

Chester Selectmen Review Utilities Assessment Contract

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Thursday night, Oct 29, meeting of the Chester Board of Selectmen, Brian Fogg, of Whitefield, New Hampshire was introduced to the board, in regard to a new Utility Assessing Contract for the town.

Fogg is the owner of his business and represents a number of communities throughout the county through that business, he provides valuation and appraisal services, in this case it would be for Chester's utilities.

During the meeting,

which was once again held through videoconference, Selectmen questioned Fogg on a number of issues.

Member Steven D'Angelo started by asking whether Foggs methodology was going to be any different than what he did with his former employer. His former employer was with George E. Sansoucey, an engineering consultant firm specializing in appraisals.

Fogg said that he was not "super-adversarial" but he shoots for the market value for his clients.

D'Angelo also asked how many clients Fogg had at this point.

He responded that his plan is to only have about 11 or 12, since it's just him and an assistant. "One of my frustrations at my former job, was we always had way too many to do, and we were always chasing our tail." Fogg added that if he has a contract with the town that is due at a certain date, he won't be piling other towns up around that same date, saying that was a source of frustration at his prior job. He said he currently has eight clients lined up, and will be looking for about four more.

Selectmen Steph Landau added to the conversation

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Conservation Committee Finalizes Budget Proposal

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Conservation Commission's Thursday, Oct. 22, meeting was marked by just a few agenda items and spanned just 25 minutes.

After approving the previous meeting's minutes, the conversation shifted to the 2021 budget. With so much out of the ordinary this year, it made calculating a new budget based on 2020's events and expenses a tough task for Chairman Brian Butler. "I support level funding, just the same as 2020," said Butler. Vice Chairman Paul Carey suggested they go

with a "carbon copy" of this year's budget.

Without any opposition to these suggestions or to the official numbers, Butler shared the budget he will propose to the budget committee. "Administrative payroll, \$1,766; environmental consultant, \$4,800; conferences, \$300; ads, \$180; dues, \$550; office supplies, \$100; education and awareness, \$1,777; for a total of \$9,473, with a revenue of \$240," he said. The source of the revenue is the annual fishing derby, which did not take place this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The expenses for the commission total \$9,233.

There were no new matters for the commission to address, so it moved to a proposed Eagle Scout project from 14 year-old Alexander Fournier, who is with Sandown Scout Troop 268. Fournier appeared before the board alongside his coach for the project, Kevin Major. "I was hoping to make some bridges in the Fremont Road Town Forest," said Fournier. "I've estimated that I'd like to put in about 80 feet of bog bridges, as there's some rundown ones in the town forest already that are very unusable, you could say."

Fournier said that

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NICE N' SCARY Lilian Delaney, 4 from Chester was one of the winners at the Costume Contest at the Chester Public Library last week. The event was held outdoors, and gave kids a chance to try out their Halloween attire before Trick or Treating. See more on page 5. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Conservation Commission Plan to Replace Fence at Broadview Farm

OWEN SANDOR
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Conservation Commission had a short agenda for its Monday, Oct. 26, meeting but carried out substantial conversation on a couple of matters.

The conservation commission will be replacing a rotting fence at the Broadview Farm Conservation Area. The members discussed the most effective means of replacing, hoping to prevent the need for future repairs down the line. According to Chairman James Degnan, the fence has been in bad shape for years and was originally constructed as an Eagle Scout project.

The new fence will not be a dowel fence, like the current one is, and they will instead opt for something that they hope will

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Annual Nutfield Holiday Parade Will Be Different This Year

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DERRY - The holiday season is starting to get into full swing again, but this year, with the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions in place, the approach to events that have not been cancelled will be much different.

The Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce recently announced that the annual

Nutfield Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28, but the parade will not be celebrated in the traditional way, the event will be utilizing a stationary parade approach to maintain safety. The theme for this year will be "Unsung Heroes."

The 34th annual Nutfield Holiday Parade will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Pinkerton Academy. The "Unsung Heroes"

stationary parade will have participants parked at Pinkerton Academy and spectators will drive through to view the bands, floats and other participants.

According to the Chamber, the Nutfield Holiday Parade is one of the largest parades in Southern NH and typically features more than 80 festive floats, marching bands, comical clowns, and costumed characters. Organizers expect most participants to

join this year's format and extend a special thank you to Pinkerton Academy for providing a safe space to host the festivities.

Participation in the parade is free for area businesses, community nonprofits and other organizations. Groups looking to enter a float, performance unit, or other entry into the parade must complete an online registration form and an online organization

biography form by Friday, Nov. 20. To register, people can visit the events calendar at gdlchamber.org.

This year's stationary parade will feature additional safety guidelines for participants and spectators to ensure it is an enjoyable experience for all.

Holiday Parade Committee Chair, and recently named Citizen of the Year, Steve Dente said, "While participation in the parade is

free, organizing the parade is not. Even with volunteer labor, parade costs can exceed \$10,000 each year. To make this community event a reality, the Chamber's Parade Committee seeks financial support from the community."

Those wishing information on parade sponsorship opportunities and benefits can email Chamber President, Ashley Haseltine, at ashley@gdlchamber.org.

News and Notes from Derry Conservation Commission Meeting

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - A few brief agenda items combined to

fill much of a substantive meeting for the Derry Conservation Commission, taking place Monday, Oct. 26.

The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions reached out to Derry's board to inform them

their annual dues payment is needed to stay affiliated. Behind Chairman James Degnan's endorsement of the association, which he called a "great organization," the commission unanimously approved using eight hundred dollars out of their administrative account to cover the dues. According to Degnan, the cost of dues is usually higher, in the range of \$1,200. According to the NHACC's website, it "provides education and assistance to New Hampshire's local conservation commissions."

Hood Park could be seeing some changes in the near future. Derry Town Hall's Planning and Economic Development Office emailed Degnan to inform him of their goal to "reimagine" Hood Park. Degnan encouraged residents to visit the town's website to fill out a survey and learn more about the project.

According to the website, a steering committee

has been formed to spearhead the project. The town did not receive a grant it applied for, "but that has not stopped progress on this important effort," the page reads. As Degnan mentioned, there is a survey hosted that seeks to gather information that the community would like to see in the revitalized park, as well as a map of the park where ideas can be drawn on to share with the steering committee.

The town shared some ideas of its own on the webpage, including "an arboretum, a greenhouse, kinetic art installations, a small splash pad, and expansion of the walking trails surrounding Hood Park."

The project is "fast moving," and the committee will make a presentation before Derry Town Council prior to the conclusion of 2020.

Members of two development projects were visited by the Derry Conservation Committee on Saturday, Oct. 31, to

ensure their compliance with local environmental regulations. While the details of those visits have not been shared yet, prior conversations with the developer took place during the board's meeting gave some indication of what was looked at.

Both projects are being handled by Promised Land Survey. The first plan presented is for a two lot subdivision near a wetland but should not result in any interference. The board walked the area to be sure. The second project required Vice Chairman Riccardo Buzzanga to recuse himself, as he described it as his own project. Brad Wing, representing Promised Land Survey, described this as a "minor three lot subdivision." Again, there were no major concerns from the commission.

Any potential holdups or updates on these projects can be expected to be shared in upcoming meetings.

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Emergency Drought Assistance to Low-Income Residential Well Owners

At the request of Governor Chris Sununu, the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) have created a new initiative to provide short-term relief and financial assistance for low-income New Hampshire homeowners served by residential wells that are experiencing insufficient water or no water due to drought conditions.

"I am pleased the Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund approved \$1.5 million in emergency funding to assist low-income homeowners remediate their wells if they are

experiencing insufficient water due to drought. When citizens turn on their faucets, they should be able to trust that clean drinking water is available for them and their families," said Governor Chris Sununu.

• **Short-term Drought Relief Measures:** The initiative will include temporary relief to ensure households have an adequate supply of drinking water in the near-term. Households on residential wells, whose income is at or below 80% of the area median household income and that have no water due to the ongoing drought, may be eligible for bottled water deliveries at no cost for drinking

and cooking uses. The provision of bottled water is intended to be a temporary measure until the household receives assistance to permanently mitigate the well that has been impacted by drought.

• **Permanent Drought Relief Measures:** Financial assistance for improving or replacing residential wells with insufficient water due to drought, or connection to an existing community water system financial assistance may be made available for qualifying low-income homeowners through a grant from the N.H. Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.

Additionally, once the

work is completed, all wells must be sampled and tested for the water quality parameters established by NHDES. The laboratory costs for testing are an eligible expense to be covered by the grant. However, the provision of drought assistance does not guarantee the quality or quantity of water associated with the work funded by this grant, and costs to add treatment are not eligible costs.

"Due to the drought, many Granite Staters have no other option than to upgrade their wells to ensure a steady supply of clean drinking water for their homes. These upgrades are expensive and are often completely unaf-

fordable for some of our friends and neighbors. This program will be a lifeline to those who otherwise could not afford these essential upgrades. I applaud my fellow Commission members for coming together so quickly to unanimously approve this program and the staff of the Department of Environmental Services for developing it in record time."

"Given the severity of the drought, recent precipitation has done relatively little to alter drought conditions impacting residential wells in New Hampshire. Residents still need to take every action to conserve water now and for the foreseeable future. This well

assistance initiative will provide some much needed help to some low-income residents that are without water as a result of the drought," said Bob Scott, NHDES Commissioner.

Information about income eligibility requirements and the amount of financial assistance for permanent drought relief measures are available on the NHDES Drought Management Webpage www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dam/drought/index.htm.

Homeowner that have questions about the survey or eligibility, please email: droughtwellinfo@des.nh.gov or call Paige Relf, NHDES, at (603) 271-1355.

Sandown Garden Club Awards Scholarships for 2020

SANDOWN - Each year the Sandown Garden Club awards a scholarship to a graduating senior of Timberlane Regional High School, selected by the TRHS Scholarship Committee. The graduating senior must plan to attend and be accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning. This year the Sandown Garden Club is happy to announce two recipients of its annual scholarship awards. The recipients, Hannah Dolloff and Phoebe West Geary, are both Sandown residents.

During high school,



Hannah Dolloff

Hannah was a member of the Science Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, National Honors Society, Life of an Owl and the Key Club. She volunteered at the town library and helped run the



Phoebe West Geary

summer camp. She is attending Northern Essex Community College, planning to continue at UMASS Lowell as a business major. While in school, Hannah worked at the Hannaford store in

East Hampstead, helping to train new employees. After graduating, she hopes to enter the Hannaford management training program.

In high school, Phoebe was an active member of the Student Council, serving as secretary in her senior year, an executive member of the Science Honor Society,

Math Honor Society and National Honor Society. She was on the swim team for four years, serving as captain in her senior year. As a Girl Scout, Phoebe participated in the International Coastal Cleanup for 8 years. She enjoys swimming, running and spending time with friends. She is currently a freshman at UNH

in the nursing program.

The Sandown Garden Club is grateful to the community which supports its annual Plant Sale, the club's only fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale are used for scholarships, library book donations, food pantry support, holiday decorations, civic beautification and special projects.

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Editorial

Nov. 11th Veteran's Day

Veteran's day is fast approaching once again. This holiday was originally proclaimed in 1919 by Woodrow Wilson as "Armistice Day", during a time when the world had seen what they thought was the first and last major global conflict, what is now known as World War I, but was originally known as "The Great War" or the "War to end all wars".

Since then, American men and women have continued to distinguish themselves in the service of this great nation, from WWII, Korea "The forgotten war", Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terror, among others, which seems to have no end in sight.

Since the end of WWII most of us can remember growing up and being warned of the Communist threat in Eastern Europe and Asia. Our great Nation provided the global leadership necessary to overcome this threat - known as the "Cold War" because there were few actual shots fired between the United States and the Soviet Union - in the end we prevailed, but many veterans spent many years standing sentry against the threat, be it on a watch in West Berlin, aloft for the Strategic Air Command or supporting counterinsurgencies in Central and South America and elsewhere.

Veterans of all branches of the

armed services generally enjoy a great sense of camaraderie. As a 21-year retired Marine, I had the chance to observe this first hand very recently at my job. I often go to meetings where I do not know all of the participants, and as most former military do you always scan all of your surroundings when you enter the room and make a mental note. For all Marines and certain members of the other branches - like US Army Airborne, Rangers, Infantry, Special Forces, Delta, US Navy Seals, USAF Combat Controllers/Para Rescue, when your eyes meet it's often very instinctual to sense another operator. In my case I immediately made a new friend that day.

The United States is somewhat unique among world powers and history in that our Service men and women swear an oath of allegiance, not to the a King, but to the Constitution, which is the governing document by which our Government derives its power - a contract with our people. This is the root of "service", against enemies foreign and domestic.

Please take the time to thank a vet, and when you do, recall that he or she thought so much of your freedom and your rights that they swore an oath to the Constitution and service to the country, up to and including their life.

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be more durable. "What I asked [Public Works Director Mike Fowler] to look into is a different style instead of the dowel fence. Something like a West Virginia split rail that goes fully through and kind of spreads against each other," he said. "It tends to have a little more meat than the dowels. They tend to rot."

A competing ideas was suggested by Vice Chairman Riccardo Buzzanga, who believes boulders would be provide a better long-term solution. "Could we consider boulders with a fence gate?" he asked. "I just feel like there's no good fence where we're not going to be talking about the fence in five more years." The cost effectiveness of this

plan, as well as its ability to permit lawncare vehicles, were two of the reasons the board liked this idea. Degnan plans to revisit this after he talks with town officials.

Just before the conclusion of the meeting, the commission switched gears to talk about whether they would permit members of the public to tap local pine trees for sap. The conversation came up after a student at the Pinkerton Academy reached out to inquire about doing this, himself.

Initially, the idea was met with positivity by Buzzanga, but the chairman had concerns. "I don't want to pour water on the coals, but I'm not sure that it's a good idea to be completely honest," said Degnan. "I think as a practice, it would be a good use for the trees, but

I would have questions of responsibility of the use of the equipment, proper removal." Degnan encouraged anyone interested in using the township's trees for tapping, or any other natural resource for harvesting, to try and find privately owned alternatives, but acknowledged that "more research needs to be done" and the topic should be revisited.

Buzzanga also suggested organizing a partnership through the Pinkerton Academy for this particular student, which would be a viable solution, but leaves the general public's access up in the air.

Derry residents can expect more concrete details on both of these matters to be shared in the near future following consultation with local officials.

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tion saying that the utility company has created a highway system under the transmission lines with all the upgrades that have been done recently. He felt that because people are using those areas now, he felt it was an improvement and asked whether Fogg thought that was taxable.

Fogg didn't feel that the improvements would add much to the overall taxable value of the transmission corridor.

Landau followed up by saying that he thought the

improvements constitute a significant addition to the property.

Fogg said he is confident in what is being reported by Eversource as expenses in their upgrades would translate into a taxable figure that will show up in the property records, since they need to recoup anything being spent.

When asked if adding 5G capabilities to the poles in town would create taxable income to the town, Fogg responded yes and no.

He said it would be the equivalent to the non-taxable antennas on cellular

towers, but any additional poles that would be needed would be taxable.

The board was looking to avoid litigation with the utility companies in the future, saying, that is why they're looking for someone new to represent them.

Fogg added that if the Chester Selectmen decided to use his firm, the Department of Revenue Administration would need to review it before it can be signed.

The existing contract with Fogg's former firm will be expiring in the spring.

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there are about 40 feet of bog bridges already in the Fremont Road Town Forest, but they are rotting and in need of repairs.

While acknowledging that the plans proposed are far from set in stone, the board unanimously approved Fournier's plan.

They also pointed out that, at 14, Fournier is younger than lots of students proposing Eagle Scout projects, which also gives him more time to hammer out the details.

While 80 feet of bog bridges was the distance given tonight, that number is subject to change. "I measured about 84 feet of bridges. Could be 20

feet more. Might be 20 feet less," said Fournier.

After hearing Fournier, the board concluded the public portion of this very brief meeting. Presumably, more details about the most noteworthy issue of the night, the commission's budget, will be available after Butler meets with the Sandown Budget Committee.



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Chester Public Library Holds Halloween Costume Party



A number of area children flocked to the Chester Public Library last week to try out their costumes before Halloween and participate in a Costume Contest. A number of winners were given certificates for a variety of categories. The categories included: Most Scary, Cutest, and Most Creative. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Hampstead Resident Looks to Clear Air on Road Status

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HAMPSTEAD - During the Monday night, Oct. 26, meeting of the Hampstead Board of Selectmen, resident Chuck Ashford approached the board during Public Comment looking for clarification on the status of Johnson Meadow Road.

Ashford began by saying that he had been before the board about two years ago asking whether the road was town-owned or

private, but was never given an answer. He said that because Selectman Chad Bennett had a problem with the road, they left it up to Bennett to decide what to do with it.

Ashford added that Bennett met with him and the two of them decided to get the other two Selectmen to meet and they would hash it out.

He said, that meeting between the four of them never took place, leaving him up in the air on the road's status.

Bennett said that he didn't feel there was any point in meeting after that since it had been determined that the road was owned by the town.

Ashford thought that Bennett should have at least let him know, with a phone call, as to the status of the road, since as he said Bennett had stopped a paving job on the road.

Bennett said the reason that Johnson Meadow Road didn't get paved that year was because it was the last road scheduled to

be done that year, and Road Agent, John Worthen, didn't have the funds to complete it.

Bennett apologized to Ashford for not getting back to him, but added that he thought it was understood that the road was recognized as a town-owned road.

Ashford ended by saying that he wasn't concerned with whether or not it ever gets paved, but just wanted clarification that it is a town-owned road.

He was assured that it

was.

On the same subject, the list of roads to be paved or crack-sealed in 2021 were then discussed with Worthen.

The roads that will be crack sealed will be Beverly, Butrick, Chamberlin, Colonial Drive, Marilyn Park Drive, Odd Fellows Road, Owens Court, St. Johns, Wash Pond Road and Garland and Merryfield.

He said Birchwood and Anne Drive will be paved as one road.

Worthen was questioned as to why only half of Wheelwright was done last year, and he was told that the Rockingham Commission gave him instructions to do it in sections, the other half will be done next year.

Harris and Shore Drive will have water and drainage corrected and repaved before Ells Road is done.

Little's Lane, Randall Lane, Johnson Meadow and Sunset Avenue will be paved also.

Pinkerton Will Host Veterans Breakfast Nov. 11

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

With the COVID-19 Pandemic state guidelines still in effect and knowing that the elderly are still to most susceptible to the corona virus the Pinkerton Academy Class of 2022 still want to show their veteran appreciation this year.

So on Wednesday,

Nov. 11, PA students will still be honoring veterans with their annual breakfast, but in a slightly different way this year.

From 7 to 9 a.m. Veterans Day morning, students will be handing out breakfast in front of Pinkerton Hall with a "Drive-By" Veterans Day Celebration.

Veterans are asked to enter the school from

North Main Street, where they will be greeted by Pinkerton JROTC cadets, who will be saluting veterans at the entrance.

Attendees will be asked to stop at the first station where they will be offered a poppy, American flag, card, and/or mask which will all be in a plastic bag.

Class of 2022 students will greet those driving through and explain where to go next. As veterans drive by Pinkerton Hall, the school's chorus will be there to sing some

patriotic songs. At the second station, there will be coffee and a pastry (individually wrapped). Students will thank veterans for attending and present their next choices.

At that point veterans may then exit and leave, or park in the Pinkerton Hall parking lot to dine in their cars.

At approximately 8 a.m. the JROTC will hold a flag detail with the school chorus singing the National Anthem which veterans may watch from cars.

OBITUARY

Harold E. Davis



Harold E. "Harry" Davis, 77, of Derry, NH died Wednesday Oct. 28, 2020 at his home. Harry was born in Worcester, MA on March 7, 1943, a son of the late Roland Davis and Barbara (Lacrosse) Gary. He had resided in Derry since 1992, formerly living in Auburn, MA.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Loretta "Laurie" (Sullivan) Davis of Derry, two sons, Harold "Scott" Davis and his wife Tammy Vennert of Brookfield, MA, and Daniel M. Sullivan and his wife Amy of Goffstown, NH, two daughters, Dawn Tahany and her husband David of Peabody, MA, and Jody Miles and her husband Chris, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother, Brian Davis of Hudson, MA, and one sister, Paula Davis. He was predeceased by his son, Russell J. Sullivan in 1999, by two grandchildren, Michael Corbett and Edward Corbett, and by two brothers, Alan Davis and Roland Davis.

Calling hours was held on Monday Nov. 2, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Graveside services were held on Tuesday at Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry on Reid Avenue Extension.

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OBITUARY

Robert Cleaves

Robert Cleaves, 91, of Hampstead, NH passed away peacefully in SalemHaven Nursing Home, Salem, NH on Wednesday Oct. 28, 2020 (surrounded by his loving family). He was born on Nov. 29, 1929 in Augusta, ME, a son of the late Forrest Bumford and Ruth Mila Huff (Saucier) Cleaves. Robert attended the Maine school systems. He worked as a shoemaker in Lawrence up until his retirement. Robert enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, playing cards, cooking, Rockingham Park, camping, dancing and listening to music and sports.

He is survived by his six children Donna Boucher, Diane Stefanilo, Delores Stoeher, Deborah Canfield, Brian Cleaves, and Mark Cleaves and their spouses, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Lorraine M. (Paradis) Cleaves on Dec. 26, 2016.

There are no calling hours. Private graveside services will be held by the family at a later date in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Haverhill, MA.

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October Snow

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Now that the ghosts and goblins are gone, and all our favorite candy is marked down up to 90% in some stores, it's time to take down all our spooky Halloween decorations and prepare for Christmas music to take over the radio. But before you get to clearing out those cobwebs (synthetic or otherwise), there's one piece of décor that you should hang on to.

According to a publication put out by the NH Department of Environmental Services, an approx-

imated nearly two billion pounds of pumpkins are grown each year in the United States. Typically, just one-fifth of this amount is used for food (pumpkins just so happen to be rich in fiber, with nearly two grams per ounce, among a list of other health benefits), and what doesn't get put towards pumpkin spice lattes and pumpkin pies every Fall serves as seasonal decoration, and a family activity in the form of painting and carving. But as lovely as they turn out year after year, these gorgeous gourds can't last forever.

Once the pumpkins are

no longer in season, meaning they have either begun to rot or they've simply lost their All Hallows Eve novelty, they are inevitably thrown away, making their way to local landfills. Once they have reached their final resting place, the decaying pumpkins begin producing methane, a powerful greenhouse gas with 20 times the warming effect of carbon dioxide, says the US Department of Energy. Halloween may be over, but the scares have only begun.

For the sake of the environment, you may be asking, what else can be done

with the unused remains of your jack-o-lantern, or the innards of the pumpkin your children practiced their expressionist painting skills on? A few things, as it turns out!

The NHDES says that that aging pumpkin still sitting on your front step can be turned into a batter! By using a few tools in combination with one or two pumpkins, these old decorations can go from power food to a source of power for your home! Go to www.instructables.com/id/Pumpkin-Power-Batter-Made-From-Pumpkins for a full list of instructions, and use orange to go green!

No need to be sad if that carved pumpkin grin has begun to wilt into a frown; the decaying shell of your once-loved jack-o-lantern can be turned into something beautiful.

For those with gardens, the chopped up remains of old Halloween décor can be used as fertilizer for plants of all kinds. By scattering pieces of pumpkin throughout the garden, you can provide your plants with all sorts of bonus nutrients as the pieces break down. Those without gardens can donate their rotten pumpkins to their town farms and farmers markets to be used as added nutrition for many crops, perhaps even the next generation of pumpkins (morbid, we know, but at least eco-friendly). Contact your local farm or farmer's market to see how you can help them repurpose those pumpkins you purchased from them weeks prior.

According to the NHDES, you can take this pumpkin-upcycling one pinterest-worthy step further. By cutting off the top

of an intact display pumpkin, and then removing its contents, you can pack some planting soil into the shell to plant your favorite native annual. Once you've taken your pictures for social media, and the annual is ready to be transferred to the garden, take the entire thing, pumpkin shell and all, and plant it into the ground. The pumpkin shell will eventually compost and serve as a source of fertilizer for the plant.

Last but not least, there is always the tried-and-true practice of turning the insides of painted pumpkins into delicious seasonal confections, just in time for pre-Thanksgiving get-togethers. Ask your grandparents, or other pastry-savvy relatives for their favorite fall recipes! For more information and resources, visit www.des.nh.gov.



CARING CRAFTERS Some very talented and creative crafters at the Emerson Village community in Hampstead recently made quilts for Liberty House. Liberty House is a transitional home for homeless veterans located in Manchester.

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Manchester Crew Team Gives Back to the Community

The Manchester Rowing Alliance (MRA), a Greater Manchester high school rowing team with members from several area high schools, collected 16 bags of trash along the banks of the Merrimack River in Hooksett for its first Give Back Day on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Crew team high school Co-Captain Eli Campbell (Pinkerton Academy), Co-Captain Ryan Sullivan (Pinkerton Academy), Julia Deschamps (London-derry High School), Michael Chemi (Pinkerton

Academy), and Thomas Ryan (Founders Academy) gathered on Sunday to clean up the river. The team usually spends its time on the water rowing, but decided to end this modified rowing season by giving back to the river they call home.

The MRA team provides opportunities to high school students in the Greater Manchester area to explore and refine the art and sport of rowing. For the last six years, MRA has provided the only local competitive club team for

high school athletes.

Currently the team consists of students from Pinkerton Academy, Londonderry High School, and Founders Academy, but is open to any Manchester-area high school student.

The group is currently making plans for the spring season including another Give Back Day.

For more information on rowing with MRA, visit www.manchester-rowing.com/ or email ManchesterRowingAlliance@gmail.com.



Thomas Ryan, Brenda Balenger (Head Coach), Julia Deschamps, Eli Campbell, Nick Brunet (President, MRA), Ryan Sullivan, and Michael Chemi.

Reserve Before You Go, Reminder From State Parks

Most hikers and outdoor enthusiasts will agree, the fall season is the best time of the year to hike. However, making a reservation before you head out is the most

important step in the process. Many of NH State Parks most popular hiking destinations require an advance day use reservation.

The temperatures are

perfect right now. The leaves are changing and as they fall they are revealing stunning views of picturesque New Hampshire.

To accommodate and

prepare for increased number of expected hikers, NH Parks requires an advance day use reservation. Visit www.nhstateparks.org/planning/day-use-reservations for an updated and complete list of parks that require a reservation. Many of these locations will be open through Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Fall campers can use the parks "Camping this weekend: see what's available" feature at www.nhstateparks.org/activities/camping.

"The reservation system has worked extremely well this year and has reduced the need to turn visitors away after a park has reached its full capacity," said Brent Wucher, spokesperson for NH State Parks.

Locations in the North

Country of NH are seeing peak foliage this weekend. State Campgrounds like Moose Brook in Gorham and Echo Lake State Park in North Conway are approaching peak foliage.

Popular Auto roads at Rollins State Park in Warner and Miller State Park in Peterborough, are revealing all the colors of fall, along with spectacular panoramic views at their summits. These parks are accessible by car via an auto road to the summit and require a reservation.

Monadnock State Park in Jaffrey has seen record numbers of visitors in the 2020 season and expected to see a busy fall. Reservations on weekends are often booked, so planning ahead is crucial.

"We are proud of the fact that we have been able to provide visitors with safe activities such as hiking and camping," said Wucher. "The most important piece of this is that visitors understand they must have a reservation before they head out or they may risk being turned away."

Social distancing requirements remain in place and visitors are asked to keep at least six feet between other hikers and wear a mask when entering facilities.

Visit the NH State Parks blog site for more information on fall hiking at www.blog.nhstateparks.org/ or follow the parks on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NewHampshireStateParks or call 603-271-3556.

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Fish And Game Reminds Hunters and Hikers to Share Woods Safely

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The unofficial start of the fall season sweeps across the Granite State, groups of residents may have already begun trading in their swimming trunks and bathing suits for bright orange vests and camouflage.

September was the kicked off for New Hampshire fall hunting seasons, with the opening of the black bear and small game seasons. Archery seasons for turkey and white-tailed deer are underway as well. Waterfowl hunting begins in September, with dates varying by species and zone. The Hunting season continues through December please keep that in mind.

As hunters take to the woods to take game, and hikers to take in the sights, New Hampshire Fish and Game wishes to remind everyone to keep in mind the following rules and regulations and safety tips:

In order to take part in any hunting season, a hunter must obtain a New Hampshire hunting license. Licenses may be purchased online, by mailing in an application, or by visiting a local licensing agent (a list by

town available at wildlife.state.nh.us/licensing/agents.html). A valid state-issued ID must be presented in order to obtain a hunting license.

By state law, anyone who plans to buy a hunting, archery, or trapping license must complete the respective hunter, bow-hunter, or trapper education course, or show a previously issued license of the same type. For more information on how to enroll in a hunter education course, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/hunter-ed.html.

Whenever firearms and archery are involved, safety measures must be taken seriously. The following are some safety tips for hunters to keep in mind:

For firearm hunters, follow these best practices: Treat every firearm as if it were loaded, unload firearms when not in use, never climb a fence or tree or jump over a ditch or log with a loaded firearm, only point at what you intend to shoot, never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water, keep fingers off of the trigger until ready to shoot, clearly identify a target and what is beyond it before shooting, make certain that the gun barrel and action are clear of

obstructions, store firearms and ammunition separately, know where your hunting partner is at all times, if you are accompanied by a hunting dog, always keep him or her under control, and perhaps most importantly for all types of hunting, avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while on the hunt. These same guidelines can be applied to bow-hunters, as well.

Planning for the weather behooves any type of hunter. Hunters can be at risk for hypothermia in cold, wet conditions, and even in temperatures as high as 50 degrees. To reduce risk of hypothermia, dress in warm layers, avoiding moisture-retaining cotton and opting for a water-repelling outer layer. Before going out, be sure to check the weather report for inclement weather so as not to be caught off guard by an unexpected storm.

It is never advised to head out on a hunting trip without letting a friend, relative, or neighbor

about where you will be and when you expect to return. Should the unexpected happen, this person can alert authorities of your absence and help can be sent out to you as soon as possible.

Outdoor safety is not limited to hunters. Those who prefer to simply enjoy the beauty of the woods are advised to take their own safety precautions.

Sight-seers are urged to avoid colors and patterns that blend into the surroundings, such as white, black, brown, earth tones, animal patterns, and camouflage. Bright orange, red, or bright green clothing is best for visibility, especially for vests and hats. These bright colors will help you stand out to hunters so that they will be better able to avoid accidentally hitting you.

Making your presence known is a great way to ensure your safety. Talking loudly to a companion, whistling or singing, or even taking a portable music-playing device will help nearby hunters

acknowledge your location. However, for common courtesy, noise should be reduced once safety is established so as not to scare away any potential game from the hunters.

Hikers with four-legged walking companions should not let their dogs walk off-leash in an area that allows hunting, especially in areas with game the dog may want to chase.

To avoid encountering hunters altogether, there are plenty of locations where hunting is prohibited. Most state and national parks do not allow hunting, and Sundays are often hunting-free days.

Regarding any hunting lures, the NH Fish and Game department urges hunters not to use natural urine-based deer lures as

fall hunting seasons begin. These products can potentially spread Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal neurological disorder in white-tailed deer and moose. Synthetic lures are permitted for New Hampshire hunting.

Hunting and hiking can both be enjoyable activities, but both involve rules and regulations and common sense in the interest of safety and ethics. If everyone works together, hunters and hikers can share the woods peacefully and safely.

For a complete explanation of all types of hunting, fishing and trapping and their rules and regulations in New Hampshire, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, visit wildlife.state.nh.us

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TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7 PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 84 Chester Street, to consider:

At 7:45 PM

The request of William W. Reishus and Corinna L. Reishus d/b/a Triad Winery

For a Variance from

the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.3.4 of the Ordinance (Prohibited Uses in the R-1 zoning district) to permit a commercial use in Zone R-1. Said use would allow construction of an approximately 12'x16' building on the premises with outdoor seating for a wine tasting area with ancillary uses, the sale of wine products, including the sale of bottles of wine for off-site consumption.

On the premises known as Map 011-054-002, 413 Lane Road in the R-1 Residential zoning district



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At 7:00 PM

1. The request of Richard Trask on behalf of the Forsaith-Drowne, Post 108, AMERICAN LEGION

For an Administrative Appeal of the Decision of the Building Inspector concerning the location of a shed setback from the alleged property line

And

A Variance from Section 5, Subsection 5.3.5 Table 1 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) and Section 4, Subsection 4.2.1 (expansion of a non-conforming use)

To permit a shed to be situated within the side setback where 25' are required and within the front setback where 40' are required

On the premises known as Map 016-024-000, 25 Raymond Road in the R-1 Residential zoning district

At 7:45 PM

2. The request of William W. Reishus and Corinna L. Reishus d/b/a Triad Winery

For a Special Exception as specified in the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.3.3.9

In accordance with the Special Exception criteria specified in Article 11, Section 11.4

to permit a wine tasting area

On the premises known as Map 011-054-002, 413 Lane Road in the R-1 Residential zoning district

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send submissions to nutfieldnews@nutpub.net.

DERRY

Winter Parking Ban

The Town of Derry seeks to remind residents of the Winter Parking Ban in effect from Nov. 15 to April 1. The Town Ordinance prohibits parking on all street and all municipal parking lots between midnight to 6 a.m. Violators are subject to ticketing and/or towing of their vehicle. Any questions may be directed to the DPW Office at (603) 432-6144.

Celebration of Animation

On Nov. 16 6:30 p.m., A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters of All Time will be held online. Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin hosts a presentation about his book, A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History. He'll show cartoon snippets, play trivia with patrons, and discuss the impact of cartoons on American pop culture. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

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.

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

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).

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.

CHESTER

Library Closure

The Chester Library will

be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving.

Holiday Fair & Silent Auction

The American Legion Auxiliary Holiday Fair & Silent Auction will be held on Sunday Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Busche Academy on 40 Chester St., (Route 121). Twenty Vendors (Handmade Fall & Christmas Items, Wreaths, Floral Items, Painted Ornaments, Stockings, Soaps, Essential Oils, Jewelry, Jams & Jellies, Nail Products, Totes, Pocketbooks, Baked Goods (including Gluten Free Items), Doll Clothes, Knitted Items, Handmade Glass and Wood Designs, Dog Bandanas, Bowls and Treats, Handmade Baby Dolls, Basket Raffles. Auxiliary Raffles. Silent Auction Items: Wreaths, Gift Cards, Wine & Cheese Baskets, Theme Baskets, Pictures, Jewelry, Quilted Items, and much more. We will ask you to wear a mask while shopping. Vendors will wear masks. Vendor Tables will be spaced six feet apart. Hand sanitizer masks and gloves will be available. No more than 25 shoppers will be allowed in

the building at a time. The Cafeteria room and foyer are large and spacious with plenty of space to socially distance. This is Unit 108 Auxiliary's annual fundraiser to raise money for our NH Veterans so please come and support our efforts to raise funds.

Stranger Things Escape Room

Can you escape the Upside Down? Come find out at the Chester Library on Mondays in November at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Register by calling 887-3404. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers down. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn.

Platter Painting for Adults

Paint a platter you can use for the holidays on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. at the Chester Library. All materials provided. Register by calling 603-887-3404 or email assistdirectorpl@gmail.com. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers down. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn.

Library Trustees

The Chester Library's Board of Trustees will hold a Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Open to the public. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn.

Dog Man Party

Come one, come all, Dog Man Fans. Attend a fun afternoon with crafts, snacks, and prizes for Ages 7 and up on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. Register by calling 603-887-3404 or email assistdirectorpl@gmail.com. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers down. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn. Please advise if you have any food allergies.

Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers down. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn. Please advise if you have any food allergies.

HAMPSTEAD

Hampstead Holiday Parade

The 56th Hampstead Holiday Parade is happening! Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. 2020 is not going to stop the HLC from bringing the parade to you... literally. This year's parade will be mobile, no pedestrians, and no after-parade celebration. Hang tight as we are busy at our workshop, planning with the town, HPD and HFD to ensure we have a safe journey around socially-distanced Hampstead, spreading

holiday cheer (and not germs). Participant entry forms will be available very soon with all the details you need to keep everyone on the nice list. Route will be made public in late November.

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

Mack's Apple Story Time

On Tuesday Nov. from 10, at 10 - 11 a.m., the Sandown library will be holding a meeting at Field #1 at Mack's Apple Orchard in Londonderry. More info on the orchard and can be found at macksapples.com/ Feel free to pack your lunch and have a picnic. Contact Tricia Thomas, 887-3428, pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

Library Closure

The Sandown Library is closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Thanksgiving Bingo

Join us for Thanksgiving Bingo at the Sandown Library on Thursday Nov. 12, at 4 - 5 p.m. This program

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will be offered physically in person at the library and virtually via Zoom. Due to spacing and social distancing recommendations, the spaces for those that want to attend in

the library will be limited. Please register each child that will be in attendance. During registration, please mark whether you want to attend the program in the library or virtually. Materials will be provided for all registered participants. Contact

Adrienne Skora, 887-3428, youths@sandownlibrary.us.

Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every

month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

Monday Morning Mystery Book Club

Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a

favorite one? Join us at the Sandown Library on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This month's book: The Wych Elm by Tana French Books are available to pick up at the library.

Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Contact Susan Kehoe at 887-3428 or skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

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