

## Hampstead Board of Selectmen OKs Age Friendly Community Initiative

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**HAMPSTEAD** - At the Nov. 8 Hampstead Board of Selectmen, the Selectmen heard from Scott Bogel, the Senior Transportation Planner for the Rockingham Planning Commission.

Bogel explained that the region is in the process of starting an Age Friendly Community initiative with six communities in the region and they wanted to see if Hampstead was interested in joining. The initiative is being run by the Commission along with the Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels

and Tufts Health is providing a two year grant for the funding.

He explained that the goal is to work with different communities to understand the needs of older adults in the communities now and the ones they anticipate in the next 15 years.

Bogel explained that this is important because over the next 15 years the population for those 65 years old and older is expected to double in Rockingham County.

He said that the population in the County 65 and older is expected to go from 12.5% to about 28% in that time period.

Bogel said that the trend is also the same for the State as a whole saying that in 2015 about 220,000 people were 65 and older in NH. He said that estimates show that by 2040 that number will grow to about 480,000.

“This is going to mean really a different set of needs for our populations in our communities,” Bogel said.

Bogel explained that the idea is that there would be a steering community in Town made up of residents and town staff and the staff from the initiative would be able to help facilitate conversations.

He said that they would

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## Sandown Budget Committee Hears From Department Heads

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**SANDOWN** - During the Nov. 3 Sandown Budget Committee meeting the Committee heard from a number of different departments in regards to their proposed budgets.

Presenting the Assessing Department budget was Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell.

Blaisdell explained that most of the items in the budget are contractual items.

She said that one of the biggest increases they had was for their software which they updated last year. Blaisdell said that last year the company only charged half for the cloud based storage and this year they have to pay full price for it.

The Budget Committee accepted the budget of \$79,573 pending further review.

Treasurer Erica Olsen said that for her department the budget is the same except for payroll increases.

The budget of \$4,263 was accepted pending further review.

For the Tax Collector’s budget, the proposed budget was for \$75,400 for gross expenses, \$65,000 for revenue and \$10,400 for net expenses, which the Budget Committee accepted pending further review.

For the Town Clerk’s budget one of the questions asked was in regards to the dues line item which had a proposed increase from \$20 to \$440.

Town Clerk Dawn Nicolaisen explained that many times when people come in to register their tractor trailers, motor homes, and campers they don’t bring the MSRP with them. He said that before they had a program online that was free that they could use to look it up, however, it is no longer available.

She said that the dues in the budget represents “price digest” which is the new program they will be using.

The Budget Committee accepted the Town Clerk’s budget pending review with gross expenses of \$74,750, revenue of

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**VETERANS HONORED** The American Legion Post 9 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard assembled at MacGregor Park in Derry on Thursday, Nov. 11, for the annual Veterans Day ceremony to honor those who served in the military. See more on page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Holiday Celebrations Coming to Some Local Communities

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As the 2021 Holiday Season approaches local communities have scheduled their different community events.

In Derry they will be hosting the “Very Derry Holiday Celebration” On Nov. 27 Derry which will consist of a number of different events.

Starting at 10 a.m. and going until 1 p.m. with the live Holiday Entertainment at the Wandering Stage. The event will be taking place at Benson’s Lawn which is located at 1 West Broadway. The event is being sponsored by the Greater Derry Arts Council & Derry Economic Development.

From 1 to 2:30 p.m. there will be the Nutfield Parade which will go from Veteran’s Hall to Crystal Avenue to Hood Commons. The event is being sponsored by the Derry Village Rotary Club and the Greater Derry/ Londonderry Chamber of Commerce.

Starting at 2 p.m. and

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# Chester Planning Board Discusses Possible Part-Time Position

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CHESTER - During the Nov. 3 Chester Planning Board meeting one of the agenda items that was discussed by the Board was in regards getting extra support from the Southern NH Planning Commission. When the Planning

Board went to the Board of Selectmen to talk about their budget for next year, they discussed the need to bring a part-time employee on board to help with the increased workload for Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik due to more houses and development being built in Chester.

One of the suggestions

that the Board of Selectmen had was to see if the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission would be able to help provide more support to Chester if they paid for it.

Hadik said he talked to the Commission and they said that they have the staffing ability to provide planner support, if the

Board budgets \$5,000 for SNHPC's "circuit rider" planner support.

Hadik noted that it doesn't include a part-time employee that the Board previously talked about. Hadik said there is \$9,865 budgeted for an Admin 1, which is a Step 1, Level 1 position.

He explained that if they bring on a part-time employee it will be important for them to know what they are doing.

"We have to have a little bit of salary to draw them in," Hadik said.

Also during the meeting Hadik spoke about possibly readopting the Growth Management Ordinance, something that the Planning Board had expressed interest in.

Hadik said that he spoke with the Board's legal Counsel Stephen Bennett, who said per

RSA 674:22 there is an advance requirement, which is to commission a study that substantiates "a demonstrated need to regulate the timing of development, based upon the municipality's lack of capacity to accommodate anticipated growth in the absence of such an ordinance. The need to regulate the timing of development shall be demonstrated by a study performed by or for the Planning Board or the governing body, or submitted with a petition of voters presented under RSA 675:4 (signed by 25 or more voters). The study shall be based on competent evidence and shall consider the municipality's projected growth rate and the municipality's need for additional services to accommodate such growth."

Hadik said that Bennett would be available at the

Board's next meeting to discuss it further. He said that he would recommend the Board review RSA 674:22 before the meeting.

In other news Hadik said that they received a zoning amendment request from Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairperson Billie Maloney.

The request was to increase the number of alternative Board members for the ZBA from three to five which is allowed under State statute.

Hadik said that after talking to their legal counsel he learned that it would be up to the Planning Board.

"According to Steve (Bennet) this is up to the Planning Board," he said.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated to take place on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

## Hampstead

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also put out a survey for those 65 years old and older to get input on the current needs and anticipated needs and will also have a community forum meeting in town to discuss it further.

In addition to the local steering committee, Bogel said that there would be one for the region with one staff member from each of the communities on it.

He said that for the local steering committee they would have about four meetings by July along with the town forum meeting.

Bogel said that some of the topics they will be looking at on the steering committees is transportation, outdoor spaces/buildings, housing, social activities, civic and work opportunities, communication and information, technology, and health and nutrition services.

One question that was

asked was which other communities are already part of the program.

Bogel said Portsmouth, Exeter, Stratham, Fremont, and Seabrook are expected to be part of it.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of becoming the sixth community to join the Age Friendly Community program for the region.

The next Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.



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# Chester Board of Selectmen Continue to Discuss Detective Position

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CHESTER - During the Nov. 4 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting the Selectmen heard from Police Chief Aaron Berube in regards to the department's proposed budget.

One of the major items that has been discussed over the past few meetings was in regards to making the detective position full-time.

It was explained by Berube that Detective Ken-

nedy Richard issued his intent to resign from the position.

While he originally was going to resign Nov. 1, Berube said that he agreed to stay on until Dec. 1.

Although the position is currently less than full-time Berube said that he wants the Board of Selectmen to consider making it a full-time position. He said that Richard recommended it because of the amount of cases making it overwhelming in a part-time role.

Currently the line item in the budget is for \$51,000 for the 30 hour a week position but Berube was seeking \$62,234 for the position next year to make it full-time. They would also need to budget for benefits since the position doesn't offer any currently since it's not full-time.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said that he wanted to hold off on voting to make it full-time.

"The discussion I want to have would be in non-

public," he said.

He asked Berube if he does any detective work himself.

Berube said he does every day.

"Then why aren't you picking up the ball on this," D'Angelo asked.

Berube questioned how his other duties as the police chief would be handled.

"Where would my other duties be taken care of," he said.

D'Angelo responded by saying "we don't even know what you do on a day to day basis."

"Then Steve, fire me," Berube said in response.

Berube said that he was presenting the idea of making it a full-time position now because he wants to take advantage of the current detective helping with catching the new person up to speed with cases and to help identify viable candidates.

"If we can't move forward with it, we can't move forward with it," Berube said.

Selectmen Stephen Landau also brought up

another possible change for this year's budget.

Previously the police department and the Recreation Department proposed moving the line item for the park ranger position from the police department's budget to the recreation budget.

Landau explained that he doesn't believe the ranger can be supervised by non-law enforcement personnel.

"I think that's a mistake," he said. "I don't believe it belongs in recreation."

Landau said that he thought that it either needs to be under the animal control budget or the police department's.

"I would really like us to consider that," he said.

Berube explained that over the years the park ranger has had multiple bosses telling him what to do and said that since the majority of the day to day supervision is done by the

Recreation Department they thought that it would be best to budget it for that department.

He noted that many other communities across the State have that position under the recreation department because they generally provide more services for the recreation department than they do for law enforcement.

One question that was asked by Chairman Chuck Myette was if the park ranger has the ability to write someone a ticket or issue warnings.

Berube said that they are able to for animal control issues.

"Then move it to ACO," Landau said.

Berube said that the issue of the park ranger having multiple supervisors wouldn't change by moving the line item from one budget to another.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Nov.18 at 7 p.m.

## Parades

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ending at 5 p.m. there will be holiday cards and photos with Santa at Veterans Hall which is being sponsored by the Town of Derry Parks and Recreation Department.

At the same time there will be live Holiday Entertainment at the Wandering Stage at Benson's Lawn. The event is being sponsored by the Greater Derry Arts Council and Miss Greater Derry.

From 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. will be the tree lighting, with a cocoa gathering at 4:30 p.m. and the lighting taking place at 5:15 p.m. It is going to take place at Pocket Park and is sponsored by the Town of

Derry.

In addition throughout the day will be Small Business Saturday- Red Ticket Raffle, where people can shop around town. For more information about the raffle visit [www.derrynh.org](http://www.derrynh.org). The event is sponsored by the Derry Economic Development.

The Derry Village Rotary Club Food Drive will also be taking place. Non-perishable food and cash donations will be collected ahead of the parade along the route and at the Wandering Stage downtown.

### Hampstead

The Hampstead Lions Club will be hosting its

second mobile Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m.

Vehicles are required to line up at 12:30 p.m. at Saint Anne Parish. Those interested in showcasing a float or a vehicle, should go to the Hampstead Christmas Parade Facebook page and submit your information to the google doc. Those interested can also send an email to: [hampsteadparade@gmail.com](mailto:hampsteadparade@gmail.com) or call Roxanne McGaffigan at: (315) 405-7905. Participants are asked to sign up by Nov. 17.

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# Editorial

## Something To Be Said About A Smile

World Kindness Week started on Nov. 13, a week that promotes the importance of being kind to each other and to help everyone understand that compassion for others. It is what binds us all together. This understanding has the power to bridge the gap between differences.

Kindness - to have good intentions, warmth, compassion, and love for someone.

In this world where we are greatly separated from one another either by political divide, social status, social distancing, you name it. Being kind can bring people of all points of view together.

Go to anywhere, find a bench, just sit and watch, as less and less people seem to care about the person next to them. Very few seem to even think that the other person might be going through the same things they are or worse. It seems like reaching out a hand to help anyone is a dying art.

Being kind to a person isn't difficult. Being kind isn't a sign of weakness. Being kind to your neighbor, your friend, your family members or a complete stranger shows more strength than anything else. You see, it doesn't take much for a person to get angry, be pushy, or bossy. In today's world, that seems to be the norm.

A strong person learns how to

real in their emotions. It takes courage to step out from the shadows of everyone else and do something different. It takes strength to see the world from another person's point of view, and find common ground, and find a solution to the issue not just fan the flames, that notorious middle ground.

Just because someone stepped on your foot, doesn't mean you have the right to step on someone else's. Just because someone closed the door in your face, doesn't mean you shouldn't hold it open for someone else. Having a complete stranger greet you with a smile or say hello, it isn't a grand gesture, still, that act of kindness sets the tone.

Being kind isn't difficult. During this Holiday season and throughout the year, and the rest of your life, be kind, it might just become contagious.

Be kind to the environment by recycling what you can. Take time out of your day to play with your pet a little longer than you normally would and give them a treat when you're done.

Be kind to yourself as well, people should take the time they need to take care of themselves

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are." - Harold S. Kushner

# Letters

## Letter Follow Up

To the editor,

In my letter to the editor on November 11, I said that the nearly \$8,000,000 one time revenue-sharing bonus to Derry and our schools by the last Democratic legislature resulted in a significant property tax cut. Actually it avoided a significant property tax rise. Property tax numbers are clouded by the fact that the tax rate cut was offset by a significant increase in property valuation in 2020. In any case the state regularly reneges on paying its portion of state revenue to towns and cities while infrequently making a fuss over a one-time bonus. I am tired of seeing large corporations benefit from tax cuts while the state says it can't afford to meet its revenue sharing obligations with towns and cities.

Mary Till  
Derry

## Regarding Redistricting

To the editor,

Redistricting of voting districts every ten years is a good thing. It allows for adjustments to the number of voters in each district to match any changes in our population. Redistricting, done fairly and in a non-partisan way, protects the right of all citizens to have their vote counted equally.

Redistricting done in a partisan way to guarantee that one party has a strong advantage over another political party is wrong. It is gerrymandering, and it steals the votes of some citizens and guarantees the votes of others, all according to where those citizens live.

Last Jan. the people of NH heard Republican Party Chairman, Stepanek, say that because Republican legislators will have control over redistricting maps this year, "I can stand here today and guarantee you that we will send a conservative Republican to Washington, D.C. as a Congress person in 2022"; a clear statement of intent to gerrymander from a powerful Republican leader in NH. While Chairman Stepanek can't make that guarantee on his own, he certainly has a strong influence over our current Republican-led NH House Redistricting Committee. Last week NH citizens watched as that committee proposed a very clearly gerrymandered US Congressional district map which shows favoritism to the Republican Party, just as the Chair of the NH Republican party promised earlier this year.

While changes to our voting maps must be made, fairness and non-partisanship dictates that any changes should be kept at a minimum and should benefit the voters, not any

political party. Why then does the Republican proposed Congressional map make changes in 54 towns, (moving over 300,000 voters out of their current district) when it can easily be done by moving only one town, Hampstead? Why is the proposed Republican map in Congressional District 2 "packed" with Democrats in a manner similar to the 2010 NH Executive Council District? Why was Portsmouth, of all towns, moved out of the Seacoast District? And if anyone doubts that these changes were not made for political reasons, we have a Republican House legislator and member of the Redistricting Committee, Robert Lynn to set us straight, as he openly acknowledged that the intent behind the new maps was to consolidate partisan power.

The proposed Republican Congressional map is as unfair to Republican voters in District 2 as it is to Democratic voters in District 1, and all this so that the Republican Party will have an unfair advantage in winning elections for the next ten years.

Redistricting should not be gerrymandered in NH.

Corinne Dodge  
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# Veterans Honored with Ceremony at MacGregor Park in Derry



Members of the Derry American Legion Post 9 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 arranged for a Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11, at MacGregor Park, that honored Disabled Veter-

ans. The Master of Ceremony for the event was the Senior Vice Commander for both VFW Post 1617 and Post 9, Ed Hodgson. Hodgson stood in for the guest speaker who was unable to attend the cere-



mony. He recited a poem for the Disabled by Wilfred Owen, a British poet who was killed in action during World War I. Pinkerton Academy senior Ethan Boucher was invited to sing the National

Anthem and "America the Beautiful."

Also speaking were Post 9 Commander Tony Travia and VFW Post 1617 Commander Issac Miller.

Town Council Chairman Jim Morgan read the



Council's Proclamation, he also asked those attending to thank and respect those who have served.

After the ceremony, people were invited to an open house at the VFW Post.

Earlier in the day, Pinkerton Academy held its annual Veterans Breakfast. This year, the breakfast was sponsored by the Class of 2023.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

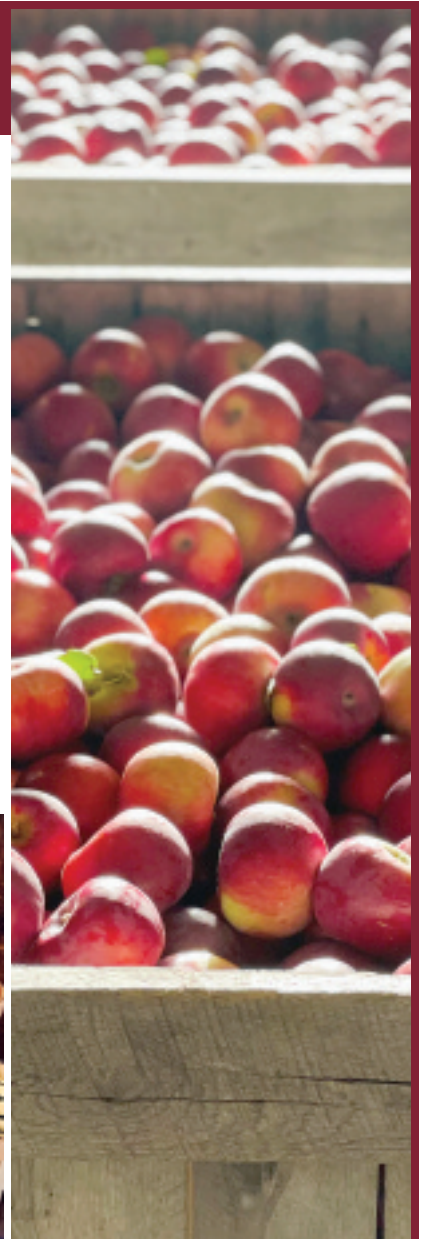
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# Hampstead Middle School Principal's Retirement Announced

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HAMPSTEAD - During the Nov. 9 Hampstead School Board meeting, Superintendent Robert Thompson announced that Hampstead Middle School Principal Maria Di Nola submitted her letter of intent to retire at the end of the school year.

"During my 33 years of service I've served the Manchester School District as a teacher for 17 years and now in my 16th year in Hampstead as an Administrator for SAU 55," Di Nola wrote in her letter. "My next life chapter will focus on serving my family as a wife, mother, and grandmother. I appreciate the strong support of the School Board and your

administration as I graduate with the Class of 2022."

The School Board members accepted the retirement but said that they were thankful for her service to the School District.

Also during the meeting Thompson gave the School Board an update regarding COVID-19 in the District.

"We are seeing an uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases in the schools," Thompson told the Board.

He said that they have 10 positive cases in November so far.

"Most of those cases are at the Central School," he said.

Thompson said that they had six positive cases in September and six positive cases in October, not-

ing that because of the trend they are seeing they are likely to surpass both of the months combined in November.

He noted that other districts across the State are seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases.

"The majority of these cases are originating outside of school," Thompson said. "They're contracting it from family members that could be a parent, it could be an older sibling, so we're seeing very limited evidence of school-based spread at this time."

Thompson said that on

Nov. 16 there would be a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for the District along with other school districts in the area that the Department of Health and Human Services would be hosting. The clinic was for 5 to 18 years old he said.

Thompson said that the goal would be to vaccinate up to 500 students from Hampstead and different schools. The follow-up clinic is slated for Dec. 7 Thompson said.

He also explained to the Board that one of the questions that people have been asking is whether or not the

School District has a vaccine mandate or if they would be imposing one.

Thompson said that one question he has been getting is in regards to vaccine mandates and whether or not the district is going

to impose one.

"The answer is no," Thompson said, saying that it wouldn't be his recommendation to do so. He said that there isn't any plan from the State to require one either.

## OBITUARY

### Judith "Judy" Newton



Judith "Judy" Newton of Sandown, NH passed away peacefully on Tuesday Nov. 9, 2021. She was 81 years old. Judy was a lifelong resident of Sandown and was born July 1, 1940 to the late Doris (French) and Ralph Follansbee of

Sandown. She graduated from Sanborn Seminary and worked as a nurse's aide at Rockingham County Nursing Home for 21 years. She also volunteered with the Sandown PTG; and was a Cub Scout den leader and a Girl Scout/Brownie leader as well. Judy loved all things Disney but her greatest love was her family. Her capacity for love was boundless and once you met Judy you were automatically a part of her family.

She is predeceased by her husband George (Bill) Newton, her twin Joan Fraser, her sister Stasia Meuse, her grandson Jeffrey K Newton, and granddaughter Danielle Janco.

She leaves behind her sisters Norma Hutchinson of Canterbury, NH and Nancy Johanson of Glastonbury, CT. She is survived by her son Jeffrey E. Newton and his wife Mirela of Lafayette Brazil, her daughters; Tammy L. Newton and her husband Scott Gifford of Salem, NH; Rebecca Janco and her husband Gary, Amy Newton and her husband Jeff Farrell all of Sandown. Grandchildren; Jillian Salafia and her husband Vincent, Fawn Sarbanis and her husband Adam, Gary Janco, Althea Dubravsky and her husband Jared, Amanda Hayes and her husband Kyle, Kimberly Newton and her fiancé Conor Shipmate, Alex Pirez and Heidi Farrell. Great-Grandchildren; Makayla Sarbanis; Alexa, Ashlee, Brooke and Vincent Salafia; Charlotte and Lorelai Dubravsky; Anna, Tobias, Peter, Taliah, Margalit, Benedict and Alexander Hayes; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Nov. 14 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A graveside service followed in the Center Cemetery in Sandown. In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations in Judy's memory to either the JDRF or The Jimmy Fund. To send a condolence, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## Sandown

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\$1,400,000 and net expenses of -\$1,325,250.

Sandown Library Director Adam Shlager said that the proposed budget of \$337,182 reflected the salary increases that the Board of Selectmen approved for Town employees.

The Budget Committee accepted the budget pending further review.

Sandown Police Chief Joseph Gordon explained that they spoke to the Board of Selectmen and decided that it was best to take the few thousand dollars they had left for the

Animal Control Budget and absorb it into the police department's budget.

He said that they have struggled to find a new animal control officer but have someone they started off as part-time and will be a full-time animal control officer for the department going forward. They are expected to finish the academy in December.

The Budget Committee accepted the police department's budget with net expenses of \$802,815 pending further review.

The next Sandown Budget Committee meeting is slated for Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

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# Improvements Will Soon Be Added To Derry's Hood Park

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DERRY - Improvements are coming to Hood Park in Derry after the Derry Town Council approved \$500,000 from the Derry Commerce Corridor TIF to

be spent on the project.

"In 2018 the Council authorized a multi-purpose bond to fund improvements for dam repairs, Exit 4A and recreation facility improvements," Derry Town Administrator David Caron said in a memo to

the Town Council. "The Town connected with UNH to study it's recreation facilities and after reviewing UNH's report, a steering task force was created to identify specific opportunities at Hood Park. The result was a list

of recommended improvements valued at \$500,000."

Caron said that in 2019 the Town Council approved the expansion of the former Route 28 North TIF District to the downtown area, rebranded as Derry Commerce Corridor.

"The confluence of these two major events highlighted the importance of amenities and recreation opportunities to economic development," Caron wrote in a memo. "After having built the Town's fiscal capacity for capital projects and economic development, the Town now has two major resources available from which to fund the improvements."

It was explained by Caron that the Council reviewed the Hood Park project during its Sept. 14 workshop and "concurred to

fund the improvements from the Restricted Fund Balance available in the Derry Commerce Corridor."

"This investment will help attract visitors to the downtown, and by funding with TIF funds, frees up bond money for other recreation needs throughout the community," Caron said in the memo.

Some of the improvements already made to Hood Park include added landscaping, along with additional benches and tables, along with the installation of a small fishing dock.

Other improvements include the installation of new backboards, the repainting of hockey boards, the installation of a new fountain among other things.

This Winter they are expected to initiate the

design for the pickleball court, playground and splash pad.

In the summer it is expected that they will build trail improvements, add lighting and CCTV cameras, and build trail improvements.

Next fall and spring it is expected the pickleball court, playground, and splash pad will be constructed.

It was explained by Caron that allocating \$500,000 to Hood Park would reduce the funds available for redevelopment within the DCC TIF to \$2.6 million.

"The annual DCC TIF budget raises and allocates about \$260,000 to a redevelopment fund for future improvements and public/private partnership throughout the Corridor," he said.

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# Derry Scout Helps Bring Light to Hundreds of Veterans



Dylan Navarro reveals one of the many markers cleaned.



Cooper Navarro



Dylan and Jamie Navarro

Dylan Navarro, a Senior Patrol Youth Leader with Troop 98 in Derry, is working on an Eagle Scout Project at the Forest Hill Cemetery in East Derry that will help recognize hundreds of veterans that have had their graves markers covered up by grass over the years.

Navarro, with the help of fellow scouts and volunteers unearthed hundreds of markers in two very long days of work over the past month.

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1617 has been supporting his efforts and have supplied him with an expensive solvent used to aid in the restoration of these markers.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, he and his dad, Jaimie Navarro, and his brother Cooper spent the entire day tagging as many markers as could find and then cleaning each of them.

Their efforts will help members of Post 1617 find graves that need to be marked with flags each Memorial Day.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Three Astros Recognized by NH Field Hockey Coaches

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association (NHFHCA) recently announced their choices for the Granite State's Division I All-State teams and the Pinkerton Academy varsity Field Hockey team had three girls chosen for their work during the 2021 season.

Pinkerton Academy head coach Katie Littlefield and her girls had rough fall season and were only able to come away with four wins and four ties against their division rivals. The Lady Astros suffered eight losses throughout the season and wound up short of competing in the NHIAA Division I playoffs.

Despite the rough outcome, the Lady Astros had some exceptional talent on the squad and three girls were recognized for their efforts on the field this year.

Peyton Knowlton, Aili

Carney and Ava Bennett were all named to the to the Granite State's Second Team.

The two Co-Offensive Players of the Year were Addison MacNeil of Exeter High School and

Kaitlyn West of Nashua South High School.

The association's choice for Defensive Player of the Year was Amy Lanouette of Windham High School and the Coach of the Year was Deb Grott of the Exeter Blue Hawks.

Peyton Knowlton was also named to the NHFHCA Twin State Senior Team for 2021/22.

The association had just over 50 seniors from across the state attend tryouts on Sunday, Nov. 7, at Manchester West High School and they selected 20 field players and two goals from across the three divisions.

That team will play Vermont's best players in Vermont at a later date.



Pictured from left to right, Pinkerton Academy Astros players Peyton Knowlton, Aili Carney and Ava Bennett were all chosen by the New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association as members of their first and second teams this year.

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**2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
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Coverage of the day's events provided by [DerryCAM.org](http://DerryCAM.org)



# Coaches Pick Two Astros to All-State



Two very productive members of the Pinkerton Academy Girls Soccer Team were recently selected by the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches as members of their first and second teams for their efforts on the field this year. Senior forward Emily Hood, above left, was chosen as a member of the All-State First Team and fellow senior Allison Lamphere was chosen for her defensive work to the All-State Second Team.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Nov. 8

### Jack Cameron

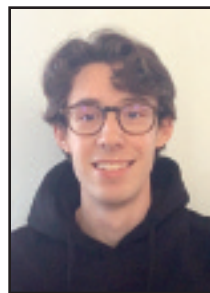
#### Senior, Boys Cross Country

Cameron has consistently been the team's third man all season. He once again ran a solid race to be our third man. The strong performances put in by Jack has allowed the team to consistently place at the top. Third in the Division 1 race, fourth in the Meet of Champions, and 16th in the New England's out of 29 teams.

### Tess Silva

#### Sophomore, Girls XC

Silva had a fantastic season despite a couple of setbacks. She has a fantastic attitude and races with confidence, tenacity, and determination. Tess' performance at the MOCs, a 19 second PR, qualified her for the N.E. Championships. She finished in the top 10 for DI in both the DI Championship and the MOCs. At New England's, she ran strong despite the muddy conditions.



*Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office*

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# Astros Cross-Country Runners Compete in New Englands

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Cross-Country teams finished their season over the weekend with a trip to Thetford Academy in Vermont, where they competed in the New England High School Cross Country Championships.

The boys' team had a fourth place finish at the New Hampshire Meet of Champions and the Long Red Line was able to compete against nearly 30 other schools.

The Pinkerton Trailblazers had three runners compete in the Meet of Champions and two of the three moved on to the New England Championships.

The Pinkerton Boys took 16th place in the very large field of teams.

The top six teams from five New England states raced under very slick conditions on Saturday, Nov. 13 due to a torrential rain the night before.

Astros senior Luke Brennan was the first Pinkerton boy to finish, taking 21st in a time of 17:03.

By placing in the top 25 Luke earned "All-New England honors". Senior Ethan Charles was 49 seconds back in 76th place at 17:52. The Astros third runner was senior Jack Cameron, placing 119th in a time of 18:20. Rounding out the Astros top seven were Sophomores Nathan Binda and Finn Christensen

Kraft, junior Theo Davis and senior Cooper Michaud.

The U-32 team from Vermont was the race winner with 139 points. La Salle Academy, from Rhode Island scored 162 for second and Ridgefield Conn. Took third with 162 points.

For the Pinkerton Trailblazers sophomore Izzy Groulx capped her tremendous season with a finishing time of 21:22 (62nd overall), the sixth New Hampshire Division I runner.

Fellow sophomore Tess Silva also had an excellent running campaign finishing with a time of 21:48 (91st overall) and was the 12th Granite State Division I girl to finish.



## All-State Soccer Teams Named

The New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association made their picks for All-State team members recently and Pinkerton Academy's defenseman Adam Freiburger was named to the second team for his outstanding play this season.

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# Derry Dancers Earn Roles in NEDE’s The Nutcracker

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80 dancers, ages 5-18, earned membership in the well-known and highly regarded nonprofit arts organization, including 13 Derry residents.

In this full-scale professional holiday production, aspiring dancers will be joined by guest artists from Philadelphia Ballet including Sterling Baca, Sydney Dolan, Pau Pujol, and Gabby Mesa.

Known for its professional caliber, NEDE programs offer growth opportunities for the region’s most dedicated performing arts students. Those attaining membership par-

take in rigorous dance training and are exposed to a wide range of performance types including classical and contemporary music and staging and theatrical workshops. In addition, NEDE members benefit from the opportunity to collaborate with high-profile dancers from national and international performance companies.

Company members have each been cast in NEDE’s two upcoming professional performances of ‘The Nutcracker’, scheduled for Saturday, November 27 and Sunday November 28 at 2:00PM at the Windham High School Theater in Windham, NH. Rehearsals are currently underway at NEDE’s home studio, Londonderry Dance Academy.

Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they battle the Mouse King and



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## DERRY

### Youth Basketball Tryouts

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Winter AAU tryouts at the Derry Sports Center. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 3rd - 8th. The first tryout date is Saturday Nov. 27. Times are 3rd-6th Grade boys and girls: 2 - 3 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 3 - 4 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at [CoatesNew@hotmail.com](mailto:CoatesNew@hotmail.com).

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### 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

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## CHESTER

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The Supervisors of the Chester Voting Checklist will be in session in Chester Town Hall 84 Chester St. Chester, for any corrections, changes or updated information that needs to be made to the current checklist as well as to register any new Chester residents that may have moved into town or any current Chester resident who wish to vote in any and all future elections on: Saturday, Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. - Noon. You may also register with the Town Clerk during regular hours or contact the Clerk at [elufkin@chesternh.org](mailto:elufkin@chesternh.org) for an absentee ballot form application. Please remember to bring your current photo ID as well

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### Holiday Hours

The Chester Library will be open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24. Closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

### Paw Patrol Party

Come to a party to celebrate Paw Patrol: The Movie, at the Chester Library on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m. there will be crafts, prizes, and snacks. Registration Is Required.

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### Teen TikTok Extravaganza

On Monday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Come eat some pizza and record some funny TikToks for the Chester Public Library TikTok account (@chesterpubliclibrary) Can't make it? Record a video and email it to [assistdirector-cpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistdirector-cpl@gmail.com). Registration Is Required.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Mobile Xmas Parade

Christmas is just around the corner! The Hampstead Lions Club will be hosting its second mobile Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. Vehicles will need to line up at 12:30 p.m., at Saint Anne Parish.

### Storywalk At Library

StoryWalk® Week 2021 takes place from Nov. 15 - 19. It's a celebration of fresh air, exercise and books. The Hampstead Public Library is happy to join the merriment with its permanent new

StoryWalk® which was installed on the front lawn. The first book on display is Big Dance, written and illustrated by Aoife Greenham. Kids and adults are welcome any time!

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### Recipe Swap

Sweets & Treats Recipe Exchange on Friday, Nov. 19

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### Fire In Paradise Book Discussion

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or make new ones. Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a Monday holiday.

### SANDOWN

#### 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 youth-services@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@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.

#### Messy Monday

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

#### 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.

#### 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 youth-services@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownli-

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#### 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.

### REGIONAL

#### Need a Tutor?

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#### Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Lunch on Nov. 20, from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church-drive around to back door; Dinner on Nov. 26 from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church-drive up to side door; Breakfast on Nov. 28, from 9 - 9:30 a.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); Lunch on Nov. 28, 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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