

Hampstead Selectmen Hold Off on Water Restrictions

MARY FREEMAN
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Hampstead Board of Selectmen met Monday night, Sept. 14, and members discussed the possibility of having to prohibit the use of private wells for outdoor irrigation, but concluded that this measure was not yet necessary.

Ken Richards who heads the Water Resource Committee, cited the current drought situation, using the U.S. drought monitor which is, updated each Thursday. They use a ratings system of D-0 to D-4, the latter being an exceptional drought rating.

Hampstead started the year at a D-0, was updated as D-1 in July, and, as the

summer progressed was downgraded to D2 in August. The Sept. 3 rain fall measurements were down 6-9 inches to date, and Lake Massebesic was measured at 3 1/2 feet below normal for this time of year as water levels have dropped considerably during this summer dry spell.

Richards said that “Water conditions are not as bad as in 2016, but it’s still down significantly.”

He further stated “Were holding our own locally, but our biggest discretionary water factors in town is outdoor water usage, we have been trying to promote water conservation on our Facebook page and the town website plus we sent out a two page

flyer we produced in the beginning of the spring, it’s a fairly significant drought” he concluded. Closest to Hampstead, the town of Windham has restricted outdoor usage as not a lot of rainfall expected.

The board chose to take a wait and see attitude and will be watching the situation closely, relying on the state’s emergency management guidelines, perhaps appealing to citizens to close down their outdoor irrigation systems a little earlier this year.

Also at the meeting, Bids for four proposals for the mapping project and one for educational outreach were discussed and a

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Residents Cast Their Vote During Sept. 8 Primary

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The New Hampshire State Primary was held on Tuesday, Sept. 8 and voters in the four towns the Nutfield News/Tri-Town Times covers be asked to choose Democrat and Republican candidates in a variety of positions to represent them in the General Election in November.

Below is a compilation of results from the Republican and Democratic ballots from Chester, Derry, Hampstead and Sandown.

Chester - Democrats
432 Ballots Cast

Governor
Dan Feltes 204
Andru Volinsky 179

United States Senator	Steven J. Briden	367
Tom Alciere	5	
County Treasurer	Paul J. Krautmann	13
Jeanne Shaheen	407	
United States Congress	Ty Quinn	370
(Not Contested)		
Register of Deeds	Michael McCord	372
Chris Pappas	409	
Register of Probate	Bob Davidson	371
(Not Contested)		
County Commissioner	Stephen L. D’Angelo	354
Paty Lovejoy	111	
State Senator		
(Not Contested)		
State Representatives		
Jon Morgan	376	
(Not Contested)		
Chester - Republicans		
835 Ballots Cast		
Governor	Chris Sununu	743
Ben Geiger	317	
United States Senator	Don Bolduc	372
Matthew Krohn	312	
County Attorney	Andy Martin	20
Russ Norman	309	
(Not Contested)		
Sheriff		
(Not Contested)		
County Attorney		
(Not Contested)		

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Annual Remembrance Members of the Derry Fire and Police Department took part in the annual 9-11 Ceremony at Central Fire Station on Friday, Sept 11. This year they tried to keep it just to the departments due to the pandemic. See more photos on page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Sandown Selectmen Approve Three Percent Wage Increase

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Monday night, Sept. 14, Sandown Selectman meeting, members approved giving town employees a three percent increase on wages.

As Sandown Selectmen made an initial step into delving into next year’s budget by going

over the salaries for municipal employees with Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell explaining the pay matrix that was presented to them. Blaisdell also added that she could not give an insurance estimate yet since those numbers don’t come out until October.

Selectman Tom Tombarello started the discussion by saying that he would fully support three percent increase for town employees, adding that he was overly impressed with the way they have pulled together during COVID Pandemic.

Selectman Jon Gold- man seconded Tombarello’s idea but added that if insurance costs go crazy, he would like to revisit the increase and adjust it

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Chester Releases Wason Pond Phase III Reopening Plan

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Wason Pond Committee meeting held on Monday, Sept. 14, members discussed the last phase of reopening the recreational area.

Recreational Director Corinna Reishus and members struggled with whether or not to open the playground area, saying that they simply don't have the manpower to clean the area while people are using it.

They decided that because the soccer fields have started to be in use, that opening the parking area and the playground would make sense moving forward.

Members emphasized that the area could be used at the users own risk.

Also at the meeting, members approved allowing a fireman muster competition that is being planned for the 2022 Town Anniversary Celebration.

The town of Chester

posted the latest plan for opening the Wason Pond Recreational Area on Sept. 15.

Effective Monday, Sept. 14, Phase III of the Reopening Plan will begin for Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area.

The Beach area will continue to be limited to capacity of up to 50 people in order to maintain physical distancing.

Fields will be open for recreational use. Any organized play or event must be reserved

through the Recreation Department.

Parking is open at all designated area - Field/Playground/Community Center. They ask residents not to park along the side of the road.

The Playground is open during Phase III. The water bubbler will remain off (as per guidelines).

Park Benches, Picnic Tables, Playground, Portable Toilet and other park amenities are not regularly cleaned or sani-

tized - Use at Own Risk.

Visitors are encouraged to be prepared to bring their own hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for use. Please continue to follow all rules and regulations for Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area.

Parks, trails, and open spaces can provide opportunities for physical activity while also providing opportunities for respite, health, and wellness. People are encouraged to use parks, trails, and open spaces

safely while following current guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including CDC guidance for Face Coverings, Hygiene and Staying Home if symptomatic.

The town added: As residents make plans to get outdoors remember Be Safe, Be Well, and Be Local so that we can keep our park open. The availability of facilities to remain open will be determined by whether everyone is following all of the precautions.

Well Water Bill Will Help Many Across the Granite State

REP. MARK PEARSON
SUBMISSION

A bill was recently signed into law that may help prevent the kind of problem Hampstead residents recently endured with dry wells from occurring in other places across the state.

One morning at the beginning of July of 2018, Hampstead resident Deanna Anthony discovered she had no water. It turned out several other residents didn't

either.

A thorough investigation was undertaken by an ad hoc group, the Hampstead Water Advocates (HWA). They shared their findings with the state Department of Environmental Services (DES) which concluded the HWA's discoveries had merit. Among the state's conclusions was that "the primary cause for declining groundwater levels" in the area was the operation of a commercial, large-volume

well nearby.

While the specific liability for the Hampstead problem will continue to be dealt with on its own, Rep. Mark Pearson, R-Hampstead, felt that as southeastern New Hampshire continues to grow, wells going dry could become a recurring problem impacting many people.

Over the Summer of 2019, Rep. Pearson gathered a group of people to address this issue with a view to filing legislation.

Coming together were the other four House members who represent Hampstead (Representatives Guthrie, Green, Welch and Weyer), Senator Regina Birdsell, R-Hampstead, local hydrologist and engineer Mr. Leonard Sarapas, and three hydrologists from the DES.

"We wanted to get the legislation done right," Rep. Pearson noted. "We didn't want to put water companies out of business nor deprive their

customers of regular access to water. But neither did we want commercial water companies depriving private citizens of their water, either."

Pearson introduced HB 1252 in the late Fall of 2019. It was co-sponsored by all those representing Hampstead towns plus other legislators from nearby. Governor Christopher T. Sununu signed it into law as part of omnibus bill 1245 on July 30, 2020.

Senator Regina Birdsell, R-Hampstead, commented, "I was proud to co-sponsor Representative Pearson's bill. It's

very important to Hampstead and every town in New Hampshire to limit the amount of withdrawal from a new community water system to ensure private wells are not negatively impacted. We will continue to protect such a precious resource, our water!"

Representative Pearson concluded, "During this time of drought, we cannot have a second cause of people's wells drying up. There's more work to be done to finish what we started. I have just filed another water rights bill to continue the progress we have made."



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Sandown Planning Board Discusses Master Plan Update

OWEN SANDOR
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Sandown Planning Board convened on Tuesday, September 1, hoping to solidify its course of action to update the town's master plan.

The master plan is composed after the planning board examines answers from a survey of Sandown residents. The Sandown Planning Board composes the survey itself.

The master plan offers an insight into the residents' desires for the future of the town, a look into what makes Sandown an appealing place to live and a chance to study what the concerns of its people are.

The last survey gave lots of feedback but is becoming outdated. "Our data is approximately nine years old now," said Sandown Town Engineer, Steve Keach. "It was a snapshot of the day nine years ago," but with the 2020 census results soon to be made public, he suggests it is time to begin making arrangements to update the master plan. Although the research behind it was conducted almost a decade ago, the master plan was not published until 2013.

Just like with the previous master plan, the board is eyeing high community participation. In addition to more accurate results, board member

Tricia Edris believes that a more engaged community would be more satisfied with the eventual outcomes. "You have your town that's involved, they get their input, they're happy with it. They're creating what they're living," she said.

Keach cautioned against using neighboring towns' master plans as "templates" for Sandown's. The best, most useful results will come from a survey that is designed to suit the needs Sandown, he said. In his opinion, the board needs to look at topics and issues specifically related to their constituency and ask questions to gather information about how to move forward.

Naturally the conversation shifted to more general future-oriented talks. Although the master plan will reveal what residents want from their town, the board's members offered their thoughts on what they believe Sandown could benefit from.

During these conversations, the board brought up the need to tailor zoning ordinances to the town's needs. "There needs to be a nexus between what people really do... and what people can make a buck at," said Keach. He also said he wants to avoid becoming a town where people leave to pursue economic opportunity elsewhere. "Main street northern New England" was mentioned by him as a potential model for Sandown, with pubs and bed and breakfasts suggested as the kinds of businesses that could bring that vibe to town.

The board collectively agreed that the future of the town needs to involve more businesses that residents can use regularly. The town lacks a gas station, a grocery store and adequate restaurants, leaving Sandown citizens with no choice but to leave town to spend

money at these kinds of businesses. "There are things that we need. We need a good restaurant. We need a place to say," said Edris.

In other words, the town is looking for "destinations" that keep Sandown residents within its borders when they spend their money and bring neighboring towns' citizens in for a night out. New businesses also provide the extra benefit of increasing tax revenue, as Keach pointed out.

Something else to keep an eye on is how much the master plan addresses making use of the town's scenery. "I keep saying it. This town in particular has a lot of natural beauty, and there is plenty of opportunity to put in some smaller, local restaurant and take some of that natural beauty and showcase it for people coming here," said the newest member of the planning board Nicholas Ortins. Taking advantage of the town's surroundings was a theme throughout the meeting.

With another master plan soon to come, Keach mentioned how valuable of a resource he finds it to be. The plan should be treated by the board as a guide to the next decade

Sandown he said, and extensive thought deserves to be put into it. "It doesn't seem like we have been all that busy, but, as a town, it's amazing the number of recommendations from this master plan that have actually been implemented in the last seven years," he said. He wants to see the same progress made after the results of the next master plan are made clear "It's intended to be foundational to everything else that we do," he said, adding that it should serve as the basis for "the goals you set for the community for the next five to 10 years."

The three-hour gathering concluded without any other topics being mentioned, nor were there any comments from the public. No hard plans were nailed down, making the evening's events more of a brainstorming session than anything else. More concrete details will have to be discussed at future meetings if a new master plan is to materialize. The future-oriented conversation wrapped up for the night just before 10 p.m. They will reconvene for their next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Sandown

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so that people are not actually seeing a decrease in pay.

Selectman explained that in previous years, they have waited until after they get insurance rates before giving raises, but have found that it makes things difficult for departments to put their budgets together.

Chief of Police Joe Gordon spoke about the pay matrix that he presented to Blaisdell, saying that Selectmen may find a difference between a dollar-per-hour increase versus a percentage increase.

Gordon and others felt

that some of the wages in town are so low, that even with the three percent increase, they may be too low.

Selectmen felt that those salaries could be addressed as the department budgets are presented.

One position mentioned a number of times were the custodians at the Transfer Station, saying that they are so out of line, they couldn't attract workers for the position.

Goldman pushed for a more comprehensive overall plan moving forward saying that the board goes through this every year. He suggested establishing a five or ten year matrix plan and put

it to the voters so that this scenario doesn't happen year after year.

He suggested establishing a plan for the next five years so that employees have an idea of what there steps would be going forward.

Regardless of the overall plan, Selectmen voted 5-0 to approve the three percent raise to start the budget process.

After the vote, there was a lot of discussion on establishing a five-year pay matrix, and how to go about doing that.

Chief Gordon suggested using the matrix he had developed as a base, and work from that for all town departments.

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Editorial

A Change of Season

Orange has never been a favorite color, but about this time every year, our thoughts turn to multiple things orange.

Pumpkins. Changing leaves. Hunting vests. The color is a sign of the shift in seasons.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, is the first day of autumn, and the change of seasons is a hard one to miss. The darkness falls early now. And there's no mistaking the cold bite of the evening air – or the sound of the furnace clicking on for the first time in months.

We can still enjoy plenty of days of wearing flip-flops and shorts, but their time is running out for the year.

The trees in local orchards showing us there apples, and if that's not a sure sign of fall in New England, we don't know what is. Take advantage of that bounty and plan a trip to pick apples – and set aside some time to bake pies and make cider and sauce. We're fortunate to have the chance to taste the real thing, literally in our own backyards.

As we were driving home this week, a table piled with small pumpkins came into view. Stop by any local garden center or

farm-stand, and you're sure to find a colorful display of mums and cornstalks, something it's hard to resist buying to decorate a front porch or mailbox. You can't miss the shift. The season is changing, and that is something even COVID can stop. That means Halloween will be upon us before we know it – there's that orange again.

We don't need a calendar to tell us about the crispness in the evening air, the yellowing of the light. And the trees are giving us a preview already of the glorious display to come in the weeks ahead.

It's a perfect season to take a walk. Visit your town's conservation areas and discover the hidden treasures of the woodlands you and your neighbors have preserved. Soon enough, your outdoor exercise will be directed at raking those colorful leaves whose time has come.

All in all, it's a wonderful time of year, a time when nature's bounty and beauty are on display for everyone to enjoy. And as New Englanders, we know what comes next.

Letters

Vote Jon Morgan

To the editor,

This upcoming election I will vote for the candidate that is willing to work to bring people together and protect local interests. I need someone that will respond to my concerns and take the time to listen to me. Senator Jon Morgan has done all of the above. When I had a concern he met with me, took notes, made inquiries, and followed up. I have never had someone in office at that level, take the time to listen and work with me on any issue before that. In addition, I have watched Senator Morgan work with small businesses in the local areas and listen to

other people in the local communities he serves. He has made the efforts all across the board.

We need someone to represent our communities that will allow our voices to be heard. Senator Morgan is that person. Please vote to reelect him as our Senator for District 23 in November.

Kristina Snyder
Chester

Vote Mark Pearson

To the editor,

Mark Pearson represents Atkinson, Hampstead, Kingston and Plaistow in the at-large District #34. He is a dedicated and hard-working Representa-

tive. He has introduced at least 8 Bills and co-sponsored 55. A huge percentage of them passed. To us, that means he is introducing changes that are believed to be good for both our district and our state.

I know him to be a deep-thinking individual. We believe that ability, added to his solid common sense values, allows him to make decisions that help our community, state, and country as a whole.

We highly support Mark Pearson and hope he is re-elected as a Representative for District #34.

Robert & Ruth Paul
East Hampstead

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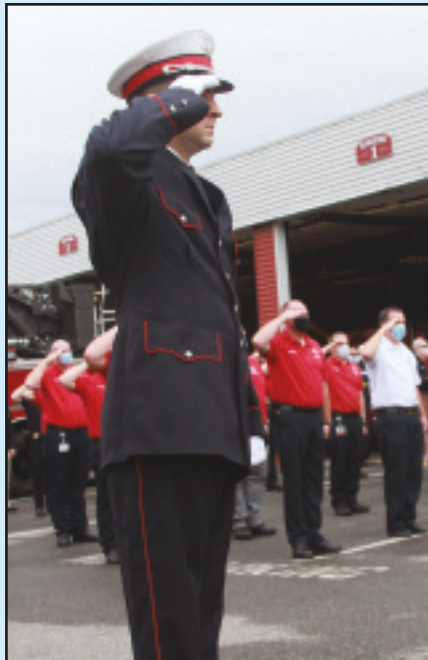
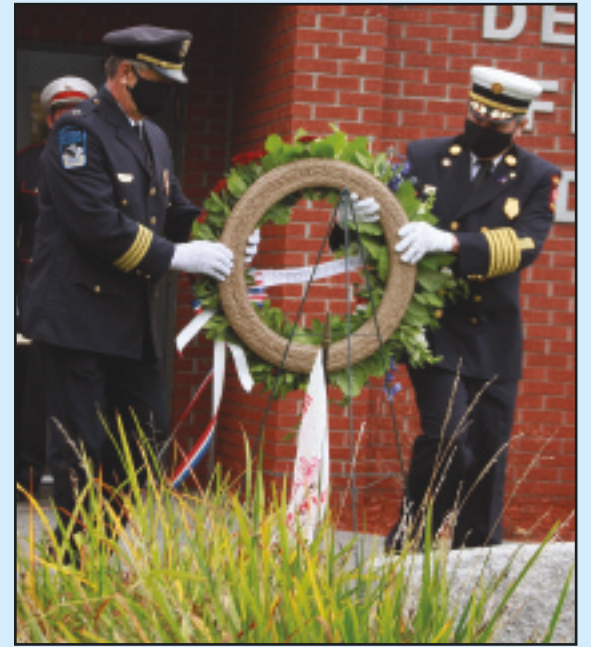
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Remote Reader Hampstead Call Firefighter Catherine Warnock read a story to remote learners students at Hampstead Central School via videoconferencing so the children can access it remotely on Friday, Sept. 11.

Courtesy photo

Derry Fire Department Remembers the Fallen on 9-11



Members of the Derry Fire and Police Department lined up outside Central Fire Station again this year for the annual 9-11 Ceremony. A wreath was placed by Fire Chief Mike Gagnon and Police Chief Ed Garone at the memorial area. The color guard positioned the flag at half staff and the bell was rung at the time when the first plane hit the first World Trade Center building in 2001.

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Gerard Beloin 10
United States Congress

Michael Callis 18
Jeff Denaro 21
Matt Mayberry 212
Matt Mowers 468
Kevin Rondeau 47

Executive Councilor
Timothy P. Comerford 177
Bruce Crochetiere 266
Janet Stevens 261

State Senator
Allen Winston Cook 148
Bill Gannon 610

State Representatives
Christopher P. Collins 296
Jess Edwards 621
Oliver Ford 481
Jason Osborne 632
Tony Piemonte 566
Chris True 641

Sheriff
Kevin Coyle 258
Chuck Massahos 489

County Attorney
(Not Contested)
Patricia Conway 659

County Treasurer
(Not Contested)
Scott Priestley 632

Register of Deeds
(Not Contested)
Cathy Stacey 650

Register of Probate
(Not Contested)
Ray Tweedie 624

County Commissioner
Bruce R. Breton 181
Brian K. Chirichiello 235
Janet Fairbanks 202

Delegate to the

State Convention
Richard Fixler 277
David Smith 348

Derry - Democrats
2,304 Votes Cast

Governor
Dan Feltes 1,132
Andru Volinsky 904

United States Senator
Tom Alciere 61
Paul J. Krautmann 97
Jeanne Shaheen 2,104

United States Congress
(Not Contested)
Chris Pappas 2,151

Executive Councilor
Patty Lovejoy 1,396
Mindi Messmer 642

State Senator
(Not Contested)
Joshua Bourdon 1,998

State Representatives
(Not Contested)
Thomas C. Wood 1,562
Amy B. Dattner-Levy 1,604
Paul Doolittle 1,586
Mary A. Eisner 1,761
Owen D. Ingram 1,476
Michelle Sawyer Moge 1,626
Erin Spencer 1,593
Mary Malia Till 1,704
Beatrice Vargas 1,588
Johnathan A.Z. West 1,548

Sheriff
(Not Contested)
Patrick William Rivard 1,824

County Attorney
(Not Contested)
Steven J. Briden 1,923

County Treasurer
(Not Contested)

Ty Quinn 1,921
Register of Deeds
(Not Contested)
Michael McCord 1,930

Register of Probate
(Not Contested)
Bob Davidson 1,911

County Commissioner
(Not Contested)
Stephen L. D'Angelo 1,908

Derry - Republicans
3,458 Votes Cast

Governor
Chris Sununu 3,008
Karen Testerman 381
Nobody 27

United States Senator
Gerard Beloin 57
Don Bolduc 1,304
Andy Martin 125
Corky Messner 1,755

United States Congress
Michael Callis 134
Jeff Denaro 122
Matt Mayberry 670
Matt Mowers 1,956
Kevin Rondeau 221

Executive Councilor
Timothy P. Comerford 1,018
Bruce Crochetiere 860
Janet Stevens 1,039

State Senator
Regina Birdsell 2,529

State Representatives
(Vote for 10)
Thomas Cardon 1,308
Anne Copp 1,523
Phyllis May Katsakiores 1,539
Mary Ann Kimball 1,362
Lauren LaMarsh 1,185
Erica Layon 1,647
Lorraine M. Lindenberg 1,135
David C. Love 2,238
David E. Milz 1,421
Rebecca L. Nevin 1,241
Katherine Prudhomme 1,580
O'Brien 1,580
Stephen Pearson 1,440
John Potucek 1,664
Richard Tripp 1,336
Kevin Coyle 1,034

County Attorney
(Not Contested)
Mary Ann Kimball 1,362
Lauren LaMarsh 1,185
Erica Layon 1,647
Lorraine M. Lindenberg 1,135
David C. Love 2,238
David E. Milz 1,421
Rebecca L. Nevin 1,241
Katherine Prudhomme 1,580
O'Brien 1,580
Stephen Pearson 1,440
John Potucek 1,664
Richard Tripp 1,336
Kevin Coyle 1,034

County Commissioner
Bruce R. Breton 181
Brian K. Chirichiello 235
Janet Fairbanks 202

Delegate to the

Hampstead - Democrats
823 Ballots Cast

Governor
Dan Feltes 471
Andru Volinsky 245

United States Senator
Tom Alciere 14
Paul J. Krautmann 27
Jeanne Shaheen 767

United States Congress
(Not Contested)
Chris Pappas 758

Executive Councilor
Patty Lovejoy 217

Chuck Massahos 2,107
County Attorney
(Not Contested)
Patricia Conway 2,613

County Treasurer
(Not Contested)
Scott Priestley 2,579

Register of Deeds
(Not Contested)
Cathy Stacey 2,621

Register of Probate
(Not Contested)
Ray Tweedie 2,518

County Commissioner
Bruce R. Breton 676
Brian K. Chirichiello 1,632
Janet Fairbanks 703

State Convention
Delegates
Gloria Armstrong 516
Thomas Cardon 843
Anne Copp 1,159
Arthure Evans II 358
Paul Freitas 363
David Granese 398
Phyllis May Katsakiores 1,261
Mary Ann Kimball 961
Diane Lachance 450
Lauren LaMarsh 821
Erica Layon 1,121
David C. Love 1,727
David E. Milz 1,088
James Morgan 590
Joel Nelson 511
Katherine Prudhomme 1,335
John O'Connor 998
John Potucek 1,350
Danielle Rieger 457
Richard Tripp 1,102

State Representative
Joshua Bourdon 680

State Representative
Mindy Funke Collins 559
Jim LaValley 535
Trisha Tidd 563
Laurie Warnock 648

State Representative
District 34
(Not Contested)
Lisa DeMio 679

Sheriff
(Not Contested)
Patrick William Rivard 665

County Attorney
(Not Contested)
Steven J. Briden 677

County Treasurer
(Not Contested)
Ty Quinn 674

Register of Deeds
(Not Contested)
Michael McCord 682

Register of Probate
(Not Contested)

Hampstead - Republicans
1,343 Votes Cast

Governor
Chris Sununu 1,202
Karen Testerman 122
Nobody 7

United States Senator
Gerard Beloin 20
Don Bolduc 559
Andy Martin 42
Corky Messner 663

United States Congress
Michael Callis 34
Jeff Denaro 30
Matt Mayberry 315
Matt Mowers 772
Kevin Rondeau 83

Executive Councilor
Timothy P. Comerford 267
Bruce Crochetiere 252
Janet Stevens 457

State Senator
(Not Contested)
Regina Birdsell 1,147

State Representatives
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OBITUARY

Theresa M. Sands



Theresa M. Sands, 52, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully Thursday Sept. 3, 2020 at her home following a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. She was born on July 28, 1968 in Troy, NY, a daughter of Mary (Cloutier) Kozlowski and the late Richard Kozlowski. Theresa worked as a federal employee for the IRS. She loved to watch her daughter compete in gymnastics and play lacrosse and her son play soccer. Theresa's favorite place to be was their summer camp in Moultonborough, NH. She enjoyed spending time at their camp with all the special friends they had made through the years. Theresa's family would also like to extend their thanks to all her close friends and co-workers who did so much for her during her illness.

Theresa is survived by her beloved husband of 17 years, Christopher E. Sands, her son, Noah C. Sands and her daughter, Paige E. Sands; her mother, Mary Kozlowski, two brothers, Scott M. Kozlowski and his wife Diana and Brendon Kozlowski; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Maura and John Kelly, Pat and Linda Sands, and Jeff and Nancy Sands; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family, took place on Friday Sept. 11, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 12, in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Stand Up To Cancer, PO Box 843721, Los Angeles CA 90084-3721 <https://standuptocancer.org/ways-to-give/> or Hope Lodge Center, 125 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130.

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Virtual Derryfest 2020 Scheduled to Air on Sept. 19

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As you may know already know, the Greater Derry Arts Council made the difficult decision to cancel the “live and in-person” Derryfest originally planned for Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at MacGregor Park for the safety of all our patrons, vendors, volunteers and entertainers.

The good news is that we have teamed up with DerryCam, Derry’s Community Access Media to create a “Virtual Derryfest”

event so that we can keep the tradition of Derryfest alive in the minds of our citizens by presenting a fun and entertaining production for everyone to enjoy. The presentation of Virtual DerryFest 2020 will include glimpses of events over the past 30 years as well as new performances by local musicians. Also featured will be heartfelt messages from supporters of the Greater Derry Arts Council and Derryfest.

Viewers can tune in on Comcast Ch. 23 or online at DerryCAM.org. The

program is scheduled to air at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 on Ch. 23. If you miss it that day, it will be available on the DerryCAM.org website as well as on the Derryfest and Greater Derry Arts Council websites and Facebook pages for several months.

Virtual Derryfest will also be a “telethon” of sorts as we are encouraging folks to donate to the GDAC via our GoFundMe page. Derryfest is the Greater Derry Arts Council’s biggest fundraising

event of the year and so canceling it really hits our bottom line. Not only that, we had to cancel or postpone all performances in the Derry Opera House until that time that is deemed safe to re-open. So, we could really use your help.

The funds raised from Virtual Derryfest will go to supporting the upkeep and maintenance of the Derry Opera House and to keeping the Arts alive in our community. We hope to use this “dark” time to make improvements to the

Opera House stage as well as upgrades to our sound and lighting equipment

Please consider helping us overcome this shortfall by donating to the Greater Derry Arts Council with a tax deductible donation (always consult your tax professional) by going to www.derryfest.org and clicking on the big red Donate Here button. You can also send a donation by check made payable to GDAC and mail to GDAC, P.O. Box 1, Derry, NH 03038. We would truly appreciate your support.

We wish to thank our generous sponsors that are supporting Virtual Derryfest: Stor-U-Self, Haas Dental, Let’s Play Music, Rockingham Oil, E-Z Test Pools, Triangle Credit Union, Broadway Chiropractic, Enterprise Bank, Peabody Funeral Homes & MidGard Hobbies & Games.

We hope to see everyone again, live and in person at next year’s Derryfest 2021 when we call all gather safely once again at one of Derry’s most beloved and time-honored traditions, Derryfest.

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David Welsh 790

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State Representatives

District 34

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Mark Pearson 1,063

Sheriff

Kevin Coyle 341

Chuck Massahos 872

County Attorney

(Not Contested)

Patricia Conway 1,083

County Treasurer

(Not Contested)

Scott Priestley 1,050

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(Not Contested)

Cathy Stacey 1,078

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Governor

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United States Senator

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Ray Tweedie 748

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State Convention

Susan E. Clifton 240

Bill Gannon Jr. 675

Tony Piemonte 586

ADVERTORIAL

Kurt’s Apple Pie Makes the World’s Top 15 Honey Beverage List

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The National Honey Board recently announced their top Honey20, a list made with honey alcoholic beverages that have impacted drinking experiences in the past 200+ years. Among the recipients was none other than Londonderry Moonlight Meadery. What follows is the review given:

#15. Kurt’s Apple Pie

Perhaps the biggest misperception about the mead industry is what

mead actually tastes like. Few have done more than Michael Fairbrother to change that perception. Fairbrother not only crafts diversely different flavored meads that satisfy every type of drinker, but he is also an unapologetic promoter of mead working hard to promote his company and the mead industry. The work has paid off with 1.5 million bottles sold and press coverage ranging from Men’s Journal to the Wall Street Journal. It was hard to pick just one of Moonlight Meadery’s meads for this list but Kurt’s Apple Pie made the

cut. It is one of the meadery’s most popular meads with over 200,000 bottles sold a year as well as one of the most approachable. It honestly tastes like apple pie. It’s the perfect after dinner dessert in a bottle and the perfect way to change consumer perceptions about what mead can be. You can see the rest of this list’s winners and learn more about the organization at www.honey.com. Moonlight Meadery is open for tastings and tasty libations 7 days a week with live music Friday and Saturday nights. www.moonlightmeadery.com.

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Friends of the Sandown Library Fall Friends Tour

The Friends of the Sandown Library would like to announce and invite everyone to join our 6th annual "Fall Friends Tour". Other local communities have the Fall Scarecrows; Sandown has a Fall Friends Tour. Organized by the Sandown Library's Friends of the Library the Fall Friends Tour is much like the scarecrow tour in our neighboring town. Our Friends are sold with a white nylon head and a wooden frame, both of which can be used year after year. Our Fall Friends have been very original, and it seems like the creativity continues to grow every year. If you are interested in participating in the Fall Friends tour you can purchase your Fall Friend at the Sandown Library. The lists of all the Fall Friends locations can be picked up

at the Sandown library. It is really fun to see what everyone creates each year. This is also a contest for everyone to vote for their favorite Friend. Photos of each Friend will be on display at the Library, as well as, on the Sandown Library's website. The Friend with the most votes gets their family's name on an annual plaque. The plaque and a picture of the Friend will be posted at the Sandown Library for everyone to see. This year there are 50 new Fall Friends with new faces and they come in nylon or burlap, that will be for sale, they will be available at the Sandown Library now.. The cost of a new Fall Friend is \$20.00. You will receive the white Friend head, a wooden frame, and instructions on how to construct and stuff your Friend.



The Friends of the Library charge to reenter the Tour each year. The reentry forms are at the Library. We can't wait to see all the creativity this year!



BARGAIN BOOKS Alyvia, Jayce and Emma Gagne search through the many books offered at the Chester Library Book Sale on Saturday, Sept. 12 at bargain prices. Over 1,000 items were on display by the Friends of the Library group. The event is one of the annual fundraiser. *Photo by Chris Paul*



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Derry Garden Club Plants Pollinator Garden at Boys & Girls Club



About 10 members of the Derry Garden Club were busy at the Boys and Girls Club on Monday morning, Sept. 14, as they began planting a new Pollinator Garden along East Derry Road. The new garden was made possible through a grant of \$750 from the National Garden Clubs organization that the local club applied for earlier in the year. Members planted a number of native pollinators to get the xeriscape garden started. That morning, they planted Sage, Goldenrod, Blue Aster, Golden Alexander, Jacob's Ladder, Prairie Smoke, Butterfly Weed, Wild Petunia and Anise Hyssop. Members will also be adding a number seeds later in the season to add to the garden. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Prevention Guidelines for Mosquito and Tick Diseases

NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services

1. Eliminate habitat and breeding locations. Mosquitoes

• Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Remove outdoor items that hold water (old tires, cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots).

• Drill holes in the bottom of outdoor recycling containers, clean roof gutters and ensure proper drainage.

• If not in use, empty and/or cover swimming pools, wading pools and

hot tubs.

• Turn over wheelbarrows and change water in birdbaths at least twice weekly. Ticks

• Minimizing areas where hosts for the ticks, such as rodents and deer, can congregate to eat, sleep or feed.

2. Be aware of where mosquitoes and ticks live.

• Weeds, tall grass, and bushes provide an outdoor home for mosquitoes and ticks, alike.

• Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all screens in your home that have tears or

holes.

• Resting mosquitoes can often be flushed from indoor resting sites by using sweeping motions under beds, behind bedside tables etc. and once in flight, exterminated prior to sleeping at night.

• Avoid tick-infested areas. If in tick-infested areas, walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush, and leaf litter at trail edges.

3. Protect yourself from bites.

• When outside, wear protective clothing such as socks, long-sleeved

shirts, and long pants (preferably tucked in socks). Light-colored clothing helps you spot ticks.

• Consider avoiding outdoor activities in the early morning and evening, when mosquitoes are most likely to be biting.

• Wear insect repellents, such as one containing 30% or less DEET (N,N-diethyl-methyl-m-e-t-a-t-o-l-u-a-m-i-d-e), Picaridin, para-methane-diol, IR3535, or 2-undecanone or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Treat clothing with permethrin,

which is odorless when dry.

• Vitamin B, ultrasonic devices, incense, and bug zappers have not been shown to be effective in preventing mosquito bites.

• Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.

• Check for ticks daily, on you and your pets. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.

• Wash and dry clothing after being outdoors. Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 min-

utes to kill ticks on dry clothing. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

• Early removal of ticks can reduce the risk of infection. Inspect all body surfaces carefully, and remove attached ticks with tweezers. Monitor your health closely after a tick bite and be alert for symptoms of illness. Contact your physician to discuss testing and treatment.

For more information on mosquito-borne diseases, visit the DHHS Website at www.dhhs.nh.gov.

Hampstead

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motion to accept the Rockingham Planning Commission's bid for \$8,000 was passed as was the water supply mapping bid from Sandbourn and Head from Concord.

Three bids came in for paving project for Meetinghouse Park, Advance Paving out of Suncook bid \$16,326; R&D Paving offered a total price \$16,252 and Petra Paving came in at \$12,691, with the as yet undecided curbing set at \$659 extra, with a total bid of just a shade over 13,000. The curbing is an aside, as the Heritage Commission has not made a decision on this

matter. A motion to accept the lowest bid was made and passed.

Chairman Sean Murphy brought up the matter of Trick or Treating. Asking, "Are we going to do it this year?" further querying, "Do you want to think on it, or vote on it?" Concern was raised over what would happen if every town around Hampstead cancels Halloween festivities and everyone comes there. The Board decided to not decide this early, and continue to discuss the subject, placing it on the next meeting's agenda.

During the meeting, Town Road Agent John Worthen commented on the projected workforce for winter road maintenance, he quoted the cur-

rent price of the 9ft blade operator at \$65.65, citing that the pay scale had not changed for the past three years, and were about \$5 less per hour than other, surrounding towns, stating that, "the regulars are pretty much coming back and I'd like to keep the guys that I've got." A motion was made to raise the pay rate by \$5 per hour to \$70 per hour for the 9ft plow operator, the plow with wing driver to \$93, the 8 ft plow 4x4 driver to \$65, the sander pay to \$75. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

In further road news the town plans to start grinding roads at Wheelwright, Kent Farm, Webber and School St on Wednesday, and on

Thursday, commencing at Commerce Park Road along to the cul-de-sac and on Webber and Adeline, shutting down Commerce to Hanniford's road, shunting traffic along alternate 121A Brownhill Road to the Kingston line to Danville, they approved the price, "Hampstead is not paving Danville" Worthen stated, further commenting that the work was all overlay, except the grinding and that the other towns with conjoining projects will pay the contractors directly.

In other business:

• Fire station addition will progress as planned and the fire chief will be sending out literature tomorrow, due to the recent drop in interest rates and he is pleased

to be going ahead with the project as planned.

• Further discussion centered around the re-opening of the gym and the required procedures to utilize the facility. A sign-in log requiring the user's full name and phone number will be mandatory, areas of no admittance will be clearly marked off and a cleaner will be hired to sanitize the facility after each use. The Board agreed to open up the gym, with a motion to open temporarily and see how it goes for a month was passed.

The Board waived the usual bid process due to time restraints to accept a grant of \$8,000 for emergency operations, the project's total price is \$16,000, with the Town

responsible for 50 percent of cost. The Board then adjourned for non-public portion of the meeting.

• Selectmen discussed the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School, located at 28 School Street.

This is a multi-community event for six towns: Hampstead, Chester, Atkinson, Danville, Kingston and Plaistow citizens are welcome, although proof of residency will be required. Waste oil, car batteries and thermostats will continue to be collected at town garage on the first and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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COVID Stress Leading To Increased Substance Abuse, How To Help And Get Help

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

Albeit a destructive coping mechanism, there are countless reasons why many people turn to alcohol and/or drugs to solve their problems.

Drug and alcohol abuse affects millions of people across the country on a regular basis. Add the pressures and uncertainty of a pandemic, and numbers of men and women turning to the bottle seem to have been rising.

According to a report put out by Nielson Global Connect, alcohol sales in United States stores went up over fifty percent in late March, compared to the same time last year.

A poll of 2,200 adults conducted by Morning Consult in early April of this year also found that one in four millennials and one in five generation-Xers had increased their intake of alcohol to cope with stress from the pandemic.

While alcohol may work to temporarily numb the feelings of anxiety and uncertainty, or help certain individuals cope with the monotony of being forced indoors or having their social routines disrupted, excessive consumption can and often does lead to a number of health concerns.

Recent research has also found that those who struggle with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) may be at further risk for complications as the pandemic continues.

A study conducted by the Elsevier Public Health Emergency Collection in June of this year, "There is a surge of addictive behav-

iors (both new and relapse) including behavioral addiction in this period." The study also stated that there have been increasing reports of withdrawal emergencies and fatalities during this time.

The study concluded that, "COVID-19 and addiction are the two pandemics which are on the verge of collision causing major public health threat," and, "The resumption of de-addiction services and easier accessibility of prescription drugs are needs of the hour."

September is National Recovery Month, "a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives," says the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a branch of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

The theme for the 31st National Recovery Month is, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections." This year, National Recovery Month aims to help those struggling by reminding those in recovery and the ones who support them that, "we all have victories to celebrate and things we may wish we had done differently," as stated in a post on the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) website.

NAADAC further explains that when it comes to addiction, "we cannot do it alone." While continuing to educate the general public

about substance use disorders, the effectiveness of treatment and recovery services, and the possibility of recovery, National Recovery Month will be working to highlight the importance that support people play in the recovery process.

While it can be more difficult to identify a problem in loved ones during a time of social distancing, the main signs and symptoms that present themselves in someone facing addiction are the following, according to a post on eachmindmatters.org.

Feeling the need to use or drink regularly (daily or several times a day)

Having intense urges or cravings that block out any other thoughts.

Needing more of the substance to get a desired effect as time passes, and consuming larger amounts of the substance over a longer period of time.

Spending money on the substance, even if it is not financially feasible.

Not meeting obligations or work responsibilities, or cutting back on things that were once enjoyable because of substance use.

Continuing to use the substance, despite negative consequences associated with use.

Excessive alcohol and drug use is not only an ineffective coping mechanism for COVID-19 related stress, but it could potentially lead to an increased risk of COVID-related complications, says the Center for Disease Control.

According to the CDC, alcohol can weaken the body's ability to fight infections, increasing the

risk of complications and making it more difficult to recover from illness.

Alcohol use can also increase the risk of acute respiratory distress syndrome and pneumonia, continued the CDC.

The CDC also stated that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic could also result in disruptions to treatment and harm reduction providers, leading to the risk of untreated substance use disorders and relapse for people not currently using or who are in remission.

Furthermore, many syringe service programs may still have restricted hours which could lead to limited access to testing for HIV or Hepatitis C, and access to care and treatment for substance use disorders and infectious diseases.

In order to help loved ones battling addiction, the American Addiction Centers has several tips that

support people can turn to:

Remember that addiction is not necessarily a choice or moral failing, but rather a by-product of pre-existing mental health issues, and is ultimately a condition that the individual must learn to manage.

Set an example for healthy living by giving up any recreational drug or alcohol use, at least in the presence of the struggling loved one.

Encourage the individual to seek help, which may include finding treatment resources for him or her, including a therapist who specializes in addiction counseling.

Support people who have become distressed while supporting a loved one going through addiction should also seek help from a licensed therapist if their emotional burden is too great to bear alone.

Remain optimistic, be

supportive, but do not cover for problems created by substance abuse, as the person struggling needs to deal with the consequences of his or her addiction. Remember that if relapse happens, it is not a sign of failure.

In times of uncertainty, it is not uncommon for people to turn to familiar comforts, even if they can be sometimes damaging. But the first step to overcoming any problem is awareness of a problem, and this campaign hopes to help as many people as possible overcome their addiction.

For more information on Recovery Month 2020, visit rm.facesandvoice-sofrecovery.org.

SAMHSA's National Helpline is a free and confidential tool for people undergoing addiction available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

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DERRY

Tiny Tots

The Taylor Library's Tiny Tots story hour for ages 6 mos-2 year olds. Stories with rhymes, music will be held via facebook live on Mondays at 10 a.m., starting now to Nov. 3. For further information, call the library 432-7186.

Story with a Craft

On Fridays at 10 a.m., the Taylor Library will host Story Hour with a craft (ages 2 and up) via Facebook live. Starting now to Dec. 4. Register so you can pick up the kits to go along with each week's story/craft. For further information, call the library 432-7186.

Taylor Library Pick up

The Taylor Library is taking appointments for patrons to come into the library to pick out books or call the library for curb pickup. Interlibrary loan with the state is also available. For further information, call the library 432-7186

Police Take Back Day

Stop by the Derry Police Department Saturday, Oct. 24, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., for DEA National Drug Take Back Day. Officers will be located at the main entrance to the station for easy and convenient drop off. No questions asked. Note: We ask you please do not bring sharps, needles, or liquids to this event

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.

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/remot-learning-and-support# call 122.

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/remot-learning-and-support# Youth (SoRock) Contact: Seren Elizabeth 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 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth 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 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>

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.

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 at selizab@urteachers.org

beth@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.

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.

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 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 at selizab@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. 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.

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

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 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.

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 or call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Blessing of the Animals

Please join come on Sunday, Oct. 4 in front of Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St, Hampstead for a Blessing of the Animals! There will be a short prayer at 1 p.m., but you can drop by anytime between 1 - 2:30 p.m. We invite you to bring your pets on leashes or in carriers, or bring a pic-

ture of your pet to be blessed. Pets are one of our greatest gifts, especially in these challenging days, and we want to take time to celebrate and show our gratitude for them. For more information, please call (603) 329-6985 or email hcc1752@gmail.com.

Community Grief Support Group

Hampstead Congregational Church will hold our monthly Community Grief Support Group on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 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 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 for elderly Sandown residents

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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 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

Mother Goose On The Loose

A Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months), will held on Monday's: Sept. 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, improves 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.

Tales For Tots

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

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Stories, songs, beginning sign language and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. Downstairs Meeting Room. Registration is required. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-4328 - pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

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. 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 en-

ough materials for your child(ren). Downstairs Meeting Room. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-3428 - pthomas@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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CART Essential Trips only

CART will communicate with all passengers who have current trips scheduled and make adjustments where appropriate. Essential travel will include medically necessary trips as well as trips to the grocery store. CART will work with passengers to accommodate the trips and will work on timing to be as flexible as possible. Service will remain available to all towns, 5 days a week. Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed to mwhtitten@mtabus.org or phone CART at 603-792-5151. CART looks forward to restoring regular service levels as soon as this crisis passes.

Hampstead Public Library News for September 2020

The featured event of this voting season is coming up on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., when the Hampstead Public Library and the Historical Society offer the NH Humanities program Votes for Women: A History of the Suffrage Movement. This live Zoom event features Liz Tentarelli, president of the non-partisan organization League of Women Voters NH. Advanced registration is highly recommended via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org or email jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org. Tentarelli discusses the issues and obstacles faced by suffragists. This event is free to all; Hampstead residency is not required.

The Hampstead Public Library is pleased to offer a free 4-part live Zoom Photography Class on Monday evenings at 7 p.m., on Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, and Nov. 9. Advance registration is required. This class series

is designed to help photographers build confidence and skills using Digital SLR or advanced mirrorless cameras. Each hands-on session is 1-hour long. Week 1 starts with getting to know your camera, plus using and controlling various settings. In week 2, learn rules of composition, breaking those rules, visual design and more. In week 3, discover how to master the quality of light and filters. Week 4 explores processing resources and how to present your work. This course is taught by local photographer Eva McDermott (www.evamcdermottphotography.com). Please sign up in advance via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Registrants are sent the Zoom meeting information in the week prior to the first class. We thank everyone who filled out the questionnaire regarding the photography course. If you have any

questions or concerns, please email Janet, jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org.

For a limited time, you can enjoy the sounds of America's favorite pastime with the Musical Baseball Show via www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Access this entertaining video at your convenience during the month of September. It features local singer-songwriter and a former sportswriter Howie Newman. In this show, Howie sings baseball-related songs, offers baseball trivia, and tells stories about his days on the Boston Red Sox beat. This program is suitable for all ages.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. If you live, work, or go to school in Hampstead, you can get a free Library card! Children who are old enough to write their name can have a Library card. Currently, the Hampstead Public Library

offers Curbside Pickup, Curbside Printing/Faxing/Scanning, and Parking Lot Laptop Loan services six days a week. Plus, cardholders can make Browsing Appointments five days a week. The Library is continually improving and expanding services during this challenging time. The Library has many digital resources including downloadable books, magazines, movies, TV shows, and music. Plus, cardholders have free access to databases for students (Britannica Library Children, Explora, etc.) and adults (HeritageQuest, MasterFILE Premier, etc.) as well as lifelong learning options (Creativebug, Transparent Language, Universal Class.) The Hampstead Public Library offers all this and more. Please call 603-329-6411 or email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org to find out how you can get a Library card today.

OBITUARY

Thomas Victor Neirinckx



Thomas Victor Neirinckx, 78, of Derry, NH, previously of Medford, MA passed away after a long illness on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Tom was the son of the late Victor J. Neirinckx and Edna M. (Hill) Neirinckx and was predeceased by his brother, Arthur Neirinckx. Tom was the beloved husband of Julia (McGovern) Neirinckx for 57 years and loving father to Denise (Dennis) Sacha of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Sheila (Steven) Sadler of Billerica, MA, Victor of Bangor, ME, Deborah (Jack) O'Connell of Londonderry, NH and Jennifer (Steve) Rene of Derry, NH. He was a devoted and cherished grandfather to Julia, Chris, Christopher, Michael, Victor, Thomas, Isabella, Kayla, Rachel, Jenna, Aaron, Ashley, and Jady and also "Super Papa" to Grayson, Callie and Harper. He was a very kind and loving man with a great sense of humor. Tom enjoyed golfing, playing cards and spending quality time with his family, friends and the family dog, Daisy. Tom was a graduate of Suffolk University, served time in the Marines, and had a career in lumber sales which led to becoming a partner in a senior housing development. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Following cremation, a calling hour was held Wednesday, Sept. 16 in Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH. A Methodist memorial service will followed in the funeral home. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tufts Medical Center, 800 Washington St., Boston, MA 02111 or to Boston Children's Hospital, 401 Park Dr. #602, Boston, MA 02215.



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