

# Town Council Votes to Make June 28 Pride Day in Derry

ALEX MALM

NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Feb. 15 Derry Town Council meeting the Town Council discussed and voted on a resolution proclaiming June 28 as the official Pride Day in Derry.

Town Council Chair James Morgan said that June, which is Pride Month, is right around the corner, and after polling the rest of the Council they decided they wanted to come up with an annual event that they could have in Town.

“Especially given some of the issues we’ve had the past couple of years, we want to project Derry as an inclusive and supportive community,” said Morgan.

Morgan said by having the annual Pride celebration in Town they are hopeful that members of the LGBTQIA+ community will feel recognized.

“We want to reach out to our LGBTQIA+ residents in Town and recognize the fact that they need recognition as well,” said Morgan. “This proclamation and the vote of the Council will do that.”

In addition to June 28 being the official Pride Day, the resolution would also call for the displaying of the Pride Flag annually from June 1 - 30.

The Council unanimously approved the proclamation during the meeting.

During public comment Derry resident Craig Cunningham said that he is happy to see that they are going to have a Pride celebration in Derry each year.

“I’m very happy about that,” said Cunningham.

Also during the meeting Cunningham brought up a Bill introduced by Rep. David Love that would “establish procedures for library trustees of

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# Chester Selectmen OK Beer & Wine Vendor at Town Fair

ALEX MALM

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CHESTER - During the Feb. 17 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting the Selectmen heard from the members of the 300th Anniversary Committee.

Committee member Chris Hadik said that they are hoping to hire a beer and wine vendor for the night portion of the Town Fair, and needed to receive permission from the Board of Selectmen.

“We need your permission before we move forward,” said Hadik.

He explained that they spoke to Chester Police Chief Aaron Berube, who laid out the different rules that need to be followed.

Hadik said that they talked to the vendor that they have been talking to and they said they were okay with those rules and that they were the same rules that most towns have.

Previously one of the issues with having the vendor set up at the Town Fair was the space, which has since been resolved, Hadik said.

He said that they wanted to make sure that they have support from the Board of Selectmen to do it before moving forward.

“We don’t want to pursue it and then be told ‘no you can’t do it,’” said Hadik.

One of the biggest issues that was brought up was in regards to insurance.

Selectmen Stephen D’Angelo said he wouldn’t be concerned with it as long as they have adequate insurance and they are responsible for things, if something goes wrong.

“I don’t see any issues,” said D’Angelo.

Hadik said that whomever they pick as the vendor would have the proper insurance required by the Town.

It was also pointed out that the vendors have certified servers who would be serving the alcohol.

Another issue that was brought up is that the 300th Anniversary wanted to be able to set up a tent in case of inclement weather but they need a permit since it is more than 400 square feet. However it was pointed out that the location of where the tent will be located needs to be

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**Frosty Fun** Four-year-old Summer Brehm and her mom Samantha Brehm were warming by the fire during the Frost Festival activities in downtown Derry on Saturday. Last week’s warmer temperatures cancelled a number of attractions at the event, but roasting marshmallows was still held.

# Hampstead School District Moves to Optional Masking

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Feb. 15 Hampstead School Board meeting one of the agenda items was a COVID-19 update.

Superintendent Robert Thompson said that they are thankful for all the feedback that they have received from parents.

“I want to start off by thanking the parents,” said Thompson.

He explained that they shared a lot of their sentiment with him, the school board members, along with the School District’s leadership team when it comes to the District’s COVID-19 response.

“I can tell you frankly we reflect on every single email, and phone call that we get,” said Thompson.

Thompson said he had good news for the District saying that at the time of the meeting they had no active positive COVID-19 cases.

“I am happy to report that today we have zero active cases in the Hampstead School District,” said

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# Hampstead Planning Board Discusses Several Old Business Hearings

LYDIAN KENNIN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - The Hampstead Planning Board meeting held on Monday, Feb. 7, at the Hampstead Town Hall involved seven property hearings under Old Business matters.

Tim Lavelle from Lavelle & Assoc. was present to represent the applicants for each hearing.

The next public hearing date is set for March 7, 2022. The filing deadline for the March 7 meeting was February 7, 2022.

Vice Chairman Randy Clark made a motion to continue the application for Map 12 Lot 144, 20 Bonnies Way to the May 5, 2022 public hearing. The motion was seconded by Board member Chuck Ashford Jr., and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Vice Chairman Randy Clark made a motion to grant 90-day conditional approval for the application for a Lot Line Adjustment for property located at Map 17 Lots 122 & 123 AKA 91 & 99 East Main Street subject to NHDES Subdivision approval for the removal of redundant signature block. The motion was seconded by Board member Chuck Ashford Jr., and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Board member Bob Villella made a motion to grant 90-day conditional approval for a subdivision of land for property located at Map 9 Lot 198 AKA 46 James Drive. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Randy Clark and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Vice Chairman Randy Clark made a motion to grant a waiver from Sec-

tion VI-2-J (for the locations and dimensions of on-site travel aisles) of the Site Plan Regulations. The motion was seconded by Board member Bob Villella and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Clark made another motion to grant a waiver from Section VI-2-K (for the locations, dimensions and calculations of all off-street parking) of the Site Plan Regulations. The motion was seconded by Board member Chuck Ashford Jr., and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Board member Bob Villella made a motion to grant a waiver from Section VI-2-O (for on-site truck maneuvering movements) of the Site Plan Regulations. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Randy Clark and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Chairman Wentworth asked for public comment and there was none.

Vice Chairman Randy Clark made a motion to grant 90-day conditional approval for the amended site plan for property located at Map 12 Lot 130 AKA 2 Starwood Drive. Waivers are to be added to the plan. The motion was seconded by Board member Bob Villella and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Vice Chairman Randy Clark made a motion to continue the application for an amended site plan for property located at Map 13 Lot 117 AKA 24 Hazel Drive to the March 7, 2022 public hearing. The motion was seconded by Board member Chuck Ashford Jr., and was voted unanimously 7-0.

Board member Kim Colbert made a motion to deny jurisdiction of the

Elderly Housing Site Plan application submitted for property located at Map 01-91-1 & 91-2 AKA 70 & 90 Depot Road. The motion was seconded by Board member Chuck Ashford Jr., and was voted 6-0-1 (Villella abstained).

Lavelle commented that he planned on requesting a continuance at this meeting.

Chairman Stephen Wentworth asked if the soil calculations have been done to substantiate that 10 duplex units would work on the site. Keach commented that there is a discrepancy with the units, some pages refer to single family homes while others refer to duplex units. Lavelle commented that the proposal is for 10 duplex units which converts to 20 dwelling units.

Secretary Debbie Soucy asked about the next

steps in the process. Keach explained that a notice of decision stating the denial to accept jurisdiction would be sent to application. Keach further explained that an entire new application would need to be submitted by the applicant/consultant.

Board member Kim Colbert made a motion to continue consideration of acceptance of the application for an amended site plan for property located at Map 12 Lot 069 AKA 394 Emerson Ave to the March 7, 2022 public hearing. The motion was seconded by Board member Chuck Ashford Jr. and was voted unanimously 7-0.

The Hampstead Planning Board can be contacted by phone (603) 329-4100 Ext. 102 by fax (603) 329-4109 or by email [planningboard@hampsteadnh.us](mailto:planningboard@hampsteadnh.us).

## Pride Day

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public libraries to require a background investigation and a criminal history records check on any candidate for librarian or other employment, including candidates for volunteer service."

Cunningham said that Love made false accusations during his testimony at the State House.

"I decided to go for-

ward with this bill as a result of a drag queen story hour they called it," Love said during his testimony during the bill's committee meeting.

Love was referring to a drag show story time last June which was originally supposed to take place at the Taylor Library. It was then moved to Tupelo Music Hall.

The story time was performed by Michael McMahon, a 22-year-old who

plays as the drag queen Clara Divine.

"This individual was dancing with kids rubbing butts just going way too far and there was never a background check done on them," said Love.

On Facebook McMahon denied the accusations.

"David Love made an attempt to slander my name by stating that I did inappropriate actions during my Drag Queen Story-time back in June," wrote

McMahon.

Love also told the Committee that he found out that there was a similar event in Nashua in 2019, and said "Later to find out that the guy was a convicted sex offender."

He was referring to Robert Champion, who performs as drag queen Monique Toosoon.

Champion also denied the allegations made against him.

"A few days ago it was brought to my attention that NH State Representative David Love made disparaging remarks about me during a NH House of Representatives Committee Meeting," wrote Champion. "During this meeting David Love is attempting

to pass a bill to have background checks done on library volunteers. Instead of supporting this bill with facts he mentions the drag queen who hosted the Nashua Story Hour and then proceeds to tell everyone that I am a convicted sexual offender."

"Little does this guy know that when that event took place in 2019, I was in the middle of background checks galore because I was in the process of adopting my son," Champion went onto state. "What David Love has stated publicly during a State Representative meeting is 100 percent false and this man should not be allowed to say things like this. I don't

even have a speeding ticket on my record."

Morgan in response to Love's comment during the Council meeting said "Representative Love, you lied during testimony."

Love said that he testified to what he read in the newspaper.

"I read that in the newspaper," said Love. He said he didn't recall what newspaper it was.

He said it was also brought up by constituents.

Love said that ultimately his intent is to protect children.

"There's a hole in our laws, let's fix it," said Love.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated to take place on March 1 at 7 p.m.

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# Hampstead Residents to Vote on Cell Tower Land Sale

**TEDDY TAUSCHER**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - The town of Hampstead earns \$15,000 per year by leasing out the land at the Kent Farm Transfer Station for the Cell Tower and has for the last six years. At the recent deliberative session, a warrant article was discussed to look into selling the town's interest in the lease to the cell tower.

Sean Murphy, chairman of the selectman clarified that the warrant was to enter into negotiations and it therefore it didn't necesi-

tate a sale. Murphy said the sum would be somewhere between 200 and 400 thousand dollars. This amount depends on how long the lease was sold for he said.

According to Murphy, it would range from 20-50 year leases. During the ensuing discussions one Hampstead citizen wondered if it would be possible to split the warrant into two parts. One to allow the town to look into the sale and another to allow the citizens of the town to agree to the sale, after being given the specifics.

They offered an am-

endment to the warrant changing it from giving the town permission to sell the land to simply permission to investigate the value of the land and the pros and cons of selling it. While gaining a number of votes the amendment was ultimately voted down 26 to 10.

Another citizen questioned if the sale was warranted given the passive income the land brings in. She questioned why they would sell the land when they had gone through all the trouble of putting the tower up.

Murphy said the town could use that money now. "A dollar today is worth more than a dollar 15 years from now."

If sold, the money would go into the unreserved fund, said Sally Theriault, Hampstead's Administrative Assistant & ADA Coordinator. There, if approved by voters it could be put into the capital reserve fund. However the existence of that fund would need to be approved during this year's town elections. Theriault added if these criteria are not met, the money will stay in the

reserved fund and most likely be used to offset the tax rate. "Since I have been here we have not used the unreserved fund balance for anything other than to offset the tax rate," said Theriault.

The Capital Improvement Reserve Fund was another point of discussion at the meeting.

Article 7 creates a capital improvement reserved fund to fund future constructions, and renovations and puts one dollar in the fund. Some citizens worried that this fund gave the selectmen too much power

to authorize funds for construction without the consent of the citizens.

Another resident voiced a similar concern citing funding for a cemetery that lost when it came to a vote, but then was slipped into the town's budget the following year. An amendment that struck the selectman from the warrant as agents to expend the funds from the Capital Improvement reserved fund was voted on and lost.

Both warrant articles will be on the March ballot.

# Hampstead School Board Approves Increase For Para Educator Subs

**ALEX MALM**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - During the last Hampstead School Board meeting Superintendent Robert Thompson said that he wanted the Board to consider a proposal to increase the pay for substitute Para educators.

"I just wanted to have a conversation with the Board about equalizing our

sub pay," said Thompson.

Thompson said if they approved the proposal it means that they would have one rate for their substitutes and there wouldn't be a difference for Para educators and teachers.

He said that right now if someone is subbing as a teacher the daily rate of pay is \$87.50. For Para educators the rate of pay is \$10.77 an hour.

"So if you're working a

full day it's \$70," said Thompson.

He said that when pares work half a day they make \$48 a day.

"We can't get folks to come in for \$48," said Thompson.

Thompson said that it's hard enough to get people to substitute for \$87.50 a day which is one of the reasons why they wanted to increase the sub pay for Para educators.

Thompson pointed to a number of different things that the School District would benefit from by equalizing the rate of pay for substitutes.

One of the areas is for clerical reasons.

"Now we don't have to differentiate between which rate we are paying this sub or what role they played. It's one rate," said Thompson.

Thompson said it is also a benefit for the School District because they have more flexibility.

He said if a teacher comes in who thinks they are substituting as a teacher that day and they want to use them as a Para educator it's hard to do because they think they are going to be making more money.

He said that one positive is that people in the community have signed up to substitute.

"People in this community have stepped up to sub," said Thompson.

With that said Thompson said that they still don't have as many people who are signing up as Para educators.

"We don't have people who are stepping up to substitute as a Para educator," said Thompson.

He also said that one of the issues with not having enough Para educators is because it can make it so they aren't in compliance with one-on-one needs for students.

One question that was raised was whether or not

substitutes could potentially make more than full-time employees if they increased it.

Thompson said with the \$50 bonus that some currently make more than full-time employees.

"That problem would already exist and still would exist under this model," said Thompson.

School Board Chair David Smith said that since the substitutes don't get benefits unlike their full-time employees he doesn't see it as a problem because the full-time Para educators and teachers make more when benefits are factored in.

Members unanimously approved increasing the pay for substitute Para educators.

# Food Drive to Help Benefit Ending 68 Hours of Hunger

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for food while not in attendance at the schools. Rotary helps the Ending 68 Hours of Hunger program in town by distributing the food bags to the schools. Courtney Cashman and a group of volunteers bag the food that is needed. What's needed: Non-Perishables for all meals, including

snacks, protein bars

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# Editorial

## Prepare to Vote

Election Day in most towns in the state is March 8. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words, and ask them about the issues that concern you.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. We remind you, however, that your vote has far more impact on local government races than it ever will on the state or federal level.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots whether it's the school budget or a request for a something, or funding for other things. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can put off, or is that a false economy that will cost much more later on?

If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answer. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. It shouldn't sway your vote that the budget committee or your neighbor favors or dislikes a warrant article or candidate.

There are also Needs versus

wants on many ballots. Choose wisely.

Candidates were asked why they're seeking office. Also warrant articles were reviewed, and have been written about for several weeks in this paper. Here are a few pointers: On a bond, pay attention to the financial obligation imposed for each year of the bond. The money will come out of your pocket for the life of the bond.

How about a union contract? If it covers just one year, its costs are likely to be clear. But most contracts are for two to five years. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year you won't be asked to vote on it in future years, but the money will be added to the overall budget and will be part of your tax bill.

Get the full picture. Because the choice is yours, and each article has pros and cons, and it pays to listen to both sides.

Many people like to pride themselves on their patriotism. There's not a much better way to express your patriotism than by heading to the polls and making informed choices.

So for your own good and the good of the community, please vote March 8.

# Letters

## Local Elections Count

To the editor,  
Radical, extremist ideas are being promoted by some candidates in Derry's March 8th town elections: false claims of rigged 2020 elections; making voting harder for certain groups who just happen to tilt democratic and liberal; seeking to intimidate the teaching of American History as it really was, using the ruse of protecting students from being upset by the truth; maligning and opposing science-based health recommendations, claiming their "freedom" to endanger others is more important than protecting everyone against a deadly virus; calling folks they disagree with communists and socialists for speaking up for Constitutionally protected human rights and civic decency; stripping your tax money from our public schools to give it to private and religious schools.

Want to protect Derry from their further infiltration into our town? I do! Clearly local elections have become increasingly important. So be sure to vote on March 8th.

To maintain the integrity of our elections I'm proud to be voting to re-elect Judy Strakalaitis for Supervisor of the Checklist. Because they value our public school students and teachers, I'm proud to be voting to re-elect Jonathan Dugan and Brenda Willis and to add David Clapp to our School Board. And for Town Councilor at Large, I am proud to be voting for Doug Flood, whose devotion to Derry's youth and families is widely recognized, and who

will not bring to the Council uncivil speech and anti-democratic and conspiratorial agendas.

Charlie Zoeller  
Derry

## Vote March 8th

To the editor,  
All Politics Is Local, they say. Yet too many of us do not vote in local elections. Well it's time to start. There is a small group of radical people on the far right who believe their rights are superior to all others. They are running in our election on March 8. We must not let them win.

Derry is a growing, vibrant community because our elected officials are working to make it a place that welcomes everyone, values and protects our environment, and works to provide the best possible education for all our children.

Many of the candidates on our Town and School ballots are running unopposed, but there are some critical races that we need to pay attention to. I support Doug Flood for Councilor At Large, David Clapp, Jonathan Dugan, and Brenda Willis for School Board, and Judy Strakalaitis for Supervisor of the Checklist. All five of these candidates are dedicated to keeping Derry on the path to continued growth, sensible policies, and a livable community. I hope you agree.

Don't let the results up to chance. Cast your votes on March 8 for reasonable, not radical, policies. Your Vote Matters! It could make all the difference.

Mary Till  
Derry

## Remember Why You Left That Last State

To the editor,  
The majority of the adults in New Hampshire were not born here. This state has grown because of the decision of many people to leave behind some other state to come here. I made that decision over 50 years ago.

During those decades I have watched other northeastern states convince their people that if they passed an income tax, they would make the wealthy pay more and thus lower the property tax. Sadly, that reduction never took place. The extra money was used to grow government even more.

I voted Republican when I lived in Massachusetts. But the ones I voted for rarely won.

When I moved here, I was delighted to see that New Hampshire was strongly Republican. If any politician in this state talked about introducing an income tax, that was political suicide. Additionally, it was cheaper to register our cars and to insure them.

Property taxes did not seem that much higher than neighboring states, and in our small towns, many functions, like planning board, board of adjustment, and recreation commission, were accomplished by volunteers, and not paid bureaucrats. We all seemed to feel like we were the town government, and a welcome part of it.

We have had even more new people move

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# Derry Police Chief Swears In Department's Newest Officer

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Police Department held a ceremony to swear one of their newest members on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Officer Joshua Morse was officially sworn in by Derry Police Chief Ed Garone, who welcomed members of the department as well as Morse's family members: mom, Kathy; brothers Andrew and Benjamin; and girlfriend Timany Malicy.

Morse is a Bellingham, Mass. native and graduated from Merrimack College with a Bachelor of Science



Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology.

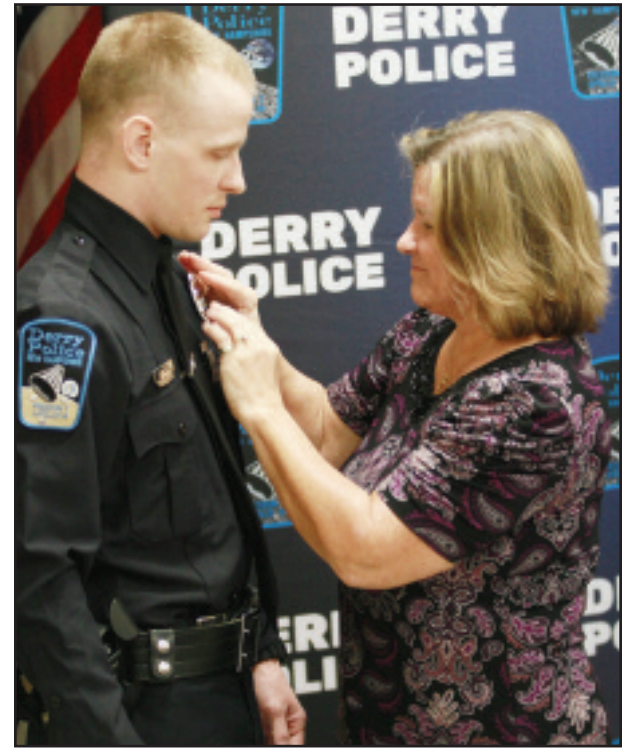
Morse joined the force back in August of 2021 and attended the New Hampshire Full-Time Police

Academy and graduated on Dec. 17, after completing the 16-week program.

Morse is currently working to complete a 12-week field training period. After that training he

looks to be assigned to solo patrol in mid-March.

Moments after being sworn in, Officer Morse had his badge pinned to his uniform by his mom Kathy.



## Masking

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Thompson. "I'm so excited by that I'm going to say it again."

Thompson said that haven't been able to say that since October.

Also during the meeting Thompson said that the State has changed their guidelines for how school districts should handle COVID-19.

"We decided to follow that as a school district," said Thompson, saying that aside from making minor changes to the mask policy they essentially followed the State guidelines.

Up until now he said that the State has had comprehensive guidance for

school districts when it comes to COVID-19.

With that said Thompson said that changed on Feb. 3.

"But on February 3rd that has been rescinded and replaced with a document that is about 3 pages in length," said Thompson, saying that now it references guidelines for the CDC.

One of the significant changes that the Department of Health and Human Services made was in regards to contact tracing investigations. He said that now school districts aren't required nor is it recommended that they do contact tracing investigations.

He said that they aren't required to report cases on

a daily basis and instead they only need to report the aggregated data each week.

Thompson said that they also found out when it comes to masking it will be up to individual school boards to decide.

Based on the data Thompson said he felt comfortable proposing that they go with optional masking with some mitigation measures still in place for now.

"We still have mitigation in place," said Thompson.

Some of the mitigation factors that they are going to keep in place is that symptomatic students will still be sent home and required to provide nega-

tive tests to come back within five school days.

Thompson said that they also have a supply of N95 or KN95 masks that they can provide students or staff if requested.

School Board member Jason Giard asked if there were any talks about when the federal mandate requiring masks on public transportation will be lifted.

Thompson said no and

that they are waiting to see what the CDC says.

The School Board ultimately approved the change to optional masking with some mitigation factors in place.

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# Sandown Selectmen Discuss Live Streaming Meetings

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - During the Feb. 14 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to the live streaming of meetings.

Chris Donnellan, the Station Manager for the Town's public cable access channel explained that right now they are live streaming the meetings via Facebook, however they needed to get

permission in order to continue to do so.

He said that they were going to test it out and did so but there was an oversight and they didn't go to the Board of Selectmen in order to do it permanently.

"It became so easy to do," Donnellan said.

Since starting the live streams in Sept., Donnellan said that the most they had over 400 views was for the Town Deliberative.

"It's a huge amount of views," said Donnellan.

For the other meetings Donnellan said that they average 30 views per meeting on Facebook.

"People are watching just not a lot," said Donnellan.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Jonathan Goldman said that the funds for Cable Access come from fees for Comcast customers in Town. Because the funds only come from people in town who have Comcast he doesn't think they should use any of the

funds or resources on live streaming on Facebook.

"I have a hard time as a cable subscriber supplementing those who don't have cable," said Goldman.

Selectmen Darren Hudgins said that he thinks it is good to have as much engagement from people in Town as possible.

"The Town needs engagement," Hudgins said.

Selectmen Robert Nickerson said that he didn't think they should

continue with the live streaming of the meetings on Facebook.

Goldman said that he thinks they should put a petition warrant article on the ballot to see what people want.

While he wasn't at the meeting in person Selectmen Tom Tombarello texted Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell that he thinks they should keep the live stream going.

"I wouldn't mind keeping it going," said Eric Olsen, the Chairman

for the Board of Selectmen.

He said that next year they could put it on the ballot to see what people in Town think.

"Let's put it on the warrant article," said Olsen.

With a consensus of 3-2 the Board of Selectmen agreed to continue to allow the live streaming of meetings on Facebook.

The next Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

# Sandown Planning Board Grants Subdivision Waivers

HENRY GREENBAUM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - On their Tues. evening meeting, the Sandown Planning Board continued the hearing on an application to split an existing property into three smaller properties.

The land surveying company James Lavelle Associates submitted the application on behalf of Alexander Oski who owns a property located at 127 Odell Road. "Mr. Oski created this lot by buying out two other building lots and a couple of other parcels, and combined it into one,"

said Tim Lavelle. "We are just proposing to go back to three building lots. One with an existing house on it."

At the previous hearing the board asked Lavelle to go back to his client and adjust the plans to account for varying issues.

Lavelle said, "At the last hearing, we were asked to add certain things to the plan like proposed driveways and things of that nature...On Portions of Odell Road, the right of way is a little closer than normal so when they reconstruct, they're under some constraints. We

looked at an easement that gave them 15 feet all the way along [the frontage] and it was kind of disjointed, so we have determined that we are going to give them a 10-foot easement across the entire frontage."

Lavelle mentioned that they are awaiting subdivision approval, but they should have that at some point after the meeting. He is, however, requesting to waivers on behalf of Oski.

The first waiver is for road shoulder improvements. Lavelle and Oski are required to improve the road shoulders on Odell Road as a part of the application, but the street is going to be reconstructed anyway. The 10-foot easement was made to

accommodate that reconstruction.

Lavelle continued to explain that Oski is also looking to waive the on-site recreation facilities. "We are creating two new lots to put on-site recreation facilities for the two lots or even the three lots," said Lavelle. "It does not do the town any good and eventually it will probably not be used so, we propose to donate \$1,000 from each of the two new lots to the town's recreation fund."

The board voted unanimously to approve the first waiver, but they approved the second waiver with five conditions. Lavelle and Oski must be granted full approval from the state for the subdivision. They must

also add a couple notes in the final plan that acknowledge the waivers. A land surveyor must confirm that all boundary monuments depicted on the final plan have been installed. The last two conditions are to follow the recommendations of the town engineer and maintain a positive pre-account balance.

In the last meeting, Lavelle submitted a different application on behalf of Michael Cronin. Cronin was requesting the subdivision of one lot into three which was granted to him on the conditions that they

build a shared driveway and meet the safety requirements brought forth by Fire Chief Michael Devine.

Lavelle agreed to return to Cronin with these concerns and asked to continue the hearing at the Feb. 15 meeting. Another continuance was requested by Lavelle so that Cronin and Chief Devine have had a chance to sit down and address all of Devine's concerns.

The Sandown Planning Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Sandown Town Hall.

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surveyed.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that he talked to a company and said that they will be able to get it done in time.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unani-

mously approved allowing the 300th Anniversary Committee to hire a beer and wine vendor as long as they have the proper paperwork and insurance and is approved by the TRC.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

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# Salvation Army Maybe Homeless Soon as Exit 4A Begins

The Salvation Army of Greater Derry has served the communities of Derry, Windham and Londonderry for over 20 years. There are many services and programs offered including assistance to our local homeless population. Now, they find themselves to be

potentially homeless.

With the New Hampshire Department of Transportation adding a new exit to Route 93, known as "Exit 4A". Exit 4A creates a bypass through Londonderry and Derry that impacts Folsom Road.

The Army's Service

Center was taken through Eminent Domain along with several other Folsom Road properties. The building, located at 18 Folsom Road will be demolished as NHDOT widens the road to accommodate Exit 4A.

Salvation Army is in search of a new home. Ide-

ally, they would like to purchase commercial space similar in size to our current location which is approximately 10,000 square feet. With the scarcity of available commercial properties in the area, we have yet to locate anywhere suitable.

NHDOT has already acquired 18 Folsom Road and Salvation Army is leasing it temporarily while they search for a new home. That lease expires at the end of May they need to vacate the property.

The Army is hoping someone may be able to

direct them to a property for sale or lease so that they can continue to work in Greater Derry.

Details are available by contacting Lieutenant Tyler Adcox or Lieutenant Sojourney Adcox at the Salvation Army of Greater Derry, 603-434-7790.

# Derry Conservation Commission Discusses Two Plans

**TEDDY TAUSCHER**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - At a recent Derry conservation commission meeting, two developments were discussed. These developments included both residential and commercial buildings and were looked at under the lens of protecting the wetlands.

The plans were both presented by two employees of Keach-Nordstrom associates, an engineering firm.

The first development

up for debate was the Schurman Drive development. It would provide 55 and up housing, said Matt Peterson, an employee of Keach-Nordstrom Associates. The area would give enough space for ten lots, which due to the 55 and over designation would allow them to expand to 15 units.

The development would be located on Heidi Lane.

Peterson describes the land as a "long rectangular parcel that comes off Schurman Drive." Peterson said that the land had been

owned by the same individual for a few decades now, and had always been envisioned to be similarly developed as Schurman Drive. However, a development like Schurman Drive was no longer possible because of newer regulations. This has led to the current development plan.

Schurman drive was built in the 60s, said Grant Bensen, another employee of Keach-Nordstrom Associates.

Their current plan has one wetland crossing.

The other discussed

property is located on 35 Maple Street. Peterson delved into the history of the property, which he said was important to understand, for future development. "Back in the day around the 30s or 40s the whole parcel was just a building," said Peterson.

Peterson said his client would like to use the building on the property to store their trucks. This is important due to the cold weather in New Hampshire, said Peterson. Bensen said the property would resolve another issue; a slew of

catalytic converter thefts. Which according to Bensen, are not being perpetrated by a local group of kids, but a professional.

Peterson also hopes to clean up the area for "aesthetic reasons."

The development would encompass a large building to house the vehicles and a smaller office building.

Peterson said that the bulk of the questions from the zoning board would be about the plan's impact on the wetlands. "There are not many ways that I could develop this site at all and

not impact the wetland setbacks from the brook, the floodplain," said Peterson. However, Peterson said the project would not require any wetlands fillings. He also said they had not looked into storm water or grading on the property yet.

The existing building on the land is currently a repair shop. According to Bensen this building will also be partially renovated.

The commission plans to reconvene, to walk the two properties in the near future.

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Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler  
Rockingham County  
District 13  
(Kingston & Hampstead)

**Go For Joe!**

To the editor,  
When I first got inter-

ested in politics a decade ago, I started to meet some of the local politicians from my town. One of the first persons I met was Joe Guthrie.

My first impression of Joe was that he was a kindly man but, given his age, he must be someone gliding into retirement. Was I ever wrong! Joe had and still has more energy than most people half his age and he uses that energy for doing good for the people around him.

I have now served with

Joe in the New Hampshire House of Representatives for six years and have watched how he kept the interests of the people first and foremost.

One day a few years ago he told me he was running as a selectman in Hampstead. Knowing both Joe's compassion and Joe's energy level I assumed (correctly) that running for selectman would be additional to his work in Concord.

In Concord, Joe serves on the Municipal and

County Government committee. What a benefit that combined service makes for us in Hampstead. He brings the wisdom of local government from all over the state to us in our town.

Joe's running again on Tuesday, March 8 and I encourage all residents of Hampstead to "Go for Joe!"

Rep. Mark Pearson  
Hampstead  
Chairman, Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee

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# Frost Festival Activities Shrink After Winter Melting



A burst of warm weather cancelled a number of the Derry Frost Festival activities, but there was still a few things for families to do down town. Ice Breaker were on hand building Peanuts sculptures, McDonny's Traveling Farm had a peeting area set up at the rail trail and Frosty made his rounds.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Astros Wrestler Jack MacKiernan Takes DI State Title

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team traveled to Londonderry over the weekend to compete in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I State Championship and had four of its members finish in the top six.

Since 2001, the Timberlane Regional High School powerhouse has taken 20 of the 21 titles, with LHS getting the 2015 trophy and on Saturday, the Owl's captured their seventh consecutive title, scoring 265-points for first place. Salem High School was a distant second with 184.5 points and Nashua North was third with 144-points.

The Astros squad had a score of 70 and finished in eighth with five of their wrestlers finishing in the top five.

Astros senior wrestler Jack MacKiernan added

another first place title to his resume with three consecutive wins in the 170-pound DI championship.

MacKiernan had an easy win in the first round against Odeyi Kizungu of Concord High School. He pinned that opponent at 2:27 in the match.

In his second bout of the day, MacKiernan had an 8-0 major decision against Joe Bernard of Exeter High School.

In his championship bout, against Austin Morris of Keene High School, MacKiernan won with a tight 3-0 decision for the state title.

Two Pinkerton wrestlers secured fourth place spots at the tournament.

Cameron McMahon won two of his four bouts in the 120-pound weight and Mike Follo went three and two in his 132 lb. division.

Both of McMahon's wins came by way of pins. One in his bout against

Carter Spencer of Keene and the other was against Levi Madison of Concord.

Follo had pins in his matches against Jackson Schaechle of Manchester Memorial; Aiden Williams of Windham; and Nate Pass of Bedford.

Anthony Borbone finished his day with a fifth-place finish, winning three of his five bouts. His final match of the day was a win by fall against Cam Monahan of Salem.

Those four Pinkerton Academy wrestlers will be heading to the state's Meet of Champions (MOC) on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Londonderry High School to compete again.

The MOC has all three of the state's division's meeting to decide the top wrestlers in each weight class.

Those champions will advance to the New England Championship.



Astros senior wrestler Jack MacKiernan added another first place title to his resume with three consecutive wins at the championship. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Trinity Takes Out Pinkerton Boys in DI Semifinals



Pinkerton's Anthony Chinn finished the season with 29-points in the Division I Semifinals against Trinity.

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball team certainly gave fans something to cheer about this season, finishing with a 15-3 record and entering the post season as the number four seed in the Division I tournament.

The Astros managed to get by their opponents in the first two rounds quite easily, but in the Semi-Final game against the Trinity Pioneers, the team was shutdown on the offensive side of the court.

The PA squad's season ended with a 74-57 defeat in that semifinal game to a very strong Trinity team, that took the state title on Sunday, Feb. 20, against the Goffstown Grizzlies.

Pinkerton trailed by five at the end of the first quarter, but provided their fans some excitement at the end of the half with an Anthony Chin three-pointer with sec-

onds left, but at the buzzer, Trinity's Tyler Bike one upped PA with a half-court three pointer of his own to put the Pioneers up 33-27 at the half.

The Manchester squad kept putting on the heat to start the second-half, starting with a 7-0 run and all but took the Astros out of the contest.

Trinity outscored PA 20-12 in the third and 21-18 in the fourth quarter.

Anthony Chinn finished the game with 29-points, 10-rebounds and was fouled countless times going to the basket throughout the game.

Sophomore Jackson Marshall managed 15-points and 12-rebounds despite some very heavy Trinity coverage.

Sean Jenkins finished with five-points with Tyrone Chinn and Aiden Kane getting four points each.

The loss finished the Astros season at 17-4 and 20-4 overall, a huge turnaround for the program that went 1-19 just three years ago.

Head coach Dave Chase was proud of the team, "These guys really love the game, cared for each other and wanted to get better. It was a great experience getting to the final four and an experience that I am confident that will help us next



Trinity's Mike Nyomah defends the hoop against PA's Jackson Marshall last week. Photo by Chris Paul

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year."

Chase added, "As a coach, I couldn't ask for anything more than the whole team gave us this season. These boys brought back the fans, you could see a sea of red at all three play-off games, another accomplishment for this group of

players."

Over the weekend, Anthony Chinn and Jackson Marshall were given state recognition by being named to the Division I Allstate First Team by the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Association.

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# Astros Girl's Hoop Run Ends in Semis Against Cards

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Basketball squads quest for a NHIAA Division I title was ended by the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals last week in a 66-51 loss in the Semifinals.

The Lady Astros were the front-runner headed into the tournament, boasting the number-one seed, behind last year's winner from

Bedford High School taking the number two seed.

But, in order to get to the Lady Bulldogs, coach Lani Buskey and her ladies needed to beat Bishop Guertin for a second time this season, which has proved to be no easy task over the years.

Earlier in the season, the Lady Astros beat BG 74-66, but in the semifinal game, played at Exeter High School on Tuesday night, Feb. 15, despite an extreme-

ly strong start, the Astros fell to the Cardinals 66-51.

The Pinkerton girls came out of the gate bashing Bishop Guertin with a ten-point lead to finish the first quarter 19-9. They continued to outplay BG to start the second quarter, but their opponent was able to charge back in that period to finish the half 31-31.

In the second half, fouls were a big part of Pinkerton's eventual demise, with three of their starters fouling out of the game.

Senior captain Avah Ingalls got into foul trouble in the first half and eventually fouled out with six minutes left in the fourth. Freshman Alex White was sent to the bench with two and a half minutes left in the game and senior Becca Farnum was out with just under two-minutes left.

Another major issue in the game was BG's guard Brooke Paquette, who score 31 of the 66-points for the Cardinals, 16 of those points came at the free-throw line.

Despite the troubles, the Lady Astros team was still within reach of their opponents. They were down 48-43 with just over six-minutes left in the game, but with the PA foul issues, BG pulled away.

Pinkerton sophomore guard Liz Lavoie had to bat-

tle for every one of her 20-points in the game, leading the team in scoring. Senior Kristina Packowski and freshman Sydney Gerossie both finished with 11-points.

Senior Becca Farnum had five points and freshman Alexandria White had four points.

Senior forward Avah Ingalls was shutdown by the BG defense and finished with four-points. She was also one of the PA players who first fouled out.

The Bishop Guertin girls moved on to win the state Championship with a 48-46 victory over the Lady Bulldogs of Bedford High School.

On a positive note to finish the winter season, three Pinkerton girl players were awarded All-State honors by the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Association. Avah Ingalls, Liz Lavoie and Sydney Gerossie were all named to the state's first team and senior Kristina Packowski was named to the second team.

Ingalls was also named the Division I Player of the Year.

Head Coach Lani Buskey was named the Coach of the Year by the Association and assistant coach Mariel Bollinger was named as Junior Varsity Coach of the Year.



Pinkerton captain Avah Ingalls was named to the All-State team and was also chosen as the Division I Player of the Year.

Photos by Chris Paul



Senior forward Kristina Packowski had 11-points in the Semifinal game against Bishop Guertin

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## THE TOWN OF CHESTER COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

The Chester Fire Chie/EMD met with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions and other team members from Chester to work on the required five-year update to the **2016 Chester Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The Town and Mapping and Planning Solutions are conducting a series of Hazard Mitigation meetings to develop the plan over the next few months.

Through these public meetings, the planning team will address natural hazards such as flooding, hurricanes, drought, landslides, and wildfires and determine efforts the town can undertake to mitigate the effects of not only natural hazards but also technological and human-caused. The team will also review shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites.

By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities are required to complete a local Hazard Mitigation Plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration funding should a natural disaster occur. The planning processes are made possible by grants from FEMA.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is currently being formed. Chester citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**, from 2 - 4 p.m. via "Zoom". The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. All interested parties should contact Elizabeth Lufkin, Town Clerk & Deputy EMD, by email, [elufkin@ch\[1\]esternh.org](mailto:elufkin@ch[1]esternh.org), to be included in the process; interested parties will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list. Future meetings are planned for April 20, May 18, and June 22.

More information on the hazard mitigation planning process is available from June Garneau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, [jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com](mailto:jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com).



# Astros Ski Teams Compete at DI State Championships

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' and Girls' Ski Alpine teams participated in the

NHIAA Division 1 State Championship at Gunstock Mountain early last week.

The girls' event took place on Monday, Feb. 14, with 17 teams sending their top six racers to compete in the Slalom and Giant Slalom races. Pinkerton's team consisted of Ava Sezgin, Madeline Frank, Emma Tancrede, Hannah Flagg, Teagan Stinson and Emily Olson.

Portsmouth High School won took first place after dominating the afternoon's

Slalom event. Bedford was second, Keene took third, Concord was fourth, Bishop Guertin placed fifth and Pinkerton posted a sixth place with 618 team points

In the morning's Giant Slalom race, Ava Sezgin was the top PA skier with a 13th finish overall. Senior

captain Madeline Frank took 23rd overall, Emma Tancrede came in 27th Hannah Flagg claimed a team fourth (38th overall out of 88 racers). Amanda Buendia finished in 77th and Teagan Stinson skied out of the course in her first run but followed up with a fine second run for a 29th overall finish.

In the afternoon challenging technical Slalom course Sezgin was first for the PA team (11th overall). Emma Tancrede had two great runs for 14th overall, followed by Frank with a 26th overall and junior Stinson got on the board, scoring 59 points with a 46th overall finish.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the Pinkerton boys competed in the state championship.

The Bedford and Bishop Guertin teams both ended the day with 736 points, a tie, that was broken by adding up the total ski times of their eight finishers. Bedford claimed the DI title

by just over a second total faster skiing on the day. Keene came in third the Astros took fourth out of 17 teams.

The mornings Giant Slalom run saw the Pinkerton Boys sitting in 6th place.

Junior Captain Chris Bennet took a third overall, Colton April finished 22nd overall followed by senior Captain Jackson Kuncik with a 40th overall finish and Zach Hall in had a 45th overall. Ryan Bright and Jameson Colby also skied well.

The PA team improved their overall standings with a fantastic display in the Slalom by claiming a team fourth place. Bennett retained his title as the DI Boys State Champion in the Slalom discipline. He laid down a blazing fast first run and bested Bedford's top skier Colby Rathburne by .68 seconds. Rathburne was slightly faster in the second run, but only by .20, leaving

Bennett with a .40 second margin of victory to take his second State Individual title in the Slalom. Bennett will represent Pinkerton Academy in the Meet of Champions on Thursday, Feb. 24

at Cannon Mountain.

April also had a fast run for an 11th overall finish, Colby took was 29th overall and Zach Hall was 36th overall. Anthony Terrile and Jackson Kuncik came in

45th and 64th, respectively.

The strong afternoon performance in the technical course brought the boys up two places to take a fourth overall.

## PA Boys Hockey Squad Heads into Season's Last Week at 6-10-1

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey team will end its regular season with a game against the Londonderry Lancers on Wednesday night, Feb. 23 and hope to improve to 7-10-1 heading into the state tournament.

The PA squad had three games last week, winning one against Keene High School, but losing to Bishop Guertin and Concord High.

In the team's first game of the week, at home, PA faced the undefeated Crimson Tide, who scored three times in the first and second periods and went on to a 7-1 win over Pinkerton. Junior forward Lorenzo Corsetto scored the only goal for Pinkerton with an assist from senior defenseman Ryan Leighton.

Damien Carter made 20 saves for Pinkerton while Will Pegnam had 10 saves for Concord.

On Saturday night, Pinkerton was shutout by Bishop Guertin 4-0 at Skate 3 in Tewksbury Mass.

The Cardinals led 1-0 after one period and scored three, third period goals for the one-sided win.

Carter had another busy night and made 34 saves in goal for the Astros.

The Astros got their sixth win of the season the following day when they defeated Keene 3-2 in overtime.

Junior Joe Richards, senior Tylor Pappalardo and

junior Bryce Cronin scored for Pinkerton.

Cronin's goal came during a power play in overtime with the assist from Corsetto and senior Aidan Curran.

Carter made 27 saves in the Astros net.

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Feb. 14

Kiareese Perez

Freshman, Winter Spirit

Perez is a flyer for PAVC and had an outstanding day on Saturday. She throws some of the bigger skills and debuted her aerial front walkover for competition. She is in the front for most of the routine in a high profile spot and performed in such a way that demanded you watch her. She used her adrenaline to her advantage in our season opener to help the team win the Cap City competition.

Ava Sezgin

Junior, Alpine Ski Team

Sezgin led her team in points in the Slalom and GS throughout the season, scoring team firsts in 8 of 9 races. At the state finals, she was the team's top racer in both disciplines scoring team firsts in Giant Slalom (13th overall) and a team first in the Slalom (11th overall). She displayed focus, intensity, and consistency throughout the season while skiing very fast.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

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## DERRY

### Food Drive

Derry Village Rotary helps support ending 68 hours of hunger which supplies weekend food bags for our Derry children to take home so they have meals over the weekend. Most of these students partake of the reduced cost breakfast / lunch program but have no other means for food while not in attendance at the schools. Rotary helps the Ending 68 Hours of Hunger program in town by distributing the food bags to the schools. Courtney Cashman and a group of volunteers bag the food that is needed. What's needed: Non-Perishables for all meals, including snacks, protein bars. Their food supply is getting low and if you would like to help go to Ending 68 Hours of Hunger website: Derry - End 68 Hours of Hunger [www.end68hoursofhunger.org](http://www.end68hoursofhunger.org)

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### Derry Garden Club

Derry's Garden Club will open this season with a potluck lunch and Question and Answer segment on March 4, at 10 a.m., in the Boys and Girls Club, Hampstead Rd., East Derry. The Program Committee has completed the events calendar for the year and has two road trips planned, Master Gardeners giving talks, Flower Design lessons, one combined meeting with a local garden club, and our ever popular "Gatherings in the Garden". That is just a sampling of what the Club has to offer. If you'd like to learn more, visit the Derry Garden club website or call 603-396-0053 and leave a message.

### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is back

with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon must be 65 or better to participate. It cost \$3 per meal. Make reservations and reserving your space. Call Jess at 603-434-5148.

### Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

### Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

### Story and Building Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

## CHESTER

### Winter Carnival

On Saturday Feb. 26, A Winter Carnival will be held at Spring Hill Farm located at 96 Towle Rd., Chester. Winter Activities will be held from 2 - 4 p.m., including: Hot Cocoa Bar, Ice Skating, Kiddie Sledding, Curling Demonstration, Cross County Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Wagon Rides, Winter Olympics. A Chili Cook Off will be held from 4 - 5 p.m., Beans or No Beans, Spicy or Sweet, all ages encouraged to participate anyone can enter anyone can judge. Finally a Bonfire & S'mores making will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Questions contact recreation 603-887-3636-x100 director@chesternhrec.org

### Astrology 101

Let's talk Astrology! This Chester Library workshop will provide a basic overview of western astrology, including the twelve zodiac signs, the ten traditional planets and the twelve houses of a natal chart on Monday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. Participants must provide their birth information (date, exact time and location) in order to receive a

printed chart. Due to the personalized nature of this program, we are asking for a \$5 non-refundable deposit when you register. Registrations will be at the library circulation desk in person only.

### Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Nonfiction Discussion

The Hampstead library Nonfiction Book Club discusses The Liberation of Paris: How Eisenhower, de Gaulle and von Choltitz Saved the City of Light by Jean Edward Smith on Tuesday, March 1 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. This book tells the dramatic story of the Allied decision in World War II to divert from the strategic plan in order to save Paris.

### Appy Hour

Pour yourself a mocktail, grab snacks, and tune in to the Hampstead Public Library's virtual Appy Hour on Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Tech Librarian Kate dis-

cusses the fantastic free apps available from the Library including Hoopla and Libby for free downloadable books and more. Plus, Beanstack, the new app to track reading. When you register for this online event, please let us know what other apps you are interested in learning about and Kate will answer your questions. Sign-up via the Events Calendar on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org) or call 603-329-6411.

### Volunteers Needed

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library are seeking volunteers to work in the Elaine David Thrift Shop at the Library. Help process donations, get an advance peek at store merchandise, and work with a friendly crew. Volunteers are generally scheduled in 2-hour shifts. Whether you can help weekly or monthly, anytime you can give is greatly appreciated. The Shop is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Tuesdays and Saturdays. For further information, visit the Shop, email [HampsteadFriends@gmail.com](mailto:HampsteadFriends@gmail.com), or leave a message by calling the Library 603-329-6411.

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## Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play and all skill levels welcome. Due to Covid-19 the Chess Club will be online only. Go to <https://hampstead-civicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

## Make Valentine Treats

Impress someone you love, including yourself, with special Valentine baking. The Hampstead Public Library has Cake Pans that cardholders can borrow for the occasion. There is a large Nordic Ware decorative heart cake pan, a heart tartlette pan, a six hearts cookie/cake pan, and a one-dozen hearts cookie/cake pan. These are part of the Library's more than 40-pan collection, which can be reserved via the catalog on [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org) or call 603-329-6411 and ask a librarian.

## Bricks For Library

Individuals, clubs and businesses can purchase a brick for the Hampstead Public Library's Pavilion Project fundraiser. The bricks will be part of a walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Each brick can be personalized. Bricks can be purchased by filling out a form at the Library or visit [www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead). If you are giving a brick as a gift, the Library has special cards and a limited supply of decoratively wrapped bricks which you can present to the recipient. Purchase of a bag, brick, or any fundraiser to benefit the Library is tax-deductible. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

## Borrow Snowshoes

The Hampstead Public Library added snowshoes and snow molds to its collection. Cardholders can borrow snowshoes and walk around the StoryWalk®. Take them home and walk around their yard or visit the Hampstead Conservation Trails. There are three sizes available. The Library also has snow mold toys available. Make snow ducks, hearts, snowmen, and penguins with the snow-molds. It's a fun way to decorate a yard and play with snow! These items can be reserved via the catalog on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org) or call 603-329-6411 and speak to a librarian.

## SANDOWN

### Mario Kart Tournament

Join the Sandown Library's first Mario Kart Tournament on the big screen downstairs on Wednesday, March 2 from 4 - 6 p.m. Do you have what it takes to win first, second, or third place? Register now and prove that you're the best Kart driver. We have two pro-controllers at the library, but feel free to bring your own from home.

### Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture

In anticipation of the spring release of the latest Downton Abbey movie, join the Sandown Library on Saturday, March 5 from noon - 2 p.m., for an afternoon tea with guest speaker Ann McClellan as she explores the history behind the rise and fall of British servants and why Americans are so fascinated by their stories on page and screen. This program is provided to us through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities.

### Potter Book to Movie Club

Do you love all things Harry Potter? If so, this club is for you! On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m., this Sandown Library group will watch a Harry Potter movie based on one of the books and have a discussion comparing them. Is the book always better than the movie?

There will be great snacks! Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

### Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

### A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel Bunch. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be snacks. At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk. This book group is for those in grades 8-12.

### Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m., to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

### Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

### PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the

first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk

### 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.

### Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A 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.

### PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night at the Sandown Library for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Weather permitting, summer story times will be held outdoors on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take &

Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us).

### Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

### 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](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary)

### Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! 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. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning

sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers At the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will take place on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. [director@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:director@sandownlibrary.us)

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### Free Meals

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### Need a Tutor?

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