

# Joint Legislative Committee Discusses Derry's Future

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - A Derry Joint Legislative Committee meeting was held last week, with many of the governing bodies representing the town coming together to discuss Derry's current issues in town as well as what they view as taking place in the future.

Members of the Town Council, Town Administration, School District, School Board, State Representatives, and the State Senate gathered for their periodic meeting which largely revolved around the current COVID-19

pandemic, and its results. First to speak was the School District's Business Administrator, Jane Simard, who discussed the implications of financial burden being seen with a number of family's choosing to withdraw students in favor of home schooling. Simard started by saying that there are concerns with the enrollment number heading into next year because of the fact that the school district receives a considerable amount of funding from the state through Adequacy Education Funding. She said that last year, the district had 151 home

schooled students, for which the schools did not receive any funding. This year, as of August, they had 246 students being home schooled, she attributed this to the pandemic. Simard said they expect many of those students to come back next year, but when the state looks to fund Derry with Adequacy Education, they'll be looking at numbers from this year. Therefore she said, the district will be seeing around a \$300,000 loss in revenue from the state. It was also brought up that on a high school level, if students take

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# School Board Proposes a New Central School Project Again

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Tuesday night, Dec. 8, Hampstead School Board meeting, members once again addressed the Central School Construction and Renovation Plan.

The plan has been voted down by residents a number of times, despite changes over the years. This year, the plan was broken down into two main points, with planners and architects focusing efforts into renovating the current 60's wing and the construction of new additions to the school. To get to where the plan is today, presenters marked the six-step

process that led the plan to its current state. The first step was a review of the 2018 warrant proposal and subsequent 2019 cost plans. The second step was a review of public feedback from the two previous proposals. Steps three, four, and five included multiple on-site walkthroughs of the building and campus, a deep dive into past plans to find strong points and shortfalls, and multiple revision processes of those past plans. The last step of the six-step plan was the presentation Tuesday. Once the steps were outlined of how the plan came to be, presenters then shifted focus to why

there's a plan at all. The presentation broke this question down into four key points: improvements in safety and security, compliance with building code requirements, improved building efficiency, and fixing space deficiencies. With the ultimate goal of the project mapped out, the presentation started to specify plans of action and proposed ideas, starting with the renovation of the 60's wing. All of the proposed ideas were influenced by previous work done on the 60's wing, with durability rather than cost-cutting being the main priority of the presenters. The first of which was

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**Holiday Spirit** Characters from the popular Disney film Frozen were just one of the many participants in this year's Hampstead Holiday Parade that made its way throughout much of the town on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13. See more photos on page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

# Chester Selectmen Vote to Hire New Police Officer

**CHRIS PAUL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During last week's Chester Board of Selectmen meeting, held on Thursday, Dec. 10, Police Chief Aaron Berube asked the board for their consideration in hiring Sarah Gasik as part-time police officer. Berube told the board

that Gasik is a Chester resident, and is currently a Real Estate Agent, but is also full-time certified as a police officer and was previously employed by the Amherst Police Department for over ten years. Berube added that he thought she would be a great asset to the community's police force. He told the board that

she was attending the virtual meeting, and asked that the board direct any questions they had toward her. Selectman Chuck Meyette started by welcoming Gasik, saying he thought she was a good choice. Member Steph Landau asked Gasik how she would feel about having to

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# Chester Planning Board Approves Capital Improvement Plan

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The Chester Planning Board held their latest meeting on Wednesday Dec. 9, with one of the major topics of discussion was the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2021.

The CIP, which has been under much discussion as of late, was approved that night by the Planning Board and now it will be sent to the Chester

Budget Committee for their approval.

Two heavily discussed line items on the CIP were an alarm system for the Highway Department shed and the issue of a new vehicle for the Maintenance Department.

Chester Town Planner, Andrew Hadik, began the CIP discussion by going over the most recent changes to the CIP.

The first change being from the Police Depart-

ment.

In a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board had decided to move a pick-up truck for the Police Department in the 23-24 Capital Improvement Plan up to 2021 and to give the Maintenance Department the Police Department's current truck.

The cost of the pick-up truck is listed as \$51,000

Planning Board mem-

ber, Michael Weider, questioned the reasoning behind this decision, "it was in the CIP for 2023-2024 but it doesn't mean it was going to be replaced and now we moved it right into position to put \$51,000 down, when you can take cruiser that was going to be retired and do the same thing. To me it does not make sense."

It was also in Weider's discussion points that the truck only has around 26,000 miles on it and the town can find another piece of equipment to pull the landscaping equipment for less than the amount of a new truck, which is the discussed 51,000 dollars.

Chuck Myette, liaison for the Board of Selectmen, then replied to Weider's concerns of the purchase of a new vehicle, stating that, "We do not want to have to purchase two vehicles, so instead we moved it (truck) two years forward."

Myette also mentioned the need for a new Maintenance Vehicle, and that the Police Department truck is already equipped with a plow package and towing capabilities for the Maintenance Department to be

able to tow around their landscaping equipment as well.

The rest of the Planning Board members agreed to move forward with other changes to the CIP knowing that the Board of Selectman had discussed the change to the CIP regarding the maintenance vehicle.

Other items on the CIP for the Police Department in 2021-22 are: A Cruiser-\$55,630; Protective equipment-\$10,000; and Body-Worn Cameras-16,885.

Hadik then spoke on the second recent change which was a quote for a Highway Department shed alarm.

The quote for the alarm system would cost the town 21,393 dollars.

The question then arose if the alarm was a recommendation or a requirement from the insurance company. If the alarm is a requirement and "they (insurance company) want the alarm then they should chip in. Adding 21,000 dollars to the CIP is a lot of money with no back up", says Weider. It was also mentioned that the insurance company recommended the alarm and code wise it

is not required because no one sleeps in the building. Hadik also noted that the alarm system is solely a fire alarm system and not security.

With the condition of the Highway Department shed alarm expense being sorted out, the Planning Board approved the CIP to be sent to the Budget Committee.

Other items on the CIP for the Highway Department in 2021-22 are: Grind and Repave (no base gravel added or under-drainage work) - 15 Year Lifespan of Holman Way, North Pond Road (Candia Road end), Parker Road and Rand Drive. The total cost of those projects is \$1,000,500.

Under General Government in the CIP, there was four projects listed for a total of 52,500. Those projects are Hardware and Software upgrades, a 16-foot open work trailer, a BI, Assessing/PB HVAC Upgrade and an Upgrade to the Municipal Building Annex Boiler.

The fire department currently has two items on the CIP for 2021-22. They are: Expand and Repave Parking Lot - \$75,000 and a Roof Upgrade- \$45,000.



## Secret Santas

Derry Police Officers recently ventured to Walmart in Derry to purchase some toys for the Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign on behalf of a donation provided by the Derry Police Community Welfare Association/Derry Police Benevolent Association. Officers had some fun picking out toys for girls and boys of all ages. So far the total toy count for the campaign is at 2,100. The department wishes to thank an anonymous donor who also contributed to the officers shopping spree.

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# Heritage Commission Looks to Reprint Rick Holmes Book

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**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Heritage Commission met on Thursday night, Dec. 10, and one of the topics they discussed was possibility of reprinting a book authored by former resident and local historian Rick Holmes.

The book, entitled "A View from the Meeting-house Hill" has been out of print for a number of years, and member Fran Rosenau was looking at the possibility of getting a few copies reprinted.

Rosenau explained that she has been in contact with Holmes, and he has verified that there are no books available for purchase, except for some used copies on Amazon. She added that Holmes

holds the copyrights to the book and the publisher, Peter E. Randall Publishing, can reprint 10 copies for about \$700.

In order to reprint the book, they would need to take a copy that Fran has, dismantle it, scan it, and print from that copy.

From that point on, they could be reprinted on request.

Rosenau also mentioned that the fee to purchase a new book would be \$25, with Holmes getting eight percent, and this would be the third addition.

Commission Chair, Pam Gaudreau, asked Rosenau if she had explored other publishers, for perhaps a lower print cost.

She responded that she only contacted Randall, since they had done

the other two additions.

Gaudreau suggested looking into other companies, of possibly self-publishing since Holmes has the rights to the book.

Rosenau said, "I was hoping, with the excitement going on with the Historical Society, and a lot of new people interested in the history of the town, that they would like copy of the book. I'm not looking at it as a fund raiser, I'm looking at it as supporting the history of Sandown."

Gaudreau also suggested that the purchase price should be more like \$30.

Rosenau later explained that the cost to reproduce the book for the first time is much of the expense in publishing, once the book has been digitized; additional

reprints would be substantially less.

The Commission was hoping to get Holmes to come to Sandown for a book-signing event when the book finally gets republished.

Members eventually approved moving forward with the project, but removed the publishers name hoping that Rosenau would be able to find a less costly way to publish the book.

After the vote, Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell, suggested that

the commission look into updating the decorative blankets that were once for sale by the Old Meetinghouse Association. She said they have one hanging in Town Hall and people are constantly asking if there are any for sale.

Also at the meeting, Tom Elmore of the GeoNAV Group, gave a presentation to the commission on his mobile 3D LIDAR scanning. Members of the Heritage Commission has been looking into scanning areas of the town to

reveal some of the stone structures that are present.

The LIDAR process allows landscapes to be scanned from overhead and foliage is stripped off to reveal what might not be able to be seen through photography. It also involved ground-penetrating radar.

The commissions explained that they don't currently have funding for the project, but were hoping to move forward with it in the future.

## Derry Transfer Station Hours of Operation During Holidays

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - The Town of Derry, Office Public Works of announced recently that the Town Transfer Station hours of operations during this holiday season are as follows:

For the week of

Christmas, the facility will be closed Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec 24, and on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25.

On Saturday, Dec 26, the facility will be open from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For New Year's week, the facility will be open on Thursday, Dec 31, from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

On Friday, Jan 1, 2021 the facility will be closed. The following day, on Saturday, Jan. 2, the facility will be open again from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## For the New Year

The start of the New Year is traditionally a time for reflecting on the year just ending, but after this year who wants to do that. We all know the routine resolutions: exercise more, eat better, perhaps taking on a more “green” lifestyle, being better prepared, or cutting down on TV or computer time and replace it with more “face” time with family. All of these are fine resolutions, however, there are others that may take a bite out of personal time, but in the long run may be easier to maintain throughout the year, and with longer lasting results. After all last year was like no other with COVID, a crazy presidential election, and the uncertainty of how 2021 will go on many levels.

Want to make a truly lasting, and impacting resolution? How about deciding to run for office?

While it takes no effort at all to complain about what goes on at town hall, or at the schools it can be so much more rewarding to participate in the process and be in the right place at the right time to make positive changes. Get ready: the filing period begins in mid January.

Open seats often go unchallenged and the same people keep getting reelected, so open races ought to be encouraged. After all, a little change and a little completion is healthy.

If putting your name on the ballot is a little too stressful, there are always seats on boards, commissions, and

committees in town that often go empty. Whether you want to start slowly as an alternate, or jump right in as a full member, you have a variety of interest areas to choose from, from conservation to housing, in which to offer your time for the betterment of your community.

We all know the difficulties some residents have in paying their taxes or dealing with the huge changes that have happened in their town, that effect the quality of life. The answer for this to some might be to move away, but most will find similar problems anywhere they go. Perhaps the better solution would be to make the effort to advocate for responsible spending right in your own hometown.

Since budget hearings and deliberative sessions are coming up in January and February, here's another important resolution: Make a point of attending those events and speaking your mind, politely and reasonably, with facts as well as courtesy. At the very least, let your elected officials know what you think, no matter the subject, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. After all, if officials are unaware of a problem, it's likely nothing will be done to resolve it.

Best of luck with your resolutions, no matter what they may be, and from all of us at Nutfield Publishing to all of you, our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year 2021.

## Letters

### Central School Project Will be Two Warrants

To the editor,

The Hampstead School Board has approved two warrants to support the renovation and addition to the Hampstead Central School. The two warrants will now be presented to the voters of Hampstead in March.

The reason for the two warrants is that they serve two different purposes and solve two different needs to support the modernization of the school.

The first warrant is to finally renovate the 60s wing to improve the insulation, replace windows, replace the HVAC units, improve air quality, and other improvements to support the kids and teachers learning environment. This will be done by utilizing the existing capital reserve fund, the current budget, next years proposed budget, and tap into reimbursements (grants and energy efficiencies). The vote simply needs 50%+1 in March by the community to start the renovations this coming summer.

The second warrant is to add 6 classrooms that will support the growing population of Hampstead's students. We continue to see growth year after year. This year, barring the pandemic, the administration was planning to be “creative” in how to gain more space in that they were looking at taking over half of the library for a classroom. You read that right.

We are at the point in the Central Schools space needs for classrooms that we are taking over spaces meant for other education purposes.

The plan also calls for a dedicated gymnasium that will alleviate the current need to share the space with the cafeteria and music room. Kids will now have a correctly sized gymnasium all day to have the needed space to play indoor basketball, soccer, running laps, and other activities to foster healthy exercise and learning.

We will get a new cafeteria and music room out of this proposed plan as well! The kids and teachers can now get the musical learning space without being interrupted by lunchroom chatter or the joyful, loud noises of kids being active in gym class.

There will also be dedicated learning spaces to support the kids that require more one on one learning. We can finally get our kids and teachers out of those smaller places (many times referred to as ‘closets’) and into a better, safer learning environment that we all want for our kids.

There are many other benefits of this plan that we would invite the community to hear more about. We also invite the community to come to us to learn more about the needs, have healthy dialogue about plans, and to be more informed than ever ahead of the vote in March.

We will be scheduling many interactive, online

events to hold the information sessions and will provide more than enough time to have dialogue about the plan and associated costs. We are beginning the process of obtaining the exact bond payment to support this plan. We are currently aiming to have this need paid for over 10 years and the goal to keep the cost down for the community to approximately \$300/year for a home valued at \$400,000. While this is not finalized yet, we believe that while families are challenged with the current environment around us that this plan provides great value to the community to continue to grow in the right direction!

We are also looking into other creative ways to get the information out to the community. Our goal is to communicate & educate the community of the solution that we believe solves the need. The need that is there now and the need that will be solved for many years in the future. We believe if Hampstead puts their heart into it, we can get this approved and support our kids!

If you have any questions or comments, we welcome dialogue with everyone.

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## Nutfield Publishing Will Not Be Printing Papers on Dec. 24 & 31

In lieu of the upcoming holidays, Nutfield Publishing will not be printing newspapers on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. The publisher uses this time each year to take a two-week break to celebrate the holiday. Our next paper will be produced on Thursday, Jan. 9. We thank our readers for their understanding, and wish you a happy and safe new year.



# Annual Parade Festivities Brought to a Much Wider Audience



The Hampstead Lions Club sponsored the annual Hampstead Holiday Parade on Sunday, Dec. 13 and it featured its usual wide-variety of characters and civics clubs. This year was a much different style parade due to COVID-19. All participants were in vehicles and travelled a much longer route through the neighborhoods of Hampstead. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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advantage of any programs, the state would reimburse them for a percentage, but below that level, funding is not offered.

Senator Regina Birdsell noted that she would look into proposing a bill that would make it possible for schools to get funding that high school's already get.

Birdsell also brought the committee up to speed on a bill she crafted that would help Derry with reimbursement funding for districts that were going from part-time kindergarten to full-time. She said the bill was passed, but the funding portion was inadvertently cut out, but she expects the corrected bill will be

passed by the end of February.

Derry Town Administrator presented the town's a number of topics, which included: Property Reevaluations; the Status of Municipal Revenues; N.H. Retirement System Impacts; the COVID-19 Trust Fund; and the status of Exit 4A.

On Property Assessments, Caron said the town does this every other year, so the revaluation just redistributes the tax burden proportionately.

As far as Town Revenues, he anticipated a flat or reduced revenue stream due to the pandemic. Motor vehicle registrations were lower, as were state highway revenues, which dropped seven percent. Recreation fees were non-existent and interest on earnings was down significantly. The COVID-19

Trust made up for some of the reductions to interest earnings.

Looking forward the town anticipates using the COVID-19 Trust fund to stabilize things for two years.

For the New Hampshire Retirement System Impacts, Caron said that the town portion would have a 20 percent increase, or a total of \$838,236.

The COVID-19 Trust Fund has been used to offset a number of shortfalls over the year. Out of the

over \$2 million dollars brought in, there was over \$700,000 in expenditures, leaving a balance of \$1,396,445.

There were a number of concerns raised by members of the committee on how much the state would be helping with its usual funding of retirement and other expenses. If the state chooses to hold off on funding, it would mean a significant increase in taxes.

In regard to the state's Exit 4A project, Caron said that there were three

Design/Building finalists chosen for the project and the proposals were about \$30 million over budget. Derry's contribution to the project cannot exceed the \$5 million they are committed to.

The NHDOT is currently looking for other options for the project.

Former State Representative John O'Connor added that the project has been moved out by six months and that only 16 acquisitions of properties have been done, with 160 left to do. He also said that the project wouldn't be started until March of 2022.

Caron added that out

of those remaining acquisitions, a lot of them are just smaller strips of land.

Jane Simard addressed the committee again and said that the Derry Cooperative School District expenses from March 13, through Dec. 30 total about \$1,921,553 for COVID-19 related costs. Of those costs, the district received 1,491,086 in funding, leaving about \$430,467.

It was also stated that the school district would be looking at the consolidation of schools to combat some financial shortfalls. Those discussions could start as early as January.

## OBITUARY

### Russell E. Brooks

Russell E. Brooks, 69, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully at his home Dec. 6, 2020. Russell was born June 4, 1951 in Andover, MA and was a son of Russell E. Brooks, Sr. and Florence (Andover) Brooks. He was raised and educated in Derry and was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy. He lived most of his life in Derry. Russell enjoyed bicycling, fishing, listening to music and cooking. He was also an avid fan of the Red Sox and Patriots.

He is survived by his brother Charlie and his sisters, Janis, Elaine, Joan and Linda as well as several nieces and nephews.

Due to current restrictions, services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

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## OBITUARY

### Socorro "Sally" Taubman



Socorro "Sally" Taubman, 87, of Derry, NH died Sunday Dec. 13, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Sally was born in New York City, NY, a daughter of the late William and Julia Arroyo. She had resided in Derry since 1997, formerly of Freeport, NY. Sally worked as an operations manager for Dean Witter Reynolds until her retirement. She enjoyed motorcycling, sewing, knitting, reading and crossword puzzles as well as collecting light-houses, Star Wars figures, and Taco Bell dogs. Sally was a survivor of the depression, polio, World War II, and cancer and COVID-19: a tough and courageous woman admired by many.

She is survived by her three children, Chris Ann Atkinson of Newark, DE, Dennis E. Andreas of Freeport, NY, and Patricia Bonaventura of Derry, NH and four grandchildren, Dennis A. Andreas, Christina Andreas, Elizabeth Bonaventura, and Angelo Bonaventura. Additionally, she is survived by two stepdaughters, Gail Kissinger of Milford, CT and Karin Shakorov of Israel, and nine step-grandchildren, Hannah, Paige, Tessa, Luke and Ben Kissinger, Evan, Chloe and Gabriel Poroslay, and Jordanna Shakorov. She was predeceased by her brother, William Arroyo, Jr. of Freeport, NY in August 2020, her first husband, Alfred R. Andreas in 1981, and her second husband, Robert M. Taubman in April 2020.

Private burial will be held in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry, NH. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARY

### Theresa M. Bernard



Theresa M. Bernard, 78, of Derry, NH, died Monday Dec. 7, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Lewiston, ME on Jan. 23, 1942, a daughter of the late Amedee and Viola (Petrin) Levesque. Theresa worked for the hospice program and was in the first volunteer group that helped people in the Merrimac Valley area. She proceeded to continue serving her community as an LPN in the Lawrence, MA school system until retirement. Working with the special needs children was a very rewarding experience.

Theresa enjoyed going to Florida where she and Donald spent their winters for the last 20 years, joining in on the social activities in the community and visiting Disney World. When she was in New Hampshire, she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially cooking family recipes and hosting the annual Christmas eve party. She made countless needlepoint, sewing, and quilting projects and gifted them to family and friends. She also was an avid reader, collecting the series from Nora Roberts among other authors, and collaborated on puzzles with her husband.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Donald Bernard of Derry; three sons, Paul Bernard of Raymond, NH, John Bernard of Methuen, MA, and Brian Bernard of Lunenburg, MA; two daughters, Arlene Nicosia of Haverhill, MA, and Brenda Apt of Manchester, CT; 14 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and her sister, Dolores Corson of Sabattus, ME. Theresa was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Levesque, and her sister, Claudette Noyes. She will be greatly missed and is immeasurably loved.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to charity of one's choice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Achieves FDA Approval: First Shipment Arrives

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced the arrival of the first allotment of COVID-19 vaccines on Monday, Dec. 14, after the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine was approved and given Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Two doses of vaccine, administered 21-days apart, demonstrated a vaccine efficacy rate of 95% during initial trials. Those vaccinated were shown to be maximally protected 1 - 2 weeks after receiving the second dose. Pfizer/BioNTech report no serious safety concerns to date among the more than 40,000 participants. The vaccine is approved for individuals 16 years of age and older.

"New Hampshire is ready to hit the ground running to do our part in deliv-

ering this game-changing vaccine," Governor Chris Sununu stated. "It is an all-hands-on-deck effort for one of the most important undertakings in the history of our state. The State stands ready to get to work and distribute this life-saving vaccine to the citizens of our state."

"This momentous occasion marks the beginning of the end of the pandemic," DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibinette stated. "The FDA conducted a thorough approval process while ensuring an unprecedented timeline for vaccine production. This is great news for the people of New Hampshire, who have endured so much for the past 10 months. The end is in sight for this worldwide pandemic."

New Hampshire expects to receive 12,675 in the first allotment of vaccine for immediate distribution to at-risk health

workers including front line clinical staff providing direct patient care. Subsequent weekly allotments of the vaccine will be distributed to all the populations and individuals included in Phase 1a, including at-risk health workers, residents of long-term care facilities, and first responders.

The timeline for widespread access to a COVID-19 vaccine is expected to be approximately 6-12 months. As vaccine production increases over time, updated information on when people can expect to receive the vaccine will be

posted at [NH.gov/COVID19](https://www.nh.gov/covid19).

New Hampshire has been preparing for the allocation and distribution of a safe and effective vaccine for several months. Data show that NH residents understand the importance of disease protection and prevention given that the State has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country for other commonly administered vaccines. For more information on the State's COVID-19 vaccination planning, please visit [www.nh.gov/covid-19/resources-guidance/vaccination-planning.htm](https://www.nh.gov/covid-19/resources-guidance/vaccination-planning.htm).



The first shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine arrived in New Hampshire this week. The shipment is being unloaded, processed, and prepared for immediate distribution to at-risk health workers. *Courtesy Photo*

## The Upper Room Offering Sober Curious Group

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center, in partnership with South Central Public Health Network in its work related to substance misuse in young adults, will be offering a 3 week in person, discussion time for young adults 18-25 who want to explore living without substances. This program is a product of the Young adult Strategies efforts that The Upper Room, along with many other statewide initiatives, are offering to address New Hampshire's young adults and healthy living.

#YoungAdultsStrong, a social media presence and following is a facebook/instagram link to information, education and resources. Beth O'Connell the program coordinator "Wants to provide a place where young adults can look at ways to live their lives as healthy as can be. This means, looking at their own resilience, their connections, their coping strategies for stress and their habits that may impact them negatively."

In addition to the group, O'Connell has

developed 2 interactive programs, "Best Foot Forward" and "Thriving Through Stress" which allow participants to receive information and skill building virtually. "Beth has been working to engage young adults, and this is a unique format to invite young adults to talk about their lifestyles." States Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director. "We are excited to be part of a larger solution with our public health network, and other statewide initiatives that were provided re-

sources through the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, and with support from Untied Way."

This group will meet Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 2021 at 3 p.m. Space is limited to 6 people in person, then a virtual option will be available.

Those interested in attending, call Beth O'Connell at 437-8477 x 124 or [boconnell@urteachers.org](mailto:boconnell@urteachers.org) leave your first name and phone number and you will receive a response back. Registration required to participate.

## OBITUARY

### Carl B. Henrikson



Carl B. Henrikson, 82, of Chester, NH, passed away Tuesday Dec. 8, 2020, at his home. He was born in Weymouth, MA on Oct. 16, 1938, a son of the late Verner and Madeline (Merritt) Henrikson, and had been a resident of Chester for the past 35 years, formerly living in Abington, MA. Carl was the owner and operator of Henrikson Transport. He was a US Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Judith (Vance) Henrikson of Chester; his daughter, Sandra Phoenix of Florida, one brother, Rodney Henrikson and wife Phyllis of Chatham, MA; two nephews, Brian Pappaceno and wife Marianne and their daughters, Ashely and Haley and Michael Pappaceno and wife Quyt and their children Britney and Brandon, all of Abington, MA, as well as many other nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his son, Clay Henrikson and sister Donna Pappaceno.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be held in the spring in the Great Hill Cemetery, Rt. 121A, Chester, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, Home Health Foundation, Attn: Community Engagement, 360 Merrimack Street, Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneral-home.com](http://www.peabodyfuneral-home.com).

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# Fourth Annual Pantry Plunge Held with Social Distancing

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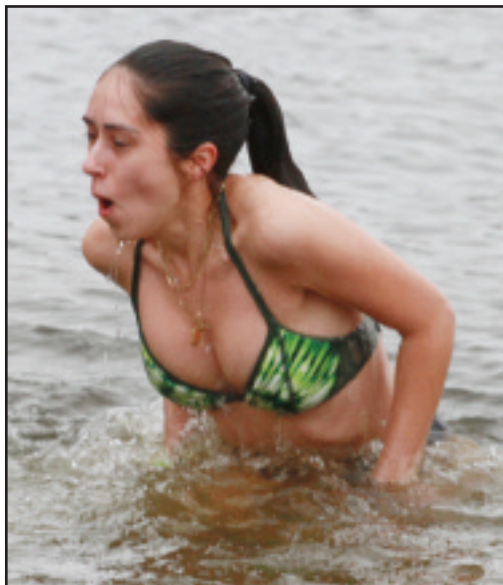
Although there were fewer participants willing to take the plunge into a frigid Beaver Lake on Saturday, Dec. 12, more money than ever was raised for the First Baptist Church Food Pantry at the Fourth Annual Pantry Plunge.

This year, because of the pandemic, participants were staggered across a longer period. Traditionally, all those taking part dive in for one big wave.

A group of hearty Pinkerton Academy students led things off in the morning this year, and multiple waves followed into the afternoon.

Plunge coordinator, Nancy Francis said that they raised about \$25,000 this year, about \$3,000 over last year's total.

She added that people can still contribute to the Food Pantry by dropping off a check at Blue Seal at 4 Crystal Avenue in Derry or through mail to the FBC Food Pantry.



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# Derry Community Fund Continues Despite Major Changes

DERRY - The Derry Community Fund has been helping the communities of Derry, Chester, Hampstead and Sandown for a great many years, but this year, the COVID-19 Pandemic has created a number of obstacles.

One such obstacle was the need for a facility to distribute toys. This year, because of the pandemic, the Marion Gerrish Community Center was not available, so the Derry VFW Post 1617 donated their hall to the group to use

for the distribution of the hundreds of items.

Another significant issue was the amount of money received from the Derry News Santa Fund.

The organization received a letter on Nov. 19, from the Eagle Tribune, the Derry News' parent company, that that local Santa Fund would be merged into the Eagle Tribune Santa Fund.

They were told that some money would be given to their organization, but not nearly the amount usually contributed.

The letter added, "We are also partnering with the YMCA of Merrimack Valley to run and administer our Santa Fund next year."

Despite these issues, organizers Judy Williams and Alicia Triplett filled the VFW hall with toys, and area residents were invited to choose gifts on Saturday afternoon.

Families were given numbers at the door and were allowed in, one at a time, to maintain proper social distancing.

The group served about

95 families and are still getting more requests. There were about 140 boys and girls given toys and clothes. It was a wonderful day.

Those same families will also receive food baskets from the Derry/Salem Elks Club.

Dotti Mattson, a VFW Auxiliary member, was also a major facilitator of the event. She helped orchestrate getting the gifts laid out and helped with allowing the group to use the VFW hall.



From left, Alicia Triplett, Judy Williams and Dotti Mattson sort through toys just before area families entered the VFW on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

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engage with members of the community that she lives in. He specifically wondered how she felt about having to respond to calls or engage in arrests with someone that may be her neighbor.

Gasik responded by saying that she felt that with the number of years she has under her belt, she would be bothered by the situation and would conduct herself as she would with anyone and hoped that the person on the other side would have enough respect for her that it would be a problem.

Berube added that when she starts the job, she will have an officer who lives in town guiding her through some of those experiences he has had.

Selectman Steven D'Angelo asked her about her police education.

She answered that she

is a certified DARE instructor (a drug education program for schools); a certified RAD instructor (a women's self defense program); certified in accident reconstruction; a certified field training officer; and she also has a masters in crime and justice through Suffolk University.

D'Angelo also asked what her long-term goal is, and whether she would be looking for full-time employment soon.

Gasik said that with a young family she is currently looking far just a part-time position and her husband works full-time in law enforcement.

Berube was asked whether the department would be able to afford the new hire, and he said that all the part-time salaries come out of one line in the budget, and felt he would be fine with the addition.

Gasik also told the board that she ultimately

like to be able to off her services as a DARE and RAD instructor in Chester.

The board voted unanimously to have Berube move forward with the hire.

Also at the meeting, Fire Department Chief, Greg Bulduc, told the board that there would be a significant expense coming up in the next year. The department's current records management software will be discontinued and the company the department uses will no longer service it.

The software handles keeping records for payroll, calls, hires, inventory permits, inspections and a number of other things.

Bulduc said he has looked into replacing the system, and the cost would be about \$25,000, plus an annual fee over a three-year period.

The current system is called Fire House Software, and Bulduc said it is

used by about 90 percent of the departments in the state.

He will be gathering information over the next

few months on what his options will be on finding new software and what the costs would be. He is also looking to integrate it with

the old data.

He added that he wanted to get this figure into the budget before the next Chester town meeting.

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new exterior insulation and siding. This would replace the previous walls with newer units that would provide better insulation for students and teachers inside. The theme of improved insulation continued with a proposed new roof for better insulation, and new windows and doors for both better insulation and reduced leaking into classrooms.

The final proposed refurbishment of the 60's wing was a new HVAC system. Currently, fumes from sitting cars outside have reportedly been entering into the classrooms in the wing through the current fresh air HVAC system, so the new improvement would provide cleaner air and COVID compliant ventilation.

Once the 60's wing renovations were highlighted and outlined, plans for additions to the building were presented. These included new spaces for classrooms, a library, a music room, a cafeteria, administrative space, and restrooms.

The plan for the new space for the cafeteria, library, and music room within the proposed project would be to provide new spaces for students that wouldn't hinder productivity of students in any current classrooms.

Noise of the music room would be mitigated from existing classrooms by placing it away from current learning spaces. This same strategy was used for the cafeteria, using more space to mitigate any potential disturbances. The library would be in a location to allow for a quiet space near classrooms and provide room above for more classrooms.

These classrooms above the library would be two of four potential new spaces within the additions. The two above the library would be fourth-grade classrooms, and the other two would be a third-grade classroom and a special education classroom.

An addition for a new lobby and administrative area was also proposed, relocating current administrative spaces to a new more modernized space.

With the administration

areas moving, this would potentially leave the prior space open for an academic support area.

The rest of the proposed plan for additions included fire sprinklers throughout the school, additional restrooms added in the school, and all-encompassing repairs throughout the building.

With the proposed plan presented and advertised, the ultimate factor in any hypothetical additions or renovations came down to the anticipated costs of the plan. The presenters projected the 60's wing renovation would cost just under \$2.1 million and the additions to the school would cost roughly \$9 million.

It was noted however, that despite the seemingly steep price of proposed project, there were ways to reduce spending through grants, energy efficiency reimbursements, and state reimbursement. It was underscored that budget cuts would not be the default method of making this money up, but rather using the aforementioned options and using surplus funds if the new budget passes.

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# Two New Businesses Will Set Up Shop in Derry Soon

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**DERRY** - Town of Derry Economic Development (EDC) announced last week that two businesses are scheduled to be moving into Derry. They will take over ownership of two properties that have gone out of business.

On Crystal Avenue, the former Nestle Cafe has

been sold and will be demolished to make way for a Bangor Savings Bank - Derry branch location.

The EDC reported that the building was built in 1976, the current building has low ceilings and inefficient systems, rendering it functionally obsolete in the eyes of most investors. The new project will result in a more modern structure, bringing higher value

to the property overall.

Also being announced, the Brookstone Events and Golf property on Route 111 was recently purchased by winemakers Amy LaBelle and husband Cesar Arboleda, co-owners of LaBelle Winery in Amherst and Portsmouth.

Brookstone's will be renamed LaBelle Winery Derry, and will undergo significant renovations

beginning this month with the intention of creating a Champagne house, a market place, a wedding and event center and a restaurant.

"We have big plans for LaBelle Winery Derry," LaBelle says. "This stunning property, which Cesar and I fell in love with, will be a place that offers the community exceptional experiences that people of all ages can enjoy. We look

forward to expanding our business to beautiful, historic, Derry.

The LaBelle's plan for Brookstone include renovating the property to give it an "artisan village" ambiance. Improvements will include updating the event center's facade and interior with steel and wood tones, giving the building a modern yet classic look. The "village" will be home to

several outdoor and indoor gathering areas, including a 9-hole par-3 golf course, which will be open to the public and a miniature golf course. A 3-acre vineyard with an adjoining performance space, and an area for private wedding ceremonies are also planned.

"Our goal is to create one of the best wedding and event venues in the area," LaBelle says.

# Year Ending Happenings at Hampstead Public Library

• Consumers For Library Cardholders; Hampstead Public Library cardholders can now get free and easy access to Consumer Reports online. This fully interactive website, companion to the Consumer Reports magazine, includes articles, product reviews and buying guides. Now instead of a paid Consumer Reports membership, all you need is your library card! This is a fantastic resource to use before you make a significant purchase. From electric bikes to electric toothbrushes, from air fryers to water filters, you'll find ratings and recommendations here. Visit [hampsteadlibrary.org/digital-magazines-newspapers](http://hampsteadlibrary.org/digital-magazines-newspapers) to

learn more.

• White Heron Play; The Hampstead Public Library shares an online theatrical event now through January 1, 2021 for free. Find a link to the video of the Pontine Theatre's A White Heron on the Library website Events Calendar. 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. 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 through New Year's Day.

• Holiday Library Hours; Library is closed Thursday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 27. We are open for Curbside Pickup services on Monday, Dec. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 30. Then closed Thursday, Dec. 31 and Friday, Jan. 1. Regular curbside service hours begin again on Saturday, Jan. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Online resources are always available for Library cardholders.

• Ancestry For Free; Doing genealogy research, building your family tree? Now Hampstead Public Library cardholders can uti-

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is available now through March 2021. If you need assistance, call 603-329-6411 or email [circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org).

• Club Reads American Tempest; The Hampstead Public Library's Nonfiction Book Club is reading American Tempest: How the Boston Tea Party Sparked a Revolution by Harlow Giles Unger. The book discussion is on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 1 pm. Call the library to

reserve a copy of the book. If you wish to join the discussion, please register via the Library Events Calendar on [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org). In December 1773, an estimated seven dozen men dumped roughly £10,000 worth of tea in Boston Harbor. They unleashed a social, political, and economic firestorm that would culminate in the Declaration of Independence two-and-a-half years later.

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## DERRY

### Tiny Tots

Register for the Taylor Library's Tiny Tot Story Hour program which will be shown virtually. This program is for ages 6 months-2 years old. Books will be read, rhymes, music and puppets will be used during this program. Call the library to register and come in to pick up your Tiny Tot bag of program materials. This program will start on Monday Jan. 11 to March 29. This program will be at 10 a.m., each Monday morning. Call the library for more details at 432-7186.

### Story Hour with a Craft

On Fridays at 10 a.m., the Taylor Library will host Story hour with a craft for ages 2 and up on Facebook Live. Call the Library to register and then come and pick up your bag of craft supplies which will go with each week. Story hour will start on Jan. 15 and will end on April 2. Call the library to register

or to get more information.

### 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.

### 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).

## CHESTER

### Wason Pond Winter Scavenger Hunt

Join the hunt by finding answers to these riddles - riddles can be found at the Wason Pond Playground Scarecrow (Snowman) or you can print them online at the Recreation Department &

Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission pages at [www.chesternh.org](http://www.chesternh.org). This family fun activity can be done during Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area park hours (dawn to dusk).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

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## HAMPSTEAD

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### White Heron Play

The Hampstead Public Library shares an online theatrical event now through Jan. 1, 2021 for free. Find a link to the video of the Pontine Theatre's A White Heron on the Library website Events Calendar. 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. 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 through New Year's Day

### Island Pond Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to join us at Island Pond Baptist Church for our candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. This will be a short, family-friendly service. No childcare is provided, and all children are invited to attend with their families. IPBC is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, NH. Please visit the web at [www.islandpondbc.com](http://www.islandpondbc.com) or call us at 603-329-5959, for more info about our church and our other activities.

### Christmas Services

The St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Christmas schedule on Dec. 24 is as follows: 3 p.m., Drive-In Living Nativity Service parking limited, free tickets at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-living-nativity-family-service-tickets-131497321027](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-living-nativity-family-service-tickets-131497321027); 5:30 p.m., Christmas Eve on Zoom via e-mail [vicars-tchristophers@gmail.com](mailto:vicars-tchristophers@gmail.com) for a link; 7:30 p.m., Drive-In Christmas Eve Service by Flashlight parking limited, free tickets at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-service-by-flashlight-tickets-131501377159](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-service-by-flashlight-tickets-131501377159). For more information contact The Rev.

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Zachary Harmon Vicar, at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church 187 East Rd., Hampstead

## Christmas Eve Service

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead, will be offering two Christmas Eve services this year-one in person, and one online. At 4 p.m., there will be a brief outdoor service in front of the church. Join us in the circular driveway that will be brightened by luminaries. At 5:30 p.m., there

will be a traditional Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols online via Facebook Live and 3CX. For links to attend, and for more information, please visit [hampsteaducc.org](http://hampsteaducc.org).

## Craft Videos

Hampstead Public Library cardholders have free use of Creativebug, which has thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. It's a great resource for holiday décor and gifts. Access it via the Library website LEARN tab.

Call 603-329-6411 or email [circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org) if you need assistance.

## 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.

## Meditation Classes

Hampstead Library's Virtual

Meditation Classes continue in December 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).

## Story Time

Look for Storytime live on the Hampstead Public Lib-

rary's Facebook page on Friday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m. The event video will also be accessible on Facebook for some time after the live session.

## SANDOWN

### Holiday Sing-Along With The Work

On Saturday, Dec. 19, at 11 - 11:30 a.m., A virtual concert with Sandown's own musical duo, The Works. Pam and Don Gaudreau have recorded a holiday music concert for library patrons to enjoy. View the recording whenever you want and sing-along with

them. The event will be posted to the library's YouTube channel which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>

## Zoom Room Story Time

This is a virtual story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more. This Sandown Library is on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 10 - 11 a.m. The themed story is designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. For the safety and privacy of all partici-

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pants, 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.

## New Year's Craft

New Year's Eve is almost here! Join the Sandown Library in making a New Year's craft. A Take & Make Bag of supplies will be available for pick up Monday, Dec. 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., for registered participants. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants.

## Crafting Crew Registration Open

January crafts to make at home for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. Deadline to register is Monday, Jan. 4, at 9 p.m. This is to ensure we have the materials we need and packed for all who want to participate. The Take & Go Bag will be pre-packed by library staff utilizing safety measures recommended by the town's emergency response team and the CDC. For registered children, a Take & Go Bag will be available for pick up at the library on Tuesday Jan. 5, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>

## Virtual Mother Goose

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings from 10 - 10:30 a.m., on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs (Ages up to 36 months). Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention

span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. The link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

## Library Closure

The Sandown Library will close at Noon on Thursday, Dec. 24, and will be closed Dec. 25 & 26 for the Holiday. Holidays and Merry Christmas everyone.

## Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home for ages 2-6. Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. The directions for each week's craft will be pre recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday, Dec. 17, Jan. 4 at 10 - 11 a.m.. Find the library's channel here, [www.bit.ly/2REz5vh](https://bit.ly/2REz5vh).

## 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: Pre-school 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.

## 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 dis-

cuss 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.

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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

### Woodsy Owl 2021 Poster Contest

The annual Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest is now on. This year Woodsy Owl is 50 years old and he is inviting all school age children in Grades 1 - 5 to enter his contest and hopefully win a prize or a certificate of appreciation. A complete set of rules is available at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) and the Derry Garden Club will be the sponsor of your poster. Just contact [spilmank@comcast.net](mailto:spilmank@comcast.net) when your poster is finished or leave a message on our website [www.derrygardenclub.org](http://www.derrygardenclub.org). When completing your poster be sure your name, address, phone number, grade and school is on the back. Your teacher's name, city and state should also be on the back. Rules are: You may use any drawing supplies except electronic; paper should be 11x17 and any color you like. Be sure to use the colors of Woodsy as shown on the [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) website flyer and include "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!" Check your spelling carefully. Posters must be received by Jan. 5. If

you have any questions after looking at the [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) or call 434-0413 or email [spilmank@comcast.net](mailto:spilmank@comcast.net).

## Holiday Hours

The Upper Room is open through Dec. 23, closing at 2 p.m. The Upper Room will be closed for the winter break of Dec. 24, - Jan. 3. From Jan. 4 - 18 2021 all classes and services will be remote.

## Holiday Celebration

Drive though The Upper Room back parking lot Friday Dec. 18 at 10 a.m., for an opportunity to see our special guest SANTA! He will be here safely outside reading a story and passing out treats. His appearance and story will also be streaming live on the following platforms: Live On Zoom at [www.bit.ly/connect-storytimezoom](http://www.bit.ly/connect-storytimezoom) or Live On Facebook [www.facebook.com/URTeachers/live\\_videos](http://www.facebook.com/URTeachers/live_videos) Connect the Upper Room for more information.

## Covid-19 Relief Fund

To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

## Teen Talk

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, support each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: [bit.ly/tipstotics](http://bit.ly/tipstotics)

## Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of the month and online options are also available. Call (603) 437-8477 x117 to register and get more information.

## Free Stress Management Workshop

An on demand workshop by the Upper Room. View at [www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand](http://www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand). To learn more contact Beth O'Connell at [eoconnell@URteachers.org](mailto:eoconnell@URteachers.org).

## Free Parenting Workshops

View these free parenting

workshops at your own pace hosted by the Upper Room at [www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand](http://www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand). Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Children - The Importance of Routines and Consistency for your Child.

## Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: [bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom](http://bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom). craft supplies at [bit.ly/connectstorytime](http://bit.ly/connectstorytime) or email [skoza@URteacher.org](mailto:skoza@URteacher.org).

## Transfer Station Holiday Hours

The Town Transfer Station hours of operations during this holiday season are as follows: Thursday Dec. 24 and Friday Dec. 25 Closed for Christmas, Saturday Dec. 26 open from 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Thursday Dec. 31 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Friday Jan. 1 closed for New Years, Saturday Jan. 2 open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please contact Joan Hamel, Recycling Coordinator at the Transfer Station at 432-4650 for further information.

## 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. Zoom meeting link: [bit.ly/tipstotics](http://bit.ly/tipstotics)

## 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.

## Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at [selizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:selizabeth@urteachers.org).





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