

Harvest Drive Residents Call to Reopen Pedestrian Connection

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – The connecting road between Village Brook Land and Harvest Drive at Harvest Estates has been an ongoing issue at the Derry Town Council and at the Aug. 2 it continued.

The connecting path between the two roads has been closed to the public, and residents are worried that restricted access will reduce neighborhood quality with fewer pedestrian options, especially for residences on Harvest Drive.

“I have two sons, one is 15, the other is seven months old. When my family moved into the neighborhood, we specifically tried to find a big neighborhood for my older son and any future kids,” said Stefanie Medrek, who

lives on Harvest Lane. “My younger son will not be able to enjoy the same quality of neighborhood life that my oldest was able to.”

Others were worried about students walking home from East Derry Memorial Elementary. Without the connection, such a walk will force many children onto the busier Hampstead Road after the summer break. The neighborhood’s proximity to the school means that school buses do not typically serve the area, and walking was never a problem before the road closure.

Seeing several members of the public ready to speak on the issue, Town Council Chair, Joshua Bourdon, quickly assured everyone that he was already aware of the issue

and the closure is not necessarily intended as permanent.

“The Town Council will take up the matter of accepting a dedicated easement for future access connecting Village Brook Land and Harvest Drive as a Class A trail, with certain restrictions, including that the trail will only be used by pedestrians and bicycles, and there will be no motorized vehicles” Bourdon, who further stated that no action could be taken until a later date. “You will not be able to walk on that road until at least the September meeting when that official action has taken place.”

Despite an assurance from the Council that the Harvest Road connection would get a vote, residents also expressed concern

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Hampstead Heights Plan Meets Resident Resistance

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD – A plan to construct an Elderly Housing Development, called Hampstead Heights, off Stoney Ridge Road in Hampstead had a great many area residents give their opinion of the plan, most of which were not in favor, at the Aug. 1 Planning Board meeting.

By the meeting’s end, the board will continue the discussion during a future meeting.

The applicant is looking to build a 66-unit

Elderly Condo complex for 55-Plus residents. The plan calls for two cul-de-sac roads to be built, one off Stoney Ridge Road and one would be within the site.

David Jordan, an Engineer from Salem, told the board that the site will be serviced by the Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) and all the open space and density requirements have been met.

Jordan also said that he has taken a number of concerns raised by abutter under advisement and is currently revising his

plans. The latest plans will be presented at a future meeting.

Many of the concerns raised by public comments revolved around traffic issues.

Board member, Randy Clark, had some concerns with the roadway leading into the development. His comments mainly talked about the lack of sight lines on the current plans.

Chairman, Robert Weimar, also had concerns about the sight lines. He was questioning whether the 44 Stoney Ridge Road

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Big Bubbles

Brody Parsons was having a great time making oversized bubbles at the Family Fun Fest at the Don Ball Park in Derry last week. The event was organized by folks from the Marion Gerrish Community Center along with help the Derry Recreation Department who added to the fun by leaving the Splash Open until 7 p.m.

Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown’s Old Home Day Starts Friday Night, Aug. 12

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN – The annual Sandown Old Home Day events will be taking place over the coming weekend and it will be back to the more traditional location in the center of town.

On Friday night, Aug. 12, the annual festivities will begin with a Family Friendly Luau at the Town Hall at 320 Main Street starting at 6 p.m. the “Old Home Day Kick-Off Party” will continue until 11 p.m. and features the band Bagga Ragz with Torie Jock.

The Old Home Day fun continues on Saturday, Aug. 13, with events beginning at 10 a.m. at the Library, Town Hall and at the Seeley Beach. There will also be booths set up at the Central School field. At the Sandown Public Library, starting at 10 a.m.,

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Marion Gerrish Holds Family Fun Fest at Don Ball Park



Board members of the Marion Gerrish Community Center held a Family Fun Fest at the Don Ball Park on Thursday, Aug. 4, giving families a chance to enjoy a number of outdoor activities as well as viewing the movie "Luca," at dark. Other activities offered were: a Petting Farm from McDonny's; Spike Ball; a Magician; Bubble Making; Crafts; Tattoos and Give-Aways. There were also many Food and Ice Cream Trucks with a verity of offerings.

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Recognition Given to First Responders and HEARTSafe

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DERRY - EMS Director, Chuck Hemeon, and Fire Chief, James Richardson, recognized Christiann Unger, Lindsey Patten, Jeff Dawe, Casey Noyes, and Nick Granville for recent actions at the Memorial Day Parade at McGregor Park.

Hemeon and Richard-

son also praised training provided by the HEARTSafe, which focuses on a proper medical response to sudden cardiac events.

On May 30, a 63-year-old male collapsed at McGregor Park during the Memorial Day parade from heart failure. Unger, a Danville firefighter and EMT, and Patten, a cardiac nurse, immediately acted to start chest compressions.

Derry Police Sergeant Dawe confirmed the cardiac arrest while Officers Noyes and Granville offered assistance. The collective actions of all four ended up saving the man's life as Derry Police arrived with a defibrillation machine.

"Christiann and Lindsey, 100% saved this patient," Hemeon said. He went on to praise follow-

up actions by Battalion Chief, Rob Atwater, paramedics, Josh Sturges and Dave Deacon, and EMTs Brandon Wright, Alex Philips, and Ethan Hughes. The man went on to have a full recovery after a short hospital stay.

The Derry Town Council unanimously voted to congratulate everybody involved in the parade on May 30.

In 2007, the Derry Fire Department began a community rollout program called HEARTSafe Derry, a program credited with saving. The goal of HEARTSafe is to provide AED defibrillation support and devices and this has had a tangible impact on the community.

While prompt medical attention is required, even basic interventions like CPR can prevent a sudden cardiac event from becoming fatal.

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Cardiac survivor, Jay Morris, thanked the Town Council and first responders for their embrace of HEARTSafe and the role all have played in making Derry "one of the safest towns in America."

The Fire Department started the local HEARTSafe by providing "CPR/AED training to residences and businesses of Derry so that more loved ones, family members, co-workers, friends, and neighbors, might support a hospital cardiac arrest."

Hemeon was proud of the AED efforts as the Derry Fire Department continues to offer monthly CPR lessons, free of charge. "We still offer that training every month, it's free to anybody who desires that training."

He also stated on average, one person per week

in Derry suffers from sudden cardiac arrest, and prompt treatment from trained individuals is essential to saving a life in such situations. Access to CPR, a defibrillation device, or both greatly reduces the risk of death, especially for people over 50. While it is less common, sudden cardiac events can happen to anybody, old and young.

The survival rate for those suffering from sudden cardiac arrest is less than five percent in most of the United States and over 30% in Derry.

Hemeon and Richardson hope to continue the program, even expanding it to surrounding communities. They encouraged members of the public to educate themselves about HEARTSafe and the importance of CPR.

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neighbor would be able to see traffic exiting from the proposed roadway.

The board also questioned the speed limit within the development, which Jordon told them would be 25-mph.

There were also concerns raised about the town's Elderly Housing Zoning provision that states there is a 10 percent cap on the number units being built in Hampstead.

Resident, Rosemary Iannazzi, stated by her cal-

culations, with the addition of these homes, the town would be at over 17 percent, which is 7 percent higher than what the town is to allow.

She added those numbers were taken from the town's website, so they need to be verified.

Weimar assured residents they are currently looking into the numbers homes in town that fall under 55-Plus.

Another area resident, Chuck Ashford Jr., told the board his family is not willing to provide secondary egress onto Cardinal

Lane, which would leave the development without the required Right-of-Way access requirements.

Additionally, concerns were raised about water resources in the area.

One resident, Joe Laite, raised the point that two wells on Page Lane went dry recently and that they are close to where HAWC draws water from.

The Public Hearing discussion on the proposed 55-Plus development plan will continue next month. It is currently scheduled for Sept. 9.

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Editorial

Town Festival Time

It's that time of year again, August. The flowers are blooming, the garden is producing, and fall sports becoming part of the routine. Yet there's still plenty of time to sit on the porch and enjoy the season.

August is the heart of summer even if you can't help but catch a glimpse of fall some evenings. This time of year also means it's town festival time.

It starts with Hampstead early on, next up is Sandown's Old Home Days on Aug. 13- 14, followed by Londonderry's 132nd Old Home Day celebration and 300th Birthday from Aug. 17- 21, then Chester's Town Fair on Sept. 11. Chester who is also celebrating there 300th have had events all over town all year. Finally Derryfest on Sept. 17.

What's old to some is new to others, in New Hampshire as we celebrate our history with classic games of tug of war and sack races, catching the attention of today's youngsters. The local historical societies make sure to bring us back with stories of the past and demonstrations. Whatever the date or the name of the event, you're treated to a back-to-basics festival with; parades, races, games of skill or chance, music, hearty food, displays of art and artisan wares, the newest emergency vehicles, old and new

friends sharing a laugh or a memory, and often fireworks to cap off the evening.

Regardless of the hectic life's we lead the rest of the year, the town festivals bring us together for a little relaxation and reconnections. They get us out of our homes and our backyards and into the town center, and slow us down to relax with our neighbors and appreciate what we have.

These celebrations don't come packaged and ready to go, they're the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing a love of their original or adopted hometown, and a desire to make their town festival something everyone will want to schedule and come back to every year. That's the heart of what these old-fashioned summer gatherings are all about.

They're a great chance to get involved; without volunteers, the festivals will go the way of the dodo. While our weekdays often require long hours in another community or state, summer encourages us to enjoy where we live.

So, mark your calendars for your local festivals and plan to celebrate.

Make this the year to get better acquainted with your neighbors and your town history, as well as take part in a summer rite that is part of the heart of New England.

Heritage Commission Reviews Issues with Preservation Group

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Heritage Commission came together for a short meeting to discuss summer issues for the first time on Aug. 2.

There has been an ongoing problem with slow communication from the NH Preservation Alliance, as the Commission has not been getting regular updates via the usual newsletter and the main Concord office has not responded to calls.

"It's frustrating that we're still not getting the newsletter from the Preservation Alliance," said Commission Chair, Pamela Gaudreau. The Heritage Commission regularly pays to receive a physical newsletter from the Preservation Alliance.

She attributed the lack of communication to staffing problems, many agencies across NH still have people working from home. Members of the public can still view the newsletter online, where it receives regular updates.

Gaudreau attended the NH Planning webinar with questions about statewide historic districts to learn how Sandown heritage sites can be better protected. She learned about getting grant money for local

preservation and inquired about getting members from the Preservation Alliance to investigate and analyze historic Sandown. A long-standing goal of the Heritage Commission has been to include local stone structures in project reviews by the state government.

She described "mixed messages" from the webinar. The Preservation Alliance was reluctant to send anybody out to Sandown, at least in the immediate future. Commission members mentioned the possibility of directly hiring a professional to analyze local resources of cultural significance. Gaudreau also encouraged other members of the Heritage Commission to attend any workshops or seminars in the future.

The Heritage Commission decided against opening a booth for the Old Home Day celebration next Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately, no member was available to commit the necessary time to the celebration.

Commission members reacted to the recent news of an archeological dig in the backyard of a home in the 1725 house in Canton, Mass.

"We have plenty of homes like that in

Sandown, and it just so happened that they were building a shed in the backyard and discovered some amazing artifacts," Gaudreau stated as she encouraged residents to take a greater interest in potential heritage sites in Sandown. "There are literal time capsules in the backyard, just keep your eyes focused on the ground when you're digging something up, you never know what you'll dig up."

She hopes to send Commission members to Canon to view the results of the study. Sandown, like Canton, is a town that dates back to the colonial era.

Historical Society liaison, Heidi Traeger, shared her initial blanket design for an upcoming Society fundraiser.

According to Traeger "The blanket is going to have the map of Sandown from 1892" and will be available online, starting next week. She noted the blankets are machine washable, suited both for practical use and display. The Historical Society has yet to determine the cost of each blanket.

The Sandown Heritage Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

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about methods currently in use to deter pedestrians. Trucks or loads of wood often block the road to prevent access for emergency vehicles.

"In the event of a time-sensitive emergency, I wanted to know what would happen if the home's owner is not home or unable to move if access

is blocked," Medrek asked. The Town Council immediately moved to make a call to reopen the road while reminding everyone that the connection should never be blocked. Emergency vehicles should always have full access to the area.

Bourdon promised that the issue was being "expedited." Despite complaints,

the Town Council cannot vote on reopening the road to pedestrians without a 30-day waiting period. He also promised to contact East Derry about extending bus service to the houses on Harvest Road.

The Town Council will take up the matter of restricted access between Village Brook Land and Harvest Drive on Sept. 20. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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Hampstead School Board Prepares for Upcoming Year

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HAMPSTEAD - Despite the summer heat, the Hampstead School Board and staff have begun ramping up activities in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year.

Parents are reminded that the federal government has ended funding for COVID Universal Free Meal Program. Families that still require free or reduced meals must fill out the necessary paperwork. Forms are available on the Hampstead School District website, but must be mailed in. Successful applications can also allow low-income families to qualify for certain scholarships, fee discounts for college applications, and funding for Internet access.

Erin Milbury is set to begin her first full year as

principal of Hampstead Middle School. Milbury official came on as principal on July 1 and is excited to work with in-depth students over the next few weeks with the end of summer vacation.

Milbury was chosen from an initial pool of 16 candidates last March. She has five years of experience as the former principal of Seabrook Middle School and nine years of additional experience as an assistant principal at Epping Elementary School. She began her career as a guidance counselor in Dover.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Hampstead School Community," Milbury said following her initial appointment. She looks forward to "getting started on the great work that represents Hampstead Middle School."

Both Central School and Hampstead Middle School still have several staff openings for the upcoming school year. Both schools are looking for qualified candidates for positions including School Crossing Guard, Foreign Language in Elementary School Teacher, and Special Education Teacher. Several paraeducator and substitute teaching positions are also available and not every opening requires previous educational experience. Anyone interested in work can find a link to job applications on the School Board Facebook page.

The School Board is looking for parents willing

to join the Hampstead PTSA for the upcoming year. The PTSA needs help to support its activities such as enrichment courses, Bingo for Books, Jingle Bell Shop, and the Halloween Parade. While volunteers are needed for several events, membership does not come with a commitment to volunteering or meeting attendance, though they appreciate help whenever possible. Current benefits of PTSA membership for parents, students, and alumni can be found online.

PTSA meetings for the school year are held once a month at 7 pm at the SAU office while student members typically meet twice

per month. Annual dues are \$12 for the first adult, \$10 for the second adult, and \$8 for Hampstead Middle School students. PTSA dues help teachers pay for special classroom requests not covered in the school budget.

The 2022-2023 school year officially starts on Aug. 30 with an open house for Hampstead Central from 4 - 6 p.m. The Hampstead School Board will have its next regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 23.

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Blues Festival Benefiting Veterans Returns to Londonderry

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The 8th Annual Blues Festival will be coming to the Londonderry Commons on Aug. 27 from noon - 4 p.m., featuring the soulful sounds of bands including the XBand Blues Band, The Blue Monkey Band, and Dr. Harp's Blues Revue Band.

The first set is scheduled for noon, the second at 1:15 p.m., and the closer at 2:30 p.m.

Admission to the festival is free. There will be BBQ food and ice cream available to purchase from trucks on the festival grounds. A number of vendors will also be present offering opportunities for festival-goers to help support the festival's cause.

100% of proceeds from the event will benefit the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association chapters NH5-1 and NH5-2. The CVMA is an association of veterans from all branches of the military who ride motorcycles as a hobby, whose mission is "to support and defend those who have defended their country and their freedoms."

The event is organized by Londonderry resident

Dennis "Dr. Harp" Martin, who in addition to putting on the event will also be providing vocals and "Harp (harmonica)" playing in his Blues Revue Band.

Martin has played the harmonica since the age of 10 and has been playing the Blues since his high school days.

Martin also served in the United States Coast Guard from 1979 until 1983. Sadly, shortly after returning to his home in Cape Cod after a medical discharge, Martin would find his life turned upside down.

Martin suffered a serious injury during his deployment, the effects of which caused him to develop Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after he returned to the States. His symptoms were so severe that it led to difficulty keeping a job, which eventually led to a period of homelessness for Martin.

For at least a year, this veteran would struggle to get by from "couch surfing," to staying in shelters, to even living in a tent in the woods for a time. Thankfully, this would change when a group of veterans of the Vietnam



Dennis Martin, a.k.a. Dr. Harp, will return to the Londonderry Town Common for the 8th Annual Blues Festival supporting area veterans.

War happened upon him and helped him turn things around.

"My life got better then," said Martin. "And it was because other vets helped me."

Martin was back on his feet, and eventually moved from Cape Cod to NH where he has resided for nearly 20 years.

Although things have come up in a big way for him over the years, Martin

still struggles with an injury sustained from his time in the service. Although the average person might not notice it at first glance.

"It's an injury you don't see," said Martin about his PTSD. "And I live with that."

"I don't suffer with it, I live with it."

Martin said by attending group therapy with other veterans in situations similar

to his, he is able to get through the hard times and manage his condition.

In an abundance of gratitude to the veterans who helped him get his life back, Martin found inspiration to begin his first Blues Festival nearly ten years ago, with the sole mission to help prevent what happened to Martin happen to other veterans and their families.

Martin spoke about the importance of veterans helping their fellow veterans, as despite their claims of the effectiveness of various programs, veteran outreach on the US Government's part didn't necessarily include reaching out.

"You have to go to the streets," Martin said in regards to Government programs' sit-and-wait approach. "They know where they're at, they have to go and talk to them."

Martin stated when he comes upon veterans he can tell are struggling, he will reach out and inform them about programs like the ones who helped him get on his feet. He added getting help isn't as easy as people think.

"People will say, 'Well, have them go to the VA.' Well, they're homeless! They don't have money for the bus, how do they get there?"

Martin also stated many aging veterans were especially vulnerable, and most in need of assistance. However, that assistance seems to be just out of reach for many of them.

"A lot of Vietnam and World War Two vets don't

have access to phones and the internet," said Martin. "That's what the VA wants to do, everything has to be done online. But what about people who don't know how to use the internet?"

The focus of the CVMA is to help veteran care facilities provide much needed services for struggling veterans, and their motto is "Vets Helping Vets." The organization takes a proactive approach to helping defend those who have defended their country, which is why Martin has chosen the organization to benefit from the festival.

Martin's career in and passion for Blues music spans decades, and he has perfected his harmonica or "Harp" playing by watching and listening to Blues artists from all over. One influence in particular that stood out in his memory was one "Big Joe Turner," a Blues vocalist who left him some words of wisdom. Words in that moment helped him to hone his craft, and words that perhaps had helped him through tough times to come.

"He said, 'Just sing the Blues...'" said Martin. "If you have the feeling, you'll be fine."

Martin is still accepting vendors to help support veterans at the Blues Festival. Those interested in participating may contact him at either drharp83@hotmail.com or by calling (603) 303-0352.

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Sandown Selectmen Approves Release of Impact Fees

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During the Aug. 8 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the release of impact fees for the Timberlane Regional School District.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Tom Tombarello said that they currently have about \$87,000 in impact fees.

"This is to offset taxes,

it lowers taxes," said Tombarello.

It was recommended by Tombarello that they release \$55,000 in impact fees which is about two-thirds of what they have.

Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell explained that there are some still pending impact fees and they pay the impact fee on the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

Selectmen Darren Hudgins asked how they determine the amount people

pay for impact fees.

Blaisdell explained that for single family homes being built right now it is \$4,511. She said that for other properties that are condos in subdivisions there is a table on how much they have to collect.

It was noted by Blaisdell that they collect impact fees per unit.

For example if they have four units in a condo building they are collecting impact fees for each of

the units.

Blaisdell explained that the condos have different impact fees depending on when they were approved.

"They are all a little bit different depending on when the subdivision was approved," said Blaisdell.

Blaisdell said that they used to collect the impact fees when the building permit was approved, however since some homes weren't built they would have to return the impact

fees which caused accounting issues.

"It's easier to just issue it on certificate of occupancy," said Blaisdell.

The Board of Selectmen approved the release of the impact fees.

Also during the meeting Blaisdell explained that the Town Clerk Office is currently in a lease for a copy machine that is expiring soon.

She explained that currently they are paying \$119

a month for the machine and the company is proposing that they get a new machine which would be less money per month.

Blaisdell said that they found that they were using the machine less which allowed them to get a better deal. She said that new lease agreement was for a total of \$105 a month.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved entering into the new lease.

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there will be a Pavilion Dedication made to Hazel Marlow. Following that there will be a musical performance by Mr. Aaron starting at 11 a.m.

Seeley Beach will feature Games, cotton candy and popcorn from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Town Hall will have a 60-Plus Club Cooling Station for anyone needing to get out of the heat. There will also be Bingo games played with game-winning prizes.

The most activity will be happening at the Central School field with Bounce Houses, Performers, Craft Vendors, a Steam Engine Train Ride, food and more.

There will be a Granite State Disc Dog demonstration happening at 12 p.m.

and at 2:30 p.m. Patchwood Farms will also be on hand with some friendly farm animals for the kids and pony rides throughout the day.

As things wind down in the afternoon, the annual Fireman's Chicken BBQ will take place, starting at 4 p.m. until the chicken is

sold out at the Fire Station. This has been a long-standing Old Home Day event and makes for a great end-of-day dinner.

The day of fun activities finishes at Sandlot Sports on North Road starting at 6 p.m.

The evening begins with a Corn Hole Tournament at 6:15 p.m. There will also be some Yard Game Olympics and a Climbing Wall. The Dixieland Band will play on the stage from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sandown's 2022 Citizen of the Year will be named.



Scholarship Winners

At a recent "Meet and Greet" of the Derry Garden Club's Board, two of the club's scholarship winners for this year were introduced. From left are: Derry Garden Club co-Presidents Sylvia Roberts and Alison Kennerly; Maddie Frank (middle) who will be attending Boston College and Liana Sawyer, who is attending Merrimack College. Kathy Lane, at right is the club's Scholarship Chair, and presented the two young women with bouquets of sunflowers. *Courtesy photo*

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End of Summer Reading Party Brings Prizes and Cake



Staff at the Taylor Public Library hosted their annual End of Summer Reading Party and celebrated the fact that participants read 3,070 book this summer. Prizes were awarded to many of the readers and everyone was invited to enjoy cake and a cold beverage on what was an extremely hot night.

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New and Improved Skate Park A First For New England

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

A new opportunity for recreation and community building will be rising from ruin this Fall in Derry.

For over the past year, three local skateboard enthusiasts have been collaborating on the renovation of the skate park at Alexander-Carr Park, with one goal in mind, to make Derry one of the top skate destinations of the country.

When Nick Sands, Raphael Murphy, and Ahren Thielker began collaborating over a year ago to get the funds necessary to make-over the skate park, they never expected to get the funds which would recruit the likes of Dreamland Skateparks, LLC to man the project.

Dreamland Skateparks is a team of skateboarders, architects, and concrete

craftsman based out of Oregon. Though it prides itself in being a "small, family-owned company." According to its website, Dreamland's skate parks have been the favorite choice for professional skateboarders for over two decades.

In Murphy's words, Dreamland Skateparks "is the best company in the world."

Murphy said people have been known to fly thousands of miles just to skate at a park built by Dreamland, and the new and improved park in Derry would be the first Dreamland park built in New England.

Sands stated he personally knows people who have planned entire vacations around visiting "cool skate parks," and was confident the new park would generate potential tourist interest for the town.



Work by Dreamland Skateparks, LLC is currently underway at the new Alexander-Carr Park Skate Park. Work is expected to last two more months.
Photo by Chris Paul

"Derry keeps its tagline, 'Destination Derry,'" said Sands. "We want to be a destination...I think what we can do is take this park and make it a reason

why Derry is a destination."

Murphy played a big role in starting the original skate park at Alexander-Carr back in the 1990's,

when he was just a teenager. After a few years of planning and hard work, Murphy added the group were eventually able to secure grants to begin

building in 1997.

Sands explained this original skate park would eventually be taken down in the mid-2000's. Around

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the turn of this decade, Sands would come upon the ruins of the once-beloved skate park, then reduced to a concrete slab collecting debris.

"I was like, 'Alright, this isn't okay,'" said Sands. At that moment, he had decided to make a YouTube video and a number of social media posts to raise awareness of the previous park's condition, to which he received an "unbelievable" amount of support.

Sands added the group took the project to Town Council with the initial goal of raising \$2,000 to revamp the park. However, they would soon come into much more.

According to Sands,

the project was able to receive most of its funding through a trust that the late Dr. Alexander-Carr had made available to the people of Derry to renovate the park for which he is namesake. When it was all said and done, the group was awarded \$400,000 to redesign and rebuild the skateboarding area of Alexander-Carr Park.

Murphy has been involved with skateboarding since the 1980's, with experience in teaching the art at skateboard camps. Having been involved with the industry for so long, Murphy has experienced many ups and downs along the way.

Murphy stated he and his friends would get boards confiscated, be ticketed, and even arrested for skateboarding in drive-

ways and sidewalks during his younger years. Being penalized for using the only spaces available was a big driving force behind starting up the original skate park. By doing so, there would be a place for skaters of all walks of life to freely and safely express themselves, and develop connections during a time of alienation.

"When I started, we were dorks, outcasts," said Murphy. "But it didn't matter if you were a guy, a girl, black, white...back then if you had a board, you had a friend...that's how skateboarding works, it's really just a large family."

Sands advocated the new park would create a place for those who feel out of place.

"When you're young sometimes even your house, it doesn't feel like it's your space, and you're

just encroaching on someone else's," said Sands. "I'd like for kids to feel like it's theirs, and not another place where they 'don't belong.'"

Murphy explained the renovations would not have been possible without the help of the Derry Parks and Recreation department. He expressed thanks to current director Kim Walsh for her support on the project, and to Jack Lahey, who lead the Parks department. During the time a young Murphy was involved in the construction of the original park, and who Murphy said coached the youngsters through the building process.

"He was just as excited as we were," said Murphy.

Having been around since the late 1960's, skateboarding is a passion that spans generations, and in some cases a passion that is passed down from par-

ents to their children.

Thielker said he had started skateboarding at around 10 years of age, and recently took it back up after a decade-plus long hiatus. He had started it back up as a way to bond with his now 10-year-old son at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thielker had built a half-pipe in the garage of what was at the time the family's new home, and though his son's interests may shift, Thielker plans to take him to the new and improved park and share the experience once it opens.

Thielker added he enjoyed the park in its early days in the late 1990s, and expressed his joy that it would be reopening for a new generation of kids to enjoy.

Thielker offered some words of encouragement for anyone who may be inspired by the skate park

renovation to make a change, but might intimidated by the sheer undertaking, the cost, or both:

"Talk to other people interested in the same kinds of projects you are...build off of each other," said Thielker. "After you have some ideas and think of something the town might be interested in, talk to the council or boards."

"Everyone has been helpful so far, and we're thankful to have had the support."

Thielker confirmed that plans for a grand opening are underway for some time in October 2022.

For more information on the skate park as it develops, follow Friends Of The Derry Skate Park on Facebook. Sands and Thielker are both administrators of the group and will grant membership to anyone interested in keeping up to date.

Derry Garden Club Having a Busy Season

DERRY - The Derry Garden Club maintained its Civic Beautification projects at the Marion Gerrish Community Center garden, the pocket garden on the corner of Manning Street and Broadway and at the Robert Frost Farm.

The children attending the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club picked strawberries, rhubarb and lettuce from the teaching garden and learned about pollinators by observing the birds and bees in the round pollinator garden at the club on Hampstead Road.

There was also a day trip to the John Hays Estate at Lake Sunapee, a visit from Butterfly Migration specialist Stacey Scaccia. They'll be celebrating the club's 87th anniversary in September.

In cooperation with the Derry Rail Trail Alliance sunflowers were planted at Central Court to support the people of Ukraine and clean up along the Rail Trail takes place twice yearly, along with plantings to beautify the trail. For more information on club activities, please visit our website: derrygardenclub.org.



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DERRY

Free Block Party

LifeWay Church is hosting a Free Block Party for all ages on Saturday, Aug. 13 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at MacGregor Park Derry Food, attractions, games, raffles, music, giveaways, household goods, gently used clothing and more. For more information call 603-845-6601 or visit life-waychurch.net

Spartans Youth Basketball

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Fall AAU tryouts at the Derry Sports Center. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 3rd - High School. The first tryout date is Saturday Aug. 20. Times are 3rd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 10 - 11 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 11 a.m. - noon and High School boys and girls from noon - 1 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com.

End of Summer Party

On Aug. 11, 1 p.m., at the Derry Library Meeting Rooms and MacGregor Park End of Summer Party, Featuring Magician BJ Hickman DPL is celebrating a great summer reading program with a performance by Magician BJ Hickman. Event will be held in MacGregor Park. In case of inclement weather it will be held in the library meeting room. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140.

Derry Homegrown

The Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market is now open every Wednesday, Rain or Shine at 1 West Broadway, Derry. Close of Season is Sept. 28. For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-479-5918, derryhomegrown.org, facebook.com/derryhomegrown or

instagram.com/derryhomegrown

Movie Night

On Aug. 17 at 6 p.m., in the Derry Library Meeting Room B DPL Movie Night. Folks looking for a way to beat the heat, or just see a movie for free can to the Derry Library. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140.

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.

Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

Story and Building Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

CHESTER

Crafting Club

Chester Library's Crafting club is back with Melody on Monday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. Bring your scrapbook, knitting, crochet projects, or anything else you may be working on. If you'd like to learn to crochet we can help with that too. Please register by calling (603) 887-3404.

Adult Afternoon Book Club

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m., join the Chester Library for some great reading

and discussion. Books are chosen at each month's meeting. Contact us or come in the library to get your copy of the current book. New members welcome.

Makeup 101

In this beginner class held on Thursday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library to learn about makeup techniques to enhance your natural features for a fresh, youthful, everyday look. Participants will bring their own products and learn new techniques. Space is limited. Please register to hold your spot and for a list of products to bring with you.

Chester Town-wide Yard Sale

On Saturday, Aug. 20, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Rain date 8/21) Pick up your copies of the town-wide yard sale map at the Chester library, Chester General Store, Bittersweet Blessings or Back In Thyme. Happy shopping.

You Can Do Karate Too

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m., join world-class Sensei Sarah-Beth Gosselin for this fun and exciting program at the Chester Library. Children will listen to a story about karate and then get a chance to try out some moves themselves. This class is for children ages 4-6 ONLY. Space in this program is limited please send a message, give a call, or sign up at the front desk.

Karate Kids

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 1:45 p.m., join world-class Sensei Sarah-Beth Gosselin for this fun and exciting program at the Chester Library. Children will listen to a story about karate and then get a chance to try out some moves themselves. This class is for children ages 7-12 Only. Space in this program is limited please send us a message, give us a call, or sign up at the front desk.

Protecting Pollinators

From beetles and ants to moths and butterflies, discover the many insects playing essential roles in both natural and homegrown habitats on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library. Dive into the interconnectedness of Nature as we discuss a multitude of simple ways we can help support these endearing invertebrates by planting for pollinators in the yard and garden. This relaxed gathering will consist of a short presentation followed by plenty of time for Q&A and discussion. Registration required.

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.

Dominoes Club!

Love dominoes and already know how to play? Or are you looking for something new and fun to try? Join Terry Armstrong for this fun new club, meeting in Chester Library conference room every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm. All skill levels welcome! For more information and to register call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Brick Fundraiser Ends

The Hampstead Public Library's Brick Fundraiser ends on Aug. 22. Those who wish to order a commemorative brick should do so by that date. The staff and Board of Trustees thank those who have purchased bricks and

appreciate the community support of this project. This completes Phase 1 of the Pavilion Project. Installation of a foundation, slab, and brick walkway is scheduled to begin at the end of August. Phase 2 will involve more fundraising for the purchase and installation of the pavilion structure. For more project details, contact Kate Thomas at kthomas@hampstead.lib.nh.us or 603-329-3411. Donors are greatly appreciated.

Community BBQ

Join your neighbors & bring your friends to an old fashioned Community BBQ. On Saturday, Aug. 13, from 4 - 6 p.m., Hosted by: Hampstead Congregational Church 61 Main St., Hampstead. Menu includes: Barbeque Pulled Pork, Local Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, and Brownies with Ice Cream for Dessert. (Vegan and Gluten Free options will be available.) Free will donations accepted, suggested donation \$10/person. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship.

Jigsaws & Java

If you love doing puzzles or sharing your morning "cuppa" with others, you'll enjoy this social event at the Hampstead Library on Monday, Aug. 22, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Drop-in for group or individual puzzles, and grab a cup or two of coffee or tea. No registration is necessary, and all are welcome to attend.

Sew at Library

These charitable quilt sewers meet to create items for groups of people and animals in need on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Hampstead Library. If you have questions about what the group does, contact stitchedwithlovehampstead@yahoo.com or look for them on Facebook. Even if you don't quilt, they still welcome assistance with related tasks.

Club Discusses Mr. Rogers

Books are now available to borrow for the Hampstead Public Library Nonfiction Book Club's September meet-

ing. The group discusses The Good Neighbor, the Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. All readers of the book are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. The Good Neighbor, the first full-length biography of Fred Rogers, tells the story of this unique and enduring American icon. Drawing on original interviews, oral histories, and archival documents, King traces Rogers's personal, professional, and artistic life through decades of work.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, NH will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 26, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Opera At Library

Special Friday Matinee will be held on Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m., at the Hampstead Library. Showing Boston Baroque's 2022 performance of Handel's Opera Amadigi di Guala. Boston Baroque brings Handel's opera to life onstage with a world-class cast of singers and musicians. Amadigi di Guala is a co-production between Boston Baroque and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale. Come enjoy opera at the Library.

Spinners & Knitters

Spinners & Knitters, group meets on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Hampstead Library. Spinners, knitters, crocheters, and all needle-workers are welcome. This is a place to relax and share your work. No instruction is provided, but you can always pick up a tip or two.

Book Club

The Hampstead Library's Book Club Reads Fikry, The Third Thursday Book Club is reading The Storied Life of

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A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin and discusses it on Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. When his most prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, is stolen, bookstore owner A. J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family and associates before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life.

Women's Circle

On Monday, Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m., Hampstead Library Associate Sue leads discussions and activities in this safe and supportive space. Please register in.

Book Sale Cometh

The Big Annual Book Sale returns to the Hampstead Public Library on Friday,

Aug. 26 through Tuesday, Aug. 30 during regular Library hours. Many gently used books and DVDs for adults and children will fill the second floor meeting room. Proceeds help fund Library items and projects not covered by the regular town budget.

Donations

The Hampstead Public Library currently accepts book and media donations, specifically, adult fiction, children's books, and DVDs for all ages. Donations should be fairly recent publication, and free of damage. Please, do not contribute items that have stains, water damage, mold, mildew, dust, yellowing pages, musty smell, etc. The staff appreciates donations of no more than two boxes or bags at a time. Please bring things inside during Library business hours, do not leave

any donations outside. All donations are greatly appreciated, and many will be used in the big Annual Book Sale in August.

Crochet Club

Ying Zhang will be teaching in person either one on one or small private groups on Saturdays at the Hampstead Civic Club Building next to Town Hall. Email Ying at Yzhanglai@comcast.net to book an appointment. The Civic Club will still provide the material needed.

Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play and all skill levels welcome. Due to Covid-19 the Chess Club will be online only. Go to <https://hampstead-civicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

June Storywalk

The featured book in the Hampstead Public Library's Storywalk® for the month of June is It's a Firefly Night by Dianne Ochiltree. The Storywalk® is located on the Library's front lawn. The public is welcome to enjoy it at any time.

SANDOWN

Family Fun in the Kitchen

On Monday Aug. 15, from 4 - 5 p.m., join at the Sandown Library for some family fun in the kitchen. This month will be making Frozen Lemonade. Registration is required. This program is for all ages. A Zoom link will be emailed to all who register.

Family Trivia Game

What's the biggest animal in the ocean? How many

oceans are there? How many arms does an octopus have? Do join the Sandown Library on Tuesday Aug. 16, from 11:30 a.m. - noon, for some family fun. Ocean questions for all ages. Please feel free to bring your lunch.

Whales and Seals - UNH Marine Docent Program

How do marine mammals stay warm? How big are they? How do they eat? Volunteers from UNH Marine Docent program will join the Sandown Library on Wednesday Aug. 17, from 10 - 11 a.m., to talk about Whales and Seals. We will explore all these questions with hands-on activities such as blubber gloves, feeding frenzy, measuring a whale.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Do you love graphic novels? Join the Sandown Library's Graphic Novel

Book Club on Wednesday Aug. 17, from 4 - 5 p.m. This group meets once a month to discuss a graphic novel and do some fun activities. This month: I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic by author Lauren Tashis and illustrator Haus Studio. Copies of the graphic will be available at the front desk. Registration is required for this program.

Mahjong

On Thursday, Aug. 18 and 25, from 10 a.m. - noon come join the Sandown Library's game day. Our Mahjong group meets every Thursday morning. Come play this beautiful, fun and ever challenging game played with tiles. American Mahjong is similar to the card game rummy. New players always welcome.

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Brown Bag Movie: The Bad Guys

On Thursday, Aug. 18, from noon - 2 p.m., join the Sandown Library for lunch and a movie at the library. Bring your own lunch. We will be watching the movie The Bad Guys. Registration is required.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Giving blood is a simple thing to do but it can make a huge difference in the lives of others. Join Friday, Aug. 19, from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. upstairs at the Sandown Town Hall to give the gift of life. Appointments are necessary and can be made at redcross-blood.org using the sponsor code, SANDOWN COMMUNITY.

Trivia Game

Are you a Trivia Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun and play the latest edition of our popular Trivia Game on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with the Sandown Library. Teams may be created and ZOOM breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time.

Preserving Your Harvest

Too many tomatoes, zucchini and squash? Join the Sandown Library on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., as Ann Hamilton, a UNH Extension Food Safety Specialist shares her knowledge on what we can do with our bountiful garden harvest. This introductory food preservation class will cover the latest research-based methods and recipes, answer questions, and share experiences about a variety of topics. This program will be held outdoors and will be rescheduled in the event of rain.

Summer Saturdays - Movie Magic

Enjoy evening movies at the recreation building on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Food and beverage

will be available for purchase. This month's movie will be Spider-Man No Way Home. This event will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather. Movies will start as soon as it is dark enough.

Tales for Tots

On Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Sandown Library. Ocean based stories, songs, and activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under.

Crafting Crew

On Wednesdays from 10 - 11 a.m., at the Sandown Library an Ocean themed crafting fun for the summer. This program is recommended for children 3 years and above. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m. the evening prior to the program.

Old Home Day

Sandown's Old home day will be held from Aug. 12 - 13. Starting on Friday Night at 6 - 11 p.m., with the Town Hall SHSM Kick-off. On Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., with the Downtown TLC, Library, Seeley Beach & More. Then on Saturday Night from 6 - 9 p.m.; Band & Fireworks at The Sandlot along with a Cornhole Competition - Registration due by July 1. Plus Performers, Fireworks, Food, Bounce House, Town Beach Events, Vendors, Games, and a Cornhole Competition.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Food for Thought

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

A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel Bunch. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be 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. This book group is for those in grades 8-12.

Potter Book to Movie Club

Do you love all things Harry Potter? If so, this club is for you! On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 6 p.m., this Sandown Library group will watch a Harry Potter movie based on one of the books and have a discussion comparing them. Is the book always better than the movie? There will be great snacks! Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

Mother Goose On The Loose

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings 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.

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.

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Burbine Tourney

Come join the fun and excitement and compete in the 4th Annual Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament the weekend of September 9th-11th. The tournament raises money, through entry fees, raffles and donations, and awards 2 scholarships to graduating high school. Players can register for one or more categories of play, Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. The entry fee is \$35 per player/per category. To register or make donations Venmo @peruffburbine or pay by cash/check on the day of the tournament. Email first and last name, t-shirt size and phone number to SkipBurbineFoundation@gmail.com Choice of t-shirt size to those who register by 8/18.

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Free Food & Snacks

End 68 Hours of Hunger of Derry and Chester will offer free weekly food and snack bags will be available this summer at: Derry Public Library Teen Room and Children's room, Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club, Marion Gerrish Community Center, and Taylor Library. Bags are available to take, no qualifications or requirements or proof needed.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Need a Tutor?

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