

# Derry Town Council Discusses the Nearly \$42 Million Budget

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DERRY - As May is fast approaching it means that municipalities across the state of New Hampshire are beginning to hash out its budgets for the 2022 year.

That's why during the Tuesday night, April 6, Derry Town Council Meeting the proposed 2022 budget was discussed.

Derry Town Administrator, Dave Caron, gave the Council an overview of the proposed budget.

In the proposed budget, the general fund would be a total of \$41,806,226, which is an increase of 0.6

percent compared to last year's budget of \$41,546,895. The total dollar increase for this year's proposed budget compared to last year is \$259,331.

The proposed tax rate would be a total of \$7.25 per \$1,000 of property value. This would be an increase of \$.10 compared to last year's tax rate of \$7.15 per \$1,000 of value. The example given was for a property valued at \$250,000, which would increase by \$25 if the new tax rate is approved.

One of the highlights that Caron pointed to in this year's budget was restoring the final frontline position that was eliminat-

ed in 2015. So far the rest of the positions have been added back to the department and their plan is to restore the 64th position this year. Caron explained that they plan on fling the position in January meaning they will only have to pay for the salary for half the year with the 2022 budget and then come 2023 they will budget for the position for the full year.

Another highlight in the proposed budget that Caron explained was in regards to current and future collective bargaining agreements. In the proposal, he said that they set

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# Chester Officials Hold Off On Opening Town Facilities Plan

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CHESTER - As Governor Chris Sununu's Executive Order in regards to mandatory mask wearing is set to expire on Friday, and the uncertainty of whether or not he will renew it, there are many questions surrounding towns allowing groups to rent their facilities.

That's exactly what was discussed during the Thursday night, April 8 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting, but Selectmen held off on making any final decisions on the subject.

During the meeting, Chester Recreation Director, Corinna Reishus, explained that one of the requests that she has recently received came from someone wanting to have a wedding over the covered bridge at Wasson Pond.

She told the board that she explained to them that they would need to follow all of the guidelines. The Wason Pond Commission also agreed that they were okay with it if the guidelines were followed.

Reishus said that she thinks that aside from the wedding request they should also allow outside groups to begin using the outdoor facilities.

"I definitely would recommend opening up the outdoor facilities to everyone as of May 1," Reishus said.

She said for the organized groups that use the fields annually like Chester Academy and Chester Baseball should be able to start using the field now.

"As long as I think they follow the guidelines, I think outside is safe to move forward on," Reishus said.

While she thinks they should begin renting the outdoor facilities, she said they should hold off for now on renting their indoor ones.

"I think we can hold off for a little bit until vaccines are under control a little more," she said.

Chester Town Administrator, Debra Doda, said that they should also not rent out Steven's Hall right now even when they begin

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**At Long Last** The Pinkerton Academy JROTC Color Guard helped usher in the return of spring sports at the Astros Varsity Baseball game on Monday afternoon. The team has not played an official game since 2019 due the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions, but they enjoyed a 3-1 home-opening win against Alvirne High School.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Rate Increase Response Discussed By the Water Resource Committee

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Water Resource Committee is now exploring its next move on the Hampstead Area Water Company's proposed temporary and permanent rate increases.

In December of 2020, the Public Utilities Commission suspended for 18 months HAWC's requested rate hikes, pending further investigation.

HAWC had sought a uniform monthly rate for all non-single family and non-residential customers, and to restructure municipal fire service rates for Hampstead and

Atkinson such as the annual hydrant charge.

The company had asked to decrease its private fire protection service rates and move from annual to monthly billing of the service.

It also wanted a change in its permanent rate tariff to include the

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# Chester School Board Reviews Plan to Re-open Schools

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The Chester School Board met on April 7 to review the proposed changes to their school district's reopening plan.

As a result of the pandemic, Chester along with other local school districts has developed a hybrid plan for their students, which incorporates both in person and online classes.

Following the Executive Order 89 issued by Governor Sununu on April 2, however, the town's plans to reopening their schools to a more traditional schedule has been modified.

The order issued has required all schools in the

state of New Hampshire to return to some five-day plan which offers in person learning for each day by April 19.

The Chester School Board had previously come up with a similar four-day plan that was initially going to be effective May 1 but have since modified their proposal.

Their new plan includes an offering to students for five in-person days of classes and a condensed day on Wednesday with a dismissal time of 1:30 p.m.

Although Chester's teachers are all expected to receive their second dose of the covid vaccine on Sunday, April 11, faculty members will have had their vac-

cination for 9-10 days before they will be back almost full time with students in the classroom.

Included in the executive order issues by Sununu, it was made clear that parents who wish to continue to keep their students remote will have the opportunity to do so.

In order to make planning easier for teachers, the Chester School Board will ask that all parents make the decision to have their kids be either in person or remote by May 1. Once this decision is made, students are expected to continue to stick with the choice their families made for the remainder of the school year.

Although the order has created a guide for school districts within the state, the board said that there are no longer many COVID restrictions. They explained that there are little to no requirements as to what the school districts do in relation to COVID as long as they continue to maintain "some level of mitigation."

One rule, which was previously required by the state, was the 6-foot social distancing guidelines during school lunches. Although this is no longer going to be mandated, the Chester School District will still choose to maintain this safety protocol.

"It's no longer a requirement, but it is something we

feel is safe about and we are comfortable with it," one member said.

In addition to the measures the school plans to take in order to continue to keep their students safe, they also plan to continue to use the "tela-presence option" when necessary.

The school district plans to utilize online tools not only for students who are fully remote, but also for students in isolation, in quarantine, or with long-term illnesses so they can continue to learn while ensuring their safety is not at risk.

While the proposal for reopening schools will have to be quickly adapted, the school board is confident

that the Chester School District is prepared for what is to come in the following weeks.

"I think this is just the right thing to do," one member said. "I think that unfortunately it was communicated to us improperly, but we are ready to roll, and I don't think we have the issues some of the larger school districts have."

The next Chester School Board meeting is expected to take place during the first week of the new five-day plan on Wednesday, May 5. Those who wish to watch the meeting will be able to access the broadcast through the town of Chester's website.

# Hampstead Zoning Board Approves Unique Zoning Variances

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) met on Wednesday, April 7, and approved two variance requests.

The first order of business was to go over the request made by Bluebird Self Storage for a variance in the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance. The variance

would allow for a minimum front building setback to be less than the required 100 feet from Route 111. Civil Engineer Brian Pratt of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. presented the project to the ZBA on behalf of Bluebird Self Storage.

"We have been working on a subdivision to carve [662 Route 111] into five building lots for commercial uses," said Pratt.

"Witcher Road was an old remnant right-of-way and [it] used to be the road before 111 came through."

Witcher Road is an old road that was discontinued back in the 1950's, but it still showed up as an actual road in all the town maps and records. Pratt confirmed with several town officials that the road was in fact discontinued and is now a part of Route 111. The variance is merely a

way to work around that old road which stands in the way of the new property.

ZBA members had no real problems with the requested variance as they approved it four to one.

The next order of business was the consideration of a request for a variance made by Dana Moquin and Laureen Campagnone. The variance would allow for a subdivision of two lots, which do not meet the lot size by soil. Land Surveyor James Lavelle presented the variance on behalf of Moquin and Campagnone.

"[There] is a small single-family home, and a large existing barn on the property," said Lavelle.

"The proposal is to subdivide the barn from the single-family home. They will then renovate the barn for a residence."

A business used to be run out of the barn for many years that stored sound equipment and other gear for concert venues. After that, the previous owner tried to repurpose the barn for a different commercial use, but it was shot down.

They ended up selling the property to Moquin, who now wishes to convert the barn into a new residence for him and his family. Moquin said, "That structure is just a huge commercial building... The

problem is that there is a whole second floor that is not going to get utilized in the [barn]... We are a family of five. Obviously that ranch is 200 square feet. It is a two-bedroom. You don't fit a family of five in a two-bedroom."

The ranch that exists on the property is only a two-bedroom home, so it would be difficult for Moquin and his family to all live in it. With the second floor of the barn being converted into a residence, they would have enough space for all five people to live in.

After much deliberation, the ZBA approved the variance for Moquin and Campagnone four to one.



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# Public Hearing on Downtown Derry Housing Gets Continued

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**DERRY** - Over the course of the past few months, the Derry Planning Board has had five workshops revolving around proposed changes to the housing density, and parking requirements in downtown Derry.

The main reason why the workshops took place is because in the town council master plan one of the goals is to look at the downtown area for redevelopment opportunities and increasing the housing density.

The Derry Planning Board voted during its

March 3 meeting to send their final proposal to a public hearing. That public hearing took place on April 7.

During the meeting, board members and the public were presented with the final amendment proposals to the Traditional Business Overlay District.

One of the proposed changes that came from a previous meeting is related to the minimum size of a unit. Currently the minimum size of one and two bedroom units is 800-square-feet, but after input by the board they changed the proposal to down to 750-square-feet. The only exception to the rule

would be for studio apartments, which would be 400-square-feet.

The maximum amount of studio apartments allowed for a single project would be five percent of the total project.

Members of the Planning Board raised the idea that they should reconsider the changes to the maximum number of studio apartments allowed per project. Instead the idea proposed would be to have a maximum of five percent of the square footage of the project be used as studio apartment units.

Board member David Nelson also asked if they

should allow for a minimum of one studio apartment unit per development.

"I personally think that's a good idea," Derry Planning Director George Sioras said.

After discussing it, the Board ultimately agreed that they should have the planning department and town staff come up with language internally and bring it as part of the recommendations to the next public hearing.

Aside from the issue in regards to studio apartments the Board was in agreement with the other proposed changes.

One of the major pro-

posed changes that came out of a previous meeting is in regards to how many parking spaces are required for developers to have per unit. After discussions at the previous meeting it was ultimately decided to make a change in the final proposal to go from having three parking spaces minimum, which is currently required to having one and a half spaces per bedroom.

Another proposed change would make it so the minimum lot area would be 20,000 square feet, for residential developments, and they would not exceed 40 units per acre of land.

One proposed change stated that "all multi unit residential developments shall meet with the Planning Board for a non-binding conceptual discussion prior to scheduling a meeting with the Technical Review Committee, or the submission of a formal application to the Board."

Because the board requested that staff make changes to the recommendation regarding studio units limits, it was also voted on to continue their public hearing to May 5 at 7 p.m.

The next Derry Planning Board meeting is slated for April 21 at 7 p.m.

## Water

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Manchester Water Works Merrimack Source Development Charge to all new customers in systems with water purchased from Manchester Water Works.

At the water committee's April 6 meeting, member Jim McHale noted the Hampstead Board of Selectmen had filed to be intervenors in the rate increase case.

The HWRC officers are additionally named as intervenors though have not yet received official notification to function in that capacity. However, they appear to be considered as such as they are receiving emails and are slated to attend the next

technical session on April 22.

At issue now is what information the committee should be seeking for its part in the discovery process, McHale said.

In other areas the committee covered the state looks to be back in drought conditions this year. Currently, NH is in a severe drought period as classified by the U.S. Drought Monitor agency. As a result, the company has an outdoor watering ban in effect for its Hampstead-Atkinson Core System.

HWRC discussed what the plan covers and the steps the town selectmen are already empowered to take.

The committee looked at working with compa-

nies that start up sprinkler systems to encourage disbursement of educational materials, use of water saving devices, and watering only when needed and not during rainstorms.

The New Hampshire Department of Environment Services encourages those relying on private residential wells to conserve water through limited and staggered use.

As a follow-up to last year's flyer questionnaire to affected well owners in Hampstead in the Angle Pond well field, members proposed sending another public alert flyer to those same individuals to survey any adverse changes to water quality and quantity in the past year from the pumping.

HWRC is now completing work on an online town survey on water protection and conservation slated to be available soon to seek responses from town residents, businesses, and schools.

During the meeting committee members elected Stephanie Spyvee

as the new chair with Ken Richards now selected as vice chairman and McHale as secretary.

Before he relinquished the chairmanship, Richards noted the committee's 2 alternate members, Kathleen Wheeler and Sheila Nolan, along with the 3

full members and urged adding more members given the level of work.

Spyvee also discussed having State Rep. Mark Pearson (NH 34) attend a future committee meeting to provide an update on related legislative initiatives.

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# Editorial

## Earth Day Every Day

April 22 is Earth Day this year, the annual event when we're reminded to think about where we live. Not our town or even our country, but the environment of the entire planet Earth.

Now that the weather pleasant we can see what has been left behind are piles of trash that have been buried through the winter, along with the latest beer cans and fast food wrappers tossed out the windows of passing vehicles glaring visual reminders of just how lazy our fellow citizens can be.

Outdoor celebrations are still partly on hold, but that should not stop us from doing our share to help clean the environment. The main message of Earth Day is that caring for the only home we have is not something we can do just one day of the year. It is a life style.

Hopefully, we have all incorporated earth-saving measures into our daily lives. Preserving our environment has taken on more emphasis lately as more homes have contaminated water that continues to make headlines. Like most things, change really does begin at home.

April celebrates Earth Day and is the month for town cleanups, and we encourage our readers to participate. There's plenty of trash to go around whether it lines the border between the street and your yard, or it's down the road a bit.

We can instill in every family member the reminder that trash does not get thrown out the window. Keep a litterbag in the car, and empty it into your garbage or recycling when you get home. You wouldn't take your garbage and dump it over the fence onto the next-door neighbor's property, so why would you throw it onto the road that you pay taxes to maintain?

We should try to pick up a little all throughout the year so the spring clean is not as bad and be proud of what a good job we do keeping our towns clean all year.

Wherever we live, we should expect our streets and lawns to be clean, not repositories for someone else's garbage.

Taking care of the place we call home is not something we can do just one day a year. It's a habit well worth developing. Just like plant a garden.

Area towns have town-wide cleanup days scheduled, but since we are still social distancing, we can at least make an effort to do the roadside cleanups in front of our own home. Spend a little time picking up litter and keeping our roadsides tidy. Our towns will be prettier places if we make this small effort.

Earth Day is a reminder of the many things that should already be a part of our daily lives. We cannot depend on the government or others to do it for us. "Lead by example".

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renting out indoor facilities because of the work that they are doing there.

"I would advise against reopening Stevens Hall though because of all the work that we're doing on it," she said.

One question that was raised came from Chester Board of Selectmen Chuck Myette who asked how many people they are proposing for the wedding.

Reishus said that they asked to have about 50 guests, but if needed they would be willing to go down to 20 guests instead.

"It would be capped off at 50," she said.

He also asked for clarification if they are just asking to hold the ceremony there and not any kind of reception. Reishus said that they just want to have the ceremony three, which will be for about 30-35 minutes.

"It's a little different

than if it was an all-day party," Myette said.

If approved the wedding would take place on May 1.

Aside from the wedding, Reishus said that the two other requests that they have received so far came from Chester Academy and Chester Baseball.

She said that the school requested to use the fields everyday during the school day so teachers can take students out there when they can, and the baseball league requested to begin using the fields.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo explained that he thinks because of the mask mandate being an uncertainty they should wait until the next meeting to make a decision on what to do.

"I'm wondering if we should just wait another week to see what the mask mandate is," he said. "We should know around this time next week if it's going to be lifted or not," he

added.

"I'm more in favor about being cautious about this,"

Myette said that because outdoor activities are starting to open back up he thought that it would be okay to allow the outdoor facilities to be rented out again presuming they follow guidelines.

"It seems that the outdoor activities are opening up, and if we're following the guidelines and were asking the individuals and parties to follow the guidelines then I don't see an objection to this. I certainly wouldn't have an objection to this as long as we're following the guidelines," he said.

It was ultimately agreed on by the Board of Selectmen to wait a week before they come up with a final decision.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for April 15 at 7 p.m.

## Derry

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aside funding for it.

It was announced during the meeting that the Council will have a series of budget workshops where department heads can give a presentation of their proposed budgets before they take a final vote on the budget on May 4.

In other news, Derry Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief, Michael Gagnon, gave his bi-monthly COVID-19 update during the meeting.

Gagnon explained that, while the number of positive COVID-19 cases are pretty much staying the same from where they

were two weeks ago, he said that isn't the case statewide.

"It appears that numbers are creeping up statewide," Gagnon said.

He said that the statewide numbers overall is up 15 percent for positive cases in the last seven days but is happy that the numbers in Derry haven't seen that increase.

"That's good news for Derry," Gagnon said.

Some of the other positive highlights in his report included having no positive cases of COVID-19 currently in any of the adult care facilities in town as well as no positive cases for any of the town's employees.

In fact, Gagnon said

that to date they haven't had any positive cases contracted at the workplace. He credited this to employees taking the

"Our employees have been doing a great job. Hopefully everyone will keep up the good work," Gagnon said.

Gagnon however, warned the community to continue to be cautious because of the large spike in positive cases across the Granite State.

"Once again this is not a time for people to let their guard down," Gagnon said. "We must maintain our due diligence," Gagnon said.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated for April 20 at 7 p.m.

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# Jonathan Gilbert Chosen as Asst. Principal at Chester Academy

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CHESTER - Chester Academy will have a new assistant principal this fall, with Dr. Ann Gaffney, leaving her position as assistant principal at the end of the school year.

Last Friday, the Chester School Board announced that they picked Jonathan Gilbert to be the next assistant principal.

The search for the new assistant principal was conducted by an eleven-member committee, with representatives from the school board, PTA, administration and staff. That search produced 39 qualified candidates.

Chester School Board Chair Royal Richardson said, "the depth and breadth of experience with this group of candidates speaks to the reputation of our school community throughout the state and region as candidates came forward from across New England," he said. "We expect Mr. Gilbert's addition will add to this reputation of excellence. We are all looking forward to work-

ing with Jonathan as our new Assistant Principal and to take advantage of his innovative and data-driven approach to education."

Gilbert serves as a reading specialist for the Fall Mountain Regional School District in Langdon, N.H. In addition to his Reading Specialist role, he has managed student data for the district including analysis and interpretation of assessment data.

During the pandemic, he was tapped by school administration to lead their online elementary remote academy. He par-



Jonathan Gilbert

ticipated in the Teacher Technology Leader program and has led and guided a variety of professional development activities for his district colleagues. Prior to his current role he taught elementary grades in both public and private

schools.

Chester Academy Principal Karen Lacroix said that because of the District implementing a new reading program next year, having him on board with his skills will be valuable.

"Mr. Gilbert's experience as a Reading Specialist will be instrumental as we look to implement a new reading program in the upcoming school year. He brings a wealth of knowledge to support teachers and students with learning," she said.

Gilbert said that he was honored to be selected to the position.

"I am truly honored to have been selected for this role, and I look forward to working with the students, families, and staff of Chester Academy. It is my hope to integrate quickly into the culture of the school and the surrounding community," he said. "I look forward to starting and meeting everyone soon. Thank you again for this tremendous opportunity."

Board member Dana Theokas said that as a parent and board member she's excited for Gilbert to join the District.

"As a parent and board member I look forward to the expertise Mr. Gilbert brings as a Reading Specialist to implement our new English and Language Arts Curriculum next year," she said. "I anticipate his welcom-

ing demeanor will be a great addition to our exceptional administrative team as we begin the 2021/22 school year on campus."

Richardson said that the school board is appreciative of the work that the search committee did.

"The Board would like to express their appreciation to each of the members of the Assistant Principal Search Screening Committee for their efforts in reviewing the many applications for this position and identifying the candidate best suited to join the staff at Chester Academy," Richardson said.

Gilbert is expected to start with the District as of July 1.

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# Planning Board Hears Differing Views on Non-Conforming Lots

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - The Hampstead Planning Board, by a 4-3 vote at its Apr. 5 meeting, agreed to a lot line adjustment for construction of a 300-foot driveway entrance at 62 East Road (Map 13 - Lots 26 & 35).

The driveway has a five percent grade coming off Cherubs Way and then slopes down the hill at a 10 percent grade, said Bill Gregsak of Gregsak & Sons, the engineers on the project. The setback is approximately five to eight feet from the property line at the closest point.

The construction will take down most if not all of a stonewall extending westward from the abutting property.

Board Vice Chairman Randy Clark said the project involves access across someone else's lot to get to the owner's land locked lot. Other members wondered if the requested lot adjustment amounted to subdividing lots to get another piece of property.

Some thought Cherubs Way should connect as close to 90 degrees as possible at a level of one car length from the edge of the road.

Town Engineer Steve Keach held that the owner

should reserve a narrow 10- to 15- foot wide easement down the lot line to flatten the driveway slopes for safety.

The view that this project resulted in two non-conforming lots that were conforming in terms of frontage and area was challenged by some neighbors who spoke on the request.

Colleen King of Cherubs Way disputed that both lots were non-conforming. She said only one is and the other is non-buildable and land locked but still conforming.

The board's decision to approve this line adjustment would lead to what

King termed "convoluted lots" to build on in the town in the future as the desire for more building space grows.

In other business, members approved a lot line adjustment at 266 & 272 Kent Farm Road (Map 9 - Lots 162/163) for an equal area swap of some 6,300-square feet to allow more area for a garage. This will also redraw the driveway easement, which didn't fall under the original easement.

The board further approved an 1140 square foot 1-bedroom accessory dwelling unit in a four-bedroom home under construction at 28 Hadley

Road (Map 16 - Lots 1-2). The power distribution unit there is 2650 square feet.

It also backed a subdivision of land proposal on a 13.61-acre lot at 651 Main Street (Map 1 - Lot 91) to create 8 new building lots. The roadway is 100 feet and each lot will be serviced by its own well and septic system. The lot line was moved to spare a pear tree on the property.

In addition, in a request for an ADU at 272 Kent Farm Road (Map 9 - Lot 163), the board recommended the applicant look more closely at the zoning ordinances and come back with a plan in May.

This proposal would enlarge a leach bed and add an additional tank and pump chamber to facilitate the ADU on a slab.

Member DJ Howard noted the zoning ordinance says the primary and accessory unit are to be connected by an interior door. The issue is the ADU is supposed to attach to the PDU.

The present request doesn't meet the requirements, said Selectmen ex-officio Sean Murphy.

This unit is coming off the garage and is not being attached to the existing living area, added Chairman Stephen Wentworth.

The board also continued two subdivisions of land requests for 264 Stage Road (Map 6 - Lot 045) and 200 Central Street (Map 17 - Lot 172) to its June 7 meeting.

The boards next public meeting is scheduled for May 3.

## Hampstead Food Truck Festival, May 1

**HAMPSTEAD** - The Hampstead Congregational Church is hosting its first-ever food truck festival "Hampstead Eats" rain or shine on Saturday May 1 from noon until 5pm, at 61 Main Str., Hampstead.

There will be a variety of foods truck to include Crescent City Kitchen, Mr. B's Tacos, The Hungry Caterpillar, Boog's Island Grill, Kona Ice Truck and The Whoo(Pie) Truck.

Bring a chair or blanket and pull up a socially distanced spot on the lawn to enjoy your food and enjoy performing artist from Let's Play Music, The Sons of the Solstice and feature musician Michael Wingate with Chris Cyrus.

Entrance fee is \$5 for ages five and up, cash or check only.

The event will benefit the Hampstead Congregational Church and the New

Hampshire Food Bank.

The NH Food Bank will be collecting donations during the event. For a full list of non-perishable items being collected, please go to the event Facebook page, Hampstead Eats.

The Kona Ice truck is offering free upgrades on purchases for every person who brings a donation to the event for the NH Food Bank. One upgrade per customer.

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parking is available on site.

Facemasks are required (or CDC recommendations on the day of the event). Please respect social distancing. Hand-sanitizing stations will be available.

For questions regarding the event, please contact the Hampstead Congregational Church at 603-329-6985, Roxanne McGaffigan at 315-405-7905 or Lora Manning at 603-489-9193

## OBITUARY

### Arthur "Okie" D. O'Connell Jr.



Arthur "Okie" D. O'Connell Jr., 50, of Derry, NH passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2021, after a lengthy illness. Okie was born on April 2, 1971 in Derry NH. He was the son of Cheryl (Cropley) and Arthur D. O'Connell Sr.

Okie enjoyed a full active life in his younger years, playing baseball and riding horses with his mother. He was a Boy Scout in troop 402 where his father was the Scout Master. They enjoyed mountain climbing, hiking, and winter camping together. Okie also liked to ride four wheelers, motorcycles, and play UNO with his family. Okie's family would like to thank each and every healthcare worker, emergency services person, and medical facility that so kindly and compassionately cared for him over the many years of his illness. The doctors and nurses at St Joseph's Hospital were wonderful. The staff from Pridestar who transported him to appointments had a special way of lifting his spirits and keeping him and at ease. His visiting nurses were exceptionally nice and all the people at Davita Dialysis were amazing.

Okie is predeceased by his father, Arthur D. O'Connell Sr. (1997). Okie is survived by his mother, Cheryl O'Connell; his two sisters, Sara Barton and Caroline Dodge and her husband Erik; his beloved niece and nephews, Ashlie Dodge, Ryon Barton, and Andrew Barton; his Great Aunt Elsie Haas Howell; Godmother Elsie Sinnott and Uncle Richard; as well as many more aunts, cousins, and friends.

There will be no calling hours. Following cremation, memorial services will be held by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Camp Joslin at The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc. [www.bartoncenter.org](http://www.bartoncenter.org).

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# Commissioner Reports: County Nursing Home Has No COVID Fatalities

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** – Rockingham County Commissioner, and Sandown Selectman Tom Tombarello told his fellow members that the Rockingham County Rehabilitation and

Nursing Center has gone the past year with no COVID fatalities among its residents. , told his fellow board members of that outcome at their Monday night, April 12 meeting.

The nursing facility had five cases of COVID among residents and 39

staff with COVID out of total staff of 374, he reported. The total number of residents and those in assisted living is 250.

At the time of the U.S. virus outbreak in March 2020, the facility was directed by state health officials to purchase 200 body bags and convert two offices into makeshift morgues in preparation for possible loss of life.

“None of the bags or the offices ever had to be used for those purposes,” Tombarello said.

He credits the facility’s policy of locking doors and keeping residents in their rooms with helping to keep the infection rates so low.

After going many months when family members could only see their relatives behind glass

visitors are now allowed inside with physical touching. Social distancing is still practiced but family can have outdoor visits.

Residents can also leave their rooms with weekly testing conducted there and the beauty parlor has reopened.

The vaccination rate is at 88 percent for residents and 97 percent for the nursing home staff, according to Tombarello, who is in his ninth year as a commissioner. There are no cases at the facility at present and at no point did any families request a release of a relative from the nursing home.

In other business:

• Tombarello announced the Old Home Day Committee, to which he is the selectman liaison, had made a motion to move the

dates of the annual town celebration to Sept. 24, 25, and 26.

He and others were uncomfortable having the event on the originally scheduled day of Sept. 11, which falls on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The Sandown fire and police departments will be participating in commemorative activities then.

Jonathan Goldman, board vice chairman and Emergency Medical Services captain for the Sandown Fire Department, added that department members also preferred that the dates be changed.

Under the revised schedule, fireworks would be on the 25th with a rain date of the 26th.

• The board accepted a donation from the Ray-

mond Wal-Mart Distribution Center of 42,000 surgical masks. The masks, which have a retail value of \$7,140, are going to the fire departments of Sandown, Plaistow, Chester, Fremont, and Danville, and to all town departments.

• The Cable Access Board is going to use its funding for cameras at the Recreation Building to record recreation meetings at night for broadcast on Channel 17 and the web.

• The selectmen also made the following appointments: Joint Loss Management Committee – Cole Dresser, Andy Artimovich, Michael Devine, Adam Shlager, John Runcie, and Paula Gulla for terms expiring in March 2023. Old Home Committee – Penny Krotz for a term until March 2022.

## OBITUARY

### Anna F. (Saunders) Mele



Anna F. (Saunders) Mele, 84, of Derry, NH, died Friday, April 9, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born Jan. 18, 1937 to James and Anna Theresa (Garry) Saunders in Medford, MA. Anna met the love of her life at 16, married him at 19 and started building their family at 21. Married to Edward F. Mele, Jr since April 21, 1956 and residing in Derry, NH for over 60 years, she has seen her family grow with 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Anna was a devout Roman Catholic, volunteering as a Faith Formation 1st grade teacher, helping with Vacation Bible School, secretary, lunch lady and monitor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and School.

She leaves behind, her husband Edward; her children Dolores (John) Blake, Patricia Copson and significant other, Danny Boyce, Edward F. III (Virginia-deceased), Paul (Pauline), Angela, Robert and significant other Karen Purnell and Jane and significant other Doug Smith; her grandchildren Bob Jr (Kim), Heather (Mike), Angelica (Dan), Christopher and significant other Nicole, Edward IV, Anthony, Patrick, Marcus, Veronica, Eric, Melissa, Joseph, Elizabeth and significant other Matt, Colleen, Corey, Andrew and Sebastian; great-grandchildren Dustin (deceased), Autumn, Carolyn, Katelyn, Makayla, Dominik, Naomi, Zoey (deceased), Logan, Delaney, Liam, Sarah, Diana and Lila; sister-in-laws Anna Mae (Ron) and Deanna, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by son-in-law Bob Sr, sister-in-law Doris, father and mother-in-law Edward Sr and Edith, her father James, her mother Anna and brothers James, John, Thomas and David, as well as aunts, uncles, a nephew and cousins.

Anna will be greatly and deeply missed by family, friends and acquaintances. She will be remembered for her strong love and faith of God, Patriots, Red Sox, oversized rocking recliner, where her great-grandchildren enjoyed hanging out with her, her 65 years of marriage, smile, love, guidance and wisdom.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Amedisys Hospice, especially Leda, Ramona, Anna, Jennifer, Skip and Erin for taken such great care of this amazing woman.

Calling hours was held on Wednesday, April 14 in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry. A Mass of Christian Burial followed in the Church. The burial will follow in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Knights of Columbus, Council #3023, Derry (marked for the Seminarians and Postulants Vocation Fund.)

# Suspicious Death Considered a Homicide

**DERRY** - Early last week the NH Deputy Attorney General Jane E. Young announced additional information regarding the death of Lynn Marie Viana, 53 of 27 Mt. Pleasant Street in Derry.

The Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Jennie V. Duval, conducted an autopsy on the woman presumed to be Ms. Viana, and determined that the cause of her death was a single gunshot wound to her head. Dr. Duval concluded that the manner of her death is homicide. Final identification of Ms. Viana is pending.

Investigators have determined that Ms. Viana and her husband, Manoel

Viana, 57, had been estranged. During a custody exchange of their adult child at Mr. Viana’s 27 Mt. Pleasant Street residence on April 4, 2021, Mr. Viana invited Ms. Viana inside the residence. Shortly after Ms. Viana entered Mr. Viana’s residence, two noises, consistent with gunshots, were heard from within the residence. Shortly thereafter, the residence was engulfed in fire. The presence of ignitable liquids was detected within the residence and on or around Ms. Viana’s body.

Mr. Viana is still receiving medical treatment for life-threatening injuries at a Boston hospital. In addition to apparent burns, Mr.

Viana had apparent trauma to his head.

While the investigation into the facts and circumstances leading up to and during this incident is ongoing, the Office of the Attorney General announces its intent, should Mr. Viana recover from his injuries, to seek a charge of first degree murder, pursuant to RSA 630:1-a, with the allegation that he purposely caused the death of Lynn Marie Viana by shooting Ms. Viana in the head.

The charges and allegations are merely accusations at this point, and Manoel Viana is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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# Derry Garden Club Continues Efforts at Children's Garden

Members of the Derry Garden Club Got to work cleaning up the Children's Garden at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry last week and also planted over two dozen strawberry plants. The garden was started several years ago by the Garden Club and now, because of the pandemic, they have taken more of a supervisory role in the project. Although the strawberries have grown at in the garden for a number of year's, they decided to move them inside the fenced in area this year for better light and less chance for them to be eaten by unwanted visitors.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Baseball Squad Opens Season With Victory



After having to take a year off, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Pinkerton Academy Baseball team took to their home diamond on Monday afternoon, April 13, and wound up with a 3-2 victory over the Alvirne High School Broncos. Pitcher Liam Doyle picked up the win with five innings pitched and Reilly Beaulieu went 3-2 with two of the three RBIs.

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# Lady Astros Tennis Team Has Successful Opening Day Against Alvirne



Maddie Frank



Shaylee Nolan



Skyler Levesque

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Varsity Tennis team began their season on their home courts on Monday afternoon, April 12, and had a successful home opener, beating Alvirne High School 6-3.

In Singles Matches: The top three Maddie Frank (PA)

defeated Ryann Dionne 8-2; Shaylee Nolan (PA) was victorious over Avery Baker 8-2; and Skylar Lavesque (PA) def Gabby Cummins 8-2. Kenzi Legg (ALV) def Madeline Donahue 8-4; Marissa Murphy (ALV) def Sydney Pelletier 8-6; Ruby Dionne (ALV) def Kaylee McMillan 8-4

In Doubles matches, the Astrs girls swept the Lady Broncos: Frank and Nolan (PA) defeated Dionne/Baker 8-0; Levesque/Pelletier (PA) def Cummins/Legg 8-4; and Donahue/McMillan (PA) defeated Murphy/Dionne 8-6.

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## Sandown Garden Club Does Spring Garden Cleanup

SANDOWN - Members of the Sandown Garden Club recently spent a Saturday morning doing Spring Cleanup of the certified Monarch Waystation and Pollinator Garden at the Sandown Town Hall.

In early Spring, it is important to clean up flower beds. One should clear away dead leaves and debris that surround the plants and cut back last year's dried foliage. Adding a fresh layer of mulch gives the garden bed a finished look, keeping moisture in and weeds out. One should spread the mulch

evenly by hand or with a rake. Be careful not to apply it too thickly. Heavy mulch can cause disease problems for the plants. It's best to use a natural mulch like Hemlock and avoid the dyed varieties.

It is also a good time to prune shrubs and trees. Fruit trees must be pruned before buds begin to break into bloom. Otherwise, the tree may be stressed and the crop reduced. Summer-blooming trees and shrubs, like butterfly bush and potentilla, may be pruned just before they push out new growth. For hydrangeas which bloom on

old wood such as mopheads, lacecaps or oakleaf forms, it's best to wait till midsummer. Endless Summer Series, white-flowered paniculata and arborescens flower on new wood, so they can be pruned any time other than just before they bloom. Taking time this Spring to clean up your garden will give you more benefits and enjoyment in the summer.

For more information about the Sandown Garden Club and membership, please visit the website: [www.sandowngardenclub.org](http://www.sandowngardenclub.org) and our Facebook page.

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# NH Fish & Game Reminds Public To Put Away Birdfeeders

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

One of the telltale signs that spring has sprung is the sweet melody of hundreds of different bird species.

These soothing sounds inspire residents all over the

state to put out birdfeeders to attract the avian chanteux. But as symbiotic a gesture it may be, the NH Fish & Game Department urges folks to put away the birdfeeders.

While this past winter has been more or less normal in terms of weather, said

Bear Project Leader for the NH Fish & Game Dept, Andrew Timmins, bouts of early spring-like conditions have roused bears from their state of hibernation. Having slept for the past few months, these creatures will be actively searching

for food.

And in their search, these bears will be enticed by a variety of human-produced food sources, birdfeeders being one of them.

According to Fish & Game, bird feeders are typically the direct cause of one quarter of annual bear-human encounters. Bears are attracted by the smell of birdseed and suet and eventually venture into backyards, in hopes of obtaining some long-awaited nourishment.

"The current spring-like weather undoubtedly will result in some bears becoming active, particularly in the southern parts of the state where snow pack is limited," said Timmins.

Bear activity has already been reported in central and southern NH for the past month. The Fish & Game Department had asked the public to take down bird feeders no later than the first of April, but had recently put out a reminder for those who still have them standing.

Those with or without birdfeeders who raise poultry, livestock, or bees are also urged to protect their flocks, herds, and hives and keep bears at bay with elec-

tric fencing.

Residents and property owners can also help prevent attracting bears to their homes and buildings by securing dumpsters and garbage cans, storing grills somewhere secure, and by storing pet food and animal feed indoors.

It is extremely vital that residents be proactive in preventing bear encounters, as it is easier to avoid a conflict than to resolve one.

"Bears have an extremely acute sense of smell, long memories, and high intelligence," advised Timmins. "We really need the help of residents this spring to prevent emerging bears from returning to locations where they have been previously successful in finding backyard food sources."

Timmins continued, "It is harmful for bears to become conditioned to forage around homes and in residential areas because they will lose some of their natural aversion to humans."

Fish & Game reminds residents that NH spring and summer provides an abundance of food for birds, and those who hope to attract them to their yards have

other means of doing so.

Officials at NH Fish & Game suggest folks consider getting a bird bath or flowering plants that attract birds instead of a bird feeder. These measures are appealing to birds, but far less attractive to bears.

"If the public would be willing to address...attractants, we could quickly reduce annual bear-human encounters by more than 80 percent," said Timmins.

Additional methods of preventing bear encounters include putting out garbage bins the morning of trash pickup instead of the night before, leaving meat out of compost piles, and above all, which goes without saying, abstaining from deliberately feeding bears.

Bird feeders may be a beloved tradition for many households and individuals, but the continuation of providing them into the spring ultimately does more harm than good. By choosing alternative methods of attracting birds, Granite Staters can continue to enjoy the sights and sounds of birds without risking the sights and repercussions of bears.

## Derry Town Wide Clean-Up

DERRY - There's no better way to celebrate Earth Day than with a little spring cleaning at your community parks, trails, and neighborhoods. After a long winter it's wonderful to get outside where we can Restore Our Earth with some TLC and with the support of our friends, neighbors, businesses, non-profit groups, and more! Together we can make a difference and have some fun in the process. Please lend a hand and in turn enter to win a Family Garden Basket complete with seeds and gardening supplies to help keep your home and neighborhood green!

The Details: This event takes place the week of April 17 - April 25.

How to Participate:

1.) Go to Derry Recs Online Registration Form

2.) Pick up Blue Trash Bags from Derry Parks & Rec, 31 West Broadway Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

3.) Pick up litter using the blue trash bags during April 17 - 25 & Take pictures!

4.) Call 603- 432-6136 when you've completed your litter pick-up to let us know where to pick up used bags.

How to Enter for the Prize:

1.) Follow the above steps first then "Like and Follow" @derryrecnh on Facebook

2.) Post your photos with the hashtag #earthday-derry

3.) Tag @derryrecnh in

your photos from the event

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The winner will be notified via Facebook DM by Friday, April 30.

Some photos that are submitted will be shared on Derry Parks & Rec Social Media Pages. A BIG thanks to the following groups for making this possible: The Derry Conservation Commission, The Derry Garden Club, Derry Transfer Station, Derry Parks & Recreation Department, and you!

This contest follows all Facebook contest rules. Many may enter but only one prize will be awarded. Please follow all COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and local authorities.

## Sandown Garden Club to Select Scholarship Recipient

SANDOWN - Each spring the Sandown Garden Club offers a scholarship opportunity awarded to one student in their senior year at Timberlane Regional High School (TRHS).

The purpose of the Sandown Garden Club is to share the knowledge of gardening with each other and the community; to participate in activities that increase the beauty of the town's public and historic grounds; to encourage the preservation of native plant species; to encourage respect for the environment and to demonstrate techniques that conserve natural resources. In keeping with these objectives, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be expected to graduate at the end of their senior year.

• Be accepted to an accredited institution of higher education.

• Pursue a major or minor in a gardening-related field such as horticulture, plant biology, soil science, forestry, environmental studies, botany, plant biology, earth science or agriculture.

Preference is given to a student from Sandown, but a student from another town may receive the scholarship if there is no eligible student

from Sandown. In addition to the application, an essay must be submitted that explains how one's academic choice meets the SGC Scholarship criteria, including volunteer activities in the community especially those pertaining to gardening or the environment. The deadline for applications is May 7, 2021.

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### DERRY

#### Kids Fish Derby

Derry Lions in partnership with Derry Parks and Recreation will once again be hosting the Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond on Rollins street in Derry on Saturday May 1 from 8 a.m. - noon. CDC guidelines will be followed including masks and social distancing between family units. To assist with social distancing online registration is available until April 28 to reduce lines at 7:30 a.m., on the day of event. The online link or path is below: [www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation/news/derry-lions-fishing-derby](http://www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation/news/derry-lions-fishing-derby). There is no cost although donations are accepted on May 1 to help defray the cost of the 400

trout we stock. Participants must be 15 years old or younger per state law. There will be trophies in several categories including largest and smallest fish. Participant ribbons will be given to the first 100 anglers. There will be raffles for donated fish gear and a concession stand for light refreshments. We also hope to have worms available for a nominal cost.

#### Environmental Scholarship

Once again the Derry Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduated or soon to be graduate New Hampshire student who plans to pursue a career in Environmental Studies. This could include Botany, Landscape Design, Forestry, Horticulture or a variety of

other subjects. Application and Procedure information is available on the Derry Garden Club webpage [www.derrygardenclub.org](http://www.derrygardenclub.org) or in the scholarship information available to students at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School. Materials are due by May 1st to Kathy Lane, 51 Drew Woods Dr., Derry, NH.

#### 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 throughout 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.

#### 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 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 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.

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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.

### 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 [assistdirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistdirectorpl@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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.

### Ring in the Spring - Soup To Go

Chester Congregational Baptist Church will be having a "Ring 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 for \$6. Curbside pickup is available if you contact the church office in advance at 887-4799 or email at [chesterchurchoffice@gsi-net.net](mailto:chesterchurchoffice@gsi-net.net). The church is located in the center of Chester at 4 Chester St., Chester.

### 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.

### 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 Kuil need your help. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

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#### 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.

#### Browsing Appointments

Monday through Saturday, for Hampstead Library cardholders we will be offering Browsing Appointments.

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### SANDOWN

#### Family Fun in the Kitchen

Join the Sandown Library for some family fun in the kitchen on Monday April 19, from 4 - 5 p.m., making Easter blondies. There are tips listed in the ingredients for those that need gluten-free. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. For more information, please contact Adrienne Skora at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us).

#### Storytime Outdoors

This is a story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more on Thursday, April 22, from 10 - 11 a.m. Our 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).

#### Sandown Roadwork

The Sandown Highway Department in conjunction with Busby Construction, Inc. will begin road construction on Odell Road. The project involves full reconstruction and paving of approximately 5,200 feet of Odell Road from Main Street to Pine Ridge Circle. The road will be closed to all through 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.us](http://www.sandown.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.

#### 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)



## TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 at 7:00pm for the following purpose:

1. In accordance with NH RSA 31:95-d, I(b), discussing the rescission of the *Cemetery Maintenance Special Revenue Fund* established in 2013.

All Chester residents are urged to attend.

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/770832311>

Via Telephone: (929) 436-2866  
Meeting ID: 770 832 311

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