

# Hampstead Master Plan Survey Results Released

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**HAMPSTEAD** - Recently the Hampstead Master Plan Steering Committee and the Hampstead Planning Board released the results of its master planning survey.

They are currently working with the Rockingham Planning Commission on drafting updates to the entire Master Plan for the Town.

In the month-long survey 800 people took the survey and provided 77,589 responses or comments to the survey questions.

The survey was the most comprehensive insight into the needs and wants of Hampstead since the 2006 Master Plan Survey, which had a total of 549 participants, according to the summary report for the survey results.

The survey will serve as one of many sources used in the current Master Plan update; other sources may include public meetings, census data, and other resources.

Anyone with a stake in the future of Hampstead was welcome to participate in the survey.

“The survey was in-

tended primarily for residents, however, individuals who own property or a business in Hampstead were also invited to provide their thoughts,” the summary stated.

“Of the responses received, three individuals taking the survey live outside of Hampstead and 21 participants owned a business in Hampstead. Just under half of survey participants (48%) have lived in Hampstead for more than 10 years, most participants were between the ages of 18 to 55 (58%), and 64% of participants work full time,” the

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# Skatepark Rehab Project Discussed by Town Council

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**DERRY** - During the last Derry Town Council meeting the Council heard a presentation about the possibility of revitalizing the Derry skatepark at Alexander-Carr Park.

It was explained by Derry Town Council Chairman James Morgan that community member Nick Sands came to them three weeks ago concerning the possibility of revitalizing it.

Morgan said that the park is currently in bad shape.

He said that Sands and others are going to create a committee to do fundraising.

“It’s such a great idea that the council embraced it and we are looking at

how we can build a private public partnership,” said Morgan.

Derry Town Councilors Neil Whetherbee, Josh Bourdan and Morgan met at the skatepark and looked at the ideas they had.

Whetherbee said he was impressed by the fact that they already started doing some clean up work at the skatepark.

“They started going down there and getting the place cleaned up on their own. They really wanted to make things happen,” he said.

Sands said that one of the main reasons why they decided to pursue the project was so kids had something to do in town.

He said it’s also something that is very popular for younger people, and this year it was in the

Olympics for the first time.

“It’s huge right now and it’s only going to get bigger over the years,” he said.

Sands said that it used to be a very popular place and they want to bring it back to its good condition.

Their plan right now is to rip up the current skatepark and build the new one out of cement.

While there is more cost up front for cement, Sands said that they would save money over time since there is a lot less upkeep.

Ralph Murphy, who was one of the people who started the skateboard park originally was also in attendance at the meeting.

Since starting the park in Derry he has helped to build 30 others.

“I really believe that

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**Perfect Landing** The spire of the Chester Congregational Baptist Church steeple was removed last week as part of the reconstruction project currently underway. See more page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

# Sandown Officials Look to Sell Main Street Properties

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**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Board of Selectmen held its bi-monthly meeting on July 26.

During the meeting one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to the selling of town owned property.

It was explained by Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell that they have been discussing selling a piece of town land during executive sessions and this meeting was the opportunity for the board of selectmen to explain to the public what they are planning to do with the land.

Sandown Board of Selectmen Chairman Eric Olsen said that they agreed to put up 359 and 367 Main St., for sale, which was supposed to be used as the new police station, which isn’t the case anymore.

Blaisdell explained

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# Chester Kindergarten Program Receives State Funding

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CHESTER - When the Chester School District decided to move to full-day kindergarten starting with the 2020 school year they expected to receive funding from the state of New Hampshire that year.

Last week the school district learned that they would be receiving that fund retroactively and will receive it going forward however it took a lot longer than they expected.

Originally the school district expected to receive the funding in 2020. The plan was to have the state distribute grants to school districts with a minimum of \$1,100 per student and up to \$1,800 per student. The exact amount was dependent on the amount of revenue generated from Keno.

Originally, the school district thought it would receive a minimum of \$49,500 and up to a maximum of \$81,000 in revenue from the state since they had 45 students.

With that said, the New Hampshire state legislature changed the funding process in June of 2019 when they finalized the State budget. Instead of having a provision in regards to the Keno revenue they decided to give each school district the \$1,800 grant per student, according to Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson.

However, they also decided to remove the provision, which would give school districts funding for

the 2020 school year if they made the switch to full-day kindergarten that year. This impacted Chester along with Salem and Windham.

"The unintended consequence of the 2019 Budget agreement was unfortunate even though the decision to include and fully fund Kindergarten students was a positive solution for New Hampshire," Richardson said.

This led Chester School District Superintendent Darrell Lockwood,

Chester Business Administrator Sheryl Rich, and Richardson to reach out to the then-Chairs of the Senate and House Education Committees Senator Jay Kahn - Keene and Representative David Luneau - Hopkinton to address the issue and they agreed.

In January Richardson and Rich testified in front of the Senate Education Committee.

In total, the Chester School District received \$87,156, which is based on the fact that they had a total

of 47 kindergarten students, which slightly exceeded what the district was anticipating for the maximum state aid.

"The Chester School Board is very appreciative of Senator Kahn and Representative Luneau for their continuing efforts in support of education in New Hampshire and for keeping this issue alive as well as our local legislators that supported the current legislation that finally resolved this issue," said Richardson.

## Skatepark

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Derry can have an awesome skate park again and bring people from all over the state to it," he told the Council.

One of the questions that was asked by the Council was in regards to the longevity of cement being used.

Murphy said that two of the oldest skate parks in the country are made out of cement.

"Pretty much every skatepark built outdoors now is being made from cement," he said.

It was also asked if other things would be allowed in the park.

"If you can ride it you can come in," said Sands.

It will also be handicapped accessible and during the winter it will be used as a snowboarding trick park.

Morgan explained that there is a trust for the Alexander Carr Park and has a total of \$4 million dollars in it. That money can only be used for the park.

If they would decide to move forward with rebuilding the park they would use funds though

the trust and no taxpayers dollars would be spent on it.

Morgan asked the Council if they could come to a consensus for the team to work with Derry staff to draft and send a request for proposals to specialists in the industry by the end of August. They would then come back in October and discuss what the cost would be and decide if they wanted to move forward with it and how much the Town would be willing to contribute to it through the trust.

"We don't know what this is going to cost," said



The Derry skatepark at Alexander-Carr Park has a group working to raise funds on revitalization of the area near the playground. Photo by Chris Paul

Morgan.

The Council members agreed to move forward with the request for pro-

posals.

On Saturday, July 31, the group planning to revamp the park held an

information day for interested residents to share ideas for the future of the skatepark.

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## Sandown

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that anytime they want to sell town owned property they have to present it to the conservation commission and the planning board and have them sign off on it, which they did.

They are also required to have two public meetings and then have a separate meeting where the final vote on selling the property would take place.

Olsen said that this is the only commercial piece of town property

that they currently own and it has been sitting empty for about 23 years.

It meant that they haven't been receiving any tax revenue from it.

"Now it's going to become a tax revenue source for us," Olsen said.

Selectmen Tom Tombarello said that he thinks it's a good move to sell the property.

"I think it's great for the town," he said. I think it's a great thing we will get some taxation," he added.

Blaisdell also told the

board that at any point up until the final vote is taken 50 registered voters in town could sign a petition saying that they want the process to be different which would force them to put it to a vote during the annual Town Meeting instead.

The public hearings will take place on Aug. 9 and Aug. 23.

Also during the meeting the Selectmen discussed possibly tweaking the comp time policy for its employees.

Olsen explained that he asked for it to be on

the agenda so they could review it.

One of the main things he suggested that they changed is for the person getting comp time to describe more in detail than what they do now.

"Anybody can look at their time sheet and can understand why they did the comp time and understand why it's justifiable in their eyes," he said about having more details explained by the employees.

Comp time allows employees to receive overtime pay in the form

of time off instead of getting money for the extra time worked.

For full-time employees they receive 1.5 hours for every extra hour worked, and part-time employees receive 1 hour for every extra hour they work above their normal schedules. If they work more than 40 hour they then receive 1.5 hours for every hour worked.

Selectmen Darren Hudgins asked why they aren't just paid for the time they work.

Blaisdell said that comp time is only

allowed in the public sector and it benefits the Town because they don't have to pay for overtime, which isn't necessarily budgeted.

Employees are given the choice of getting paid for the overtime or receiving comp time.

"You're just giving them that time they worked on a different date," she said.

It was ultimately decided that Blaisdell would work with Finance Director Gayle Hamel to craft appropriate language.

## OBITUARY

Brian M. Skelton



Brian M. Skelton, 42, of Derry, NH died Thursday July 29, 2021 unexpectedly in Concord, NH. Brian was born in Derry on April 21, 1979, a son of Edward and Diane (Nolet) Skelton and had been a lifelong resident.

Brian attended Derry schools, and was most recently employed as a landscaper for Greenskeeper Landscaping.

In addition to his parents, Brian is survived by his ex-wife Jill Skelton, their two sons, Brian Skelton, Jr., and Matthew Skelton. Brian is also survived by his four siblings, Theresa Skelton Mosley, her husband Michael, their children Pauline Patti-Thomas, Michael Patti & Brandon Patti, Edward Skelton, his wife Natasha, his daughter Ashley Tibbetts, and Marc Skelton, his wife Jessica, their two daughters Nina and Salome. Lastly his favorite sibling Jennifer Skelton, her husband Jonathan Coll, their two daughters Ava Bailey, and Makayla Leblanc. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, and cousins. Brian was predeceased by his two nephews, Codey Skelton and Philip Patti, and by the love of his life, Tara Drake.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday August 4, 2021 from 5 – 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m., in the funeral home. At the family's request, face masks are required for those in attendance who are not fully vaccinated.

## Hampstead

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summary added.

One of the questions that survey takers was asked what they like most about living in Hampstead.

For those under 55 and over 55 years old the top reason was hometown feel at 60% and the rural atmosphere being second with 57%. 29% of those under 55 years old said the quality of schools was their third reason while it was 46% for everyone else.

Another question that was asked was what land and development features are important to Hampstead's character.

According to the results 86% thought locally owned businesses were important or very important, and 80% felt it is important to keep commercial uses in the cur-

rently allowed zoning districts.

The survey results show that one of the major concerns for survey takers is the property taxes.

"From participant comments received throughout the survey property taxes (both town and school portions) are a major concern for residents," the summary of the results stated. "The survey focused on the cost for town services specifically as it is more related to land use planning activities. However, the survey results indicate tax rate impacts are a major influence about future decisions for Hampstead."

Some of the major findings from the survey

results include the fact that residents want to maintain Hampstead's rural character and see minimal growth, but many expressed a desire to encourage concentrated commercial development. There were diverse opinions about whether all development should be slowed.

Another finding was an overall desire to increase connectivity in the town. This included physical connectivity with trails and sidewalks, but also increasing community connectivity to enhance residents' participation in local activities.

Protecting Hampstead's natural resources, particularly water resources and open spaces,

and potential negative side effects from increased development of all types, was also something that many people are concerned about according to the survey results.

Aside from the survey they will also have additional public input opportunities and review of the updated Master Plan, which are expected to occur in late 2021 and early 2022. The anticipated completion date of the Master Plan is 2022. Any updates to the Hampstead Master Plan will require a public hearing prior to Planning Board adoption.

The full survey results can be found at [hampsteadnh.us/planning-board](http://hampsteadnh.us/planning-board).

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# Editorial

## Celebrate Your Town

It is August and the flowers are blooming, the garden is producing a lot due to all the July rainfall. Fall sports practices will be starting yet there's still plenty of time to sit on the porch and enjoy the season. It's the heart of summer even with the days getting shorter and you can't help but catch a glimpse of fall some evenings all this means it's town festival time.

It started with Hampstead's Summerfest, next up is Londonderry's Old Home Day celebration Aug. 18-22, followed by Sandown Old Home Day Sept. 25 also on Chester's Town Fair on Sept. 11 and Derryfest in Derry on Sept. 18. Whatever the date or the name of the event, you're treated to a back-to-basics festival with games of skill or chance, talent shows, hearty food, parades, many games and activities, entertainment, all kind of displays and demonstrations and the newest emergency vehicles, and often fireworks.

What's new is often what's old too, as long-ago games of tug of war and sack races catch the attention of today's youngsters. Look in the pages of the next

issues of the papers to get all the details of what's happening when. Regardless of the hectic life we lead the rest of the year, the town festivals bring us together. They get us out of our homes and our backyards and into the town center, and slow us down to relax with our neighbors.

But celebrations don't come packaged and ready to go, they're the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing a love of their real or adopted hometown, and a desire to make their town festival something everyone will want to schedule and come back to every year.

That's the heart of what these old-fashioned summer gatherings are all about. And while our weekdays often require long hours in another community or state, summer encourages us to enjoy where we live. Mark your calendar for your local festival and plan to celebrate or volunteer where you live. Make this the year to get better acquainted with your neighbors and your town history, and take part in a summer rite that is part of the heart of New England.

# The 32nd Annual Derryfest Is Back Live in September



Local balloon artist Joe Tambarello is always a favorite stop for children as he creates a variety of unique treasures at Derryfest. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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DERRY - After taking place virtually last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the annual Derryfest will once again be taking place this year in person.

The 32nd annual Derryfest will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at MacGregor Park.

Because of the uncertainty of the pandemic the decision wasn't made until June to have it in person. Usually planning begins in March.

People in the community were excited when it was announced that the annual event would be happening once again.

Mike Gendron, a GDAC Trustee and a member of the Derryfest Committee, stated that he was "thrilled with the overwhelmingly positive reaction from the community once it was announced that Derryfest was happening once again this year."

"Many of the tradition-

al craft vendors, food vendors, non-profits, entertainers and sponsors that have supported Derryfest in the past have really stepped up once more to participate in this great community event," he added.

The Greater Derry Arts Council produces Derryfest every year and their hope is that the 2021 Derryfest will be a big success just like in past years.

So far there are over 110 booths already reserved for Derryfest.

Some of the attractions returning this year includes things like a portable "rock" climbing wall, a live wild animal presentation featuring a "roaming tortoise", a performance by Derry's own balloon entertainer, Joe Tombarello, games for children in the Derryfest games area and entertainment from some of Derry's music, dance, theater and baton twirling schools and organizations.

To kick-off Derryfest the GDAC will once again

be holding Greater Derry's Got Talent, which is a talent show, presented in conjunction with Derryfest week. It is a family friendly event that is open to all singers, dancers, musicians, and performers of all ages and levels of experience, and is open to all New Hampshire residents.

It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Derry Opera House located at 29 W Broadway in Derry. To learn more about it visit [derryarts.org](http://derryarts.org).

A panel of judges selects winning acts and the audience also votes for their favorite. For the final competition, all winning acts receive prizes as well as the opportunity to perform on the main stage at Derryfest the following weekend.

A list of Derryfest booth vendors, sponsors and entertainment schedule will soon be finalized and can be found at [www.derryfest.org](http://www.derryfest.org). You may email the committee at [info@derryfest.org](mailto:info@derryfest.org).

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# Crews Carefully Remove Church Spire for Rot Repairs

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Congregational Baptist Church reconstruction Project took an unex-

pected turn recently, resulting in the removal of the over 200-year-old spire in order to make some significant repairs to the steeple.

On Thursday morning, July 29, a large number of

church and community members gathered to watch the removal of the historic spire aided with the help of a massive crane.

Preservation Timber Framing crews with the help of Chester-based Locke Crane Service crews safely negotiated the removal in about three hours that morning.

The church was built in 1773, and the historic building has been undergoing a major preservation effort.

As Preservation Timber Framing crews were doing some of the repairs on the leaking steeple, which has caused damage to the original beam structure and interior ceiling and found they had no choice but to remove the spire.

According to Frances Kenison, the Administrative Assistant at Chester Congregational Baptist Church, "After removing the spire railing, Timber Framing owner, Arron Sturgis, found significant rot in the base of one of the

spire rafters as well as the center of two of the three "bed timbers" that hold up the spire. The damage was significant enough that for safety reasons the spire had to be removed."

The spire will be placed between the church and vestry for about a month while the necessary repairs are made and then the structure will be put back in place.

A capital campaign called the Meetinghouse Preservation Project was launched in 2019 to fund renovations for the historic church. The goal is to repair the leaking steeple and spire structures, preserve the original beam structure, repair and/or replace the shutters, scrape and paint the exterior, and repair the damaged interior ceiling. Fundraising is ongoing and donations can be made through [www.chesternhchurch.org](http://www.chesternhchurch.org)



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# Sandown Conservation Commission Discusses New Wildlife Program

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**SANDOWN** - During the July 22 Sandown Conservation Commission meeting the commission heard from Sandown resident Heidi Dryer who wanted to see if there was any interest from the commission in regards to the "Taking Action for Wildlife" program.

Dryer explained that she was invited to speak at the meeting by the commission's administrative assistant Colleen Olsen.

She said that she is a natural resources steward volunteer through the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and each month they send

out a newsletter.

After going through the newsletter she noticed the Taking Action for Wildlife program and after doing some research about it she realized it was something she was interested in.

She said that she posted information about it on the Sandown community Facebook page because she has seen a lot of discussion lately about conservation and wildlife.

As part of the requirement they need to have at least one member of the community conservation commission and then at least three other community members.

The commitment is to attend class on a Friday in

September, October and in November and classes on three Wednesdays in those months as well. They are all done via zoom.

As part of the program she stated that they also need to work together on a project that is relevant to the community.

One of the project ideas that Conservation Commission Chairman Jim Butler had was to create a natural resources inventory for the Town.

Sandown Conservation Commission member Jillian Winmill explained that technically it is a state requirement for the Town to have a natural resource inventory but they never had one before.

"It's something we need to do and something that would help us as a conservation commission

and help planning and zoning when they look at particular properties," she said.

"It's an undertaking but it's something that I think may be just the undertaking for this group," she added.

Butler overall said that he thinks it would be a great idea if the town can put a team together for the program.

Winmill, along with conservation member Christy Ortins, both agreed to be a part of the program if they need two more people.

Butler said that he hopes that people will grow interested in it.

"I hope this generates interest which is why she's here tonight," he said.

He also said that he thinks it's acceptable for them to put it on the con-

servation Facebook page.

In other news Butler also explained to the public how the best ways to contact the commission is.

He said that if they ever want to contact the board the best way to do so is by emailing Olsen or by calling her at Town Hall.

Another way they could speak with them is by attending one of their bi-monthly meetings, which is typically on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at

Town Hall starting at 7 p.m.

He said that the Sandown Conservation Commission page is a good way to find out about different events they have but it's not a good way to communicate with them.

People also can subscribe to news for different boards and commissions through the Sandown town website.

The next Sandown Conservation Commission meeting is slated for Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

**Maria R. Parrella**



Maria R. Parrella, 58, of Derry, NH, passed away Thursday July 29, 2021, in Bedford Hills Care and Rehabilitation Center in Bedford, NH. She was born on Sept. 12, 1962 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a daughter of Manuel and Sylvina (Olivera) Raposo. Maria worked in the food service industry most of her life, most recently at McKinnon's Market. She enjoyed doing puzzles and was a Real Housewives series fanatic, especially the Housewives of Beverly Hills. Maria loved the beach. It was her happy place. She also enjoyed spending time in North Conway, NH. She will be remembered for her smile that could light up a room and her ability to make friends anywhere she went. She will be sadly missed by all her knew her.

In addition to her mother Sylvina Raposo, Maria is also survived by her beloved husband of 36 years, Robert Parrella of Derry; her son, Robert "Bobby" Parrella, Jr.; one brother, Gabe Raposo; as well as her four nephews and one niece. She was predeceased by her father, Manuel Raposo and her husband's parents, Ruth and Ted Parrella.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Aug. 3, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services were in the funeral home. Graveside services were held on Wednesday Aug. 4 at the Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Road, East Derry, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or the American Diabetes Association, New England Affiliate, 260 Cochituate Rd., 2nd floor, Suite 200, Framingham, MA 01701.

## OBITUARY

**Raymond E. Cerri Jr.**



Raymond E. Cerri Jr., 60, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday July 28, 2021.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Friday, August 6, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry, 15 Birch St., Derry.

Funeral services will follow at 6:30 p.m., in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to NH Fish and Game, [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/funding/donate.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/funding/donate.html).

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# Chester Board of Selectmen Discuss Rescue Plan Funds

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - As towns and cities across the country are anticipating receiving American Rescue Plan Act funds it means they are also beginning to discuss what they may use the funds for.

During the July 29 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting that was one of the agenda items.

Chester Town Administrator Debra Doda explained that staff and her had met recently to start brainstorming some of the different ways they can use the funds.

The first round of funding they expect to receive will total about \$550,000.

The main ways the money can be used for is for infrastructure specifically involving water. One of the suggestions they had was for the Wason Pond footbridge.

Doda said that they are also allowed to use the funds for revenue replacement, which means they can use it to replace the decrease in the funds they received due to the pandemic. She said some of the things they were thinking of is to make up for the interest abatements and for the loss in recreation fees.

Cyber security is also another area where they are allowed to spend funds.

Doda said she suggested that they start coming up with a list of potential

projects and rank them. She said they should have more projects than they need in case some of them don't get approved.

Also during the meeting Selectmen Steve D'Angelo explained that in order to become a voting member of the zoning board of adjustments he will need to get approval from the Board of Selectmen.

Like the planning board and budget committee liaisons he said he thinks he should also have a vote.

He said that he spoke with the attorney for the ZBA and they said that the board of selectmen need to sanction him to be allowed to vote.

It was ultimately

agreed on by the Selectmen that they would have the Chester Board of Selectmen's attorney meet with them and then issue an opinion on the matter.

In other news the Board of Selectmen also heard an update from interim fire chief Philip Gladu.

Gladu told the board that the department was excited to have recently received a power stretcher for the ambulance. Currently they have a manual one.

"It's a lot better on the patients," he said.

The department is currently in the process of trying to fill an open lieutenant position, and Gladu said that they received three letters of intent for it.

"They are three great people, three people who I think would be great in this position," he said.

Myette asked if there was a limit on the number of lieutenants they could have.

While there isn't a preset quota on how many they can have, Gladu said the most they ever had at one time was five.

After not being able to have it last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the department will also be bringing back its explorers program when the school year starts.

While they only have four people who have expressed interest so far, Gladu said that once school starts they expect to

get many more people interested.

Gladu said that it is a phenomenal program and that they are able to get plenty of experience.

"It's a very small amount of things that they can't do," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

Through the program they have also been able to gain quite a few members in the department, many who join the department once they get done with the explorers program.

He also noted that they had 30 calls in the last three weeks between calls in town and mutual aid calls.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

# Hampstead Selectmen Continue Talk on ARPA Funds

HENRY GREENBAUM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectmen gathered at the Hampstead Town Hall for their bi-weekly meeting on Monday, July 26.

Starting with new business, the Selectmen discussed an open proposal they received for the library light post. Ark Electric of Salem, New Hamp. proposed to remove the 15-foot pole in the library's parking lot and replace it with two 5-inch steel poles that have 72-watt lights.

The entire process would cost approximately \$7,450.00. The Selectmen

agreed to send the proposal to the library board of trustees for further review before officially accepting it.

The Selectmen moved onto the Stormwater documents on the Town's website so the citizens of Hampstead are aware of how to use it. The Stormwater documents include upkeep reports, guidelines for pet waste, grass, and fertilizer. Citizens of Hampstead can go to [www.hampsteadnh.us/stormwater-management](http://www.hampsteadnh.us/stormwater-management) to view all these records and guidelines.

There has been an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

funds that are being given to the town. "The department heads have met and submitted their requests for the ARPA funds," said Chairman Sean Murphy. "Those [requested] items have been prioritized by each department and it will be discussed again in mid-August."

Each item submitted for the request of the ARPA funds will be individually evaluated to see if they are eligible to be supported by the funds. The ARPA funds have specific guidelines that must be met before certain departments can be chosen to do something with it.

The ARPA funds are

being received in two halves with the first half arriving soon and the other half arriving some time in 2022. The total funds are expected to be \$903,681.

The list of requested items also comes with an overage of \$570,000 which makes the estimated cost of everything on the list combined somewhere around 1.4 million dollars. Selectmen Laurie Worthen said, "[Administrative Assistant and ADA Coordinator] Sally included the lost revenue estimate of \$570,000. There is a formula for determining allowable lost revenue estimates based on the total

revenue stream. However, our actual revenue stream was only in the \$62,000.00 range."

The lost revenue estimates are based on the amount of money the town is receiving. Without the ARPA funds, Hampstead's revenue stream is very small. But since the funds are almost a million dollars, then the lost revenue estimates come out to the approximated \$570,000.

The Selectmen also discussed how the process of selecting which items are appropriate for the ARPA funds to be used on. If the items chosen do not align with the eligibility

guidelines, then the town must pay that money back which creates a risk in using them.

The list will be narrowed down by the department heads. Once that is completed and the logistics of how much it will all cost is worked out, then the final list will be submitted to the Selectmen. The Selectmen wish to have the final call on the list of items from each department that the ARPA funds can be used for.

After finishing their talks on the ARPA funds, the meeting was adjourned.

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# Boys and Girls Club Campers Have Topsy Turvy Day

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Monday, Aug. 2, teen campers at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry were visited by a wide range of people to help them understand life from a different point of view.

Representatives from CATS (Community Alliance for Teen Safety), the Derry Police Department,

Parkland Hospital, Derry Community Access Media and some classic car owners gathered to help area youths instill a sense of awareness to make them more alert to the sometimes unpredictable situations life can put them in the middle of.

The event was designed to bring youth and adults together in a fun interaction with a subtle underlying theme of wellness and safe-

ty. Their goal was to further help the generations in mutual understanding, and also to increase the awareness of safety on the road, in our personal lives, and in the community.

The groups established three focal points during the day: Traffic Stop Area; WWII Medic Area; and a DerryCAM Oral History Interview Station.

Police officers Erin

Sullivan and Tyler Daniel explained what happens when young drivers are pulled over by police. They also showed the teens some of the equipment they have in their vehicles.

Neil Moore, a Trauma Specialist Nurse at Parkland Hospital and WWII Infantry Re-enactor demonstrated to the kids what went into Combat Wound Medical Treatment. He also explained some safety precautions behind firing a weapon. He had a replica of a M3 submachine gun, which was used from WWII until the Vietnam War.

The kids also were able to conduct interviews while being video recorded by Derry Community Access staff members.



Neil Moore, a Trauma Specialist Nurse at Parkland Hospital and WWII Infantry Re-enactor demonstrates gun safety. Photos by Chris Paul



Derry police officer Erin Sullivan explains to teens at the Boys and Girls Club what happens when drivers are pulled over by police during a traffic stop.



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Track Club Finishes Another Summer Fun Runs Series



**CHRIS PAUL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After having to take a year off due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) was able to continue its Kids Summer Fun Runs series this year with only one night

having to be cancelled due to excessive heat.

The final night of running took place on Monday, Aug. 2 and awards were handed out to the series winners.

There were 280 runners participating in the final races of the season and the

GDTC was able to donate 27 more bags of food to the St. Jude Food Pantry with the donations provided by runners. The series total for food collection was about one ton.

Races were run in every age group from two-on-up but only ages 9-13 were

recorded for the end-of-season prizes. Backpacks were handed out to each of the series winners to end the runs this week.

Every participant received a medal for competing this week.

The overall series winners were named before

race began and they are as follows.

For boys 9-year-old: Beckett O'Brien of  
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# Local Kickboxer Dominates in His Very First-Ever Fight



Liam MacNeil, of Londonderry won his very first kickboxing fight on Saturday, July 31, in Hooksett. *Courtesy photo*

**CHRIS PAUL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, July 31, Team Link in Hooksett hosted an Enigma Promotion's kickboxing event and local martial arts gym, Limitless Pride, had a big win by Liam MacNeil at the event.

MacNeil's bout was the third fight of the night and Londonderry boxer won the bout, in his first ever fight. The short-lived battle was won by knockout in just 40 seconds of the first round of the fight.

MacNeil was fighting in the 150 lbs weight division

and had a rather dominating performance in his very first fight.

MacNeil put on pressure the whole time, getting a head kick knockdown to start things off, then finished the fight with a strong over-hand right.

After the fight, coaches Nermin Zilic and Jonathan Paul had this to say about the strong win. "Liam works very hard in the gym, is there almost everyday, listens well, and has the heart to fight. The energy he brought tonight was great and he made the crowd go wild. We are proud of him

and we know it's his first of many wins to come" said Paul. Zilic had this to say, "With the pandemic it has been hard to find our guys events to fight at, so when we heard of this promotion we had to show off our guys and Liam really showed what we have to offer. We spar hard in the gym to win easy. Not everyone knows what it's actually like to go out there and get put in an actual fight and Liam did great for his first time out there, congrats to him. Now hopefully there will be more events to show off more of our students in the future."



## Fun Runs

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Londonderry was first, Ben Berry of Londonderry was second and Nicholas Tiney came in third.

In the girls 9-year-old group: Meghan Mullaney of Derry finished first; Danicia Leblanc of Fremont was second and Adelynn Mullaney of Derry was third.

The boys 10-year-old group Owen Hooke of Derry finished in first; and Rowan Nichols, of Derry, was second and Jacob Tiney

of Sandown came in third.

In the girls 10-year-old group: Mia Bucu, of Londonderry, was first; Emerson Presher, of Londonderry, took second; and Isley Morrison of Londonderry was third.

In the boys' 11-year-old race: Patrick Ramsey was first; Logan Reiff of Windham was second; and Miles Herlicka of New Boston was third.

In the girls' 11-year-old race: Anna Laufersweiler of Londonderry was first; Madison Doherty of Chester was second; and Emily

Bugenhagen of Londonderry came in third.

In the boys' 12-year-old race: Theodore Doherty of Chester finished first; Quinn Morrison was second; and Ryan Hooke of Derry was third.

In the girls' 12-year-old race, Avery Vadeboncoeur of Sandown came in first and Hannah Couture of Litchfield took second place overall.

In the boys 13-year-old group, Sig Iverson, of Chester, was first and Esai Theokas, of Chester took second.



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# Pizzastock 5 Featured 12 Bands at Boys and Girls Club



At left, Derry Town Councilor Josh Bourdon presents Doug and Danielle Flood with a proclamation announcing Staurday, July 31, as Jason Flood Day. Above, Recess kicks off the day od music on stage one. Below left the band Bored Soul performs on stage two.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

**CHRIS PAUL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, July 31, live performances took place on the fields behind the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry with two stages and 12 up and coming local bands at the annual Pizzastock event.

The annual event was developed a number of years ago by Doug and Danielle Flood who lost their son Jason to suicide back in 2016.

Since then, the Floods and other volunteers have organized a day of music and pizza featuring local bands to help raise awareness of suicide prevention for teens and to help them recognize the warning signs and feel comfortable talking about the issue.

The event also brings lots of local non-profits together to get the word out on what they offer the community.

Members of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, the Upper Room, Reach1 Teach1

Love1, the Boys and Girls Club and other groups had booths set up at the concert.

Derry Town Councilor Josh Bourdon attended the event and read a proclamation that declared the day as Jason Flood Day and Bourdon presented the proclamation to Jason's parents during the early hours of the event.

Doug and Danielle have worked over the years to help bring training to teachers on hoe to spot teen depression. They have worked with Derry school district and hope to work with Hampstead, Chester and Auburn middle schools.

The proclamation presented at the event pointed out that Pizzastock has raised over \$50,000 to help various groups in the effort of preventing suicide.

The 12 band appearing on stage that day were: Recess, Cozy Throne, Sunday Ave, Second to Last Minute, More Than Jake, Fourth Degree, Bored Soul, True Levellers, Dylan Weatherbee, Rock Bottom, Tals and Pals and Express Mail.



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### DERRY

#### Youth Basketball Tryout

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Spring AAU tryouts at the NE Sports Center in Derry. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd - High School. The next tryout date is Saturday Aug. 21. Times are 2nd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 10 - 11 a.m. 7th & 8th boys and girls: 11 a.m. - noon and High School boys and girls noon - 1 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at [CoatesNew@hotmail.com](mailto:CoatesNew@hotmail.com) or call 603-926-2276.

#### Films You Can't Find

On Aug. 9, at 6:30 p.m., the Derry Library will host Online, Footage Not Found: Films You Can't Find. You can find anything on streaming. Or can you? Reference librarian Liz and her partner in cinema studies Todd, discuss films that you can't find online, or on home media. Find out which films are cur-

rently "lost" and the various, sometimes tedious, reasons why. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

#### End of Summer Party

On Aug. 12 at 1 p.m., at the MacGregor Park, the Derry Library will host an End of Summer Party featuring Steve Corning and Moo's Ice Cream. We're celebrating a great summer of reading and family fun. Moo's ice cream will start scooping at 1 p.m., followed by a performance by one-of-a-kind variety performer Steve Corning. No registration required.

#### Visiting National Parks

On Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m., the Derry Library will host Online, Visiting Our National Parks: Lessons Learned. John Bunker shares his adventures and misadventures from some of his favorites of the 25 national parks he's visited: Badlands, Bryce, Canyonlands, Glacier, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, and Zion. This program also covers lodging

and dining, budget considerations, activity planning, and more. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

#### Etz Hayim Sunday Camp

Free Sunday Camp, Monthly starting Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. - noon (Ages 4-6) The camp includes: Music, crafts, games; Intro to Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew; Free tuition available to new Sunday Camp families. Registration: [www.etzhayim.org/learn](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn). For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

#### Etz Hayim Religious Learning

The Etz Haymin Synagogue is holding Religious Learnings on Tuesdays, Weekly starting Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. (Ages 7-18) This will entail: Hebrew letter recognition and decoding to learn Hebrew reading skills; Holiday observance, Tzedakah, Judaica, Jewish history, living and

ethics; Liturgical and Judaic knowledge and skills in preparation for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Registration: [www.etzhayim.org/learn](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn). For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

#### Etz Hayim High Holidays

Etz Hayim Synagogue High Holiday Schedule and Registration. No requirements on tickets or reservations. Schedule is as follows: Sat. Aug. 28, at 8 p.m., for Selichot Program "Hummable Hits for the High Holidays"; Sat. Aug. 28, at 9 p.m., Services; Mon. Sept. 6, at 7:15 p.m., for Erev Rosh Hashanah Service; Tues. Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 1); Tues. Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., Tashlich - Hood Pond, Derry; Tues. Sept. 7, at 2:30 p.m., Family Service; Wed. Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 2); Wed. Sept. 15, at 7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur Morning Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 1 p.m., Discussion "Lessons Learned from Covid for our Synagogue"; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 2 p.m., Family Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 4 p.m., Afternoon Service; Mon. Sept. 20, at 7:15 p.m., Erev

Sukkot; Fri. Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah; Wed. Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m., Simchat Torah. For more information or live stream links, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

#### Charity Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus council #3023 is excited to announce our 1st annual charity golf tournament to be held on Friday Aug. 20, at Hoodkrest Country Club in Derry. Proceeds from the golf tournament and auction items will be disbursed directly to our charity partners such as the Derry Timberwolves, NH Special Olympics, St. Gianna's Place, Saint Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry and the Sunshine Soup Kitchen. We invite you to support our event through financial sponsorship. Our levels of sponsorship are: Grand Sponsor \$1,000; Putting Green Sponsor \$200; Hole Sponsor \$150; Tee Sponsor \$125; Golf Cart Sponsor \$75; Food Sponsor \$50. For more information and to make a contribution online please visit our sponsorship page [birdease.com/KOCST-AGOLF](http://birdease.com/KOCST-AGOLF) or contact us at [dankofc3023@gmail.com](mailto:dankofc3023@gmail.com) to discuss our upcoming event and how you can get involved.

#### Summer Cookouts

Please join us for our Summer Cookouts starting on Thursday, Aug. 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. The cost of our Summer Barbecue is \$5 per person. If you are looking for something to do on Thursday nights, please come, enjoy some good food, and enjoy spending time with your friends here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Please call the Parish Office at 432-5000 should you have any questions.

#### Free Senior Activities

Free games, and groups for older adults every weekday at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, and coffee is provided. Bridge on Mondays at 1 p.m.; Mahjongg at noon and Hand & Foot at 1 p.m., on Tuesdays; Whist at 1 p.m., on Wednesdays; Domino Train at noon on Thursdays; Cribbage and at 9 a.m., and Forty Five's at 1 p.m., on Fridays; The last Friday of the month at 12:30

p.m., a Free movie will play with popcorn and soda. Available to play every day on the lawns during Spring & Summer: Giant Jenga & Connect Four, Backgammon, Chess & Checkers, Yardzee & Farkle, with Bocce and Cornhole on the back lawn. Located at 39 West Broadway, Derry.

#### Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour on Monday's at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

### CHESTER

#### Adult Book Club

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m., The Chester Library Adult Book Club will be discussing The Alice Network by Kate Quinn. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders. The event will be held outside.

#### Silent Book Club.

Introverts, this book club is for you. Bring your own book, Share book recommendations, Share what you're reading, You can choose to talk, or not at all, One hour timed silence for reading at the Chester Library on Friday, Aug. 13, from 2 - 4 p.m.

#### Reading Logs

Last day to hand in Chester Library Summer Reading logs is Saturday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Summer Reading Program prizes will be awarded on Monday, Aug. 23.

#### Among Us Party

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware. One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us app on your device before the event in the Chester Library Teen Room on Monday, Aug. 16, at 4 p.m. Registration Is Required. This event is for kids and teens.

#### Felt Bird Bookmark

On Monday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. the Chester Library will hold a teen craft of Felt Bird Bookmark Inside, Teen Room. Make a cute bookmark. Registration Is Required.

#### Book Group

The Chester Library Book Group will discuss The Forg-

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otten Garden by Kate Morton on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m., outside. New members always welcome. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

## Annual Talent Show

Bring your best talents to showcase at the Chester Library on Thursday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required.

## Teen Book Club

On Thursday, Aug. 26, at 6

p.m., the Chester Library's Teen Book Club will meet Inside, Teen Room to discuss Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram. Copies are available for check out at the front desk. Registration Is Required.

## Unicorn Horns Craft

Design your own beautiful unicorn horn at the Chester Library on Monday, Aug. 9, at 4 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for ages 5 and up.

## Grapevine Bird Nesting

Make a perfect nest for our bird friends out of grapevine

with local Naturopath and artist Marie Somers at the Chester Library on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for Kids.

## Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo! Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

## Raising Farm Animals

Join Becky Owens from local farming education group Farm Rich for an educational

and fun program about raising and caring for bunnies, chickens, and goats at the Chester Library on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. Meet these cute animals after the program. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for kids.

## Canasta Club

Looking for a card game to join? Learn to play with pros at the Chester Library every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Book Club Reads Caste

The Hampstead Public Lib-

rary Nonfiction Book Club's Sept., selection is available to be borrowed. The group discusses Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Pulitzer Prize winning author Isabel Wilkerson on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Wilkerson also points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope

in our common humanity.

## Grab Bag Book Sale

In lieu of a big one-room book sale, this year the Hampstead Public Library is having a Grab Bag Book Sale starting Saturday, Aug. 14. Each sealed bag contains four hard cover and/or trade-paperback books in very good condition. The bags are labeled with genre (e.g. fiction, mystery, etc.) It's you-pick pricing with a suggested donation of \$5 per bag. Grab a bag, take it home, and discover terrific books. The sale goes through Saturday, Aug. 21, or may end

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## Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 27, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

## Library Garden Tour

The Hampstead Public Library Garden Tour is on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Tour guides are members of the Hampstead Garden Club who grow and maintain the Library's beautiful gardens. They'll help you discover more about the plantings all around the building. The tour begins in front and ends by the Storybook Garden behind the Library. This event also features an outside Book Sale. Plus, the Thrift Shop will have a special sale table featuring puzzles, stuffed animals, toys, jewelry, and shorts & tops. All ages are welcome! The rain date is Friday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

## Chair Yoga

The Hampstead Public Library offers an indoor Chair Yoga Class on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Call the Library or use the Events Calendar on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org) to register. Maggie from the Yoga Room leads the class in stretching, strengthening and breathing exercises.

## Bridge Club

Has returned to the Hampstead Public Library on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. Players of all levels are welcome. Come meet old friends or make new ones. Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a

Monday holiday.

## Library Scavenger Hunt

Have you seen all the stuffed animals and animal silhouettes in the Hampstead Public Library Children's Area? How many can you find? Compare your size to that of the animal silhouettes and see if you're bigger or smaller. Children can use the Scavenger Hunt sheets to mark off all the animals they can locate. Turn in a completed sheet at the front desk and get a bonus raffle ticket.

## Storytime

Outdoor Storytime for 3 to 5-year-old children has started at the Hampstead Library! Weather permitting, meet Miss Jenn on the Library lawn for stories and fun on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. (except holidays.) Watch the Library's Facebook page for related announcements (e.g. cancellation or changes.)

## SANDOWN

### Inspired by Picture Collage

Join the Sandown Library for a special program presented by the Eric Carle Museum on Thursday, Aug. 5, from 4 - 5 p.m. Explore collage in this hands-on virtual workshop with Carle Art Educators. Looking at picture book illustrations, including the art of Eric Carle, this workshop will explore how paper can be used to tell stories. This workshop provides a starting point for further collage explorations and will include pre- and post-workshop extension resources. This program is for ages 3+. Zoom log-in information will sent prior to the program. 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)

### Summer Saturdays

Special Saturday Summer programs for all ages. Join the Sandown Library for a variety of presentations, crafts, and guest speakers. Saturday, Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. - noon program: Plush

Pet adoption day at the library. Stop by and adopt a new pet. Our local vet will give your new family member a check-up and health certificate and the assistant director, Miss Cathy will be here to sign your adoption certificates. This program will be held on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. No registration necessary for this event. 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)

## Senior Cook Out

Sandown seniors mark your calendars and then phone in your reservation for a fun upcoming event. The Vic Geary Center at 18 Greenough Rd., Plaistow will be the site of a free cook-out on Saturday Aug. 21 from 2 - 4 p.m., for seniors from surrounding towns including Sandown. Co-hosting will be the Vic Geary Center. You'll enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert. Entertainment, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will add to the fun. The cooking will be done outdoors but you'll enjoy the comfort of the air conditioned hall inside. You must register by Tuesday, Aug. 17 in order to attend. Call the Vic Geary office at 603-382-9276. The Vic Geary Drop-In Center is the regional senior center for the residents of Sandown and 7 others surrounding towns.

## 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)

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## 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), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

## Movies on the Patio

Outdoor movies shown at the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion At the Sandown Library. Movies will start as soon as it is dark enough, on Saturdays, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the showing will be cancelled, and notice will be sent out. Please register for this event so we can notify of any change in plans. This program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the NH State Library. 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)

## Storytime Outdoors

This is a story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m., at the Sandown Library. This program is for children aged 2 - 6 years old. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. Summer story times will be held outdoors on the library's new patio. Mask wearing and social distancing is encouraged for this program.

## 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)

## Summer Saturdays

Special Saturday Summer programs for all ages from 11 - noon. Join the Sandown Library for a variety of presentations, crafts, and guest speakers. For more information on these events, 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## YouTube - Story Time

In this pre-recorded Story time the Sandown Library

explore early literacy skills, letter knowledge, and sound recognition, reading comprehension and vocabulary building. We do this through reading, reading, oral storytelling, poetry, fingerplays and rhymes. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@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.

## 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.

## REGIONAL

### Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Dinner on Aug. 8 from 2 - 2:30 p.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/ Elijah's Table (EHS); Lunch on Aug. 21 from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church, drive around to back door; Dinner on Aug. 27, from 5 - 5 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Lunch on Aug. 29, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.



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