

# Town Councilor Voices Concerns at Voting Polls

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Derry Town Council meeting on Tuesday Sept. 1, Councilor Brian Chirichello voiced his concerns with the idea that there might be organized groups trying to disrupt people at the polls.

Chirichello, said that he had heard from a resident that this has been happening elsewhere, and he asked if police details would be larger this year in case that were to happen locally.

The town moderator Tina Guilford and Derry Police Chief Ed Garone addressed his concerns.

First, Guildford said that she hadn't heard of this being a concern, but said that the chief had assured her that there would be a larger police presence, and whatever additional backup would be needed on Tuesday would be available.

When Garone approached the Council, Chirichello explained that he had heard reports on saw video on the internet, that during the end of the Republican National Convention, New Hampshire officials were called out by name and harassed as the left.

Garone also responded that he had not heard of these rumors, but assured Chirichello that his force would be on hand to protect everyone's right to vote.

Shortly after that item, Town Administrator, Dave Carron, went through the 2021 Town Council Vision Plan. He explained that there were five main goals expressed by the Council. The top goal was for the Hood Park Revitalization. Construction on the Rail Trail and the repair of the Hood Dam will begin with the next two weeks. There is also a Hood Park Visioning Committee being formed, and that committee will present their ideas by year's end.

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# Sandown Selectmen Discuss Voluntary Water Restriction

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectmen met on Monday, August 31st, 2020 to go over several town updates.

Lynn Blaisdell, the Town Administrator, brought to the Board's attention an email she received from NH DES, letting the town know about the drought the state is experiencing. Blaisdell has received many emails since notifying the town of the increases in the percentage of the state that is now in a drought. Currently, ninety percent of New Hampshire is experiencing a drought. Department of Environmental

Services is urging areas who are experiencing these drought conditions to implement water restrictions. Blaisdell noted that in the past what Sandown has done is have a voluntary water ban and try to educate residents on the importance of conserving water during drought conditions. The town makes the water ban voluntary because most residents have their own, private wells. Blaisdell adds that since the town does not "have a municipal water system, the ban cannot be as strict."

Since the percentage of towns experiencing a drought has increased dramatically in a short period of time, going from 48 per-

cent at the beginning of August to a current 90 percent, the Board agreed to implement a voluntary outdoor water use restriction. Blaisdell also noted that as of August 20th, the 8-14 day precipitation outlook favors above-normal precipitation for the area, but is "not sure the rain would be enough to bring it back to normal." NHDES has helpful procedures to help towns navigate drought conditions and help conserve water.

Sandown residents will most likely be seeing a press release that informs them of the voluntary water restrictions from the Board of Selectmen. Guidelines residents might

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**A New Way for First Day** Students at Derry Village School file out of the school after their first day of classes on Tuesday, Sept. 8. A massive amount of buses and cars were lined up from the school entrance to beyond West Running Brook waiting for children. *Photo by Chris Paul*

# Spring Hill Farm Meeting Focuses on Insurance Cost

**MARY FREEMAN**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Spring Hill Farms Committee was established in 2017 to allow community members to be actively involved in making recommendations regarding the future use of the 400-acre farm, land, farmhouse, barn and outbuildings that constitute

Spring Hill Farm. The farm, a monumental gift from longtime Chester resident and former schoolteacher, Miss Muriel Church, has become a showpiece and fixture since her generous gift prior to her death in December of 2001.

Membership consists of one representative from agriculture, conservation, recreation, the Board of Selectmen, five members at large, plus three alternates.

Small working groups within the Advisory Committee have been formed, with emphasis on the four activities listed in the Conservation Easement Deed: Farming, Forestry, Recreation and Education to ensure that the farm continues as a

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# School Board to Split Surplus, State Funding Between District Costs

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**DERRY** - The Derry School Board discussed its plan to use its unassigned funds for the previous school year during its August 25 meeting, deciding to simultaneously develop a safety net for the schools amid financial uncertainty while also limiting the increase in taxes for Derry citizens.

"At the end of every school year, we typically have what we refer to as unassigned fund balances, meaning you either received more revenue than

you anticipated or you underspent your budget, and you end up with a surplus of funds," said the school district's Business Administrator Jane Simard.

While an audit that will determine the exact surplus the district will have is ongoing, an estimate presented at the meeting suggests the surplus will be within five thousand dollars of \$664 thousand.

With the assumption that this number is correct, the school board weighed its options regarding how much of the surplus to pocket versus how much to return and offset taxes. The

estimated tax rate currently sits at \$15.90, which is a 54 cent increase from last year's rate. Retaining the surplus would keep the tax rate at that estimated figure.

Returning it entirely would drop the tax rate by 20 cents, down to \$15.70, but would give the district less financial flexibility. The option to return half of the money, which is what the board decided on, will result in a \$15.80 tax rate.

The district has secured funds in a few additional places. It secured just over \$524 thousand dollars from HB 1558, designed to

provide "additional kindergarten adequacy." The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act can be used to put money towards the salaries of long-term substitute teachers, nurses and custodians that become necessary due to COVID-19. Additionally, the pandemic "resulted in a reduction of health trust coverage claims for the last four months," said Simard. This created a surplus of \$481 thousand that Derry School District would receive a cut of.

While this extra money may seem like it solves all of Derry's schools' problems, the pandemic has created a unique set of expensive issues. "What are the other things you want to consider when we're looking at the fiscal year of 2021. With the reentry plan, we have to think about what are we doing for staffing and the additional cost that comes with that," Simard pointed out, noting that the situation is complicated. Chromebooks, personal protective equipment, tents and other equipment to ensure social distancing and proper sanitation also upped the district's costs.

Opinions varied across the board. Chairman Derrick Anderson suggested the

board uses the aid money for district costs next year when state funding decreases. It would provide a safety net with an uncertain future ahead

Board member Lynn Perkins took a hard stance towards using the money available to lower taxes. "With all the confidence that the road is uncertain going into the next budget season," Perkins still believes it is important to "build public confidence."

Taking the middle

ground approach that was ultimately agreed upon, Secretary Erika Cohen opined that the board should keep half of the money while using the other half to offset taxes. This would show that the school board hears the financial concerns of the public amidst the pandemic while also giving the schools a safety net.

The fifty-fifty plan was passed by a 4-1 vote, with Perkins being the one in opposition.

## Sandown

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see from the town are; water conservation tips, emergency water access location, and restricted uses of outdoor water sources.

The Board has also volunteered to restrict water usage to the town offices in hopes to set a good example for Sandown's residents. For more information on the current status of the drought and ways to conserve water, helpful

information can be found at [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov).

In other updates, the Board of Selectmen has moved to Monday night meetings. The reason for the change to Monday night meetings is the Board feels it would be easier for departments to meet with the Board during budget season. The first

The Selectmen also approved Paula Gulla, Selectmen's Office Clerk, to sign needed documents for the grant application for weed control in Phillips

Pond. The only treatment so far is that of divers pulling out the weeds. The grant application for 2021 will be filed by September 15th, 2020. The town will apply for the grant and if it is not needed, the town will withdraw the application.

The issue of unregistered dogs has dwindled down to just 2 out of a previous 431. There are 7 unregistered dogs that have appointments to get their rabies shots but will be registering after they have received the shots. The owners of the two unregistered dogs are expected to go to court.



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## OBITUARY

### Evelyn A. Adams



Evelyn A. "Pinky" Adams, 99, of Derry, NH, died Tuesday Sept. 1, 2020 in Parkland Medical Center in Derry. She was born in Somerville, MA on May 26, 1921, a daughter of the late David and Mary (Hake) Meskell, and had been a resident of Derry for many years, formerly living in Somerville.

She is survived by two sons, Edward F. Adams, Jr. of Warner, NH, and Alan T. Adams and his wife Leslie of Belmont, NH; her daughter, Lorraine Mosher and her husband Arthur of Derry; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward F. Adams in 2007; her son, David A. Adams; her grandchildren, Sean O. Murray and Darlene Murray; her siblings, John Meskell in 1988, and Dorothy Hunt.

Calling hours were Thursday, Sept. 3, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 4, in the funeral home. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance. The burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH 03038.

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# Chester Planning Board Queries Eversource in Lengthy Meeting

MARY FREEMAN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - In a meeting on Aug. 26, stretching out almost two hours long on, the Chester Planning Board dispatched with usual business in quick time, achieving a quorum, approving the minutes from the previous meeting and tabling an issue concerning additional spending on engineering studies necessary to drainage, culvert and road repair issues on Freemont Road and, with minimal discussion, they quickly approved the construction of an indoor riding

arena on property owned by Elizabeth Buchanan located at 43 Hart Roberts Rd., Chester, concluding that the edifice was indeed a private concern and not one erected as a for-profit business; thus dispensing with the need for signage approval and other commercial necessities.

The bulk of the one hour and forty-four minute plus meeting was devoted to Eversource Energy and the corporation's concerns over all-terrain vehicles utilizing their easements, rights-of-way and owned properties throughout the greater Chester area. Ac-

cording to company representative Elizabeth LaRocca, the ATV traffic along the pole line gravel roadways has been detrimental to the company's ability to not only safeguard their equipment, but also in order to respond to any emergency situations.

Disclosing that there had been two such incidents in the last year within their purview, one being in Fitzwilliam, LaRocca stated that the necessity of being able to respond to emergent situations was paramount to her company's interests. Thus rendering the company's pro-

posal of creating boulder blocked and locked gate barriers for egress and ingress to bar ATV riders puzzling, and would seem to preclude any quick response by local first responders required to render any assistance.

Also proposed was a reseeding program that would disguise the graveled roadways leading to their equipment comprising of low-soil grasses and plants that would flourish in graveled areas, citing that the State of Vermont had successfully utilized such measures in reseeding pole line territory. Although

LaRocca could not provide any data that could show an inhibition for trespass by ATV enthusiasts. Seemingly, the comprehension of the nature and usage of all-terrain vehicles seemed elusive to those assembled as most ATV riders, unlike bicycle enthusiasts, generally steer toward the roughest terrain available in order to test both their equipment as well as their own physical endurance.

Also mentioned was the issue of trespass for recreational gatherings where a bonfire may be lighted, causing concern over both equipment damage and wildfires. The conversation diverged to "People from as far away as New Jersey" being identified as trespassers and "Social media" cited as a venue for larger illegal gatherings, and the company divulged that they had been in conversation with local law enforcement as the most viable solution to their problem, thus placing the burden upon Chester, Rockingham County and New Hampshire for policing their property interests.

There was much discussion concerning the placement of newly created signage to warn trespassers of their own liability for damage, destruction and personal injury on the corporation's property and

leaseholds, although the signs themselves await the vetting of legal authority due to New Hampshire's long held rights to hunting and fishing access and the nature of the state's legal authority position being unfilled at this time, with one planning board member stating that Eversource had themselves created what is legally termed as an "attractive nuisance" when initially constructing the graveled access roads. These access roads apparently were not proposed as a permanent access point during the corporation's original request before the board to upgrade their holdings several years ago.

The last order of business was the proposed tasting room to be erected at Triad Winery, with setback and plan discussions concerning the sales of wine upon the premises, outside seating and parking. The board's only requirement being a to-scale plan supplied by the landholders, Corinne and Bill Reishus and, otherwise the board saw no other issues with allowing the project to go forward.

Before adjourning, the board touched on the superiority of modern solar panels which reflect less light and are less intrusive than previous generations of alternative energy equipment.

## ZBA Grants Pool Variance Despite Neighbors Concerns

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Zoning Board of Adjustments met on Thursday, Sept. 3, and despite some adamant disapproval by their neighbors, the board granted a pool to be left where it was built.

John and Shannon Joyce were before the board to try and convince the board to allow a pool and a deck to remain where they had constructed it, which was closer than town ordinance allows.

The hearing was a continuation from an earlier meeting, and the Joyce's were asked to provide the board with accurate drawings of the property and where the pool was constructed.

After the couple verified they had provided

them, the board took public comment from the direct abutters to the property.

Linda and Anthony Sader of Buttonwood Drive addressed the board verifying that the plans clearly show that the Joyce's pool and deck exceeds the boundaries set in the town ordinances.

The couple were clearly upset with the fact that their neighbors had built the pool and deck without first making sure that they were with the rules of the town. They were also upset with the fact that the town allowed them to built it over the set back requirements of the town.

Chairman Lynn Perkins started by asking how the couple felt the pool placement affect the value of their property.

Linda Sader responded that because of the pools

close proximity, it is very disruptive, and makes it nearly impossible to sit out on their deck when the pool is being used.

At the Zoning Board's previous meeting, the Sader told the board that even though John Joyce told them he had a verbal agreement from them to build the pool, it was never given and he went ahead and built it anyway. That is what prompted the couple to call the building inspector.

In the end, the member of the Zoning Board unanimously granted the variance to allow the pool to stay where it was constructed.

During the second hearing of the meeting, New Hampshire Signs was looking for a variance to allow the use of a Message Board Sign at Daigle Plumbing at 11 Windham

Road.

Peter March and Dan Hutchings of N.H. Signs explained the request to the board. March said that the sign would provide information to the public and would be illuminated a few hours before and after business hours.

The board once again voted unanimously to grant the variance.

In the third hearing of the evening the board voted unanimously once again. This time it was to deny a variance request by John Webster to construct a 24x28 foot two-car garage outside the setback from the side property.

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# Editorial

## Labor Day Has New Meaning

Last Monday was Labor Day, a day that has always served as a nice transition to the start of school and the end of summer. This year, as we celebrated with friends and family, we were urged to take precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to forever change us and our surroundings.

Yes, things have changed. We see families on the verge of losing their homes, businesses closing, layoffs happening, and people, who were once donors to charities and social-service organizations, becoming recipients. For this I blame COVID.

Labor Day is an important holiday. It is recognition for all American workers who labor to keep our country going. America's economy moves like a machine, fueled by the hard work of all its citizens laboring for independence, family and the American dream.

This year, the average American employee has faced nearly insurmountable turmoil from pandemic, lost jobs, furloughs, lost wages, to risking one's health daily to make it through the workday.

Despite having jobs, we see hard-working Americans struggling to make ends meet, especially as wages continue to lag behind the high cost of housing and healthcare costs. Inflation grows but wages stay stagnant. Many still struggle to earn enough to cover basic necessities, even with government stimulus. I call it corporate greed when large corpo-

rations make a killing off COVID and do not pass along their good fortunes to workers.

We recognize that local commercial businesses are suffering while adapting to new COVID regulations. A summer with little rain is an additional burden on our farmers that may cause larger problems down the road. Many businesses still look hopefully towards a good holiday season to pull them through these financially changing times. You can include this local business among them.

We can take for granted how many comforts we as a society have. We should reflect on the work and sacrifice of everyone who contributes to our country, our freedoms, and our way of life, even with the problems that we continually tweak to make better.

Beyond these financial, social and emotional losses that are hitting home for many of us, there are way too many intangibles to list that make us strong when it comes to figuring out all that has been lost and all that we must do. We as humans are very resilient.

In the end, the burden remains on all of us to do our share. What we do for others will shape what this community, and the world, will look like when we come out of this pandemic. We still have each other. That will have to be enough to make it through. 2020 will surely be one for the books.

"All we need is love, love is all we need..." - The Beatles

# Letters

## Those Who Serve

To the editor,

I had four uncles who served in WWII, two of whom were injured and one who died fighting with General Patton in Germany. My brother is a veteran of the Korean War. I have two nephews who served in the armed forces.

Yes, of course, I support our troops and the men and women who too often have taken on the thankless job of defending our country in lands far and near. I am outraged that anyone, much less the President of the U. S. would consider them los-

ers and suckers.

Mary Till  
Derry

## Re-elect Mark Pearson

To the editor,

In this time of political extremism and national confusion, I heartily endorse Mark Pearson for State Representative for the "floterial" (at large) district of Atkinson, Hampstead, Kingston and Plaistow. I have found Mark to be a practical, compassionate listener who gets things done to help the average citizen. I am well aware of his efforts in gathering state

and local hydrologists to develop bills to address the problem of commercial over-pumping of water which negatively impacts our local wells. I'm also well aware of the patriotic support he has provided for many years to our communities during Veterans Holiday Observances.

He also unselfishly volunteers as a member of the Civil Air Patrol which assists with search and rescue missions. If you want someone who will look out for the little guy, Mark's your man!

Howie Steadman,  
Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)  
Hampstead

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## Garden Club Awards Community Star to Marion Gerrish



The Community Star Award was recently presented to The Marion Gerrish Community Center of Derry by members of the Derry Garden Club. The award is from the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and is given every two years to a person, organization or business for contributions to the community.

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# Sandown Implements Voluntary Outdoor Water Restrictions

**SANDOWN** - The Town of Sandown, NH is asking all residents, including those on private wells to stop watering lawns and is requesting the entire community take steps to conserve water. This drought is similar to what we all faced in 2016 with 90% of the State of New Hampshire affected with low streams and waterways and low groundwater levels. Some New Hampshire residents on private wells, as well as some community water systems are experiencing water supply shortages. An above average amount of

mild rainstorms that allow water to soak in are needed to fully recharge lakes, rivers and groundwater sources before the winter. It is unlikely that the amount and type of rain needed will be received to fully recharge water sources. Widespread shortages are imminent if the recharge from rain the state does receive is not used wisely. Sandown needs the cooperation of residents to help protect water supplies now and through the winter.

Outdoor water use, primarily for lawn watering, is one of the largest consumptive uses in the sum-

mer months. Lawn watering is straining water supplies and needs to be ended. There are also many opportunities indoors to use water more efficiently with little effort that will save not only water, but energy, and money. Indoor use can be cut by 20% or more by turning off faucets while washing dishes and hands, only washing full loads of laundry, and taking shorter showers, as well as by replacing old showerheads, toilets, sink aerators, and washing machines with EPA WaterSense and Energy Star® certified products.

Also, repairing running toilets can save hundreds of gallons a day. This request is in conjunction with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' urge for the public to discontinue non-essential outdoor water usage and to take efficiency measures indoors and we appreciate your assistance with water conservation. For current drought information and water efficiency fact sheets including efficiency tips, go to [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov), click on the "A-Z" list, and scroll down to the Drought Management Program.



**Polling Place** The Town of Derry only had one Polling location for this year's State Primary due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Calvary Bible Church had a steady stream of voters casting their ballots. *Photo by Chris Paul*



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## Spring Hill

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self-supporting, active contribution to both Chester's history as well as its agricultural future.

The most intense topic of discussion was concerning the need for an insurance policy to cover any mishaps which may occur, the committee had purchased a one-day stopgap police for the Fall Festival in 2019, but although the Trust's policy covers only the farm itself and the town does own substantial machinery and holdings within the property which, at this point, are uninsured.

Chester Selectman Chuck Myette called the meeting to order and immediately launched in to the need for the committee to cover its assets, clearly outlining the need for liability and damage coverage by relating that there had been a false alarm triggered at the farm on the previous Friday.

Myette said, "It was only a faulty alarm last Friday, but police didn't have the entry code and the fire department didn't have keys – even though the system was set up by

the town. Codes were changed and entities were notified."

"The policy is a blanket \$25,000 coverage; I don't know if it's enough and I also don't know what's in the attic. Items were inventoried with the help of the Historical Society when they were stored, but those records have been lost. It's important to get covered right away, within a day or so the policy will be reviewed," Myette elaborated.

The policy set to include insurance against liability, with a general aggregate \$2,000,000 policy limited to \$1,000,000 per incident as well as the previously mentioned property coverage. The committee was in favor of the policy and have sent it to the Board of Selectmen for review and final approval.

According to the reports, there isn't a lot of expenses coming in due to the current pandemic, although Christina Snyder stated that the farm table produce has been quite abundant, with pumpkins and squash coming on, "It's exciting to see it, produce is going good, I'm happy where

it's going, farmers market sales are good. We'd like to expand next year, plant garlic and put in some raised beds if we can be sure of extending lease" Snyder stated, referencing the farm lease which runs from March to March of every year.

Myette suggested that Snyder, "...put together a future plan for next year sept 10 board of selectmen, see if you can line this up," to which Snyder concurred. "Great, we'll put you on that pathway and try to do this sooner rather than later," Myette concluded.

Also, there are currently about 250 bales of hay for sale, with hay sales generating close to \$1000 last year for the

farm fund and there are plans to cut the field after September for a second cut, providing a few hundred more bales to be made available as revenue.

The next order of business was a discussion concerning repairing the garage, which is needed for working on projects. Before the covid-19 pandemic hit, inmates did some necessary repair work and there is still a considerable amount of wood remaining, although all new electric wiring is needed. The plan is to make the building weather tight and then to strip out the old, outdated wiring.

Apparently, there will be a need for a new build-

ing within a few years, and the Committee plans to look at available buildings on the property to see which ones can be salvaged and which ones should be stripped for useable materials.

It was reported that the Farm Trust met last Tuesday to work on ADA requirements, if only for the main floor of the pub-

lic buildings and may have to resort to portable sanitary facilities if it is not feasible to alter the antique farmhouse.

The committee's next meeting is set for Sept. 15, 2020 when they should be able to firm up their organizational structure while actively planning for the future of Spring Hill Farm.

## OBITUARY

### Margaret Lois Morrison



Margaret Lois Morrison, 95, of Derry, NH passed away Sept. 2, 2020 at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home in Goffstown, NH with family by her side. Margaret was born May 12, 1925 in Derry, the daughter of the late William and Margaret (Bailey) Manning. She was raised and educated in Derry, attending Pinkerton Academy High School. She married Donald R. Morrison on Aug. 17, 1946 and they shared 49 years together before Donald's passing on Feb. 23, 1996.

Margaret and Donald left Derry for Arizona in 1948 and then onto California, where their jobs sent them and their family and then finally to Washington. They returned to Derry in 1960 to the awaiting arms of their family and friends. She was an excellent secretary/administrative assistant, retiring from Sanders Associates in Nashua, NH.

Margaret was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry, serving in the choir. She was a past member of the "Sweet Adeline's" and the "Red Hat Society", an avid bingo player, candlepin bowler and loved to travel and experience new and exotic foods.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Cheryl A. (Morrison) Breuning of Newport, two sons, Michael D. and his wife Marianne (Sheldon) of Ft. Myers, FL, Anthony C. and his wife Heather (McNeil) of Goffstown, a daughter-in-law, Carol (McDougal) Morrison of York, ME, a brother-in-law, Robert C. Morrison of Derry, 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sons, Stephen H. of Tigard, OR and Donald C. of York, ME, a son-in-law, Carl H. Breuning, Newport, her sisters, Ruth Manning, Eleanor Taylor, Frances Mannarini and her twin sister, Madeline Cote and her brothers, Harold, Leo, Frederick and Robert Manning.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, funeral services will be postponed until the spring of 2021. At that time a Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry and a graveside committal at Northwood Ridge Cemetery in Northwood, NH. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Margaret's name be made to one of the following: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH 03038, Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry, NH 03038, or Hillsborough County Nursing Home, Unit C-3, 400 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH 03045, for the excellent care she received.

## Voting

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The second goal expressed by four of the seven councilors was to Develop Abbott Court. Carron suggested that that look into exactly what could go into that area. It was suggested previously that a parking garage could be built there.

The third goal was to finalize zoning enhancements along West Broadway. Carron said that if the zoning amendments came back to the council with higher density housing opportunities, it would greatly effect what could go into Abbott Court.

The fourth goal is to complete the seven collective bargaining agreements that will expire next June.

The fifth goal is to facilitate the development of West Running Brook. This is an initiative started last year under recommendations from the Planning Board for some zoning changes in that area.

Another goal supported by more than two councilors was to continue to investigate options to modernize public safety facilities.

The Town Council adopted the plan 7-0 without any comment.

In other business, Chief Garone asked the council to accept an over \$5,000 donation of Personal Protection Equipment from Ocean State Job Lot. The equipment included facemasks, face shields, hand sanitizer and thermometers.

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# Zoning Board Struggles With Witcher Road Request

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - The Hampstead Zoning Board of Adjustments met last week on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and one of the main issues that came up during the meeting is whether that would legally be able to make a decision a frontage change on a road that doesn't really exist.

The board was reviewing the land at 664 Route 111, where the Little Mexico Restaurant once was operated. That parcel is

very unique, because in the front of the lot along Route 111, there is an old Class VI road called Witcher Road that bisects two properties within the area that the owner, April May Properties, is trying to eventually divide into five parcels.

The board had two variance requests in front of them that evening. One was for the minimum frontage along Witcher Road for State Line Trailer Sales, and the other was a same request for Bluebird Self-Storage.

After a rather lengthy discussion on how to proceed, the board decided to change the request from the owner of the property. The variance request was changed from Witcher Road to Route 111 within the description.

There was some concern about whether the hearing needed to be reposted, because some board members were uncomfortable about changing the request language, but they determined that the request did-

n't change, and the risk would be on the applicant.

Brian Pratt, a civil engineer for the project was representing both properties at the hearing, and agreed to take the risk.

Pratt then went on to explain the plan, saying that moving forward with the variance would help revitalize that area of Route 111 and would improve the area. Pratt told the board earlier that the plan of April May Properties is to eventually discontinue Witcher Road and

buy a small parcel from the state that sits along Route 111. It was explained that to get rid of Witcher Road and buy the property from the state would take about three years. At the end of that process State Line Trailers would have over 250 feet of frontage on Route 111.

The board approved the first request 5-0 of allowing zero frontage along Route 111 with little discussion.

The second request for that proposed site was also approved 5-0 by the board.

This one was for Bluebird Storage, and was to allow 63 feet of Frontage on Route 111.

Also at that meeting, the board also approved a variance request from Emily Balkus at 22 Cortland Road, in East Hampstead, to construct a garage, which does not meet the town's setback requirements.

The only public input was from the immediate neighbor who did not have any issue with the placement of the new garage.

# Planning Board Hears Plans for New Pinkerton Athletic Field

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - During the Derry Planning Board Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2 members heard plans for a new athletic turf field to be constructed near the lower baseball field below the new football field.

The school's architect, Ken Costello and Headmaster Dr. Tim Powers were presenting the plan that evening, with Powers attending through video-conference.

Costello began by explaining that the plan is to develop a new natural grass turf practice field to the west of an existing baseball field. The field will be approximately 200x300 feet in size.

He also explained that they had received a permit from the state that allows them to disturb over

100,000 square feet of land. There would not be any additional parking provided for the field, and the only access would be for students and the maintenance crew.

Following Costello's brief introduction to the plan, the public hearing on the plan opened and closed quite quickly as there was no public input received.

Member Mark Connors asked the architect why the plan they were presented didn't reflect the state of the land as it presently stands. The plan didn't show the existence of the access road that was built last year, which connects the parking lot to Tsienneto Road.

Planning Director George Sioras explained that the town had the plans that show the road, and all departments had signed off on them, including Fire and Police.

Connors followed up by asking what sport the field would be used for and Costello said none specifically, it would be used just for practice and utilizes the maximum land for that area.

There was concern on how visible it would be from the homes along Tsienneto Road, and the architect commented that there is still some trees left between the road and the field.

Member Jim MacEachern had concerns about what the long term plans were for that area saying, "At the time the road came in, we were told there were no plans, and now, a short time later, we have a field coming in here."

Dr. Powers responded to MacEachern saying that they have no other plans for the area in the near future. He explained that

the area has become a spot on campus where most of the sports will be located.

MacEachern also asked if there would be any lighting on the field and was

told no.

Before approving the plan, the board decided it would be best if the did a site walk of the property to make sure that there would

be plenty of room between the field and the neighbors.

The plan was continued to the board next meeting, on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

# Pinkerton Wins AstroTurf Contest

What started as a 96-field contest on Twitter has resulted in one grand champion being named in the inaugural AstroTurf Fan Favorite High School Football Field Contest. The contest came down to three schools Somerset High School of Kentucky, Marysville High School of Ohio, and Pinkerton Academy.

Two AstroTurf football fields at a time were posted on Twitter and fans could vote on their favorite field with the one getting the most votes moving on to the next round. The voting

remained tight until the very end with only a few dozen votes being the difference from first and third place.

"We are thrilled that Memorial Field was selected as the AstroTurf Ultimate Fan Favorite High School Football Field," said Pinkerton Headmaster Timothy Powers. "Through the hard work of many volunteers, money was raised by donations to build it. We are so proud of what this field represents, and it has been rewarding to see our student-athletes

have the opportunity to play on it."

"Many thanks to the tremendous fan support our community has consistently demonstrated in supporting Pinkerton Academy and its athletic programs. Our continued success throughout the years is a direct reflection of this support," stated Athletic Director Brian O'Reilly.

O'Reilly added, "Our new AstroTurf fields have had an immediate impact on our athletic programs.

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# Drought Conditions in the State Predicted to Persist Through September

With “severe drought” conditions across 28% of New Hampshire and “moderate drought” and “abnormally dry” conditions persisting across the rest of New Hampshire, on Thursday, Sept. 3, the New Hampshire Drought Management Team met to discuss drought conditions and impacts in the state. State Climatologist Mary Stampone provided a briefing on the latest drought conditions and forecasts, which indicated that drought will likely improve but persist across southeastern New Hampshire through September. According to Stampone, the well-below average precipitation received in August caused drought conditions to deteriorate. She also indicated that recent rainfall and the precipitation forecast for the next two weeks will not

be enough to make up for the precipitation deficit for the year. Staff from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) updated the team on water resource impacts and management efforts. Lake levels continue to fall and are at or near levels experienced in the 2016 drought. While water supply reservoirs are low, they currently have enough water to meet demands. Boaters and swimmers should take caution on recreation lakes, as hazards due to submerged obstructions that are now closer to the surface. Flow conditions are spotty in NH’s rivers and streams as a result of small storms providing brief relief in some parts of the state, however most of the state is experiencing below normal flows. Water man-

agement actions, such as reduced outdoor water use and switching to groundwater sources, continue to be implemented in the Lamprey and Souhegan River watersheds as a part of the Instream Flow Program. NHDES conducted a release of water from dams in the Lamprey River watershed to provide relief to aquatic organisms in late June and in mid-August. Another release is planned for mid-September. These releases provide a significant, but brief, increase in Lamprey River flow to support stressed aquatic life, but have little effect on lake levels. Of the 31 monitoring wells across the state, the majority are much lower than normal, with water levels that dropped between July and August in all except one well. Large

groundwater permit holders are being held to permit conditions related to reducing withdrawals during drought, and community water systems have been urged to implement outdoor water use restrictions. To date, 148 community water systems have implemented restrictions. NHDES urges the public to abide by water restrictions and be conservation-minded. To view the latest drought conditions, the presentation slides from Thursday’s meeting, and information related to saving water and managing residential wells during drought, go to [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) and use the “A-Z list” and scroll down to Drought Management. The Drought Management Team is led by NHDES and is comprised of key representatives



The beavers are helping keep the water level up at Adams Pond in Derry. Photo by Chris Paul

across state government, academia, industry and other organizations. For more information, contact Jim Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer, at [james.martin@des.nh.gov](mailto:james.martin@des.nh.gov) or (603) 568-9777.



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# New England Red Alert Held, Virtual Derryfest Announced

SUBMITTED BY MIKE GENDRON

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, over a thousand venues and prominent buildings throughout the U.S. lit up red in an effort to gain government support for the event and entertainment industry.

Events United of Derry lighted up buildings in Manchester and the Greater Derry Arts Council (GDAC) light up the Derry Opera House (located at 29 West Broadway in Derry) in Red as well.

The Derry Opera House had to cancel all events inside the building until at least Dec. 31 due to safety concerns. And with the cancellation of Derryfest their biggest fundraiser canceled, the Arts Council has absolutely no revenue at this moment.

To keep the spirit of Derryfest in residents hearts and minds this year, the Greater Derry Arts Council will be presenting a "Virtual Derryfest" starting on

Saturday, Sept. 19, thanks to the generous support of Owen Provencher and everyone at Derry Community Access Media.

Virtual Derryfest can be viewed starting on Sat. Sept 19 on Derry Channel 23 as well as streaming on all social media platforms like the Derryfest & Derry Opera House Facebook pages. You can watch them at anytime for the next several months.

It will feature lots of performances by local artists, scenes from previous Derryfests and spotlights on some of our sponsors.

It will also be an appeal for everyone's kind support by asking everyone, to donate click the GoFundMe button which can be found at [www.derryfest.org](http://www.derryfest.org).

All proceeds go to support the Derry Opera House. The GDAC is using this "dark" period without any performances in the theater to make many improvements to our stage, lighting and dressing rooms.



## September Has Become National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management is participating to increase preparedness efforts throughout the State. This year's national theme is Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.

Each week of National Preparedness Month, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management will emphasize a unique aspect of preparedness:

- Week 1 – Stay Informed
- Week 2 – Have a Plan
- Week 3 – Make a Kit
- Week 4 – Get

Involved

"Preparing your family for an emergency doesn't have to be difficult," says Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. "For families with children at home, it is even more important to be prepared. Learn preparedness tips and download free resources at [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov)."

The core steps toward preparedness are simple:

1. Stay informed. Sign up for emergency alerts on your mobile device and landline telephones. Free services are available including NH Alerts or your local radio/television

weather app for smartphones.

2. Make sure your family has an Emergency Plan so everyone knows where to go and what to do in an emergency. Include emergency contact information so everyone knows how and where to reconnect after an emergency occurs.

3. Build an Emergency Kit [www.readynh.gov/emergency-kits/index.htm](http://www.readynh.gov/emergency-kits/index.htm) that contains basic items you and your family may need if an emergency happens.

4. Get involved in preparedness efforts in your community through organizations like VOAD (Voluntary Organizations

in Disaster), CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), or Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Taking a First Aid/CPR class is a great

way to be more prepared for an emergency.

5. For more detailed, easy-to-follow instructions of what to do before, during and after a disaster, go

to [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov). Stay informed by following NH HSEM on Twitter @NH\_HSEM, on Facebook @NH.HSEM, and on Instagram @NH\_HSEM.



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# State Warns Residents of COVID-19 Financial Scams

New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer L. Harper and New Hampshire Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald warn residents that local, state and federal disaster workers will never solicit or accept money for disaster services.

There have been reports that scammers are pretending to be from the govern-

ment, contacting people by robocalls, text messages, emails and other outreach. These scammers falsely claim that they can get people financial help during the COVID-19 pandemic, and then ask for money or personal information, like social security, bank account or credit card numbers. These are scams.

Similarly, scammers are pretending to be from the

government and contacting people offering federal COVID-19 essential worker hazard pay. There is no federal hazard pay assistance and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is not making direct payments to individuals. These are also scams.

Never trust anyone who offers financial help and then asks for money or your personal information. New

Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management and FEMA never charge for disaster assistance.

Director Harper and Attorney General MacDonald offer the following advice to avoid falling victim to these scams:

\* Never send money or provide your personal information to someone you don't know.

\* If you receive an email or text message asking for money or personal information, delete it immediately without engaging with the sender. Never open links contained in those emails, as that might infect your computer with a virus.

\* If you receive a phone call asking for money or your personal information in exchange for disaster assistance, you should hang up

immediately.

If you, or someone you know, has fallen victim to this scam, report it to your local police department and the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau of the Attorney General's Office. You can file a complaint at: [www.doj.nh.gov/consumer/complaints/index.htm](http://www.doj.nh.gov/consumer/complaints/index.htm) or by calling the Consumer Hotline at (603) 271-3641.

## 'Know before you go': Visitor Safety a Priority in NH State Forests

Heading into the busiest time in New Hampshire fall outdoor recreation season, New Hampshire state officials are reminding everyone spending time in the state's forests to follow established regulations and precautions so that their outdoor adventures are fun, healthy and safe.

New Hampshire's 219 state forests cover more than 236,000 acres and offer a wide range of out-

door recreational activities, including hiking, paddling, trail riding, wildlife viewing, nature photography and more.

Visitors can make sure that the time they spend in New Hampshire state forests is safe and enjoyable, both for them and for others, by knowing the following:

• There is no camping allowed in New Hampshire state forests, except in areas that are designated as

state park campsites;

• Fires of any kind, including cooking fires, are not permitted in New Hampshire state forests;

• When using off-highway recreational vehicles, stay on designated trails and obey all speed limits and other regulations, as failure to do so can be dangerous to riders, forest animals and the forest itself;

• Forests are not restrooms; human waste is a dangerous for both forest

health and the health of those who visit;

• Litter isn't pretty; follow "Pack In/Pack Out" habits and "Leave No Trace" so that others can enjoy a pristine environment;

• Be prepared for changing weather and terrain conditions, and have the "Ten Essentials" with you just in case your visit doesn't go according to plan; and

• Park only in designated parking areas and

always leave room for first responders.

"While we have been extremely pleased to see an increase in the recreational use of our forests here in New Hampshire this year, unfortunately, some people are exhibiting behaviors that put themselves and others at risk," said Chief Steven Sherman of the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands' Forest Protection Bureau. "Restrictions on camping, fires and other

activities help ensure that everyone can have a safe and enjoyable time in the forest."

Part of the N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the Division of Forests and Lands protects and promotes the value provided by trees, forests and natural communities. For more information about the Division of Forests and Lands, visit [nh.gov/nhdfl](http://nh.gov/nhdfl) or call 603-271-2214.

## DHHS Identifies First Mosquito Batch to Test Positive for West Nile Virus

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has identified the first batch of mosquitoes to test positive for West Nile virus (WNV) this season. The batch was found recently in the city of Manchester. DHHS is working in partnership with the City of Manchester Health Department on providing additional risk mitigation information to Manchester residents and surrounding towns.

"West Nile virus is

transmitted to humans from the bite of an infected mosquito," said NH State Epidemiologist, Dr. Benjamin Chan. "The best way to prevent WNV and other mosquito-transmitted infections is to take steps to avoid mosquito bites by using an insect repellent effective against mosquitoes, avoid being outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, and remove any standing water from

around the home, where mosquitoes reproduce."

WNV is an arbovirus transmitted from the bite of an infected mosquito. WNV was first identified in New Hampshire in August of 2000. For the last decade, WNV activity has been detected every year in NH. The most recent human case of WNV in NH was in an adult in 2017. Typically, WNV activity increases in years where drought con-

ditions exist. Even though we have been experiencing cooler fall weather, the risk for WNV and eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) will continue to increase until there is a statewide mosquito killing hard frost.

Symptoms of WNV usually appear within a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito, although many people can be infected and not develop any symptoms, or only

develop very mild symptoms. Symptoms can include flu-like illness including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. A very small percentage of individuals infected with WNV can go on to develop more serious central nervous system disease, including meningitis or encephalitis. If you or someone you know is experiencing flu-like symptoms, including fever and headache, contact your local medical provider.

Prevention guidelines for WNV, and other arboviral diseases of concern, can be found below. Anyone with questions about arboviruses can call the New Hampshire Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496. Fact Sheets on these diseases are available on the DHHS website at [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov). For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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# GREENWorks: Cleaning Up Your Laundry Habits

The National Park Service estimates that the average family does about 300 loads of laundry per year, which amounts to about 12,300 gallons of water per household. That's a lot of water, not to mention the heavy energy use that comes with using washers and dryers, and the hazardous chemicals that can be found in certain detergents and dryer sheets. Thankfully, there are many ways you can change your laundry habits to protect

your family's health and the environment.

Be an Energy Star: Consider switching to an Energy Star-qualified front-loading washing machine. Front-loading machines use approximately half the water of a top-loading washer. Energy Star machines use 33% less water each cycle, and they often have a longer life span, saving an average of \$380 in maintenance and operating costs, according to the Energy Star website [www.energystar.gov/products/appliances/clothes\\_washers](http://www.energystar.gov/products/appliances/clothes_washers). Energy Star offers rebates on select appliances up to \$50.

Fully loaded: Wearing clothes more than once is another great way to use less water and energy. Even Levi's Jeans recommends washing your jeans every other week. Waiting to do laundry until you have a full load is another way to help the environment. Many washing machines have cycles for smaller loads, which use less water. So, if

you need to wash before a full load, be sure to adjust your machine cycle.

Get out of hot water: You don't need to use hot water to have clean clothes. The majority of the energy your washer uses is to heat the water. Your washing machine most likely has a knob for water temperature. Make sure it's set to cold! Using cold water significantly reduces your carbon footprint. According to the EPA, if a family of four washed five loads of laundry in cold water per week, this would prevent 182 pounds of carbon dioxide being emitted into the atmosphere each year. That is equivalent to the amount of energy required to drive a car 202 miles or charge a smartphone 10,527 times [www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/](http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/).

Hang it out to dry: Save money and energy by line

drying your clothes. Since one dryer emits about a ton of carbon dioxide each year, it will really make a difference. An added bonus: The quality of your clothes last longer when you line dry, because the dryer causes most of the wear and tear. Also, hanging your clothes up right after washing may prevent a trip to the dry cleaners or the need to iron your clothes. If you do use the dryer, clean out the lint trap. Keeping the trap clean reduces the amount of time it takes for your clothes to dry.

Detergent: Look for detergent that is readily biodegradable, phosphate-free and plant-based (rather than petroleum-based). These detergents are healthier for the planet and your skin, too. There are many other alternatives to detergent. For example, fabric softener can be replaced with a cup of white vinegar

that is added to the washer during the rinse cycle. Nontoxic detergent can also be made at home with castile soap and borax (see recipe below).

DIY Powder Detergent Recipe:

Ingredients

1 cup grated Castile bar soap (scented or unscented)

1 cup borax

1 cup super washing soda

Optional: 15 drops of your favorite essential oils (lavender, citrus, pine or tea tree are preferred)

Add the ingredients to a glass jar or other container, cover the jar and shake to mix. Use one to two tablespoons per full load for best results.

To learn more about your carbon footprint, visit the EPA's household carbon footprint calculator [www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/](http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/).

## USDA Updates Conservation Provisions for Highly Erodible Land and Wetlands

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final rule on determining whether land is considered highly erodible or a wetland, integrating input from the public and making updates in accordance with the 2018 Farm Bill. This final rule follows a focused effort by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to improve consistency and use of science in making determinations.

"Feedback is a very important resource, and we appreciate all of those who help us improve how determinations are made," said Becky Ross, State Conservationist. "Highly erodible land and wetland determinations are the gateway to USDA programs, and we strive to provide the highest quality technical assistance to inform decision-making by farmers and

ranchers."

To be eligible for most USDA programs, producers must be conservation compliant with the highly erodible land and wetland provisions. These provisions aim to reduce soil loss on erosion-prone lands and to protect wetlands for the multiple benefits they provide.

The final rule was made available for public inspection yesterday, and it will be published in the Federal Register today. This follows an interim final rule published Dec. 7, 2018.

This final rule confirms most of the changes made by the December 2018 interim final rule and makes these additional updates:

1. Adding the requirement of the 2018 Farm Bill that USDA will make a reasonable effort to include the affected person in an on-site investi-

gation conducted prior to making a wetland violation technical determination.

2. Further clarifying how wetland hydrology is identified for farmed wetlands and farmed wetland pasture.

3. Adding clarification to the consideration of best-drained condition for wetland hydrology in keeping with the definition of prior converted cropland.

4. Relocating the provision that wetland determinations can be done on a tract, field, or sub-field basis in order to improve clarity.

NRCS has recently updated its conservation compliance webpages, adding highly erodible land and wetland determination resources for agricultural producers by state.

Learn more about conservation compliance on the NRCS website.

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## DERRY

### Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

### Parents on Board

A Parent Education Workshop Series Parents on Board will be available Sept. 14, 21 & 28, from 6 - 8 p.m., \$35 per person (book included). Active involvement in your children's education is the single most important factor in their success. Topics include preparing your child to succeed and encouraging and reinforcing positive behavior. Contact the Upper Room for more information.

### Crossroads

Crossroads: A series on Co-Parenting will be held by the Upper Room Oct. 5, 19 & 29, from 6 - 8 p.m., \$80 per person (book included). Learn how to protect your child's well-being by keeping them out of the middle, allowing children to love both parents, and working on communication and recovery. To register [www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#call122](http://www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#call122).

### Grandparent and Caregiver Support

Are you a grandparent or caregiver raising another person's child? Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at the YMCA Londonderry Facilitated by The Upper Room, the YMCA- Londonderry and the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy [www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#Youth\(SoRock\)](http://www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#Youth(SoRock)) Contact: Seren Elizabeth [atselizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:atselizabeth@urteachers.org).

### Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to

those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: [us04web.zoom.us/j/302-497889](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302-497889) Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth [atselizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:atselizabeth@urteachers.org) No preregistration need.

### Voter Checklist Sessions

Register by mail - Call the Town Clerk (432-6105); ask to register absentee due to concern for Covid-19. Request an application for an absentee ballot at the same time. Register at the polls on Sept. 8, all voting for the state primary will be at Calvary Bible Church Auditorium at 145 Hampstead Rd. Polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Check Your Voter Registration: The voter checklist is posted at the Derry Municipal Center with the Town Clerk (in the lobby) and at the Reference Desk at the Derry Public Library.

Check your registration online using Voter Information tool: [www.app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx](http://www.app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx) Voting By Absentee Ballot; Everyone qualifies to vote by absentee ballot due to Covid-19. The process can be completed entirely by mail. Voters can opt to vote absentee at the Town Clerk's office ahead of the primary. You can apply for an absentee ballot, receive it, vote, and hand the ballot in all in one visit. The Town Clerk's hours are 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. Check the website or call for hours and availability. For assistance with absentee voting, please call the Town Clerk at 432-6105. You can track your absentee ballot using the Voter Information tool <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx>

### Raising Another's Child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another

person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth [atselizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:atselizabeth@urteachers.org) Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

### Teen Talk

Need to be Heard? Upper Room's Teen Talk, an online forum to talk, support and be heard is open Tuesdays 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Teens 13-18. No preregistration necessary; Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887.

### Wason Pond Pounder

The Upper Room will host the Wason Pond Pounder on Saturday Oct. 3, in Chester. To learn more about this popular race and sign up at [runreg.com/9057](http://runreg.com/9057).

### 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 [atselizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:atselizabeth@urteachers.org).

### Raising a teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth [atselizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:atselizabeth@urteachers.org)

### Roaring 20's Drive-In Auction

The Upper Room's 19th Annual Roaring 20's DRIVE-IN Auction NEW DATE AND TIME. Featuring Bill Burke at The Tupelo Music Hall, Derry, Nov. 1, at 1 - 4 p.m. Join us for our live auction, food and drinks drive-in style. Tickets (per car) are available at [tickets.tupelo-hall.com](http://tickets.tupelo-hall.com). Online Silent Auction Oct. 30 - Nov. 6 Bid on many great items from gift cards, gift baskets, tickets, experiences, trips, packages and other unique items. Sign up for auction updates at: [bit.ly/roaringupdate](http://bit.ly/roaringupdate).

### 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.

## CHESTER

### Scarecrow Pick up

Were there is no Town Fair this year there will be a different location for Scarecrow pick up. Bittersweet Blessings, on Chester Street has very kindly offered their back parking lot as a pickup location on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 9 a.m. until sold out. A rain date is the following day Sept. 13. If you cannot make it ask a friend or neighbor to pick up for you. There is no limit as to how many you may purchase. Several tables will be set out for social distancing. Each kit of a painted head and wooden body is \$25 each. The cash or check will not be handled by the Chester Historical Society and a box to drop the payment into will be on a table. Please wear a mask. All proceeds go to the Chester Historical Society to continue its preservation of Chesters grand history. Please place your Scarecrows out the last week of Sept. as the Nursing Homes and visitors to Chester start arriving Oct. 1. Please bring them in by

Oct. 30. There will be a map available and to be placed on the map your scarecrow has to be up by Oct. 1 and your address emailed to [jgmethot@comcast.net](mailto:jgmethot@comcast.net) by Oct. 1 also. Thank you for supporting the Chester Historical Society. New members are always welcome.

### Harry Potter Escape Room

Can you escape from the Hogwarts library? Come to the Cheter Library on Mondays in Sept. at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. to find out. All ages welcome! Please register by emailing [assistdirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistdirectorpl@gmail.com) OR call 887-3404

### Teddy Bear Sleepover

Drop off your teddy bear or favorite stuffed animal at storytime or before noon on Tuesday, Sept. 15 and pick them up on Wednesday At the Chester Library. They will enjoy a "sleepover" at the library. Who knows what they will get into. Sign up for program by emailing [assistdirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistdirectorpl@gmail.com) or call 887-3404.

### Fall Sensory Jars

On Thursday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m., Make a cute fall scene in a jar at the Chester Library. For kids of all ages. Sign up for program by emailing [assistdirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistdirectorpl@gmail.com) or call 887-3404.

### Book Sale

On Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., outside behind the Chester library a book sale will be held. Support the Friends of the Chester Public Library. 50¢ for paperbacks; \$1 for hardback; \$2 DVDs; \$5 audios and TV series; everything else priced as marked. Can only accept cash or checks. Rain date Sept. 19. Sign up for program by emailing [assistdirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistdirectorpl@gmail.com) or call 887-3404.

### Story Times

The Chester Library's Story Times are held every Tuesday and Thursday. Please Register by clicking on Chester Public Library Facebook Page OR call 887-3404.

### Friends of Library Meeting

The Friends of the Chester Public Library meet

the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. This volunteer group is a fund-raising arm of the public library and supports the library where tax dollars leave off. New members are always welcome. Chair is Jude Sederquest; contact her at [jsederquest@yahoo.com](mailto:jsederquest@yahoo.com).

### Adult Mug Painting

Get ready for cocoa and cider! Design a colorful mug on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. The Chester Library will provide the mugs and the paint. Sign up for program by emailing [assistdirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistdirectorpl@gmail.com) or call 887-3404.

## HAMPSTEAD

### New Sunday Night Service

Starting on Sunday, Sept. 13, Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, will have Sunday evening service at 6 pm. It will be the same format and sermon as the morning service, just at night! Visit us on the web, [www.islandpond-bc.com](http://www.islandpond-bc.com) for more information.

### 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.

## SANDOWN

### 20th Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale

Registration for the 20th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale with Sandown Parks & Recreation is now open for this annual, rain or shine event taking place on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. with an optional 'stay open Sunday' choice for host sites. Proceeds from the registration fees are used to help with Sandown senior residents in-need during the holiday season with items such as warm clothing; blankets; hats; gloves and more

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for elderly Sandown residents in need. Pay a \$20 registration fee and host from your own site; keep all your profits. Sandown Recreation will take care of all advertising including press releases;

social media; e-mail blasts; posters and more. You will be provided with signage and your site will be listed in the directory and highlighted on a town-wide map. Visit [www.sandown.us](http://www.sandown.us) and navigate to community events page. Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 17. For more

info call the recreation office at 887-1872 or by email to: [recreation@sandown.us](mailto:recreation@sandown.us)

## Mother Goose On The Loose

A Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months), will held on Monday's: Sept. 14, 21 & 28, from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Join us

Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. 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, im-

proves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. We will post the link to the day's YouTube video ten (10) minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too. Virtual. Contact: Adrienne

Skora - 887-3428 - [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us).

## Tales For Tots

The Sandown Library's Tales For Tots (Ages 2-3), will be held on Tuesday's Sept. 15, 22, & 29, from 10 - 10:30 a.m. This program is

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### Legos And More

The Sandown Library's Legos And More (Ages 6+), will be held on Tuesday Sept. 22, from 4 - 5 p.m. Join us for LEGOs and more program. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate for ages 5-10. We appreciate if you sign up your child so we know how to plan our activities. Easy one-time registration for all the weeks of the program. If your child can't make it, no worries, just call or email Adrienne. This is a great opportunity for your child to create a network of kids with the same interests. Children's Room. Contact: Adrienne Skora - 887-3428 - youthservices@sandownlibrary.us

### Story Time

The Sandown Library's Story Time (Ages 3-5), will be held on Thursday's Sept. 10, 17, & 24 from 10 - 11 a.m. Bring your preschooler or kindergartner age child to enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more. Our themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. Class size is limited to 15 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9pm the evening prior to the program. This allows us to plan appropriately and have enough materials for your child(ren). Downstairs Meeting Room. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-3428 - pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

### Book - 2 - Movie

The Sandown Library's Book - 2 - Movie, will be held on Thursday Sept. 10, from 6 - 8 p.m. Is the Book always better? The first Thursday of each month, we watch a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants

to join the discussion and watch the movie. Downstairs Meeting Room. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-3428 - pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

### Mystery Book Club

The Sandown Library's Monday Morning Mystery Book Club, will be held on Monday Sept. 14, from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a favorite one? Join us the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice. 2020 Book List - click on this to give you the list of books for the year. Books are available to pick up at the library. Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Main Room. Contact: Deb Hoadley - 887-3428 - director@sandownlibrary.us.

### Books & Bites

The Sandown Library's Books & Bites: Good Books, Good Bites And Good Company, will be held on Wednesday Sept. 16, from 6:3 - 7:45 p.m. 2020 Book Selection List "A heartfelt tale of true friendship, a mother's unstoppable love, and the immeasurable fortitude of women." - Booklist. Main Library-upstairs. Con-

tact: Sue Kehoe - 887-3428 - skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

### WWII Music

The Sandown Library presents Ambilin' Richard - WWII Music, on Monday Sept. 21, from 4 - 5 p.m. Sept. 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Back again this year, Ramblin' Richard will present his "Songs and Stories of World War II - Popular Wartime Songs and Their Stories You Didn't Know". This program focuses on some of the most beloved American songs that were popular at the time. Songs like: Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover, Sentimental Journey, Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition, and Chattanooga Choo Choo. Richard will sing the songs while playing his guitar, 5-string banjo, or ukulele. He will also tell fascinating and unfamiliar stories about the songs and the times as well. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of The Sandown Library. Outdoors. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-3428 - pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

### Three Stooges & WWII

The Three Stooges take on the Axis Powers, at the

Sandown Library on Tuesday Sept. 29, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Did you know The Three Stooges had such a powerful impact on WWII that Hitler had them on his list of enemies? Join Outreach Project Coordinator Dan Schroeder from the NH Wright Museum to explore the role the Three Stooges played in WWII. The "short" film "You Nasty Spy!" (1940) was the first in cinema to satirize the Nazis and the Third Reich, it helped publicize the Nazi threat in a period when the United States was still neutral about World War II. Dan will share the history of the Three Stooges and WWII, some memorabilia as well as show a few of the Stooges short films. Main Library-upstairs Contact: Tricia Thomas - pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

### Voter Registration Notice

The Sandown, Supervisors of The Checklist will be meeting at the Sandown Tax Collectors Office, 320 Main St., Sandown, for additions and corrections of the voter checklist on: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2021 at 7 - 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 25, 2021 at 11 - 11:30 a.m. The Jan. 25 session will be your last opportunity to register before the Sandown Deliberative Session on Feb. 1,

2021, the Timberlane Deliberative Session on Feb. 6, 2021 and the Presidential Primary on Feb. 11, 2021. New voters may also register at the Sandown Town Tax Collectors Office, during regular business hours before Jan. 25, 2021 and during the Presidential Primary Feb. 11, 2021. Please remember, you will need proper identification to register. Question contact; Rosemarie Bruno Supervisor of the Checklist 603-887-3939 - RBruno1-219@msn.com.

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# Possibility For Great Small Game Season This September

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The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department stated that small game hunting season will begin September 1 this year, where hunters will be permitted to bag gray squirrels through January 31.

According to NH Fish and Game, hunters will be given a bag limit of 5 squirrels. While hunters don't need as much space to hunt squirrels as they would with larger game, the animals may not be taken in parks or cemeteries.

Before taking to the woods, NH Fish and Game encourages hunters to look over the New Hampshire Small Game Summary Report. This report contains final data from 2019's Small

Game Hunter Survey and the Ruffed Grouse Wing and Tail Survey, which are both conducted by the Fish and Game Dept each year.

Fish and Game states that the Summary Report is the most efficient way to achieve a good understanding of the distribution, abundance, and trends of New Hampshire's small game population, in hopes to improve management and provide enhanced opportunities for public enjoyment of small game species.

Hunters have the opportunity to be entered to win a firearm by participating in two of this year's Fish and Game surveys, the Small Game Survey and the Grouse Wing and Tail Survey. For more information, visit the NH Fish and Game website.

The Summary Report reported that gray squirrel was a species of interest during last year's small game hunting season, the third most sought-after species according to the Report's general survey information.

Many New Hampshire residents have been complaining of a surge in chipmunk invasions, a side effect of a population boom of the animals. This is the result of a bumper crop of acorns from last summer, Patrick Tate, NH Fish and Game wildlife biologist has said.

Because the food source was so plentiful last summer, small game rodents had been able to store an abundance of it during hibernation. As a result, more of the animals survived and more babies were born.

The same is true for squirrels, as there have been plenty of sightings of these rodents as well. So hunting conditions may be in favor of small game hunters this year.

Aside from easy access to the game species, American Hunter, a publication of the National Rifle Association, offers a few good reasons why hunters should consider adding gray squirrels to their list of potential game this year.

"A handful of acres of wooded habitat is sufficient for a season's worth of squirrel hunting," wrote Brad Fitzpatrick in a post on American Hunter's website last year. "finding productive public land to squirrel hunt isn't difficult."

Squirrel hunting is not only easy, all things consid-

ered, but affordable, continues Fitzpatrick. A single-shot rifle, shotgun, or air rifle should suffice in pursuit of this small game, with a small game license all that is generally required to harvest.

In the state of New Hampshire, however, a regular hunting license is required for resident hunters. Youth hunters under the age of 16 do not need a license to hunt small game, provided they are accompanied by a licensed resident hunter over the age of 18.

Which leads into Fitzpatrick's next point that squirrel hunting is a natural stepping stone toward hunting other game, a sentiment that NH Fish and Game echoes. The same early mornings and long hours in the woods that are required

of deer hunting are not applicable when it comes to hunting squirrels. Furthermore, the success rate of squirrel hunting is high enough to make trips feel worthwhile for new hunters, while helping to boost their confidence.

Both new and experienced hunters could very well experience one of their most successful small game seasons yet this September. Furthermore, hunters will have the opportunity to help NH Fish and Game better manage the beautiful ecosystem that we all share.

For more information on small game hunting in New Hampshire, visit [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/small-game-season.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/small-game-season.html) or contact the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department at (603) 271-3421.





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