

# Derry Town Council Discusses State's Homeless Relocation Plan

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - After getting news earlier in the month that almost two-dozen homeless people that were camped out at the Hillsborough Court House in Manchester were being relocated to a recovery home in Derry, the Derry Town Council held an emergency meeting to information on the matter on Tuesday night, Nov. 24.

Chief Executive Officer of Granite Recovery Center Eric Spofford attended the meeting and addressed the board that evening.

He told the board that his center has been in Derry since 2008, and has provided treatment services

for folks with a substance use disorders in town without issue. He said that his facility has "Balanced taking care of the downtown area while providing services for the states most vulnerable folks."

Spofford said that the recent move of many homeless people from Manchester to Derry and said, "What we're doing is something we've always done. This is nothing new. We've been doing it for years, without incident."

Spofford assured the Town Council that any concerns of people living on the streets in Derry would not happen.

He ended by saying that the town and its people have no cause for concern today, as much as they did last week and welcomed any questions the council had for him.

Katja Fox, of the New Hampshire Department of Human Services, spoke to the council through video-conference, and said that her agency provides a safety net for individuals in need across the state.

She said that when the agency was looking at this situation, they did what they always do. They identified where the resources are, and we matched individual for what they wanted and what path was best for their lives.

She also mentioned that because of COVID-19 they do not have the space right now at shelters and

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# Area Residents Ask for Answers to Conservation Right to Know Violations

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Visitor Comments section of the Monday night, Nov. 23 meeting of the Hampstead Board of Selectmen, the board once again heard concerns from residents that the Conservation Commission had violated the Right-to-Know laws of the state.

Carl Cote, of Collins Drive addressed the Selectmen with his concerns over a recently constructed Parking Lot on Hadley Road.

It started by saying that he felt that in large the Hampstead Conservation Commission is doing great

work in the town, and felt that the trails that they maintain are an asset to the community. Cote also said that he was in favor of a Parking Lot in East Hampstead to access the trails, but has cautioned the commission on its size.

Cote went on to say that the problem he had with the Hadley Road Parking Lot is not with the Lot itself, but with the lack of transparency in a public session, during a public meeting, with the details of the Hadley Road parking project. He said that no one from the public had any details until Sept. 27. Cote added that the details of the project were not known until after the project was

already started.

He questioned the cost, the plans and the notification to the town's people on the project, saying none of these things were divulged until after the construction was already done.

He said that the Conservation Commission discussed this in a non-public session, which is a violation of the state's Right-to-Know laws and read some excerpts from the state law.

Cote went over a number of cases where the Conservation Commission went into non-public sessions and felt that a few are them did not need to be done in private. He was

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**Helping Hands** Santa and Mrs. Claus made a surprise appearance near the Pocket Park on West Broadway in Derry on Saturday, Nov. 28, to help out the Derry Village Rotary with their annual Food Drive. The group usually hold the event during the holiday parade, but with that being cancelled they chose to hold as a last minute effort.

Photo by Chris Paul

# Sandown Highway Director Gets Frustrated with Budget Committee

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Budget Committee meeting held on Nov. 18, Public Works Department Director, Artie Genualdo, took exception to some of the questions being raised by board members about the Highway Department's Budget needs.

While the committee was going through the Highway Budget, the committee passed the \$8,300 Facility Budget without much discussion, and then went through the Highway Operating Budget line-by-line because of a significant increase.

The payroll line in his department's budget increased by 23 percent, because of Genualdo's request of an additional employee.

He said that because the town is growing, additional tasks are being called for, and he has gotten to the point where he is in need of another full-time worker.

Board member Amada Knight asked Genualdo if

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# The Chester 300th Committee Continues Plans for Celebration

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**CHESTER** - The Chester 300th Committee had their latest meeting on November 18th, 2020 to further discuss celebration plans for the town's 300th anniversary.

The 300th Anniversary celebrations are slated to start in October of next year and run all the way to the fall of 2022. Starting off their latest meeting was the beginning planning stages of a Car Show. The Car Show, tentatively planned to be held at

Chester Academy will be an event for the town and its residents to not only see one of a kind cars but be able to visit food vendors and maybe even take a hot air balloon ride. The Committee, currently in talks with car clubs, is looking to roll out the idea over the next year and have something finalized by the Spring of 2022.

Among other hurdles the Committee is tasked with is finding sponsors and raising money for the events celebrating the the Town of Chester throughout the year. To help attract sponsors and

donations the Committee is selling banners that will be hung on flag poles through the center of town. According to Southern New Hampshire Planning's numbers, the banners are most likely to be seen 27,000 times a day from all directions, especially through the main intersection. The banners will be left up anywhere from four to five months during the celebratory year. After seeing a recent mock-up of the banner, the committee members are in agreement that they like the color scheme in a grayish silver with the logo in blues and yellows. However, the design and placement of the town logo, sponsorship logo, and additional words were heavy discussion points. The members of the committee did agree to limit additional banner frames and different town logos to give sponsors as much space as possible to advertise. With around 25%-30% of each banner going to sponsorship space, it will allow for about 3 lines with around 13 characters per line. These specifications follow in the footsteps of

the town of Brookline, who had their 250th anniversary just last year. As far as pricing for sponsors goes, so far the cost for one side of a banner if purchased by a family is 250 dollars, both sides would be 500 dollars (what the lowest amount a business may purchase a banner for also). Those who purchase a banner may also use their space to dedicate their banner to a lost family member or loved one.

Also appearing on the Committee's agenda will be to have another mock-up banner made to show not only sponsors what they will be purchasing but the Selectmen as well and will include the town logo as well as the date of the parade. The new banner mock-up will also serve as a rough draft for the Committee to make any final changes or edits to the final banner designs.

If anyone one is interested in keeping up to date with the plans and planning of the Town of Chester's 300th Anniversary celebrations, you can visit the website at [chesternh300.org](http://chesternh300.org).

# Pinkerton Trustees Honor Owen McGarrahan for Meritorious Service



Owen McGarrahan

**DERRY** - The Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees recently awarded the Board of Trustees' Meritorious Service Award to Owen McGarrahan. The award, given out on rare occasions, recognizes individuals who have demonstrated consistent, meritorious, service to the Academy.

"The prestigious Trustees' Meritorious Service Award acknowledges those individuals who have given exemplary service to Pinkerton Academy's student-centered mission," said Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees President Dr. William Nevi-

ous. "Recipients have demonstrated their commitment to the Academy's core values of courtesy, respect, and responsibility, while working as an integral part of the Pinkerton family to advance relevant learning and social opportunities for all students. We are proud to recognize Owen for his exceptional service to Pinkerton Academy and the community."

A senior vice president with Morgan Stanley, McGarrahan provided expert leadership as a co-chair of Pinkerton Academy's Open Space, Opening Minds: Capital Campaign. He says the announcement of the award came as a surprise.

"It was entirely unexpected, and I am honored. I represent a whole group of people, not just me, who want to help improve the education and experience for the students of Pinkerton Academy," he said. "I

am constantly amazed by the opportunities at Pinkerton, and I think, why wouldn't you want to get involved? I am proud to be a part of it."

McGarrahan and his wife Beth live in Hampstead. They have three sons, two who attend Pinkerton Academy and one who graduated in 2019. He is a long-time supporter of local community youth sports and various charities in New Hampshire.

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# Sandown Planning Board Discusses New Housing on Ferguson Lane

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**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Planning Board gathered at the Town Hall for their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, with the main issue on the floor is the approval of an open space development that will have 48 two-bedroom townhouses to be built in the Wetlands Conservation District. The land is estimated to be about 6,791 square feet. The owner of the company D&H Construction of Plaistow, Inc. placed an

application to build these houses. It is located at the easterly end of Ferguson Lane and Sandown's tax map identifies it as lot 9.

Vice Chairman John White said, "The open space development [application] is five or six pages long. There is really not a ton to it. It goes through the different sections with the purpose and the intent. The different permitted uses like the types of dwellings that can go in there." The plans that the application covered outline how the development will be built and on what

portions of the land, but it does not have too much information on it. It describes in detail what the houses would have in them like the plumbing, utilities, and overall look.

The idea with this new housing project is to create more variety in the housing for Sandown. "When you read this [application], one of the things was about trying to get more variety of housing in town," said Chairman Ernie Brown. Having more variety in housing would make Sandown more available

for people to live in. Groups from young families to elderly couples could live in one of these townhouses.

There are some issues that need to be worked out before the open space development can be approved. "[The application] gets into the yield plan, the density and how many units you can put into the space. It depends on the type of soil and everything it should have over there," said White. "I know conservation had some issues with where some of these buildings

were located with vernal pools, tidal pools, and different stuff set up there."

The main issue is that the land itself may not be able to support all of these houses depending on what part of the land they are located in. It has not been determined what spaces can be considered open and what spaces cannot.

The open space development would also be a big undertaking for Sandown as they have not had a construction project as big as this. White said, "...we never had anyone build anything for a cou-

ple years. We had like three or four different projects in a 10-year period. My point was two or three of them were in the last two years." Many of the construction projects did not take very long to complete. The open space development would take much longer to complete than any other project the town has had. If the 48 townhouses end up being built, then it will take several years before they are all completed. It is just a matter of when they can start building this new complex.

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also concerned that the town might have some liability if there were a lawsuit on the matter.

Selectman Chairman Sean Murphy agreed that he had some concerns and said that the Liaison for the commission, Joe Guthrie, was going to talk with the

commission, but added that he wasn't sure what was discussed. He said he would consult with the Town Counsel to see if there is any liability there.

Cote finished by saying that he felt the way this was handled, "It did more harm than good."

Selectman Chad Bennett added the he felt the town own people an expla-

nation.

Resident Carl Schumacher addressed the board next, he said that he felt Guthrie's statements at the last Conservation Commission meeting were very poignant, and the keep something out of view, and not transparent, was "a violation of trust between the public and town officials."

Schumacher also men-

tioned a RSA that was brought up at the last Conservation Commission meeting, saying that it requires the Planning Board and Selectmen to be notified of building on town property. "I don't believe your board was notified, I know the Planning Board wasn't."

The board confirmed his suspicion, and said they

had not.

Although Schumacher said that he doesn't like the location of the parking lot, he felt that, "The fact that the process wasn't held publicly is more egregious than the parking lot being up there."

Guthrie was attending the meeting through phone and added to the discussion saying that even

though he understood the Town Counsel was within their rights to build on conservation land, he felt it could have been handled better.

He added that he agrees with the two gentlemen who were at the meeting, and felt that the town should move ahead with discussing it the their counsel.

# COVID-19 Outbreak Shuts Down Local Bar in Londonderry

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Stumble Inn Bar and Grill on Rockingham Road in Londonderry was recently shut down due to a COVID-19 outbreak that was connected to the establishment between Wednes-

day, Nov. 11 and Monday Nov. 23.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) were made aware of about 11 cases associated with the outbreak.

According to a post on the bar's Facebook page,

owner Mike Zarella stated, "We are sad to say we were informed that several customers tested positive for COVID-19 last weekend that were dining at the Stumble Inn. A few staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. We decided to close the

restaurant until further notice to keep all staff and customers safe."

During the Town Council meeting on Monday night, Nov. 30, Londonderry Fire Chief Darren O'Brien confirmed the

shutdown saying that the DHHS is currently performing a contact tracing of the outbreak. He also said that an additional 36 positive cases of COVID were verified over the weekend raising the total in

Londonderry to 116 positive cases.

O'Brien also warned residents to be careful in how they interact with others saying that they virus is still a major concern.



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# Editorial

## Remembering Pearl Harbor & an American President

December 7, 1941: a day that would live in infamy. It was the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day that thrust the United States into World War II.

Men who had fallen asleep awoke to explosions. Many U.S. sailors would be lost to the clamor and chaos. A total of 2,403 American citizens would be lost on that fateful day.

The numbers tell a morbidly fascinating story of that morning the United States came under attack without warning. Our nation was well aware of the turmoil and horrific events taking place overseas in Europe, but at that time we had our own battles—those of exceptional economic distress—and war was the farthest thing from our minds.

But this day would change all of that.

The Greatest Generation mourned a tremendous loss of human life in the days following Pearl Harbor, and they would rally behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to arms without looking back.

Today, there is time to look back with awe at ordinary people becoming extraordinary and to personally thank, if possible, that shrinking number of individuals who were there when everything changed.

In his speech to Congress and the nation on Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

Sadly, the progression of time has dimmed the voices of the men who were on ships, who clamored to battle stations,

who cried over lost comrades. Much of today's generation will hear of these events only from sterile textbooks and dry classroom lectures, information that may go in one ear and out of the other.

There is much that divides us today — some of it is of consequence, and some of it is merely the result of too little generational sacrifice, a lack of understanding of what is and is not important.

We should remember this event and inform future generations of this event not just by moments of prayer and reflection, but by focusing on being better Americans, and along with the hardships we as a nation have overcome reflect on our own shortcomings.

There were more dark moments to come during World War II in within the United States. Out of fear and prejudice, Japanese-Americans were forced from their homes and put into internment camps. Two wrongs do not and never have made a right, and we would be wise to remember this today.

Very recently, our 41st President, George H.W. Bush, a decorated Navy pilot who was shot down in the Pacific in 1944, passed away. He was the last of the World War II generation to occupy the Oval Office.

H.W. Bush was a skilled bureaucratic and diplomatic leader, and will be remembered and missed.

Freedom is important. We owe ours today to the heroes of Pearl Harbor and to the heroes of the battles that would follow. We remember them and learn. And we offer thanks.

## Annual Marine Corp. Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign

The deadline to drop off toys for the Annual Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign is by end of day on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

It's safe to say that 2020 has been a tough year for everyone. Kids and parents more than ever could use a little extra "Merry" in their

Christmas this year and the Marine Corp Reserves are hoping to help bring bright smiles to their faces this Holiday Season.

The Derry Police Department will also once again be participating in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Campaign this season. Please drop off new, unwrapped, non-

violent toys to the main lobby of the station.

Last year residents helped the DPD collect 3,818 toys for kids.

The police are also doing a "Stuff The Truck" event with McGruff the Crime Dog at the Derry Walmart on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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has created situations that vary around the state.

Fox also said that there is a team working on the next steps of the effort to provide care for these individuals and relocate them to where there is a proper fit.

Town Councilor Jim Morgan spoke to the attendees saying that as a whole, the town has been very supportive of the agency, but felt they were caught off guard when the councilors started receiving phone calls from the residents of Derry with concerns of what was happening.

He said had this meeting taken place before something was written about it in the paper, there would be no need to call people in to explain it.

He followed up by asking what the long-term plan was with the relocation of these individuals.

Spofford started to answer by apologizing for his tone earlier in the meeting, say that he was reacting to comments he had read on social media written by some of the town council members. He said, "The lack of compassion was stunning."

Spofford then said that the contract they have for these people continues to

the end of the year, but teams are looking for long-term solutions.

Morgan added that he doesn't have a problem with the organization providing services to these folks, but the council has an obligation to make sure people in the downtown area are safe, especially with their efforts to revitalize that area.

Councilor Josh Bourdon wondered why the emergency meeting was held in the first place, saying that he thought this all could have been ironed out at their next meeting. "It's almost embarrassing, and I want to apologize to Eric Spofford for having to come down here to defend himself."

He also took exception with Morgan labeling "these people" from Manchester, saying they could be from anywhere.

Bourdon also called to attention the fact that this was the first time Spofford ever had to defend taking in people with substance abuse problems.

Member Brian Chirichiello asked if any of those invited to attend the meeting knew about the recent plan for the state to relocate prisoners in Derry near schools without letting the town know.

None of the three were aware of the situation, which led Chirichiello to

explain why he thought the meeting was important. He said his phone wouldn't stop ringing at that time and that's what prompted this meeting. He felt the meeting was important and was not embarrassed for trying to get information out to the people.

Spofford defended his agency, saying that as soon as Derry's Town Administrator Dave Caron called him with concerns, he returned the call and answered all his questions. He added that he did feel it was necessary that he contact the town whenever they take on new clients.

Council Chairman Charlie Foote defended the need for the meeting, saying that he felt a lot of positive things came from it. The meeting helped explain to the community what his group does.

State Senator Regina Birdsell attended the meeting also, and said that she felt the meeting helped explain what was being done by Spofford and the responsibility that he had put on himself.

There was some confusion on how many people were actually placed in the Derry facility, and Spofford cleared it up by saying that they originally had 20 coming to the facility, but four would up in other centers, so there was a total of 16 people.

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# Mr. and Mrs. Claus Make Appearance on Broadway in Derry



The Derry Village Rotary held their annual Food Drive on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28, near the Pocket Park on West Broadway in Derry. The group usually hold the event during the holiday parade, but with that being cancelled they chose to hold the event after all. The club was joined on Small business Saturday by some of their new young members from Pinkerton Academy, the Interact Club who helped flag down motorists for donations. Members of "The Voice" Studio was on hand to help ring in holiday cheer with Christmas Caroling. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were also there to raise awareness of the clubs efforts

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he felt that he would have any trouble filling the position, citing that in the past, it's been hard to fill.

Genuardo responded that because he is very picky about who he chooses, the process takes time. He said, "I just want the right person."

Member Sue Reynolds asked whether an open position in his department has been filled yet, with Genuardo responding that it was filled a couple weeks ago.

Reynolds wondered whether it wouldn't be a good idea to hold off on filling the new position until they see if the additional member just hired might suit his department's needs. She asked if he could see what he could get done without adding that second full-time person.

Genuardo said that even when that position was filled, he was short staff.

Chairman Steve Finnegan agreed with Reynolds saying, "You had a position vacant for six months, and is this the right time to ask for a new position given, you're now fully staffed with what you have currently."

Reynolds also questioned when the position would start, and being that the new staff member wouldn't begin until April, she proposed removing \$10,920 from what wouldn't be used in the first 13 weeks of the year.

The updated payroll line of \$256,850 was then voted on, and was approved. Finnegan noted that the new position would be at a rate of \$21 per hour and lowered the total increase to 18 percent.

After the vote, Knight added that she still wanted to address whether the new position was going to be needed.

At that point Genuardo took exception to the Budget Committee challenging his need for a new employee. "It's always the Budget Committee that I have an issue with, because it's always the one that thinks they know everything about everybody's department on what we need." He added, "None of you people are ever with a department that does what we do every single day. I don't understand why we need to come here and be told what we need and what we don't need just so you guys can crunch numbers and feel good about it. I hate coming here."

He added that last year, he wasn't able to make a meeting, and his budget was cut in his absence. "I don't come up with things because I want it, I come up with things because I need it," Genuardo commented.

Finnegan responded that while he appreciates his sentiment on the subject, he felt that this is why the taxpayers elect them to this position to look at every budget and put forth a budget that can pass in March. "We're here to ask

questions."

Genuardo then asked the committee if expenses have gone up in their household, which they agreed, and Reynolds said the same thing has happened in the Highway Department.

Member Chris Edris mentioned that the Highway Budget plowing was raised by \$170,000 last year, and they approved \$160,000.

At that point, things got a bit argumentative, and Finnegan called for order

to continue their discussions in a more civil manner.

In discussing the Plowing line, Reynolds brought up the fund that houses unspent money designated for snow removal, and said she was not in favor of increasing that line by \$9,000.

Selectmen liaison Darren Hudgins mentioned that the plow line was raised last year, and asked why it was being raised again this year, with Genuardo responding that he was trying to put some away for when the town has a bad year, they'll have extra money.

It was also brought up that the money set aside of the plowing fund, if not spent by the end of the year, goes into an account to make sure they have money to cover plowing expenses.

It was also explained

that plow drivers get \$70 per hour with a minimum of four hours when called. Genuardo added that a typical salt run cost the town a little under \$10,000 per storm.

A vote was then taken, and approved 4-3, on reducing the plowing line to \$205,000, which was \$4,000 less than being asked for.

Reynolds added after the vote that she didn't want Genuardo to feel that they are attacking his budget, but wanted the budget they approve to be passed by voters.

The committee went on to approve a number of other line items in the Highway Budget to end the meeting.

The Highway Operating budget currently stands at \$856,467, but that number may change before the final budget is presented to Sandown voters.

## OBITUARY

### Esther DeFoor Tssetsilas



Esther DeFoor Tssetsilas, 93, of Derry, NH, formerly of Belgium, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at Hanover Hill Healthcare, Manchester, NH. She was born on Feb. 17, 1927, a daughter of the late Cyril and Adele (Gobin) DeFoor. Esther emigrated to the United States in 1962, moving to Newton, MA. She married the love of her life Arthur Tssetsilas on Nov. 22, 1964, and moved to Derry, NH. She became a US citizen on June 18, 1968. Esther had a real passion for her crafts and sewing. She also enjoyed cooking, flowers, playing Bingo and most of all her birds - all named Nanette. She was well loved at the Derry Parks and Recreation Department where she taught tai-chi. Esther was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry.

She is survived by her brother Jules DeFoor and wife Dolly of Derry, daughter Marie-Therese and grandson Pascal of Belgium, along with many stepchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family here and in Belgium. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Arthur N. Tssetsilas in 2005, and three brothers in Belgium.

Private funeral services will be held for the family at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Public graveside service will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m., in the Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry Rd., Derry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sunshine Soup Kitchen in Derry.

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## OBITUARY

### Craig S. Smith



Craig S. Smith, 54, of Derry, NH, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 in his home. He was born in Malden, MA on Jan. 1, 1966, a son of Craig Smith and Doris (Trout) Smith. He had been a resident of Derry since 1996, formerly

living in Londonderry, NH. He was a graduate of Londonderry High School and had attended the General Electric Apprentice Program. Craig served as a Corporal in the US Marines during Desert Storm and had been a crew chief trained in crash fire rescue. He was employed as a machinist for P.P.H. in Malden, MA. Craig was a member of the American Legion Post #9 in Derry. He enjoyed duck hunting and was an accomplished decoy carver. Craig enjoyed boating, and working on antique boat motors and was a member of the Antique Outboard Motor Club.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife Tina (Pitkin) Smith of Derry; four children, Tyler LeBel, Thomas Smith, Molly Smith, and Emily Smith; two sisters, Doreen McNeill, and Diana LaMothe and her husband Dean; two nieces, Jenna McNeill, and Sadie LaMothe; and two nephews, Joseph McNeill, and DJ LaMothe.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Nov. 27 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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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 unaffordable 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," said Senator Chuck Morse, Chairman of the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission.

"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. Emergency drought assistance is available to eligible households retroactive to costs incurred since June 23, 2020. Homeowners interested in assistance are asked to complete the following survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/well-waterhelp](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/well-waterhelp)

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

## The Upper Room Announces Workshops On Demand

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center, is announcing free On Demand Workshops. We are now offering a series of prerecorded workshops which are available for free viewing on the Upper Room's website.

These workshops, which cover topics presented by Upper Room instructors, are now easily available for individuals to view and learn from on their own schedule. Currently, we are offering a series of parenting workshops as well as a stress management workshop. Titles include: "Pre-

venting Problem Behaviors in Children," "Dealing with Problem Behaviors in Children," "The Importance of Routines and Consistency for Your Child," and the stress management workshop "Thriving Through Stress." We anticipate adding more topics over time.

Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director of The Upper Room, explains that "As a Family Resource Center, our goal is to support families and individuals through educational resources and support which will help them live healthy lives. By offering

our workshops on demand, we can help our community stay connected to our resources in a timely and flexible way."

To learn more about Workshops On Demand, please visit [URteachers.org/workshops-on-demand](http://URteachers.org/workshops-on-demand)

Our center is a warm, welcoming place where families receive information and support not only

in times of crisis but on a day-to-day basis. We place no boundaries on service, and help all who come to our center seeking support. For more information, call (603) 437-8477, or visit our website at [URteachers.org](http://URteachers.org)

For other press-related inquiries, please contact Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director, 603-437-8477 or [bguggisberg@urteachers.org](mailto:bguggisberg@urteachers.org)

## OBITUARY

### Linda L. Boulette



Linda L. Boulette, 73, of Derry, NH passed away Saturday Nov. 21, 2020 at her residence after a lengthy illness. She was born Aug. 25, 1947 in Derry and was a daughter of the late Warren and Laura (Herbut) Alexander. Linda was a lifelong resident of the Derry area. She was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy and cosmetology school in Lawrence, MA.

Linda was a hairdresser for over 42 years before her retirement, and 31 of those years as the owner and operator of Linwood Beauty Salon in Derry. She enjoyed painting, was a former candlepin bowler and loved the ocean. She and her husband Dick owned a year-round home in Wells Beach, ME for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Richard E. Boulette; her son and his wife, Richard W. and Ann Marie Boulette; two grandchildren, Kayli and Alex Boulette; her sister-in-law, Harriet Lemery, four nieces, Karen, Lisa, Cheryl and Dawn; and four nephews, John III, Michael, Brian and Barry.

Private funeral services will be held by the family with burial at Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Easter Seals NH, 555 Auburn St., Manchester, NH 03103, or the New Hampshire SPCA at 104 Portsmouth Ave., P.O. Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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## Dog Man Party Fun

The Chester Public Library held a Dog Man Party for kids based on the Dog Man comic books by Dav Pilkey. At the party, participants had prizes, a raffle for a Dog Man book, and stations where kids made themed crafts including a Petey puppet, robots at "Lil' Petey's Robot Shop", and a DIY flipbook. Those attending also got to enjoy a "K9 Sniff Test" where the kids guessed food items based on smells!

*Courtesy photos*



## Santa Will Travel Through Sandown on Dec. 5

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - Sandown Selectman Jon Goldman announced that the Fire and Police Departments will be escorting Santa Claus through the neighborhoods on Saturday, Dec. 5, starting from

the center of town at 10 a.m. The route will be similar to the one done earlier in the year and those routes will be posted on Thursday or Friday this week on the town website. Goldman also said there would be a tracking app available for residents to be able to track Santa's

whereabouts in real time. Residents who live in neighborhoods where Santa will not be visiting will be able to catch the procession at the Edward C. Garvey Recreation Facility parking area. He also mentioned that staff would be at the Fire Station throughout the day

if people wanted to donate to the food pantry to help replenish their stock for the upcoming holiday. He added that Santa will not be stopping along the route, and Peter Kester has volunteered his jeep for the event, and it will be decked out with holiday cheer.

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# Local Women Publish Children's Book: A Christmas Fable

SANDOWN - Debbie Ryan of Sandown and Alice Duston, longtime resident of Hampstead, granddaughter and daughter of Joan Carter, with the help of illustrator Susan Monty of Derry, tell the story of a cold Christmas Eve where the animals of the forest came from near and far to gather around Saint Nicolas. He would read them the amazing story how Joseph

and his wife Mary arrived in Bethlehem just in time for the baby Jesus to be born. Saint Nicolas reminds them of the amazing events that happened that wondrous night.

Joan Carter wrote "A Christmas Fable" late in life and read it to her grandchildren until she was ninety-two years old. The family continues to read the story every Christmas eve. Joan Carter lived

most her life in Storrs, Conn. After graduating from high school she attended library training school, and became a children's librarian. Inspired to write by her favorite childhood teacher who would assign a poem for the students to memorize, left such an impression she could quote some of those poems her whole life. Joan wrote several poems and short stories

for her daughter and grandchildren to enjoy.

A Christmas Fable is illustrated by Derry artist, Susan Monty. She is a New England native who grew up in Windham and now resides in Derry, where she works in her home studio. Susan's artwork is inspired by animals and nature. Her watercolor illustrations are a perfect fit, as birds and animals fill Susan's

nature journals. With Susan's skilled brush, the charming forest animals come alive in A Christmas Fable. More of her work can be seen at [www.Susanmonty.com](http://www.Susanmonty.com)

Debbie says the memory of her grandmother sharing A Christmas Fable with her sons in her Sandown NH home is a gift. The story is now being told to the fourth generation of her family.

Debbie and her mother, Alice Duston created the book in honor of Joan Carter hoping that other families would enjoy the tradition of sharing A Christmas Fable and creating their own memories.

A Christmas Fable is the perfect gift this holiday season and can be found on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble. Include Joan Carter or Susan Monty in your search.

# Do Rub It In: CDC Reminds Public To Wash Their Hands

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Flu season 2019 seemed to go right into the COVID-19 pandemic, and now the COVID-19 pandemic has ran right into flu season 2020.

Many have been so concerned with COVID-19 that they have stopped taking as many precautions against the germs that the public has been more accustomed to over the years.

While the Center for Disease Control does state that surface contact is not the main transmission of the COVID-19 virus, there is still some risk coming into contact with surfaces.

Because of this, the

CDC still highly recommends washing hands after touching surfaces.

The first week of Dec. is hand-washing awareness week. Flu activity most often peaks between Dec. and Feb., making it a good time to remind the general public to take the process of properly washing their hands.

The CDC states that COVID-19 can possibly be transmitted by touching a surface that has come into contact with infected droplets and then bringing infected hands and fingers to the face.

Aside from touching the face after coming into contact with outside surfaces, viruses and germs can spread a number of ways as a result of not washing

hands, says the CDC.

The CDC states that the key times to wash hands to prevent spread are before, during, and after preparing food, before and after eating food, before and after caring for someone who is ill, before and after treating a cut or wound, after using the toilet, after changing diapers or assisting a child in the bathroom, after blowing the nose, coughing, or sneezing, after touching an animal, animal feed, or cleaning up after an animal, and after handling garbage.

There is a proper technique to properly washing hands, according to the CDC. Most are aware of the 20 second rule, but

there is a little bit more to the full proper technique.

First, hands must be wet with clean running water.

Soap should be lathered onto the backs of the hands, between the fingers, and under the fingernails. Hands should then be scrubbed for at least 20 seconds.

Hands should then be rinsed well under clean running water and dried with a clean towel or air-dried.

Many have asked how it is possible that simple soap and water helps to remove harmful and reduce the risk of contracting illnesses, like

COVID-19. The CDC explains that when soap and water is worked into a lather, it traps and removes germs from the hands. The lather forms pockets called micelles that trap and remove the germs.

20 seconds of lathering helps to physically destroy germs and remove them from the skin. When thoroughly rinsed, these germs are then carried down the drain.

As with soap and water hand-washing, the CDC states that there is a proper technique to applying hand sanitizer.

First, the gel should be

applied to the palm of one hand (the product label will offer the proper amount). Then, the hands should be rubbed together, and the gel should be rubbed over all surfaces of the hands and fingers until hands are completely dry, taking about 20 seconds.

Hand washing may seem insignificant, but as with all things cold, flu, and now COVID, an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure.

For more information visit [cdc.gov/handwashing](http://cdc.gov/handwashing).

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# Greater Derry Track Club's Turkey Trot Has Fewer Races

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Greater Derry Track Club's 47th annual

Turkey Trot was held once again, but this year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the field of racers was much smaller, and the start of the

race was staggered to accommodate social distancing guidelines set by the state.

A field of over 200 runners set out on Thanksgiving morning, starting at 7:30 a.m., in Derry to set out on the 5K course around Beaver Lake on what was a rather wet, but warm morning considering the late fall date.

Nicolas Sevilla-Connolly, of Chester, was the first runner to cross the finish line with a time of 15:33. Nottingham's Zach Aham took the second place spot with a time of 16:43. Derry resident Luke Brennan was the third place winner with a time of 17:08.

For the women, Heather Searles, of Nashua was the first to cross the line at 19:08. She finished in seventh place overall.

Taking second was Morgan Sansing, a former

Pinkerton Academy runner, with a time of 17:08. She was eighth overall.

Third for the women was Hana Bredstein, 19, of Derry, took third place for the women and took 12th overall with her time of 20:09. Gabriela Webber, 33, of Manchester finished at 20:10, to take fourth in the women's division. She was 13th overall.

The top 25 Derry runners were: Third place,

Luke Brennan - 17:08; 4th, Thomas Hanlon - 17:19; 10th, Craig Coventry - 20:07; 11th, Cam Phelps - 20:08; 12th, Hana Bredstein - 20:09; 16th, Ryan Boulanger - 20:53; 23rd, Bailey Yager - 21:54; 35th, Kaisar Perry - 23:38; 37th, Jose Velho - 23:44; 40th, Nichole Reimer - 24:05; 44th, Shaya Bredstein - 24:37; 46th, Andy LePage - 24:45; 50th, Elana Bannerman - 25:07; 52th, Patrick

Hanlon - 25:32; 58th, Bryson Hooke - 26:06; 60th, Kerry Hooke - 00:26:15; 64th, Jamie Clow - 00:26:42; 67th Julie Lepage - 26:57; 68th, Paul Ralston - 27:08; 70th, Sara Muller - 27:21; 76th, Philip Hooke - 28:15; 77th, Heather McCreven - 28:15; 79th, Anthony Gaudette - 28:18; 81st, Joyce Waterhouse - 28:35; and in 82nd, Nate Ralston - 28:41.



Natalie Henry heads for the finish line at the 47th annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.

## Hampstead Public Library News

HAMPSTEAD – Due to rising cases of COVID-19 in our community and with Rockingham County at a positivity rate over 5%, the Hampstead Public Library is temporarily suspending in-person browsing appointments for the two-week period after Thanksgiving, through December 12. The Library's Pandemic Policy strives to balance the needs of the community with the safety of the staff and our patrons. Assessment of the situation will be ongoing and as it changes, we will reevaluate the level of in-person services which can be offered.

Please reserve materials online for Curbside Pickup, or call the Library (603-329-6411) to get help choosing your items. The Librarians are always happy to email (circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org) or chat with you to help you find books you'll love. You can also fill out a "Tailored for You" personalized book-match question-

naire paper which is available on the curbside table, or online via [www.hampsteadlibrary.org/what-do-i-read-next](http://www.hampsteadlibrary.org/what-do-i-read-next). Curbside Pickup services are available six days a week from 9 - 4 pm on Monday/Wednesday/Friday, from 9 - 7 pm on Tuesday/Thursday, and from 9 - 1 pm on Saturday, except during holiday closures.

Online resources are available 24/7. Visit [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org) for a complete list of free digital download services for magazines, books, movies, music, and video. Plus, you'll find fun educational resources such as Heritage Quest, Transparent Language, Creativebug, and Universal Class.

For adult and family entertainment, the Hampstead Public Library shares an online theatrical event during the month of December. Starting December 7, a link to a video of the Pontine Theatre's A White Heron will be available on the Library web-

site Events Calendar. If you have never seen a Pontine Theatre production, now is your chance to enjoy one for free! Join Pontine Co-Artistic Directors, Greg Gathers and Marguerite Mathews, as they share their original staging of Sarah Orne Jewett's beloved story A White Heron. Jewett (1849-1909) was an American writer born into an old New England family in the coastal town of South Berwick, Maine. Drawing from her native region, she is admired for her stories celebrating small town life set on the Maine seacoast. Pontine brings Jewett's story to life through storytelling, toy theatre figures, shadow puppetry and rolling panoramas. It is quite a thing to behold and is suitable for all ages. You can watch A White Heron at your convenience anytime between December 7 and New Year's Day. The video includes a behind-the-scenes look at the production with Greg and Marguerite.

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# NH Fish & Game in Need of Help To Help Creatures in Need

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Colorful nature scapes and a fascinating variety of wildlife are some of what makes New Hampshire such a unique and interesting state. But as the state continues to develop, it proves that is sadly not immune from population troubles with its native animals.

Giving Tuesday, aptly set on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, is an opportunity for thousands of people to give back by supporting thousands of causes in their local communities. This year, givers can consider a cause that goes to work right in their own backyards.

New Hampshire Fish

and Game's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife program works to help preserve and rehabilitate threatened species throughout the state. Established in 1988, the program serves as, "the steward for the state's nongame wildlife-species not hunted, fished, or trapped."

The Nongame program protects over 400 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians, as well as thousands of insects and other invertebrates. The program has many different projects to work on serving each of these species individually.

The New England Cottontail is just one such species the program serves.

The goal of the New England Cottontail project is to restore a viable population of the rabbits to New Hampshire by working with landowners to increase suitable habitat and augmenting the population with captive bred rabbits.

Recent surveys indicate that there are approximately ten thousand to thirteen thousand New England Cottontails across their historic range, says Heidi Holman, Wildlife Diversity Biologist for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

"Here in New Hampshire (though), we may only have about one hundred New England cottontails!" said Holman, fur-

ther explaining that there are two areas of the state in which the rabbits live: in the Seacoast and near the Merrimack River.

The rabbits have recently been documented in several southern New Hampshire towns, including the town of Londonderry. The conservation effort looks to expand the population in these areas and into areas of northern New Hampshire as well.

The Fish and Game department often gets reports of nesting rabbits in residents' backyards, but more often than not, these are not sightings of the endangered New England Cottontail.

"It is not common for people to see New England cottontails because they live in dense thickets," explained Holman. "especially those that are larger than ten acres in size."

The species that most residents end up reporting

is the Eastern cottontail, a non-native introduced species of rabbit, said Holman. Regardless of species, however, Holman urged residents to leave any spotted wildlife alone and to report sightings, specifically rabbit sightings, to NH Rabbits Reports for agents to follow up as needed.

Loss of habitat is a common reason why certain species, including New England cottontails, become endangered. To help the Nongame program in its mission to protect all endangered species, residents can help to create habitat on their property.

Holman explained that this can be done by planting a pollinator garden with diverse native plants which will help local bees and butterflies flourish. Creating a large thicket for rabbits to nest in will also help.

Of course, one of the easiest and most helpful ways to support the efforts of the Fish

and Game's conservation efforts is to donate to the Nongame Program. All monetary donations are tax deductible and can be made online or through the mail.

Public contributions like those made on Giving Tuesday help members of the Nongame Program build and maintain holding pens where young New England Cottontails learn how to forage for when they are eventually released into the wild.

The New England Cottontail is just one of hundreds of species vital to the ecosystem of the Granite State. With Giving Tuesday just around the corner, New Hampshire Fish and Game urges givers to consider adding the Nongame Program to their lists.

For more information on the NH Fish and Game Department's Nongame Program, visit [wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame](http://wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame)

## YMCA of Greater Londonderry Hosts the 3rd Annual Candy Cane Hunt

"The Great Candy Cane Hunt" Come help kick off the holiday season this Saturday, Dec. 5 during The YMCA of Greater Londonderry's 3rd Annual Great Candy Cane Hunt from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Children will be divided into groups by time slot to go on a flashlight search for hidden candy canes, while staff assist with social distancing. Participants will register for a specific 30-minute time slot to search for candy canes, visit with Santa, create a holiday craft, and enjoy hot cocoa donated by O'Shea's Caife & Tae in Londonderry. The cost for this event is \$5 per person, pre-registration is required for all who plan to attend. Flashlights and masks are

also required to participate. Guests are invited to bring an unwrapped gift for the Angel Tree, to provide for a child in need this holiday season. The Y nurtures the potential of children and teens, improves the nation's health and well-being, and gives back and supports its neighbors.

To register for The Great Candy Cane Hunt, visit <https://bit.ly/3f9P4fx>. Limited time slots are available. The event will take place at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry at 206 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, NH from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Members and guests are welcome. For more information, please contact Stacy Neville, Association Child Care

Director at 603.437.9622 or email [sneville@graniteymca.org](mailto:sneville@graniteymca.org).

As one of the state's longest standing and most enduring non-profits, The Granite YMCA focuses on youth development, healthy living, social responsibility, and family strengthening. Across the state, its six branches engage 30,000 men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to improve their health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. In 2019, The Granite YMCA provided financial assistance and free services valued at over \$1.6 million to 26,189 individuals. To learn more, visit [www.graniteymca.org](http://www.graniteymca.org).

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## DERRY

### Toys For Tots

The deadline to drop off toys is Tuesday, Dec. 15 by end of day. It's safe to say 2020 has been a tough year for everyone. Kids and parents more than ever could use a little extra "Merry" in their Christmas this year and we're hoping to help bring bright smiles to their faces this Holiday Season! Derry PD will be participating in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Campaign for the 2020 season. Please drop off new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys to the main lobby of the station. Last year you all helped us collect 3,818 toys for kids! Can we do even better this year? We are also doing a "Stuff The Truck" event at Derry WalMart with McGruff the Crime Dog on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., the Derry Library Hosts Online Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session every other week that focuses on a different aspect of genealogy research, sharing her knowledge and experience, highlighting common pitfalls, or sharing interesting stories of local historic individuals. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

### Manga/Anime Take and Make

This program will run from December to the end of February every other Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Kids aged 10-18 can register for each session they're interested in, pick up their "take and make" kits at the Derry library, and then join the group online to socialize and make a fun manga/anime themed craft. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

### Elf Training

On Dec. 8, from 9:30 a.m.

- 6:30 p.m. the Derry Library will host Elf Training (Socially Distanced Edition!). Family groups can sign up for a specific time slot to have their children go through Elf Training. The children will make crafts, sing songs, and share stories to celebrate the holiday season. Masks are required for all participants over three years of age. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

### Seasonal Affective Disorder

On Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. the Derry Library will host Online Seasonal Affective Disorder: How to Beat the Winter Blues. Award-winning Psychiatrist Dr. David Mischoulon has spent several decades researching various areas of depression, including complementary and alternative medicine. He will be giving a lecture on what seasonal depression is, and its symptoms, and different approaches for treating it. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

### What Makes a "Christmas" Movie?

On Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m., the Derry Library will hold an Online What makes a movie a "Christmas" movie? Resident movie expert Liz will be giving a full length program asking an intriguing social question about Christmas film culture. What makes a movie a "holiday movie"? And how do some movies, like Die Hard, become Christmas movies in the public consciousness? Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

### Poinsettia Fundraiser

The Greater Derry Humane Society is holding a Poinsettia Plant Fundraiser from Nov. 9 - 28. A portion of every plant purchased will help with the cost of animal supplies, food, vet care, behavior training, dental care, surgical procedures, and much more. Plants have been grown by Orchard Hill Greenhouses in Londonderry,

and come in a variety of sizes: 6.5" pot - \$15 each; 7.5" pot - \$23 each; 8.5" pot - \$30 each. Order Forms are located at the Greater Derry Humane Society Website at <https://forms.gle/RXuWcMe9u8e3nRCi7>. Plant(s) can be picked up at Orchard Hill Greenhouses, 92 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry, from Dec. 5 - 20. Call or text Orchard Hill Greenhouses at 603-235-2804 to schedule a pick-up day and time. Please bring a copy of your emailed receipt when you pick up your plant(s).

### 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 Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for New Year.

### Stranger Things Escape Room

Can you escape the Upside Down? Find out at the Chester Library on Mondays in Dec. at 4, 5, & 6 p.m.

Registration is mandatory to keep numbers low Call 887-3404. We CANNOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### FREE Hair Braiding Classes

Join the Chester library to learn how to make The Classic French Braid on Friday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. Join Miss Kandy for this fun series of hair braiding! Just bring a partner, a tail comb and a brush. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers low Call 887-3404. We CANNOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### Friends of the Library Meeting

The Friends of Chester Library will be holding a meeting on Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Join the Friends and help with fundraising to benefit the library. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers low Call 887-3404. We CANNOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, Dec. 12 from 8 - 9:30 a.m. & 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Library MPR. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance at the Chester Public Library. \$5 per person, \$20 maximum cost per family, Cash or checks accepted. Admission includes: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, donuts, fruit, coffee, tea and juice. Opportunity to take your child's picture during a visit with Santa, Children's craft to take home, and a Letter to Santa drop off. Gift card raffle tickets available for an additional cost of 1 for \$.50, 3 for \$1, 15 for \$5. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers low Call 887-3404. We CAN-

NOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### Make a Christmas Ornament (Ages 7 and up)

Come to the Chester Library on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. Children's Room Create a pretty ornament for your tree! All materials provided. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers low Call 887-3404. We CANNOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### Book Group

Now meeting in the Chester library. Discussing Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers low Call 887-3404. We CANNOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### Storytime

The Chester Library's 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 low Call 887-3404. We CANNOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### Loaf and Ladle "TO GO"

This year, Chester Congregational Baptist Church will be having a Loaf and Ladle "TO GO" on Saturday Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. - noon in the Vestry. The menu will

include: Beef Barley Soup, Corn Chowder and Chili. The meals will include bread and cookies for \$10. Note that additional soups, breads jams and jellies can also be purchased. Curbside pick-up is available if you call the church office in advance at 887-4799. Please visit our website at [www.chestermhchurch.org](http://www.chestermhchurch.org). The church is located in the center of Chester at 4 Chester St., Chester.

### Make a Snow Globe!

Get ready for Christmas by making a lovely snow globe on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Chester Library's Children's Room. All materials provided. For Adults. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers low Call 887-3404. We CANNOT guarantee social distancing. Attendance is at each patron's discretion. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken for those attending programs, to ensure the safety of our staff and other attendees.

### 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

### Pearl Harbor & Wreaths Across America

A combined Pearl Harbor and Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held on Dec. 19, at noon at the Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Town Offices. Questions can be directed to the Chairman of the Patriotic Purposes Committee, Howie Steadman at 603-329-4288.

### Heroes Tree

The Hampstead Heroes Tree will be placed in the lobby of the Town Offices starting on Dec. 8 and will be available for your placing a colored star on it before Christmas for loved ones who

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have served, are currently serving or who have given their life while in the military. Questions can be directed to the Chairman of the Patriotic Purposes Committee, Howie Steadman at 603-329-4288.

## Meditation Classes

Hampstead Library's Virtual Meditation Classes continue in Dec. 2020 on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Certified instructor/librarian Sue helps you form good meditative habits,

which can help reduce stress. Other common benefits of meditation include improving breathing efficiency, and reducing depression and anxiety. If you haven't already registered for these classes, please do so via the Events Calendar on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org).

## 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.

## Story Time

Hampstead Library's December Story Time will be

online. Details about schedule and format are coming soon. Refer to the Library's website and Facebook page for Story Time updates.

## Santa For Seniors

The Hampstead Public Library is working with Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels to help with the Santa for Seniors Program. If you'd like to provide holiday gifts for a senior in need, check out the tag-tree in front of the Library (during business hours.) Please carefully read the instructions. Select what you can help with, shop,

include the code number on the gift bag, and drop off the gift at the Library or the Rockingham Nutrition office in Brentwood by Dec. 4. It is very important that the gifts be dropped off by the deadline. If you have any questions, please email [circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org).

## Holiday House Hunt

Do you wish more people could see your amazing holiday display? Want to know where to go to enjoy them? Look no further, the PTSA is creating a Holiday House Hunt Route Map. To add your

display to the map, simply email your address to [2ndvp@hampsteadpta.org](mailto:2ndvp@hampsteadpta.org) (all addresses will be kept private, only street names will be added to the map) by Dec. 10. Map will be made available online or by email. Happy Decorating.

## Blue Christmas

Hampstead Congregational Church will offer an online Blue Christmas: Service of Remembrance, Comfort, and Hope, on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. This is an unprecedented year of grief

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and loss. So many of us have lost so much: lives lost to the virus; the inability to be with the vulnerable and sick; the loss of rituals and celebrations, the loss of employment and stability; and even the loss of being able to gather together. You are invited into a space and time to acknowledge your sadness, grief, and exhaustion. We will offer a contemplative service of prayer, scripture and music. Join us on Facebook Live (Hampstead Congregational Church) or visit [hampsteaducc.org](http://hampsteaducc.org) for a link to a live stream option.

## Virtual Meditation

There is one more Virtual Meditation at the Hampstead Library. Classes continue into next month with three planned sessions, Dec. 9, and 16. According to the Mayo Clinic there are many benefits of meditation, including reducing negative emotions, building skills to manage stress, and increasing patience and tolerance. Join us for these relaxing evening classes to help you feel more balanced during the holiday season and beyond. It is time well spent on yourself. If you have not already signed up, please do so via the Library website Events Calendar. You will then receive information about how to access these classes via Zoom.

## SANDOWN

### Library Meeting Postponed

The Sandown Friends Of The Library Meeting is Postponed Until Further Notice Due To COVID 19. If you want to learn more about the Friends and what they do, please feel free to drop-in. The Friends help to fundraise money for programs and special requests that are not covered under the normal library operating budget. Interested in being a Friend and supporting the library? We welcome new members (and you don't have to come to the meetings to support this group). For questions please contact the library at 603-887-3428 or [www.sandownlibrary.us](http://www.sandownlibrary.us)

## Zoom Room Story Time

This is a virtual story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more hosted by the Sandown Library. On Tuesday, Dec. 8, 10 - 11 a.m. Our themed story is designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. All registrants will be emailed a link to join the Zoom Video link. This is a unique link and should not be shared. The program will be locked at 10:05 a.m., so please do not be late, or you will not be allowed into the program. For questions please contact the library at 603-887-3428 or [www.sandownlibrary.us](http://www.sandownlibrary.us)

### Story Time (AGES 3-5)

On Thursday Dec. 10, from 10 - 11 a.m. Bring your preschooler or kindergartner age child to enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more. The Sandown Library's 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. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. All registrants will be emailed a link to join the Zoom Video link. This is a unique link and should not be shared. The program will be locked at 10:05 a.m., so please do not be late, or you will not be allowed into the program. For questions please contact the library at 603-887-3428 or [www.sandownlibrary.us](http://www.sandownlibrary.us)

### Holiday Coloring Contest

Children ages 3 - Grade 5 are invited to enter the Sandown Recreation 3rd Annual Holiday Coloring Contest between now and the Dec. 10 deadline. Visit the town website at [www.sandown.us](http://www.sandown.us) and head to the recreation page to find the Children's page with all the info. Categories are: Preschool ages 3 & 4; Grades: K & 1; Grades: 2 & 3 and Grades 4 & 5. Then do your

best job coloring, include the information requested and drop off your entry to the recreation building. Winners will be announced Dec. 14 during the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. For questions please call the recreation office at 887-1872 or by e-mail to: [recreation@sandown.us](mailto:recreation@sandown.us) Top winner in each age category will win a \$25 prize. To reduce Covid-19 risks, coloring pages will only be available on the town website. If printing from the website will present a challenge to you, please contact the recreation office.

### Essay Contest

A new holiday contest for students in Grades 6 - 8 this year from the Sandown Recreation. Tell us what the Holiday Season means to you, in 250 words or less. Essays will be reviewed by a panel of judges on or around Dec. 10 - 13, with winners announced at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, Dec. 14. A prize valued at \$25 will be awarded to the winner for each grade level. Please note the recreation department reserves the right to publish the name, photo and submitted essay of the winner. Entries may be returned via email to: [recreation@sandown.us](mailto:recreation@sandown.us) If internet access is an issue please contact the recreation office at 887-1872.

### Santa Claus is Coming

The Sandown Fire Rescue will be escorting Santa on Dec. 5. This will be a socially distanced trip, and Santa won't be stopping, but he will be dancing and jiving to Christmas music, and FD sirens. If you want to help replenish the food pantry in time for Christmas we will be accepting donations all day at the station. Just stop by and one of the Firefighters will be able to accept your donation.

### 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: This Month's

book: Iced Under by Barbara Ross. 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](mailto:skehoe@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.

### Virtual Mother Goose

Join the Sandown Library Monday mornings, 10 - 10:30 a.m., 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 for ages up to 36 months. 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 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too. Contact: Adrienne Skora, at 603-887-3428, or [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### Messy Mondays

From 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, join the Sandown Library for some creative, child-centered science and art exploration. Wear your old clothes and get ready to be messy! This activity will be outdoors, and will be rescheduled in the event of rain. While this event is geared to children aged 6 and under, we will make accommodations for older siblings. Please be sure to register each child that will be in attendance. Location: outdoors. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

### Legos And More

Come and build with us VIA ZOOM from 4 - 5 p.m. for Ages 6+! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have

legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc... Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Virtual. Contact: Adrienne Skora, at 603-887-3428, or [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### PJ Storytime-Facebook Live

Join Miss Adrienne live on Facebook every Wednesday from 6:30 - 7 p.m., for Virtual PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Virtual. Contact: Adrienne Skora, at 603-887-3428, or [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### Family Fun In The Kitchen

Via Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. Fall is here which means lots of apples. The Sandown Library will be making apple crisp. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us).

### BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

## REGIONAL

### COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical and non-medical volunteers to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise), and interested in assisting

your community during an emergency? The MRC provides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at [katemacdonald@catsn-h.org](mailto:katemacdonald@catsn-h.org) or 603-505-7216.

### Basketball Tryout

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Winter AAU tryouts at the Candia Youth Athletic Association in Candia, NH. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd - 8th. The first tryout date is Saturday Nov. 28. Times are 2nd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 2 - 3 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 3 - 4 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at [CoatesNew@hotmail.com](mailto:CoatesNew@hotmail.com).

### Toy Sale

Do you have toys to donate to the annual St. Gianna's Toy Sale? Drop off any time to: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry (Aquinas Center), 5 Isabella Dr., Londonderry and St. Matthew's Church Windham. The sale will take place on Dec. 5, at St. Thomas Church, Derry, from 9 a.m. - noon. Must wear a mask and bring your own bag.

### Career Skills

Need career skills? Work-Ready NH will hold Virtual Class on Monday - Friday, from noon - 2:30 p.m. for 10 hours independent work. To register, call 603-230-3435 Learn Session: Dec. 18.

### TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children.



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