

# Hampstead School Board Discusses Reopening Plan

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**HAMPSTEAD** - Superintendent of Schools Bob Thompson covered three main issues at the Hampstead School Board Meeting on July 29, 2021. Board members Jason Giard, Megan Malcolm, Caitlin Parnell, Erin Pellegrin, and David Smith (Chair) attended. The three main issues covered were school reopening, Hampstead Central School renovation, and strategic planning.

In regards to the 2021/2022 school year, Superintendent Thompson

said that this past June they submitted a plan to return to safe learning to the Department of Education. "Our plan is online with the revisions and parents are notified of the plan."

The Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging local decision-making in COVID guidelines.

"Last year, we were governed by New Hampshire," Superintendent Thompson recalls. "This year, they are looking at local control." A key thing to look at is masks. A mask optional environment will be offered because the consensus is that it is a

parental decision with one exception – transportation. The Center for Disease Control issued a mandate that anyone using public transportation has to be masked, therefore, anyone on a school bus on any occasion is required to wear a mask.

If a student, teacher, or other school employee tests positive, they will have to quarantine for 10 days. In the case of exposure for 10 minutes or more of contact of three feet or less to someone who has tested positive, you do not have to quarantine. The school, however,

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# Special Election Approved to Fill State Reps Vacancy

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**DERRY** - On Aug. 2 the Derry Town Council was scheduled to have a non-public meeting. After some new business came up that the Council needed to discuss they decided to have a public session as well.

It was explained by the Chairman of the Town Council, James Morgan, that the supervisors of the checklist reported that Rep. Anne Copp is no longer a resident in Derry informed them. In order for the seat to be vacated it would need to go through the House Speaker which was expected to happen, Morgan said.

If that is the case and they decide to have a spe-

cial election they would need to inform the Executive Council.

A question that was asked was in regards to the timeline. It was explained by Derry Town Moderator Cristina Guilford that the filing period would be at the end of August or the beginning of September.

One concern that Councilor Neil Wetherbee said he has with having a special election right away is the fact that the filling period would be at the end of the summer and people may not be paying attention to it.

Councilor Erin Spencer said that while she shared the same concerns about having the filing period at the end of the summer, she said that she thinks it's important to make sure they do everything they can to make sure people are informed that they can run for office and that they have representation in Concord.

"I think the right thing to do is to have full representation in concord," she said.

It was asked what the approximate cost would be for the election. Town Administrator David Caron said that it is expected to be between 12-15,000 if they need to have a primary and general election.

Caron said that he's comfortable finding the money in the budget for it.

Councilor Joshua Bourdon said that he also thought it was important to have as much representation as possible at the State

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**Thrill of Victory** Twelve-year-old Nicholas Vallarezza of Sandown is greeted at the finish line of the Sandown 5K Road Race by his sister Bella Vallarezza. The race took place on Saturday and Bella was also a winner that morning winning the kids One-Miler. *Photo by Chris Paul*

# Bed and Breakfast Gets Variance by Zoning Board

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**CHESTER** - During the regularly scheduled Chester Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on July 22, the board heard a case for a property owner who wants to turn his detached seasonal studio apartment into a bed and breakfast.

The property which is located at 504 Haverhill Road is owned by Robert Swanson. Presenting to the board on his behalf was Kenneth Walsh.

Walsh explained that in addition to his four bedroom house his over three acres lot also has a detached studio apartment on it.

It's always been occupied since Swanson bought it 20 years ago, according to Walsh.

"He's always kept it in good condition and hes always used it," Walsh said.

He said that it was previously used for people

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# Wason Pond Commission Makes Recommendation For Walking Bridge

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**CHESTER** - Since mid-July the Wason Pond Pedestrian Bridge in Chester has been closed and being deemed unsafe.

Following torrential rainstorms last month there was damage done across the state from flooding and the storms led to town officials making the decision to close the walking bridge leading to the Wason Pond beach.

"The 'walking bridge' that leads to the beach at Wason Pond has been compromised by the heavy rains and is not safe to traverse, either by vehicle or by foot," a press release posted on the town's website stated. "The Fire Department is coning it off - please do not attempt to use it. The beach can still be accessed via the covered bridge and trails."

The walking bridge in

Chester is an issue that the town has been dealing with for many years according to Chris Hadik, the chairman of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission.

He said that due to beavers building dams underneath the bridge it has caused issues with water flowing for several years.

Most recently the town installed a beaver deceiver, to allow the flow of water to continue to flow despite the beaver dams being there.

Due to the heavy rains it wasn't enough to combat the effects from the beaver dams causing apparent issues on the bridge forcing the town to make the decision to close the bridge temporarily, until they had the Town Engineer inspect it.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette explained during the July

22 board of selectmen meeting that they received the inspection report that was done by the Town Engineer. He said that it was constructed decades ago so he is not surprised that it has some issues.

"It's an old structure so it's not surprising it has some signs of wear and tear," Myette said.

He also said that the engineer couldn't evaluate what the weight restrictions should be. At this point the engineer is recommending that it shouldn't be used for vehicles or people at this point.

"I think we are faced with a short term and a long term discussion and solution," Myette said.

As an immediate course of action the board of selectmen made the critical decision to put up jersey barriers on both sides of the bridge for now along with no trespassing

signs, along with a chain link fence to keep people out. They will also have a map explaining how to get to the beach.

During that meeting they decided to let the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission make a recommendation to the board of selectmen on what they should do.

At their Aug. 2 meeting they discussed what they should do.

"The selectmen would like to hear from this group," Myette who is the liaison for the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission.

He said that they would be tasked with the decisions on what they think would be best in the present and for the future.

"It really comes down to short and long-term approaches," he said.

One of the short term

solutions that Myette talked about was to put steel plates over it like they use the highway so people would be able to use the bridge for now. He said that it would be an estimated cost of about \$40,000.

Another option that Myette suggested was to construct a temporary wood bridge on the structure. He said it would cost a couple of thousands of dollars. He said that vehicles wouldn't be able to drive over it however, except for golf carts.

Long-term he said that there have been some talks of it costing upwards of \$700,000.

Because it is a recreational use he said that they may be able to find some grants or may be able to put together grant proposals and or receive money from the federal infrastructure bill to save the bridge. However, there is no guarantee that the strategy

would work.

Corinna Reishus who serves as the recreation coordinator for the town of Chester asked Myette if they spoke with the planning board about including it in the capital improvement plan. He said that they haven't.

Myette said that a lot of work would need to be done in order to use the bridge long term.

"It really needs to be reengineered if you're going to have a structure there," he said.

It was ultimately decided by the Wason Pond Commission that they would recommend to the Chester Board of Selectmen that they go with the wood as a temporary option while they continue to search for long-term options for the bridge.

The next Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission meeting is slated for Sept. 13.

## Reopening

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will notify parents of that exposure. There will no longer be any "whole-class" quarantine if a student tests positive. The Department of Health and Human Services determines if someone should quarantine.

Changes will be made through the school admin-

istration and the association of nurses. A phone call with the Department of Health and Human Services takes place on August 11, at which time Superintendent Thompson thinks there will be other changes.

Superintendent Thompson asked board members to express any concerns over COVID mandates and, among others, a key

concern was brought forth by board member Caitlin Parnell as to possible total classroom masking. She asked about changes relating to COVID hotspots, of which New Hampshire, specifically, Rockingham County, is not. Superintendent Thompson responded "Again, Health and Human Services is leaving it up to local school districts based on local community

assessment of revenue. What I look at is the seven-day positivity rate which today is 2.4 percent, which, comparatively speaking, is very low. You also look at the daily case count. Yesterday, there were no new cases in Hampstead; there is a total of between one and four cases overall so I'm very comfortable using those metrics to be able to remain with a mask optional mandate. People ask, what numbers do we have to get to before making it mandatory. I struggle to answer that because it's not always black and white. There are several factors to be considered. In

New Hampshire, there is very little school-based community spread of COVID in the previous school year and that lends itself uncomfortable with the mask optional program that we have in place, knowing that we will have to re-evaluate and it will be based on looking at the seven-day positivity rate and the number of local COVID cases."

The Hampstead Central School renovation is on budget and progressing well for major projects to be completed at the end of October and into November for smaller items. The school will not be delayed because of the renovation

project.

Strategic planning consists of a steering committee of 10 people. There will be in-person and Zoom meetings - the first being at the end of September. "Our target is to bring a completed copy of the plan to the Board at the end of January. I will be sending invitations to community members to serve on focus groups that will inform the steering committee. Those community members will develop a survey tool to learn the wishes of the community and involve any interested community member who wishes to participate," Superintendent Thompson concluded.

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# Hampstead Central School Renovations on Schedule, Budget

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HAMPSTEAD - Earlier this year Hampstead residents voted in favor of Warrant Article 4 allocating funds for significant renovations at the Hampstead Central School.

Now, in less than a month when school starts again in September students and staff will walk

into a school with major improvements made to the building.

Bob Thompson, the new superintendent for the district said that the vast majority of the work is scheduled to be done by the start of the school year.

He said that all of the interior demolition work has been completed. They also have begun demolition of the roof and the installa-

tion of the new duct work. "The interior work will be completed prior to Sept. 7 allowing for school to start as scheduled with no delay," Thompson said.

The rest of the projects are expected to be completed by the end of October or early November, according to Thompson.

In addition to the renovation projects being currently on time, Thompson

said that the project is also currently on budget and is expected to remain that way especially since the funding is coming from a warrant article which gave the school district an allocated amount of funding to use that was approved by the voters in Hampstead.

The total cost of the project is expected to cost \$2.095 million dollars.

Some of the highlights

of the renovations include a new skin for the exterior walls to drastically improve heating and cooling, a new HVAC, a roof replacement, new windows, and overall air flow improvements which will enable a section of the school to be a learning center that will benefit any student or teacher all year round.

Aside from the Warrant Article 4 the school district

also put a warrant article on the ballot during the Town Meeting to allow for a little over \$9 million to be bonded for an addition to be put on the school.

That warrant article didn't receive the necessary votes to pass.

Instead voters when they casted their votes and they were all counted approved the renovations project instead.

# Sandown Fire Department Holding Annual Chicken BBQ

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The Sandown Fire Department is back with their annual Chicken BBQ.

Sandown volunteer firefighters and EMTs are citizens from the very community and are coming together to uphold a tradition that was started years ago.

The Chicken BBQ will be Saturday, Aug. 13, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sandown Fire Department. This event is open to the public, and the \$10 ticket price covers a plate of a half of chicken, chips, cole slaw, roll, drink, and a dessert.

According to a volunteer firefighter, this event was created years ago as a way to do a fundraiser to raise money for the department, but after a while it took off and became a tradition that they have continued to maintain.

Many of the citizens of Sandown are excited about this event and look forward

to it each year. There are comments and posts on the Sandown Fire Department and Chicken BBQ Facebook page, that show where residents truly cancel their plans or trips just to make sure they do not miss out this day.

When pegged with the question of why this tradition still continues to a volunteer firefighter, he said that he believes it is a great way to bring the community together, and a great way to fellowship with one another. He added that this event is not about the money more so, but the fact of seeing people come out and support the volunteers of the department as well the community.

Sandown Selectman and EMS captain Jonathan Goldman, added that the

BBQ has been around for quite some time, and believes it helps the community because it gives residents the chance to be among one another. As for the members of the department, it gives them the chance to connect with people in a positive setting. Because usually when most people see them it is usually at a bad time, and this BBQ changes that perception.

So citizens of Sandown, it is highly encouraged that if the time permits itself, the support and involvement in coming to eat and converse with some of your fellow firefighters and EMTs would be highly appreciated and a good time. Come on down and eat some chicken, added Goldman.



Sandown Fire Fighters have worked out a very effective cooking method from their many years of experience cooking for the annual BBQ. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Special Election

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House.

"It sounds like there is a need to have that representation," Bourdon said.

Morgan agreed that it was important to have a special election.

"I think representation is a necessity for our

democracy," he said.

The Council ultimately voted 6-1 in favor of having a special election if needed with Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores voting against it.

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# Editorial

## Weather In New England

How would we New Englanders start or even have a conversation if we didn't have the weather. There is a saying "Wait around long enough and the weather will change".

Do you remember just a few weeks ago in July when the topic of conversation was; when is the rain going to stop, I'm sick of the rain. July 2021 is officially the rainiest July on record in southern New Hampshire.

Dreary weather in recent weeks is certainly one for the history books since Concord began keeping records in 1868. The number of rainy days in July may even be a record as well, but I am not sure.

Even though we needed the rain to help us out of a drought. It does not make a fun summer, especially for the kids who have had a tough enough two years.

The desire for sun and warmer temperatures is what we wanted in our very short summer.

This week the heat index is on the rise along with the rising humidity. We all say it; "It's not the heat it's the humidity". Who likes humidity, move and you sweat. Being out in these conditions that we are not use to for extended periods could lead to heat exhaustion or worse, heat stroke, even if you can stand the heat you do not want to stand out in it for too long.

Extreme heat was the second leading cause of weather related fatalities in the United States, just behind flooding, according to weather.gov.

So the temperatures hovering around 90's for the first part of this week, and an expected "cool" down, courtesy of some thunderstorms by the end of the week.

Coupled with the humidity, these intermittent heat waves have given us some of the toughest summer days this year, but we New Englanders can take it.

Heat stroke, the most serious illness of summertime can present symptoms of an actual stroke, such as confusion, dizziness, and slurred speech. Should you notice these symptoms in anyone, call for help immediately and try to get the person out of the heat and get some water into their system.

Of course, summer is still very much a time for fun in the sun and there should still be plenty of opportunities for that before we go back to school maybe.

Until then, you should take the proper precautions to avoid being caught in the summer danger zone of extreme heat and lightning storms.

Just think - when the cold, snow, and ice are back some of us will be talking about how we'd take these days back in an instant.

# Letters

## A Poem To The Residences

To the editor,  
Our world has changed  
Like never before and  
it's so sad  
Every day because our  
lives have changed  
So much in life today  
and so many families suffering  
Like never before and  
this killer virus is here to  
stay  
And we where all  
caught and unaware and  
it's sadness  
In the air and Isolated  
from our loved ones every  
day  
And there's know happiness  
or joy in our lives today  
It's just an other loved  
one who's sadly passed  
away  
And corona virus  
walks among us every day  
And we try our best to  
struggle through

This horrible corona  
virus storm  
Trying to stay safe and  
keep ourselves warm  
And the pain and hurt  
it's brought us and  
There's nothing much  
to gain and our  
Peace and love has all  
gone away  
And it's just a lonely  
tear rolling down my face  
and I've been  
Crying inside this cold  
lonely old place  
And all the pain running  
though me every day  
Corona virus corona  
virus when will you ever  
Just go away and I cry  
for the loved ones who's  
sadly  
Passed away and I'm  
still cocooning away and  
Every day and I'm lost  
without you in my life and  
The world has changed  
so much  
Corona virus every day  
in our life  
And the darkness sur-

rounds the world today  
And it's so cold and  
painful every day and  
I feel the chill up and  
down my spine every day  
And our warm hugs  
and soft kisses  
Have just all faded  
away and  
Just like our loved  
ones fading away  
And nobody to hold at  
night  
And nobody to whisper  
I love you goodnight  
And as a lonely tear  
rolls down my face  
I try to smile and  
remember your beautiful  
face  
As corona virus has  
slowly taken you away  
But I promise you all  
I'll love  
And pray for everyone  
Who's been suffering  
from Corona virus every  
day.

David P. Carroll  
Chester

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## New Music & Craft Festival Takes Place in Derry Aug. 27

DERRY - Moonlight Studios is proud to present the Summer's End Art Festival, a new annual festival hosted in celebration of local artisans and musicians.

The free festival will take place Friday, Aug. 27, at MacGregor park in Derry, from 11am to 5pm, and will feature live music, food, and a multitude of vendors. A raffle will also take place, with nearly \$100 in prizes to give away.

In partnership with

many local businesses, the Salem NH based Moonlight Studios is hosting the Summer's End Art festival as an opportunity to provide young artists and artisans in southern NH with a place to showcase, admire, and sell their work.

"We're excited to help the blossoming local music/art culture find its home," says Regional Director Troy Placey.

The festival is being made possible by the

hardworking individuals at Moonlight Studios. There is no charge for vendors to rent a booth, nor is there any ticket price. The funds for the festival are being sourced entirely from Moonlight Studios and from generous donations/contributions by the greater Derry area's amazing local businesses.

With any luck, the Summer's End Art Festival is sure to be a staple of the regional calendar in years to come.



# Mamma Mia! Performed Outdoors in Londonderry



Ovation Theatre Company performed three showings of the musical Mamma Mia! recently on the Londonderry Town Common with over 400 tickets sold in each of the performances. Each show was scheduled to be at night, but weather forced the Sunday show to take place as a matinee. The theatre company is a local business owned by the director Meg Gore and draws talented young performers from all across southern New Hampshire.

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# Chester Planning Board Discusses Culvert Maintenance

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CHESTER - The Chester Planning Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

During the short meeting one of the agenda items that was discussed was in regards to potentially amending the driveway regulations to include the maintenance of culverts.

It was explained by Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik that a former Chester Board of Selectmen approached them after researching the RSA about jurisdiction they have about driveways and other things like

approaches to the highway.

He explained that one of the problems is that some property owners don't maintain their culverts and because of it water often goes out into the road because it keeps the water tables too high.

The main issue with it is that it causes the pavement in the road to prematurely crack.

Hadik said that he spoke with their attorney who said that he suggests they amend the regulations.

His suggestion would be to make a regulation where the planning board or road agent would notify the landowner if their culverts are overtopping and

need to be cleaned.

One question that was asked is how they would clean the culverts. Hadik explained that the owner would do it or have it done in a certain amount of time or otherwise the Town would step in and do it but the property owner would be liable for the cost.

Chester Board of Selectmen Chairman, and the liaison to the planning

board Chuck Myette asked why it was coming up now and asked if the former selectmen had a problem with a particular area.

Hadik said that because of the large amount of rain he started noticing more issues.

"We have culverts not built for these particular storms," he said.

Chester Planning Board member Liz Richter

said that she thought it would be good to have public education around it because it would be good for property owners to know that they need to clean out their culverts and why it's important to do so.

Hadik also pointed out that in order for them to have any enforcement for people to clean out the culverts they would have to

have it in the regulations.

It was ultimately decided to have the Chester Road Agent Michael Ole-son come to the next meeting to get his input about the possible amendment, or have him meet with Hadik about it and report back to the planning board.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated for Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Kenneth J. Skidmore



Kenneth J. Skidmore, Sr., 80, of Derry, NH, died Thursday Aug. 5, 2021 in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Winchester, MA on Oct. 27, 1940, a son of the late Merritt and Dorothy (Munn) Skidmore. He had been a resident of Derry for the past 55 years, formerly living in Wakefield, MA. Ken was a US Air Force veteran serving from 1959 - 1963. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator for True Value in Manchester.

He is survived by his wife Gloria (Snow) Skidmore of Derry; his son, Kenneth J. Skidmore, Jr. and his wife Dana of Clinton, CT; his daughter, Cathy J. Skidmore-Hess and her husband Daniel of Statesboro, GA; seven grandchildren; and his niece, Ms. Kimberly Brown, of Meredith, NH. He was predeceased by his siblings, Merritt Skidmore and Sandra McGuire.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Monday, Aug. 9 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amedisys, Inc., Attn: Amedisys Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 or to the Parkinson Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

## OBITUARY

### Josephine Patturelli



On Saturday, July 31, 2021, Josephine Patturelli, loving wife and mother of three children, peacefully passed away at the age of 67.

Josephine was born on April 7, 1954, in Boston, MA to Joseph and Isabel (Collazo) Holub. On August 30, 1985, she married Richard Patturelli and together they raised a son, Joseph Gomes, and two daughters, Betty Holub and Danielle Patturelli, in Derry, NH.

A fierce survivor of breast cancer, Josephine was a strong and independent woman with a kind and compassionate heart. She loved her career and colleagues at L3 Communications where she proudly worked quality control for mission critical night vision gear for US soldiers. She was an avid traveler, with a special calling to the White Mountains as well as Sedona, AZ. She also loved shopping and would often combine her two hobbies into interesting trips. By her many close friends, she was affectionately called 'Jo Jo' and will be remembered as infectiously funny, a dear friend who would cheer people up with humor, and sometimes surprise everyone with impromptu dance. Above all her hobbies was her unwavering love and support of her grandchildren who she has a special place in all of their hearts.

She is survived by her husband Richard, three children, Joseph, Betty, and Danielle, two sisters, Mary Madigan and Mickey Holub, as well as half-brother Francis Gonyea, and eleven grandchildren, in addition to many wonderful nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be held by the family on Saturday Aug. 14, at 1pm at Pine Grove Cemetery, Thornton, NH. In honor of Josephine, we request all attendees to dress in their favorite jeans. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation [www.als.org/donate](http://www.als.org/donate)

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# State Senators Meet With Local Private Road Group

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NUTFIELD NEWS

On Friday, Aug. 6, Senator Sharon Carson and Senator Regina Birdsell met with representatives of the NH Private Road Taxpayers Alliance (NHPVRTA) at the Clubhouse of Hickory Woods in Londonderry. Also present was a member of the Hickory Woods Board of Directors. The main topic of discussion was the unfairness of property taxes being paid by residents on private roads who pay the same property taxes, and in many cases, more than their counterparts living on public roads for services that are not provided by municipalities.

Those services include

road and infrastructure (water, sewer and lighting) repair, maintenance and replacement. Private road residents bear the significant cost and responsibility to determine when roads and related infrastructure need attention and in doing so must also seek and pay for the necessary expertise to make that determination at additional cost whereas municipalities provide those stress free services to residents on public roads.

The NHPVRTA had House Bill HB-1490 sponsored by Rep. Peter Schmidt (Dover) and co-sponsored by Senator David Watters (Dover/Barrington) pass the House in March of 2020, but was "Laid on Table" in June of that year by the Senate, due

in part to the Covid-19 Pandemic. HB-1490 requested a study committee be formed at the state level to address all aspects of the fairness of the taxation of residents on private roads.

In the 2021 Legislative Session the NHPVRTA promoted Senate Bill SB-131-FN, Part IX, sponsored by Senator Carson, but that bill, which was part of a large omnibus bill, failed to pass the Transportation Committee in April of this year.

SB-131, Part IX required municipalities to equitably reimburse "qualified" private road communities for the costs of snow removal, repairs and replacement of roads and related infrastructure via a

tax credit. Apartment and rental type complexes and campgrounds were not considered qualified communities for purposes of that bill.

In anticipation of the upcoming 2022 Legislative Session, the NHPVRTA has prepared drafts of two preliminary bills and they are seeking sponsorship and support from both the Senators attending their meeting, as well as other Senators and State Representatives.

One bill seeks a reasonable tax credit similar to SB-131, Part IX except that individual municipalities would have the authority to offer such a tax credit but the individual private homeowner would have to apply each and every year

for the credit. The second draft bill would require developers to create a Capital Reserve Fund for qualified communities consisting of at least four units based on an estimate of no less than 50 percent of the cost of replacement of private roads and infrastructure at the time of transition to the Homeowners Association.

Last week's meeting with the two Senators was very cordial and informational for all parties. The Senators agreed to consult with other Senators and their respective constituents in the other towns they represent to get some more feedback before providing any commitment in support of the efforts of the NHPVRTA. The Senators

did request certain specific additional information, which the NHPVRTA promised to submit promptly.

The NHPVRTA is a statewide, nonprofit organization advocating for property tax fairness for private road residents throughout NH. Their website is [www.nhpvrta.com](http://www.nhpvrta.com). Private road communities are prevalent throughout the state and include many over 55 communities, lake, mountain, urban, suburban, beach and even family residential type communities. Private road communities are gaining favor with developers and municipalities as they require less attention upon completion and are less of a financial burden on both.

# Community Caregivers Calls Out for Concerned Volunteers

MARYANNE CHRISTIANO-  
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NUTFIELD NEWS

The COVID-19 pandemic jolted the lives of many across the nation and communities in southern New Hampshire are still feeling the effects.

Since the coronavirus shut much of the area down in 2020, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry lost two-thirds of their drivers. The role of a driver is significant to get elderly or disabled persons to their medical appointments or grocery shopping. Or a volunteer can help in many other ways, with light chores and assistance.

Caregivers is a volunteer care giving program,

formed in 1988 and covers the towns of Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Sandown, and Windham.

The organization was originally based in Derry, but moved to Londonderry a few years back and just last year, they moved back to Derry.

According to the Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma, not much has changed since then, other than volume. A typical client is 80+ years of age, who never had children, or is estranged by their children, or had outlived their children, or have children who live too far away to be a meaningful hands-on assistant.

Currently, Caregivers

offers three complementary programs:

1. Volunteer Care-Giving Program, which provides free in-home and transportation assistance to vulnerable elderly and disabled individuals from seven southern New Hampshire communities.

2. Loaner's Closet for Durable Medical Equipment, which loans out wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, and bath seats to anyone in New Hampshire who needs it-and for as long as they need it-free of charge.

"We offer 16,000 pieces of medical equipment, free to the public, no questions asked," said Tanuma. "We have everything you can imagine

that's durable. We also have a closet of consumables...adult diapers, rubber gloves, butt wipes. These items are very expensive. People need an endless supply of them."

Caregivers recently acquired a UV disinfectant, which helps clean up items in seconds.

3. Project Upkeep, which is a special set of "handyman" volunteers that make handicap improvements and repairs to low-income clients' homes.

Tanuma further explained that handymen-and women-do small home repairs, snow removal, and

pest control. "Any of those things, that as you age, if you don't have a landlord or if you own your home, it's too costly to call a tradesman. We do anything that doesn't involve permits, codes, licensing..." she said, adding, "It's been a great program. I wish we had more handyman volunteers."

Last September, Caregivers moved into a larger unit. With the extra space they plan on launching a community needs assessment and are in the process of interviewing community stakeholders that know what seniors are lacking if free space is granted to them.

"We're gearing up," said Tanuma. "It's available. I know in my heart there's a need for more meeting space, more support groups...We have the space and the circulation here. It's handicap accessible."

If you are interested in volunteering for Community Caregivers, call program manager, Susanne Peace, at 603-432-0877, ext. 2.

If you have ideas or a need for a support group or free community space, call executive director, Cindee Tanuma, at 603-432-0877, ext. 4

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# Sandown Lions Club Announces This Year's Scholarship Winner

The Sandown Lions Club has announced that Madison Pettengill is the winner of the 2021 Eleanor Bassett Memorial Scholarship. Madison's essay "Why I Volunteer" described her own life of volunteerism honoring both the legacy of

Mrs. Bassett and the Lions Club's motto of "We Serve."

She has demonstrated her own service to her community through her work with TRHS's Key Club as well as Project Hope - helping both groups with various fundraisers as well as service projects.

Pettengill is a member of Timberlane's National Honor Society, English Honor Society and Spanish Honor society where she has been able to provide tutoring and pen palship to younger students.

Throughout the pandemic, she was able to persevere and accommodate these through virtual sessions. She has assisted voting centers with parking on election days as well as packed up mittens during

Mitten Drives. She has even assisted with planning the annual Senior Citizen Prom. As the Captain of the TRHS Lacrosse team, she was also able to mentor younger players and provide leadership to the team as a whole. The Sandown Lions Club would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Madison for all of her efforts to improve both the Sandown and TRHS communities. We would also like to wish her the best of luck as she pursues her Nursing Degree at Fairfield University and hope that she continues to find opportunities to help others.

Congratulations to both Madison and her family



Madison Pettengill poses with her parents Charlie and Nicole Pettengill. *Courtesy photo*

## OBITUARY

### Mary Rose Anderson



Mary Rose Anderson, 61, of Derry, NH, died Tuesday Aug. 3, 2021, after a period of declining health. She was born in Lynn, MA on Aug. 24, 1959, a daughter of the late Bernard Anderson and Rose-Claire (Ryan) Anderson.

Mary was a 1978 graduate of Pelham High School in Pelham NH.

She took great pride in her ability to spread love and joy as the self-proclaimed "Ambassador of Parkland" Medical Center in Derry, where she had volunteered for 25 years.

Mary's family and friends will miss her unending positivity and endless compliments.

Besides her mother of Londonderry, NH, Mary is survived by her brothers Michael Anderson and his wife Teresa of East Bridgewater, MA, and Daniel Anderson of Nashua, NH; three sisters, Ruth Paul and her husband Brian of Derry, Patricia Cook of Londonderry, and Eileen Higgins of Milford, NH; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Tuesday, August 10 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Burial services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, The CareGivers, [www.caregiversnh.org/give/](http://www.caregiversnh.org/give/) or On the Road to Wellness, 45 South Main St., Derry, NH 03038.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Sandown Police Explorers Hold Annual Road Races



CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Every year the Sandown Police Explorers host a road race to help raise money for the organization and after being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 28th annual race took place on Saturday, Aug. 7,

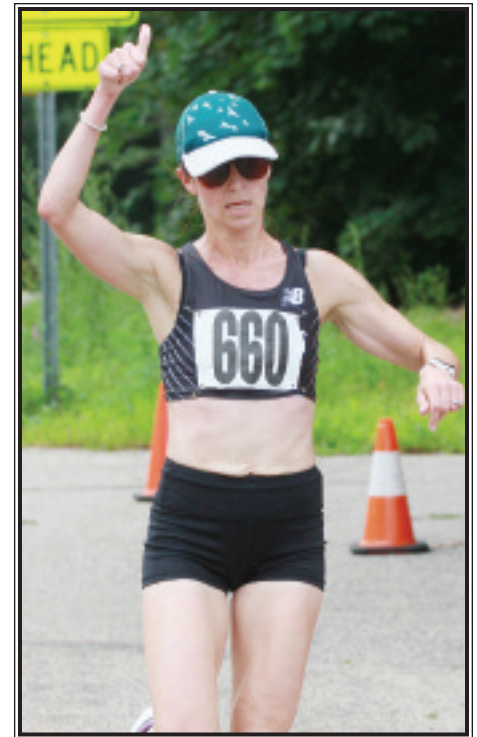
with quite a few more runners than previous years.

The race used to be coupled with the Sandown Old Home Days festivities, but in recent years those events have broken up on to separate days.

There were three races scheduled that morning, with a Kids 1K Race head-

ing off first, followed by a 5-mile and 5K races starting shortly after.

This year, the race was part of the 2021 New Hampshire Grand Prix Series and wound up drawing a large number of new entries. As part of the series teams compete in five races **continued on page 10**



Louis Saviano III won Five-Mile Race with Jennifer Mortimer being the first women to cross the finish line for the women.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*

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Nicholas Vallarezza was the first runner across the finish line in the 5K with a time of 28:48.



Sophia Sayers was second overall in the 5K and first for the females at 30:08.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Road Race

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over a two-month period around the state of New Hampshire to get points for their team and themselves.

The Greater Derry Track Club were the team winners with 1,189.53 points.

This year the winners of the 5-Mile and 5K Race received a \$50 gift card.

The Sandown Police Department Explorers were stationed along the route to assist runners and help with traffic. The Gate City Striders were second with 895; Millennium Running was third with 612.50 and the Upper Valley Running Club finished with 299.38 points.

In the 5-Mile race, Hampstead resident Louis Saviano III came in first with a time of 27:13. Jacob Wormald was second with a time of 27:43 and Evan

Doleccki took third-place with a time of 27:56.

The first female runner to cross the finish line was Jennifer Mortimer who came in sixth overall with a time of 29:43. Meredith Ambrose was the second female finisher at 34:18, with Kelsey Pine right behind her at 34:18.

In the shorter 5K race, local 12-year-old Nicholas Vallarezza finished first with a time of 28:48. Fourteen-year-old Sophia Sayers was second overall and first for the females at 30:08.

In second place for the males was Stephen Alexander with a time of 30:38. Greg Carson was third with a time of 31:07.

Kristen Couture was second for the females and sixth overall with a time of 33:43. Pamela Valente was third at 35:00 even.

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# Sandown Heritage Commission Host Graveyard Discussion

SANDOWN - The Sandown Heritage Commission will be sponsoring a speaker from the New Hampshire Graveyard Association (NHOGA) on Saturday

Aug. 28, at 10 a.m.

The presentation will be held upstairs at Sandown Town Hall located at 320 Main St (rt. 121A). Mr. John Lord, NHOGA

treasurer, will describe the mission of his organization and how they are involved with the preservation and documentation of burial grounds.

He will inform the audience on laws regulating burial ground preservation including cleaning, resetting and repair. Weather permitting attendees are

invited to join Mr. Lord at the Sandown Center Cemetery located across from town hall where he will teach the proper cleaning of stones.

A local family has offered a granite, slate and a marble gravestone for this demonstration. There is no cost for the event. All are welcome to attend.

## Department of Education and Chess in Schools Announce "Granite Gambit"

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced an innovative partnership today with Chess in Schools (CIS) to establish a statewide chess in schools initiative. The program is funded using federal Title funds.

This statewide program will support training for teacher-driven chess initiatives that connect chess with core academic content, helping to build stu-

dent engagement. Beyond the academic content, the game of chess builds skills in critical thinking, logic, strategy, and creativity. The program will run for 2-years and allow interested schools to build the capacity for sustainable programming.

"The game of chess has become incredibly popular with students as a result of the hit Netflix series The Queens Gambit," stated

Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. "The research is clear that when we engage students with their areas of interest, the learning is deeper and richer. We called the program Granite Gambit. A gambit is defined as a device or action as a calculated risk to gain an advantage. Granite Gambit will give both our educators and students an advantage."

"The program is modeled after a program Chess in Schools began in 2015 in Alabama," stated Jerry Nash of Chess in Schools. "Students see the program as a fun to learn exercise. Teachers embrace the program for the impact it has on making students more focused and engaged in traditional curriculum topics. We are excited to be partnering with the New Hampshire Department of

Education."

Chess in Schools is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization founded in 2015 in conjunction with its launch of the Alabama Chess in Schools program, the first statewide US Chess in Education program in the United States. CIS specializes in preparing educators to play chess and use the game as an educational tool to teach

academic and 21st century skills. The CIS team brings a wealth of experience in chess and instruction. CIS's certified CIE training includes proven methodologies developed by the European Chess Union.

Additional information about Chess in Education concepts, pedagogy and best practices is available here <http://chessineducation.org/learn-2/>.

## Zoning

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working at the apple orchard and is used now primarily as a guest house.

"It's a good compliment to the whole property," Walsh said.

Walsh explained that Swanson will soon be retiring and wants to be able to get some income to help pay for his property taxes.

The main hurdle that

he has is that technically due to the new zoning rules regarding bread and breakfasts they aren't permitted if it is not attached to the main house.

One of the big concerns that led to the ordinances to change is because they didn't want property owners building little cottages on their property leading to an influx of them.

With that said Walsh explained that he already

has had the studio apartment for many years and that he wouldn't be expanding.

"He's never going to build another unit, this is just one pre-existing unit," he said.

ZBA chairwoman Billie Maloney explained that she didn't think it would be a good idea to grant the variance. She argued that once they start allowing people to use a garage or shed or other detached

units for bread and breakfasts then others will want to do the same thing.

"There is no end to where this could end up," she said.

"I am not at all in favor of granting this variance," she added.

Others on the board disagreed.

"I think it's a reasonable use," said Rick Snyder, who serves on the board as the Planning Board representative.

He said the fact that it already has a septic system in place and it's already being used as a guest house makes it reasonable.

Vice Chairman Kevin Scott said he wasn't concerned about setting a precedent since each case is unique and they make decisions based on the merits.

ZBA member Bill Gregsak said that he struggled to find a reason to vote no against the vari-

ance.

He said that there's a lot to be said about the fact that he has used the studio apartment for a long time without any issues.

"I think this is an unusual circumstance," he said.

The variance ultimately passed 3-1 with Maloney voting against it.

They will now have to go to the planning board where they will present their site plan.

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### DERRY

#### Church Yard Sale

A Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. - noon at the Central Congregational Church parking lot at 14 Crescent St., Derry. We will have furniture, electronics, books and many other items for sale. Snacks, hot and cold drinks while you shop! The yard sale will help support our ministries.

#### Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour for ages 6 months - 3 year olds, on Monday's at 10 a.m., and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

#### Harvest Festival

Join the Taylor Library for pumpkin decorating, yard games, fall treats and a special visit from Joe the Balloon Guy of Silly Solutions on Sept., 26 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. A Story and Craft for preschoolers ages 3 - 6 will be held on Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

#### 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 currently "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 Hayim 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 Hoodkret 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

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#### 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.

### CHESTER

#### Retirement Planning Strategies

An Advanced Retirement Planning Strategies with The Society of Financial Awareness workshop will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, 3:30 - 5 p.m. & 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Chester Library. Steve Pessotti from SOFA (The Society for Financial Awareness) will present a free financial planning workshop to help people become more

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## Annual Yard Sale

The Chester Lions Club will hold its Annual Yard Sale

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## Silent Book Club.

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## 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 Forgotten 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.

## 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.

## 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. (Out-

side, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for Kids.

## 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.

## 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. This event is for ages 5 and up.

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## 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 Library 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. She explores how 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.

## 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.

## 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 sooner if books run out. Look for the bags outside if weather permits or inside if it doesn't.

## 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

### 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)

## 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

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## 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)

## 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 Tho-

mas at 603-887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@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)

## 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).

## 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.

## YouTube - Story Time

In this pre-recorded Story time the Sandown Library explore early literacy skills, letter knowledge, and sound recognition, reading compre-

hension 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)

## 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. 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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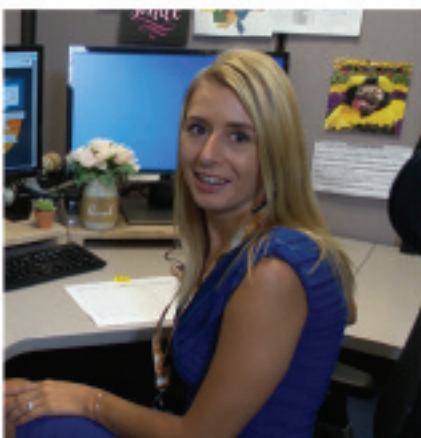
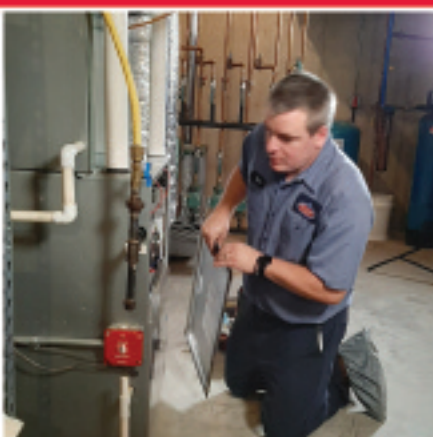
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