

# Chester Selectmen Discuss Property Tax Abatements

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CHESTER – Last year, the Chester Board of Selectmen voted to allow the Chester Tax Collectors’ Office to do an abatement of interest that is added on to unpaid property taxes. This meant that once the property tax was paid they would eliminate the interest that is normally added to unpaid property taxes. This was voted to be in effect until either the Governor’s State of Emergency Order was lifted or the board decided to rescind its decision. During its April 1

meeting, the Chester Board of Selectmen revisited the issue. It was explained by Chester Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elizabeth Lufkin that the property tax season for 2020 ended on March 31, meaning that any property taxes that still aren’t paid by April 15 will have a lean put on them. Lufkin explained that they didn’t expect that the pandemic would last this long and they wouldn’t have this issue when they first passed the blanket abatement order last year. “I don’t think we all anticipated that we’d be under a state of emergency a year later so I need to know what we’re doing,” Lufkin said. She explained that essentially what happens with the unpaid property taxes at the end of the tax year is that they are paid by the town and then the property owners are issued a new tax bill. It also means that the interest for the property taxes owed increases from eight percent to 14 percent. She said that the issue is that once they put a lean on the property there is no way to delete the interest amount meaning

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# Neighbor Helps Save Classic Car in Sandown Garage Fire

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SANDOWN – Last week, on Tuesday, March 29 around 3 p.m. Logan Nicolaisen was driving to pick up his child from day-care like any other normal day. He was driving down his street when he noticed that a house only a few houses away from him had their garage on fire. Nicolaisen said that he immediately stopped to see how he could help. “I felt like I had to do something,” he said. When he arrived at the home of Charlene and David Burke, he noticed David wasn’t outside and quickly asked where he was.

It was then when he discovered that he was still in the garage trying to figure out a way to get his 1934 Ford out of the garage. Burke said that he is thankful that Nicolaisen along with Sandown Volunteer Firefighter Jeff Farrell was able to help him get the car out. “It meant alot. I was struggling to get it out. We had no power. I couldn’t get it down off the lift and Jeff and Logan came over,” Burke said. He explained that they were able to do so by finding a heavy duty extension cord so they would be able to have enough power and they hooked it up in the main house. From there they were able to lower the car on the lift enough and Nicolaisen and Farrell were able to push the vehicle while Burke put it in neutral and steered it onto the lawn. Nicolaisen said that he is happy that everyone ended up being safe. “I was happy to be able to get him out and that everyone was safe. I know how much the car means to him,” he said. Burke explained that he has had the car for over 30 years and is something that he has spent a lot of time working on. “I’m always doing something to it,” Burke said. He said that he also has driven the car many places including to South Carolina

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Steve Smith of Thompson Lawn Service lays down pavers for the new patio being constructed at the Derry Public Library this week. The library is looking to provide an outdoor space for patrons to be able to sit and read and to be able to conduct programs outside. Photo by Chris Paul

# Derry Public Library Gets New Outdoor Patio

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - As a response to covid, the Derry Public Library has broken ground on a new patio space for library programs and library affiliated groups or uses such as book sales. The structure will be alongside the library adjacent to the park. It gained the support of the Library Trustees as a top priority with present restrictions on indoor programs or groups gathering indoors. “We really wanted to provide an outdoor space for patrons to be able to sit and read and for us to be able to conduct our programs, namely our story times for kids,” said Library Director Eric Stern.

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# Planning Board Talks About Subdivision Guideline Changes

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**CHESTER** – The Chester Planning Board met last month on March 24 and discussed the runoff issues the town has faced with subdivision drainage.

The board discussed the possibility of rewording their subdivision and site plan guidelines to include a zero-water runoff mandate for future subdivision plans in the town of Chester.

Members of the board expressed their concern about the affect new developments have on surrounding areas and spoke about how they can protect their

town in the future.

“I never understood the impact until I got on the board and we talked about the impact of subdivisions and things like that,” one board member said. “I mean it is what it is but it’s a learning experience.”

The member said that in the first ten years of him living in Chester, he had no concerns regarding water runoff. In the last few years, however, he said he has noticed a significant amount of erosion in his own neighborhood alone due to surrounding developments.

While every subdivision goes through the Planning Board for an approval

process, the members discussed adding a layer of protection to this process by being more precise in researching how a new development will affect the drainage of surrounding areas.

Board member Mike Weider pointed out that the developer may need to spend a little extra money on their project in order for the engineers to give the board more information about the affect runoff will have on their development prior to its approval.

Since the board relies on sending experts out to the location to verify that the water drainage will not be an issue, the cost of this

process will need to be incorporated in the developer’s plan.

Member Liz Richter also noted that if developers take shortcuts and the grating of the land isn’t right then “this whole thing falls apart” which is why it is so crucial for the board to double check the plan prior to its finalization.

Weider then suggested that the board sends their own expert out to take their own grate shots and take measurements in order to ensure that the proposed plan is what will actually be built.

“I totally agree Liz... I think it comes down to saying, ‘Yep sorry, some of

you developers have burned the town in the past and the cost now is associated with the subdivision,’” Weider said.

The board has concern that the developers don’t always stick to the plans that have been approved and think they should be more careful in checking the sites that have been approved.

“At the end of the day we have to be assured that what we approve as a subdivision is what is built. It’s our credibility as a board and it’s the legacy we’re gonna pass down after we’re all off this board,” Weider said.

In addition to how they

will monitor approved projects, the board also talked about how they can prevent any inconsistencies during the approval process.

One change they’d like to make is the zero-runoff rule that would affect the town’s drainage systems. While this would have a costly impact on the future projects in Chester, it would be help to preserve the land of the developing town.

The board will continue to keep these concerns in mind as they work with developers in the future. No changes to their subdivision and site plan guidelines have been made, however this is a conversation that will continue to be ongoing.

## Selectmen Question Appropriateness of Old Home Day on 9/11 Anniversary

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - Members of the Sandown Selectmen have questioned whether this year’s Old Home Day should go forward on the scheduled date. That’s because it is set to occur on Saturday, Sept. 11 - the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the nation.

At the board’s March 29 meeting, Selectman Tom Tombarello told his colleagues he was troubled over the prospect of combining a local town celebration and fireworks with a somber national day of remembrance. He asked if the date could be changed to avoid celebrating on such a grim anniversary.

One suggestion was to

have the fireworks Friday night and Old Home Day on Saturday though splitting up the event might prove impractical from a scheduling standpoint. A vendor handles the fireworks and might not be able to work another day.

Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said Sept. 11 was chosen because it usually takes place the second Saturday in September following Labor Day and the official end of summer.

Jonathan Goldman, board vice chairman and Emergency Medical Services captain for the Sandown Fire Department, recalled the significance of the day for fire fighters given the lives saved and lost as the FDNY rushed into the World Trade Cen-

ter towers within minutes after the first plane struck.

Many town fire department members customarily attend a 9/11 ceremony in Plaistow. Proceeding with Old Home Day on that date may be more appropriate if it incorporates some form of tribute, he said.

Goldman asked if a decision on what to do could be delayed until the selectmen’s next meeting on April 12 once he’s had a chance to speak to his department colleagues.

In other business, the board approved Fire Chief Michael Devine’s request for \$2,249.50 from the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund to replace a pump for the Forestry truck.

Members also author-

ized Chairman Eric Olsen to sign a change order with Busby Construction on the 2021 Road Improvement Project. Public Works Director Arthur Genuardo told the board work can begin approximately April 12 on the first half of Odell Road from Main Street to Pine Ridge Circle.

He wants to try to start early as fuel and oil costs are increasing in May. The section of Odell where the work is will be closed during the day due to the road’s width and size of the equipment on site. Local residents and buses will have access.

During next year’s phase when his department does the other part of Odell, Genuardo would like to do the Ferguson Lane at the same time as one project.

With the coming updates to NH COVID-19 travel guidance, domestic U.S. travel will no longer

require quarantines upon return to the state regardless of vaccination status.

The board agreed that returning town employees who travel, while not necessarily approving of their taking trips at this time, won’t have to be tested as long as they self-monitor any change in condition.

Selectmen voiced support for a Public Utilities Commission investigation into requested Hampstead Area water rate increases affecting residential homes and fire departments that some members termed “exorbitant.”

This year’s Earth Day will be a community clean up April 16-18 with the Girl Scouts working along with town agencies. The Highway Department will pick up blue garbage bags collected at various roadways on Apr. 19.

The Sandown Fishing Derby is May 15 with no

in-person registration to avoid conjugating around tables. It will be limited to one adult for every two children with masks required despite being outdoors and hand sanitizer available.

The selectmen also made the following appointments:

Cable Access Board - Chris Donnellan was reappointed as a member for a term ending in 2024.

Conservation Commission - Brian Butler and Tim Robinson were appointed for terms expiring in March 2024. Terry Knuut-tunen was named an alternate member expiring at the same time.

Old Home Committee - Patricia Kimball, Krystin Friling, Frank Motard, Melyssa Tapley, Joseph Taylor, Tara Eggleston-Johnston, Kristin Hardy, and William Fanning were appointed to terms going until March 2022.

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# Selectmen Decide Against Approving Phillips Pond Diving Contract

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - After deliberating on pros and cons, the Sandown Board of Selectmen has decided not to pay for diving as part of species control treatment at Phillips Pond.

Their decision was generated in part by the diving company's requirement now that all payments be made by April 15 and board member objections to doing that. The payments are non-refundable.

A significant concern was that the town might not be repaid for its cost if the state and Department of Environmental Services

concluded the pond doesn't need diving done following the herbicide work there.

If the town were to have paid already for the diving, it could potentially be out that money.

"I would hate to see us lose out on this and not have a guarantee of getting reimbursed on it," Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said at the Monday, March 29 Sandown Selectmen meeting.

If the state and DES say the pond doesn't need the diving, they may not pay for it as an 80/20 grant is involved here or reimburse the other part of the grant money, she added.

Sandown voters in

March approved \$46,820 for treatment to control species in Phillips Pond, offset by \$18,728 in grants, and by a \$15,000 donation from the Phillips Pond Association.

This kind of decision by the vendor in requiring payment upfront reflects a changing business model, said Vice Chairman Jonathan Goldman. A company may see a justification for it but that is not as readily apparent to town officials.

"It's not necessarily our fault that they've had to lay off divers year after year. It's a seasonal business," he stated.

The town is using taxpayer money with a grant

and must rely on the state for guidance on the work being done, Blaisdell said.

Admittedly the pond's chemical herbicide treatment doesn't eliminate everything and can't negate the need for diving sometimes. In past herbicide treatments, diving wasn't always necessary.

The town could have done the herbicide work and the diving though faces the uncertainty from having to budget in the winter for work to be done in the summer without knowing what conditions will be.

From a municipal standpoint it would be easier to schedule both every

year, Goldman said. But the risk comes from the

grant funds attached to this. If extra money was available in the budget to cover expenses, the town might be able to deal with the diving already done if the state said it wasn't necessary, he pointed out.

Sandown could decide to treat anything seen this summer and go with an herbicide contractor or have diving only. It could alternatively treat the majority of growth with herbicide and have a small local company bid out the job.

Blaisdell acknowledged she wouldn't know where to look for such a firm.

For 2021, \$12,600 would've been just for the

diving. The cost for a single day of diving would be \$1,250 plus \$100. The state could pay a portion for 1 day.

The Phillips Pond Association could pay for diving when needed, Goldman said. In that case, the association, which can apply for a grant on its own, would not give the town money to offset costs.

In opting now not to enter into the diving contract, the town can see what occurs and determine later if diving is needed next year or even later this year.

Appropriated money could be used for diving and potentially pay for permitting for the herbicide work.

# Derry ZBA Grants Variance for New Electronic Message Sign

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - The Derry Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) met on Thursday, April 1, and there was only one case presented to the board for them to deliberate and approve.

Jaxson Enterprises, LLC requested a variance in the Town of Derry Zoning Board Ordinance. This variance would allow for the installation of an electric message center sign at their property on 131 Rockingham Road. Attorney Brian Germaine presented the case to the ZBA on behalf of Stephen DeFrancesco who runs the business.

"The variance will not

be contrary to the public interest because the sign will have no adverse impact on town services," said Germaine. "There will be no increase in the existing footprint of the sign and no change to any setback...The only reason a variance is needed is to include a message board with a replacement sign."

The building inspector already signed off on the permit for a regular sign, but DeFrancesco wishes to have a more animated sign. Germaine claims from the presentation that it would attract more customers to the property and to other surrounding commercial properties, thus increasing overall business in the area.

The variance is needed because the zone that

DeFrancesco's property is in does not have clear requirements as to what signs can be put up. It does not specifically allow or disallow a sign with a message board to be put up on the property. Creating a variance would make the policy clearer and would prevent anyone from challenging Jaxson Enterprises, LLC on the legality of the sign.

ZBA member Allan Virr raised concern over the electric line being too dangerous for the sign. If the sign is too close to the electric line, then the chances of an incident such as a fire could go up.

"[The electric line] runs on the same side as the sign," said Peter March of New Hampshire Signs.

"The requirements are that any line under 20 [kilovolt-ampere], we maintain at least a 10-foot setback and I can assure you that in this case, that is being adhered to."

March assured the ZBA that the regulations are being met for the sign. The new sign will have the same dimensions as the current sign, and it will be far enough away from the electric line to not cause any danger.

When the ZBA opened up the floor to public opinion, Lisa DeSisto, owner of Rig a Tony's, came out in

support of the sign. DeSisto said, "In the past I was a business neighbor to Mr. DeFrancesco, and he did a huge improvement on West Broadway. His quality work is phenomenal. He has done work for me professionally on a lot of my properties and he has done a phenomenal job."

DeSisto goes way back with DeFrancesco and makes the case for his new sign. "I think [the sign] is new and exciting," said DeSisto. "It adds a lot of opportunity for other business owners like myself...the fact that there is

no actual law for [an electric sign] or rule for it right now seems a little ambiguous."

The ZBA approved the variance unanimously and DeFrancesco will be able to have an electric sign with a message board installed on his property. He will just have to meet certain requirements that the ZBA made for him.

The ZBA will meet again on Thurs. Apr. 15 at 7 p.m. in person at the Derry Municipal Center. People will be able to attend the meeting either in person or online via Zoom.

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# Editorial

## Time to Think About Lyme Disease

I love the outdoors, but I check for ticks every time I go outside. Ticks can be found out almost every month of the year, one should be especially aware of the risk of tick bites from early spring until late fall.

If you find a tick attached remove it as soon as possible. You should put the tick into a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel and mark the date and the person who was bitten on the bag. Then, the tick can be identified by someone knowledgeable about ticks or can be sent to a lab to see if it was a carrier of Lyme disease or other infections such as Bartonella, Ehrlichia, Babesia or Anaplasma.

Most people feel that you need to have a bulls eye rash (erythema migrans rash) to develop in order to be diagnosis with Lyme disease, this is not true. It can also be an even red appearance across the entire area. Typically when a person first contracts Lyme disease, he or she will develop flu-like symptoms about 7 to 21 days after the tick bite. However, this is not necessarily the case. Sometimes the onset is quite insidious and may take years to show.

Lyme disease can spread to most organ systems, including the heart and the central nervous system. More than a decade ago, Syphilis was nicknamed "the great masquerader" since it could develop symptoms that mimicked most any other disease. Today,

Lyme disease is the great masquerader, since it may appear to be like other illnesses, like cardiac arrhythmias causing sudden death, neurologic symptoms that often appear like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. There is often a buzzing or tingling sensation of the skin, burning neurologic pain, and a great amount of joint pain, muscle pain and incredible muscle stiffness. A lot of "brain fog" resulting in poor memory, difficulty with language skills and even out right dementia. Chronic sinus infections, migraines, and Lyme rage can be experienced as well. In other words, there are numerous complications a person can suffer that are connected to Lyme disease.

With most disease the best "treatment" for Lyme disease is prevention. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make them tick resistant. DEET, Lemon, and Eucalyptus Oil, to name a few, can be used as insect repellent for the skin. Wearing light clothing makes it easier for you to spot ticks. Clothes should be put in a dryer for 10 minutes on high heat after coming in from outside to kill ticks. Tucking pants into socks can prevent the ticks from climbing up your leg.

Enjoy the outdoors and protect yourself from Lyme disease by taking preventative measures from tick bites and seek treatment if necessary.

# Letters

## About SB 130

### Letter to Editor

Last week the NH Supreme Court sent the Con-Val School District suit regarding the cost of an adequate education back to a trial judge. This case deals with whether the NH Legislature is meeting the constitutional right to an adequate education with current \$3636 per pupil adequacy funding.

Adding more uncertainty, the Senate has cur-

rently tabled SB 130, the school voucher giveaway of public funds for private and home school students. On March 18, the Senate made several amendments to the bill but did not send it to the Senate finance committee where it could receive an assessment of the cost to taxpayers. The bill was tabled but not finished, since it could reemerge as part of the budget bill later without the scrutiny of costs. This is a favorite tactic of the legislature to

avoid having to justify to the public the cost of a program. If this bill passes, you can expect to see an increase in your property taxes.

Senator Regina Birdsell promised when running for office that she was opposed to any tax increases. Yet she voted repeatedly for this bill without the cost analysis. I would urge the Senator to reconsider her support of SB130.

Pamela Kirby,  
Derry

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that the property tax owed will be combined with the interest creating one bill.

It's why they wanted to see what the Board of Selectmen wanted to do before April 15.

"I wanted to see what your plan was before we moved forward," Lufkin said.

Lufkin explained that at the time of the meeting there would be a total of about \$180,000 worth of unpaid principal for property taxes, and a total of \$6,900 worth of unpaid interest.

She noted that about 30 people owed property taxes for 2020.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said that he recommended that they

would let the abatement order expire on April 15 and if people wanted to seek an abatement for their property tax interest they can, and like they have done in the past they have the discretion to waive the property tax interest on a case by case basis.

"It's a discretionary thing that we could potentially do," D'Angelo said.

This means that any property owners who pay their unpaid property taxes by April 15 would have their interest abated.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that he is concerned that people may have relied on them not charging interest for unpaid property taxes when they first passed it last year and still may be continuing to rely on it

since the pandemic isn't over yet.

"There are people who relied on what we voted on and they still may be relying on it," Landau said.

The board ultimately agreed that they would let the abatement order expire on April 15 meaning that anyone who has unpaid property taxes going forward will have to pay their interest, unless they go to the board and they agree to abate the interest.

Landau said that he was abstaining from the vote because he didn't originally vote in favor of the language last year.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Thursday, April 8.

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# Granite YMCA Presents Its Community Service Award

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Granite YMCA of Londonderry named its 2020 Community Service Volunteer of the Year Award and the Community Service Award back in November, but because of extenuating circumstances due to COVID-19 they were never able to present one of the awards until last week.

The Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to a volunteer who goes above and beyond the expectations of any other YMCA volunteer. This award is the highest recognition a volunteer can be awarded by the Granite YMCA.

Nutfield News publisher Deb Paul was given her Volunteer of the Year

Award at the end of 2020, but also receiving accolades were Gabe Leon and his brother Heriberto (Eddie) Leon for the Community Service Award. The brothers are the owners of LaCarreta's in Londonderry and Derry and Gabe was also sits on the YMCA Board of Trustees.

Gabe was presented the award at his Derry restaurant location last week.

This award recognizes a group of individuals, or a community business or agency for their significant contribution to The Granite YMCA.

The Community Service Award honors not only major gifts and/or donations that allowed the YMCA to deliver servic-

es, but also honors those who have put in a significant amount of time to enable the YMCA to accomplish its mission.

Bernard said, "Eddie and Gabe Leon and the Derry and Londonderry LaCarreta have been a community partner for with the "Y" for the past five-plus years. Gabe, is an Advisory Board Member, supporting our annual campaign as a vendor, donor, and the highly sought after auction items, year after year. They also played an instrumental role during some of the country's most trying time in many, many years. In March, all the fear that had set in, and an estimated 50 percent of restaurants immediately shut down unable to weather



Gabe Leon, left, of La Carreta in Derry was presented with the YMCA Community Service Award by YMCA Executive Director Lisa Bernard and Board Member Nick Therrien last week.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Sandown

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na twice and to Memphis Tennessee.

Burke explained that he was in the garage working on the car when the fire started. He described seeing smoke over his cabinets. He said that he first built the garage about 50 years ago, three years after his wife and him moved to Sandown.

He said that it was made of white pine and since it was so dry from being an

older building it caused it to burn very quickly.

"That stuff went off like cardboard," Burke said.

When all was said and done the entire garage ended up being burnt down, and Burke wasn't able to retrieve some of the things in the garage which included some of the parts for the car.

While many things in the garage didn't survive the fire, Burke said that he is grateful that his hot rod survived it.

"I've driven that car all

over the place. I would've really hated to lose her," he said.

Burke said that they haven't been able to determine the cause of the fire yet.

For his car, Burke said that he is continuing to work on it, and for now he will be doing so at his friend's shop.

He said that when his friends in town found out about his situation they were all willing to help out.

"They all volunteered to help," he said.

the storm, LaCarreta reacted by not only staying open (and having to consolidate Derry into Londonderry because of water damage), they increased their giving. Which led to so many people reaching out to them and paying for other's meals. It was classic karma, in a good way. One good deed leading to

others."

Bernard added, "They reached out to the "Y" and several other nonprofit organizations, offering up free meals to the families in need, those that were unable to grocery shop, as well as our many grandparent families. In all, thanks to LaCarreta and some of our advisory board members that per-

sonally delivered the meals, they served over 2000 meals through the height of the pandemic. They have and continue to be a significant supporter of the YMCA and many other organizations.

The Granite YMCA awards Ceremony, was held through videoconference on Wednesday night, but was by invitation only.

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# Woman's Death Deemed Suspicious in Derry House Fire

DERRY – The New Hampshire Deputy Attorney General Jane E. Young, Derry Police Chief Edward B. Garone, and State Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi announce recently that an investigation is currently ongoing into a fire and suspicious death on Mt. Pleasant Street in Derry.

It was reported earlier in the week that of an adult female was pronounced dead at the scene and an adult male was transported from the home and is being treated at a Boston hospital.

Based on facts known at that time, there was no evidence to suggest that there is a threat to the general public.

Later in the week, officials announced that additional information is available regarding the ongoing

investigation.

On Sunday, April 4, at approximately 10:05 p.m., the Derry Police Department and the Derry Fire Department were dispatched to 27 Mt. Pleasant Street for a reported structure fire. Gunshots were reportedly heard before the residence became engulfed in flames.

When first responders arrived, the residence was actively burning. Several Derry Police Officers attempted to force entry into the residence to assist any occupants.

Three Derry Police Officers eventually gained entry and located an unconscious and injured man on the kitchen floor, and dragged the unconscious man from the residence. Due to smoke and fire conditions, Derry

Police Officers were unable to re-enter the residence. The Derry Fire Department ultimately extinguished the fire and located a deceased woman inside the residence.

The unconscious man was believed to be the owner of the home, Manoel Viana, 57. The deceased woman is believed to be his spouse, Lynn Marie Viana, 53, of Derry.

Manoel Viana is currently being treated for life-threatening injuries at a Boston hospital. His wife was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy will be scheduled to determine the cause and manner of her death.

In extricating the husband from the residence, three Derry Police Officers, Officer Nathan



The home at 27 Mt. Pleasant Street is the scene of an investigation by police after a women was found dead during a fire.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

Lavoie, Officer Collin Kennedy, and Officer Nikita Tomnyuk, sustained non-life-threatening injuries. All three officers received medical treatment and have been released from the hospital. The officers are expected to return to work as scheduled.

Residents are being

asked if they have any information regarding the whereabouts or activities of Manoel Viana on April 4, 2021, or if they live in the neighborhood of 27 Mt. Pleasant Street, Derry, and have any electronic recording device, such as security cameras or digital recording doorbells, which may

have captured this incident or any precipitating events, they are asked to call Lieutenant Jon Breen of the Derry Police Department at (603) 432-6111.

This is an active and ongoing investigation.

An update will be provided once Ms. Viana's autopsy is scheduled.

# Hampstead Contractor Found to Have Falsified Pay Records

MANCHESTER – According to a press release by the U.S. Department of Labor, a Hampstead contractor falsified pay records to mask its failure to pay workers the required overtime wages they earned. The outcome of an investigation by the

U.S. Department of Labor investigation has set the record straight.

The department's Wage and Hour Division recovered \$87,360 in back wages owed to 28 employees of Facades Inc., a commercial exterior surfaces applicator-installer. In

addition, the division assessed a civil money penalty of \$19,516 to address the willful nature of the violations, which included the employer's falsification of payroll records.

Investigators found Facades Inc. violated the

Fair Labor Standards Act when it paid straight time for overtime hours worked by employees and concealed those payments as "reimbursements" in payroll registers. Rather than recording and paying for overtime hours at time-and-one-half workers' regular rates of pay, the employer recorded only up to 40 hours in their records and masked their straight time payment for any additional hours.

"Workers deserve to get paid all the wages they

have earned, and our enforcement of the law ensures that happens," said Wage and Hour Division District Director Daniel Cronin in Manchester, New Hampshire. "In this case, the employer attempted to conceal illegal straight-time-for-overtime payments. In addition to being held accountable for back pay, the employer paid a significant civil money penalty. Other employers should use the outcome of this investigation as an opportunity to

review their own pay practices to avoid violations like those found in this case."

For more information about the FLSA and other laws enforced by the division, contact the division's toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). Information is also available at [www.dol.gov/agencies/whd](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd), including a search tool to use if you think you may be owed back wages collected by the division.

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# Hampstead School Board Picks Caitlin Parnell for Open Seat

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - During the March 17 Hampstead School Board meeting it was announced by School Board chair David Smith that the board needed to fill an open board position. The opening came after Jim Sweeney resigned from his board position.

On March 31 during a special school board meeting they did just that by selecting former Hampstead School Board Chair Caitlin Parnell to fill that position. The term will be until the school board elections next year.

During her opening statement to the board Parnell said that she grew up in Hampstead and moved

back to town 13 years ago to raise her children, one who is a senior at Pinkerton Academy, one who is in eighth grade, and one who is in sixth grade.

She explained that she was on the board for four years up until March when she didn't run for re-election. In addition to the school board she said that she has served in the school district in other ways including as a volunteer and was a grassroots organizer to help get the renovations for the Central School passed.

"While I did not intend to pursue a return to the board the resignation of a senior member of the school board is what I saw as an opportunity to be helpful to the school district and the town in a con-

tinued capacity," Parnell said.

She said that since her tenure on the school board four years ago her goal has always been to serve the community.

"My goal from the beginning of my tenure on the school board four years ago has always been to serve the town, the district, the schools and public education in general. That drive has not changed over the years," she said.

Parnell explained that she decided to apply for the open school board position because she thinks she can help with the success of the district during its transition.

"My basic goal in putting in a letter of interest was to support the board, support the district, and

help in any way I can over the next year to make us really successful in our first year as a single district SAU and get us back on the path that got disrupted by the pandemic," Parnell said.

Before they went into a closed session to discuss the three candidates which included Meghan Marley, Karl Hubner, along with Parnell, Smith thanked them for coming forward to discuss their visions for the school district.

"Thank you to the three candidates that stepped forward. It's never easy so we appreciate you putting your names forward and having this discussion for the last hour," Smith said.

Before the vote was casted Smith said that it was a tough choice for the board.

"This was a very tough discussion," Smith said.

He went on to explain that he hopes that those who weren't selected will continue to help with the school district going forward.

"We really hope for anyone who isn't selected that they will continue to advocate for the school and be a part of any and all committees that we have coming up," Smith said.

After the meeting Smith said that he reached out to both Marley, and Hubner who both agreed to be a part of the strategic planning committee, which will begin this summer.

Ultimately one of the main reasons why the board members said they picked Parnell to serve on the board is because of her experience, something they

feel will be very important as they navigate becoming a stand alone school district starting this summer.

"She's proven to be a committed and collaborative team player," Board member Megan Malcom said.

Smith pointed out that while he and Parnell didn't agree on every issue they were able to have thoughtful debates.

"Whenever we opposed we always had respectful thoughtful discussion," Smith said.

Parnell will have her first meeting on the board during the board's next meeting on April 13 at 7 p.m. The meeting is slated to be the first meeting in person since the pandemic and will take place at Hampstead Town Hall.

## Londonderry/Derry Household Hazardous Waste Set for May 15

If residents of Londonderry and Derry are wondering what they should do with leftover paint and chemicals, the answer is: Take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

The next opportunity for residents of Derry and Londonderry to take advantage of disposing of hazardous chemicals will be Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the West Running Brook Middle School in Derry on Route 28 By-Pass across from the entrance to the Fairways Apartment Complex.

Residents are requested

to stay in their vehicle at all times while delivering materials to the site.

Town officials remind residents not to throw away any toxic products in the trash. In the trash truck they can cause fires and in a landfill, they contaminate soil and groundwater.

The following is a list of materials that will be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

From the Yard: Fertilizers; Pesticides; Fungicide; Insect Spray; Lighter Fluid; Pest Strips or Traps; Pool Chemicals; and Poisons.

From the Garage:

Acids; Antifreeze; Car Waxes/Polish; Creosote; Driveway Sealer; Flea Powder; Gasoline; Radiator Flush; and Roofing Tar.

From the house: Bathroom Cleaner; Disinfectants; Furniture Polish; Metal Polish; Mothballs; Oven Cleaner; Photo Chemicals; Rug Cleaner; and Thermometers.

From the Workbench: Brush Cleaner; Corro-

sives; Oil Based Paint/Stain; Rust Preventative; Solvents; Thinner/Turpentine; Wood Preservatives; Wood Stripper; and Rechargeable Batteries.

Residents are asked not to bring automotive or alkaline batteries, latex paints, explosives, ammunition, used oil, or radioactive and infectious wastes.

Helpful Tips on Deal-

ing with Toxic Products:

- Follow and use the safety instructions on the label.
- Give leftovers to friends and neighbors.
- Keep the product in its original container and intact.
- Do not mix toxic products!

• Use in a well-ventilated area

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Eventually the patio area could be open for use by non-library groups.

The library may receive some outside funding to help finance this project but the trustees wanted to move forward regardless, he added. Whether the patio will be paid entirely or partially by the library is uncertain.

The library previously had a door leading out onto the lawn of the park but it was sealed a few years ago because of water and drainage problems. Landscaping companies and the town Department of Public Works figured out a way to mitigate those issues now, Stern said.

The project will progress at different stages, the first being

construction of the patio area itself and the drainage. A fence also will be installed around the patio to have it contained for library programs and people sitting out there to read.

After the fence, a door will be installed once more to provide an access point from the library to the patio. Expectations are the patio, fence, and door should be completed by early June.

The patio will have picnic tables or benches and also house a Public Arts Committee painted and weather proofed space-themed piano featuring Astronaut Alan Shepard, a Derry native and Pinkerton Academy alumnus. The committee has been decorating pianos for placement around town.

Those coming to use the patio can sit outside in good weather and read

or use their own computer with WiFi extending well beyond the patio area to the park.

The pandemic closed the library to the public in March 2020. Within 2 months curbside pickup service began with appointments coming later for use of public computers, the Children's room, and then browsing.

The library now has walk-in browsing and computer use and is open to the public from 9:30 to 12:30. Appointments had been for 9:30-10:30 Monday through Saturday, with that evolving to limited walk-in browsing and computer use now from 11:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 Monday through Saturday, and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for walk-ins Monday to Wednesday.

The library isn't imposing any hard limits on how long people can stay beyond the confines



Steve Smith and Mike Couture, in Bobcat, of Thompson Lawn Care Service have been working on the outdoor patio adjacent to MacGegor Park this week. The patio will be used as an area for library patrons to utilize for a wide variety of things.

Photo by Chris Paul

of building hours. "We're encouraging folks to do their business essentially and to leave as soon as they're finished with what

they're doing but we're not policing this," Stern said. A number of patrons are using the curbside service available for all

the hours the library is open. People can come into the lobby to pick up materials put on hold.

The library's operating guidelines are from different sources: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and town policies with the library being its own entity separate from town governance. The trustees enacted a pandemic policy and pandemic service plan enabling the facility to open while following flexible safety procedures.

Non-Derry residents can check out material if they belong to GMILCS, the consortium of Manchester area libraries, and have a library card.



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# Canine Health Awareness Month Adds More Walks for Family Dog

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Though the Vernal Equinox occurs in March, most people in the Northern Hemisphere consider April to be the unofficial beginning of spring.

With its rain showers, birdsongs, and warmer temperatures, April is the month that truly draws former winter homebodies into the outside world once again.

Springtime is also when most people either take or begin their fitness efforts outdoors. As enjoyable as a stroll alone might be, those with canine family members might want to consider letting FiFi or Sparky tag along. It could be the very thing that makes all the difference in his or her quality of life.

April is Canine Fitness Month, a time dedicated to focusing on keeping man's best friend healthy and active.

According to the most recent data available from the North American Veterinary Community

(NAVC), in association with the Banfield Pet Hospital Network, a Veterinary Emerging Topics (VET) Report revealed that more than half of all adult dogs seen at over 1,000 Banfield hospitals alone were considered overweight or obese in 2019.

Researchers found that 51 percent of the almost 2 million adult dogs seen at Banfield practices were classified as overweight. The report also showed that less than ten percent of these pets successfully went on to lose weight following their diagnoses, and of those, roughly 40 percent ended up gaining weight back within a year.

Excess weight in pets is associated with a number of adverse health conditions, says the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). These conditions include Endocrinopathies, metabolic abnormalities, cardiovascular disease, decreased immune functions, and joint problems, and more.

Like their human coun-

terparts, there are a number of different factors that can lead to canine obesity, according to Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Christopher G. Byers.

Perhaps the biggest factor in weight gain is the ratio of exercise or activity to the amount of food a dog eats. The amount of food per meal, number of snacks and treats, and food quality can adversely affect a dog's weight.

"Indiscriminate feeding habits including feeding table scraps, poor diet, and constant access to food are significant contributing factors to this most prevalent issue in canine population," Dr. Byers wrote in his conclusion to the article: Obesity in dogs...exploring the causes and consequences of canine obesity.

Should bad feeding habits develop, coupled with a decrease in energy output, there are several other internal factors that could further exacerbate a dog's weight gain.

As it turns out, there are several dog breeds that have a biological predispo-

sition to obesity, wrote Dr. Byers. These breeds include Cairn Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Shetland Sheepdogs, Basset Hounds, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Dachshunds, Beagles, Cocker Spaniels, and Labrador Retrievers.

Interestingly, Dr. Byers noted that certain dog breeds, particularly sight hounds (dogs such as Greyhounds, Whippets, etc), appear to be resistant to the development of obesity. This is due largely in part to their aerodynamic body structure and unique metabolisms which allow these breeds to move at great bursts of speed to chase down fast-footed game, says the American Kennel Club.

Age is also a factor in animal weight gain, continued Dr. Byers, as lean body mass declines as dogs get older. This loss is often exacerbated if voluntary activity is also decreased along with age. Furthermore, if food intake does not decrease proportionately with decreasing energy needs, this results in

Fluffy gaining weight.

Dogs can also gain weight after being spayed or neutered. As a net loss of circulating sex hormones occurs, the dog's metabolism also seems to slow. Changes in these hormones directly affect the satiety (feeling of fullness) center of the brain, causing spayed and neutered dogs to eat more food than is required for their energy levels, resulting in weight gain.

There are also certain medications that contribute to animal weight gain, including Phenobarbital and Glucocorticoids, particularly if taken over a long period of time.

For owners who suspect their furry family member may need to shed a few pounds, the first step shouldn't be diving head-first into a new diet and exercise regimen. At least not without consulting with Spot's doctor first.

Says Blue Cross for Pets, "It is best to start with a trip to the vet...your pet will need a check-up for medical conditions that could interfere (with weight loss).

From there, the Veterinarian can help owner and pet begin a weight-loss journey best suited for the dog's unique needs. Most practices also offer calorie-controlled foods and weight control clinics to aid in getting pets back to their optimal health.

Of course, prevention is the best way to control a dog's weight. Ensuring pets get plenty of exercise and activity, eat the right foods in the right amounts, and getting annual wellness screenings can help keep dogs at their healthy weight. The Veterinarian can also help advise the owner what food and how much of it is best for his or her canine friend.

As days grow longer, there is more daylight after working hours to get the family, Fido included, out for some much-needed fresh air and exercise. The family that gets healthy together stays together, and its most loyal members deserve the proper care to ensure they can stay together as long as possible.

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# GREENWorks: Learning About the Water Cycle: Just Add Humans

March was a month dedicated to the most important resource in our daily lives: Water. We celebrated Fix a Leak Week, an effort to help homeowners save water and money. On March 22, we celebrated World Water Day. And the New Hampshire Drinking Water Coalition launched its annual Drinking Water Festival (virtually, for the first time).

What all of these initiatives, and others, have in common is the effort to promote "Water Literacy." There is no one definition of Water Literacy, but the gist is something like this: understanding the basics of water, and being "empowered, skilled and motivated to take action to ensure a sustainable water future," according to the Scholarly Community Encyclopedia encyclopedia.pub/3684. The emphasis is on knowing

where the water comes from and how it can be protected.

The water cycle is something that is taught in elementary school – condensation, precipitation, runoff into groundwater/surface water, evaporation, repeat. In other words, water is found in the atmosphere, on the surface and underground. The water cycle is central to all life on Earth and connects Earth systems.

But that's the natural, uninhibited water cycle. To get the whole picture, you have to add people and the things people do – what is called the "human water cycle." People manage water in many ways and for many different purposes. When people manage and use water, it changes the water cycle. We manage water for energy production; agriculture (both crops and animals); manufacture and

transportation of goods (everything we make uses water at some point in its production); recreation; drinking water; and wastewater management. We dam rivers and lakes for recreation and to make electricity (energy production). We divert the direction of rivers to irrigate crops and water our lawns (agriculture). We pump it out of the ground to drink, to cook with and for showers.

Imagine your life without any one of these services and you begin to see how important the human water cycle is. We take water from one location and move it to another. Our capture, management, use and disposal of water are all parts of the human water cycle. Think about your home. Where does that water come from? How does it reach your faucet? How do you know it

is safe to drink? When you wash out a paint brush or flush the toilet, where does that water go? What happens to the water after it leaves your home?

Once you are fully aware of that cycle, you can see that there are many things we can all do, individuals, communities, businesses and governments, to keep water clean and to use water wisely. We've curated a list of actions you can take below. Not only are these actions you can easily implement in your life, but they will help build an awareness of how water impacts your life and how you impact water quality.

• Don't flush your wipes [www.des.nh.gov/blog/september-2020-flushable-we-dont-think-it-means-what-you-think-it-means](http://www.des.nh.gov/blog/september-2020-flushable-we-dont-think-it-means-what-you-think-it-means).

• Clean your laundry habits [www.des.nh.gov/blog/august-2020-clean-your-laundry-habits](http://www.des.nh.gov/blog/august-2020-clean-your-laundry-habits).

• Fix water leaks [www.des.nh.gov/blog/february-2019-small-water-leaks-could-be-big-problems](http://www.des.nh.gov/blog/february-2019-small-water-leaks-could-be-big-problems).

• Curb your water use [www.des.nh.gov/blog/july-2020-when-drought-curb-your-water-use](http://www.des.nh.gov/blog/july-2020-when-drought-curb-your-water-use).

• Build a rain garden [www.des.nh.gov/blog/may-2020-rain-gardens-beautiful-solution-stormwater-runoff](http://www.des.nh.gov/blog/may-2020-rain-gardens-beautiful-solution-stormwater-runoff).

• Consider a natural lawn (xeriscaping) [www.des.nh.gov/blog/april-2019-xeriscaping-natural-lawns-are-new-green](http://www.des.nh.gov/blog/april-2019-xeriscaping-natural-lawns-are-new-green).

• Protect your tap [www.des.nh.gov/blog/october-2019-protect-your-tap-tips-reduce-lead-exposure](http://www.des.nh.gov/blog/october-2019-protect-your-tap-tips-reduce-lead-exposure).

drinking-water.

These are good places to start, but there is plenty more you can do and learn about. Here are some resources for further exploration:

• NH Drinking Water Festival [nhwaterfestival.org/](http://nhwaterfestival.org/).

• EPA WaterSense [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

• UNESCO World Water Assessment Program [en.unesco.org/wwap](http://en.unesco.org/wwap).

• Project WET [www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiuzqjd2NrvAhUKTN8KHZrZDcsQFjAAegQIAxAE&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.projectwet.org%2F&usq=AOvVaw2du8V1rspRPVmc888pUWf](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiuzqjd2NrvAhUKTN8KHZrZDcsQFjAAegQIAxAE&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.projectwet.org%2F&usq=AOvVaw2du8V1rspRPVmc888pUWf).

• Water Footprint Calculator [www.watercalculator.org/](http://www.watercalculator.org/).

## NH Awarded Additional \$10.5 Million Towards Students with Disabilities

CONCORD- The New Hampshire Department of Education received notification yesterday of its additional allocation of \$10.5 million to support students with disabilities. These funds come to the state through the recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and add to over \$650 million of federal school relief funds already received to support schools.

"Students with disabilities need unique supports to make sure that they can access their edu-

cation and achieve success," stated Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education. "Throughout this pandemic, starting with our initial pivot to remote instruction and support in March 2020, we have kept our focus, and continued to work to make sure that students with disabilities and our most vulnerable students are served well."

In the fall of 2020, the department made \$3.9 million of directed grants to private providers of special education funded

by the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to aid in the support of special education services.

"These and additional funds under ARPA will allow schools to continue to support students with disabilities and fill in gaps where students may not have made the progress IEP teams had wanted to see," stated Rebecca Fredette, the State Director of Special Education in the Bureau of Student Support.



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# Pinkerton Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets Advance in Academic Bowl

Five members of the Pinkerton Academy Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) recently competed in the College Options Foundation AFJROTC Academic Bowl and advanced from the Level I to Level II competition. This Bowl is a National competition among almost 900 AFJROTC units and only about 40% of the top units advance to Level II testing which took place in early March.

Testing included general JROTC knowledge, SAT/ACT-type vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, math, science questions and current events. There are many benefits of participating in this competition to include improving SAT/ACT scores, increase interest in college admissions, demonstrate academic strength of the JROTC program, boost esprit de

corps and earn the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital this summer as one of the top 16 Level III teams in the nation to compete to become National Champion. Team expenses will be paid by the Foundation.

Bowl members include (L-R) Juniors Rachel Keisling and Travis Henry, Sophomores Ben Adams, Lenora Amirault, and Ethan Flaherty.



Photo courtesy of H. Steadman, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

# PA's Old Academy Building Added to State Register of Historic Places



Pinkerton Academy's Old Academy Building will be one of six properties added to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places *Courtesy photo*

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has announced that Pinkerton Academy's Old Academy Building will be one of six properties added to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

The Old Academy Building was the school's first building when it opened in 1815 and was one of the first secondary schools in the state. The well-preserved example of Federal-style architecture was altered in 1828, when a Greek Revival -style front pavilion and a cupola were added. The building's interior, especially the second floor, retains the look of a Pinkerton Academy classroom from 100 years ago.

Other properties include the Lady of the Fairways Shrine, Bethlehem; the Lee Library, Lee; Plymouth's

Lower Intervale Grange #321, Plymouth; the Old Stratham Town Hall, Stratham; and the Wolfeboro Freight Shed, Wolfeboro.

Anyone wishing to nominate a property to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places must research the history of the nominated property and document it on an individual

inventory form from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. Having a property listed in the Register does not impose restrictions on property owners. For more information, visit [nh.gov/nhdhr](http://nh.gov/nhdhr).

New Hampshire's Division of Historical Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office, was established in 1974 and is

part of the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. NHDHR's mission is to preserve and celebrate New Hampshire's irreplaceable historic resources through programs and services that provide education, stewardship and protection. For more information, visit us online at [nh.gov/nhdhr](http://nh.gov/nhdhr) or calling 603-271-3483.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## DERRY

### Power-hour Fitness

New Classes Starting Thursday, April 15. Swing by the Derry Parks & Recreation Department on Thursdays to power up your week! Two times, two different classes, two great work outs. Participants are welcome to take both classes back-to-back or just one. Cost is per person, per class. Questions: Call Derry Parks & Recreation at (603) 432-6136

### Bootcamp Bonanza

Thursday's noon with Instructor Susan L. Begins Thursday, April 15, 2021. Cost: \$5 per person per class. This 45 min-1 hour class is meant for you to leave feeling empowered! The class covers a total body workout with achievable yet challenging rep ranges utilizing bodyweight, dumbbells and cardio exercises. Please bring your mat, water, towel, mask and 2 dumbbells (3-5 pounds). We go over every exercise and give options for all fitness levels. Questions: Call Derry Parks & Recreation at (603) 432-6136

### Active Agers,

Thursday's at 11 a.m., with Instructor Susan L. Begins

Thursday, April 15, 2021- Cost \$5 per person per class 45 min low impact strength, balance, and cardio class focusing on total body with 1 lightweight dumbbell. We average 3 sets of 10 reps on various exercises, but they may be done with a chair assist seated and bodyweight as well for range of motion. There are no floor exercises in this class. Come have fun with generational tunes and every reason to dance to the beat together. Questions: Call Derry Parks & Recreation at (603) 432-6136

### Adult Tennis League

The Adult Tennis League program is for moderate to intermediate tennis players (NTRP 2.0 – 3.5). The program takes place on Wednesday evenings at the Alexander-Carr Tennis Courts located on Birch St., Derry. The Adult Tennis League volunteer coordinator, Charlie Zoeller, will be on location to answer any questions. Advance registration through the Recreation Office or online is required. More information including safety policies regarding Covid-19 can be found at [www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation](http://www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation). You can register at any time through-

out the season. By registering early you will have more of the season to play! Fees For Season: \$20 per person; participant must bring their own tennis balls, equipment, etc. Ages: 18 years of age and up; as of the first day you play. League Dates: Wednesday, May 5, – Sept. 29. League Time: Players may come anytime during the 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., reserved court time. Register Today: Save time and register online, or you can register by mail or in person with a registration form.

### History of Exploitation Films

Resident movie expert Liz will be giving a full-length program on exploitation films, looking at what makes the style and how it was evolved through cinema history on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. online. Patron discretion is advised for this program. Register at [derryp.org](http://derryp.org) or call 432-6140.

### Boston Burn

Burn Boston Burn: The Largest Arson Case in the History of the Country Author Wayne Miller will give a talk about the 9 arsonists who burned over 250 buildings in Boston over the course of two years, and the ATF agents

who carried out the investigations on April 14 at 7 p.m., online. Register at [derryp.org](http://derryp.org) or call 432-6140.

### Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., at the Derry Public Library Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session 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 [derryp.org](http://derryp.org) or call 432-6140.

### Taylor Library Open

Taylor Library is now open to the public by appointment. Call Library at 432-7186 to schedule a time. Library is still doing curbside pickups.

### 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 end on April 2. Call the library to register or for more information.

### Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour on Monday's at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more

information.

### Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at at the Upper Room, 36 Tseneto 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 Book Sale

The Friends of Chester Library will hold a Book Sale on Saturday, May 22 (Rain Date May 23) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., on the Chester Public Library Lawn (behind library) Paperbacks \$.50, Hardcover \$1, DVDs \$2, Puzzles \$1 or Free with \$5 purchase. Audios & TV series priced as marked. Can only accept cash or checks. No donations are being accepted.

### Among Us Party!

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware. One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us. app on your device before the event. This program will be offered both in-person and virtually by the Chester Library on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m. Registration Is Required.

### Book Group

Chester Library's monthly Book Group will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 1 p.m. Meeting in the library. Discussing The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel. New members always welcome.

Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library's Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. The Library Board of Trustees are elected officials responsible for the government of library services and finances. This meeting is open to the public. \*Under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A, the meetings will take place electronically. Email at [chesterlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:chesterlibrary@gmail.com) for the link to join.

### Country Music Virtual Trivia

The Chester Library will host a Country Music Trivia night on Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m. How much do you know about country music? This event will be virtual on WebEx. Registration Is Required. Sign up at <https://rb.gy/6tmmls> Email [assistedirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistedirectorpl@gmail.com) for more information.

### Ringing in the Spring - Soup To Go

Chester Congregational Baptist Church will be having a "Ringing in the Spring - Soup To Go" event on Saturday April 17 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Vestry. The menu will include a soup: Beef Barley Soup, Chicken Vegetable Soup or Vegan Vegetable Soup, an herb roll and a brownie for \$10. Soup is available to purchase individually. **continued on page 13**

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## Container Gardening Lecture with Willa Coroka

This exciting FREE virtual lecture by local gardening expert Willa Coroka hosted by the Chester Library, will cover the basics of botany before diving into various garden designs that break the boundaries of limited space and time restraints on Thursday, April 29, at 6 p.m. Examples to include terraced, vertical, and hydroponic gardens as well as miniature water, up-cycled container, counter-top, and no-yard gardens. No space? No problem. As long as we remember to think outside the box. Virtual on Zoom. Registration is required at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3qNRjJp> or call 887-3404

## Escape Room

A Mandalorian themed

Escape Room will be open Mondays in April at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. at the Chester Library. Can you solve the puzzles? Mando and Kuiil need your help. 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.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Meditation Class

Meditate into Spring with the Hampstead Public Library! Weekly Zoom Meditation Classes with librarian and certified meditation instructor, Sue Crump, have been extended into April. Classes are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up anytime via the Events Calendar on the Library website, and you'll receive class reminders with the Zoom link.

### Teen Takeaway

Hampstead students in grade five and up can register now for the Mandala Painting Teen Takeaway. Create a miniature mandala painting

using dots of paint. This take-away kit from the Hampstead Public Library includes a small black square canvas, paint, small paint brushes, and instructions. Kits can be picked up starting Wednesday, April 14 during regular curbside hours. Advance registration is required via the Events Calendar on [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org), or call 603-329-6411. Supplies are limited.

### Hampstead & Hemingway

In April, the Hampstead Public Library joins other libraries and learning institutions around the country to discover more about Ernest Hemingway. This literary pathway is inspired by the PBS broadcast of HEMINGWAY a film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novik which premieres on NH PBS April 5 - 7 at 8 p.m. On Thursday, April 1 at 6 p.m., NH PBS, in partnership with NH Humanities and NH Writers' Project, presents an online screening and a discussion of the Hemingway film. To register visit [www.nhhumanities.org/program/hemingway-screening-amp-discussion](http://www.nhhumanities.org/program/hemingway-screening-amp-discussion). On Thursday, April 8 at 8 p.m., there is a nationwide online Hemingway Book Club Con-

versation. Read any Ernest Hemingway book, watch the HEMINGWAY documentary, and join the virtual book club conversation with the filmmakers. Discuss the documentary with them, as well as the work and life of the renowned author. PBS Books hosts a Q&A-style virtual discussion. Register in advance and get more information at [www.pbsbooks.org/hemingway](http://www.pbsbooks.org/hemingway). The Hampstead Public Library's Third Thursday Book Club is reading Hemingway's To Have and Have Not. The book is available to borrow. The club discussion is on April 15 at 1 p.m., via Zoom or outside (TBD.) All readers are welcome to attend. The Hampstead Public Library's Non-fiction Book Club is reading Hemingway's A Moveable Feast, a memoir about Hemingway's life. Call the Library, 603-329-6411, to reserve a copy of the book. The discussion is on Tuesday, May 4 at 1 p.m. If you have questions about the Library book clubs, please email [jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org).

### Browsing Appointments

Monday through Saturday, for Hampstead Library

cardholders we will be offering Browsing Appointments. Schedule a 30-minute appointment online via [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org) or call 603-329-6411. Cardholders can come alone or bring members of their family or 'pod.' Face coverings must be worn in the building at all times. Browse for books, movies, and other cool things to borrow. Librarians are here to help. Curbside Pickup services continue Monday through Saturday. Staff can also help with remote and curbside print/scan/fax requests.

### Finance Workshop

Get Your Financial House in Order, on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. Register in advance for this live Zoom workshop presented by Society for Financial Awareness member Mark Skandier, Esq., Owner & Managing Attorney of Private Wealth Counsel. He'll cover topics like what is "debt roll down" and how it works for the average consumer buried in debt, different financial tactics to pay down or pay off your home mortgage early, and how to use your tax refund to possibly eliminate debt. Register via the Events Calendar on

[HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org) or call 603-329-6411. Hampstead residency is not required to attend.

### Ancestry.Com

Free remote access for Hampstead Public Library users has been extended through June 30. Research family history from the comfort of your home, by opening Ancestry.com through the Library website. In the upper right corner of [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org), click "My Account." Find "Ancestry Library Edition" in the Links box on the catalog homepage. If you need assistance or a password for your Library account, please call 603-329-6411 or email [circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org](mailto:circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org).

## SANDOWN

### Sandown Roadwork

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## Calendar

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traffic periodically throughout the project. The work is expected to take approximately 6-8 weeks, weather permitting. During this process, there will be construction equipment in the area, so please take note of signage as road conditions and traffic patterns may change periodically during this time. Updates will be posted on the town's website [www.sandown-n.us](http://www.sandown-n.us) so check frequently for new information. This project involves major roadwork and although we will make every effort to complete this process as quickly as possible, we appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time. Local traffic, deliveries and school buses will be able to

pass but may experience periodic delays. Should you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director, Arthur Genuardo at 887-3484.

### Tuesday Flix

Come join the Sandown Library for a monthly movie series on Tuesday, April 13, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This is a great program to get together with a friend or "date". Tonight's showing: News of the World. Please note that pizza is not currently being offered during Tuesday Flix. For more information, please contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or email [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us).

### Kids Kraft

Spring is here! Come and craft with the Sandown Library! The Project on April 14 is No Sew Sock Worms from 4 - 5 p.m. Registration is required. Materials will be provided for all registered participants. A Take & Make Bag will be available for pick up Monday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., for registered participants. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants. This program is for kids ages 6-10. For more information, contact Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us).

### Storytime Outdoors!

The Sandown Library will host a story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more on Thursday, April 15, at 10 - 11 a.m. Themed stories are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This program is for children aged 2 - 6 years old. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. This is an in-person Storytime outside and will be at the Fremont Road Town Forest! We encourage mask wearing and social distancing for this program. For more information, please contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or email [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us).

### Huge Yard Sale

Mark your calendars on

April 24, there will be a huge Yard Sale in Sandown Town Hall (lower level only) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds to support Sandown Heritage Commission projects. Face masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Household items and collectibles will be in abundance but there will also be toys, games, records, DVD's, tools and more.

### Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us).

### YouTube - Story Time

In this pre-recorded Story time the Sandown Library explore early literacy skills, letter knowledge, and sound recognition, reading comprehension and vocabulary building. We do this through reading, reading, oral storytelling, poetry, fingerplays and rhymes. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us).

### Zoom Room Story Time

The Sandown Library 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.

### Old Home Day Committee

The Sandown Old Home

Day Committee has openings and is seeking new members for the committee. If you are interested in planning the Old Home Day Fall Festival, a wonderful community event, please contact Pat Kimball at [pkimb456@gmail.com](mailto:pkimb456@gmail.com).

### Monday 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](mailto:skehoe@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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us).

### 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](mailto: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.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us).

### 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

## REGIONAL

### Covid-19 Relief Fund

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## OBITUARY

### Muriel E. Casper



Muriel E. Casper, 81, formally of Derry NH, passed away Friday July 24, 2020 at Derry Health and Rehab of Derry, after a period of declining health. Muriel was born in Arlington, MA and was a daughter of the late Seymour and S. Evelyn (Rugg) Steeves. She was raised and educated in Arlington and had been a resident of Derry for 13 years.

Muriel was employed as the Library Administrator at Phillips Andover Academy. Muriel was very active with her Church and loved singing in the choir. She participated in several ministries, her favorite being the Nursery. Muriel loved to watch sports but especially loved college and professional football. Any given Sunday she'd be in her chair, with her jersey on, cheering for her favorite teams. Muriel loved her family the most. She spent the majority of her time loving, supporting and caring for all. She loved lunches with friends. Muriel had a giving nature and took very little for herself. A loving Daughter, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister and Aunt. She was a caring and faithful friend and blessed the lives of everyone who knew her.

Family members include Daughters: Lois (Casper) Shaffer, Esther (Casper) Elliott and her husband Thomas Elliott. Grandchildren: Christina (Pelletier) Wagley and her husband Eric Wagley, Rae (Bardsley) Vondersonne, Joseph Pelletier IV, Richard Pelletier and his wife Jennifer (Meskill) Pelletier, Crystal (Bardsley) Rozek and her husband Michael Rozek, Alise Elliott, Robert Bardsley III and his wife Jamie (Dobbs) Bardsley, Annie Elizabeth Bardsley (predeceased), Halie Elliott, Chase Elliott. Great Grandchildren: Alexa Pelletier, Hannah Wagley, Lola Krasko, Lucas Krasko, Mickey Rozek, Fox Rozek, Jailyn Pelletier. Brothers: Rev. Seymour Steeves (predeceased) and his wife Betty Ann Steeves (predeceased) Ronald Steeves and his wife Roberta Steeves (predeceased) Harold Steeves (predeceased) and his wife Ethel Steeves, Robert Steeves and his wife Nancy Steeves (predeceased). Nieces: Susan, Patricia, Deborah, Karen, Cynthia and Diana. Nephews: John and James.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday July 24, 2021 from 2 - 3 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry with a service to follow at 3 p.m. Unless State of NH guidelines change, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.



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