

Derry Town Council Gives Approval of 2023 Budget

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the May 3 Derry Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was to vote on the FY 2023 budget.

Town Administrator Dave Caron said that they began reviewing the budget as a Town Council starting on April 5 and during that time period they had about a half dozen meetings, hearings, and workshops regarding the budget.

Caron said that one of the amendments made to the final proposed budget was increasing \$600 for the election budget.

The total budget voted on was for a total of \$53,107,7356.

One question that was asked by Town Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon

was in regards to the funding of a new recreation department position that is funded through the TIF District and the Alexander Carr Trust.

Bourdon asked if a future Town Council would be able to change the funding of the position so it is funded through tax dollars.

Caron said that it was possible.

It was explained by Public Works Director Mike Fowler that they collect enough interest annually from the Trust to be able to pay for the position each year along with the TIF district.

Fowler said that last year they received \$81,542 in interest.

“You have a principal of \$3.2 million dollars,” said Fowler.

Fowler said that using it as a funding source for the

position is sustainable.

The Town Council ultimately voted 7-0 in favor of the budget.

The Town Council also approved the Capital Improvement Plan during the meeting.

“The Town Charter requires for the Town Council to approve the CIP by May 31,” said Caron.

Also during the meeting the Town Council discussed a request from the Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisan Market to allow vendors to provide free samples of liquor at the market this year.

Caron explained that previously state law only allowed sampling of beer and wine for those vendors who have the proper licensing. However, he said that the state has expanded it to allow vendors to have

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Possible Wetland Violations Discussed by Sandown Board

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Conservation Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28

During the meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a possible Wetland violation at Showell Pond.

Conservation Commission Chairman Brian Butler explained that a resident had approached him who was concerned about work being done on the pond.

“The concern was a possible shoreland disturbance,” said Butler.

In a letter to the Commission their environmental consultant Bruce Gilday explained that he didn’t think there was a violation to the shoreland.

“My professional opinion is that there are no violations to the shoreland zone and there is no need for a DES permit,” the letter read in part.

Butler said that a couple of stumps were removed and things were moved around. He said that Golday spoke to the

owner and looked at photos.

“There was no question about what happened on Showell pond,” said Butler.

Butler said that he recommended that the Sandown Conservation Commission takes no action.

Also during the meeting Butler told the Commission that the cupola is now completed and is at the Red Barn. The requested changes to it have been made and Butler said that he had signed off on the project in order to meet the

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Members of the First New Hampshire Regiment assembled near the stage in front of Steven’s Hall on Saturday morning during the Proclamation Day Ceremony commemorating Chester 300th Anniversary. Photo by Chris Paul

Tricentennial Celebrated with Proclamation Day

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER – Residents, town and state officials, and local historians gathered in front of Steven’s Hall on Saturday morning for a ceremony proclaiming May 7 as Proclamation Day and to celebrate the town’s Tricentennial.

Former Chester Selectman and 300th Anniversary Committee member, Jack Cannon, was as the Master of Ceremonies at the event introducing a number of the people who spoke at the event.

Governor Chris Sununu was in attendance as well as U.S. Congressman Chris Pappas. State Senators

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Derry Town Council Approves Increase for Elderly Exemption Program

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DERRY - During the May 3 Derry Town Council meeting the Town Council heard a proposal to increase the income eligibility for the Town's Elderly Exemption Program.

Town Administrator Dave Caron said that looking at the program was one of the goals of the Town Council.

"One of the Council's goals from last year was to review the Town's eligibility criteria for the elderly exemption program," said Caron.

Caron said that it is available for people who are 65 and older and has many requirements for it.

He explained that he worked with Town Councilor Brian Chirichiello and Town Councilor Charlie Foote on reviewing it. Caron said they discovered the income eligibility in 12 years.

"Our income eligibility hasn't increased in a number of years," said Caron.

Caron said that because Social Security has to be included in the eligibility they have seen a number of people no longer being eligible because their income

increases but the eligible income hasn't.

Caron's proposal was to increase it by \$10,000 a year for single people and married couples. For a single person it would increase from \$35,000 to \$45,000 and a married couple would increase from \$45,000 to \$55,000.

"What we are finding is that Derry has consistently been more receptive than most of our neighbors in providing this benefit to our elderly residents," said Caron.

Caron said that it would be effective from April 1.

He said that they have

a couple of applications that they have received that wouldn't qualify under the current guidelines but would under the proposed one. Caron said they are waiting to process them pending the outcome of the proposed increase.

Caron said that they want to put a note on the tax bill for residents so that way those who may qualify under the new income requirements will have a chance to apply now.

"They will have an opportunity to apply," said Caron.

Caron said that instead

of being enrolled in the program this year they would have a chance to apply for an abatement which would be granted by the Town Council and then next year they would be enrolled if they qualify for the program.

One question that was asked by Richard Tripp was how much they expect it to cost if they approved the increase this year.

"Our rough estimate is about \$20,000 per year," said Caron.

Chirichiello reiterated the fact that the eligibility hasn't been increased in a number of years.

"These numbers haven't been touched in 12 years," said Chirichiello.

Chirichiello said with the costs of most things increasing it is particularly important they increase it this year.

"This is one way we can provide a little bit of relief," said Chirichiello.

Bourdon said if taxes go up it will help people who qualify to at least maintain where they are.

"We have to do this in my opinion," said Bourdon.

The Town Council unanimously approved the increase.

Chester Selectmen Review Changes to Facility Rental Forms

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CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen discussed possible changes to the rental forms for town owned buildings during their May 5 meeting.

Chester Recreation Director Corinna Reishus told the Selectmen that the fees haven't changed in eight years.

"The fees haven't changed since 2014," said Reishus.

Reishus said that she looked at what different towns across the state charge for their fields and facilities.

"It's good to see that we're following what other towns are charging," said Reishus.

Reishus explained to the Board of Selectmen that they have a security deposit to use the facilities. She said that the returning groups usually ask the town to hold on to it from year to year.

Reishus said that they currently have \$1,300 in security deposits. She said that one of the questions was what account it was in. Reishus said that it is in a revolving account.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that he thinks they should have interest

provided on it.

Reishus said that they currently don't.

"I have a serious problem with that," said Landau.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said he thinks it should be in a separate escrow account.

Reishus said that they could give it back to the groups every six months if they wanted to.

"It's whatever you prefer," said Reishus.

D'Angelo said he thinks they should get their check back after the end of each season.

It was decided the security deposits would be returned on June 30 which

is the end of the fiscal year.

Selectmen Steve Couture asked if there was anything that they thought should be changed to the form.

"Is there anything that you found that you think we should be addressing," said Couture.

Reishus said there wasn't.

One of the main items that has been discussed regarding the renting of the facilities is the town's COVID-19 policies.

D'Angelo said if they are going to continue to list any policies for it then it should be a supplemental sheet.

Couture said that he thinks it should be eliminated from the form altogether.

Reishus said that for the town's recreation programming they continue to require a waiver which is what is recommended.

Couture said that since their attorney said it isn't

necessary to have the guidelines on the forms for liability purposes then they shouldn't have it.

"We're already covered, we don't need it," said Couture.

The Selectmen ultimately agreed to take out the information on the forms regarding COVID-19.

D'Angelo said he thinks at the end of the season Reishus should come in if she has any other suggestions for the forms.

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Derry Village Rotary Discuss Aid with Local Ukrainians

Auburn residents Andrey and Dimitri Ilyuk delivered a powerful message to members of the Derry Village Rotary last week.

Andrey has been going to Ukraine and coordinating efforts over the past two months establishing lines of communication and support to the people in that country under attack by Russia. He showed a YouTube video they have developed which included images of destruction they witnessed, civilian and military folks they are directly helping, taped interviews with Ukrainian citizens, leaders and relief supporters in both Ukraine and in Poland.

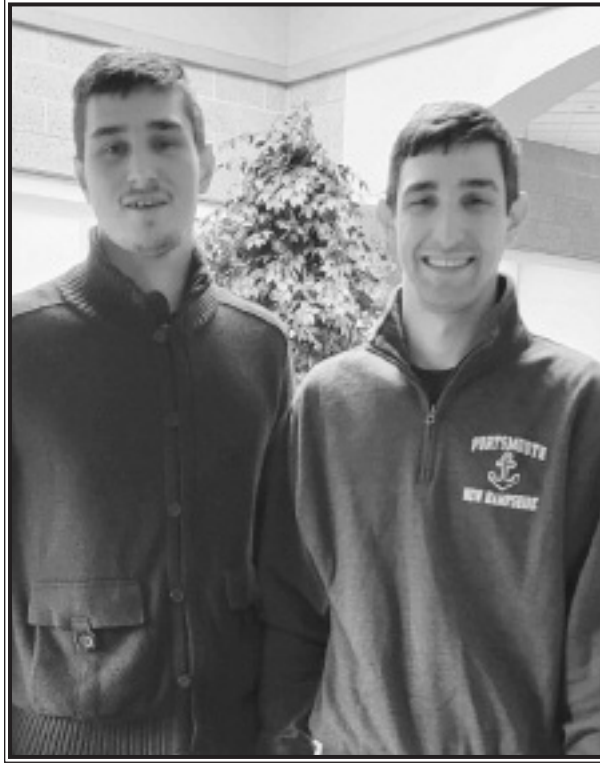
Andrey and Dimitri's parents immigrated from Ukraine 19 years ago and in 2015 the brothers established a successful used car dealership in Auburn.

Recently, in response to the horrific war in Ukraine, they gathered a

team of people that created "The Loving Lifeline" a nonprofit charitable organization. This organization is equipped with various tools to serve as a bridge between Ukrainian people who are in need and those who can and want to help.

They have partnered with 217 churches in Ukraine who are the key in-place interfaces with the people in each church location. The church leaders identify immediate needs and pass them via hotline relay to The Loving Lifeline.

The Loving Lifeline has successfully developed over \$500K in funding to date. Most of their funding goes to procurement of identified needed supplies. They purchase the supplies in larger quantities in order to get favorable unit pricing. Supplies from the U.S. are then put into a shipping containers and use a supply chain which the Loving Lifeline has established which goes from



Andrey and Dimitri Ilyuk spoke to the Derry Rotary last week about the needs of Ukrainians during the ongoing conflict overseas. *Courtesy photo*

New Jersey to Poland then to the Ukraine. Some funds go to Ukraine/Poland to help offset the cost of gas and cars used to transport people and supplies onsite.

Vehicles do not survive for long so there is a constant need of replacements.

They have also developed Western Ukraine and Polish contracts and delivery pipelines with food providers, including bulk flour (for pasta/bread production) and prepared meats to expedite easy to store and ready to eat foods to those in the North where the fighting first began but also in the East where most of current fighting is located.

Initially the intent was to supply only civilian needs, but they realized that the military did not have the equipment available to adequately equipped new conscripts.

Young men were going into war zones lacking vital items like helmets, body armor and medical supplies. The Living Lifeline has made inroads with U.S. and European elected officials, police and military units to gather surplus or outdated equipment, testing to ensure it is acceptable and ready for combat use, then transporting it to the needed troops. In particular, they have purchased a considerable amount of emergency medical supplies for battle zone use. They have even gone so far as to train the troops who receive these supplies and ensure they have the knowledge on how to properly use it.

They are also collecting and providing used and surplus firefighting clothing to outfit the Ukrainians who are tasked with fighting fires.

In many areas, the residents are without electricity, natural gas and running water. They have purchased and provided electric pumps, generators and gas kitchen equipment to give these hardest hit citizens some relief.

They have found that the Russian soldiers are actually taking clothing, goods, and kitchen equipment with them when they depart, leaving virtually nothing of use behind for the surviving civilians. They are beginning to look into ways to replace these bare necessities when they can.

Likewise, there are many orphans in these war torn areas. With the help of Church members, they are beginning to construct safe houses in the attics of existing buildings for these orphans to have a safe, warm place to stay with a supporting adult group to help them.

Eventually they will begin to assist the structure rebuild process in areas that are considered safe from additional military actions.

The ODA Auto Precision car dealership in Auburn will match up to \$100,000 for all donations made on their GiveSendGo fundraising site. 100% of the dollars raised will go to Ukraine support. Details can be found on the Loving LifeLine website. The website also includes information on what types of material donations they could use including critical food needs, tactical medical supplies, hospital medical supplies, and some military supplies. They also include a link to use to make monetary donations.

The dealership is currently running a raffle. The winner will receive a brand new Mercedes ML350. This car was donated by the dealership.

• The Loving Lifeline website can be found at: <https://www.thelovinglifeline.com>

• The Loving Lifeline GiveSendGo fundraising site is at: www.givesendgo.com

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deadline.

Conservation Commission member Pam Gaudreau said that she would get samples of different signs and would bring them to the next meeting so that way the project can be recognized.

Gaudrea also told the Commission that she thinks that a gate at the Odell Road access of the Fremont Road Town Forest is broken and may need to be replaced. She said that it looked like a truck had hit

it.

Butler said that it may be able to be fixed and he would look at it in the next couple of days.

Conservation Commission member Christy Ortins said that he has been in talks with an Eagle Scout named Alex Fournier, who is looking to put some bridges in the Town Forest.

Ortins told the Commission that he will be fundraising in the near future in order to get the funds for the project.

Gaudreau said that there will be an event that

talks about the Red Barn on May 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Sandown Town Hall.

Butler also told the Commission that they had a successful turnout recently to help repaint the trail markers and to do some cleanup work. Butler said that there were about six trash bags full of trash that was taken out of the Freemont Road Forest after the cleanup day.

The next Sandown Conservation meeting is slated for May 26 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

Invaders in Our Midst

Are your neighbors' plants making a home in your shrubbery? Is greenery that you never bought strangling your trees? Are leaves from unknown aquatic greens traveling on your boat to find a home in your favorite lake?

Conservation officials remind us that invasive plants are a local problem, and they're a problem in our waterways as well.

According to the state's invasive species coordinator, invasive plants impact endangered or threatened species, reduce diversity and wildlife habitat, affect water quality, damage property, and lead to starvation of birds.

Japanese knotweed, bittersweet, purple loosestrife, multiflora rose, and burning bush thrive locally all literally have a stranglehold on portions of our woodlands and roadsides.

But we don't have to leave our yards to encounter invasive. All it takes is ignoring an invasive's presence in one location, and soon it has taken over the neighborhood.

What an invasive does is simple – they take over, crowding out native plants. It's a battle we may be losing, and we can't wait for someone else to take care of it – if the plants have arrived, they'll be in your yard soon.

Homeowners can help control these invaders by learning to identify them, joining in volunteer efforts to control them, and following professionals'

instructions about disposing of any soil and plant matter that gets on clothes, shoes or tires during the eradication.

Meanwhile, if you think the water is safe from unwelcome visitors, think again.

State officials regularly issue warnings to boaters to pay attention to what they might be putting in the water. Summers in New Hampshire now demand a new way to look at hitchhiking and littering – boats, trailers, motors, fishing equipment, bait buckets, and diving gear can carry aquatic weeds, leaving an infested lake in their wake.

With no natural predators, the plants quickly dominate native plants, fish, and aquatic life. That translates into impaired water quality and reduced shorefront property values.

If you enjoy a kayak or canoe ride, pay attention to the plants in the water as well as the scenery and birdlife you are paddling out to enjoy. If you've had your boat in another body of water, examine it carefully before returning to your home lake. Encourage fellow boaters to do the same.

Prevention is the name of the game, and it's the job of each one of us to preserve the quality of the lakes we love. And back on land? Contact your local conservation commission, Extension Service or the state for advice on getting rid of invasive plants. This battle won't be won unless each of us does our share.

Letters

Take Your Signs

To the editor,

As I drive around my town, I am still seeing political signs littering the landscape. Political signs were to be removed one week past the November elections. That time frame is now more than over one-month and the signs are still up and littering the sides of the roads. During the campaign, I met many people who were 'paid volunteers' from out of state putting up the various signs for the loyal opposition. I do realize that "the thrill is gone" and so are the paid volunteers. However, the candidates are responsible for their own signs. I ask all candidates to do the right thing and drive all around their districts and pick up the signs. Please do not ask the various towns to assume the cost of picking up your signs that are now trashing the landscape.

Littering really bugs me.
Representative
Chris True
Sandown

Derry Lions 32nd Annual Kids Fish Derby

To the editor,

The Derry Lions had a very successful Kids Fish Derby on May 7 at Hood

Park in Derry. Kids and their families enjoyed seasonable weather while fishing for trout, sunfish etc. We thank the Town of Derry and Recreation Department for allowing us to use Hood Park as our venue and providing online registration.

We also thank the numerous Ad Book Sponsors who help us pay for the 400 fish we stock, trophies and ribbons. The following is a list of our sponsors:

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Finally, I want to thank our members both new and old and volunteer Travis Lavoie for their hard work to make this another successful Kids Fish Derby.

Pete Marcotte
Co Chair Derry Lions
Kids Fish Derby

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samples of liquor and spirits as long as the particular town allows it and they have the right requirements.

He explained that he was contacted by the coordinator of the Farmers Market and asked they be

allowed to do it.

Caron in his memo to the Town Council said that it wouldn't have any negative fiscal impact on the Town.

"It does facilitate the town's goal of enhancing economic development by providing a business opportunity to the requesting

party," said Caron.

The Town Council ultimately approved the request. Town Councilor Neil Wetherbee abstained from the vote.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated to take place on May 19 at 7 p.m.

Hampstead Planning Board Approves Site Plan For Route 111

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the May 2 Hampstead Planning Board meeting one of the agenda items was a site plan for 618 Route 111.

Representing the owner Buddy Collins was Chris Tymula from GPI.

Tymula said that he feels that all the comments mentioned by Keach-Nordstrom Associates have been addressed. He told the Board that he would be adding the location of the water testing to the site plan.

Tymula indicated he was still waiting for NH Department of Transportation comments and approval.

Steve Keach, the engineer for Hampstead said that the Board still had to consider the three waiver requests that they were looking for in order to do the project.

Hampstead Planning Board Chairman Robert Weimar asked about the drainage on the new barn.

Keach explained that the only drainage being considered is on the paved driveway, and that the building has the same footprint as the existing barn, which means there will be no increase in the amount of run-off.

Weimar also asked if the barn foundation would be a concrete slab.

Collins told the Board that he is not sure if he would be able to reuse the current barn. He explained that his plan is to just rotate the building out of the wetlands.

Weimar said that he was concerned about spill containment as well as the handling of the materials within the barn. He said that he wanted to see drainage controls and treatment within it.

Keach said that the state has a code of rules regarding floor drains being required to be registered with the state.

Collins said they were proposing to have spill kits on the site.

Weimar asked what the facade would look like if there was to be new construction and said that the Board has the right to state what the building should look like.

Tymula said that he didn't think the barn was visible from the roadway. Weimar said he drives by it daily and notices the barn.

Weimar said that he wants the building to look similar to what is already there.

The Planning Board

ultimately approved a 90 day conditional approval for the site plan. Some of the conditions include receipt of a NH Department of Transportation Driveway Permit, and receipt of a performance guarantee, in an amount and form acceptable to the town of Hampstead, to serve as surety for proper installation and maintenance of erosion controls during construction.

In other news the Planning Board approved a

continuance for a subdivision application for 20 Bonnies Way.

It was explained that the consultant for the applicant sent a letter requesting that it be continued until the June 6 Planning Board meeting because they were scheduled to be heard at the May 4 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting and needed a variance.

The next Hampstead Planning Board meeting is slated to take place on June 6 at 7 p.m.

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Chester Selectmen Discuss Police Matters and Internet Provider

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CHESTER - During the May 5 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting the Selectmen discussed a few of the items from the Town Administrator report.

One of them was in regards to the possible addition of a couple of parking spaces for the police department.

Chester Police Chief Aaron Berube explained that previously the Selectmen didn't think there was a need for an expanded parking lot. With an increase of personnel during the day since the town and

department have expanded Berube said that the extra parking spaces are needed.

"We're at a point where we're taking a lot of the parking lot as well," said Berube.

Berube told the Selectmen that he spoke to Road Agent Mike Oleson who said that he would work up a cost for the materials. He said that essentially they are filling in a couple more spots closer to the Police Department so they can have more spaces.

D'Angelo said that is something that can be put into the Capital Improvement Plan.

"I think that's a perfect CIP item," said D'Angelo.

Berube said that he wants to wait to see what the cost is going to first and said he would come back to them.

Berube was also asked by the Selectmen if he had an update in regards to filling the open detective position. Berube said that he does have a candidate in mind but wanted to talk to the Selectmen during non-public in regards to the compensation.

Another item on the list prepared by Town Administrator Deb Doda was in regards to the spending

projections.

"We're running ahead on spending," Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette explained what was said in the report.

D'Angelo said that they are close but unless there is a large expenditure or if something comes up that is unexpected then he thinks they will be fine. He said that if any department is faced with that then they need to go to the Board of Selectmen for a discussion.

"I think anything over \$10,000," said D'Angelo.

He said he thinks mostly what hasn't paid out already is for every day

expenses.

"Most of this is just day to day stuff," said D'Angelo.

The Board of Selectmen also had an action item to approve a new two year contract with Comcast for their internet.

D'Angelo said he wanted to hold off on it. He explained that they are in the process of doing something different with their software and wants to wait to see what they will need for the internet and what their options are before signing a new contract.

It was explained by Administrative Assistant Janis Jalbert that they are

being charged an extra \$30 a month for not having a contract.

"It's like you're paying month by month," said Selectmen Steve Couture.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that he thinks they should talk to Comcast and explain their situation in hopes of not having to pay the extra cost.

"I would be very willing to call Comcast," said Landau. "Pennies add up."

The Selectmen ultimately agreed to wait before signing a contract.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for May 12 at 7 p.m.

Derry Town Council Set To Vote On New Fire Station Bond on May 19

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Town Council held a public hearing on May 4 to discuss a possible bond to build a new station in South-West Derry.

It was explained by Town Administrator Dave Caron that in April 2021 the Town Council established a task force to study public safety facilities.

In December 2021 the Town Council received a detailed cost estimate from an architect for a number

of different options including for a police headquarters, Fire headquarters, a fire substation, and for a public safety facility.

It was determined that one of the things that the Town Council wanted to focus on was reducing the response time for south west Derry.

It was explained by Caron that right now the average response time for south west Derry from the Central Fire Station is eight minutes and six seconds. From the Rockingham Road station the average

response is five minutes and nineteen seconds which is longer than the recommended response time of four minutes.

"We have a number of streets that are beyond the four minutes," said Caron.

It was proposed that they could close the Central Station and put a new station in southwest Derry on part of the Alexander Carr property in order to reduce the response time.

Caron said that when the interest rates goes up he expects that the construction costs to come down.

Planning Board member Marc Connors pointed out during public comment that there are encroachment issues with the Central Fire Station which could be an issue if they wanted to expand it.

Connors said that he is hopeful that they can do it without hurting the taxpayers too much.

"Hopefully we can do this in a way that doesn't hurt the taxpayers too much," said Connors.

The projected cost for the facility is \$19.5 million which includes a three per-

cent contingency factor for construction.

The plan is to use \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds, \$1 million from the unallocated fund balance, \$500,000 from the sale of the Central Fire Station and the rest through a bond.

Caron said that the projected tax impact would be \$.21 per thousand dollars of property value per year.

The Town Council is

expected to take a vote on the bond on May 19. It is recommended that they bond for the whole amount minus \$1 million which is coming from ARPA funds.

Caron told the Town Council that if they approve going for a bond during their May 19 meeting then they would apply to go to the NH Municipal Bond Bank on May 20 in hopes of being part of the June 7 bond sale.

OBITUARY

Larry W. LeClair



Larry W. LeClair, 86, of Chester, NH passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday April 28, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Larry was born in Holland, VT on Aug. 29, 1935 to the late William and Doris (Wheeler) LeClair. Having been raised in Ridgefield, CT he had been a resident of Chester for the past 53 years. He proudly served his country in the Marine Corp. where he was able to travel the world, which included spending an extended amount of time in Japan. He was employed in the precision optics field and proudly worked on lenses for the Apollo Space Mission and the Hubble telescope. After retiring, he and his wife Nancy pursued their love of travel and fulfilled their lifelong dream of wintering in Florida. He was most proud of taking his family on a cross country journey where they were able to experience the beauty of many of our country's national parks. In his spare time he could be found working in the yard, bowling, fishing, and golfing.

He is survived by his three children Kathy LeClair of Chester, NH; Kenneth LeClair and his wife Karen of Chester, NH, and Michelle Williams and her husband John of Attleboro, MA; his four grandchildren Katie LeClair, Nicole LeClair, Mike Williams, and Sarah Williams; his great grandson Noah; his two brothers Russell LeClair of Ridgefield, CT and Ronald LeClair and his wife Lee of Millsboro, DE; as well as many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his loving wife Nancy (Dunbar) LeClair of 62 years, and his brother William LeClair.

Following cremation, calling hours was held on Thursday, May 5 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service followed in the funeral home. The burial followed in Great Hill Cemetery, Rt. 121A, Chester.

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Hampstead Master Plan Group Discusses Visions & Goals

PAUL CONYERS
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - Jennifer Rowden of the Rockingham Planning Commission spoke about the proposed Master Plan in Hampstead at a May 5 Master Plan Committee meeting. Rowden stressed the importance of the Master Plan to "provide a stronger foundation for Hampstead, to be able to move forward with many activities" and to "serve as a guide for the other committees, departments, boards, residents, and business in the community to all be working towards the same goal." Rowden hopes to make the Master Plan "a living, breathing document" to promote a vibrant com-

munity.

The focus of the meeting was the vision chapter with eleven community goals. Rowden stressed that the current version of the vision chapter is still a draft and can be discarded if found to be unworkable.

Residents have input on the process at a public meeting or by contacting a member of the Hampstead Planning Board. Adopting any draft of the master plan requires a presentation to the planning board and a public hearing.

The goals of the master plan are currently unorganized. Rowden noted that "none of these goals are prioritized higher than the other...none of the objectives are in a specific order." Focus

depends on the level of feedback from Hampstead residents. Public meetings and a survey in 2021 have been the main sources of information so far.

Rowden said that there is "always a balance to what a community can do and, in some cases, the more information is needed." Municipal balance includes keeping a level of service to maintain the needs and wants of the community without increasing the tax burden

on residents. An example given was to continue utilizing school facilities to provide for expanded recreation activities.

One goal mentioned in the master plan was the idea of a "complete street" in town. In a larger city, the complete street concept includes a center median and sidewalks to encourage the use of a street by bicyclists, cars, and pedestrians. A rural area such as Hampstead would utilize more space on the shoulders for

pedestrians and cyclists. The goal is to make sure that everyone using a road can get from point A to point B safely. Community feedback indicated there is little appetite for sidewalks in most of Hampstead.

Several public questions focused on the environmental and open spaces in the town. Specifically, they focused on vision goal number 8, protecting Hampstead's water resources and open space from future development.

Most residents of Hampstead have indicated that they want the master plan to protect the town's rural, New England nature. One possibility is limiting future growth to concentrated, small-scale commercial development and single-family housing.

The Master Plan Committee hopes to have a working, updated master plan by the end of 2022, although this date is not set in stone. Continued public input to gather information is welcomed.

Rotary Clubs Invite Veterans for Dinner

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - After a two year break, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the two Rotary Clubs of Derry will once again be

hosting a Veterans Recognition Dinner on Thursday evening, May 26, at the Derry Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry.

This will be the thirteenth time the Derry Rotary and Derry Village

Rotary will combine efforts to host this event.

The dinners were not held in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID concerns, but the clubs are proud to be back offering their appreciation to local veterans for their service.

Local veterans, and their guests, representing all conflicts from World War II to present day service are welcome to attend the free event. Those wishing to attend should call 603-432-3357 to reserve a spot for what has always been a popular diner.

Rotary clubs worldwide, since their inception, have a goal of giving back to their communities. The Derry clubs use this time to highlight the significant efforts our veterans have made to protect our

American way of life.

Most of the guests come primarily from the Derry and Londonderry area but no veteran will ever be turned down.

Past dinners have had as many as 300 guests in attendance and with the two-year COVID postponement we expect a great turn out for this event. Not only do the veterans enjoy the evening but the Rotary volunteers look forward to it as well. Although our clubs hold a number of great events all year in support of the community, this one is by far the most rewarding to the Rotarians participating.

For additional information contact: Dennis Toombs, Secretary, Derry Village Rotary Club at dennis.toombs@gmail.com or call 603-505-7507.

OBITUARY

Richard James Barry



Richard James Barry, 75, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday May 19, 2020, in the Rochester Manor in Rochester, NH. He was born on Jan. 9, 1945 in Somerville, MA, a son of the late Alphonsus and Bernice (Nolen) Barry. Richard proudly served his country in the US Navy and was a member of the American Legion Post #27 of Londonderry. He enjoyed fishing, watching boxing and shooting pool. In his heyday, Richard was an impeccable Al Jolson impersonator.

He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Mackesy and husband Mark of Bennington, NH; two granddaughters, Colleen Paige and husband Sam and Mikala Mackesy; two great grandsons, Jason Paige and Jonathan Paige; one great granddaughter, Elizabeth Paige; a brother, William Barry and wife Cecelia of Kansas; two sisters, Violet Bonnett and husband Robert of Somerville, MA, and Bernice Reiss and husband Joe of Tewksbury, MA; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of almost 50 years, Joyce M. (Simpson) Barry in 2018 and his son Robert Barry in 1980.

A Memorial calling hour will be held on Saturday June 4, from 1 - 2 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Catholic prayer service will begin at 2 p.m., in the funeral home. Services will conclude with Military Honors provided by the US Navy Honors team.

OBITUARY

Beverly Jane Brackett



Beverly Jane Brackett, 87, of Derry, formerly of W. Hampstead, NH passed away Friday May 6, 2022, at Derry Nursing and Rehabilitation, after a lengthy illness. Beverly was born April 19, 1935, in Royal Oak, MI, and was the youngest child of Harry, Sr. and Minnie (Wylie) Brackett. Beverly moved to NH at the age of 7 and was a resident of Hampstead for 70 years, prior to relocating to Derry in 2012.

Beverly was employed as a secretary with Pope Machinery and then for many years with Nashua Corporation. She loved cars and especially convertibles. She loved to cruise around in her MG Midget and also enjoyed roller skating in her younger years. She also had a dog "Mr. B" who was the love of her life.

Members of the family include several nieces and nephews. Beverly was predeceased by her six siblings, Pauline Thompson, Raymond "Bud" Brackett, Harry Brackett, Charles Brackett, Norman Brackett and Betty Brown.

A funeral service will be held Thursday May 12, at 1 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Home and Crematorium 15 Birch St., Derry, NH. Burial will follow in W. Hampstead Cemetery, just off Rt. 121 in Hampstead. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Chester residents celebrated the town’s 300th anniversary on Saturday during Proclamation Day. Pictured clockwise from above: Jean Methot; Don Brown and Forrest Garvin fire cannons; Morgane Grace Vigroux; N.H. Governor Chris Sununu; and U.S. Senator Chris Pappas. *Photos by Chris Paul*



300th

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Chuck Morse and Bill Gannon read a proclamation from the state senate.

An Invocation was delivered by Rev. Linda Rackliffe of the Chester Congregational Baptist Church followed by remarks from Jean Methot, the 300th Anniversary Committee Chairman, dressed in colonial era attire.

Derry resident Morgane Grace Vigroux, a junior at the Berklee College of Music sang the National Anthem as well as “God Bless America” and “America the Beautiful” during the service.

Chester resident Melis-

sa Rosetti Folini read her poem “In the Shadow of The Steeple” and Selectman Chair, Chuck Myette, gave a presentation on the Time Capsule that was put together to be buried in front onthe hall and uncovered in 50-years.

The ceremony ended with Don Brown and Forrest Garvin firing three rounds from the historic cannons located in the center of town.

The celebration continued throughout the day with Chester Congregational Baptist Church hosting refreshments behind the Vestry and historic demonstrations on the fields near Chester Academy..

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Softball Squad Reaches 5-4 with Two Wins

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Softball team had two good wins last week to put their season record above the .500 mark. One of those

wins came at the expense of a very tough Londonderry High School squad on PA's home diamond.

After finishing the month of April with two losses, the Lady Astros turned things around start-

ing on Tuesday, May 3, with an 8-1 drubbing of the Trinity-West Pioneers in Manchester.

The game was pretty close overall, until the seventh inning, when PA delivered four runs for the seven run lead.

Madi Cunha was in the circle for Pinkerton, allowing just one run, five hits and five Ks in the complete game win.

Aby Alexander, Kennedy Michaud and Maddie Schoenberger each had doubles, with Schoenberger and Olivia Mason each hitting triples.

In the Lady Astros second win of the week, the girls hosted the Lady Lancers who had only lost one game this season. Pinkerton made it two, with a 10-8 victory despite a late inning surge by LHS.

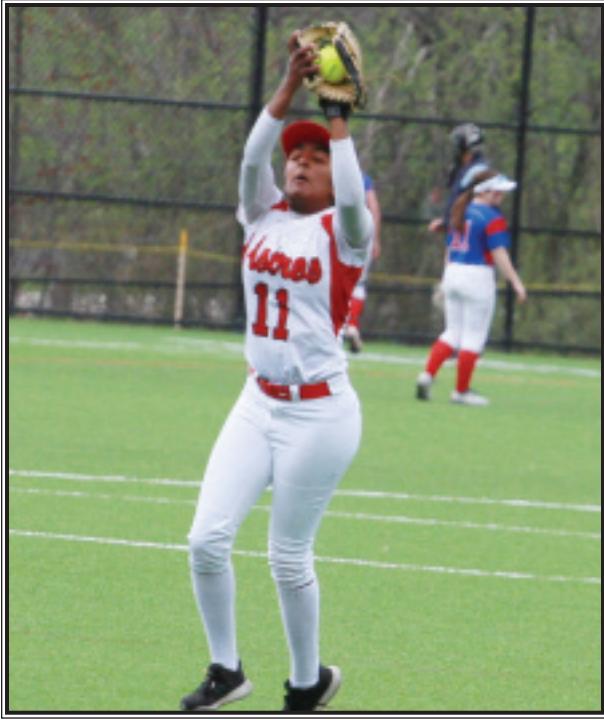
Paige Murray got the win, pitching five innings with one strikeout and seven hits and six runs. Ashleigh Lemay came into the game

for final two innings to record the save.

Alexander and Schoenberger each had big home-runs in the game. Alexander's came in the fourth inning, a line drive shot to right with no one on base. Schoenberger came when she lead off the fifth, driving a bomb to centerfield.

Alexander had three hits, three runs and four RBIs for her team. Stella Kozak was three-for-three in the game with a double. Lily Mason also had three hits in the contest an centerfielder Maddy Moore hit a triple in the victory.

The two wins gave the Astros a 5-4 record headed into their final nine games of the season.



Abygale Alexander makes a grab in right field against Londonderry last week.



Sophomore Paige Murray was the winning pitcher against the Lancers last week. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lancers Spoil Astros Baseball's Chance at Perfect Season

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Baseball team's run of 10 consecutive wins came to an end last week during their game against their rivals in Londonderry on Friday. Pinkerton lost their first game of the season to LHS, but also recorded two wins to finish the week at 11-1.



Lefty Liam Doyle suffered his first loss last week in Londonderry against the LHS. Photos by Chris Paul

The Astros started the month of May at home, with a close 3-2 win over the Trinity Pioneers with a dramatic walk-off win.

Casey Watson and Max Lukeman combined on the mound for PA, with Watson getting the win, pitching five innings with six Ks and three hits. Lukeman pitched two with four strikeouts and three hits. Each gave up a

run.

Pinkerton lead 1-0 after one with Tom Rioux getting a two-out single to drive in Jacob Albert.

Trinity tied the game at one-a-piece in the fourth and then took the lead in the sixth for a 2-1 lead. PA tied things at two in the bottom of that inning after a triple by Cole Yennaco followed by a sac fly by Nick Rioux.

A game-winning single was served up by Jackson Marshall on a fly ball to right field in the final inning.

The Astros had 12 hits in the game for the team's tenth straight win.

On Friday, in Londonderry, Pinkerton and lefty Liam Doyle suffered their first loss of the season with a 2-0 defeat to the Lancers.

The LHS squad only needed one hit against PA ace Liam Doyle. That hit came in the fourth inning after two walks by Doyle. The single scored a run, followed by an error by the catcher to give Londonderry all the offense they needed.

Doyle faced 21 batters, striking out six two walks

and gave up just the one hit.

The following day, The Astros got back to their winning ways with a 10-run shutout of the Keene Black Birds at home.

The PA bats were hot right from the start, getting five runs in the first inning and four more in the third.

Tom Rioux got the win, only needed to pitch five innings with seven Ks and two hits.

Marshall and Elijah Sharp had two hits and three RBIs in the one-sided win, Albert also had two hits and two RBIs.



Jackson Marshall had two hits with a double last weeks loss against the Lancers.

Pinkerton Track Teams Take Second at Clipper Relays

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Track and Field teams participated in the Clippers Relays at Portsmouth High School last week with both the boys and girls placing second as a team.

The relay team of Matt Devine, Alex LeBlanc, Zack Smith and Jake Spezzaferri won the 4x100 and the 4x200 with PR of 43.50 and 1:32.27 respectively. Ethan Charles, Luke Brennan, Travis Henry and Cooper Michaud took second place in the Distance Medley Relay (2,800m).

Two third place finishes were achieved in discus by James Melendy, Joseph Packowski and Cole Alden, and in shot put by James Melendy, George Nigro III

and Joseph Packowski.

Finishing in fourth in the 4x800m was the team of Luke Brennan, Theo Davis, Ethan Charles and Cooper Michaud

The team of Ryan Gordan, Joseph Packowski, and Charles Franks were fourth in javelin. The triple jump team of Nick Harrington, Jonathan Edwards and Logan Guillelte placed sixth to finish off the scoring.

The Pinkerton boys scored in nine of the fourteen events placing second out of 18 teams.

The 4x200 team of Jordan Wheaton, Hannah Sippel, Maddie Connors, and Eva Roberts won with a Meet Record time of 1:46.54. The same quartet finished second in the 4X100 with their best time of the season (50.06).

The Shot Put Relay squad won with a combined distance of 92' 4.25". They were led by Briana Danis (34' 10.25"), Lillia Woods (32' 0.5" PR), and Ella Hewes (25' 5.5").

The Discus group earned a victory with a combined distance of 274' 11". Briana Danis (123' 0") Lillia Woods (80' 8" PR), and Jameson Trask (71' 3") comprised the team.

The 4x800 relay of Olivia Welch, Izzy Groulx, Makenna Alden, and Tess Silva finished 2nd with a season best of 10:00.98.

The Distance Medley Relay team of Mimi Preble, Grace Jellow, Teagan Stinson, and Makenna Alden finished second in 13:51.93.

The boys 4x100 and girls 4x200 broke the Clippers meet record.

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Astros Boys Lax Squad Gets Two Wide-Margin Victories



Astros junior Joey Gallo had five goals against the Sabers last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Varsity Lacrosse team had two wins against Granite State teams and a loss against a Bay State team to begin the Month of May.

On Monday, May 2, the team took on the winless Nashua North Titans and beat them 19-1 in a lopsided contest.

Nashua scored its only goal in the first, while PA had 10 in the first and six more to close the half.

Pinkerton scored three more times in the second half.

Ryan Lynch had six goals, Michael Uber got

three and Colby Gagnon and Liam

Prescott each had two. Joey Gallo, Matt Feole, Riley Spellman, Matt Morrison, Cody Santomassimo and Anthony Terrenzio scored one each.

Assists went to: Prescott with four, Uber and Gagnon had three and Spellman, Feole, Braydon Bourque, Ridge Crossman, Kyle Zirn, Morrison and Santomassimo each had one.

Goalie Tyler LeBlanc made one save.

Cole Frank and Alex Tsetseranos combined to get 100 percent of the face-offs.

On Friday, May 6, PA hosted the Souhegan Sabers and posted another convincing win.

The Astros scored 10 times in the first half to the Sabers 2, then added seven in the second half for the 17-4 victory.

Gallo and Lynch both had five goals, Spellman got a hat trick and Uber, Feole, Morrison, Garrett Mulhall each had one.

Assists went to: Spellman with two, and Feole, Uber, Gagnon, Adam Scala and Prescott each had one.

Curtis Michaud had two saves and Tyler LeBlanc got

four in goal for the Astros.

On Saturday, May 7, the Astros suffered an 11-3 loss to a team from Medfield Mass.

Lynch, Gallo and Morrison were the only goal scorers and assists went to Spellman and Feole.

Curtis Michaud made eight saves.

Despite the loss Cole Frank excelled on face-offs,

winning 13 of 15.

The Pinkerton Squad will have two games this week, starting on Tuesday afternoon with a road game against the Merrimack Tomahawks (4-5) followed by a trip to Northborough, Mass. for a game against Algonquin Regional High School on Saturday morning, May 14

Athlete of the Week

Week of May 2

**Abygale Alexander
Junior, Softball**

Alexander played errorless in right field in the West/Trinity and Londonderry games last week. She had six at-bats with four hits for a .667 average. Aby hit a single, two doubles, and a homerun with four runs batted in and three runs scored.



**Jackson Marshall
Sophomore, Baseball**

Marshall batted .667 for the Astros last week with two doubles and four RBIs. Marshall also gave his team a huge walk off single to secure the win against Trinity.



Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Tennis Teams Split on Victories with Londonderry

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

With the spring sports season winding down for the Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Tennis teams, each squad had just one match last week.

The boys team traveled to Londonderry on Friday, May 6, where they fell 5-4 and gave the Lancers their first win of the season.

The Pinkerton girls team improved their season record to 5-3 with a 7-2

home win over the Lady Lancers of Londonderry.

Senior captain Maddie Frank sparked the Astros to victory, capturing wins at both singles and doubles on the day. In her #1 singles victory, Frank dominated her opponent 8-0.

In doubles, she teamed with freshman Amelia Coyle for another 8-0 win. Other singles winners during the match were Amelia Coyle (8-2), Madeline Donahue (8-1), Mia Rivard (8-0) and junior Calli

Matarozzo (8-2).

In doubles play, juniors Sydney Collard and Emma Hazard took an 8-6 win, making their varsity debut a successful one.

For the Astros boys, they had two singles wins and two victories in doubles.

Josh Roux and Riley Couture both had 8-0 wins and the teams of John McGarrahan and Jeremy Burke and Tony LeBlanc and Noah Antonellis managed 8-0 wins in doubles.

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Lady Astros Lax Squad Begins May with Two Wins, One Loss

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls Lacrosse team finished

the first week of May with two wins and a loss for an 8-2 season record heading into their final six games of 2022.

The Lady Astros started the week in Nashua on Monday, May 2, with a game against the Nashua North squad.

That game finished in a rather lopsided 19-3 final score with PA jumping out to a 15-0 lead by the end of the first half.

Hannah Lisauskas had five goals and one assist to lead the team in points.

Alison Lamphere followed with three goals; Hailey Schinder had two goals and two assist; Lilly Jeans got two goals and an assist and Tate Howe had two goals.

Caitlin Seleny finished with a goal and four assists, while Bella Pinardi, Ashlyn Ledoux, Liz Fournier and Emma Madsen each had a goal in the win.

Three players shared service in the goal: Lauren Sweeney saved all five shots taken on her; Sarah Declimenti had one save on the only shot on her and Brenna Hines allowed three goals on three shots.

On Thursday, May 5, the Pinkerton squad traveled to Amherst and wound up losing a close 6-5 game against Souhegan High School.

Pinkerton came back from a three-point deficit in the first to come within one of tying the game in the second half.

Lamphere had four goals in the game and Pinardi and Tate Howe each got one into the net.

Seleny managed four assists in the game while Elise Saab finished with one.

Lauren Sweeney made nine saves in the loss.

The Lady Astros finished the week with a rematch against the Lancers in Londonderry on Saturday.

That game ended with another PA win, beating Londonderry 9-5.

Lamphere, Saab and Hailey Schinder each had two goals. Cait Seleny had a goal and three assists, Pinardi and Howe each had a goal and Hannah Lisauskas got an assist.



Kristina Packowski defends the Pinkerton end during the game on Saturday morning against LHS.



Senior Alison Lamphere battles through the Londonderry defense during the team's second win against the Lancers. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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DERRY

Prepare for Kindergarten

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is offering a girl-centered kindergarten readiness series, Make New Friends, to any girl entering kindergarten this fall in Derry and the surrounding area. This four-part series will run the Fridays of June 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on

Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

CHESTER

Prepare for Kindergarten

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is offering a girl-centered kindergarten readiness series, Make New Friends, to any girl entering kindergarten this fall

in Chester and the surrounding area on the Thursdays of June 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., Chester. No membership required. See more about the series at <https://bit.ly/3wcvjhT>.

Library Closure

The Chester Library will be closed Saturday, May 28, and Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day

Bedtime Stories

Every Monday at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Library, put on your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and

snuggle up for evening story time and a craft with Miss Grace. Please register.

Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories, songs, and crafts with Miss Grace every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. They will meet on the lawn behind the library (weather permitting) Please register.

Diamond Painting Club

Find your Zen every Thursday from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Chester Library. Materials are provided for this drop in club. No Registration required.

Afternoon Book Club

Join the Chester Library on Tuesday, May 17, at 2 p.m., for some great reading and discussion. Books are chosen at each month's meeting. Contact or come in the library to get your copy of the current book.

New members welcome.

Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects to the Chester Library and hang out on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Evening Book Club

Join the Chester Library for some great reading and discussion on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. Books are chosen at each month's meeting. Contact or come in the library to get your copy of the current book. New members welcome.

Among Us in Real Life!

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of

you is the imposter. This is an in person game modeled after Among Us at the Chester Library on Wednesday May 25, at 4:30 p.m. No devices required. Limited space is available. For ages 8+. Registration is required.

Book Sale

Hosted by Friends of Chester Library on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (rain date 5/22), on Chester Library Lawn (behind the library) Paperbacks \$.50, Hardcover \$1, Puzzles \$1 or Free with \$5 purchase. Cash or check only please.

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HAMPSTEAD

Diaper and Wipe Drive

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., is collecting diapers and wipes throughout the month of May to support the Manchester Diaper Pantry. The pantry relies solely on donations from people like you, and the need for diapers and wipes is increasing as families struggle with rising costs. Diapers size 4 and up (including pull-ups) are especially needed and appreciated. All donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the social hall of the church. If you have any questions, please call 603-329-6985.

Hotel On The Corner, Book Discussions

As part of the multi-town 2022 Community Read, the Hampstead Public Library has two book discussions of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. The first is on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m., and the second is Thursday, May 19 at 1 p.m. Set in the ethnic neighborhoods of Seattle during World War II and the Japanese American internment camps of the era, this novel tells the heartwarming story of widower Henry Lee, his father, and his first love Keiko Okabe. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

May Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga class at the Hampstead Public Library is scheduled later than usual during the month of May. The class is on Tuesday, May 24 at 12:30 p.m. Maggie Grace from the Yoga Room teaches participants strengthening and stretching exercises in this 45-minute session. Please register in advance via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411. If the weather is nice, we may have the class outside. Registrants will be notified in advance.

Tea Time

The Hampstead Public Library hosts a World Travel Tea on Friday, May 13 at 1 p.m. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. Call the Library 603-329-6411, or register online via the Library's Events Calendar. The presenter is Kristy Lacroix, a cruise travel advisor. A selection of eight teas from around the world will be served.

Kids Spring Festival

Island Pond Baptist Church cordially invites you to attend their Kid's Spring Festival on Saturday, May 14, from 1 - 3 p.m., in the church parking lot. There will be food trucks, a bouncy slide, a rock wall, a petting farm, balloons, games, candy and More! Island Pond is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead. Please feel free to email info@island-pondbc.com, or call 603-329-5959, with questions. Visit their website on www.island-pondbc.com for information on all services and activities.

Memorial Day Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 9058 from St. Anne's Church will be offering a Memorial Day dinner featuring 'Steak & Chicken' kabobs. The dinner is Saturday, May 21 at 6 p.m., in the church basement, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. The proceeds will primarily benefit Liberty House, a Catholic Charities Programs helping Homeless and Struggling Veterans as well as other Knights of Columbus charities. We ask that you please plan to donate that evening by cash or check and encourage you to be as generous as possible for this worthy cause. Reservations only, space is limited. Takeout will be available on request. Please book as soon as possible by contacting Phil Santoro (603) 489-1097.

Meditation Class

Virtual Meditation Classes continue in May on Wednesdays, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Plus, Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., on May 21. Certified instructor and Library Associate, Sue Crump, leads participants in these sessions

via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome to class. Please register in advance via HampsteadLibrary.org.

SANDOWN

Granite State Ringers Spring Concert

The Granite State Ringers return with a spring musical concert on Saturday, May 14, from 2 - 3 p.m. They are a community handbell choir led by Mary Divers and Joan Fossum and were founded in February of 2007. This program will be held at the Sandown Town Hall, 320 Main St.

History of Agriculture as Told by Barns

The evolution of barn architecture tells the story of NH agriculture. On May 19, the Sandown Heritage Commission will host a presentation that will be a chronological walk-through time, with photo illustrations of barns around the state that are examples of these eras of agricultural history. The presentation will be upstairs at Sandown Town Hall starting at 7 p.m., on May 19. It is open to the public at no charge and funded through NH Humanities.

Do Your Perennials Need Help?

Now that spring is finally here, one may notice that many perennials in the garden are in need of help. If you would like to give your perennials a fresh start this year, please call Fran Rose-nau of the Sandown Garden Club at 603-887-5131. She will schedule a time, at your convenience, to divide those perennials that need a little help this spring. As in years past, SGC members will arrive at your home to divide those established plants, leaving your garden looking refreshed. They will then take the surplus plants to be potted and prepared for the Sandown Garden Club's annual Plant Sale starting on Saturday, June 4. Please call early to schedule a dig in your garden before the Club's plant quota is reached. Some plants may be restricted. Proceeds from these donated plants support the Club's many projects and its conservation,

beautification and education endeavors. The Sandown Garden Club is a non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.sandowngardenclub.org or the Club's Facebook page.

PageTurners Book Club

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

Board of Library Trustees

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.

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

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

Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m., to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this

month, we will be reading Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

Toddler Tuesdays

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

PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night at the Sandown Library for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Weather permitting, summer story times will be held outdoors on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youths@services@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skhoe@sandownlibrary.us

Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their

parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. director@sandownlibrary.us.

Legos and More

Do you love Legos? Come and build at the Sandown Library on Mondays from 4 - 5 p.m. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate for ages; 5+Registration is required.

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Baby Contest

Birthright is excited to hold its 1st Baby Contest for babies that live in NH and were born between May 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022. A total of \$350 in prizes will be awarded to the Prince, Princess, Best Dressed, Best Smile and Youngest. Full registration details are on Birthright.org/Derry in the Chapter Announcements section. Fund raiser registration deadline is June 1. Birthright is a non-profit that provides hope, love and support to mothers that are challenged by an unplanned pregnancy.

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