

Selectman Hear Residents Ballots Counting Concerns

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SANDOWN – Selectman in Sandown saw an unusually large crowd of residents gathered at their Monday, Aug. 9 meeting to discuss changing the way voting is conducted in the town.

The first resident to address the board was Linda Brown, who requested that voting ballots be hand-counted as well as machine counting for all further elections.

She added that she felt the ballots should be counted like money is counted at the bank,

hand-counted then machine counted. She also said that she checked with the state and found out that the Selectmen have the ability to vote on changing the way ballots are counted.

Brown also cited the Windham election results problems where machines were found to be in error of about 400 votes.

Town Moderator Kevin Major was in attendance at the meeting and addressed the request.

He started by explaining why he thought the ballot counting was off in Windham, saying that it

was due to a ballot folding issue, where the crease went across a candidate line and the ballots were being kicked out.

Brown disagreed with Major saying that she attended the recount and the Secretary of State was never able to reproduce a problem with the fold.

Major followed up by saying that the results of the Windham recount have still not been released.

Selectman Darren Hudgens said that in all the elections he has been involved in, ballots are hand-counted to make

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Derry Planning Board Discusses Downtown Facade Improvements

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DERRY - The Derry Planning Board met on Aug. 18 for its bi-monthly meeting.

During the meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to an architectural design review for Compare Ristorante which is located at 43 West Broadway.

It was explained that the owner wanted to paint the exterior of the building a new color and applied for the downtown facade improvement program.

It was explained by Derry Planning Director George Sioras that when a business applies for the grant it goes to the planning department who reviews the application to make sure it is complete

before it is sent to a committee consisting of staff from the economic development department, code enforcement, and the planning department, who reviews them. They are then able to make comments before it is sent to Derry Town Administrator David Caron for his approval.

When it comes to businesses in the Traditional Business Overlay District, which is where Compare Ristorante is located, they are also required to go to the Planning Board anytime they want to make modifications to the exterior of their businesses for their approval.

Sioras said that not all applications for the facade grant program have to go in front of the planning

board for approval, only those in the TBOD district.

Derry Planning and Economic Development Assistant Elizabeth Robidoux explained to the Board that the owner applied for the grant in July and then immediately began painting before he was given approval. He was told that he would have to stop because of the fact that the business is located in the TBOD district.

One of the issues that the committee had was with the colors that were chosen. They said that they had a problem with the holiday turquoise color and instead wanted it to be a darker color.

Derry Planning Board Vice Chairman Jim

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Mammoth Strut The Pinkerton Academy Marching Band got to strut their stuff down Mammoth Road at the Londonderry Old Home Day Parade. This parade was their first appearance of the new year. Over 60 other participants were in the annual parade.
Photo by Chris Paul

Chester Residents Preparing for Two Fairs in September

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CHESTER – Members of the Chester Town Fair Committee are asking residents to mark their calendars for the annual Chester Town Fair at the ball fields near Chester Academy.

The annual festivity was cancelled last year,

much like most events in the state due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but this year it's expected to be better than ever and being held on Saturday, Sept. 11, starting at noon.

The family oriented event includes a community parade, midway games, activities, demonstrations, vendors, live entertainment

and a fireworks display to cap off the day.

Organizers are looking for community groups to walk in the annual parade that begins at the Town Hall and ends at the fairgrounds.

They are also looking for local farmers, community and service organizations

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Chester ZBA Discusses Possible Accessory Dwelling Unit

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CHESTER - During the Aug. 17 Chester Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting the Board heard a case in regards to variances that would allow a 28x32 accessory dwelling unit to be on the second floor of a proposed garage not attached to a single-family dwelling.

The proposal was for 15 Town Farm Road that is owned by Kyle Salie and Elizabeth Salie.

It was explained by Salie that the extra dwelling unit would be used for his in-laws who aren't doing very well

right now and need their assistance by having them live with them.

Under the new Chester zoning ordinances those who want to build a new accessory dwelling unit or implement an existing one as a short-term rental are supposed to do so through a special exemption. However, they are required to be attached to the main dwelling unit.

It was explained that they didn't meet the special exception because it was determined by the building department that the accessory dwelling unit wouldn't be considered attached to the main dwelling unit, which is

why they were there for a variance. They also needed to seek a variance to allow for it to be built within 59 feet of wetlands where 75 feet are required.

The main question that was discussed during the meeting was whether or not a breezeway connected to the current garage and then connected to the proposed garage would make the accessory dwelling unit considered attached to the house.

Although the current garage isn't technically considered as a living space right now Salie said that he uses it as one and not as a traditional garage.

He said that the proposed garage they wanted to build would look similar to the houses on the street with an attached or detached garage.

"It's going to mimic a lot of the other garages on our street," he said.

Chester Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair Billie Maloney stated that they would need to determine if a breezeway would be sufficient to comply with the ordinance.

"I think we need to look at whether it's attached or not," she said.

She said that she thought that it should be considered attached.

Kevin Scott, the vice

chair of the Board argued that a breezeway shouldn't make it considered attached.

It was also explained that if they turned the existing garage they have now into an accessory dwelling unit that it would be different since it's already attached meaning they wouldn't have to seek a variance for the attached dwelling unit. If they wanted to still build the detached garage they would need to seek a variance for the wetlands.

The Board told him that if he wanted to consider doing something different he could request to have the case continued,

or if he wanted to he could proceed forward with a vote by the Board regarding the variances. After thinking about it he decided to request a continuance.

"I think our only option is to continue it," he said.

It was ultimately approved by the Board to continue the application until next month's meeting so they could determine if they wanted to modify their proposal based on the feedback they received from the Board.

The next Chester ZBA meeting is slated for Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

Derry Zoning Board Approves Variance Modification

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DERRY - The Derry Zoning Board held its bi-monthly meeting on Aug. 19.

During the meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a request made by Robert and Kristal Tanguay, who wanted to make a modification to the variance that they were granted on Sept. 17 of last year.

Their variance was to allow the existence home at 32 North Shore Road to

be converted into a three family home.

Instead they now want to build a new structure on the property. Although they were given a variance previously for the three family houses, it was explained by Derry Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey that because it would be a new structure he felt that they needed to seek a modification to the variance before they can begin moving forward.

"I felt it was enough of a change that they

would need to come back to this board to seek a modification to the original variance," he said.

It was explained by Tanguay that when they originally bought the home they were going to convert it into three apartments with their family living in one of the units.

That quickly changed when they began to do renovations and discovered serious issues, and realized that they would be better off just tearing down the home and then

building new.

One question that was asked by Derry Zoning Board member Craig Corbett was whether or not they became aware of some of the major issues they talked about during the inspection process.

Tanguay said that they bought the property from auction which meant they bought it as is. However he said that they did walk through the property and tried to do as much research about it as possible before they purchased it.

"We really tried to get a good sense of what we were getting into," he

said.

With that said when they started doing renovation they began to discover issues like mold that wasn't noticeable during their initial walkthroughs.

Derry Zoning Board Vice Chair Heather Evans said that she thought it would be a better option to just build new based on the information they were given by the owners.

"I think this would be their best option as well," she said.

Aside from obtaining all Town and State permits one of the conditions that was attached to the variance was the fact that

the two additional units would be no larger than one bedroom each.

The Board unanimously approved granting the modification of the variance.

Also during the meeting the Zoning Board approved a continuance for a variance request made by Marjorie Palmer, the trustee of the property at 8 Stark Road. Her request was to allow the reconstruction of the billboard sign currently located at that property.

The next Derry Zoning Board meeting is slated for Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

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Planning Board Approves Ferguson Lane Plan Change

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SANDOWN – The Sandown Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Aug. 17.

During the meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a multi-family residential site application for an open space development. The plan consists of 48 two-bedroom townhouses.

The owner of the property is D&H Construction of Plaistow, Inc. The property is located at the easterly end of Ferguson Lane.

Representing the owner at the meeting was

Charles Zilch from S.E.C and Associates.

He explained that the Board conditionally approved the plan in March and had a number of different conditions attached to it.

One of the issues that he said they ran into was with that state in regards to their open space when they were seeking a wetland permit. Their original proposal, which was approved by the Board, was that the homeowners association would manage the open spaces. Zilch said that the state didn't like that idea.

Since they were seeking a modification to the

original plan they needed to seek board approval.

Zilch said that they wanted them to come up with some course of action for mitigation. He said that one of the things they could do is make a contribution based on a formula they have to an aquatic resource fund. Zilch explained that the funds wouldn't necessarily stay in Sandown.

The other option they had was to find a third party to hold the easement across the property to make sure the open space is protected.

"The state doesn't trust a homeowners association to protect a

resource such as this," he said.

Zilch said that they approached the Sandown Conservation Commission about the best way to go about it. They came up with a solution where the commission would be the owner of the non-developed open space after the property owner donated that portion of the property to the commission.

Zilch said that the State liked the idea but wanted a third party stewardship for the property as well. They were asked to invite the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire to be part of the project.

He said that the Town

would own the land being donated but the land trust would hold the easement over the parcel. Essentially the land trust would enforce any restrictions that are on the property.

"They will be the stewards of the property," Zilch said.

Brian Butler the Chairman of the Sandown Conservation Commission was also in attendance for the meeting.

"This is something that I am extremely excited about. I think it's going to be a fantastic use of open space in Sandown," he said. "I think it's nothing but a positive thing for Sandown," he

added.

The planning board unanimously approved the modification of the plan. John White, the vice chair of the planning board had to recuse himself from the matter due to the fact that he is an abutter to the property.

In other news the planning board approved a continuance for a subdivision application submitted by Michael Cronin the owner of 65 Odell Road. The public hearing was continued to their planning board meeting on Sept. 21.

The next Sandown Planning Board meeting is slated for Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

Ballots

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sure that numbers of voters that check in match the number of ballots.

Major further explain-

ed that he conducts tests on the machines being used in the election prior to the election and those are noticed to the public when they are happening.

He said that he can't

imagine how many people it will take to hand-count the ballots or how it would be any more accurate, considering how burnt-out many of the ballot clerks are at the end

of a large election.

Selectman Jon Goldman felt that the way Sandown elects are conducted currently are 100 percent accurate, added that he thought if it went

back to the old way of counting ballots he definitely wouldn't trust it.

Tom Murray from Windham also addressed the board saying that he was the one that got the ball rolling in Windham.

Murray felt that he could share information that he's been accumulating that would help Sandown officials make their decision on counting ballots.

He stated, "We had the largest numerical discrepancy in state voting

history, 1,363 votes, 300 for each republican candidate."

Murray pointed out that the Sandown ballots had a number of "over-votes" kicked out of the machines due to a fold. Much of these were due to ballots being mailed in as absentee votes.

Selectmen didn't make a decision on the hand counting, but asked Major to look into the Windham findings and report back what he was able to determine.

Facade

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MacEachern ultimately made a motion to send it back to the technical review committee and have them determine what colors are appropriate for the district.

The Board unanimously approved sending it back to the technical review committee.

Also during the meeting the planning board had an architectural design

review for a business in the TBOD district.

It was explained that Backmann Florist, located at 15 West Broadway, Unit 2 recently got a new owner and they wanted to freshen up the existing signs, while keeping the dimensions and the look of them the same.

"They are really just refreshing what is already there," said Robidoux.

She said that they wanted to get the feedback from the Board before they get

approval of the sign permit.

There are three signs one being a hanging sign, which will be along the walkway that is 24x48 inches.

The sign on the side of the building would be 32x76 inches and the one in the front of the building is 36x16 inches.

One question that was asked by Derry Planning Board member Mark Connors was whether or not they would be changing

the lighting for the signs. He was told that they would be keeping it the same.

The planning board approved the signs.

The next Derry Planning Board meeting is slated for Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

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Editorial

It's that Time Back to School

It seems like it was just Memorial Day last week, but somehow we are suddenly at the final week of summer vacation. Summer is coming to a close, and Students are soon going back to school. School starts this week, and the shadows of late summer bring the unmistakable message that the season is on the wane. It may be too hot to think about winter clothing, but the time for scarves and hats and boots will be here before we know it.

But even as one season fades, the opening of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. The collection of empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons carries with it an excitement about things to come.

From pre-school to college and beyond, it is the time for fresh starts and new adventures. And for those of us long past worrying about the first day of school, we nevertheless have our memories.

It makes me think of a old song "School Days" an American popular song written in 1907 by Will Cobb and Gus Edwards. The best known part of the song is its chorus:

"School days, school days
Dear old Golden Rule days

'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic

Taught to the tune of the hick-'ry stick". Reminds me of being a kids a very long time ago and I marvel at how much has changed some for good and some for not so good.

The start of school not only bring back memories but it also brings a word of caution. Children will be walking along the edge of roads and in crosswalks, and drivers will need to watch the road even more carefully than usual. That means paying attention; putting down the phones, pause the texting, reducing your speeds in designated school zones, and watching for school buses signaling their stops. There is no place you could be going that is more important than a life. Now more than in the past due to added development in our towns; lets face it we have a lot more cars, trucks, and overall traffic.

For parents, the start of the school year brings feelings of nostalgia, and the reality that years which are passing can't be avoided. But there's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring. So pay attention and enjoy the ride.

Letters

Voting Rights Act

To the editor,
If yesterday, Sept. 18, was the 101st anniversary of the US amendment which gave American women the right to vote, why, are black women still having to jump through hoops to vote in many states...waiting for hours and hours in voting lines, finding out at the last minute that voting wards have suddenly changed or that their names have been unjustly purged from the voting list?

And if NH businesses are desperate for skilled workers and trying to encourage well-educated college students to stay in NH and work in NH businesses, why is our NH State

House now working so hard to pass laws to make it difficult for those NH college students to vote in NH where they now live?

Our government should be encouraging all eligible voters to vote, rather than discouraging and refusing voting rights to certain eligible groups of voters? This attack by state governments across our country and in NH on our civil rights is also an attack on our democracy. It is the reason we need passage of the "For the People Act" H.R.1 - 117th Congress (2021-2022): For the People Act of 2021 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1 and the "John Lewis Voting Rights Advance-

ment Act" which like the original Voting Rights Act, restores and creates procedural rules governing voting right violations. These two bills are crucial to protecting our democracy and the freedom to vote for all eligible US voters.

Our US Senators will be working on passage of these bills in the next few weeks. Please contact them ASAP to call for passage of these bills. Please do so now!

Thank you.

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Derry

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Special Election Set To Fill Vacant State Rep Seat in Derry

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DERRY - During a special Derry Town Council meeting the Council approved having a special election in anticipation that State Representative Anne Copp would be resigning her seat since the supervisors of the checklist informed the Council that she is no longer a resident in Derry.

Recently she resigned her seat prompting a special election to be sched-

uled.

The partisan primary for the special election is slated to take place on Oct.19. The general election is scheduled for Dec.7.

If only one person from each political party files to run for office then there will be no primary election and instead the Special Election date will be moved up to the date of the primary, according to the Derry Town Clerk's Office.

The filing period at the Derry Town Clerk's Office took place on Aug. 23 and

24 and those interested in filing to run for office have until Aug. 27 but must do so at the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office located at the State House in Concord.

Derry Town Administrator Dave Caron said that the estimated cost for both the primary and general elections would be \$5,000 each.

A complete list of candidates running for office wasn't available at the time of publication.



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Sandown Old Home Day Scheduled to Begin on Sept. 24

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SANDOWN - Last year many different events were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the annual events that was cancelled was the Sandown Old Home Day celebration.

After the 2020 event

was cancelled last year, volunteers began to get to work to start planning for the 2021 event starting in March.

The 2021 Sandown Old Home Day celebration will be from Friday, Sept. 24 through Sunday, Sept. 26.

To kick-off the 2021 Sandown Old Home Day celebration there will be a

pre Old Home Day event at the Zorvino's Vineyard. The event will be taking place on Thursday, Sept. 23.

On Friday the events will be for those 21 years old and older and will be taking place at the Sandlots located at 56 North Road.

It will include things like the Historical Society

Beer and Wine tent, a band and food vendors.

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a variety of different activities including a steam train, a petting zoo/ pony ride, bands, along with cow plop bingo just to name a few things. Additionally there will also be different craft vendors, along with food

vendors.

From 4 to 8 p.m. the beer and wine tent will be open.

Starting at 6 and ending at 8 p.m. Dixieland Band will be performing and there will also be different vendors there.

Fireworks are slated to begin starting at 8 p.m.

There will also be new

events on Sunday which will include open houses at the Sandown Police Department, Fire Department, Sandown Depot and Museum, and Old Meetinghouse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Sandown Police Explorers will be serving hotdogs and hamburgers, and selling blue light bulbs on Sunday.

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tions, school clubs, local businesses, crafters, artisans and food vendors for both the parade and to occupy a booth at the fair.

Live music and entertainment events are scheduled throughout the day. The Chester Fire Department will once again be have their "Smoke House" at the fair, tickets will be sold for midway activities and games. Vendors will be selling food as well as locally crafted items and other products will be available. Starting at 7 p.m. the band "Mo Bounce"

will jam into the evening and finish just in time for the fireworks display at nightfall.

A limited number of sponsorships are also available. Sponsor names will be prominently displayed on marquee banners at the fair and media marketing.

Sponsorship levels available: Diamond at \$1,000; Platinum at \$500; Gold at \$250; Silver at \$100; and Friends of the Fair at \$25.

Those interested can register online by clicking the Online Registration tab on the Town Fair Committee web-page on the ChesterNH website.

Applicants can also print and mail forms to Chester Town Fair, c/o Chester Recreation Department, 84 Chester Street, Chester, NH 03036.

Contact Chester Recreation at 887-3636, Ext. 100 or email chestertown-fair@chesternhrec.org for more information.

Spring Hill Fall Fest

Also being announced is the annual Fall Fest at Spring Hill Farm.

The annual event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission to the fair is free but the Spring Hill Advisory Committee welcomes donations toward

the ADA ramp that needs to be constructed for the farmhouse and barn to make both accessible to the

pubic.

The fair is expected to offer food, music, games, wagon rides, historical dis-

plays and farm animals.

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Derry Town Council Approves New Ambulance Rates

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DERRY - During the Aug. 17 Derry Town Council meeting the Council heard from Derry EMS Director Chuck Hemeon regarding a proposal to raise the fees that they charge patients for ambulance services.

He explained that per the Town of Derry administrative regulations the ambulance rates charge master is supposed to be updated every two years with approval of the Derry Town Council. The rates were last changed in August of 2019.

It was explained by Hemeon that there are six different categories for the level of care they give to patients based on what is wrong. They included basic life support non-emergency, basic life support emergency, advanced life support 1 emergency, advanced life support 2 emergency, specialty care transport, and advanced life support treat and

release.

When they looked at what fees they should propose for different types of level of care he said that they looked closely at what they are currently charging compared to what the municipalities are charging across the state of New Hampshire on average.

They quickly realized that they were below what is charged on average.

"We're kind've behind the curb," Hemeon said.

He said there isn't a limit in New Hampshire for how much municipalities can charge for ambulance services based on their fee schedules.

The Windham Fire Department was charging about 35 percent more than Derry, the Bedford Fire Department was charging about 24 percent more than Derry, and Salem was 16 percent more, "which are municipal departments providing the same type and level of service," Hemeon said.

He said that they wanted to be somewhere in the

middle for fees which he felt like they achieved with their proposed fees.

Hemeon also told the Council that he proposed that they have a 20 percent surcharge for non-Derry residents for ambulance services.

He said that it's not unprecedented as other municipalities do it across the country and there aren't any rules preventing it from happening in New Hampshire.

For example under the proposal made by Hemeon a basic life support non-emergency call would charge a patient \$1,000 if

they were a Derry resident. With the surcharge they would then be charged \$1,200 instead. They previously charged \$800.

Basic life support emergency, which also charged \$800, previously would have the same increases as part of the proposal.

An advanced life support 1 emergency charges \$1,495. The proposal called for an increase to \$1,540 for Derry residents and \$1,847 for non-Derry residents. Advanced life support 2 emergency had a proposed increase from \$2,094 to \$2,262 for Derry residents, and \$2,714 for

non-Derry residents.

Specialty care transport had a proposal from \$2,232 to \$2,601 for Derry residents and \$3,121 for non-Derry residents. For advanced life support treat and release the proposal called for an increase from

\$300 to \$330 for Derry residents and \$396 for non-Derry residents.

The Council ultimately approved the new rates with a vote of 6-0 with Derry Town Council Chairman James Morgan absent from the meeting.

OBITUARY

Beverly A. Curtin



Beverly A. Curtin, 79, of Derry, NH, passed away Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at Hanover Hill Health Care Center in Manchester, NH. She was born in Somerville, MA on Dec. 12, 1941, a daughter of the late Frederick and Rita (Murphy) Howard. Beverly's greatest joy in life was time spent with her family especially her grandchildren and her friends. She had a big heart, a caring disposition, and would do anything for the people close to her. Beverly was very outgoing, loved to dance and to spend time at the beach. Beverly will be fondly remembered as the anchor of her family.

She is survived by and will be greatly missed by her son, David Curtin and wife Kathy of Epsom, NH; daughter, April Paolini and husband Steven of Peabody, MA; daughter, Rita Hogan, of Peabody, MA; her daughter-in-law Paula Faria; her seven grandchildren, Kristy, Christopher, Nicholas, Eileen, Krystal, Barry, and Eric; as well as many great-grandchildren, cousins, extended family members and friends. Beverly was predeceased by her former husband Robert Curtin; her son, Christopher Steinman; two grandsons; Philip Steinman Hogan and Joshua Chase; and a brother, Kenneth Howard.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, from 5 - 7 p.m., with a memorial service at 6:30 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. At the family's request, masks are recommended for those who are not vaccinated, and social distancing is appreciated.

Memorial contributions may be made in Beverly's name to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications/donation-in-honor-of-someone.html?sc_icid=wtg-lz-honor/

OBITUARY

Scott N. Patnaude

Scott N. Patnaude, 79, of Derry, NH passed away on Wednesday Dec. 11, 2019 in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. He was born in Derry on Jan. 24, 1940, a son of the late Wilfred and Evelyn (Scott) Patnaude. Scott served his country in the US Air Force from 1958 - 1962. He was employed as a clerk for Aubuchon Hardware and later for Benson's Lumber and Hardware, both in Derry. Scott was a lifelong resident of Derry and a 1958 graduate of Pinkerton Academy. He was also a member of the American Legion Lester Chase Post #9 in Derry. Scott enjoyed his trips to Maryann's Diner in Derry where he made many friends.

He is survived by his sister, Billie Jean Bernier and her husband Wilfred of Londonderry, NH, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Helena (Blassius) Patnaude in 2007, and also by his siblings, Alice, Henry, Arlene, Peter, Phillis, Robert and Gerald.

Graveside services with military honors were held on Tuesday Aug. 24, 2021 at Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry.

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Dr. Michael Delahanty Named to Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees

DERRY - Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees President Dr. William A. Nevius has announced that longtime local educator Dr. Michael Delahanty has been named to the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees, representing Hampstead.

"It is extremely rare to find an experienced educator and visionary leader with Dr. Michael Delahanty's demonstrated commitment to a student-centered, holistic mission," Nevius said. "Michael has the academic expertise, passion and professional organizational skills necessary to

strategically evaluate the ever-changing internal and external factors impacting Pinkerton Academy's students, faculty and staff, and its dynamic long-standing mission. It is an honor to welcome Dr. Delahanty to the Pinkerton Academy community as a team member of the Board of Trustees."

"I'm pleased to join an accomplished and historically successful group of individuals," said Delahanty. "I'm looking forward to contributing to the work wherever I can and helping to advance the lofty goals the Trustees have set for the benefit of all Pinkerton



Micheal Delahanty

Academy students."

Delahanty's career in education has been varied and noteworthy. He started as a teacher in Standish, Maine in 1980 where he worked for seven years before join-

ing the Salem School District as a principal in 1987. In his time in Salem he served as principal of North Salem School, Woodbury School, and Salem High School. From 2002-2004 he was Assistant Superintendent of the district before being named Superintendent, a position he held until his recent retirement.

In his tenure at Salem, Delahanty was integral in developing the strategic plan for the district, introducing public kindergarten, and overseeing extensive building and renovation projects.

"Given my background, I hope that I can

contribute some understanding of the function of an educational system and contribute in a way that supports the goals that the Trustees establish," Delahanty said. "Ultimately my purpose is to support kids and their future endeavors. That's been the beginning, the middle, and the end of everything I've wanted to do since I got into this business. It just takes a different shape and different form as I take on different roles."

Delahanty's community involvement is extensive. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Granite United Way as

well as the Center for Life Management and is a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Salem. He has received many awards for his contributions to the greater community, most recently including the Michael Downing Humanitarian Award, the Paul Harris Fellow recognition from the Rotary, and the William Brown Businessperson of the Year Award from the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Delahanty lives in Hampstead with his wife. His son graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2007.

First Four NH School Districts Announce Creation of Learning Pods

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced today the first four School District Recovering Bright Futures Learning Pods grants. In partnership with Prenda, the Department created the Recovering Bright Futures program to bring an innovative instructional model to New Hampshire students, families and schools. District Pods are embedded in New Hampshire school districts and provide students a unique learning environment. The grants are provided through COVID-19 response funds received by the State. The districts include: Bow, Dunbarton, Fremont, and Haverhill school district.

"Learning Pods may be new to many, but throughout the pandemic

and across the country, they have served over a million students in small-group, multi-age and trauma sensitive learning environments," stated Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. "Learning Pods are particularly helpful to students who have experienced learning loss and will thrive with more individualized attention."

All New Hampshire school districts, including traditional and public charter schools, are eligible to participate in the District Learning Pod program. In addition, home education families are eligible to participate

in Community Learning Pods. More districts are expected to sign on as the summer progresses.

What is a Learning Pod?

Learning Pods involve small, in-person, multi-age groupings of students in a trauma sensitive environment that allow children to stabilize, rekindle curiosity, and accelerate learning.

Generally, a learning pod has between 5 - 10 students in grades K-2, 3-5 or 6-8 groupings.

Instruction of students in the District Learning Pod will reflect a partnership between the local education agency (LEA)

and Prenda, which includes the following:

- Instruction will be conducted 100% by Prenda.
- Special Education services will be provided both by Prenda, where appropriate, and the LEA. Prenda has the capacity to meet many IEP accommodations, and certain specialized services will continue to be provided

by the LEA. The LEA will continue to be responsible for IEP support services.

• Instruction will occur in an approved facility agreed upon by the LEA and Prenda Schools.

• The LEA and Prenda will agree on data reporting, including attendance, student progress, etc.

• The LEA will agree

to receive students back from the Learning Pod if the LEA, family or Prenda determine that the student would benefit from a return to the classroom learning environment.

Families and districts can find more information about the Recovering Bright Futures from the Department's website or by contacting Gabby Fisk.

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Chester Lions Support Eagle Scout Project During Yard Sale



The Chester Lions Club held their annual fund raising Yard Sale at the lot near Chester Academy on Saturday, Aug. 21, and besides having hundreds of items on sale for just a donation, they also invited a local scout to display his Eagle Scout project. Chester Life Scout, Vincenzo Minico, with Troop 402 out of Derry is currently raising funds to build a Bat Barn at the

North Pond conservation land in Chester. He was selling bat houses at the yard sale to help raise the funds necessary for the barn. The 4x4-foot barn will be erected in the marsh area and will be able to house about 12,000 bats. Anyone interested in contributing to the project can contact Minico at eagleproject@scout402.com.

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DERRY SPORTS

Old Home Day 5K Race Draws Runners from All Over



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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K race took place on Saturday night, Aug. 21, as one of the final events of the Old Home Day celebration and a Boston couple were the overall men's and women's winners.

The race, which has been run in Londonderry since 2015, took the place of the long-standing Lungren 5K two years ago, was fol-

lowed by a Brewfest and a country music concert, started and ended at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association.

The Lundgren 5K race had been held on Saturday mornings for nearly four decades during Old Home Day.

There were 815 runners posting times at the event.

The winner of this year's race led from start to finish and came across the finish line nearly two-minutes before his nearest competi-

tor. Josh Coakley, a 24-year-old from Boston Mass. finished the race at a blistering time of 14:53.9.

Coming in second, at 16:44.1, was Dover runner Cameron Cook, 26 years of age, followed by Corey Girard, 39, of Pembroke at 17:01.6.

The first Londonderry runners to finish were: Sean Clegg, 16, at 17:42.2 placing sixth overall; Will Plante, 17, in eighth overall at 17:43.2; and Jake Donnelly, 21, in ninth at

17:48.9.

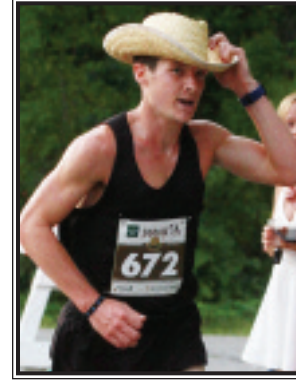
The first-place female was also from Boston, Mass., Caitlin McGinley, 24, finished in the tenth spot overall and in first for the ladies with her time of 17:52.5.

In second for the females was Erica Szczechowski, 23, of Martinsville, IN. She finished with a time of 18:43.9.

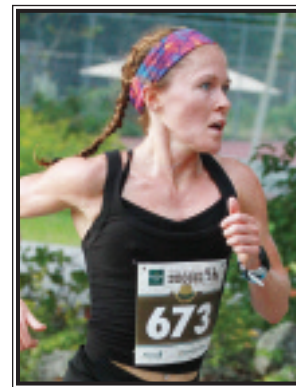
Anna Noble, 24, of Brighton, Mass. was the third place winner for the ladies with her time of 19:55.3.

The top three female Londonderry runners were: Adriana Nadeau, 17, at 23:43.3. Nadeau was also the first place winner in her division.

Ashley Perry, 18, at 23:48.6, second in her divi-



Josh Coakley



Caitlin McGinley

sion; and Heidi Letalien, 56, at 24:17.6. She was also first in her division.

Top Derry runners were:

For the males, Noah Kondor, 25, finished second in his division and 28th overall (221:00.3); Mark Johnson, 32, finished fifth in his division and 44th overall (22:36.8), and Richard Christian was 180th overall and 15th in his division (27:20.5).

For the women, Maria Checket came in 12th in her division and 112 overall (25:18.4); Lauren Guertin, 43, was 147th overall and seventh in her division (26:16.8); and Patty Stella finish ninth in her division and 150th overall (26:28.2).

According to the results no Chester, Hampstead or Sandown runners appeared.



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Derry First Responders Fall to Londonderry in Extra Innings



CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS



After Londonderry First Responders Beat their rivals from Derry 10-8 in the inaugural Old Home Day Softball Game between the

two towns two years ago, the Derry squad had two years to wait to exact some revenge, but after leading for most of the game, Londonderry was able to come away with a extra-innings walk off 19-18 win

this year.

After taking a year off from the annual Old Home Day softball game due to COVID-19, the Londonderry Police Department and Fire Department joined forces on Friday, Aug. 20,

and played their counterparts from the Derry Police Department and Fire Department, as was part of the 122nd Old Home Day celebration.

The contest, which started out as seven-inning game, ended up as a ten-inning competition after both sides wanted to stay on the softball field at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. The game lasted approximately 75 minutes and ended with the local Londonderry team winning 12-18.

Derry jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead after two innings until Londonderry took a one-run lead in the bottom of the third with four runs.

The Derry squad came back with two runs in the fourth and three in the fifth to retake the lead 9-5.

In the seventh inning, which was slated to be their last, Derry scored three times while Londonderry finished with four more, leaving the score 12-9 after seven.

The teams decided to pay on at that point, since the pace of the game moved very quickly, but as it turned out, Derry should have quit while they were ahead, because in the eighth and ninth innings Londonderry exploded for seven runs to Dory's four, sending the game into extra innings.

In the tenth, Derry rallied for the three runs needed twice while Londonderry was able to tie and win against their rivals.

OBITUARY

Margaret "Peg" Ann (Donroe) Arrat



Margaret "Peg" Ann (Donroe) Arrato, 93, formerly of Wallingford, loving wife of the late Pasquale "Pat" Anthony Arrato, passed away on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021 at the Whitney Center in Hamden surrounded by family.

Peg was born in New Haven on May 6, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Michael and Pasqualena Donroe. She graduated from Commercial High School in New Haven in 1945. She worked at Gilbert's Bakery, Southern New England Telephone Company, and then the Wallingford Public Library for 32 years, retiring at the age of 85.

Peg and her husband Pat made their home in Wallingford, living in the same home for over 60 years. Peg and Pat were married for 62 years before he passed in 2015. She loved her family and vast number of friends with great passion. She always said her children were her greatest accomplishment.

Peg was a phenomenal Italian cook and baker. She made and decorated countless cakes for the special occasions of family and friends. She was a talented seamstress and crafter. She was a wordsmith and competitive game player. She loved Scrabble, Sequence, Rummikub, Trouble, and Dominoes. She loved watching Jeopardy. She loved reading, music, and movies with a particular liking for Vic Damone and Ronald Reagan.

Peg is predeceased by her husband Pat and her sister Louise Gargamelli. She is survived by her sister Theresa Goss of Branford and her brother Frank Donroe of Milford; her children: Diane Arrato Gavrish and her husband Michael of Derry, NH, Mary Lou Sunday and her husband Nick of Madison, and Anthony Arrato and his wife Debra of Oxford; her grandchildren: Moriah Arrato Gavrish and her husband Martin and their daughter Helena, Bennett Arrato Gavrish and his wife Heather and their son Leo, Kelly Case and her husband Derek and their daughter Emmeline, Kristin Desplechin and her husband Franck and their daughter Lorena, Nicole Arrato, and Daniel Arrato; and several nieces and nephews.

Her family will receive relatives and friends at The Wallingford Funeral Home, 809 North Main St. Ext. on Monday, Aug. 30 from 4 - 7 p.m. A funeral service will follow in the funeral home at 7 p.m. Interment at the State Veterans' Cemetery will be private.

A NH celebration of life will be organized for friends of Peg in the early fall in Derry, NH.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be sent to the Wallingford Public Library or Wallingford Senior Center. www.wallingfordfh.com.

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NH DHHS Identifies Season's First Positive Test for West Nile Virus in Salem

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has identified the first batch of mosquitoes in 2021 to test positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). The batch was collected in the town of Salem on Aug. 3.

The DHHS is working with the town of Salem to notify Salem residents and those in the surrounding towns of the positive WNV test. This recent finding will elevate Salem's risk for arboviral illness from baseline (no detected viral activity) to low.

"Even though this is the first batch of mosquitos to test positive for West Nile

Virus this year, we know that the risk of West Nile Virus infection and other mosquito transmitted diseases is present throughout New Hampshire," said NH State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan. "Until there is a statewide mosquito-killing frost, it remains important for everybody to take steps to prevent mosquito bites, including wearing long sleeves, using an effective mosquito repellent on exposed skin, and avoiding outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active."

WNV is one of three arboviruses transmitted

from the bite of infected mosquitoes in New Hampshire. The other viruses are Eastern equine encephalitis and Jamestown Canyon virus. WNV was first identified in New Hampshire in August of 2000. Symptoms usually appear within a week after being bitten. Symptoms can include flu-like illness including

fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. Many people may not develop any symptoms, or only develop very mild symptoms. A very small percentage of individuals infected with WNV can go on to develop more serious central nervous system disease, including meningitis or encephalitis. If you or

someone you know is experiencing flu-like symptoms, including fever and headache, contact your local medical provider.

Prevention guidelines for WNV and other arboviruses can be found below. Anyone with questions about arboviruses, including WNV, can call the New Hampshire Bureau

of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496. Fact Sheets on West Nile virus and other arboviruses are available on the DHHS website at www.dhhs.nh.gov. For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov.

Caregivers Hits Jackpot at Poker Nights

Jackpot!!!! After participating in ten days of charitable gaming at Manchester's Filotimo Casino the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry received a check in the amount of \$58,696.70. The unrestricted funds will help the local nonprofit with its mission of serving the elderly and disabled.

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry (CCGD) helps with practical assistance and support to enable those in need to stay in their homes, in safety and with dignity. In many cases, the individuals they serve don't have family members nearby who can assist them. CCGD services foster independence with dignity, while at the same time providing meaningful volunteer opportunities and creating a more caring community. CCGD covers the towns of Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Sandown and Windham.

"We plan to use these funds to invest in staff capacity that will allow us to increase our program-

ming to help even more people," stated Cindee Tanuma, Executive Director of the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry. "The funds from charitable gaming are critical for nonprofits in New Hampshire, especially with all of the uncertainty surrounding COVID. We still don't know when people will want to attend fundraising events again. The charitable gaming funds that we have received from Filotimo have allowed us to keep our staff employed and our doors open."

"It's great to hear all the stories about how Filotimo's charitable gaming activities are having a positive impact on so many important nonprofits across our state," stated Dick Anagnost. We are proud to be a partner with hundreds of local charities along with the Lottery Commission to support our com-



munities."

Charitable gaming has been in operation in New Hampshire since 2006. According to New Hampshire Lottery, which provides regulatory oversight, since its inception, charitable gaming has raised over 75-million dollars for nonprofits throughout New Hampshire. Nonprofits that benefit from charitable gaming range in scope of work they perform from those that help Granite

Staters tackle addiction, to food pantries, homeless shelters, hospice care providers, support for veterans, people with disabilities, childcare centers, boys and girls clubs, lions clubs, charter schools, local sports teams and the list goes on and on. In many cases, these nonprofits perform essential services in our state supporting many of our children and most vulnerable citizens.

OBITUARY

Kelsey Lee Donahue



Kelsey Lee Donahue, 28, of Derry, NH, passed away suddenly at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, due to an acute illness. Kelsey was born May 31, 1993 in Worcester, MA and was a daughter of Debra (McHale) Masucci and Donald Donahue. She attended Derry schools and was a 26 year resident of Derry.

Kelsey was a beautiful, independent person with an infectious smile and lived life fearlessly. Kelsey had a massive heart and would do anything for you. She was the protector and very loyal, but at the same time never took life too seriously. She had a love for animals, especially dogs. Kelsey enjoyed listening to music, spending time with her siblings and being "Kiki" to her nephews, who will miss her beyond words.

Kelsey is survived by her mother and father, her brother, Nicholas Masucci, two sisters, Jenna Donahue and Samantha Donahue, Maternal grandmother, Margaret Hagerty, maternal grandfather, John McHale, paternal grandmother, Joan Donahue, her beloved nephews, Kash and Ryder Mooneyhan and Carson Donahue as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

After cremation, calling hours were held Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry.

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DERRY

Strengths Based Parenting Workshop

On Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road Derry, is hosting an evening with Charlie Applestein for a workshop entitled "Strengths Based Parenting", in partnership with Salem Family Resource Center. This workshop will share solutions with parents and caregivers, which can be effective to managing everyday childhood challenges that present themselves in families. "Raising children is a big job, and we want to offer parents and caregivers the opportunities to come together, explore what is working for them and what needs atten-

tion. Looking at how to re-frame a challenge can be a great way to focus on a small change that can make a big difference", says Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director. This event is Free of charge. To register for the event, www.bit.ly/TURstrengthbasedparenting For more parenting workshops, and events visit www.URTeachers.org for a full list of workshops, classes, support groups and parent child playgroups.

Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday Sept. 30, from 2 - 7 p.m., at the Derry VFW post 1617, located at 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. To schedule an appointment go to [\[op@gmail.com\]\(mailto:op@gmail.com\). Limited Edition tee shirt for donors. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit \[redcrossblood.org\]\(http://redcrossblood.org\) and enter VFW-POST 1617 to schedule an appointment](http://derrynhg-</p>
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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.

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.

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. For more information, please contact us at 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. For more information, please contact us at 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 or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

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

Library Closure

The Chester Library will be Closed Sept. 4 and 6 for Labor Day. They will also be closed Sept. 11th.

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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The Kindness Rocks

Paint a rock to spread kindness in Chester with The

Kindness Rocks Project! The Chester Library will paint rocks on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. After the program, Miss Kandy will be the "kindness fairy" and distribute the rocks. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by calling 603-887-3404.

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.

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.

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.

HAMPSTEAD

Tie Dye Party

Students in grades five and up are invited to a Tie

Dye Party at the Hampstead Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 1 p.m. They will meet on the front lawn where you'll have a selection of basic white t-shirts and pillowcases available, or attendees can bring their own item of the same approximate size to dye. Advance registration is required; sign-up via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org.

Junior Olympics

Registration is now open for Ages 6 thru 17 for the Hampstead Civic Club Junior Olympics on Saturday Sept. 11, at 8 a.m. At Depot Road

Fields Go to <https://hampsteadcivicclub.org/jr-olympics> To register. Over 40 Years of Tradition and Competition. The Junior Olympics event takes place each September. We have records still standing from 30 years ago. At this event you can sometimes see children breaking the records that their parents set many years before. It is free of charge, and a tremendous opportunity to have friendly competition with friends and classmates.

Thrift Shop Sale

The Elaine David Thrift Shop, located at the Hamp-

stead Public Library, on Saturday Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Shop has a \$3/Bag of Clothes Sale. It's a great time to stock up on summer fun clothing and accessories.

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 un-

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seen 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 or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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.

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, programming@sandownlibrary.us, 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, programming@sandownlibrary.us, 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.

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, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

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

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.

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

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, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@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

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. 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.



TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021 at 7 PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 84 Chester St., to consider:

7:15 PM: The continuation of the application of Kyle G. Salie and Elizabeth Salie for Variances from Article 9 to permit an 28'x32' Accessory Dwelling Unit on the second floor of a proposed garage not attached to a single-family dwelling which does not meet the requirement of Subsection 9.4.1 setback requirements or Subsection 9.4.2 Interior Door and a Variance from Article 5, Subsection 5.7.8 Table 2 (buffers and setbacks in the Wetlands Conservation District) to construct the structure comprised of the unattached garage and 28'x32' ADU within 59' of wetlands where 75' are required On the premises known as Map 002-049-001, 15 Town Farm Rd., in the R-1 Residential zoning district

7:45 PM: The application of Sean Carlson and Amanda Carlson for a variance from Article 5, Section 5.7.8, Table 2 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) of the zoning ordinance to permit a detached garage to be within 70.5' from the wetlands where 75' are required On the premises known as Map 002-045-000, 178 Halls Village Rd., in the R-1 Residential zoning district

8:15 PM: The application of Paul J. Rich for a variance from Article 5, Section 5.7.8, Table 2 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) of the zoning ordinance to permit a garage to be built 65' from wetlands where 75' are required On the premises known as Map 011-014-206, 23 Birch Rd., in the R-1 Residential zoning district

8:45 PM: The application of Edsel Barred Properties, LLC d/b/a Farr Automotive Repair for a variance from Article 5, Section 5.4.4 Table 1 (Table of Dimension Requirements) of the zoning ordinance to permit a sign with 0' setback from the side property line where 50' are required On the premises known as Map 009-063-000, 680 Raymond Rd., in the C1 Commercial zoning district

9:15 PM: The application of Erika De Beckers and Erwan De Beckers d/b/a Ark Animal Homecare, PLLC on behalf of Paul Faxon and Darlene J. Faxon for a variance from Article 5, Section 5.3.4 (Prohibited Uses in the R-1 zone) to operate a commercial veterinary practice on the premises in addition to three mobile veterinary vans which will be parked on-site and utilized as part of the veterinary practice On the premises known as Map 005-045-000, 10 Edwards Mill Rd., in the R-1 Residential zoning district

If any applicant, abutter, or member of the Board or other party impacted by the decision rendered as a result of this hearing, requires special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please notify the Administrative Assistant at least five (5) days prior to the public hearing and be prepared to state in writing the reason why such attendance is not reasonably practical so that the reason may be stated in the minutes.

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