

Zoning Map Changes Made Due to Future Exit 4A Project

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – During the Nov. 16, Derry Town Council meeting the Council voted in favor of changing the zoning map to move twelve properties from the Medium-High Density Residential II to the Industrial VI District.

It was explained by Derry Town Administrator Dave Caron the Planning Board’s recommendation to do so “aligns with the Master Plan’s visions for the Gateway District and the Exit 4A Corridor and should be supported by the Council.”

Derry Planning Direc-

tor George Sioras explained with the pending Exit 4A project moving forward the Planning Department staff and the Planning Board began to look at rezoning certain residential properties in the vicinity of the proposed new connector road from I-93 to Madden and Folsom Roads.

“After review by staff, the Planning Board and the Planning Board Zoning Subcommittee it was decided to rezone twelve residential properties to the Industrial VI District. These parcels are adjacent to two existing industrial/mixed-use commercial zones and would maintain

a contiguous zoning area and in keeping in character of the surrounding area of where the new connector road will be built,” Sioras said.

He said that the Planning Board held a workshop meeting on Aug. 18 and a public hearing on Oct. 20 and decided to move forward on rezoning the properties.

It was explained by Sioras that the purpose of the amendment to the zoning map is to encourage new development as well as redevelopment opportunities in the Industrial VI zoning district.

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Hampstead School District Proposes Decreased Budget

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HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead School Board had its regularly scheduled board meeting on Nov. 23, and during the meeting the board heard from Superintendent Robert Thompson and CFO/Business Administrator Geoffrey Dowd regarding the proposed budget for next year.

Thompson told the Board that they want to be as transparent as possible throughout the budget process.

“The goal for us is to be as transparent as possible around the budget,” he stated.

He said that he has met with a number of parents and community members

who are concerned with the bottom line for their tax bills.

Thompson said that the proposed budget keeps that in mind.

“Our increases are coming in lower than inflation,” Thompson said.

Thompson also pointed out that through the zero based budgeting process it means that everything included is what they specifically need.

“This is a budget that helps to move the educational program forward. This budget also makes some major investments in the educational facilities,” Thompson said.

The proposed budget presented was a total of \$1,630,706.

It was pointed out by

Dowd that number includes \$270,000 in additional ESSER expense, which is offset by revenue.

One of the items in the proposed budget that Thompson pointed to is for six full-time para-educators.

He explained that when he first got to the District he was surprised to learn about how many part-time ones they have which means that they aren’t eligible to receive benefits through the District.

Thompson said that because of the way the job market is right now it’s important to offer benefits in order to retain and recruit staff members.

On the positive side one of the big savings that

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HOLIDAY WISHES Three-year-old Arya Anderson shares some Christmas wishes with Santa after the Holiday Parade on Saturday afternoon in Derry. Derry Parks and Recreation held its annual workshop at Veterans Hall to help ring in the holiday season. See more page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Chester Board of Selectmen Evaluates Proposed Budgets

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER – During the Nov.18 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting the Selectmen heard from a number of different boards and departments regarding their proposed budgets for next year.

Chester’s Treasurer Rhonda Lamphere

explained that the proposed budget is the same as this year’s. She said that she didn’t ask for any change for the stipends. She also noted that for dues and subscriptions she kept the line item the same. One thing that she did point to is revenues which she said has gone down drastically over the last couple of years.

She said that in 2019 they earned \$96,000 through earned interest.

“That has changed drastically,” she said.

She said that since then they have reduced the interest earning line item in the budget but haven’t reached it.

She said this year they have budgeted \$25,000

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Gold Award Girl Scout Turns Plastic Bags Into Benches

SANDOWN – Plastic isn't as easy to recycle as many people think, but getting plastic out of the waste stream and turning it into something useful is exactly what Gold Award Girl Scout Mackenzie Byron-Chaput did with her project, "Plastic Recycling and Awareness." She has now earned the highest honor for a Girl Scout in grades 9-12, the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Byron-Chaput, 17, of Sandown was determined to educate her community about the need to reduce the amount of plastic being thrown away, where it would take hundreds of years to decompose. The Girl Scout Ambassador put together a brochure to educate her community on the types of plastic that can be recycled and why it is important to recycle. She

met with Sandown's Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to get their support in collecting plastic bags, donating those bags to Trex, a manufacturer of plastic items that look and perform like wood, and arranged to turn those bags into two benches, now located at the Sandown Conservation barn, where there is a scenic pond.

"I reached out to my community for all the plastic," she said. "It was amazing how willing people were to donate for me. There was one kindergarten class who did this whole thing to see who could collect the most plastic. I thought that was really cute. They took a picture with all the plastic."

"She had done all the research and I was familiar with the program since one

of our members had been involved with the Trex 'bags to benches' recycling project, said Pamela Gaudreau, advisor to the Girl Scout and member of the Sandown Conservation Commission. "The project has enormous benefit to the town on many levels. Not only does it serve as an education and outreach opportunity; providing incentives for folks to recycle their plastic, cutting down on waste, greenhouse gases and improving efforts to fight the damaging effects of climate change, but also beautifying the community and providing spaces to sit and enjoy our town's natural and historic resources. By enhancing those spaces, the project helps preserve and protect these places for the future. That fits perfectly with the

mission statement of the Sandown Heritage Commission: Preserving the past for the future."

Gaudreau arranged for Byron-Chaput to be recognized with two plaques installed on the benches that acknowledge her work.

A Girl Scout since kindergarten, Byron-Chaput has been an active member for 13 years. Her effort to earn the Gold Award has resulted in sharpening her skills in public speaking, organization, advocacy, and more. But it has also been a way to make friends, go camping, and learn new skills.

"The other girls in my troop, they made it really fun," she said. "One time we went camping in the winter, which was really cool. We cooked our own food and stuff."

This Timberlane High School senior who has earned honors with distinction is now looking ahead to college, where she plans to major in psychology.

Gold Award Girl Scouts don't just change the world for the better,



Mackenzie Byron-Chaput donated this bench and another to the town of Sandown as part of a plastic recycling project that resulted in her earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. *Courtesy photo*

they change it for good. The Gold Award is earned by girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. Since 1916, Girl Scouts have answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change. They earn college scholarships,

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Mackenzie Byron-Chaput has answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change, and her Gold Award is a testament to her remarkable dedication to improving her community and the world.



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the District will have is for social studies and math textbooks which were bought this year instead at Hampstead Central School and Hampstead Middle School.

In the proposed budget the Hampstead Central School will see a savings of \$46,620 for curriculum and Hampstead Middle School will see a savings of \$215,992 on curriculum

materials.

Hampstead School Board Chairman David Smith pointed out that if they include the \$1.66 million from last year's warrant article to utilize the capital reserve to pay for the 60s wing renovation that is wrapping up just after Christmas then the proposed budget for next year is actually less than the current budget.

When they include the \$1.66 million the current budget is over \$700,000

more than the proposed budget.

"We're asking for less from our tax payers overall," Dowd said.

Smith said that the Board was pleased with the fact that they have been in communication with the Administration over the past couple of months as they worked to develop the proposed budget.

The next Hampstead School Board meeting is slated for Dec.14 at 7 p.m.

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Congregational Baptist Church Holds Loaf and Ladle Event

CHESTER – The Chester Congregational Baptist Church will be hosting a Loaf and Ladle “TO GO” event this weekend on Saturday Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Church Vestry.

The cost of the meal is \$10 and will include a choice of soup (Beef Barley Soup, Corn Chowder and Italian Vegetable), bread and cookies.

Jams and jellies can

also be purchased for \$4 each.

There will also be a raffle offered for those entering to win two hand knitted throws and a quilt.

The raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Curbside pick-up is available if you call the church office in advance at 603-887-4799.

For additional information visit the church website at www.chestermhchurch.org.

The church is located in the center of Chester at 4 Chester Street, Chester, NH.

Christmas in the Village

Also on Saturday and continuing on Sunday in Chester, starting at 9 a.m. the town merchants will celebrate “Christmas in the Village.” Residents are encouraged to visit local merchants and get a jump start on your their Christmas shopping.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Community Caroling

On Saturday night people looking to get into the holiday spirit can head to Stevens Hall at 5 p.m. to participate in the First Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Caroling event.

This event is being hosted by the 300th Anniversary Committee and will be offering refreshments provided by

the Chester Lions Club.

Polar Express

Staff and friends of the Chester Public Library will once again continue the tradition of reading the Polar Express, this year with a bit of a twist due to the on-going COVID concerns.

The library will be giving Polar Express Tours through the building on Friday, Dec. 10 starting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30

p.m. Families are welcomed to sign-up choosing a preferred time slot.

Registration is required for the tour by calling 603-887-3404.

Groups will be greeted by the Train Conductor and taken on a Polar Express Tour, stopping at train stations where parts of the magical story are read.

There will also be goodie bags and a special gift handed out at the end.

Holiday Activities Taking Place in Hampstead This Weekend

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The annual Breakfast with Santa on Gingerbread Lane will once again be held by the Hampstead Mothers' Club on Saturday morning, Dec. 4 from 8 - 11 a.m. at Hampstead Central School.

The annual tradition was forced to take a year off due to the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, but it will be back again this year.

The admission price is \$5. Per person and includes a pancake breakfast, pictures with Santa Claus and a number of crafts to make.



Christmas Parade

The Hampstead Lions Club will be offering a holiday parade again this Sunday, Dec. 5, starting at 1 p.m.

The 57th Annual Hampstead Christmas Parade will be traveling 11 miles around the town of

Hampstead with a Hawaiian-style theme.

The parade was originally organized by the Hampstead Fire Department for about 50 years, but was taken over by the Lions a few years ago after the Fire Department was

unable to continue the longstanding tradition.

Some of the participants in the parade this year will be the Pinkerton Academy JROTC Cadets; The Hampstead Historical Society; Stepping Stones; Rick's Motor Sports; fire



trucks and Santa Claus.

This is the second year in a row that the parade will travel all around the town of Hampstead starting at Town Hall.

Residents can go to the Hampstead Lions Facebook page for up-to-date parade info including a parade route map.

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and think that they will reach it.

“I think we’re going to make that. I don’t think we’re going to be upside down this year,” Lamphere said.

“Hopefully things are going to turn around next year,” she added.

Selectmen Stephen

D’Angelo asked Lamphere if she was planning on running again next year for Treasurer.

Lamphere said she plans on it.

D’Angelo said he was concerned that they may lose people in key positions in the next few years.

“We have a number of people here in town within the next 2, 3, 4 years who are going to be gone,” he

stated.

Lamphere said that she expects to run again in 2022 which is a three year term. After that she will have to decide.

“Then I have to think about it,” she said.

For Spring Hill Farm Treasurer Mark Desiderio said that one of the biggest increases in the proposed budget is for utilities.

He also noted that they

added in \$500 as a rainy day fund account for emergencies that may occur.

It was also announced that the budget proposed by the Budget Committee

would be a total of \$1,223 which was the same as this year’s.

The Chester Conservation Commission also has a proposed budget that is

level funded for a total of \$1,200.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds proposed budget is \$20,100, the Selectmen announced.

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Editorial

Live, Shop, Give, and Read Local

The holidays have snuck up on us yet again. Some of our readers had their holiday shopping done before the turkey hit their family dining tables on Thanksgiving. However, many of us are still wondering what to buy and where to do our holiday shopping. Days are flying by on the advent calendar. If you're still mulling over big ticket items or you've pared down to the bare minimum, there's a world of choices out there for where to go to get those presents for everyone to have your list checked off.

In keeping with the "locavore" movement of eating food grown locally, we'd like to suggest that you consider doing all of your holiday shopping close to home and no, this does not include shopping online.

Most local shops may not have the flashy, "low, low" prices of big box stores. However, there are friendly people to help you should you have a question you want answered. Another added bonus is you will not have to drive far to get there, considering gas prices this year.

Supporting local businesses is the gift that keeps on giving, you're helping a local business stay open in this changing time, as well as, helping the town's tax base. Shopping locally also helps to support local artists. We're surrounded by plenty of artists and crafters whose work is available for purchase. These local artists made creations that make unique and thoughtful gifts. It may be

something as large as a painting or as small as a pair of earrings or a pottery mug. There's a certain pleasure these days in buying something with a label certifying that it was made in your hometown.

The local newspaper is also a local business. We depend on advertising to be able to produce our newspapers for the benefit of the community each week. So, please tell the shops, and restaurants to advertise because you want to help keep your local newspaper around, thank you.

Businesses close to home help contribute to the local communities where we live and work. This is much better than adding to the coffers of multinational conglomerates that have little interest in your town or family. If you're planning on dining out for a special holiday meal, consider a local restaurant or getting a platter to-go and bringing it home or to the family Christmas party. Chances are you'd be sure to miss your unique culinary getaways if they had to close due to lack of business.

So help them remain open by celebrating the mom and pop restaurants as opposed to the big chain-restaurants. Shopping local makes for warm, special memories and a healthy local economy. When spending your money locally, you may find yourself in a heartfelt conversation about your holiday plans and favorite seasonal recipes.

Letters

Save Public Schools

To the editor,
New Hampshire is fortunate to have an excellent public educational system, one of the best in the nation. The attack on schools by Right Wing Republicans and Free Staters has reach a frightening crescendo in our state. Confrontations with School Boards, teachers, and administrators have recently escalated. Sununu's own Education Commissioner, Frank Edelblut, instead of supporting teachers, has led the charge against them.

A vast voucher program was the beginning of this outrageous assault. Public funds are being diverted to send students to religious and private schools and home-schooled students. Because the sponsors of this bill knew that it could not pass on its own merit, the bill was never sent to the finance committee to assess its cost. Legislators did not want the public to know the resulting expense. This year, the outlay of tax dollars leaving our public school is about 8 million dollars. This includes the

10% cost to administer this program, the result of a no bid contract to a Florida company.

Last week Edelblut announced a new Department of Education website to encourage people to inform the Department of any teachers deemed to violate the horrible Divisive Concepts law passed by our legislators in the last session. An extremist group has already offered a bounty on the first teacher they think is breaking this law. This foolishness could result in teachers losing jobs and careers.

Talk about creating a toxic work environment! If it were not enough to deal with the pandemic, masks (and public pushback against them), plunging into remote teaching overnight, and fear of contracting Covid, Edleblut's latest move should put the icing on the cake.

Enough! Stop the effort to dismantle public schools! On Dec. 7 I am voting for Mary Eisner for State Representative to help stop these attacks.

Sincerely,
Pamela Kirby,
Derry

I Believe in Mary Eisner

To the editor,
I am a retired public school teacher and would like to see the voters of Derry have representation in our State House from a legislator who actually believes in and will actively support our public schools; a legislator who will vote against public tax dollars being taken away from our public schools and doled out to private and religious school. I believe that Mary Eisner is such a candidate. I know her to be passionate about all children having a quality public school education, and I have seen how hard she is willing to work to see that happen.

It's time for our Derry House Representative to support public school education. Let's put someone in office who will. Please get out and vote in the

Special House Elections on Tues., Dec. 7 at Calvary, 145 Hampstead Rd., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. support public school education by voting for Mary Eisner for NH House Rep.

Thank you
Corinne Dodge,
Derry

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rate Park abuts these twelve parcels. As cited in the newly adopted 2020 Master Plan, one of the recommended goals was to review this area of Town for future development opportunities created in the

new Gateway District and the pending Exit 4A project," Sioras said. "These amendments are consistent with those goals for future economic development and business expansion and growth."

For the fiscal impact it was noted that with the anticipated future develop-

ment opportunities in the Gateway District/ Exit 4A area that the Town is hopeful they will see a non-residential tax base expansion, additional revenues, and job growth.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated for Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

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Derry Recreation Holds Walkthrough Santa Workshop



Although the process was a bit different this year due to COVID concerns, the annual post-parade activities held at Veterans Hall by the Derry Parks and Recreation Department returned once again after a one-year break. Eager children and their families lined up to pick up cookies and decoration items and they were treated to a balloon sculpture by Silly Solutions artist, Joe Tombarello. Children also gathered holiday ornaments and the paint needed to color them and then families were able to visit with Santa Claus for a photo.

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Londonderry Man Arrested for Shooting Death in Derry

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DERRY - Just before the holiday, on Monday, Nov. 22, officers from the Derry Police Department responded to 27 Linlew Drive at approximately 8:22 p.m., for a report of

an adult male lying on the ground in the hallway of an apartment building in need of medical attention.

When the officers arrived, they quickly determined that the male subject had sustained a gunshot wound. He was then transported to the

Elliot Hospital in Manchester, where he subsequently died as a result of the injuries.

The deceased was identified as Tyler Andrews, 24-year-old from Derry.

After an initial investigation, the Derry Police

arrested Justin Best of Londonderry on one count of Class B Felony Reckless Conduct.

Best was arraigned at the Rockingham County Superior Court two days later on Wednesday, Nov. 24. During the arraignment, Assistant County

Attorney Jill Cook explained to a judge that Best reached out to police shortly after the incident and was then arrested for reckless conduct.

Deanna Campbell, Best's court-appointed lawyer told the judge that her client suffers from

Asperger Syndrome that affects his ability to communicate and socialize.

She also explained that the gun went off accidentally during a scuffle at the apartment building.

Best is currently awaiting a court date

Sandown Zoning Board Continues Variance Request

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Nov. 18 Sandown Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting one of the cases that the Board heard was in regards to a variance request for 25 Hale True Road. The owner John Ferreira was requesting a variance regarding home occupation permits which would allow him to have two work trucks parked at the home as well as four employee vehicles at the home and a new garage.

He explained that he owns a small select excavation business and has some trucks and equipment.

He said that right now they sometimes park vehicles on the property and want to be able to do so legally.

Ferreira explained that

the vehicles and equipment would be parked in the garage and would be "out of sight out of mind."

"What I am asking for is what we are already doing right now," Ferreira said.

He also explained that the road is already busy and by having a couple extra trucks on the road each day it won't have a major impact.

It was explained by Ferreira that Sandown Assistant Building Director Robert Bogosh asked that he go to the Board and seek a variance to have the trucks parked there.

He told the Board that all the work would be done at the work sites and there would be no work done at the house.

"It's just parking a vehicle, there is no work," said.

Speaking in favor of approving it was Arthur Genuardo who said that he was a neighbor.

"I honestly don't see an issue with what he is doing," Genuardo said.

One of the questions

by the Board was what the correct variance should be for this situation.

"I just don't think it's a variance to the in-home," Chairman Christopher Longchamps said, noting that he doesn't think they

need a variance at all for what they are trying to do.

It was also pointed out that they don't regulate what can be parked in a garage

It was decided to continue the case to determine if they will actually need a variance or not.

Longchamps said that they are going to talk to legal counsel before the next meeting to determine what needs to be done.

The next Sandown Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting is slated for Dec.30 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Norman J. Norris, Jr.

Norman J. Norris, Jr., 74, of Sandown, NH, died Tuesday Nov. 23, 2021 in his home. He was born in Brookline, MA on Aug. 7, 1947, a son of the late Norman J. Norris, Sr. and Margaret (Coffey) Norris. Norman had been a resident of Sandown since 2006, formerly living in Derry, NH and MA. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Vietnam era. Norman had been employed in the industrial computer installation / repair field. He enjoyed model trains and coin collecting.

He is survived by his daughter, Leah Driggers of East Hampstead, NH; his son, Todd Norris and his wife Melissa of Derry, NH; his grandchildren, Jessica, J.P. and Jeff; two brothers, Brain Norris, and Alan Norris; two sisters, Patricia Lanchester, and Barbara Rapson; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Deborah Ann (Perry) Norris in 2012.

Norman will be buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry next to his wife. At the request of the family, all services will be held privately. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARY

Raymond J. Jandreau



Raymond J. "Ray of Sunshine" Jandreau, 60, of Derry, NH, passed away Saturday Nov. 20, 2021, surrounded by his loving family at his home. He was born on Oct. 7, 1961, in Lowell, MA, a son of the late Renaud and Barbara (Peloquin) Jandreau. Ray grew up in Lawrence, MA. His family moved to Salem, NH where he received his education and later attended Northern Essex Community College. Ray worked for NAPA Distribution Center for 31 years. He loved riding his motorcycle with his wife Deborah, his daughter Alex or alongside his son Justin, often taking trips to the beach. He also enjoyed riding with his friends whom he referred to as the Wild Hogs. Ray enjoyed playing cornhole, and was the family cornhole champion. He also enjoyed splitting and stacking wood in his yard. In Oct., he was able to celebrate his 60th birthday with his many family and friends, some of whom he had not seen in months. Ray was looking forward to being a Pepe' for the first time and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Deborah (Taylor) Jandreau of Derry; his daughter, Alexandra Nicole Jandreau of Derry; his son, Justin Michael Jandreau of Candia, NH; a brother, Kevin Jandreau and his wife Debra of Sandown, NH; his mother-in law Jeanne (McAvoy) Taylor of Derry, NH; as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and extended family.

Following cremation, calling hours was held on Friday, Nov. 26, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry with a funeral service to begin at 7pm in the funeral home. At the family's request, face masks are required for those in attendance who are not fully vaccinated. Memorial contributions may be made to The Solinski Cancer Center, 1 Elliot Way #3502, Manchester, NH 03103.

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Mixed Use Plan Being Worked On for Abbott Court Redevelopment Project

DERRY – The Derry Town Council is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lansing Melbourne Group at the concil meeting of Nov. 2.

The Lansing Melbourne Group (LMG) has undertaken multiple projects in New Hampshire, which include the Southern N.H. University parking garage in Manchester, the

Tru Hotel by Hilton in the Manchester Millyard, and a parking and housing project as part of Nashua's downtown revitalization effort around the new Performing Arts Center. Their mission to "Build upon underutilized value to create community assets which serve as catalyst for further development" is seen as a good fit with Derry's Abbott Court project.

ect.

The MOU sets in motion a long-awaited plan for the redevelopment of four downtown parcels of town-owned land, collectively known as the Abbott Court area. The site of former shoe factories, the area evolved over many decades to include retail and office uses, movie theatre, hotel, and housing. A fire in the late

1970's burned many of the original buildings to the ground, and some of the remaining land had been labeled a brownfields site - a condition that has since been deemed clean.

Over several years, the Town has held many meetings, formed several committees, and studied multiple aspects of downtown revitalization. Town Council members credited sev-

eral residents and committees, as well as staff members, with setting forth the vision that is guiding the revitalization effort.

The MOU between the Town of Derry and LMG will allow the developer to put together a comprehensive mixed-use plan to develop long-vacant property to incorporate a public parking garage, multi-family housing, a training and incubation center, retail and office use and public gathering space. The plan

is seen as catalytic for the downtown and incorporates the Town's Master Plan goals of making Derry a destination (goal #1) and making Derry a great place to live and attract young adults (goal #4). It is expected that following the completion of the conceptual plan, the Town will move forward with a comprehensive development agreement to begin the project implementation.

Saturday Services at The Upper Room

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry is excited to continue it's offerings on Saturdays. Born during the early stages of COVID, as way to make a safe and quiet space for students to do tutoring and for families to receive support for things they may need, The Upper Room started offering Saturday services the first Sat-

urday of the month.

On Dec. 4, from 10 – 11 a.m., The Upper Room will offer a chance for families to come speak with Caitlin Howard, from Well Sense. Caitlin will be available for people who have questions about their Well Sense Medicaid plan and can provide information and enroll individuals in our new Well Sense

Medicare Advantage that day.

HMO plan. Caitlin is the Community Outreach Supervisor with Well Sense, and is excited to be available for families at this time. Caitlin will be on site from 10 – 11 a.m.,

The Upper Room will also be providing parents a co-parenting course known and Crossroads. To register for this course please call Michelle at 603-437-8477 x122.

OBITUARY

Michael David Buckley



Michael David Buckley, 62, of Derry, NH passed away unexpectedly Thursday Nov. 18, 2021, at his residence. He was born Feb. 2, 1959, in Sacramento, CA a son of Eugene and Patricia (Dowd) Buckley.

Michael took pride in his work as a lineman for Eversource and working through storms to restore power. He loved being a part of many communities such as The Boys & Girls Club in Somerville, UWUA Local 396, and The Boy Scouts. He also greatly enjoyed his time sailing the Boston Harbor, spending time with his children and grandson, and researching local history.

Michael is survived by his daughter, Olivia Buckley and her fiancé Michael Pappas, his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew & Alejah Gee Buckley and one grandson, Matthew Buckley, Jr.

After cremation, a funeral Mass took place on Saturday, Nov. 27 at St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church in Derry, NH.

OBITUARY

Tyler Paul Andrews



Tyler Paul Andrews, 24, of Derry, NH passed away at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH on Nov. 23, 2021, his life was taken too soon. He was born in Derry on March 17, 1997, a son of Scott and Christina (Savoy) Andrews and was a lifelong resident.

Tyler was very musically talented. He could play guitar, drums, keyboards, wrote and performed his own rock and rap music. Tyler had a big heart and always put his friends before himself. He will be forever missed.

Tyler is survived by his father, Scott Andrews of Derry; his mother Christina Andrews of Manchester; his paternal grandparents, Steven and Maureen (Mack) Andrews of Derry; his maternal grandfather, James Savoy of Methuen, MA; his maternal grandmother, Pamela (Nartiff) Stanwood of Fremont, NH; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry.

OBITUARY

Joanne E. (Houle) Edwards



Joanne E. (Houle) Edwards, 82, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully on Friday Nov. 19, 2021, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Dec. 3, 1938 in Nashua, NH, daughter of the late Fred and Velma (Burton) Houle. Joanne had been a resident of Derry, previously living in Ormond Beach, FL.

Joanne will be lovingly remembered by many as a dedicated homemaker for her family, a Girl Scout leader, a school volunteer, and book keeper for the family business. She thoroughly enjoyed her retirement years exploring Florida before settling in Ormond Beach.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Norman Edwards of Derry; one daughter, Norma Ryan and her husband Robert of Derry, two grandsons, Christopher Ryan and his wife Laura of Hampstead, and Joseph Ryan and his wife Jessica of Sandown. She will be greatly missed by her two great granddaughters, Mackenzie and Hailey Ryan of Hampstead, and her beloved sister, Phyllis Hanley of Vermont, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There were no calling hours. A Celebration of Life luncheon was held on Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Windham Senior Center, 2 N. Lowell Rd., Windham, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics NH, PO Box 3598 Concord, NH 03302, or www.sonh.org.

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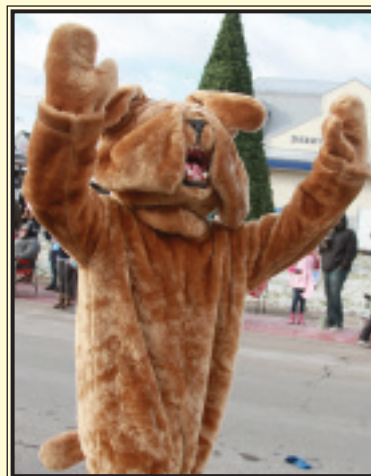
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The annual Nutfield Holiday Parade was held on a very cold and windy Saturday afternoon last week and featured a number local marching bands, clowns, dance groups and ended with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The parade is organized by the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce and the Derry Village Rotary.

Photos by Chris Paul



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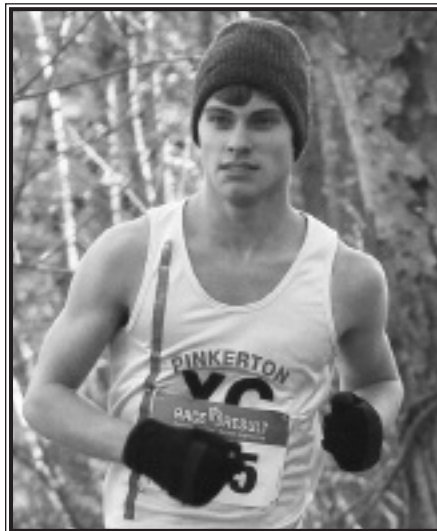


DERRY SPORTS

Over 720 Runners Race 48th Annual GDTC Turkey Trot



Over 700 runners headed out on Thanksgiving morning for the 48th annual Greater Derry Track Club's Turkey Trot 5K. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Luke Brennon



Kylie Johnson

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Over 720 runners took to the streets around Beaver

Lake early Thanksgiving morning to participate in the 48th annual Greater Derry Track Club 5K Turkey Trot. The conditions for the race were seasonably cold and unlike last year where runners were staggered throughout the morning, due to the COVID-19 pan-

demie, all racers headed out on a group start, where three Derry runners took the top three spots.

Pinkerton Academy senior long distance runner Luke Brennon was the first to cross the finish line, far ahead of the nearest competitor. Brennon, who was the number one finisher for most of the Astros Cross-Country team's races over the 2021 Fall Season, he outpaced the pack by nearly a half a minute.

Brennon finished the

2021 season with a seventh place finish at the Division I Championship and a fourth place finish at the Meet of Champions.

The senior 17-year-old Astros runner finished with a time of 16:27 for first place. He was followed by fellow Derry resident Tom Harmon, 23, who finished with a time of 16:50. In third place was John Walker, another 23-year-old from Derry, who crossed the finish line with a time of 18:05.

The first female runner

to cross the finish line had an impressive seventh place finish overall.

Kylie Johnson, a 20-year-old long distance runner from Waterboro Maine, finished with a time of 19:20 to take first for the women. Johnson is currently running for the Cederville University Yellow Jackets in Cederville Ohio.

Seven seconds later, the first Derry female finished the race for the second women's spot and the eighth place overall. Emilee

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Tom Harmon



John Walker



Emilee Risteen



Devin Molloy

Risteen, 26, finished with a time of 19:27. Devin Molloy, a 22-year-old out of Naples, Florida, came in two seconds behind Risteen for the third place spot and ninth overall.

Other top overall Derry were: Craig Coventry, 11th (19:59); Jason Rzasa, 12th (20:00); Rusty Risteen, 14th (20:10); Michael Gendreau 16th (20:17); Contessa Silva, 17th (20:18); Logan McDonald, 24th (20:54); Cade Reimer 30th (21:29); Andrew Fongemie, 34th (21:44); Ryan Busby, 40th (22:00); Shane McCarthy, 42nd (22:20); Joshua Risteen, 45th (22:40); Jacob Taylor, 46th (22:40); Andy LePage, 49th (22:49); Joseph MacNicoll, 54th (23:29); Josh Rutstein, 61st (23:49); and Tony Patti, 68th, (24:09).

The top overall Londonderry finishers were: Kerry Daley, 19, 13th (20:00); Jack Smith, 14, 15th (20:12); Trevor Creed, 27, 35th (21:45); Alec Lemeris, 11, 37th (21:49); Caitlin Boufford, 19, 43rd, (22:26); Peter Lincoln, 53, 59th (23:48); Zack Luongo, 20, 64th, (23:53); Matthew Luongo, 14, 65th (23:53); Dan Root, 50, 116th (25:35); Ben O'Brien, 10, 117th (25:37); Joshua Rutina, 21, 122nd (25:43); Dave Aquilino, 26, 130th (25:54); Caden Guthrie, 13, 131st (25:55); Michele Pope, 48, 136th (26:08); Aidan O'Brien, 10, 142nd (26:29); Michaela Smith, 48, 145th (26:37); Andrew Feole, 29, 146th (26:41); Michelle Horan, 45, 156th (27:02); Tom Griffin, 59, 166th (27:34); and Brittany Bellew, 26, 174th, (27:57).

Hampstead Turkey Trot Sees Over 300 Participates Finish

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD – The town of Hampstead’s Recreation Department held its annual 5K Run-Walk Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning and more that 300 folks participated in this year’s yearly event. The race begins and ends at St. Anne’s Church.

Last year’s second place overall race finisher, Hampstead’s Nolan Preble, was this year’s win-

ner, finishing with a time of 16:10.5.

He was closely followed by last year’s winner, Ethan Charles, also of Hampstead, with a time of 16:22.8.

In third place overall, Kingston runner Chris DeYoung crossed the finish line with a time of 17:34.3.

The first female competitor was Hamptead long distance runner Amy Bernard with a time of 19:15.5. Bernard was also last year’s female winner.

A 12-year-old from Rumrord, RI, listed as S. Gagnon was the second place winner for the girls with a time of 20:56.7 and in third place, form Danville was Erika Griffin, 39, at 21:15.4.

There were a number of age group winners and the race prizes were:

- Senior Citizen - Gift Card and free entry to the 2022 Race
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The Town of Derry offers for sale the following **two (2) parcels** of Town-owned land:

Parcel 1: 5.5 Tracy Drive, containing approximately 2.88 acres, Parcel ID #01-015-015

Parcel 2: 30 English Road, containing approximately .16 acre, Parcel ID #59-002

Sealed bids will be accepted until **2 PM on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021** Bids should be mailed or hand delivered attention to the Town Administrator's Office Request for Bids, Sale of Town-Owned Property 14 Manning St., Derry, NH 03038 at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud A copy of the complete Request for Bids package is available online at www.derrynh.org, Bids & RFP's, Sale of Town-Owned Property 2022.

All bids must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope for each parcel being bid upon with the following notation on each envelope: **Town of Derry, Sale of Town-Owned Land, Parcel # _____**

**TOWN OF DERRY, NH
Tax Rate at \$24.76**

Chief Financial Officer Mark Fleisher reports that the NH Department of Revenue has set the Town of Derry's 2021 tax rate at \$24.76. The rate is up \$0.42, or 1.75% from the 2020 rate of \$24.34. Tax bills will be mailed shortly with an expected due date of Dec. 9, 2021.

Property taxes are assessed to cover the cost of country, town and education services. The chart below shows the 2021 tax rate as compared with the 2020 tax rate.

Tax Rate	2021	2020
Town Services	\$7.22	\$7.15
Local School	\$14.82	\$14.45
State Education	\$1.86	\$1.88
Rockingham County	<u>\$0.86</u>	<u>\$0.86</u>
Total	\$24.76	\$24.34

The appropriation for Town services funds police, fire, emergency medical services, public works, recreation, public libraries, public health, welfare, planning, code enforcement, the transfer station, water, wastewater, community access TV, and government administration. Public Works services include the purchase, maintenance and replacement of roads, parks, bridges, dams, vehicles, equipment, land, and buildings. Revenues raised by service fees, permits, and grants reduce the amount that is needed to be raised by taxation. Public water and wastewater systems are funded by user fees. Community access television is funded by Comcast franchise fees.

The School District funds support the education of students in Pre-School - Grade 8 providing both general and special education services. Additionally, the district currently pays tuition Derry students to attend Pinkerton Academy for grades 9 - 12.

Based upon the 2021 assessed valuation and any increases due to a new construction in the community, the changes in the tax burden for 2021 have been calculated as follows: Town 0.9%, Total School 2.1% and Country 0.0%.

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GREENWorks: Burning Dry Firewood Saves Money and Improves Air Quality

There are those wood stove owners who succumb to the colder temperatures of fall by burning wood right away, and then there are those who wear it like a badge of honor if they can go late into the season before starting that first fire – perhaps believing they can hold winter at bay just a little longer. Regardless of which camp of wood stove owner you fall in, it is time to make sure you have enough dry firewood or wood pellets ready to go for this winter.

Evaluating the moisture content of cord firewood can be tricky. Wood can be purchased when it is “green,” “seasoned,” “dried,” or “kiln dried,” but these are relative terms and wood is only ready to be burned when its moisture content is 20% or less. Wet wood is a waste. Burning wet wood produces less heat because energy goes into boiling

off residual water so that the wood can ignite. Not only that, but the process releases pollution into the air and creosote in your chimney, which can lead to a fire hazard. Burning dry wood produces more heat, saves you money and improves air quality.

When talking with firewood suppliers, always be sure to ask how they define the terms they are using to describe their products. Here are a couple of general guidelines to keep in mind when talking to a firewood supplier:

- Green wood is fresh cut and should not be used for fuel until it has had time to dry properly. This is the least expensive to purchase and will require 6-12 months to dry properly depending on species and conditions.

- Dry wood refers to air-dried wood that should be an immediately burnable prod-

uct at the time of delivery. Dry wood should never be stored uncovered as it will reabsorb rain and snow.

- Kiln dried wood has been dried through the introduction of heat in a deliberately controlled environment – a process that drastically shortens the drying time. As with dry wood, kiln dried firewood should be an immediately burnable product at time of delivery. This has the highest cost to purchase, but is of a very high quality that many people prefer. Because it takes energy to dry the wood, it is slightly less climate-friendly than air-dried wood!

- Seasoned wood is the least well defined of any of the terms associated with firewood. “Seasoning” is synonymous with “drying” but the key to the wood’s actual moisture content is how long and under what conditions the wood has

been “seasoned.” When purchasing “seasoned” wood, always be sure to ask your dealer how long the wood has been split, as opposed to just felled, and if it was stacked under cover to facilitate drying. You should assume that seasoned wood is not ready to burn without further drying.

If you are not planning to buy dry wood, the best strategy is to plan at least 6-12 months ahead and

allow plenty of time for your wood to dry under cover and with ample airflow around it. Order wood during the winter or early spring for the following year, then stack and cover it to dry during the spring and summer for burning the following fall. This is the most reliable and economical way to ensure your supply of properly dried firewood.

If you are interested in

burning less wood altogether, consider replacing your old wood-burning stove with a newer, cleaner burning model. Wood pellet stoves are also very efficient, typically needing 40 pounds of pellets per day during a winter day. Learn more on our Home Wood-Burning Appliances webpage www.des.nh.gov/home-and-recreation/air-quality/home-wood-burning-appliances.

Hampstead Lights of Hope

The Hampstead Lions Club will again be selling luminaries. The community-wide luminary event benefiting local charities will take place on Dec. 24. By lighting up Hampstead we bring light to the issues that face us along with hope, healing and joy. Please help us help others by purchasing the candle kits.

The cost for the kits is

\$10. Each kit includes 6 candles and 6 bags with directions. Purchasers supply their own sand or alternative such as dirt, kitty litter, rock salt, etc. To order please go to Hampstead NH Lions Club website <http://hampstead.nhlions.org/>. You can also purchase luminaries by mailing payment with a contact name, address and

phone number to: Hampstead Lions Club, PO Box 171, Hampstead, NH. 03841 or by emailing Roxanne Schloth at lightsofhampstead@yahoo.com. Luminaries can be purchased any time of year for any occasion.

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DERRY

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.

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 or

Cheryl Harvey (603) 247-4133 - derrylionsclub@gmail.com

Derry Garden Club

Attention All Kids Grades 1 thru 5. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are having their annual poster contest. Deadline for entering your 11x17 poster is Jan. 1. Call 603-434-0578 to enter and visit the National Garden Clubs' website for more details. Poster paper and crayons and your imagination are all you need! Don't forget to put your name on the back.

Senior Games

Every weekday at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, will hold Card games & more for older adults; they

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Senior Movie Special

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Food for Fines

The Derry Public Library and Londonderry Leach Library are excited to announce a Food for Fines drive to benefit local food pantries. The friendly competition will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at both libraries dur-

ing operating hours until closing on Saturday, Dec. 18. For every food item donated, up to two dollars in overdue fines will be cleared from your library card. Food for Fines does not apply to lost or damaged items, and no rain checks will be given. Each library will report their total donation count on Facebook throughout the program. To join in on the fun, bring your non-perishable donations to the circulation desk with your library card. Please note glass jars and expired food will not be accepted. For donation suggestions and additional information, call the Derry Public Library at (603) 432-6140

HAMPSTEAD

Virtual Light Tour

Join the Virtual Hampstead Holiday Light Tour, Dec. 3 - 19. Send pictures of your holiday light decorations to circulation@Hampstead-Library.org, and we'll print them out to display at the Hampstead Public Library for

all to enjoy. The week of Dec. 20, all the pictures will be posted on the Library's social media pages. This virtual tour helps those who are unable to drive at night still enjoy the festivities around town.

Blue Christmas Service

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead, will offer Blue Christmas: a Service of Remembrance, Comfort, and Hope, on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. For many, the holiday season with its emphasis on family, joy, giving, and "good cheer" can be a painful time. The loss of a loved one, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of continued isolation and pandemic stress; all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating. You are invited into a space and time to acknowledge your sadness and concern. Please know that you are not alone. Join us for this quiet contemplative

service of prayer, scripture and music. The service will be in person as well as live streamed and recorded. Please see hampsteaducc.org for more information.

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.

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.

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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.

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 sched-

ule. 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 information or would like to participate, please contact the HCC church office at 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.

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

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

Kids Kraft

Come and craft with the Sandown Library on Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 4 - 5 p.m. On this day ornaments will be made. Registration is required. This program is for kids age 6+.

Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

Granite State Ringers Holiday Concert

Celebrate the holiday season with the Sandown Library's special performance with The Granite State Ringers on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. They are a community handbell choir led by Mary Divers and Joan Fossum, and were founded in February of 2007. This program will be held at the Sandown Town Hall, 320 Main St. Registration is required in order to have enough seats for everyone

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+.

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

Board of Library Trustees

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