The board reviewed the two bids for heating fuel from Irving Oil and Palmer Gas and Oil, the current vendor. The board decided to continue with Palmer.

- Theriault updated the

board on the Storm Water Management Plan. She noted that Hampstead is behind in M4 compliance, but she is working with Rockingham Planning Commission on documenting the work being done in town.

- The board accepted the resignation of Hampstead Fire Department Captain, Chris Dane, as the town's Emergency Management Director.

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Governor Chris Sununu Signs HB 1240 and HB 705 Into Law

Today, Governor Chris Sununu signed HB 1240, relative to the grounds for sexual assault and related offenses, establishing a special marriage officiant license, modifying requirements for renewal of pharmacy licenses, and relative to occupational licensure and the office of professional licensure and certification, and HB 705, relative to sexual assault, sexual misconduct in institutions of higher education, and the rights of victims of crime.

"We know that unfortunately, there are people out there who will use a power

disparity to try and take advantage of others," said Governor Chris Sununu. "This is something that even happens in schools. It is important that school be a place of trust and responsibility. If someone violates the trust and authority we place in them and takes advantage of a child, we are now able to act appropriately."

"I just want to thank Governor Sununu, Senator Bradley, and everyone else who made this bill possible," said Ana Goble at today's bill signing. "It ensures the safety of my classmates - and that's all

we ever wanted, for my classmates to be safe, no matter how old they are."

"The bills signed today represent the most sweeping collective improvements to laws regarding child abuse and domestic and sexual assault in recent history," said Amanda Grady Sexton, Director of Public Affairs for the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. "We're grateful for the Governor's leadership on this issue, and all the lawmakers who worked so hard to bring these changes into reality in the face of



Pictured from left to right Senator Jeb Bradley, Representative Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien, Governor Chris Sununu, Ana Goble, and Pamela Keilig (New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence)



40&8 Award The 40&8 N.H. organization awards scholarships to students who are going to college for Nursing and Carolyn St. Peter was one of ours in Voiture 70. This is the second year that Carolyn has applied and has received a scholarship check from Voiture 70 of the 40&8. She contacted the group twice, filed the application, and her information was submitted. Anyone going to school for nursing can apply for the scholarship through yje 40&8 even if you have been a nurse for a number of years. The scholarship money varies. Carolyn got a \$1,000 last year and the same this year.

Photo courtesy Tony Travia Cor. 40&8 NH

the tremendous challenges posed by the pandemic.

Background: When Ana was in middle school, she raised concerns about the way a teacher was interacting with other stu-

dents. After the school minor.

administration heard about the concerns she was raising, she was suspended for "spreading rumors". That teacher was later arrested for sexual contact with a

A Facebook live stream of the bill signing can be found here: www.facebook.com/GovernorChrisSununu/videos/933217003851772/

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Covid-19 Related Registration and Voting Instructions

The following information was provided by The New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office:

Registering to vote and voting in person at 2020 elections may pose a health risk to some due to the COVID-19 health emergency. You may register and vote by absentee (by mail) if:

- You are ill due to COVID-19, or caring for someone with COVID-19/symptoms, or
- You are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19.

The term "disability" in the election law extends to

these circumstances. Even if you do not consider yourself a person with disability in other circumstances, this term applies for registering to vote and voting in 2020.

The opportunity to register and vote absentee due to disability from COVID-19 will apply in 2020, regardless of the future development of the public health crisis. You must sign the "disability" affidavit on the forms for absentee registration and absentee voting.

Registering Absentee (By Mail)

You may request

absentee voter registration forms and instructions from your clerk before requesting an absentee ballot. Supervisors of the Checklist must review and approve your application. They are required to meet on a date six to 13 days before the Sept. 8, 2020 primary and again before the November 3, 2020 general election. Unless the supervisors hold voluntary sessions before then, the supervisors will review your application at that meeting. You are registered to vote when the supervisors approve the application.

If you request an

absentee ballot and are not registered, the clerk will send you both your absentee ballot and your absentee voter registration forms and instructions.

Voting Absentee (By Mail)

Request your absentee ballot from your town/city clerk as early as possible.

An Absentee Ballot Application can be downloaded from:

<http://sos.nh.gov/ElseeFornns2.aspx> See below for how to obtain your Clerk's contact information.

If you are returning your completed absentee ballot by US Mail, the

clerk must receive it by 5:00 p.m. on election day. To increase the likelihood the absentee ballot arrives on time and assist with an expected high volume of absentee ballots, we recommend mailing it at least two weeks before the election. After 5 days, check the Voter Information lookup, Absentee Ballot link, to see if your clerk has received the ballot. Contact your clerk if your ballot has not been received. You may also deliver it to the clerk's office in-person or by a delivery agent until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. A delivery agent

may deliver it to the clerk at the polling place until 5 p.m. on election day. Family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators, and a person assisting a voter with a disability who signs the absentee ballot affidavit (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent. See RSA 657:17: <http://www.gen-court.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/657/657-17.htm>

Find your clerk's contact information, your party membership status, or the status of your absentee ballot request here: <http://sos.nh.gov/>

Many Motorists Don't Know How to Drive in a Rotary

ANDREW D. MYERS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Common sense and experience tell us you yield to traffic already in the rotary, wait for a safe opening and then proceed. Simple, right? It's not a game of chicken.

Unfortunately rotaries provoke heated controversy. Some say no it's every other driver. Um, no, that's 4-way stops. Others seriously claim they "were taught" otherwise. Still others insist the rules used to be different.

No, the law for at least the last 50 years or so ordered drivers approaching rotaries to yield, and then

enter only when clear. I'll tell you how I know that below but first here's the actual law:

"The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall in obedience to such shall slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time such driver is moving across or within the intersection."

The above word for word quote of NH RSA 265:30 begs two notes. First the NH highway department

put up yield signs at approaches to most if not all rotaries. The word intersection in the statutes includes by definition rotaries.

The law, under "rules of the road" places fault on those who ignore it. "If such a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in the intersection after driving past a yield sign without yielding, such collision shall be deemed prima facie evidence of his failure to yield right of way."

By the way the rules of the road also solidly establish the concept that a vehicle "passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such

island." Should be obvious I know, but there it is under RSA 265:23 (III).

Only because many readers work or have family in Massachusetts, the rotary law there provides a bit more clarity. The Commonwealth's "Standards of Fault" spell out situations in which drivers face a presumption of fault. One

of them: "The Operator, when merging onto a highway, or into a rotary, thereafter collides with another vehicle already on the highway, or in the rotary." 211 CMR 74.04 (26).

Drivers' manuals in both states explain the above concepts. At the same time those from out of state can be confused. I grew up in

Pennsylvania and visited family in New York and the West Coast. I never saw a rotary until I moved to New England to go to college.

My college roommate told me, "See that, it's a rotary. Slow down and yield!" That's probably more clear than the legislative verbiage. I never forgot it. Yes it's been 50 years.

Swim Advisory Lifted At Seeley Beach, Sandown

SANDOWN - The Sandown Recreation Department received test results from water samples taken on Friday, July 17, at Seeley Beach town beach. The results from the lab show levels of E-Coli have

fallen to well within the normal range. Normal range is considered to be under 88 MPN/100ml.

Newest results have returned with a level of 33.2 MPN/100ml and the swim advisory has been

lifted.

As usual, the Sandown Recreation Department will continue to monitor the water at Seeley Beach and will report to the public if there are any future advisories.

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Chester Public Library Renovation Project Has Been Completed

The staff at the Chester Public Library invites residents to come in and see all the beautiful changes that have been made at the library over the past several months.

The children's room has moved downstairs, and now has expanded space for our popular story times and numerous children's programs. The teens have their

own area upstairs, with a comfortable seating area to gather with friends. A new, enlarged meeting room was added downstairs, with an exit that will allow groups to stay in the library past closing time. The new Meeting Room will offer more seating to meet the needs of the growing use of the facility. The director's office is at the entrance of the Library and

the new main entrance is the area off the porch. A new book drop has been added at the front entrance in the wall of the building. The Circulation Desk has been redesigned to provide more room and space to process books, and perform the day-to-day functions of the library.

The stairway was redesigned eliminating the

existing ledge and safety hazards. New carpeting and flooring was added and the interior has been painted throughout.

The purpose was to make the building user-friendly and more efficient. The library staff wants to be able to provide a welcoming, comfortable place for the residents of Chester to bond socially and provide

them with special programs that peak their interests and hobbies, where they will meet others with the same interests. Library staff wants to instill the love of reading to the children of Chester because reading stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. And staff wants to continue to provide vital resources, services,

knowledge and technology to anyone who needs it.

The renovation plan was done by Moriah Gavrish and Dann Norris Batting. Bonnette, Page and Stone was the Contractor awarded the project. The renovation plan reflects the library's mission - to improve and enrich the lives of patrons and to foster a love of reading.

Latest News From the Hampstead Public Library

The Hampstead Public Library staff is sad to announce that Youth Services Librarian Devin Van Curen is leaving. She is going to pursue her dreams in Texas, where she will be teaching religion classes. After over four years with the Library, her last day is Friday, July 31.

"Careers take you down many different paths," said Library

Director Rosemary Krol. "We are all thankful for the time Devin's path was with us at the Hampstead Library. We congratulate her on her new job and wish her the best."

Devin has especially enjoyed Mother Goose and Toddler Storytimes, as well as special events with middle school kids, like Star Wars parties. "I've enjoyed my time in Hampstead. It's such a

wonderful community," said Devin. "I hope the children keep reading, keep learning, and keep exploring."

If you would like to wish Miss Devin well, please feel free to email her at dvancuren@HampsteadLibrary.org. The public is also invited to drive through the Library parking lot between 11 am and 12 pm on Friday, July 31, to

wave and beep for Devin. She'll have a place out in front of the building where she will be delighted to see everyone.

• Curbside Pickup hours at the Hampstead Public Library have increased again! Now cardholders can get their materials 6 days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm. Reserve materials in advance, and you will be notified when they are available. For assistance, call 603-329-6411 or email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org. Barring any setbacks, the Trustees and staff hope to open the Library building to the public, by appointment, during the first week of August. More details are coming soon.

• The Children's Summer Reading program continues. Week Seven

starts July 26 and participants explore Stories of Europe. Create your own knight's coat of arms, make a stained "glass" picture, build a troll trap, and learn about the Brothers Grimm.

• In the July 29, Zoom sessions, students in K through 4 hear fairy tales from around Germany at 1 pm. Then at 3 pm, middle school students learn about the gruesome versions of favorite fairy tales and tales they have never heard before. Please register in advance.

• Craft and activity packets for the remaining Summer Reading weeks are available to be picked up during Curbside Pickup hours. If you need any packets from earlier weeks, please call the Library and it will be reserved for you. Participants are encouraged to record their beads/reading time via their Padlet page. The more you read,

the more chances you get to win prizes. Kids can also choose to share pictures of their crafts and activities with Miss Devin. If you have any questions, email dvancuren@HampsteadLibrary.org.

• On Wednesday, August 5, at 7 pm, adults are invited to a Summer Reading Roundup, Zoom Book Discussion. Join librarians and tell us about the books you have read this summer which you have enjoyed. Learn about books coming out in August and the fall that you can look forward to. Please register in advance for this event via the calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Adult Summer Reading Program participants receive five chances for the prize raffle drawing by partaking in this event. Email jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org if you have questions.

Wells Village Road Construction Will Begin Monday, August 3rd

SANDOWN - The Sandown Highway Department in conjunction with Busby Construction, Inc. has begun road construction on Wells Village Road. Drainage work, tree and stump removal has been completed. The project will now progress with the full reconstruction and paving of approximately 4,750 feet of Wells Village Road. The main impact of this project is from Eagle Ridge Road to Hampstead Road.

The road will be com-

pletely closed to all through traffic beginning Monday, Aug. 3, and for the following four to six weeks.

The work is expected to take approximately four to six weeks, weather permitting. During this process, there will be construction equipment in the area, so residents should take note of signage as road conditions and traffic patterns may change periodically during this time. At times, the road may be closed completely for several hours.

The project involves major road work and although we will make every effort to complete this process as quickly as possible, the town is asking for the cooperation and patience of residents during this time.

If residents have tenants, they are asking to pass this information along to them and/or anyone else who may need to be informed.

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NH Campsite Lottery Now Open, 2020 Season Health Reminders

MELISSA RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

In an effort to keep summer as relaxed as possible, many state parks have been staying open for New Hampshire residents to enjoy the outdoor beauty unique to the Granite State.

Select campgrounds have also remained open for NH campers, with some new operating guidance put in place to ensure the safety of campers and staff alike.

New Hampshire State Parks have also been making plans for next year's

camping season, having announced the return of their camping lottery for selected camping sites at Hampton Beach State Park on July 15.

Each year, NH State Parks offers this lottery as a chance for NH residents to experience the most popular camping areas in all of the State Parks.

Camping at Hampton Beach State Park allows patrons to experience the fun of camping out away from home while taking in the sights, sounds, and smells of the ocean. The

campground is an RV campground located at the mouth of the Hampton River. The grounds are close to many attractions such as whale watching, saltwater fishing, and swimming.

Lottery applications include campsites 10 through 15 and campsites 21 through 28. There is a non-refundable \$5 application fee per application. While multiple applications are welcome, NH State Parks chooses applications at random and any winning customers will only win once.

Lottery applications will be accepted from now until 8 p.m. on October 9. NH State Parks will announce winners in late October of 2020.

Applications can be submitted either by contacting

the Reserve America call center at 1-877-647-2757 or by visiting newhampshirestateparks.reserveamerica.com. Anyone intending to submit more than one application should visit the Reserve America link, as the call center will only permit one application per call.

As many may have anticipated, this summer's New Hampshire camping experience will be different from years past. For a full document detailing NH State Parks' new operating guidance, visit the link provided at nhstateparks.org/visit/campgrounds.

This year, campers will be asked upon check-in if anyone in the camping party is not feeling well or are experiencing any COVID-

19 symptoms. If anyone should answer, "Yes," the entire party will be asked to go home and a full refund will be issued.

Playgrounds and pavilions will be closed for this year's camping season. Boat rentals will also not be available this year, with the exception of Franconia Notch State Park.

This year bathrooms have been converted to "family-style" facilities, allowing one family group to enter at a time. Portable toilets have been installed in certain areas as needed. Showers will also be limited or closed depending on location.

Campers will be asked to wear masks in areas where it may be difficult to maintain a safe distance.

Campers and groups must try their best to remain at least six feet from others, including park staff.

Curbside retail will be available at most campgrounds should campers find themselves in need of certain supplies.

Campers are encouraged to take responsibility for their own health and safety by including in their camping supplies hand sanitizer, cleaning products, and disinfecting wipes.

Any camping parties with members coming in from out of any of the New England states must sign a waiver attesting that they have quarantined for fourteen days prior to their arrival at the campground.

There may be a few additional steps to be taken this year before enjoying sleeping away in the great outdoors this year, but with a little cooperation and understanding, determined campers will still be able to partake in their favorite summer activities safely.

Camping reservations can be made by calling 1-877-nhparks (1-877-647-2757), or by visiting newhampshirestateparks.reserveamerica.com.

For more information on New Hampshire State Parks and COVID-19 safety requirements, visit nhstateparks.org or call the Division of Parks and Recreation at (603) 271-3556. Questions or concerns can also be sent to nhparks@dnr.nh.gov.



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DERRY

Taylor Library Reopens

The Taylor Library reopened on a limited, appointment - only basis on Monday July 6. Individual's families may visit for a maximum of 1 hour per day by appointment. To make an appointment call 432-7186. Appointments times for public entry are every hour and 15 minutes to allow time between groups to disinfect surfaces. Masks/ face covering are required at all times when in the library for those 3 and older. Returned items should be placed in the book return outside so that we can follow proper quarantining protocol. Curbside pickup will continue. Give us a call or place a request online for pick up. Thank you.

Story Walk

The Taylor Library in East Derry is giving residents the ability to take their children out for a walk and enjoy a book at the same time. A new Storybook Walk has been installed in the field behind the library, and a new story will be put out every two weeks.

Time to quit?

Vaping and Your Health Workshop Available remotely by the Upper Room during June. This workshop is for Teen & Young Adults up to age 24.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizab@urteachers.org.

Raising Another's Child?

Upper Rooms Grandparent & caregiver support group is on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free, live on Zoom facilitated by The

Upper Room. Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support. To access, visit: www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

Notice to Businesses Regarding CGI

The Town of Derry is currently under contract with CGI to produce and maintain video tours that are accessible on the front of the town's website. Businesses are able to sponsor these videos. CGI is currently making calls to promote this opportunity. If you have any questions about this program, please reach out to beverlydonovan@derrynh.org

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs are available. To access: Contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Raising a teenager?

Upper Rooms Parent & caregiver café (PaCC) is on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitat-

ed by The Upper Room. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies.

CHESTER

Harry Potter Trivia

How much do you Really know about Harry Potter? This program will be held virtually on WebEx on Thursday, July 23, at 4 p.m. All Ages Welcome. Check the Chester Library Facebook page for more information. Please Register on the Library's Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Make a Bubbling Potion

Create a bewitching brew with bubbles and glitter on Tuesday, July 28, at 1 p.m., at the Chester Library. For kids of all ages. Please Register on the Library's Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Chester Public Library Reopens

The Chester Public Library reopened to the public on Monday, July 6. The Library takes the safety of its patrons and staff seriously. Physical distancing and a reduction in some services will be in place to provide a safe environment for everyone. We ask that patrons wear a mask while visiting and do not enter the building if you are sick or have a fever, cough, or have trouble breathing. We will have disposable masks for those that do not have one. Hand sani-

tizer will be available throughout the building.

HAMPSTEAD

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 21, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. Visit redcrossblood.org for further information on this time saving feature. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. For specific information on this drive, please contact John Cussen at 603-329-5207.

Grief Support

Hampstead Congregational Church will hold their monthly Community Grief Support Group on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m. - noon in Hadley Hall, 61 Main St., Hampstead. We are following safety protocols and ask that you wear a mask. Your grief may be from a long-ago loss, or it may be more recent-the loss of a spouse, a child, a sibling, a home, a job, or a dream.... This group will seek to be a place where each may give and receive support wherever you are on your journey of loss. Please know you are welcome to just drop in. If you have any questions, please call 603-329-6985.

Storytime Online

Hampstead Youth Services Librarian Devin con-

tinues 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.

SANDOWN

Mother Goose On The Loose

Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose, will be held on Monday mornings on YouTube this event has movement, reading, rhymes, and songs for ages 0-36 months. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. The Library will post

the link to the day's YouTube 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times too.

Old Home Day

Cancellation of Old Home Day Fall Festival the 2020 Old Home Days committee, regretfully announces that the 2020 Old Home Days Fall Festival to include the parade scheduled for Sept. 12, has been cancelled. This cancellation is being made due to the social distancing restrictions that are present now with COVID - 19, and the unknown of what they may be in the future. We believe that the safety and the health of our participants, vendors, and our community is of the utmost importance. The committee will start planning for the OHD 2021 in January, and look forward to the OHD Fall Festival scheduled for Sept. 11, 2021. Thank you for your understanding in these unprecedented times.

REGIONAL

Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. Continental Breakfast on July 26, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Lunch on July 26 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dinner on July 31 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Dinner on Aug. 9 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 15 at St Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 16 at Elijah's Table (EHS) from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

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