

Hampstead Selectmen Discuss Big Island Pond Complaint

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HAMPSTEAD - During the Aug. 22 Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a noise complaint made by Mayte Rivera, who lives on Big Island Pond. She explained that a property on the Sanborn camp area has had incidents at the property they didn't think were appropriate. The incident she said occurred the previous Saturday and began around 4 p.m. with a DJ setting up on the lakeside of the property. She stated they used a decibel reader on an app and had measurements of 85 decibels per second from their home. She said the noise levels continued and this wasn't a

one time occurrence. "This is not the first occurrence at this parcel," said Rivera. At around 5:30 p.m. she said there were around 25 people and by 10 p.m. they had about 75. She explained they contacted the Hampstead Police and Rockingham County Sheriff's Office around 5:30 p.m., but were told that they were within the noise ordinance for the town. Rivera said that police told her there was nothing they could do. "Both me and my husband decided to leave our home for the evening," said Rivera. As they were leaving Rivera stated they saw their neighbors across the street who have little kids. They told Rivera that they couldn't get their kids to sleep because of the noise. Around 9 p.m. Rivera said it was even louder and they went to neighbor houses even further away and it was still loud. Rivera explained that the main issue she thinks is that the ordinances need to be enforced. "We need these ordinances respected by all parties," said Rivera. Rivera added that they are also calling on the town to investigate the property to see if what uses are happening there. "We ask that you investigate this," said Rivera. Rivera explained that the neighborhood has their homes close together meaning they are a tight knit community. "We're all together in this very tight community," said Rivera.

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Town Solar Project Revisted by Chester Board of Selectmen

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CHESTER - At the Thursday, Aug. 25, Chester Board of Selectmen meeting, members followed up on conversations regarding the town possibly having a solar field on its property. The idea was first brought up by Selectmen, Steven Couture, who explained to members earlier this summer that the company ReVision Solar would possibly be interested in having a solar field in Chester. Couture explained dur-

ing the first meeting that the company didn't think they would be able to do it at the transfer station. "Due to some restrictions it wasn't financially feasible at the time," said Couture. He explained they got feedback about using the fields behind the Town offices. "They came back with a proposal behind town hall," said Couture. He stated the proposal is to have 200 panels with no upfront costs to the town. Couture added that the proposal is for an estimated savings to the Town of about \$33,000 for years one through five since the company is paying upfront costs like installing the solar panels. He explained after five years the Town would have the option of buying out the contract or continuing it. The amount of money that the town would save after that is largely dependent on whether or not they decide to do a buyout or continue to lease out the land of the solar company.

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Members of the First Parish Church congregation in East Derry are continuing the vast efforts of rehabilitating the 200-year-old Meetinghouse. The exterior has been finished but there is still much to do in the interior.

First Parish Continues Rehabilitation Project

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - Parishioners and community members have seen a dramatic transformation of the outside of the First Parish Church in East Derry over the past decade, but there's still much to be done within the church.

Recently celebrating the 300-Year Anniversary of Nutfield, the church began rehabilitation efforts with the foundation, that hadn't been touched since 1769, and the church was lifted to make repairs. This project was taken up by First Parish Church parishioners in 2010 to renew the Meetinghouse located in

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Derry Zoning Approves Variance For New Garage Plan

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DERRY - During the Aug. 18 Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a variance request to build a 24x24 foot garage that would be located less than 15 feet away from the side and rear property lines.

The property is located at 8 Desmarais Avenue, and is owned by Joseph Ludicone.

Ludicone explained he was looking to remove the 20x20-foot garage that is currently in his backyard.

“I am proposing to build a new 24x24 garage,” said Ludicone.

Ludicone stated he was looking to move it about four feet from the back of the yard and 10 feet to the east.

He added that the big thing is that he was looking to remove the current garage.

“I am removing an old falling down garage,” said Ludicone.

Ludicone explained they will be able to have new vinyl fencing throughout the property if the variance is approved.

He said that right now there is vinyl fencing throughout the backyard ultimately acting as a property line, however, there is an old chain link fence that he said is falling down behind the garage.

Ludicone said by moving it four feet forward he can

have the fencing throughout and also make it lined up with the driveway.

It was pointed out by Ludicone that by having the new garage it would be more accessible and be able to have full use of the garage.

“I would just like to improve the current conditions by being able to use both sides of the two car garage,” said Ludicone.

Ludicone stated he bought the house last October and he inherited the garage in the current condition it is in.

“It has to be 100 years old,” said Ludicone.

Ludicone said he figured he would get through it last winter and then would present his application to the ZBA during the summer with the hope of being able to get the garage up by the winter time.

ZBA member, Richard Tripp, said he didn’t see anything wrong with the proposal.

“It seems pretty straightforward to me,” said Tripp.

It was pointed out by Zoning Board of Adjustment member, Donald Burgess, that the new garage would allow them to pull into the garage with both doors.

No one from the public spoke in support or against the proposal during the meeting.

The ZBA ultimately unanimously approved the variance request.

Derry Zoning Board Approves Variance For Online Car Dealership

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - One of the applications the Derry Zoning Board heard during their Aug. 18 meeting was in regards to a variance request to allow a car dealership at 98 Franklin Street, Unit #4.

Presenting the case was the applicant Brandon White.

White explained he was looking to use the

space to have online sales.

“I’m looking to have a small online dealership,” said White.

White said they will only be open for appointments only from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday with appointments occasionally outside of those hours.

He explained he is proposing to have 6 - 8 cars at a time with most of the cars being located inside and some in the back of the building.

It was also noted by White there used to be a car dealership there in the past.

“The one I will be opening up will be a lot smaller than it used to be,” said White.

White explained by renting the building it will also help the owner because he will have funds coming in for the rent.

One of the things that was pointed out is they aren’t planning on making

any changes to the inside or the outside of the property.

“It will be like nothing has changed,” said White.

White also pointed out that zoning has changed since the dealership was last there.

“I just want to really just start selling four to six cars a month,” said White.

It was explained by White that in order to get a dealership license he needs to have a building of at least 750 square feet or more.

One question that was asked was if they have repair capabilities there.

White stated they would be doing small repairs and he hasn’t had much difficulty getting those generally available parts.

“I haven’t gotten issues with getting parts,” said White.

It was also asked if they had any connections with other repair shops in case the work can’t be done.

“If I can’t do the work I will bring it to someone who can,” said White.

No one from the public spoke for or against the application during the meeting.

The Zoning Board unanimously approved the variance request the conditions benign that they needed to obtain the proper local and state permits, that the hours of operation would be Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and that they have a maximum amount of 8 cars on the property at any given time.



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Board of Selectmen Chairman, Sean Murphy, said he will work with the police department to see if there are any changes that need to be made or if an investigation needs to be done.

Hampstead Police Chief, Joseph Beaudoin Jr., said he was sorry for what happened and for it going on for so long.

“It shouldn’t ever happen,” said Beaudoin.

Beaudoin added he would make sure that it doesn’t happen in the future. “I want to apologize for what occurred,” said Beaudoin.



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Jamestown Canyon Virus Found in Hampstead Mosquitos

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HAMPSTEAD - A batch of mosquitos tested positive for the Jamestown Canyon virus in Hampstead on Aug. 4, according to the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This followed a similar test in neighboring Atkinson on Aug. 2. These are the first proven instances virus in NH this year.

Jamestown Canyon is similar to other mosquito-borne diseases in the US, including the West Nile virus and Eastern Equine

Encephalitis.

"It does seem to be a virus that we have more often in late summer here in NH," according to Dr. Alex Granok from the Catholic Medical Center Merrimack. He added cases always disappear in the fall when mosquitos start to go dormant.

The bite of an infected mosquito is the only way to spread Jamestown Canyon and is most common in upper Midwestern states. Despite this, the virus first appeared in NH in 2013 and has been a yearly issue ever since. Health officials have con-

firmed 19 cases in the Granite State since the initial discovery. No human cases have occurred in 2022, although the virus is likely underreported due to mild symptoms in most people. Jamestown Canyon can only be confirmed through laboratory testing, and nonspecific symptoms are easy to confuse with something else.

According to the Center for Disease Control flu-like symptoms such as fever, achy muscles, and fatigue are most common. Many of those infected with the virus have no symptoms at all. Occasion-

ally, the illness can lead to swelling of the brain, a condition known as encephalitis. While extremely rare, signs someone might have encephalitis include confusion, disorientation, and seizures. Fatalities from the virus in the US are extremely rare, even in severe cases.

While the risk of getting the infection from a mosquito bite is small, state officials reminded everybody that there are no vaccines to prevent Jamestown Canyon virus infection. The disease is also untreatable beyond supportive care. Illness is equally like-

ly to occur in any age group, although the risk of severe infection is higher in residents older than 50.

As such, the DHHS encourages Hampstead residents to take common-sense precautions needed to prevent mosquito bites. These include the use of properly applied insect repellent when going outdoors. Avoid using natural insect repellents like citronella or peppermint oil. Only repellent confirmed by the Environmental Protection Agency is guaranteed safety or effectiveness. Registered insect repellents are safe to use, even for pregnant women.

Other basic precautions like long-sleeved shirts and long pants to cover the maximum amount of exposed skin are simple methods to prevent bites.

Using intact screens on windows and doors can stop mosquitos from getting indoors. Hampstead residents can also prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs by periodically draining small, stagnant water sources such as flowerpots, buckets, and birdbaths. Swimming pools should be treated with chlorine and covered when not in use.

DHHS emphasized that despite some health concerns, the risk of infection remains low.

Sandown's Seeley Beach Closed Due to High Levels of EColi Bacteria

SANDOWN - High levels of EColi Bacteria at Seeley Beach - Water Currently not suitable for wading or swimming.

The State will continue to test waters at Showell Pond over the next several weeks. To date, the town has not received notice of bacteria levels dropping to normal levels. Please continue to use follow restrictions until the State removes the warning. Information will be released as soon as it is received.

A cyanobacteria bloom has been observed on Showell Pond. The bloom is appearing as dark, almost brown water, with some dark brown clumps forming at the surface. This cyanobacteria activity was first reported Aug. 1. Samples reviewed on Aug.

2, revealed cyanobacteria (Chrysosporum, Planktothrix, and Spirulina) in concentrations up to 148,080 cells/mL from the water without the dense aggregations of material. The dense clumps of material are a mixture of a green filamentous algae, along with several types of cyanobacteria (Planktothrix, Phormidium, Microcystis, Spirulina), however they are too dense to enumerate. Advisories are issued when cyanobacteria cell concentrations exceed 70,000 cells/mL.

As a result, NHDES has issued a cyanobacteria bloom advisory for those who use the waterbody for recreation. The advisory is not based on a toxin evaluation and is intended as a precautionary measure for short term exposure. Sur-

face blooms can rapidly change and accumulate in various locations around a waterbody. NHDES advises lake users to avoid contact with the water in areas experiencing elevated cyanobacteria cell conditions, also known as a bloom.

NHDES also advises pet owners to keep their pets out of any waters that have a cyanobacteria bloom. Cyanobacteria are natural components of water bodies worldwide, though blooms and surface scums may form when excess nutrients are available to the water. Some cyanobacteria produce toxins that are stored within the cells and released upon cell death. Toxins can cause both acute and chronic health effects that range in

severity. Acute health effects include irritation of skin and mucous membranes, tingling, numbness, nausea, vomiting, seizures

and diarrhea. Chronic effects may include liver and central nervous system damage. Be cautious of lake water that has a sur-

face scum, changes colors, or appears to have green streaks or blue-green flecks aggregating along the shore.



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Editorial

Never Forget

Do you remember what you were doing 20 years ago on Saturday when the images and words of the September 11th attacks came across our television screens? We're sure many of you will never forget that day, but September 11th is more than the date of a horrific event. It also marks the day when most of everything we took for granted about life in America disappeared. It's the date when we ever so briefly put aside our political and philosophical differences and came together as a nation.

That's particularly relevant this year, when our freedom and ability to choose is being changed and challenged every day.

What makes America great is the freedom to choose and to know that our choices both large and small have a ripple effect that define us as individuals. This freedom is central to our government and the American way of life, central to the concept of democracy.

The attack on September 11th was an attempt to destroy the freedom to live our lives as we want. On that day in 2001, we understood the importance of coming together as one nation for a greater good, not for power, money, or control. We must remember that today.

Memory is important for the progression of a society; today that memory is being thwarted by an attempt to erase the negative history that built our society as we know it. In the face of strife, we need to come together and join hands to combat whatever negative and violent occurrences are happening in our country such as protests in which we are pitting ourselves against each other, or destroying monuments that represent how far we have come and an era that we never want to return to.

These monuments reminds us of the horrible things in our past and guide us to be better in the future.

Most of us will hold forever the images of the World Trade Center towers collapsing in on themselves, within them trapping more than 1,000 people and condemning them to death; most of us will remember the bravery of the firefighters, police, and ordinary citizens who were unexpected participants in a disaster of epic proportions.

Unity was the operative word after September 11th, 2001, but after watching Congress this past session, unity is a word that seems to have been banished from the dictionary.

Sixteen years later, we have become dis-united and divided, having lost content and clarity to emotion and party line.

Unity is not a sign of weakness. No firefighter asked whether the workers on the top floors of the towers were Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative. None of that mattered. Human beings rushed into the unknown to help out fellow human beings. They were emblematic of the humanity we all share and the opposite of the inhumanity exhibited by the terrorists.

In spite of our busy lives, we hope each one of you pauses on September 11th to recall what we lost that day, and to reflect on what is important to remember. There is a bigger picture out there than a political divide, so embrace the past good, bad, and indifferent for that is what makes us remember so history is not repeated.

We show our love for our country in many different ways. We understood that after the attacks and we must remember that today.

Be thankful of what kinds of people we have become.

Sandown Selectmen Approves Rec's After School Program

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Aug. 22 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposal to have an after school program through the recreational department.

"I am trying to run an after school program for the Town of Sandown," said Sandown Recreation Director, Rebecca Thompson.

Thompson said the proposal is to have it open for students in grades 1 to 5. She added that one of the things they are trying to decide on is if they will run the program from the rec building or from the school.

It was explained by Thompson that they want to take two summer staff members who are considered seasonal employees and turn them into part time staff so they can help to run the program and to help with events that they

may have during the school year.

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Jonathan Goldman, said the after school program is something he has been advocating for in the past.

"I think it's awesome I said it like five years ago," said Goldman.

One of the questions that was asked was how many kids would be enrolled in the program.

Thompson said officially they have seven now, but one parent said that she wanted to sign up her two kids. She said she wants to start off with 20 kids at first, but if it takes off and they have the space then they may expand it.

Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell, stated that one of the issues with having it at the Rec Center is the transportation.

"That's the part they are trying to work out at this point," said Blaisdell.

Selectmen, Tom Tombarello, asked about the funding for it

'How are you going to

pay for it," he asked.

Thompson said it would be \$80 per child per week or \$25 per day per kid. She said the employees would be paid for summer camp.

"Basically the program is paying for itself," said Thompson.

Thompson explained that she wants to have it run for the entire school year. She said in December they are going to reassess the program and see if they can run it for the whole year.

"Ideally I'd like it to run for the whole school year," said Thompson.

Thompson added that the program would run from 3 - 6 p.m.

Goldman said that he is looking forward to seeing the Rec Building be used more.

"I think it will be exciting to see the building used from 3 - 9 p.m. some nights," said Goldman.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved the after school program.

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"At year six the town would have a decision to make," said Couture.

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Chuck Myette, asked about the potential of using other town owned sites for the solar panels or if there is a chance that the transfer station could still work.

Couture said that there is potential with the transfer station.

"That still has potential," said Couture.

It was also pointed out by Couture during the meeting that if the electric prices continue to increase then they have the potential to get even more savings down the line.

Selectmen, Steve D'Angelo, said one of the questions he has is if they are able to store energy there. He said he thinks that is going to be very critical to have since many people are going to own electric vehicles in the future. He said based on the research he did regarding state law he isn't sure if

it is allowed in the state of New Hampshire.

"I don't understand why you can't store here that just makes no sense to me," said D'Angelo.

Representatives from the solar company are expected to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on Sept. 8. to add to the discussion.

A vote during Town Meeting would need to occur before the town could move forward with using town owned property for the potential solar panel project.

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Hampstead School Board Approves Bonus For Subs

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - Last year one of the things the Hampstead School Board approved was a \$50 a day bonus for substitutes to help retain and recruit more substitutes during the covid-19 pandemic.

During the Aug. 23 meeting, Hampstead Superintendent, Bob Thompson, proposed they continue what they called the "covid bonus" for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thompson said he thinks they were able to attract more substitutes last year with the bonus in place because it made their wages per day of work more competitive with what other school districts are paying. He said after the school year he is planning on working with the rest of the administration to come up with permanent pay rates for substitutes

across the board.

"At this time I am just looking for the \$50 covid bonus," said Thompson.

Thompson added that currently the pay for para-professionals and non-certified teachers is \$87.50 per day before the bonus is factored in.

For certified teachers the sub pay starts off at \$100 per day before the bonus is included.

In the case of substitute nurses, Thompson said the pay is around \$218 per day without the \$50 bonus.

School Board Chair, David Smith, said he was in favor of the proposal especially considering the current market for trying to find workers in different areas.

"I think it makes sense especially since the market we are in," said Smith.

One question asked by Smith was what the average day looks like for a substitute.

Smith said that like

other staff members they follow the schedule for the building they are working in that day.

The School Board ultimately approved the proposal to give substitutes a bonus for the 2022-2023 school year.

Also during the meet-

ing the School Board received a brief update regarding the union contract negotiations.

Smith explained that every three years they need to negotiate the new union contracts and they would be having their first negotiation meetings after Labor

Day.

"That starts those negotiations," said Smith.

He explained they split into groups with two school board members working on one of the union contracts and two others working on the other.

While they don't have

an official timeline in place yet, Smith noted they would be having several negotiation meetings and then they would present to the public the tentative contract agreements sometime in the winter.

"I am looking forward to the outcome," said Smith.

Hampstead has Lawn Watering Restrictions

HAMPSTEAD - The Board of Selectmen adopted a Lawn Watering Ordinance to protect water supply during this drought.

On Aug. 8, pursuant to RSA 41:11-d, the Hampstead Board of Selectmen

unanimously voted to adopt a Lawn Watering Management Ordinance in order to protect public health and safety by restricting the use of water from private wells or public water systems for outdoor lawn watering (in-

cluding residential and commercial properties) during a state or federally declared drought.

On Aug. 18, the Town posted the required three days notice of Level 2 restrictions, limiting outdoor lawn watering to twice a week only. This came into effect on Monday Aug. 22 and will apply to all water users in Hampstead.

Level II - Severe Drought

• Lawn watering at odd numbered addresses

should take place only on Mondays and Thursdays

• Lawn watering at even numbered addresses should take place only on Tuesdays and Fridays.

• Lawn watering should not occur from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The Hampstead Police Department has the authority to enforce these restrictions.

The Board will continue to monitor the drought status in order to adjust restriction levels, up or down, accordingly

OBITUARY

Bernice E. Dicey



Bernice E. Dicey, 87 of Derry, NH died Friday Aug. 19, 2022, at High Point Hospice in Haverhill, MA. She was born in Enfield, NH on Nov. 3, 1934, a daughter of the late Arthur and Hazel (Wescott) Lombard. Bernice had been a resident of Derry since 1967, formerly living in Manchester, NH. She had been employed as a supervisor for Sanders Associates in Manchester. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many.

She is survived by her children, Danny Dicey and his wife Pamela of Manchester, NH, Floyd Dicey and his wife Debbie of Goffstown, NH, Glen Dicey of Derry, and Darlene Dicey of Derry, six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one sister, Beverly Yazzetti of Manchester, one brother, Gerald Lombard of Boscawen, NH, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Carl C. Dicey in 2000, her son, Michael Dicey in 1954, her granddaughter, Tammy Jean Dicey in 1976, and also by her great-granddaughter, Bella Digianni who died 2019.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services were held on Wednesday Aug. 24, at the Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry. The

OBITUARY

Gloria "Gigi" (Merrick) Mottram



On Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, our mother, Gloria "Gigi" (Merrick) Mottram passed away after a brave battle with Cancer. She was a fighter until the end and was one of the strongest women to ever walk this earth. Our mother was a kind, caring and giving person who always put the needs of her family before her own. She

was a strong woman who faced every challenge in her life with courage and dignity. Our mother was a source of inspiration to us all and she will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

She was born in Hampstead, NH in 1949 and Gigi spent most of her life in Lawrence, MA. She spent the last few years living at Parkhurst Place in Amherst, NH among many friends who adored her. She worked at Northeast Arc for over 20 years and enjoyed working for her boss, Marie McCarthy. Gloria attended NECCO where she got her degree for American Sign Language.

Gigi was a selfless person, and always the first person who offered help to others. Her daughters and her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and anyone who crosses them after she is gone, she promises to haunt if she could. So watch out! She loved spending time with her family, daily walks, bird watching, road trips, Boston Red Sox (no matter how bad they were!), gardening, fishing, music, playing online games, yard saling, and her drives to Maine to see the Nubble Lighthouse.

Gloria was predeceased by her parents, Lester & Lea (Houston) Merrick, her brothers, James Merrick and Lester Merrick and her sisters Betty Ann Merrick and Eunice Ryzepka.

She is survived by her daughters Brenda Lee (Mottram) Slosek and her husband, Tundra, and Sherry Marie (Mottram) Martinez and her partner, Shane. Her brother, Ronald Merrick and his wife, Marion, whom she loved very much. She is also sorely missed by her five grandchildren Erin Serverius and her partner, Henry Kuck, Monica Conalty, Haylee Mottram, Kelsey Mottram, and Stephen Martinez. She also had a special bond with her niece, Barbara Morrison and her husband Justin. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

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Hampstead School Board Approves Class Size Waivers

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - At the Aug. 23 Hampstead School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to the School Board's policy related to the maximum number of students per classroom.

"The Hampstead School Board has set a standard, a maximum number of students for each classroom," said Hampstead Superintendent Bob Thompson.

Thompson explained that for preschool and kindergarten the maximum under the school board pol-

icy is no more than 18 students per class.

"It's important to note the state max is 25," said Thompson.

For first and second grade the max is 20 students in Hampstead and 25 at the state level.

For third to fifth grade the maximum number of students per class in Hampstead is 23 with no more than 30 under the state policy.

For sixth to eighth grade the maximum number of students is 25 with no more than 30 students under state policy.

It was explained by

Thompson every year around this time the school principals are reviewing their class sizes and that there is communication between them and the superintendent about what is happening.

"Every once in a while we have a class that exceeds the maximum," said Thompson.

Thompson stated that when this happens they need to go in front of the school board to get their consideration for having a waiver to exceed the maximum number of students for a particular class.

One of the issues that

Thompson pointed to is the second grade.

"We are at exactly 20 students right now," said Thompson who noted they expect to have more students that may enroll.

Thompson added that they were looking to have a maximum of 23 students to be safe because it would mean they can have up to 12 students that get added.

School Board Chair, David Smith, said he was more in favor of having 21 or 22 students be the maximum for the waiver so that way it would only allow for four to eight students before they have to

reconsider.

"I would like this to be addressed every time," said Smith.

It was ultimately unanimously approved to allow a waiver of 21 students per class for the first grade.

For fifth grade Thompson said "this is actually a little bit of a contingency."

He explained that they are still looking to fill a vacancy for a writing teacher and if they aren't able to fill the vacancy they may consider going to four sections and as of now would have 27 students per class.

"That is far from ideal,

but unfortunately we might not have personnel to fill that," said Thompson.

Thompson was proposing to make the bump to 28 students. He said that under the numbers right now if they have to go to four sections two classes would have 26 students and two would have 27 students assuming they don't get anymore students.

The School Board ultimately unanimously approved increasing the maximum number of students for fifth grade to 28 students per class for the 2022-2023 school year.

Eagle Scout Projects Move Forward at Spring Hill Farm

PAUL CONYER
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Chester Boy Scout troop members Jaden Gaude and Vincenzo Minico readied Eagle Scout proposals at the recent meeting for The Spring Hill Advisory Committee on Aug. 15.

Previously, Spring Hill Farm made several offers to local Boy Scouts Troops for those looking to complete their Eagle Scout Ser-

vice Project.

Committee members also to rejuvenate park elements in need of an upgrade, and recent Eagle Scout projects already benefit Spring Hill.

Gaude is the senior patrol leader of Troop 163 on Chester. He was made the first Scout to make a presentation. "Spring Hill Farms came by and asked me if I can build a kiosk for them." He elaborated on his simple but effective

design as the new kiosk is "mostly made up of four-by-fours and two-by-fours" and will be split into three different sections with a bench, a board, and a roof.

The kiosk design includes metal shingles from the roof. Gaude noted that "with metal shingles [the kiosk] will last a whole lot longer." One problem is the all-wooden design of Spring Farm kiosks, which collect water and rot with-

in a few years of construction. His presentation also outlined a structure without a concrete base, ensuring that the new kiosk can be moved via tractor if needed. The design would include relevant trail information.

When asked about fundraising, Gaude explained a plan to sell donuts and cider from a Fall Festival tent.

Everyone present agreed that a kiosk near the en-

trance of Spring Hill's loop trail would be most effective. The project's layout was well-received and members of the Committee voted to recommend the design to the Board of Selectmen.

Minico is a Scout from Troop 402 in Derry, although he lives in Chester.

"My project is to build a bat barn" Minico stated, noting that he has already done preliminary work towards finding a location with at least 40 feet of free space. One issue came from the requirement of long-term care needed to keep a bat house in working order.

"Periodically, you may have to go and clean the bat dung from the ground," said Selectmen's Liaison, Stephen Landau. "You have experience now with the bats, maybe others do,

but most of us won't have the same experience." He called for the addition of an awareness program for the bat barn.

Minico has a plan for keeping the barn clean and intends to distribute literature on the importance of bats to environment. There are a few ideas for the exact size of the barn, but ideally, it will have a capacity of up to 1,500 bats. Minico is aiming for a completion date before the end of 2022 and has completed fundraising for the project. Members of the Committee liked the idea and hope to see it move forward soon.

The Spring Hill Advisory Committee is still interested in hearing from other Eagle Scout candidates, urging all prospects to contact them through the town website.

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First Parish

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Derry. Since 2011, with the help of historic architect, Norman Larsson, who did the comprehensive analysis and planning, the church has replaced the foundation. As well as rehabilitating the timber frame, floors and walls, a complete recovery of the leaning tower, rebuilding the ornate Steeple, repairing and repainting the exterior of the church, and constructing an adjacent elevator building, that supplies accessibility for all, called the Connector.

Like most projects, the rehabilitation of the First Parish is not without its challenges. "Most projects like this fizzle out before they even begin," Paul Lindemann explained. Lindemann is one of the main forces behind preserving the history of the church.

In 2022, The First Parish Church has set some ambitious goals. Including

peeling lead paint off the ceiling, cracking asbestos tiles and glue on the floor, healing cracks ranging from significant to minor in historic plaster walls, bringing the outdated electrical, fire, and lighting systems up to date and lastly they wish to create a new entrance for the Connector.

The project order is as follows: Plan, then demo, complete sub-flooring and ceiling. Phase II consists of completing the walls, systems, finishes, and repairing the organ until the congregational area is ready for worship.

Up until now, their previous projects have cost approximately \$1.9 million. For the upcoming full Sanctuary renewal, they are expecting well over \$1 million in costs to finish the sanctuary. The hope is that once the rehabilitation is completed, the sanctuary will be available to use for services.

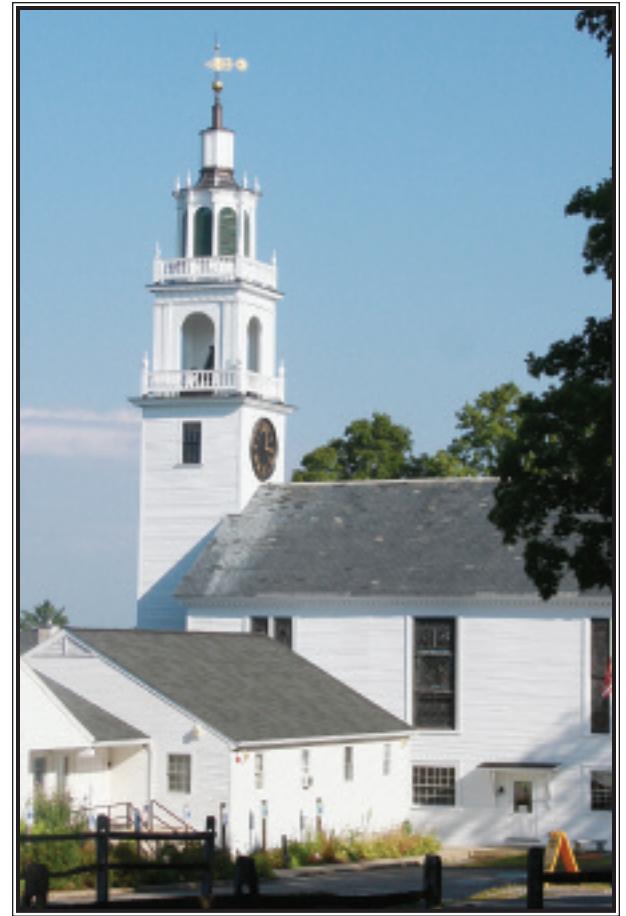
The Parish was found-

ed in 1719 by Derry's (then Nutfield's) Ulster-Scot founders, who fled Ireland to escape religious persecution, the First Parish in East Derry is the oldest religious organization in Derry. It has become one of the major historical buildings in Derry and the surrounding towns. People from Northern Ireland have taken special interest in the First Parish, as it was their ancestors who built the church. However, it is not only the Irish who hold pieces of heritage connected to the parish, Alan Shepherd and his family did as well. Bart Shepherd was the organist in the church's first years. Legend has it that young Alan Shepherd "sat on the floor at the previous hand-pumped pipe organ and worked the pedals to aid his father." (Paul Lindemann). So much of Irish-Scottish culture has been ingrained into Derry's current culture through its

strong beginning roots. The Meetinghouse, the official name for the historic building, has aided in the development of Derry's culture by housing the Nutfield Cooperative Preschool for 50 years, which is housed in the church facility.

Lindemann says, "the Meetinghouse and church campus have housed the Nutfield Cooperative Preschool for over fifty years, as well as hosting numerous town functions, community groups, volunteer organizations, non-profit events, and more."

When Northern Irish tourists come to visit NH, many have taken interest in First Parish because of its historic connections to Celtic culture. Upon seeing all the hard work that their ancestors put into the original construction, "Some even shed tears," Paul Lindemann says. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lindemann has also been in charge of streaming church services to the public which has gained a steady following of 30-40 people worldwide, including some from Northern Ire-



land.

The First Parish Church is currently running a Path to the Sanctuary Campaign which aims to encourage the community to donate to repairing the Sanctuary. They accept donations in the form of pledge cards or checks to their address which can be

found on their website fbucc.org under the Building Rehabilitation Project. Other ways to donate can be found there as well. Funds are greatly appreciated by the church as they help them move forward on projects for the current year, as well as next year's projects.

Exit 4A Project Meeting Scheduled

After having to cancel the Aug. 4 meeting, due to severe heat, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has announced a new date to advance the final design for the the Derry-London-derry I-93 Exit 4A project.

A Public Informational Meeting and Open House has been scheduled to provide a project overview and design update with a focus on the 13065B project.

The meeting will begin with an Open House where

participants can view project plans and ask questions of project team members and a formal presentation will follow.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22, starting at 6 p.m. with the one-hour open house and the Presentation at 7 p.m.

The meeting is being held at West Running Brook Middle School, Gymnasium, 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry.

Residents, business owners, commuters, elect-

ed officials, and anyone with an interest in the project is encouraged to attend.

For more information about the Exit 4A project, visit the website at: www.i93exit4a.com

If you have comments or questions about this project but are unable to attend the meeting, you may contact:

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Pinkerton Academy Marching Band Performs During Band Camp



The Pinkerton Academy Marching Band just finished its two-week Band Camp and halfway through the camp, they participated in the 123rd celebration of Londonderry's Old Home Day. The parade was held on Saturday, Aug. 20 with the Lancer Marching Band and Alvirne also marched down Mammoth Road to help ring in Londonderry's 300th Anniversary. This year's football half-time show theme is Cinematic Silhouettes.

Photos by Chris Paul



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Sandown Public Library's Scarecrow Fall Friends Tour Begins



The Friends of the Sandown Library have announced and invited everyone to join their eighth annual Scarecrow "Fall Friends Tour".

Other local communities have the Fall Scarecrows; Sandown has a Fall Friends Tour. Organized by the Sandown Library's Friends of the

Library, the Fall Friends Tour is much like the scarecrow tour in our neighboring town. Our Friends are sold with a Burlap head and a wooden frame, both of which can be used year after year. Our Fall Friends have been very original, and it seems like the creativity continues to grow every year. If you are inter-

ested in participating in the Fall Friends tour you can purchase your Fall Friend at the Sandown Library.

This year's theme is "Just Make Someone SMILE".

The lists of all the Fall Friends locations can be picked up at the Sandown library. It is really fun to see what everyone creates each year. This is also a contest for everyone to vote for their favorite Friend. Photos of each Friend will be on display at the Sandown Library, as well as, on the Sandown Library's website. The Friend with the most votes, gets their family's name on an annual plaque. The plaque and a picture of the Friend will be posted at the Sandown Library for everyone to see.

There are 70 new Fall Friends with new faces and they come in burlap, that are for sale, they are available at the Sandown Library now, will be sold thru the month of September. The cost of a new Fall Friend is \$25.00.

You will receive the Friend head, a wooden frame, and instructions on how to construct and stuff your Friend. The Friends of the Library hope that all Fall

Friends from past years will join 2022 Fall Friends Tour. There is a \$10.00 charge to reenter the Tour each year. The reentry forms are at the Library.

The Sandown Library hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 6:00 and Saturdays 9:00 to 3:00.

We can't wait to see all the creativity this year.

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The colors are still attracting lots of pollinators at the Youth Garden at the Derry Boys and Girls Club. The garden is an on-going effort between Derry Garden Club members and Derry youngsters.

Photo by Chris Paul

Area Candidates Prepare for State Primary Election

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coming up next month, on Tuesday, Sept. 13, New Hampshire voters will be asked to cast their vote in the State Primary Election.

Although there are not many contested races for state positions in the towns of Derry, Chester, Hampstead and Sandown, there are quite a few candidates looking to get through the primary in the national positions.

Governor

For Governor, on the Republican ballot, there are five people challenging incumbent Chris Sununu.

They are:
Julian M. Acciard
Jay Lewis
Richard A. McMenamon II
Thaddeus P. Riley
Karen Testerman

In the Race for U.S. Senate, there are 11 names to choose from on the Republican Ballot and three for the Democrats.

Republicans:
Gerard Beloin

John Berman
Donald C. Bolduc
Bruce Fenton
Dennis Lamare
Edmond Laplante, Jr.
Vikram Mansharamani
Andy Martin
Chuck Morse
Tejasinha Sivalingam
Kevin H. Smith
Democrats:
John Riggieri
Maggie Hassan
Paul J. Krautmann

U.S. Congress

For U.S. Congress, there are 10 candidates looking to get through the primary on the Republican Ballot and Chris Pappas is unopposed for the Democrats:

Republicans:
Tom Alciere
Tim Baxter
Gail Huff Brown
Mark Kilbane
Karoline Leavitt
Mary Maxwell
Matt Mowers
Kevin R. Rondeau
Russell Prescott
Gilead R. Towne

State Representative

In the State Representative arena, only the Derry Republicans have a contested race. There are 16 candidates looking to fill 10 slots. They are:

Mike Appolo
G.Thomas Cardon
Charles Foote
Phyllis May Katsakiores
Erica Layon
Lorraine M. Lindenberg
David C. Love
Daniel Mecke
Elizabeth Mecke
David E. Milz
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Derry Republicans also have a contested race for County Commissioner.

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Local Businessman Named to Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees

DERRY – Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees President Dr. William A. Nevious has announced that local businessman and Pinkerton Academy alumnus Mr. John Hobden, P.E., has been named to the Board of Trustees, representing Chester.

“We are fortunate to have John Hobden join the Board of Trustees,” Nevious said. “The combination of his professional experience and his personal connection

to the Academy as an alumnus and parent of two Pinkerton Academy students will complement the student-centered mission of the Board moving forward.”

“I was very honored when I was approached and even more so when I got the call to join the Board of Trustees. I have been trying to find ways to be more involved in the community and give back,” said Hobden. “Serving on the Board is a way to give back

to a community in and of itself and can have a real impact on students’ lives.”

Hobden is currently the Vice President of Granite State Plumbing & Heating, LLC and has held a variety of positions in the industry. He holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from the University of New Hampshire. Hobden’s career path has emphasized the importance of options in



John Hobden, P.E.

education and access to CTE courses.

“Pinkerton’s great strength is truly the variety

of courses that are offered. The different academic levels help tailor the experience for each student,” he said. “But even beyond that, you can try out two or three different careers in a controlled environment to get some experience. Considering the severe shortage of people going into the trades, this early exposure can be invaluable.”

As a graduate of the Pinkerton Class of 1998, Hobden sees his role on the

Board of Trustees as one that honors tradition while prioritizing students.

“In my role, I hope to help maintain the traditions and the excellence of the school while always keeping the interests of all students in mind,” he said.

An Eagle Scout, Hobden currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts. He lives in Chester with his wife and two sons, both students at Pinkerton.

Hampstead State Representative Selected For Prestigious Fellowship

HAMPSTEAD - The Honorable Mark Pearson, R-Hampstead, a NH legislative leader in health care has been selected to join the 2022-23 class of the Milbank Fellows Program, a nine-month leadership program for senior executive branch and legislative leaders who are committed to improving population health in their states and communities.



Mark Pearson

The fellowship is convened and funded by the Milbank Memorial Fund, a nonpartisan foundation focused on improving population health and health equity. The class includes 23

leaders representing 20 states.

Milbank, working in partnership with the Colorado Health Institute and the Public Leadership Group,

will support the Fellows in:

- Gaining new knowledge about specific population health issues, interdisciplinary health and human services systems, and evidence-based approaches to improving population health;
- Expanding their personal insight and leadership capacities in support of defining and advancing a population health vision and agenda; and
- Creating meaningful connections with a network of colleagues, both from within the cohort and the Milbank State Leadership Network, so they can lever-

age their new knowledge and capacities to take action in their states.

“Each Fellow in our new cohort brings a remarkable wealth of health policy expertise as well as diversity of life experience,” said Milbank program officer

Kate McEvoy, who oversees the state leadership programs. “We look forward to engaging with the Fellows and supporting them in continuous learning and the development of successful population health initiatives.”

Pearson chairs the

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CHESTER

Holiday Hours

The Chester Library is closed Sept. 3, and 5, in honor of Labor Day and Sept. 24, to celebrate the Tricentennial Grand Finale.

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is "Library Card Sign-Up Month" Get a card any day in the month of September and you will be entered to win a prize with the Chester Library.

Harvest Wreath Making

On Thursday, Sept. 1, at 6 p.m., join the Chester Library to make an autumnal wreath adorned with pumpkins and leaves. Space in this program is limited and expected to fill up fast. The fee for this program is \$5. Please bring cash or check to register at the front desk only. This event is for adults.

Library Foundation Meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 4 p.m., the Chester Public Library Foundation will hold their meeting. New members welcome.

Banned Book Club

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m., join the Chester Library for some great reading and discussion. Contact or come in the library to get your copy of the current book. New members welcome.

Among Us in Real Life

On Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m., 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. No devices required. Limited space is available. Registration is required. This event is for Kids ages 8+.

Prince and Princess Party

Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Stevens Memorial Hall, 1 Chester St.

Chester NH 03036. Join some of your favorite fairytale princesses for photos, sing-alongs, games, and more! Dress up is encouraged. Tickets are \$5 per child over the age of 2. Grown-ups are free! Tickets need to be purchased in advance at the Chester library using cash or check. Tickets cannot be guaranteed at the door.

Friends of the Library Meeting

On Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., join the Friends of Chester Library and help with fundraising to benefit the library. Interested in joining? Please register by calling.

Teen Skills: Sewing 101

Are you interested in learning how to sew? In this beginner class we will learn about different stitches, how to sew a button, and make your own fabric bookmark to take home at the Chester Library on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. Please register by calling.

Crafting Club

Chester Libra's Crafting club is back with Melody on Monday, Sept. 19, 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 or sending us a message on our Facebook page. This group is for adults.

Afternoon Book Club

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 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. This group is for adults.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library's Board of Trustees will hold

their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Kids Craft: Scarecrow Spoons

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m., join Ms. Grace at the Chester Library to make this not so scary scarecrow. All materials are provided by the library. Space is limited. Please register by sending us a Facebook message or giving us a call.

Teen/Tween Craft: Book Page Pumpkins

On Thursday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m., join Ms. Grace at the Chester Library to make this bookish decoration to usher in fall. All materials will be provided by the library. Registration is required by sending us a message on our Facebook page or giving us a call. This event is for ages 10+.

Book Sale

The Friends of Chester Library will hold a Book Sale at the Tricentennial Grand Finale Saturday, Sept. 24. The library will be closed but be sure to stop by the Friends of the Library booth at the Tricentennial Grand Finale.

Technology Troubleshooting

If you have questions about any of your electronic devices from cell phones, to computers, to wearable tech bring it to the Chester Library on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1 - 3 p.m., for troubleshooting, tutorials, tips, and tricks. No registration required.

Mahjong Club

Love Mahjong? Come and play with this Chester Library's group at the library every Friday from 2 - 4 p.m. Want to learn? We can teach you. Sign up at the front desk or by calling 603-887-3404.

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.

DERRY

Climate Change and Your Health

On Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, Dr. Gerson will host a lecture on Climate Change and how it relates to health. She is a pathologist practicing at Catholic Medical Center where she has seen the health effects of global warming in her practice with the increase in tick-borne diseases such as babesiosis and Lyme disease. She is part of NH Healthcare Workers for Climate Action (NHHWCA), educating healthcare workers and the community about the health effects of climate change to support climate solutions to improve health for all.

Monthly Film Night

Every month the Derry Library hosts a showing of a contemporary or classic film. This month's movie is Too Wong Foo, a lighthearted comedy about three drag queens getting stranded in a small Nebraska town, showing Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140.

Don Bluth: Unsung Hero of American Animation

Derry Library Reference Librarian Liz and cohost Todd will discuss the amazing career of Don Bluth, one of

the most important American animators this side of Walt Disney on Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

Monuments Men

Learn about the men and women of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives division of the US Army during WWII with the Derry Public Library on Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

Maximizing Social Security

A look at how to manage Social Security benefits for each person's unique situation at the Derry Public Library on Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. This program will look at spousal benefits, costs and benefits of different times you can choose to retire, as well as how working during retirement or early retirement can affect your benefits. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

Button Up Derry

Presenters Ted Stiles and Andy Duncan cover energy saving tips and NH Saves energy efficiency programs, a great resource for any NH residents who want to use energy wisely and save money on Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. 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.

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/derryhomegrown) or [instagram.com/derryhomegrown](https://www.instagram.com/derryhomegrown)

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.

HAMPSTEAD

Labor Day

The Hampstead Public Library is closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day, however, it is open on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Be sure to pick up your books, movies, games, and museum passes before closing time on Saturday. All online services are available 24/7 including online newspapers, downloadable books, and more.

Teen Game Night

There are a variety of games available including board games, cards, role-playing games, and Wii, on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Hampstead Library. Participants are also welcome to bring their own games from home. All students entering grades 5 and up are welcome to attend.

Color Purple

Third Thursday Book Club is reading The Color Purple by Alice Walker at the Hampstead Library. This title was chosen in recognition of Banned & Challenged Books Week, which is in September. Copies of the book are available to borrow, and all readers are welcome to the discussion on Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.

Story Time

For preschoolers and Mother Goose on the Loose are on hiatus at the Hampstead Library. They will return in September after Labor Day. More details are coming soon.

Raffle Basket

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Hampstead Public Library raffle basket is on display at the front counter in the Library. The theme is all things British. The woven basket contains a London LEGO® set, scone mix and tray, Downton Abbey word search book, Yardley soap, an umbrella, elderflower cordial, tea, biscuits, and much more. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. The drawing is on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, just before the Friends' sponsored event at the Library.

Servant Life

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library host the NH Humanities event Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture in Fact, Fiction and Film on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. While servant narratives have been popular for centuries, there is a resurging interest in these stories in recent decades with films like The Remains of the Day and Gosford Park, plus PBS dramas like Downton Abbey. The presenter is Ann McClellan, a professor of English and Interim Provost and VP of Academic

Affairs at Plymouth State University. She explores the history behind British servants and why Americans are fascinated by their stories. This event is funded by the New Hampshire Humanities. It is free and open to the public.

Tea Time

Wildlife Tea on Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. Lindsay Webb, a Wildlife Educator with NH Fish and Game, discusses the diversity of wildlife in the state at the Hampstead Library. The tea being served is Harney & Sons Serengeti, which has an earthy and fruity flavor. Although it is not required, we greatly appreciate participant contributions of a small dessert, fruit, etc.

Club Discusses Mr. Rogers

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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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.

REGIONAL

Burbine Tourney

Come join the fun and excitement and compete in the 4th Annual Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament the weekend of Sept. 9 - 11. 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.

Women's Club Welcome Back Social

The Londonderry Women's Club is hosting their annual Welcome Back Social at the Morrison House on Pillsbury Road on Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy this fun event and meet current members coming back from summer break. You can learn about the club and hear about the exciting fundraising and social events planned for the year while enjoying hot dogs, snacks and smores around the bonfire. Women from surrounding towns are welcome. Check out the club on Facebook, or visit www.londonderrywomensclub.org

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

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Women's Scholarship

The Londonderry Women's Club offers an annual scholarship to any woman seeking to improve her education. The scholarship is open to all women in Londonderry and surrounding towns. The scholarship value is \$1,000. To be eligible, the female applicant must meet the following requirements: Be at least 23 years of age or older, Be a current resident of Londonderry or an adjacent community, Be currently enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution, Have completed a minimum of half the time or credits required for your degree, certification or licensing program, To apply the applicant will need to submit: A college or institute transcript, Cover letter with statement about your reasons for returning to school, One personal recommendation, Activities, work experience and essay mentioned on application form. Applications must be received by Sept. 30. No late applications will be considered. All finalists might be notified for a personal interview. Recipient will be announced before Dec. 1. The recipient must notify the Londonderry Women's Club of her acceptance before Dec. 15. The award will be made payable to the recipient. Applications are available at the Leach Library, the Derry Public Library and can be found and downloaded from our website at londonderrywomensclub.org.

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OBITUARY

Delbert M. Pugh



Delbert M. Pugh, 88, of Derry, NH passed away Wednesday Aug. 24, 2022, at Villa Crest Healthcare in Manchester, NH. Del was born on June 22 1934, in Medford, MA to John B. And Eveline I. Pugh. At the age of 5, the family moved to Derry NH. He had fond memories of living in Derry Village. At the age of 12, he was working to bring money into the household. Del was in the Pinkerton Academy 1953 class and was a lifelong resident of Derry.

In 1953, Del went into the Air Force, he was stationed at Reese AFB in Lubbock TX. In 1957, he returned Derry and went in to US Civil Service. He was stationed at Grenier, Hanscom, Westover and Pease Air Force bases, in the motor pool department.

Throughout his career in the Air Force, Reserves, and National Guard, he was able to travel to other countries: Spain, Portugal, Azores, etc. He met wonderful people from all over the world. There was a special couple he enjoyed seeing when he was at Pease, President H.W. and First Lady Bush. Del along with other co-workers serviced Air Force One. First, the dogs came off the plane, then the First Lady and then the President. Del also felt the President had him promoted to Master Sergeant. After his retirement from duty, he worked for the Derry School Dept. for 20 years.

He finally retired at the age of 80. He loved to talk about planes with his brother-in-law David or his former co-workers. He enjoyed the McDonald's coffee group

He is survived by his daughter Susan of Derry, Brother-in-Law, David Barrett of Salisbury, MD and his former sister-in-law, Donna Arnold, also his nephews, David and Mark Barrett and Chris and Scott Pugh. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years, Sally (McGrath) Pugh in June, his brother Edward Pugh in 1982 and his sister, Marjorie Barrett in 2020.

My Dad was the best Dad. He was kind, humble and would give the shirt off his back.

He shared with me before he passed "That he lived 88 years and they were great years." My parents would have celebrated their 63 years anniversary on Sept. 5. My dad passed on the 24th and my mom passed on June 24. Now they are together. I love you and I will miss you both."

A graveside service will be held for both Delbert and Sally at Forest Hill cemetery of Derry, NH on Friday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the

OBITUARY

Susan A. Perreault



Susan A. Perreault, 63 of Chester, NH passed away Aug. 25, 2022, at her residence surrounded by loved ones. Susan was born in Lawrence, MA on Jan. 22, 1959, a daughter of the late William and Anita (Pelletier) Fluet.

Susan worked at the Chester Academy school for many years where she loved helping children. She truly loved what she did every day. She also loved watching her medical shows such as Dr. G's medical examiner and true crime. She also loved spending time with her family, especially at Christmas. She always said that any other holiday was okay not to attend but everyone had to be there for Christmas. It was her favorite holiday to celebrate, and the Christmas tree was always up before Thanksgiving!

Susan is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Wayne Perreault of Chester; their son, Eric Perreault of Lawrence, MA; their three daughters, Jennifer Gannino of N. Andover, MA, Lynn Gomez of Methuen, MA, and Sarah Fish of Chester, NH; also their eight grandchildren, Alyshia of Methuen, MA, Cory of Andover, MA, Tyler of N. Andover, MA, Jaythian of Methuen, MA, Alivia of Salem, NH, Danika of Derry, NH, Sophia of Chester, NH, and Victoria of N. Andover, MA; her sister, Cheryl Hebert of Sandown, NH; and her two brothers, William Fluet, Jr., of Lowell, MA, and Richard Fluet of Laconia, NH.

Susan was predeceased by their son, Ryan Reitano their daughter, Krystal O'Neill; and her brothers, Donald Fluet, and Denis Fluet.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Friday, Sept. 2, from 9 - 11 a.m., with a service at 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Home & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Home Health &

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