

# Derry Officials Evens Out Council's Voting Districts

**ALEX MALM**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – During the Nov.16 Derry Town Council meeting one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to changing the district boundaries for the Town Council.

It was explained by Derry Town Administrator Dave Caron that there is a statutory requirement that states in part “The Town Council shall, if necessary, adjust and establish new boundaries based upon decennial Census data. The Town may establish its own rules and procedures governing the conduct of redistricting.”

Caron explained that there are currently 34,317 people that live in Derry currently and there are four Town Council districts meaning that the target population per district is 8,579 people.

He explained that District 1 had the exact amount for the targeted population, District 2 had 48 more, District 3 had 354 people less and District 4 was over by 307 people.

Because of this the Town's Administration had different recommendations in order to get each district closer to the targeted population.

For District 2 the recommendation was to move

voters on the south side of Humphrey Road between South Main Street and Cemetery Road. The other recommendation was to move voters from the North side of Island Pond Road between South Main and Cemetery.

For District 4 the recommendation was to move a number of different streets to District 3. It includes the South side of Brewster and east side of Scobie Pond, north side of A Street to south side of Manchester Road, south side of Manchester Road by east side of Folsom Road by north side of Franklin Street Ext by west

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# Selectmen Discuss Policy Change to Town Facilities

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER – During the Nov. 18 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to policies for renting out town facilities.

It was explained by Recreation Director Corinna Reishus that when they amended the COVID policies for the Town facilities in June, one of the requirements was that the facility would have to be cleaned after every use.

“We're still following the CDC guidelines,” Reishus said.

Selectmen Steven Couture pointed out that because of the limited staff the Town has it is limiting

the number of events they are able to have in their facilities.

It's one of the reasons why he thinks the Board of Selectmen should change the policy.

“I see it as an unnecessary restriction on the Town facilities,” Couture said.

One of the questions that was asked was whether or not any groups had to be denied use of the facility based on the policy.

Reishus said that they haven't had to deny any at this point.

She explained that right now after groups use the facilities they are cleaned by Town staff before the next group uses it.

One of the suggestions brought up by Selectmen

Chairman Chuck Myette is to charge a cleaning fee for outside groups and then they could hire an independent cleaning company to clean after each of the uses.

Couture pointed out that the COVID-19 pandemic could possibly continue for some time.

“Is this how we want to continue to operate the community under these restrictions,” Couture asked. “They're guidelines they're not regulations.”

Although he felt that they should eliminate the requirement for cleaning after each use, he said that he understands that it would be up to the majority to change the policy.

“I'm not gonna fall on

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**HOLIDAY BASKETS** Heather and Mia Paradzick attended the First Parish Church Sugar Plum Fair on Saturday where they entered some raffle tickets for a number of gift baskets. The fair is an annual fund raising event by the church that helps ring in the holidays.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Hampstead ZBA Approves Garage for Properties on Edgewater Lane

**ALEX MALM**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD – During the Nov. 3 Hampstead Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting the Board heard a case regarding the properties at 18 and 19 Edgewater Lane.

Representing the owners Francis and Linda Hastings was James Lavelle

Linda Hastings said that she had been coming to Hampstead since she was seven years old since the property was her family's summer lake house. She is now 70 years old, she said.

A few years ago they bought it from her parents and decided that they wanted to move there permanently, which is why

they are looking to make it a year round home.

“That's why we're doing this,” she said. “We love Hampstead, that's why we decided to move here permanently.”

One of the variance requests was to allow them to build a garage that won't meet side and front setbacks. They were also

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# Derry Officials Debate Funding on Town Skate Park

MONIQUE BRAND  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** – In a packed council chambers full of skate enthusiasts on Tuesday, Nov. 16, town officials debated changes to the aging skateboarding area at Alexander-Carr Park off Pierce Avenue.

No resident from Pierce Avenue attended the meeting.

The area has been up for discussion among residents for years as the park has seen its share of wear and tear.

It's even a focus from a new set of supporters such as Nick Sands and Ahren Thielker, admins for a Facebook page called Derry Skatepark Re-Vamp. The page contains old newspaper articles on skateboard competitions, festivals and contests that were once held in the space.

The current park includes weathered concrete structures covered in graffiti.

During the meeting, council, staff and the public heard of possible funding and timeline on the project.

Derry Town Administrator David Caron said there are two possible funding sources for the project: the Alexander Carr Trust income estimated around \$3 million and the town's \$1 million recreation bond.

Kim Walsh, director of parks and recreation, said the town received three bids and staff is leaning towards Pillar Design and Artisan Skatepark, who have done similar projects throughout the state and Massachusetts. Walsh said the department plans to expand the skate park from 5,000-square feet to 7,500-square feet.

Public Works Director Mike Fowler told council before even building a new skate park, surveying the area would be involved and that the project can take up "a full year from now" before completion.

During the discussion, a tiff between two councilmembers occurred on when exactly the skate park became an item of discussion as one councilmember said he didn't necessarily vote on this particular project but on Hood Park.

Chair Pro-Tem and District 4 councilman Brian Chirichiello said he initially voted in 2019 for renovations towards the lodge and that he didn't hear about the skate park until this year.

"Just to be clear, if you go back ... it was a public, private partnership. I was then asked to vote on ask-

ing the recreation department to go up on a bid. So based on the fact that I thought that there was a contribution and I didn't know what that contribution was; I made a vote based on that. Now I'm hearing there is no money there [in the lodge project]," Chirichiello said, adding that he is not against the skate park. "I based my vote on fixing the building. So originally that's how I voted. And somewhere down the line ... the dynamic changed from not doing the building into a skate park. I feel like I got sold a bid of goods and then it switched around."

Town Chair Jim Morgan told Chirichiello he was correct with the original vote and over time "we had an onslaught of league people coming in and com-

plaining that we were spending \$2 million dollars on a lodge when our fields are in horrible conditions."

Morgan said there had been multiple meetings on the matter before changing to focus on the town fields.

Chirichiello suggested for the skate park project to be included in upcoming budget talks.

At-large Councilman Joshua Bourdon disagreed.

"I think what occurred was a blessing in disguise. COVID hit, which is not the blessing, but it caused us to pause and wait. You act like we voted for a bond based on a lodge and here tonight we changed our mind. Over 24 months we've changed our minds. And the blessing in disguise is that we're able to disburse different sums in amounts of money to

improve the entire community. From Hood Park to Rider Fields to potentially Alexander-Carr Park. The last piece ... what you're talking about voting or bringing it up for a budget to me doesn't make sense when we have a trust that a doctor left us with the intent of maintenance, community and sports and mental health. And we have a trust of about \$3 million."

Morgan said the council should stop "kicking the can down the road" on the skate park and come to a resolution.

No vote on the skate park was taken at the meeting.

Morgan said he will present two resolutions on the skate park on whether or not council will move forward. The vote is intended next month.

## Districts

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side of B street. Other recommendations include west side of B Street by south side of Franklin Street Ext by east side of Folsom Road by north side of Beaver Brook to the Londonderry Town line. It also includes moving the south side of Beaver Brook by east side of North High Street by north side of Ash Street extension to the Londonderry town line.

Planning Board member Mark Connors spoke

during the public comment portion of the meeting and said that the planning department is in the process of approving a large development that could possibly skew the population totals and asked if they would consider waiting to do the redistricting until they know how many people it would bring in if approved.

Derry Town Council Chairman James Morgan said that the issue is that they haven't begun construction yet so they can't base the numbers on how

many people may live in town rather than how many they know do at this moment.

"Unfortunately the problem is there's no shovels in the ground," Morgan said. "The census doesn't count dirt."

Caron said that the only financial impact for the changes is \$2,000 which is for the cost of the mailing to notify impacted residents.

The Council ultimately voted unanimously to approve the redistricting recommendations.



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# Sandown Selectmen Reviews Town's Department Budgets

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Board of Selectmen continued to discuss proposed budgets for different departments during its Nov. 15 meeting.

For the Election Budget, Town Moderator Kevin Major said that the department's budgets vary from year to year based on the number of different elections there are.

He said that this year they will have three elec-

tionst, the state primary, the town/ school elections in March and the general election in November.

Major said that the proposed budget amount is similar to this year's. He said they are hoping to continue to have election support lines in the budget for a dedicated police officer, EMT and maintenance person for the duration of the election.

"We added that in again this year for the election," Major said.

The Selectmen approv-

ed sending the proposed budget of \$19,262 to the Budget Committee for further review.

Presenting the proposed Fire Department budget to the Selectmen was Sandown Fire Chief Michael Devine.

He said that one of the biggest changes for their proposed budget is for gas and diesel noting

Devine said that they increased the line item by \$2,000 saying that he wasn't sure what the price for

it is going to be next year.

"I will give you a hint it's going to be more," said Selectmen Tom Tombarello.

The Selectmen approved sending the total budget of \$219,787 to the Budget Committee for further review.

Selectmen Jonathan Goldman abstained from the vote.

Tombarello said that based on the quality of services they get in town from the Fire Department he thought it was a good budget.

"For that kind of

money we get a really good product," he said.

Goldman, who also serves as the EMS Captain, presented the Rescue Department's budget.

He explained that while they work with the fire department for budget purposes they are treated as two different ones.

"The only reason why we are a separate department is for the sake of this paper," Goldman said.

Goldman said that the main budget line that

increased in their proposed budget is for stipends which went up 5 percent. The increase was based on the Selectmen approving a raise for employees.

Overall Goldman said that the proposed budget is an increase of 3 percent.

The Selectmen approved sending the proposed budget of \$62,075 to the Budget Committee for further review.

The next Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

**Carlton E. Hamm 10.31.30 - 11.6.21**



Carlton E. Hamm, age 91, was born Oct. 31, 1930 in Belfast ME, the son of the late Karl Hamm and Nellie Clowes and predeceased by his brother Allan Hamm and sister Francis McCleod, served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War prior to settling in Litchfield NH in 1959. He raised his family in Litchfield and established Hamm Septic Services, a family business that has been operational for over 60 years. He moved to Chester in 2000.

He was a hardworking, dedicated family man with a very kind demeanor who made everlasting impressions on many people, including customers. He enjoyed hunting with his sons, family and friends, driving trucks, running heavy equipment, and cutting 13+ acres of lawn on his John Deere until age 90.

His kind, thoughtful presence and wisdom will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife, Linda Hamm, daughter Carla Hamm and husband Robert Gallien of Chester, son Gary Hamm and wife Patricia Hamm also of Chester, son Carlton Hamm and wife Robin Hamm of Concord NH, his stepchildren Stephen and Christopher Traski of Chester, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his dog Raleigh.

Carl was well-cared for at home and passed after spending his last few days in Hospice surrounded by family.

There will be no calling hours or service. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please share condolences to CarlHamm1930@hotmail.com. Donations in memory of Carl may be sent to: Home Health Foundation-High Pointe House, 360 Merrimack St, Bldg 9, Lawrence MA 01843 or online at [homehealthfoundation.org/donate](http://homehealthfoundation.org/donate).

## Hampstead

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seeking a variance to have an accessory dwelling unit that was greater than 600 ft.

It was pointed out by the Board that in order to put the garage up they would have to take the two sheds down that are currently on the lot which Lavelle said they would agree to.

The Board also asked if they would be willing to keep the size of the garage to 600 square feet which would help them to limit the amount of setback they are encroaching on which Lavelle said they were

amenable to.

It was pointed out by Lavelle that by having the new garage there it would be improving it and would help the surrounding properties.

The Board ultimately approved the variance requests for the garage setbacks and the variance for the size was withdrawn.

For the house Lavelle said that it will essentially be the same size as the current house and would have further setbacks than it does now although it still doesn't meet the requirements.

"The Hastings would've liked to move the house

further away from the lake so they could have more room to sit out in the yard, however, the septic system is closer to the road," Lavelle said.

In regards to the variance to have the garage on the lot across the street, Lavelle said many houses around the lake have their house on one side of the street and their garage on the other.

"It's not uncommon

around the lake to have a house on one side of the road and then the garage across the street," Lavelle said.

The Board ultimately approved the special exception for the house and to have the garage on the across the street lot with the condition that they wouldn't exceed the existing non-conforming use.

The next Hampstead ZBA meeting is slated for Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

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# Editorial

## Season For Giving and Giving Thanks

The season is rapidly ramping up to its frantic pace for overindulging on Thanksgiving and buying too much for Christmas. One of the nice things about living here is the generosity that comes out in full force during the holidays. Whether it's a free church-sponsored Thanksgiving dinner hosted and prepared for anyone and everyone who, regardless of their financial status, seem ready to dig into their pockets to help those less fortunate. As side note, recent national news stories report that wealthier people donate less of their income proportionately to charity than people whose incomes are lower.

Our pages are filled with announcements of coat, hat, and scarf collection drives; boot collections; food pantry requests; and wished for gifts for the needy. It starts young, with school children collecting pennies and clothing to help others, older students hosting more extensive collection drives, and adults contributing time, money or gifts to help "adopted" families not in a position to buy gifts for the holidays otherwise.

Local drives make it feasible for most people to help out. Children grow out of their clothes and clothing drives, particularly winter items, are a great place to recycle those items and know that they are going to someone

in need. Living in a state without a sales tax, we often don't carry around the pennies we get back from purchases, but a penny drive to aid the less fortunate is a great use for those coins.

Then there are food and gift needs for local families, usually collected under the care of food pantries, churches, and "giving trees". Buying a few extra cans of soup or packages of macaroni and cheese may make the difference to a local family experiencing hard times, but have little impact on the giver's household budget.

We live in an affluent area, and we don't often see visible indications of need. Organizations like Family Promise, provides shelter for local homeless families, or the busy food pantries in each of our towns. These are strong indicators that while others are surrounded by comfort, that doesn't include everyone.

So when you plan your gift giving this year, think of your neighbors as well. If you have some spare time on your hands, consider helping out at free meals, soup kitchens, or fundraisers for the holidays. It's a rewarding way to express the spirit of the coming season, giving thanks.

"Living is easy with eyes closed / Misunderstanding all you see" -John Lennon

# Letters

## I'm Voting Jodi Nelson

To the editor

There is a special election to fill a vacant State Representative seat. I'm excited to cast my vote for Jodi Nelson.

Jodi is the pro-business, pro-student, pro- 2nd amendment, and pro-Derry candidate who promises to fight an income tax, sales tax or any new taxes and fees.

But to for her to do this, she needs our help in the upcoming special election on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Calvary Bible Church.

As our next state representative, Jodi will be a champion for Derry's businesses and working families. Jodi will ensure our students are properly funded and have the skills needed to be successful in the 21st century. She'll fight for safer communities and stand with our police, fire, emergency responders and our Veterans.

And Jodi will always defend our constitutional rights from big government bureaucrats and Federal overreach.

Jodi has spent years giving back to our community and I have no doubt she will represent us well in Concord and always be available to help out her neighbors.

I hope you will join me in supporting Jodi Nelson on Dec. 7. Polls will open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., at Calvary Bible Church

Thank you  
Robyn Tolman,  
Derry

## Voting Mary Eisner

To the editor,

Looking for someone to represent YOU in Concord? Who believes that small-business people and volunteers are the lifeblood of Derry? Who does not support an income tax? Me too.

Someone who believes in the right of teachers to teach history without intimidation or threats, honestly and factually, celebrating America's strengths but not hiding or sugarcoating our flaws? Who believes our public schools should be strengthened? Who will fight to stop subsidizing private and religious schools resulting in an increase in our school property taxes? Me too.

Looking for someone who opposes government intrusion into our private lives such as non-medical public officials requiring a woman after rape or incest to bring a pregnancy to term? And who opposes forcing women seeking an abortion to submit to an unnecessary ultrasound at their own expense? Me too. Someone who opposes eliminating the Interest and Dividends tax – a giveaway to the super-rich - forcing the rest of us to cover the loss to state revenue? Yep, me too. And someone who wouldn't accept Donald Trump's endorsement? Check that box too.

There's an urgency and clear choice. Join me in voting for Mary Eisner in Derry's Special Election Dec. 7, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., at Calvary Bible Church.

Jan Jacome  
Derry

## Vote Jodi Nelson

To the editor,

As a first term State Representative, I have seen what qualities and characteristics are needed to effectively represent the people of Derry in Concord. Jodi Nelson has those qualities. She is intelligent and thoughtful, humble and kind, and a great listener who considers carefully what she hears. For years, Jodi has served as a volun-

teer in Derry. While her focus was always on giving back to the community she loves, she built strong relationships with people of many interests and many perspectives while serving together to better Derry. She approaches disagreement and hard choices with grace and respect, qualities far too rare in today's world.

Other sports moms will know the dedication and love that goes into the hours on the sidelines at practices, games and tournaments. For years as a baseball mom and hockey mom, Jodi has taken a seat to support her kids and their teammates. Now is the time for Jodi to take a seat to support not just her kids and their teams, but all of Derry.

Please vote Tuesday Dec. 7 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., at Calvary Bible Church, and help Jodi take her seat in Concord to support our town!

Erica Layon,  
Vice Chairman Health and Human Services & Elderly Affairs Committee  
Derry

## Vote Mary Eisner

To the editor,  
Vote for Mary Eisner on Dec. 7, Tuesday, at Calvary Church on Hampstead Road. The polls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mary served as a Derry legislator from 2019 to 2020. She supports funding for public education, supports a woman's right to choose her options for medical care, supports expanding voting rights, and will protect our environment from the effects of climate change.

This is the opportunity to elect someone who will work for Derry. Please turn out to vote. It matters.

Margaret Ives  
Derry

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# Sugar Plum Fair Returns to First Parish Church in Derry



The long-standing Sugar Plum Fair returned to the First Parish Church in East Derry on Saturday, Nov. 20, for the 77th time. The fair was cancelled last year to the pandemic, and this year's event also had some annual activities cancelled, but there were plenty of vendors selling holiday items. Church volunteers had made a number of glass sculptures for attendees to purchase and there were a wide variety of gift baskets being raffled off. The popular cookie walk offered a huge selection of delicious home-baked treats. The church is still going through a huge restoration project, but the exterior and connector building, for the most part, were finished up over the summer. Interior projects like the clock re-start, Sanctuary renovations and the basement restoration are expected over the next year.

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# Two Derry Candidates Run in Dec. 7 Special Election

DERRY - After two candidates won their respective Special Primary Election last month to fill the vacant state House of Representative seat, Mary Eisner, Democrat, and Jodi Nelson, Republican, will be looking for voters to elect them in a special election.

The election will be held at Calvary Bible Church at 145 Hampstead Road on Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We asked each candidate: How you will make a difference at the state house? And, what will you do for Derry? Here are their responses.

**Mary Eisner**  
**Democrat**

How can I make a difference in Concord?

I can make a difference in Concord by opposing the extreme agenda being implemented by the current majority, legislation that does not serve the people's interest, but their partisan goals to remain in power.

The Republican Redistricting Map is a blatant example of a gerrymandering attempt on District 1 to heavily favor Republicans. In addition, this week a bill that expands the school voucher program passed in the Education Committee.

That bill will allow LOCAL tax money to be used for private, religious and home school educated students, and there are NO income limitations. This shift of such a potentially catastrophic tax burden to municipalities will be painfully reflected in your property tax bill.

The list goes on. The current budget includes provisions to: reimburse 10 million dollars to wealthy investors who lost money in the FRM scam, reimbursed up to \$10,000 to businesses that were fined for violating Covid-19 mandates, decrease taxes for the wealthy and large corporations, restrict the teaching of History, and includes the most restrictive law on a woman's right to choose her own medical care in NH's history, even containing criminal penalties for providers. If proposed legislation for 2022 becomes law, the length of this list may be too long for this publication. Given the slim majority in the House, my vote could make THE difference in preventing similar legislation from becoming law.

The public is entitled to expect their Legislators to be respectful to their positions as public servants in

both their behavior and actions. The carrying of concealed guns and consuming alcoholic beverages in the House anterooms are now permitted. On Tuesday, Republican Education Committee leadership allowed cheering, clapping and comments to be yelled out by the public attending the hearing, and did nothing to respond to the calls for visitors in the gallery to remove their masks. Those visitors were fourth grade students on their State House Tour. What kind of example was that?

What I would do for Derry:

As your Legislator, I would make my decisions based on the merits of the bills being proposed and whether or not the intent and result would be in the best interest of the public.

I intend to support legislation that would improve the lives of the citizens of Derry. Examples would be; efforts to contain and eliminate the pan-

demic, proposals to improve our Healthcare system for the underinsured or uninsured, measures to protect our environment from climate change, protect the civil rights for all individuals, protect our public school system from being dismantled, prevent the down shifting of taxes to the average individual and support expanding voter rights.

Democracy functions best when differing points of view are represented. I would be the voice for all of Derry voters since both parties would be represented in Concord.

**Jodi Nelson**  
**Republican**

My husband, Scott, and I moved to NH 13 years ago because we fell in love with NH's low taxes, natural beauty, great schools, and low crime. It is an incredible place to raise a family and we were fortunate enough to raise ours here in Derry. I'm running because I believe families in town deserve the oppor-

tunity to thrive and I want to be a voice for Derry's families, businesses and students. I intend to be a fresh, positive voice in Concord who will advocate for our town, build new relationships with state agencies, and work with my colleagues to ensure

our state remains one of the best in the country.

I have 15+ years as a business professional in healthcare and private equity industries and entertainment and food industry start-ups. Volunteerism is also very important to me

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## OBITUARY

**Ruth May (Ray) Palmer**

Ruth May (Ray) Palmer, 86, of Sandown, NH passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at High Pointe Hospice in Haverhill, MA, after a lengthy illness. Ruth was born on April 26, 1935 in East Kingston, NH. She was the daughter and only child of Chester Arthur and Georgie Mae (Millbury) Ray. Ruth grew up in Sandown, NH and attended Sandown public schools.

In her youth, she was active in the local 4-H club; sang in the St. Matthew's United Methodist Choir; and served as an assistant Girl Scout leader. Ruth was very close to her father, Chet, who taught her how to drive his home-made tractor and how to operate a backhoe.

She met the love of her life, Manford H. Palmer, Jr. at her grandfather Millbury's farm in Rocks Village (East Haverhill), MA. In 1948, when she was 13 and he was 16 years old. It was love at first sight! They were married on Aug. 22, 1952. Thirteen days later, Mannie was drafted into the U.S. Army and whisked away from her. After his basic training, Ruth joined Mannie at Camp Breckenridge, KY. They lived on or near Army bases in Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland, while Mannie served in the Motor Pool during the Korean War.

While living in Kentucky, Ruth and Manny both professed faith in Jesus Christ as savior and LORD at a Baptist Church in Morganfield. The church family received them warmly and made them feel at home.

Following his discharge from the Army in 1954, Mannie and Ruth returned to Sandown, where they built their first home on Hampstead Rd., next to Ruth's parents' home. In 1969, they moved to 61 Sargent Rd., Sandown, where they spent the rest of their lives.

After his stomach cancer surgery in 1972, Mannie and Ruth become active in the Newton Junction Baptist Church, where his brother Everett was the pastor. Together they served on the Diaconate for nearly 30 years. They were also very active in the Adult Sunday School, which Mannie taught for many years.

Ruth and Mannie enjoyed 56 years of marriage prior to his death in Oct., 2008. Ruth is survived by her sons, Kevin Lee Palmer and Michael Kevin Palmer, her granddaughters, Ruby McConnachie, Crystal McConnachie and Bonnie Morrison and great grandson, MacKenzie Arthur Morrison. She was predeceased by her daughter, Donna McConnachie in 2019.

There are no calling hours.

After cremation, the family is planning services for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Newton Junction Baptist Church, P.O. box 206, Newton Junction, NH03859-0206. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family.

## Chester

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a sword on this," Couture said.

Myette said that he thought they should stick with the CDC guidelines unless there's a clear policy that they vote on that changes the facility policy.

He noted that throughout the pandemic they have been following the CDC guidelines when they have created policies for the Town.

Selectmen Stephen

D'Angelo explained that he felt that they needed to have a policy drafted for exactly what they wanted to do before they could take a vote on it.

It was decided that they would discuss a possible policy change again at a future meeting. Because Reishus wouldn't be at the next meeting due to a planned trip they will revisit it at their Dec. 9 meeting.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

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# Conservation Commission Discusses Multiple Variance Dwelling

HENRY GREENBAUM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - The Hampstead, New Hamp. Conservation Commission met for their monthly meeting on Wed. Nov. 17 in the Town Office Building.

After getting through roll call and approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the Commission moved onto some new business.

The Commission discussed a request made by Andrew Peters for a variance in the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance for 32 Shore Drive. Peters is looking to build a two-bedroom dwelling that would sit 20 feet from the wetlands on the south shore of

the town right by Wash Pond.

To have this dwelling built, Peters needs three different variances in the Town of Hampstead Zoning Ordinance to be approved. The first variance would be in relation to the terms of Article 2, Section 260. If granted, the variance would allow a dwelling to be less than the required 50 feet from a group of five soils.

The second variance is in relation to Article 3, Section 3.4A which would permit his dwelling to be built on a lot less than the required 45,000 square feet. The last one is variance to Article 3, Section 3.4C which would permit the dwelling to have less than the required 150 feet

of frontage in relation to Article 3, Section 3.4B which permits stairs or a deck to be too close to a property.

It was noted that the request is going through several different terms in the Town of Hampstead Zoning Ordinance. The big concern for the Commission, however, is the

first variance which would place Peters' new dwelling closer to a group of five soils than what is normally allowed by the town.

The Commission looked at a map that laid out the lot that the dwelling would be built on to help them understand the situation better. It was explained that inside the woods near

where Peters' lot is there are a couple of flowing streams from Wash Pond that go straight through it.

The Commission is concerned that building this new dwelling so close to those woods could somehow disturb those flowing streams which likely keep the five soil lands watered and full of agriculture. A woman living on 29 Shore Drive came to abut the new variances and showed the Commission footage of the flowing streams from Wash Pond.

After watching the video, the Commission noted how dramatically powerful the flowing water from Wash Pond truly is. The Commission is now concerned that the dwelling is not buildable

near such powerful flowing water. This could be due to the grounds itself being constantly wet all the time.

Building a dwelling over land that is mostly wet will cause the foundation to eventually cave in because there is no solid ground keeping it up. It was even noted that the tax map that the Commission was looking at labeled the dwelling on the lot to be unbuildable. Several members of the Commission agreed to meet on Sat. Nov. 20 and walk around the lot to get a better idea of what they are dealing with.

The Hampstead, New Hamp. Conservation Commission will meet again on Wed. Dec. 15 at 7 P.M. at the Town Office Building once again.

## OBITUARY

### Carol Anne Ducrow



Carol Anne Ducrow, 76, of Sandown, NH, passed away Tuesday Nov. 9, 2021 in the Ridgewood Center in Bedford, NH surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Melrose, MA on Nov. 20, 1944, a daughter of the late Francis Donohue, from Creston, Iowa, and Rosemary (Bryan) Donohue, from Winnipeg, Canada. Carol had been a resident of Londonderry and Sandown since 1998, and was formerly from Melrose, MA. Carol was an avid reader, and gifted in the art of writing poetry. She enjoyed doing stitchery, and cherished spending time with her daughters, grandchildren, great grandchild, and family. She found great peace in practicing her religious faith.

Carol was blessed with four daughters: Carol Kelly and her husband James of Londonderry, NH, Vicki Marie Ducrow (deceased), Michele Double and her husband Ken of Sandown, NH and Julie Whelan and her husband Mark of Sandown. Carol was equally blessed with six grandchildren; James, Daniel, Dylan, Gabriella, Jacob, and Matthew, and had one great grandchild, Jace. Carol is survived by her five brothers, Francis, Christopher, Joseph, James, and William, as well as her four sisters, Kathleen, Elaine, Genevieve, and Teresa. She was predeceased by her siblings, Vincent and Rosemary.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at Saints Mary and Joseph Parish: Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Rd, Salem, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation: <https://act.alz.org/donate> in Carol Ducrow's name. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry are assisted the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARY

### Patricia Ann "Patty" (Richardson) Gibson



Patricia Ann "Patty" (Richardson) Gibson, of Palm Harbor, FL (formerly of Lynnwood, WA and Derry, NH) passed away after a brief illness on Nov. 1, 2021. Patty was born in Bow, NH, on Oct. 8, 1950, the second daughter of Harry and Gladys (Hoisington) Richardson. She graduated from Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1968. While living in Derry, Patty met and later married Ray Gibson on Oc. 23, 1971. They were married at the First Baptist Church, Derry.

Patty and her husband relocated to Lynnwood, WA, where they raised their family, Sean and Marissa. She was formerly employed by Hartford Insurance, Seattle. In 2005, Patty and her husband moved to Palm Harbor, FL. She was formerly an employee of Hallmark Cards and did volunteer work at the Palm Harbor Public Library and the local food pantry. Patty was an avid reader. She particularly enjoyed spending time with her grandson, Cooper.

Patty is survived by her husband of 50 years, Ray Gibson, of Palm Harbor FL; her son, Sean Gibson, of New Port Richey, FL; her daughter, Marissa Gibson, of Everett, WA; and her grandson, Cooper Gibson of New Port Richey, FL. She is also survived by her sisters, Nancy Vakalis and her husband Harry of Boston MA; Barbara Prezioso and her husband Jerry of Narragansett, RI; and Suzan Tobin of Sacramento, CA. She leaves behind an aunt, many cousins, a niece, and several nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Harry and Gladys Richardson and her brother, David Richardson.

Funeral arrangements are being coordinated by Dobie Funeral Home, Tarpon Springs, FL and Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry, NH. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry.

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# Chester 300th Gets Ready for Christmas in the Village

BIBI MILLER  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER – Chester's 300th Anniversary Committee met at Town Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 16. The Town Fair Committee made an appearance.

At the meeting, the Committee discussed finances and public events. The Committee intends the tricentennial to be a year-long celebration lasting until September. On Sept.

24, a "grand finale" will take place. The event shall coincide with the Chester Town Fair, so Tuesday's meeting saw some logistical and jurisdictional issues. Overall, deliberations lasted around an hour and a half.

Preparations are under way for a holiday event on Saturday, Dec. 4. The event includes a tree lighting, a performance by the Chester Academy chorus, and refreshments, of course. The tree is a 22 years old and 30

feet high gift from Larry Dillon of Dillon Old Farm Nursery. The Dec. 4 event will begin 5 p.m., at Stevens Memorial Hall, 1 Chester Street.

The Committee is still ironing out details regarding the "Christmas in the Village" craft fair, which will last from Dec. 4 to Dec. 5. One vendor among several is Back In Thyme Wellness & Herbs.

Before the end of the year, the Committee will

get to work on arrangements for Proclamation Day (May 7). The local American Legion Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts have offered their help. By May 7, the Committee aims to have the Town dressed in the best of tricentennial adornment. Ideally, the Committee would like to see every house on Chester Street decorated. "We'd want them [decorations] up sometime in April," said

Committee Treasurer Rhonda Lamphere.

Chester's tricentennial plans have been years in the making. The Committee first meeting in 2016.

The Town (which English colonizers named "Chester") occupies the land of Abenaki and other Algonquian-speaking peoples. The Province of NH incorporated the Town of Chester on May 8, 1722.

The next meeting of the Chester 300th Anniversary

Committee is on Dec. 14.

If you would like to get involved in the festivities, email Chairman Jean Met-hot at [jeanm@chesternh300.org](mailto:jeanm@chesternh300.org). Additional information relating to the tricentennial can be found online at [chesternh300.org](http://chesternh300.org). Browse commemorative merchandise at [chesternh300.square.site](http://chesternh300.square.site).

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## Candidates

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and I have been involved with the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, the PTA and the Boys and Girls Club, along with numerous other organizations including my children's extracurricular activities. By actually working shoulder-to-shoulder

and participating in organizations across town, I can truly relate with the small businesses, parents, and students and their needs. My ability to work alongside people of different backgrounds and personalities will enable me to work with Derry's stakeholders and allow me to build the important relationships in Concord that will make a difference for Derry.

Unfortunately, it is too late in the legislative process for me to submit legislation, but I believe my relationships with current elected officials as well as the Governor's office will quickly enable me to work on your behalf.

There are three immediate issues I will focus on if elected.

First, I want to work with my colleagues in the Derry delegation to ensure 4A is completed in a timely manner and with Derry's needs being met. Secondly, I want to continue the great work our House and Senate has done by bringing more revenue to the town of Derry that can be used for town services, educating our children, and lowering property taxes. This was done by increas-

ing our Rooms and Meals percentages and taking surplus revenue and returning it to municipalities. Lastly, I hope to work on our community's behalf in a positive, transparent fashion and I will always seek constituent input and the opportunity to hear from my neighbors.

Before I close, I'd like to point out that I will be a staunch opponent to new taxes and fees, a strong supporter of our students, a defender of your Constitutional rights and the 2nd

amendment, and I'll always welcome the opportunity to support our businesses and working families. Because of this, I am proudly endorsed by our town's State Representatives, State Senator Regina Birdsell, Executive Councilor Janet Stevens and Governor Chris Sununu.

I hope to earn your vote on Dec. 7, in the Special Election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., at Calvary Bible Church. ALL districts will vote at this one polling place.



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# Derry Planning Board Hears Plan For Mixed Use Development

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - During the Nov. 17 Derry Planning Board meeting the Board had a conceptual discussion for a development proposal at 74 Rockingham Road, which is located

in the West Running Brook District.

Representing the owners was Jeff Merritt.

He explained that the proposal was to use the approximate 28 acres of land for mixed use development.

Part of it would be used

for an office building which would be accessed by a new driveway, Merritt said.

West of it would be a smaller building which would be used as a community center for small gatherings and functions.

Merritt said that both

of the buildings would be two stories but from the road it would look like a one story building.

He said that the proposal has two different residential components to it.

One would be 12 town hall style units and the other would be 104 garden style apartments. One building would have 48 units and the other would have 56.

Merritt said that each of the apartment buildings would have a parking garage below it and also parking spots in the parking lot.

He said that they wanted to get input from the Board before they go much further in the process.

Merritt explained that they didn't feel like it would be a good spot for retail which is why they decided to propose making the community center with

the extra space. Underneath it they are planning on having a fitness center for the residential units they have.

Derry Planning Board member Jim MacEachern asked how much they are thinking rent would be for the two bedroom apartments.

Merritt said that they would be closer towards \$3,000 a month for the two bedroom ones.

He also asked if there was any consideration of adding another floor to the office building.

It was explained by Merritt that it would be difficult for them to do so.

Planning Board member Mark Connors said that he feels that they haven't had many proposed village type projects so far for the zone, which was the intention of the zone.

"We seem to be getting

some very large residential buildings," Connors said.

"We're getting very big apartment buildings," he said.

He explained that they gave up the commercial property there to get more mixed use for tax revenue and said he would like to see the proposed community center as a commercial property if possible.

It was pointed out by Derry Planning Director George Sioras that the Zone only allows for one and two bedrooms and if they wanted to have studio units they will have to get a variance from the Zoning Board.

He also noted that they will have to get a traffic and school impact study done for the plan.

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



**CORRECTION:** Due to mix up the photo and caption in last week's story on the NEDE's Nutcracker, taking place Nov. 27 and 28, the cast members were incorrectly named. The Derry cast members of the performance are shown above and are as follows; Rebecca Hall, Alexis Chrissanthi, Samantha Cornellier, Lilliana Frasca, Nina Andrews, Bridget Williams, Emi Acerra, Harrison Cornellier, Josh Currie, Nate Cornellier, Lennon Thiele, Abigail Mead and Karlie Watts.

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# Very Derry Holiday Takes Place on Saturday, Nov. 27



Images of the 2019 event. Photos by Chris Paul



CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - The annual Very Derry Holiday Celebration will help residents ring in the upcoming Christmas season with a number of family friendly events.

Starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27, there will be live holiday entertainment at a "Wandering Stage," erected at One West Broadway near the Pocket Park and Benson's Hardware. A number of local musicians will be performing holiday

carols. The event is being sponsored by the Greater Derry Arts Council and the Derry Economic Development Department.

Beginning at 1 p.m. the annual Nutfield Holiday Parade will take place, starting at Veteran's Hall on West Broadway and

continuing to Crystal Avenue and finishing at the Hood Commons Shopping Center.

The event is sponsored by the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce and the Derry Village Rotary.

Members of the Rotary

will also be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations to help those in need along the parade route.

After the parade, from 2 to 5 p.m., Derry Parks and Recreation will host its annual Holiday Craft Making and photos with Santa

at Veteran's Hall.

The Wandering Stage will continue to have performances after the parade passes and up to the annual Tree Lighting event at 5:15 p.m.

Attendees are invited for hot cocoa starting at 4:30.

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# Thanks To The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving 400 Years Ago

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Just about every American has heard stories of the first Thanksgiving held in 1621, and many Americans are now eager to celebrate the 400th Thanksgiving this year.

But many Americans might not realize that there may have never been a national day of Thanksgiving, if not for one New Hampshire-born woman.

Throughout the colonial period, there were often "Days of Thanksgiving" proclaimed by the governments of individual colonies. Unlike the single November day celebrations of today, these

thanksgiving days would come at any time of the year, sometimes multiple times in a year.

"What we think of as Thanksgiving was a holiday created by the Victorians to represent an ideal of American life," said Elizabeth Dubrulle, Director of Education at the New Hampshire Historical Society.

The earliest known record of a Thanksgiving celebration in New Hampshire is in a document written by Samuel Lane, a shoemaker born in 1718. In 1793, he wrote "Thoughts on Thanksgiving Day," where he recorded his musings on the observation in his daybook at the age of

75.

In this document, Lane writes, "As I was musing on my bed being awake as usual before daylight: recollecting the Many Mercies and good things I enjoy for which I ought to be thankful this day; some of which I had noted," followed by a sizable list of things he had been grateful for, including his family, his civil and religious rights, his land, livestock, and crops, and tools just to name a few.

Throughout the 18th century, days of giving thanks would continue to be celebrated regionally and sporadically. It wouldn't be until the second half of the 19th century when

Thanksgiving as it is currently known, shared and celebrated by the entire nation, would begin, thanks in major part to the tireless efforts of one writer.

Born in the town of Newport on October 24, 1788, Sarah Josepha Hale (nee Buell) grew up listening to her father's stories of the Revolutionary war. Her father's passion and patriotism would leave a lasting impression on the young Hale, who would grow to do extraordinary things, particularly for a woman of her time.

Hale left New Hampshire as a young woman, and would become an editor at the popular magazine of the time, "Godey's Ladies Book," said Dubrulle. During her time as an editor, Hale would soon realize that she had found herself in a powerful position as an opinion maker. And she would make great use of this power.

In addition to publishing a number of her own persuasive works, Hale also published some of the most famous authors of her time in "Godey's," includ-

ing Edgar Allan Poe and Charles Dickens. She was also the author of the timeless nursery rhyme, "Mary Had A Little Lamb."

Though she and more notable feminists of her time disagreed on a few things, Hale was a major player in women's rights. Hale advocated for girls' education, women's colleges, for female doctors and teachers, and for safe working conditions for women.

Hale had one big dream: to get all of the United States to celebrate Thanksgiving together. This would go on to be nearly a lifetime endeavor, but it was her dedicated nature that would one day make it a reality.

"She has a long history of promoting Thanksgiving as a national holiday," said Dubrulle. Beginning in 1846, Hale began writing to presidents and other leading politicians, including presidents Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan, advocating for the national observation of Thanksgiving.

Despite great and tireless effort, Hale's requests were ignored until 1863.

Then, in the middle of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed into action "A National Day of Thanksgiving and Praise."

Hale played a part in having the holiday take place the fourth Thursday in November, as well, according to National Public Radio. Hale explained, "The last Thursday of November has these advantages—harvests of all kinds are gathered in—summer travelers have returned to their homes—the diseases that, during summer and early autumn often afflict some portions of our country, have ceased, and all are prepared to enjoy a day of Thanksgiving."

As if one major holiday tradition wasn't enough, Dubrulle also stated that Hale popularized the Christmas tree, nowadays often put up the day following Thanksgiving.

On this momentous occasion, marking the fourth century since its beginnings, let us be thankful for the New Hampshire-born lady who long ago helped make Thanksgiving what it is today.

## Light The Way For The Spirit Of Christmas

CHESTER - Chester Congregational Baptist Church will be having a "Light the Way" Luminary Kit Fundraiser that takes place on Dec. 24. Candles should be lit between 2 - 4 p.m., for an 8-10 hour burn time (rain date is Dec. 31). All proceeds benefit the Meetinghouse Preservation Fund.

Each \$10 kit contains: 6 white bags, 6 long-burn-

ing votive candles, 6 burn extender cups, instruction sheet and everything is packaged in a biodegradable bag. (Provide your own sand).

Kits are available at Bittersweet Blessings, 20 Chester Street, during business hours throughout the season. The Kits will be sold at the Church's main entrance on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., dur-

ing Christmas in the Village and the Town's Tree Lighting/Caroling event. Cash or checks are accepted.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.chesternhchurch.org](http://www.chesternhchurch.org) or call 603-887-4799 or email: [chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net](mailto:chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net). The church is located in the center of Chester at 4 Chester St., Chester, NH.

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# Derry Rail Trail Mural Shows Derry's Space Connection

KATRINA STROUD  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - On November 16, Karen Munday Lincoln was awarded the title of Artist Laureate for Derry. The Town Council thanks her for her creative influence in the Derry Rail Trail community. Over the years, she's painted whimsical creatures on rocks and bollards, painted Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" on the trail near Bowers road, and painted the new community mural that has already brought state-wide attention. It started last year when community members were brainstorming ideas to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 14 (as hometown astronaut Alan Shepard Jr. was on that mission). The Chairman of the Derry Public Arts Committee, Beverly Donovan, thought of creat-



ing a timeline of Shepard's life and childhood in Derry. As one of the committee members, Lincoln stepped up to design and paint the mural. After a local artist volunteered, Donovan then contacted members of the Greater Derry Arts Council and the

Derry Heritage Commission to work in collaboration. Hours of historical research and community outreach made this project a reality. They promoted their project all over town in order to collect donations and have volunteer sign-ups.

"We just wanted everybody in town to be able to have a chance to participate," says Donovan. "Regardless of their artistic skill level."

Some notable groups participated in the community service project such as, the Air Force ROTC and the Junior ROTC from the Pinkerton Academy. These academic programs for teens and college students focus on physical fitness, citizenship, and public service. These students, also known as cadets, spent the day cleaning up and priming the wall for painting.

Other volunteers were from the city government staff, the Derry Garden Club, and teachers and students from local schools. Residents and non-resi-

dents helped contribute by pulling out weeds, cleaning up the area, and collectively painted the mural.

After 9 months of hard work, the project was finally completed in September. It is 411 ft long, 4 ft high, and located near the rail trail off South Avenue. Within a month, the community mural has increased foot traffic and tourism in the Derry community. It received recognition from Senator Regina Birdsell, the State Arts Council, the New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, dedicated in memory of two NH-native astronauts and to educate the public on astronomy and aviation. It was also featured on Der-

ryTV 23: Community Connection, on the day the Derry Aviation/Alan Shepard Mural was unveiled to public and half a dozen speeches were given at the ceremony.

The last step in process is to create a website. Visitors have already been asking tons of questions about the mural and New Hampshire's history of aviation. The committees and residents involved in the project are planning on placing QR codes around the mural for people to scan. That way, the mural is also providing in-depth historical resources and narratives to the public. Donovan says they will place the QR codes hopefully by next spring. Until then, it's blasts off for Alan Shepard Jr.!

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## DERRY

### Derry Lions Club Special Meeting

Please Come And Learn How You Can Be Part Of This Derry Service Group Dedicated To Helping Those In Need. On Tuesday Dec. 7, at Marion Gerrish Community Center, West Broadway from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. For More Information Contact David Coyle (203) 502-9991 - [davidmarkcoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:davidmarkcoyle@yahoo.com) or Cheryl Harvey (603) 247-4133 - [derrylionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:derrylionsclub@gmail.com)

### 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).

### Parenting of Teens Class

The Upper Room is offering a class for parents and caregivers of Teens. Active Parenting of Teens is a course that covers; respectful discipline, skills for clear and honest communication, strategies to prevent risk behaviors, and

how to be an encouraging parent as the framework. This Free course is being offered through Nov. 30, virtually so that parents can take it when they are able to at home. To register call Michelle Moraros at 603-437-8477 x122, to get a link for the class.

### Story and Craft

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

## CHESTER

### Holiday Hours

The Chester Library will be Closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Heroes Tree

The 2021 Hampstead Heroes Tree will be placed in the lobby of the Town Offices at 6 p.m., on Dec. 6 and will be available for your placing a colored star (provided) on it before Christmas for loved ones who have served, are currently serving or who have given their life while in the military. Questions can be directed to the Chairman of the Patriotic Purposes

Committee, Howie Steadman at 603-329-4288.

### Don Campbell Christmas

Hampstead Cable is happy to announce that the Don Campbell Band will present its popular free Christmas Concert again this year on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School, 28 School St. In order to comply with Hampstead School District's guidelines as they pertain to Covid-19, there will be no round tables. Chairs will be spaced 3 feet apart. In places where the 3 ft. social distancing cannot be met, concert-goers will be required to wear masks. Attendance will be limited to the first 150 guests. Masks will be provided for those who need them.

### Advent Discussion Series

All are invited to participate in Hampstead Congregational Church's Advent Discussion groups. The groups will meet via Zoom for 1 1/2 hours on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., for four weeks beginning on Dec. 6, & 7. Join whichever session best fits your schedule. We will be discussing the Advent devotional "Living Well through Advent 2021: Practicing Patience with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind." If you would like more informa-

tion or would like to participate, please contact the HCC church office at [hcc1752@gmail.com](mailto:hcc1752@gmail.com) or 603-329-6985. Upon registering we will send you a copy of the devotional as well as information on how to attend. Experience with church or discussion groups is not necessary. Sessions are low key, informal, and all are welcome no matter where you are on life's journey.

### 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.

### Fire in Paradise Book Discussion

Hampstead Library Non-fiction Book Club is reading Fire in Paradise: An American Tragedy by Alastair Gee and Dani Anguiano, Bay Area-based reporters for The Guardian. Copies of the book are available to borrow. The discussion is at 1 p.m., on

Tuesday, Dec. 7.

### Friends Of Library Raffle

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library have a raffle basket on display at the library's front desk. The theme is "Focus on You," and the basket contains items to help enrich your life and help with relaxation, reflection, and organization. Items included: planners, notecards, desk tools, aromatherapy, a book with tips on how to relax, a Lily Pulitzer 17-month agenda book, and much more. The basket is valued at \$200. Tickets are on sale at the front desk and are \$1 each or six for \$5. The raffle drawing is on Dec. 14. For more information contact Janet Arden at 603/329-6411 or email at [jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org)

### 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.

## SANDOWN

### Holiday Gift Tags

Stamp, color and craft your own holiday gift tags at the Sandown Library on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. - noon. Using resin we will make them shine and preserve them! All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own stamps or embellishments. This event is for ages 10+.

### Essential Oils

Balancing Emotions: Balance and life empowered! Do you know the difference between an empowered response and a typical response? Join the Sandown Library on Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 6 - 8 p.m., to learn simple strategies for emotional health and how that plays a huge role in our physical health and daily habits. Registration is required for this program.

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## Toddler Tuesdays

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

## PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the

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

## 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 bene-

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

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## Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. 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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