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## Hampstead Selectmen Discuss Updating Some Town Signage

HENRY GREENBAUM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectmen met on Monday, Jan. 25, and members were presented with a number of issues.

The meeting started with some new business as Julie Wiggin, who is the director of client services at the Haven Center, made a presentation to the board. Haven is a sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, and stalking service provider and they are looking for the same level funding that the town of Hampstead has always provided to them.

The amount that Haven has received over the years was \$3,070 and the Board

of Selectmen will deliberate in a future meeting about their decision.

Some more new business included the signage presentation made by Steve Ireland of Macfarland-Johnson, Inc. The company wants to make the town an Excel spreadsheet of what road signs there are in Hampstead. The spreadsheet would also show new signs and signs that need to be replaced and it gives exact locations where the signs should be placed.

“Right now, the MUTCD, which is the federal standard for signs, there are certain signs that they require to be replaced and updated by December of 2019,” said Ireland. “There are a lot of places around the country that are

behind on that. The state of New Hampshire, the state itself, is not. They are caught up now.”

All the curve signs across the country, which identify that there is a curve in the road ahead, were supposed to be replaced and/or updated by the end of 2019. The state of New Hampshire itself is fine but Hampstead still has signs that are outdated and need to be corrected. This can also include stop signs and speed limit signs that do not meet the federal standards of retro reflectivity, surfaces that reflect light back to its source.

The Board of Selectmen decided to have the Safety Committee do more research on these new

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## Chester Selectman Set Town Meeting Dates for Mid-May

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen agreed to move the dates of the annual Town Elections and Town Meeting to May 11 and May 15 during their Thursday night, Jan. 28 meeting.

The discussion began with Town Moderator, Michael Scott giving an overview of his findings on the subject of postponing the two meetings by two months.

Scott said that from he has found that the easiest

way to deal with the issues created by the COVID-19 social distancing mandates by postponing it to the second week of May. He also mentioned that he hopes the COVID mandates are clear out by then.

Selectman Chuck Myette was concerned about the candidates that have signed up for open positions in town and wondered whether the dates needed to be extended with the postponement.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Liz Lufkin assured Myette that the town had

filled the town’s requirement in that regard.

Assistant Town Moderator, Andrew Hadik agreed with Scott, saying he felt that there are a large number election workers that would fall under the “high risk” category, and the postponement would make things safer for them. Hadik said, “It’s not worth one person’s life, there is no reason to rush ahead and hold the election in March. Just push them both out.”

Scott also mentioned that if COVID restrictions

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Sandown residents vote to add a sentence to the Operating Budget article at the Town Deliberative Session on Saturday morning, Jan. 30, at Sandown North Elementary School. Photo by Chris Paul

## Sandown Deliberative Sends 17 Warrant Articles to Ballot

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - Voters at the Sandown Town Deliberative Session, held on Saturday, Jan. 30, at Sandown North School, approved an operating and a default budget for placement on the town’s official ballot. Those measures along with all of

the warrant articles passed at the meeting will be decided in the Town Election Tuesday, March 9.

Warrant Article 2 would appropriate an operating budget of \$4,549,159 with an estimated tax impact of \$6.76 per thousand, and a default budget of \$4,413,414 having an estimated tax impact of \$6.55 per

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# Derry Conservation Commission Moves to Pass Subdivision Plan

KAITLIN BEDELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - The Derry Conservation Commission came together for their Jan. 25 meeting to discuss a plan previously reviewed regarding a subdivision project on Daniel Road.

The plan intends to create 12 new residential lots on the land nearing Forrest Street, Daniel Road, and Datillo Road.

The commission walked the site on Saturday, Jan. 16 to evaluate the proposal and note any concerns each member has.

After viewing the site for the first time, the commission had some concerns regarding the blasting for

the project and the impact it would have on the water quality of the nearby Shields Brook.

Tim Peloquin from Granite Engineers said that he understands the concerns regarding the blasting but that he is very confident in the engineer, Mark Leroux.

"The AOT monitors all the blasting and I'm sure that Mark Leroux and the engineer for the drainage have all that down to a T," Peloquin said. "That's why we hire those engineers."

Peloquin said that although the concerns stated are valid, the two things the board has going for them is a very good developer with a "good track

record" and Mark Leroux.

"Mark is your eyes and ears as far as a developer goes," Peloquin said. "He is so by the book and he is great for this town."

In addition to the blasting concerns that several board members expressed, there was also some worries about the preservation of the surrounding land.

In reaction to the board member's concerns, Peloquin made a suggestion to make a note in the plan to add a line that clearly highlights a "no cut buffer" between the project and the houses which mandates that the surrounding areas are marked by the town of Derry as a conservation area.

In addition to the division between the project and the tree line, Peloquin also suggested that the "no cut buffer" extends to the two vernal pools which lie on the property. One vernal pool sits at Dotillo and the other is way up on the hill in the back ledge of the area.

The board wants to create the signs prohibiting natural disturbances and would like it to account for the vernal pools as well.

Although the board had expressed a few concerns throughout the meeting, Peloquin said he was still looking for a signature with a note saying he will abide by all the changes made.

One board member said he is in agreement with signing the plan and that the project is "in good hands under Mark Leroux and as long as they can add that note he'd be satisfied."

The board set forth a motion to include the amendment to add the no cut buffer signs for both the vernal pools and the tree line.

Vice Chair Riccardo

Buzzanga moved the motion which was seconded by Member Grace Reisdorf, followed by the unanimous approval of the rest of the commission.

Peloquin's request has been granted by the board and as long as he includes the amendments that have been included then he will be allowed to move forward with the project.

## Grant Gives Students Career Path in STEM Fields

New Hampshire Department of Education announced today that New Hampshire was one of four states in the country to receive a \$2,943,000 federal grant through the U.S. Department of Education to help expand access to career pathway opportunities and prepare students for careers in STEM-oriented fields.

The New Hampshire Out-of-School-Time Career Pathways Initiative is collaboration between the New Hampshire Department of

Education, Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center programs (21st CCLC) and the New Hampshire Learning Initiative (NHLI). Collaborative members will work with the Conway, Hinsdale, Lacoconia, and Manchester school districts as well as industry partners in those areas, including Graphics, NH Aviation Museum, Eastern Slopes Aviation, Ever-source, GS Precision, and EPTAM Precision.

"This is a great exam-

ple of a public-private partnership in which we align the interests of government, non-profit and business communities to benefit New Hampshire students," said Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. "These are the types of creative and innovative opportunities that will provide students and teachers alike the opportunity to grow and expand their horizons."

Over the five-year program period, the initiative

will build the capacity of the four districts to deliver on supporting students to complete an industry-recognized credential for remote work, supporting students to complete STEM-related industry-recognized credentials chosen from a range approved options, and supporting students to complete paid internships in an in-demand STEM-related work-based learning opportunity with a local employer. Additionally, students in grades 6 - 8 in each district will have opportunities in a developmentally appropriate career learning opportunity and all districts will work to implement a career assessment process to be administered to all students at least twice during their K-12 learning journey.

## OBITUARY

### James P. Barker



James P. Barker, 69, of Chester, NH, passed away Wednesday Jan. 27, 2021, in the Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH. He was born in Boston, MA on Aug. 29, 1951, a son of James P., II and Yvonne (Petipas) Barker.

Jim was an electrician out of IBEW 103 in Boston, prior to his many years with 103 he served in the US Army. Jim had many interests and loved to take classes. He was a member of the UNH Cooperate Extension Master Gardeners Program, he dabbled in astronomy, ham radio and photography, he was an avid boater and fisherman in his younger days. He took flying classes to become a pilot and boating classes to become a captain. He loved being on the ocean whether it be whale watching, fishing or just cruising. His biggest joy was spending time with his family, his kids and his grandkids meant the world to him.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Joyce MacMillan; his children, Michelle Durkee, James P. Barker, IV and wife Kathryn and Colin MacMillan; grandchildren, William and Brielle Durkee, Connor MacMillan and Aurelia Barker; siblings, Cheryl Farrell, Mary Stuart and predeceased by his brother Kenneth Barker.

Following cremation, the burial will be held privately for the family in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jim to UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners Program, <https://extension.unh.edu/programs/new-hampshire-master-gardeners> or the Heart Association, PO Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241-7005. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Sandown Planning Board Allows Subdivision Despite Resident Concerns

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Planning Board conditionally approved an application to subdivide an existing parcel in town for new home construction.

At a public hearing Jan. 19 the board voted unanimously in support of the application by Montana Realty Trust for a subdivision of land at 68 Montana Drive, identified on Sandown Tax Map 14 as Lot 19-50.

The property is 8.7 acres and will be divided into two lots slightly over 4 acres a piece. Each one will have an onsite septic system, well and driveway, and single family house,

Kevin Hatch, a land surveyor and owner of Cornerstone Survey Associates in Chester, told the board.

The lot faces the front of what will eventually be an extension of Riverbend Drive when it is continued beyond where the street now ends.

Among remaining steps in the application process are having the state Department of Environmental Services approval number included on the plan, and certifying that the lot corners have been set. The only state agency permit requirement is subdivision approval for both lots.

New boundary monuments will need to be installed upon approval by the licensed land surveyor

of record who would provide certification when that is done.

A subdivision resident, Jeff Blake of 69 Montana Drive, addressed the board on behalf of some local families to express their cumulative concerns about this change to the neighborhood.

“Making it two lots does change the aesthetics,” he said of the project. Another expected impact is in the average spacing between homes and possibly in assessed housing values.

Blake added the area already has seen some degradation from utility installations cutting across the road to install wires. If blasting is needed, he wor-

ries about the effect on the foundation and on wells with old building materials not being cleared away.

He also cited gaps in guard rails removed for excess excavation from the lot under construction and open pits dug on the property.

Blake told the board cleanup should have been a prerequisite to the application’s approval. Having two homes on the subdivided lot would seem to benefit no one else in the subdivision, he said, or the town from a tax revenue standpoint.

Town Engineer Steve Keach responded this was an oversize lot created with Riverbend Estates similar to other such lots. Two additional lots on Montana

Drive were divided in this manner, he said.

“The zoning ordinance has not changed in a favorable way that would make what is being proposed at this time something that couldn’t have been done at the outset.”

The landowner is exercising an option that’s always been available to bifurcate the parcel as if it originally had been configured this way, Keach added.

Montana Realty obtained a permit to do work on the road. It can be patched in the spring at the same time the home driveway is paved, he said.

Blake further was concerned about runoff and roadside drainage coming

from the property and road.

Final grading hasn’t been done with the construction still ongoing but when it’s completed in the front yard of the house being built that should stop the water crossing on top of Montana Drive, Keach said.

Additional drainage would be constructed on that section of road when Riverbend Drive is extended.

After the lots are built, if Blake still has issues with drainage, or anything from the construction, if water causing a problem is coming from the way his lot was constructed, the resolution would be a civil matter, Keach said. But if water is coming from the public way, the town could then be involved.

# Chester Planning Board Pushes to Amend Zoning Ordinance

KAITLIN BEDELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**CHESTER** - The Chester Planning Board came together for their Jan. 27 board meeting to discuss several tasks on their agenda.

The board discussed the amendments put forth by the commission regarding several aspects of the Zoning Ordinance for the town of Chester.

Among requests, the board first discussed Article Two which defines the legal terminology behind each town code. The board expressed an issue with the definition for “internal lot” and requested there be

more clarification as to what it means in this context.

The board then talked about a MBM article amendment for zoning which would allow for bed and breakfast places to be a part of Zone R1 which is for General Residential and Agricultural Districts. This would allow for some commercial use in a mostly residential area.

After much discussion, the board came to a consensus that the rule should allow for bed and breakfast business’s to be a part of this district. In order to make this a reality, though, they came to the conclusion that they would have

to determine if there are any laws prohibiting this at the state level.

During the meeting the board also discussed an accessory dwelling unit issue which would require an 80-unit complex to be sprinklered if dwelling itself isn’t already sprinklered.

This discussion was particularly notable to the board because of the impact it would have financially if the sprinklers were required.

Vice Chairman Evan Sederquest brought up a point in discussion that compared the 80-unit complex to a house receiving an expansion. He said

that if somebody were expanding their house they would need to be fully up to date with all required codes, and that there is no difference in this situation.

While according to the current code it is required to include sprinklers, the board hopes to find a way to change the code to exclude them from being implemented. Before making any decisions on the issue they will need to do more research and reevaluate the topic.

Another discussion was the intent to reduce the bonus for age restricted

housing and add it to workforce housing which has pretty high income allowances.

The amendment would take 25% of the density bonus from age restricted housing and add it to the 25% bonus for workforce housing which would help the town preserve workforce housing.

Member Rick Snyder said he hasn’t changed his mind from last year when they first discussed the issue and that he thinks there should be a better description of what qualifies as “workforce housing.”

Since the board started talking about this issue in 2019, there have been changes in the town regarding the new State Board of Appeals which has passed new regulations affecting the issue.

After some discussion, the board set a motion to bring these zoning amendments to a public hearing for Feb. 10 where they will further discuss any concerns regarding each issue. People who wish to attend can do so virtually through the Zoom link on the town of Chester’s website.

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# Editorial

## Your Town Needs You and You Need Your Town

Is the town where you live important to you? Did you grow up in the town or did you move here? Either way, you made a choice based on the quality of life issues that matter to you. Yet, without your involvement the things that you like about your town can subtly—even dramatically change. Every town needs civic minded individuals to step up, speak up, and serve to keep a town vibrant, i.e. sustain the town's core values of the community and environment while embracing those modernization improvements that will best serve the inevitable changes in the town's demographics and its population needs. When residents are not informed and allow elected officials and key top town managers to do what they think best without conversations and involvement in the decision making processes and serving on boards and committees, then a town can easily lose its identity and become a cookie cutter municipality controlled by an elite group.

The least most of us can do is be an "informed" voter. Know whom you are voting into office and keeping into elected office. Do your research talking to the officials, asking questions through your local newspaper, talking with neighbors, reviewing online. I have found most people do not even remember who

they voted for and who are in office. Do you know who is on the school board, how many children are in school, what the school budget is, how it compares to other towns of like size, how the school ranks in the state? Do you know who serves on the town council, town budget committee, zoning board, and who is the town manager and what his interests and goals are for the town? If you want to be an informed voter, this newspaper can help you.

The next most important thing we can do is to participate and to serve. Attending and participating town and committee meetings is essential to ensure the Town make sound decision for all its people. Also, if you have a few hours once a month you can give to serving your community, again do a little research with the help of the town clerk and your local newspaper to learn what you might do to help your community remain vibrant.

Lastly, but as importantly, you can run for elected office. Give twenty hours plus a month to the town. Allow other long-term sitting elected officials to serve in other ways including to move on to other important positions.

Your involvement in your community at whatever level will make a huge difference.

# Letters

## HCS Renovations Are On The Ballot – Here's What Voters Need To Know

To the editor,

A volunteer group of 30 residents passionate about the community, schools and children have come together to form a new grassroots community group called Hampstead Hearts (you can search for them on Facebook for more info) - their first initiative is to help pass the two warrant articles pertaining to the Hampstead Central School on this year's ballot.

HCS hasn't been updated in more than 30 years – the population in Hampstead has grown by nearly 2k people (almost 30% growth) since the school's last update, which added three portables as a temporary stopgap to address space needs in the late 80s. These portables have since been decommissioned as learning spaces, as they are past their lifespan and are no longer fit to be used as classrooms. The building is nearly at max capacity – in fact, the school board has had to waive policies limiting class size for the past

several years, resulting in Hampstead ranking in the bottom 20% for class size in NH (meaning that Hampstead's class sizes are larger than 80% of schools in the state). Beginning this Fall, student population is forecasted to grow by over 100 additional students by 2030, adding urgency to the timing of this project.

Article 2 adds 6 classrooms; a new library, music room, cafeteria, and secure main entrance; state of the art HVAC; new septic system (the existing one is 40 years old); an additional code-compliant elevator and bathrooms; and a fire suppression system. It costs a maximum of \$9.07m, paid for with a 10-year bond at <1.5% interest – this results in a tax impact of no more than \$0.75/thousand, so a home with a \$400k assessed value would pay no more than \$25/mo. The cost of defeating this article could be higher than the cost of voting for it - if we run out of space and have to tuition special services out of district, the cost will likely exceed the cost of renovations with no ROI reflected in the town's real estate

values. Home values increase an average of 6% (\$24k for a \$400k home) for 12 years in neighborhoods where new schools are passed. We stand to save nearly \$1m if we pass 2 & 4 together this year. There is also a possibility for 30% state reimbursement, which we have applied for. Materials costs are expected to be ~10% lower than quoted, as materials costs are already starting to decline since our quote in mid-2020. Overall, this project is expected to come in ~\$1 million under budget.

Construction would begin Summer 2021, and finish by Fall 2023. Adding space could open up revenue opportunities by expanding full day Kindergarten offerings as well as tuitioning children from other districts in for special services. Hampstead's municipal tax rate, even after these articles pass, is right around 50% - meaning that its tax rate is smack in the middle compared to the rest of NH, and is lower than about half of the towns in the state.

Leigh Campos  
Hampstead

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## Chester

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still haven't cleared up by May, they could possible postpone the events again."

There was additional discussion about whether or not to extend the deadline for seeking candidacy.

Lufkin initially said that the town had already

met the state requirement on the sign up period, but said the state would be releasing more details in that regard later in the month.

Selectmen felt that they couldn't extend the date for signing up at this point, but thought that the period could be reopened at a later date if the state was in favor of it.

The four Selectmen

that were attending the meeting ended the discussion by voting in favor of holding the Election and Town Meeting in May.

The only other question discussed was whether or not to hold the Public Hearing on the town and school budget that is scheduled for Feb. 8 and it was suggested to leave that decision up to the Budget Committee.

# Sandown

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thousand.

The default budget amount was the same as the town approved last year. A proposed amendment that would have reduced the operating budget by \$135,745 to \$4,413,414 was defeated.

The following individual appropriations were also sent to the town ballot:

- Warrant Article 3 – an increase in police salaries and benefits for the next three years of \$54,372 for April 2021 to March 2022; \$15,252 for April 2022 to March 2023; and \$15,524 for April 2023 to March 2024. The town would additionally raise \$46,380 for FY21 to meet added costs. The estimated tax impact would be \$.07 per thousand.

Selectman Tom Tombarello told the Deliberative Session that Sandown was below the median pay for police and wanted to have the percentage increases start in year one. The increase in the average pay was due to officers leaving and going to other towns, he said.

While the pay scale is adjusted for officers, the steps are still 2.5%, added Selectman Jonathan Goldman.

A buyback provision is included, Tombarello noted, if police officers were to leave after Sandown has

made an investment in them. If that happens, they would have to pay a percentage back to the town.

- Warrant Article 4 – if Warrant Article 3 were voted down regarding the police salaries, the town selectmen could call a special meeting to discuss cost items related to that warrant article.

- Warrant Article 5 – \$162,576 for road improvement programs recommended by the Sandown Highway Department and approved by the selectmen. The sum is expected to be supplied by the New Hampshire Highway Block Grant.

- Warrant Article 6 – \$375,000 for adding to the previously established Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, with an estimated tax impact of \$.56 per thousand.

- Warrant Article 7 – \$150,000 for site work and construction of a new salt shed at the Highway Grange. The estimated tax impact is \$.22 per thousand.

This warrant article failed last year though the shed is still needed, said Selectman Chair Darren Hudgins. Without it, accumulated salt can leach into the Exeter River, Selectman Robert Nickerson added.

Sandown has already received state infrastructure aid for this project, Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell noted. The

amount available in state aid for the shed last year was \$130,000.

- Warrant Article 8 – appropriate \$75,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund for the salt shed. The estimated tax impact is \$.11 per thousand. It would allow payment for the shed over two years. However, this article would be null and void if Article 7 passes on the town vote.

- Warrant Article 9 – \$150,000 for the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for bridge repair. The estimated tax impact is \$.22 per thousand.

- Warrant Article 10 – \$13,700 added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.02 per thousand.

- Warrant Article 11 – would appropriate as amended \$46,820 to control exotic aquatic species in the Phillips Pond. The article already noted this cost would be offset by a \$15,000 donation from the Phillips Pond Association. The Deliberative Session was also told the cost would be further offset by \$18,728 in grant funds.

- Warrant Article 12 – appropriate \$10,000 to add to the Storm Water Management Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand.

- Warrant Article 13 – \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is



The town of Sandown held its Deliberative Session at Sandown North School this year due to COVID-19 social distancing restriction. Photo by Chris Paul

\$.07 per thousand.

- Warrant Article 14 – adding \$7,500 to the Government Building Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand.

- Warrant Article 15 – \$38,459 for per diem staffing for fire fighter and/or EMT coverage, with no benefits. The estimated tax impact would be \$.06 per thousand.

This measure is intended to allow flexibility for having staffing when needed in the Fire Department. If it passes the town vote, future appropriations may be included in the operat-

ing budget. Action would be subject to raises or whatever the town chooses to do, Selectman Goldman said.

- Warrant Article 16 – adding \$50,000 to the Plowing Expendable Trust Fund to help offset future costs, and

- Warrant Article 17 – \$4,500 for fireworks to allow the town a decision here. The selectmen would determine the date and time. The estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand.

The Town Election will also consider adoption of Amendment Z-1, a Planning Board proposal to

amend the text of Article VII to insert Part B entitled “Stormwater Management Ordinance – Construction and Post-Construction Requirements.”

This amendment would expand the zoning ordinance for Sandown to be in compliance with federal requirements on NH municipalities of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).

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# Town of Hampstead to Hold Deliberative Session Friday Night

HAMPSTEAD - The town of Hampstead will hold the First Session of the Annual Meeting, the Deliberative Session, on Friday, Feb. 5, at the Hampstead Middle School, starting at 7 p.m.

Residents of the town of Hampstead are encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss the 17 articles that will be voted on at the March elections.

The second session of the Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hampstead Middle School.

Warrant Articles from the First Session that will be taken up at the meeting are as follows:

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III-5:4 A, In Commercial

Zone C2 by replacing the existing language with the following: "The minimum lot size shall be the

appropriate square footage required under Article II-1 (Soil-based Lot Size) and Article II-2 (Wetlands Ordinance) for the soil and slope which constitute such lot, or 45,000 square feet, whichever is larger.

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Article I-2:3 Building Permits

Required, Under General Provisions, "C. For any Building Permit issued which includes elements of roofing, siding, windows, and doors; these exterior elements must be completed within 12 months of issuance of said Building Permit.

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the following as proposed by petition to the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to rezone the land consisting of the area on the Northerly side of

Route 111, bounded on the Northeast by the existing C-2 Zone at Map 12, Lot 15, bounded on the Southwest by Village Green Road, bounded on the East by Route 111 and bounded on the Northwest by a line which is four hundred feet (400') distant from the Northerly line of Route 111, from Zone A (Residential) to Zone C-2 (Commercial).

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to adopt Article I-2:10 Unregistered Motor Vehicles and Boats, Under General Provisions, "No lot in the Residential or Recreational Districts may be used for the outside storage of more than two unregistered and/or uninspected motor vehicles. No more than one unregistered boat shall be permitted on a lot."

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$1,350,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of an addition and renovation of the Fire Station and equipping same and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than \$1,350,000 under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to 1) apply for,

obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; 2) issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds, and notes; 3) determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and 4) take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto. 3/5 ballot vote required.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, totaling \$7,502,460. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,500,400, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the

3-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead

Board of Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association

Local No. 37 of New Hampshire, effective April 1st, 2021, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,576 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town, if Article 8 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 8 cost items only.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to Rockingham Meals on Wheels for transportation services.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for Community Care Givers.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,070 for Haven.

ARTICLE 14: A Petition Article. To make mandatory that every town board post all meeting agendas to the town website, and send them via the town email list, no later than two business days prior to the board meeting - this article also seeks to disallow discussion of any items that do not appear on the agenda, and to disallow any items to be

added to the agenda within two business days of the meeting. This article seeks to promote transparency, and to give all residents ample time to plan in the event that they want to attend a meeting based on the topics being discussed.

ARTICLE 15: A Petition Article. To make mandatory that every town board publicly post meeting minutes (draft minutes are acceptable) to the town website no later than five business days after each meeting (or within 72 hours for non-public meetings), and email notification once minutes are posted via the town email list. This article seeks to promote transparency, and to ensure that timely information is easy to find in one centralized location.

ARTICLE 16: A Petition Article. To remove all board recommendations from the ballot. This article seeks to ensure that each voter is heard without being swayed or influenced by board recommendations. Ballots exist to obtain voter opinions, but they should never tell a resident how to vote - board recommendations bias the ballot, and ballots should be unbiased.

ARTICLE 17: A Petition Article. To make mandatory that all town board meetings be accessible via Zoom (or a similar software that allows residents to not only remotely view the meeting live, but also interact and pose questions). While Hampstead Cable TV is a great resource, many residents do not have cable television - furthermore, the public cannot interact with televised meetings. This article seeks to assure that all residents have the ability to attend town board meetings, remotely or in person, in a way that is convenient for them.

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# New Hampshire Department of Education Releases Federal COVID Funds

CONCORD: The New Hampshire Department of Education released today school allocations from the \$156 million in federal education funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

New Hampshire was awarded an additional \$156,065,807 in ESSER II funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief

Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, which provides an additional \$54.3 billion for an ESSER II Fund. This new funding, in addition to the first award of \$37.8 million received in the spring of 2020, is intended to help public schools in their continuing response to COVID, including safely reopening

schools, assessing student learning, and other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on students and families. Since March, public schools in New Hampshire have received an additional \$219 million in federal funding to assist in their response to COVID.

“COVID-19 has been the most disruptive event

in the history of New Hampshire education, forcing us to adopt new methods of instruction and work even harder to meet the needs of our most vulnerable students,” said New Hampshire Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. “These funds will provide additional resources to close the gaps that this pandemic has widened.”

The ESSER II funds provide broader flexibility to schools for the use of the funds, including:

- Addressing learning loss among students, including low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, of the local educational agency;
- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support stu-

dent health needs; Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.

Local Educational Agencies COVID Funding: Total Federal COVID Relief for area town were:  
 Chester: \$297,472  
 Derry Cooperative: \$6,238,867  
 Hampstead: \$482,755

## PA Senior Named as Finalist in National Scholarship Program

Pinkerton Academy senior, Yiyi Wang, was recently named to be a Semifinalist in Coca-Cola Scholars Competition.

Wang was chosen from more than 99,000 applicants, and will now continue into Phase II of the competition.

Yiyi Wang was notified in December of her selection as a semifinalist in the 2021 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

The Semifinalists were chosen based on their leadership, academics, and dedication to their commu-



Yiyi Wang

Ultimately 150 Coca-Cola Scholars will be chosen to win \$20,000 scholarships.

An Honors Diploma candidate, Wang is a member of the National Honor Society and Foreign Language Honor Society. She is the President of the International Club and active member of both FBLA and DECA.

Wang also competes in a Polo league based in Boston and enjoys a variety of forms of dance and music.

nity. Wang will now continue on in the competition, in hopes of being named one of 250 Regional Finalists.

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updates and determine if they are worth it or not. Once more research has been done, the board will discuss it again at a future meeting.

The next order of business was a public hearing regarding the acceptance of Labrador Lane. The street has the potential of becoming a public roadway, but improvements need to be made through slope, cistern, and drainage easements.

The board decided to hold on their decision of accepting the new road, as they don't understand why the residents of Labrador Lane need to be notified of

the easements.

They expressed the fact that easements are already in the site plans and they were likely told about them when they signed the deeds. Once that is clarified by the Town Council, the Board of Selectmen will make their decision on the matter in a future meeting.

The Board also continued their discussion of their opinion letter that they want to send to the New Hamp. Public Utilities Commission (PUC) concerning HAWC and their petition to increase rates. The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC) petitioned to the PUC to increase the rates of their costs so that they

can reach a certain revenue requirement so that they can better control the water in the area.

The board is concerned that the jump in costs may be too much. Selectmen Chad Bennett said, “The [fire] hydrant alone is a big factor with budgeting. I don't see much of an explanation of why that has gotten so high.”

Chairperson Sean Murphy will work with the Water Resource Committee to write a letter that will be sent to the PUC addressing concerns that the Selectmen have such as costs. Once the letter is written, the other Selectmen will review it before it gets sent to the PUC.

### Clarification:

The headline in the story published on page 1 of the newspaper on Thursdays, Jan. 28. read “Home Winery Gets Denied by Chester Zoning Board,” may have lead readers to think the winery operation was denied. The Zoning Board denied the expansion of the winery operation. The business had previously been granted the ability to conduct business in a home in a residential zone.

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# Pinkerton Hopes To Return to Hybrid Model Next Week

In a letter to the students, families and staff at Pinkerton Academy, Headmaster, Dr. Timothy J. Powers suggested that the school hopes to return to the Hybrid Model for classes next Monday.

The letter reads as follows:

“This week we are reporting 10 new cases of COVID-19 in our school community. We remain

hopeful that our numbers will support us returning to the hybrid model on Monday, Feb. 8.

This week we started Semester 2, and as we continue in the remote setting, we know parents and students might need additional support.

This past Wednesday our Behavior Interventionist Melissa Harrison and our Prevention Specialist

Julie Donovan held a webinar for parents to help increase student engagement in their classes. You can find the slides and recording of the webinar on our homepage in the news section.

Additionally, you can find links to several academic support systems we have in place for remote learning there as well.

During this fully

remote schedule, Pinkerton Academy will begin piloting a Student Mentor Program for small groups of students. Teachers will facilitate the groups and provide support to students who are struggling with remote learning. We hope to continue the program for the remainder of the school year. The Student Mentor Program will take place Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Emails have gone to some students (and guardians) who have been identified as potentially benefiting from the program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Colin Walker at [cwalker@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:cwalker@pinkertonacademy.org).

The course selection window for next year’s classes will be open from Feb. 1 to Feb. 12. Students will make their selections in Aspen. See the homepage for more information.”

## Fundraiser Looking for New & Used Shoes

Clarity Community Connections is running a shoe drive fundraiser and asking for help from their community. They will be collecting new and gently worn shoes until March.

By partnering up with Angel Bins, Clarity Community Connections will get paid for what they collect and plan to use the funds to help individuals that need guidance with starting their life over. Including mental health services, case management, and mentorship.

Shoe Drive Fundraisers are a fun and safe way to keep up your fundraising this year, while keeping socially distant! Shoes can be all sizes, but must be pairs and still wearable. No heels, fuzzy slippers, or metal cleats.

After Angel Bins collects the shoes, they are sorted and cleaned, then sent to micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations which allows people to create both businesses and jobs for people in local communities. Their



income supports their families, and the inventory shoes the communities.

Make a difference in your community at home and overseas today. Donate your shoes to Clarity Community Connec-

tions at 1D Commons Dr. in Londonderry, Monday - Thursday from 10am-5pm. For more information and to schedule a pick up time that’s convenient for you please email Lynda Sabbio at [Lyndasab.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndasab.ccc@gmail.com)

## OBITUARY

### Janet (Wormwood) Wood



Janet (Wormwood) Wood died in her home on Jan. 28 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Haverhill, MA on Sept. 28, 1928, a daughter of the late Frank and Charlotte (Kimball) Wormwood. She resided in Chester, NH for the past 9 years, previously residing in West Newbury, MA.

Her family was her greatest joy. She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Carlson and her husband Robert Carlson of Salisbury, NY and Judy Riccio and her husband Michael Riccio of Chester, NH. She loved her 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren and followed all their accomplishments in school, sports and careers.

She loved to travel, garden, paint and sew. Her many travels around the globe gave her wonderful memories and lasting friendships. Her memory lives on thru the many treasures she created whether painted, sewn or crafted.

Growing up in West Newbury she enjoyed the days spent at the family homestead where her many aunts, uncles and cousins would gather. This Carr family homestead represented 9 generations of family and was a source of history and pride for her. She kept many family heirlooms and documents, many dating back to the mid and late 1800’s.

Her life was full and her blessings were many but she was no stranger to sorrow. She is predeceased by her brother, Frank Wormwood Jr, her husband, William Wood and her son Roderick Wood. While she carried these tragedies with a heavy heart she developed an inner strength that carried her thru an amazing 92 years. She was beautiful, strong and loved. She will be dearly missed.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Derry Village Club Participates in Million Mask Challenge

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Village Club has recently been delivering thousands of masks to a number of local Derry Community organizations and first responders.

This was made possible through the Rotary District 7870 Million Mask Challenge.

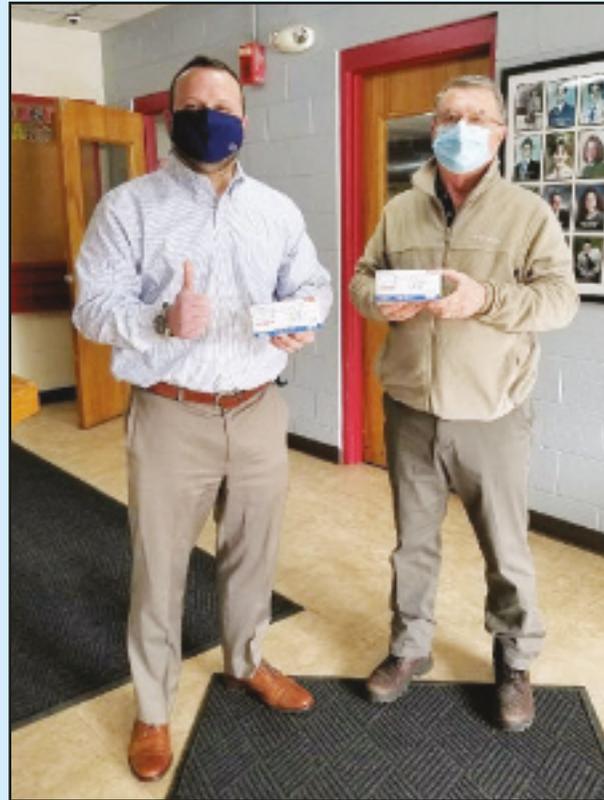
The challenge was made possible thanks to the Rossi Family Foundation.

Because of the foundation, Rotary clubs have been able to distribute one million masks throughout New England.

Some of the local organizations that benefited from the challenge were: the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, the Upper Room, the Derry Fire Department, the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club, the Granite State YMCA, the Derry Friendship Center and the Marion Gerrish Community Center.

The Derry Village Rotary delivered over 20,000 masks to the aforementioned organizations.

Pictured are: Rotarian Don Blaszkowski with Art McLean, Executive Director of the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club and Beverly Donovan presenting childrens masks to Lisa Bernard, Director of the YMCA in Londonderry.



# Derry Recreation Indoor Classes Slated to Start mid-February

Enjoy indoor fitness classes sponsored and hosted by the Derry Parks & Recreation Department. Classes take place weekdays, weather permitting, at Veterans Hall located at 31 West Broadway, Derry, NH 03038. Class fees vary but will be noted in the class descriptions below. Grab your sneakers, water, and your mask and enjoy some great exercise classes, six feet apart, and in the comfort of a large open gym space. Classes are ongoing and class schedules will be updated on the Recreation

website and Facebook page as more classes become available. A waiver must be signed with the instructor or office prior to participation. All indoor Covid-19 policies must be followed and can be found [HERE](#). Check out the upcoming class listings below.

- Zumba Gold, Tuesday's at 12 p.m. begins Feb. 16., and is free.

Zumba Gold is an easy-to-follow program that lets you move to the beat at your own speed. It is the total-body wellness program that feels like a party while it

revitalizes your mind and body. The biggest difference between Zumba Gold and other Zumba classes is that Zumba gold is done at a much lower intensity. It's just as much fun just not as fast!

- Walking for Wellness Schedule, Varied Schedule, on your own, begins Feb. 17, and is free.

Indoor walking is a great way to keep active during the winter months and at your own pace. Pre-registration and a check-in at the office is required prior to each day of partici-

pation. Current Walking Schedule is as follows but may be modified in the future:

Tuesday's through Friday's: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

- Tai Chi- Moving for Better Balance, Monday's at

9:30 a.m. Begins Feb. 22, and is free.

This class will help to improve your balance with slow to quick repetitive movements based in the art of Tai Chi. This class teaches 8 modified Tai Chi forms and multiple mini therapeu-

tic movements to train the bodies muscle memory response. Patterns will be described and practiced in this ancient artform of walking meditation. Classes concluded with deep breathing and mindfulness practice.

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# 'Festival of Planes' at Aviation Museum of NH Extended to Sunday, Feb. 7

Walk-through exhibit features more than 1,000 model planes and toy aircraft, plus new 50-foot-long 'Wall of Planes'

Due to popular demand, the Aviation Museum's 'Festival of Aviation Toys and Model Aircraft' has been extended for two weeks, to Sunday, Feb. 7.

The walk-through exhibit, which features aviation-themed toys, models, puzzles, and promotional items from the past 100 years, has proven popular enough to outlast its seasonal origins.

It will now remain open through Sunday, Feb. 7.

"We're delighted at the interest in our exhibit, which continues to attract visitors from a wide area," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum, located in the original 1937 passenger

terminal at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

The exhibit opened in December as a holiday attraction designed to highlight the long-standing connection between aviation and toys. Made up of several collections as well as items from the Aviation Museum's own archive, the display covers more than a century of aviation and aerospace history. Themes range from the Wright Brothers to sci-fi favorites as Star Trek, Star Wars, and more.

Also on display are vintage toy aircraft piloted by celebrities including Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse, Elmo, and Barbie.

"You'll find everyone from Charles Lindbergh to Buzz Lightyear in our display," Rapsis said.

New this year is the 'Wall of Planes,' a series of nine sets of glass

shelves stretching 50 feet in length that display many of the museum's high-end and collectible model aircraft.

The models in the 'Wall of Planes' are grouped according to era and purpose. A reference guide enables visitors to look up information about each aircraft on display.

"The 'Wall of Planes' is amazing just to gaze at, but you can also learn a lot about aviation, history, politics, technology, and more," Rapsis said.

The Aviation Museum follows all recommended Covid-19 public health protocols. Facial coverings are required, social distancing must be observed, visitors must follow a one-way route, and the museum has reduced its capacity to 24 people at one time.

The exhibit also in-

cludes a demonstration of vintage working toys which children are encouraged to play with, including wind-up toys, savings banks, and battery-operated models. All toys are sanitized and cleaned after each use.

The walk-through 'Festival of Planes' exhibit is designed to be an immersive experience, complete with Christmas trees, a fireplaced living room, and a starry winter sky filled with model planes flying overhead.

The 'Festival of Planes' exhibit is supported by the Top Fun Aviation Museum of Fitchburg, Mass.; Manchester-Boston Regional Airport; Aubin Hardware of Goffstown; and the Cogswell Benevolent Trust.

The main source of toys and models on display is the collection of the Top Fun Aviation Toy Museum, which totals more than 3,000 items and is on loan to the Aviation Museum of N.H.

Other sources include a fleet of hand-made model aircraft built by Howard Becker of Goffstown, N.H. and recently donated to the Aviation Museum; and a collection of pristine Pacific Aircraft collectible models donated in 2019 by Mauro Scali of Londonderry, N.H.

The 'Festival of Planes' exhibit of aviation toys and model aircraft is included with museum admission of \$10 per person; \$5 children under 13, seniors 65+, veterans/active military. Members



Volunteer Wendell Berthelsen and grandson Otis check out the display of rotoed aircraft, part of the 'Festival of Planes' exhibit of more than 1,000 aviation toys and model aircraft on display.

and children under age 5, holiday gifts, keepsakes, and mementos.

The Aviation Museum is open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 7 p.m.

The Aviation Museum of N.H. is located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, N.H. It can be reached via Exit 1 on Interstate 293 in Manchester and heading south on South Willow Street past the Mall of New Hampshire entrance; then follow the brown "Aviation Museum" directional signs.

No toys or models in the 'Festival of Planes' are for sale, but the Aviation Museum gift shop offers a range of aviation-themed

All proceeds support the Aviation Museum of N.H., a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to celebrating New Hampshire's role in aviation history and inspiring tomorrow's pioneers, innovators and aerospace professionals.

The 'Festival of Planes' exhibit of aviation toys and model aircraft will be open through Sunday, Feb. 7. For more information, visit [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org) or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at [www.facebook.com/nhahs](http://www.facebook.com/nhahs).

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# February is National Children's Dental Health Month

The dedicated dental hygienists of The Children's Dental Network (CDN) and the Salem Children's Dental Network (SCDN) have provided dental health messages to students in grades K through 5 in Derry, Londonderry, Chester, Hampstead, Sandown, as well as Windham and Salem for 28 years. Students in local schools have received oral health education through dental health presentations in their classrooms, where students learn about the importance of good nutrition, healthy snacking and proper dental care habits. These programs also offer students, without access to dental care in grades Pre-K through 8, preventive dental services in school, with parent permission. Services include dental screenings, cleanings, fluoride, sealants, temporary fillings and referrals to local dentists. "Bringing care to kids" is a model that has been working in many schools across the state for decades.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The Children's Dental Network, this year, more than ever, wants everyone to be aware of the vital importance of good oral health. During the pandemic, with many students and families spending more time at home, snacking is a popular way to fill idle time and sometimes to relieve stress. The cabinets and refrigerator are at the ready to provide an endless supply of sweet treats and sugary drinks.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many schools have restricted access to their buildings which caused the program offered by The Children's Dental Network to create new options for parents. For many students, a school dental visit may be their only opportunity to receive dental care. Many families do not have dental insurance, have reduced wages, are unemployed and may experience other barriers to access care. Those students most vulnerable to

dental disease may miss out on the care they need.

This year the Covid-19 pandemic has greatly hindered the efforts of our program. Thinking outside the box, the Children's Dental Network is still able to offer parents a free dental care for their children in a small office space in Derry.

The Salem school district allowed the program to operate in their schools this past November and December, with enhanced infection control measures in place. In total, 142 students received dental care. The hope is by spring, other towns will follow their lead and allow the dental team of the Children's Dental Network to "bring care to kids" once

again.

The Children's Dental Network and the Salem Children's Dental Network are sister programs of the Greater Derry Oral Health Collaborative Corporation, which is a non-profit organization governed by a Board consisting of professionals in our community. Local dentists, school nurses, a principal, school social worker, lawyer and hygienist are a few of the members who donate their time to help improve oral health in the towns we serve. CDN is funded mainly by the Alexander Eastman Foundation. SCDN is funded by the Salem School District and community organizations.

February is National Children's Dental Health

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For more information please visit [www.childrensdentalnetwork.org](http://www.childrensdentalnetwork.org) to learn about our program or

call us at 603-434-2327. Resources and oral health information is available as well as toothbrushing charts and educational videos for students.



## TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 at 7 PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 84 Chester St., to consider:

At 7 PM (these times assigned are flexible, please arrive 30 minutes ahead of your scheduled appointment in case the application before you runs shorter than the time allotted. If that happens and you are not available, the Board will proceed to hear the next application):

7:15 PM:

1. The application of Sean Carlson & Amanda Carlson for Variances from Article 4, Section 4.2.1 (expansion of a prior non-conforming lot) as the existing driveway is approximately 20' from the side property line at the closest point and Article 2 Section 2.53 states side setbacks extend to the front of the lot and expressly prohibit driveways from existing there; and Article 5, Section 5.3.5 Table 1 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) of the Ordinance to permit an extension off the existing driveway to the back of the property for access to a future detached garage where the expanded driveway would be ten feet (10') feet from the side property line at the closest point where 25' are required. On the premises known as Map 002-045-000, 178 Halls Village Road in the R-1 Zoning District

7:45 PM:

2. The application of Ernest J. Calderone and Mary A. Calderone, Trustees of the Ernest and Mary Calderone Trust for a Variance from Article 5, Section 5.7.8 Table 2 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) of the Ordinance to permit a 15'x22' carport to be constructed on the right side of the existing garage which places the carport five (5') into the setback at the front or only seventy feet (70') from the wetland where 75' are required. On the premises known as Map 006-012-108, 28 Wilcombs Way in the R-1 Zoning District

8:15 PM:

3. The application of Sharon Osborne d/b/a Latitude Learning Resources, at Busche Academy, Busche International, LLC. for a Variance from Article 4, Section 4.5.1 of the Ordinance to permit off-site parking at Busche Academy, 40 Chester Street, Parcel 005-015-000

On the premises known as Map 005-015-000, 66 Chester Street in the R-1 Zoning District

8:45 PM:

4. The application of Promised Land Survey, LLC on behalf of Mary Gesel, Trustee of the Francis Gesel Revocable Trust of 2009 and Heather L. Peloquin d/b/a Back in Thyme Wellness and Herbs, LLC for a Variance from Article 5, Section 5.3.4 of the Ordinance to permit a light retail use in the R-1 Residential Zone. On the premises known as Map 016-009-000, 15 Chester Street in the R-1 Zoning District

9:15 PM:

5. The application of Promised Land Survey, LLC on behalf of the MacLean Family Revocable Trust of 2018 for a Variance from Article 5, Section 5.3.5, Table 1 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) of the Ordinance to permit an existing house lot with 40' of frontage where 290' are required. On the premises known as map 002-082-000, 82 Pulpit Rock Road in the R-1 Zoning District

9:45 PM:

6. The application of Patrick J. Connelly & Daniela Connelly, Trustees of the Connelly Family Trust for a Special Exception under Article 5, Section 5.3.3.9 to permit agritourism to host farm related education, health and wellness seminars, retreats and weddings to be held outdoors and/or under rental tents (not owned by the applicants) with rented portable toilets. Parking would be directed off street to a large former riding paddock. On the premises known as Map 002-091-000, 522 Haverhill Road in the R-1 Zoning District

## OBITUARY

### Bonnie Lou Smith



Bonnie Lou Smith, 58, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday Jan. 26, 2021, in the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, Derry after a long courageous battle with MS. She was born on Nov. 2, 1962 in Manchester, NH, a daughter of the late Merton and Bernice (McFarland) Perkins. She had been a resident of Derry for the past 12 years, formerly living for many years in Raymond, NH. Bonnie worked for Felton Brush in Londonderry. She will be remembered as a strong but lovable person who was always smiling.

She is survived by her three sisters, Cheryl B. Morrill, Laurie L. Desmarais, and Penny Perkins; her two brothers, Eugene A. Barnes and Perry Perkins; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband T. Michael Smith in 2014 and two brothers Merton "Mickey" Perkins and Paul Perkins. Bonnie has a special place in her heart for her "West Wing Warriors" Wendy, Sarah, Shelly and Naoko. She always had a smile and a Thumbs Up for her Jen.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be held by the family at a later date in the Great Hill Cemetery, Chester.

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## DERRY

### Manga/Anime Take and Make

Every other Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., Online. This program by the Derry Public Library will run from now to the end of February. Kids aged 10-18 can register for each session they're interested in, pick up their "take and make" kits at the library, and then join the group online to socialize and make a fun manga/anime themed craft. This month's projects are a Manga Keepsake Box, DIY Kitsune Mask, and DIY Manga Jeans. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

### Tiny Tots

Register for the Taylor Library's Tiny Tot Story Hour program which will be shown virtually. This program is for ages 6 months-2 years old. Books will be read, rhymes, music and puppets will be used during this program. Call the library to register and come in to pick up your Tiny Tot bag of program materials. This program will start on Monday Jan. 11 to March 29. This program will be at 10 a.m., each Monday morning. Call the library for more details at 432-7186.

### Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., at the Derry Public Library Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session every other week that focuses on a different aspect of genealogy research, sharing her knowledge and experience, highlighting common pitfalls, or sharing interesting stories of local historic individuals. This month she will be hosting programs on The Remarkable Life of William Hobdy, and Oral History. Register at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

### Story Hour with a Craft

On Fridays at 10 a.m., the Taylor Library will host Story hour with a craft for

ages 2 and up on Facebook Live. Call the Library to register and then come and pick up your bag of craft supplies which will go with each week. Story hour will start on Jan. 15 and will end on April 2. Call the library to register or to get more information.

### Taylor Library Pick up

The Taylor Library is open for curbside pickup only. Call the library for curbside pickup. Interlibrary loan with the state is also available. For further information, call the library 432-7186

### Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

## CHESTER

### Library Closure

The Chester Library will be closed on Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day.

### Gnome Craft

On Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m., make a little adorable gnome at the Chester Library. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

### Friends of the Library Meeting

The friends of Chester Library will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Join the Friends and help with fundraising to benefit the library.

### Mandalorian Escape Room

A Mandalorian themed Escape Room will be open on Mondays in February at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Can you solve the puzzles? Mando and Kuuil need your help. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

### Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Make a snack for our bird

friends at the Chester Library on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. (ALL AGES) Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

### Take Your Child to the Library Day

On Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., stop by the Chester library with the kids and grab a special Take and make craft on the porch.

### Valentine's Day Mug Craft

Get ready for Valentine's Day on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m., by decorating a cute mug at the Chester Library. This event is for adults. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

### Book Group

The Chester Library Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m., to discuss Accused by Lisa Scottoline. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Librays board of Trustees will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

### Make a Mini Zen Garden

Make and decorate your own zen garden at the Chester Library on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. (this event is for teens & adults) Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

### Vacation Week Crafts

Stop by the Chester library during February vacation

### Among Us Party! (All Ages):

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event and come play with the Chester Library on Thursday,

Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. (This event is for all ages) Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

### Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo! Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

### Wason Pond Winter Scavenger Hunt

Join the hunt by finding answers to these riddles - riddles can be found at the Wason Pond Playground Scarecrow (Snowman) or you can print them online at the Recreation Department & Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission pages at [www.chesternh.org](http://www.chesternh.org). This family fun activity can be done during Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area park hours (dawn to dusk).

## HAMPSTEAD

### Lenten Discussion Groups

All are invited to join Hampstead Congregational Church's Lenten discussion groups. We will be meeting online for six weeks on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., beginning on February 22. The booklet "Living Well Through Lent 2021" will guide our discussions on how to listen and live well this year. No prior experience in groups or a faith community is needed. To receive more information and a copy of the booklet, please email or call Rev. Kathy Youzwak, the pastor and facilitator of the groups. at: [pastor@hampsteaducc.org](mailto:pastor@hampsteaducc.org) or (603)329-6985

### Puzzles

Puzzle lovers, the Hampstead Public Library has over two dozen puzzles you can borrow. From a 48-piece dinosaur to 1000-piece challenges, we have puzzles for you. There are also 100, 300, and 500-piece puzzles you can borrow. You can find the list in the Library's catalog; look for the Jigsaw Puzzle section under the Visual search tab, or ask a librarian. Want a little extra?

Find online puzzles at [www.jigsawplanet.com/hampsteadnhlibrary](http://www.jigsawplanet.com/hampsteadnhlibrary). Using a click and drag method you can assemble library related puzzles. More will be added to the selection soon.

### Ash Wednesday

Hampstead Congregational Church is offering ashes to go on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 10 - 11 a.m., and from 4 - 5 p.m., in front of the church at 61 Main St, Hampstead. The Public is inviting the public to pull into the church's circular driveway to receive ashes from Rev. Kathy to mark the beginning of Lent.

### Meditation Classes

Weekly online Meditation Class from the Hampstead Public Library has been extended through the end of March. Make time for self-care with this 30-minute class on Zoom, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. According to the Mayo Clinic, meditation can reduce negative emotions, build skills to manage stress, improve rest and relaxation, and increase patience and tolerance. The classes are taught by library assistant and certified meditation instructor, Sue Crump. You do not have to be a Hampstead resident to attend. Register via the Events Calendar on [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org).

### Virtual Adventure Trip

The Hampstead Public Library hosts a virtual Adventure Trip to Yellowstone & Big Sky Country on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar, you won't want to miss the Magic of the West with Rick Little, a local angler and owner of Shadecreek Flies. We may be stuck at home, but through the wonder of Zoom and Rick's photos, we can experience the beauty of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, and Montana. See highlights of the wildlife, geo-thermal features, historical sites, and spectacular scenery. Advance registration is required. Please sign-up via the Events Calendar on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org).

### Ancestry

Now through March

2021, Hampstead Public Library cardholders can use Ancestry.com for free in-home research. This tool is great for genealogy buffs, or those investigating their family tree. Go to the Library's catalog; click "My Account" in the upper right corner of [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org). Find "Ancestry Library Edition" in the Links box on the right of the catalog homepage. Once in Ancestry.com, search billions of records and discover your family's story. If you need assistance, please call the Library 603-329-6411 or email [circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org).

### Storytime 2021

The Hampstead Library's Online Storytime for toddlers has moved to Mondays at 10 a.m. Families can join Miss Jenn on Facebook Live where she'll share stories and a song or two. Each video is also available on the Library's Facebook page for one week after the live event. There are several sessions planned for the first two months of the year including February 1, 8, and 22.

### Craft Videos

Hampstead Public Library cardholders have free use of Creativebug, which has thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. It's a great resource for holiday décor and gifts. Access it via the Library website LEARN tab. Call 603-329-6411 or email [circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org) if you need assistance.

### Consumers For Library Cardholders

Hampstead Public Library cardholders can now get free and easy access to Consumer Reports online. This fully interactive website, companion to the Consumer Reports magazine, includes articles, product reviews and buying guides. Now instead of a paid Consumer Reports membership, all you need is your library card! This is a fantastic resource to use before you make a significant purchase. From electric bikes to electric toothbrushes, from air fryers to water filters, you'll find rat-

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ings and recommendations here. Visit [hampsteadlibrary.org/digital-magazines-newspapers](http://hampsteadlibrary.org/digital-magazines-newspapers) to learn more.

## SANDOWN

### YouTube - Story Time

In this pre-recorded Story time the Sandown Library explore early literacy skills, letter knowledge, and sound recognition, reading comprehension and vocabulary building. We do this through reading, reading, oral story-

telling, poetry, fingerplays and rhymes. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Giving blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a huge difference in the lives of others! Held at Sandown Town Hall (upstairs) on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Appointments are required. To pick your preferred time, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Use the sponsor code, SANDOWNCOMMUNITY to locate our blood drive. Contact: Tricia Thomas

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

### Kids Kraft

Valentine's Day is almost here. Come and craft with the Sandown Library and make Valentine's Day cards Via Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. (Ages 6-10) Registration is required. Materials will be provided for all registered participants. A Take & Make Bag will be available for pick up Monday, Feb. 8 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., for registered participants. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants. Contact: Adrienne

Skora at 887-3428 or [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### Tween/Teen Craft

Valentine's Day is almost here. Come and craft with the Sandown Library and make a Valentine's Day Puzzle Wreath or an Anti-Valentine's Day Puzzle Wreath via Zoom. You get to choose which wreath you want to make. Registration is required. Materials will be provided for all registered participants. (ages 11+) A Take & Make Bag will be available for pick up Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30

p.m., for registered participants. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### Valentine Cookie Decorating

A zoom hosted cookie decorating event will be hosted by Kathi and the Sandown Library on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 1 - 2 p.m. Take & Make bags will be provided by the library, containing one heart cookie-cutter and 3 frosting bottles. Bags are limited so please sign up early. Registrants will receive cook-

ie and frosting recipes that will need to be made PRIOR to the event, as well as lists for options they may provide themselves. Registration closes Monday February 1, Take & Make Bags will be available for pick up Wednesday Feb. 3, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Participants will be emailed the Zoom link to participate in this virtual program. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

### Zoom Room Story Time

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will hold themed stories designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others, on Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. All registrants will be emailed a link to join the Zoom Video Room. This is a unique link and should not be shared. The program will be locked at 10:05 a.m., so please do not be late, or you will not be allowed into the program.

## Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

## Messy Mondays at Home

Looking for something to do with your child? Join the Sandown Library on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., for a child-centered, creative exploration. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program

## Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the pro-

gram has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and youthservices@sandownlibrary.us

## Virtual PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne live on Facebook at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night for Virtual PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you.

## Monday Morning Mystery Book Club

Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a favorite one? Join us at the Sandown Library on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This month's book: This Month's book: Iced Under by Barbara Ross. Books are available to pick up at the library. Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Contact Susan Kehoe at 887-3428 or skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

## Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

## Family Fun In The Kitchen

Via Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. Fall is here which means lots of apples. The Sandown Library will be making apple crisp. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or youthservices@sandownlibrary.us.

## BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary

## REGIONAL

### Bible Study

Consider Bible Study- this is a great way to build community and camaraderie and an excellent way to learn more about Scripture and interpret God's word. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets from 9 - 10:30 a.m., on Zoom, with Morning Prayer at 9 a.m., and Bible Study starting at 9:30 a.m. You can come for both parts or just for Bible Study, whichever works best for you. The topic in the Tuesday Bible Study is 1st Maccabees and the Apocrypha. Here you can learn the powerful story of the Jewish people's struggles against the Greek Empire. In Christianity, this story takes on special significance as it forms the immediate historical background to Jesus' ministry. The Thursday Bible Study meets from 7 - 8:30 p.m., on Zoom. Evening Prayer is at 7 p.m., and Bible study starts at 7:30 p.m. You can come for both parts or just for Bible Study, whichever works best for you. After studying Jonah and the whale last month, we'll be going through a thematic Bible Study looking at stories involving animals in the Bible. Talking Donkeys, Noah's Ark, nurturing ravens, lucky fish, cryptozoology, lions, jackals and more. If you would like to join a Bible Study, you can send an e-mail to: vicarstchristophers@g-mail.com for Zoom info.

### Covid-19 Relief Fund

To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

### Teen Talk

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, support each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/tipstotics

### Free Stress Management Workshop

An on demand workshop by the Upper Room. View at

www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. To learn more contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org.

### Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom. craft supplies at bit.ly/connectstorytime or email skoza@URteacher.org.

### Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of the month and online options are also available. Call (603) 437-8477 x117 to register and get more information.

### Free Parenting Workshops

View these free parenting workshops at your own pace hosted by the Upper Room at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Children - The Importance of Routines and Consistency for your Child.

### TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tipstotics

### Career Skills

Need career skills? Work-Ready NH will hold Virtual Class on Monday - Friday, from noon - 2:30 p.m. for 10 hours independent work. To register, call 603-230-3435 Learn Session: Dec. 18.

### COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical and non-medical volunteers

to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise), and interested in assisting your community during an emergency? The MRC provides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at katemacdonald@catsnh.org or 603-505-7216.

### Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizabeth@urteachers.org.

### Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

### Raising a teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursd-

ay 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org

### Raising Another's Child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

### Grandparent and Caregiver Support

Are you a grandparent or caregiver raising another person's child? Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at the YMCA Londonderry Facilitated by The Upper Room, the YMCA- Londonderry and the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support# Youth (SoRock) Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org.

### Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

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