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Claremont 'Virtually' Rings in the New Year

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—There was certainly nothing normal about 2020, and ringing in 2021 proved to be a challenge as well for communities throughout



the country. Only three or four municipalities in New Hampshire managed to offer New Year's Eve activities, Claremont being one of them. Claremont Parks and Rec, the Claremont Sugar-River Rotary, individuals and CCTV worked together to present what they called "an almost virtual program this year". Resi-
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Above: Sharon Wood, a member of Claremont's Off Broad Street Players, was one of several members to participate in their presentation, "Stories to Ring Out the Year!", a read aloud on CCTV in the tradition of the Night of a Thousand Stars.

Left: Magician Steve Charette, with help from a young audience member (a limited number composed the audience), performed a rope trick as viewed via CCTV, either on TV or online (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photos).



2021 Outdoor Inaugural Ceremony Cancelled Amid Ongoing Public Safety Concerns, Says Sununu

CONCORD, NH — On Wednesday, Governor Chris Sununu announced that the 2021 outdoor Inaugural Ceremony has been cancelled amid ongoing public safety concerns.

"My first responsibility is ensuring the safety of my family and our citizens," said Sununu.

"For weeks, armed protesters have increas-

ly become more aggressive, targeting my family, protesting outside my private residence, and trespassing on my property — an outdoor public ceremony simply brings too much risk. We do not make this decision lightly but it is the right thing to do."

In consultation with Attorney General Gordon

MacDonald, Senate President Chuck Morse, and acting-House Speaker Sherm Packard, Sununu and the Executive Council will be sworn-in during a small ceremony to be attended by leaders of both houses of the legislature, and to be virtually attended by all other

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members, on January 7.

The Governor will deliver his inaugural address live at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 7.

Canaan Ice Rescue Saves Two Skaters

CANANN, NH—On Dec. 30, at approximately 10:32 AM, Officer Matthew Bunten of the Canaan Police Department was checking the lock on the doors of the Canaan Street beach house. When he pulled into the parking lot he noticed two people ice skating out on the lake. He then checked the lock and when he looked back out onto the ice he noticed the two skaters had fallen through the ice out near the middle of the lake. He immediately notified Hanover Dispatch and started a full water rescue response.

Units from Canaan Police Department, Canaan Fire Department, Canaan Ambulance, Lebanon Fire Department, Hanover Fire De-

partment and Hartford Vermont Fire Department were dispatched to Canaan Street Lake in the area public beach.

Members of the Canaan emergency services deployed two rescue sleds and four personnel in cold water survival suits and ultimately rescued both the female subjects, who had been in the water for approximately 30 minutes. Members of the Lebanon Fire Department also put on survival suits and assisted in bringing the two women back to shore uninjured. They were both transported to the hospital and treated for hypothermia and are expected to make a full recovery.

The Canaan Police Department and Canaan Fire Department would like to remind everyone that the ice is extremely dangerous and still very thin.

Claremont Woman Fatally Struck by Truck in Central Arkansas

Arkansas media reported that "a New Hampshire woman was fatally struck by a vehicle Sunday night (Dec. 27) in central Arkansas", said state police said in a statement.

"Cassandra Carter, 29, of Claremont, NH, was running across U.S. 67 in Sherwood. A southbound 2005 Dodge Durango hit Carter about 10:01 p.m., according to the law enforcement agency. She died as a result of the accident.

"State police reported that conditions were clear and dry when the crash happened."

No other information was released. According to her Facebook account, she lived in North Little Rock, AR.

Hand Building Pottery With CMS

Working with clay is both fun and easy. Students in this virtual series will create simple and functional ceramic pieces using tools that are found around the home.

This Claremont MakerSpace class is open to ages 12 and older.

Needed supplies: The minimum supplies are 10lbs of cone 6 clay and a wire tool. If you have questions about supplies, please contact info@twinstatemakerspaces.org. If the student has access to a community kiln, they should purchase cone 5/6 clay and one pint of cone 5/6 glaze. (Note: For students living in Claremont, NH, the instructor is willing to allow access to his kiln for an added fee.)

Dates and times: January 14, 21, 28. 6:00. To register, please visit: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2021/1/14/hand-building-pottery>

This class will be presented free via Zoom. Connection information will be sent out after registration.

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dents were invited to tune into Claremont CCTV for an evening of family fun and entertainment. For the first time, CCTV livestreamed programming that night. New executive director Josh Nelson said that everyone pulled events together in only a few weeks' time to make this year's celebration possible.

Entertainers included Troy and Ariana Wunderle; the father-daughter team has been entertaining audiences throughout New England for 15 years.

Magician Steven Charrette presented his award winning magic show, performing his magic with a touch of comedy and audience participation.

Local musician Brooks Hubbard followed. Born in Enfield, Brooks started his live music career playing drums at his 3rd grade ice cream social with his dad's band. Picking up guitar at age 12 and writing songs at 15, Brooks was performing regularly right out of high school. He opened for blues legend Robert Cray and pop artist KT Tunstall while attending Keene State College.

In between presentations, videos highlighting Sullivan County, Christmas lights and the Sugar River filled the CCTV airwaves. There were also New Year's messages from Claremont City manager Ed Morris, the Claremont Fire Department, Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, Golden Cross and SRVRTC director

Alex Herzog. And at 10:00 p.m., right on time, a fireworks display, shot from Arrowhead, topped off the night.

The First Annual Claremont-Sugar River Rotary First Night Scavenger Hunt was also held to help usher in the New Year. The hunt took place over three days, starting on Dec. 26 and ending at 5pm Dec. 30, featuring outdoor locations for teams to discover and document. Teams could be any size with members of any



age. Due to the global pandemic, however, all team members had to be from the same household (See related story, page 9).

Clockwise: City manager Ed Morris delivers a New Year's message; fireworks top off the night; father-daughter team, Troy and Ariana Wunderle performing at the CCTV studio Thursday night (Phyllis A. Muzeroll and Eric Zengota photos).

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Letter to the Editor

Why Mooshian is Applying for Open Council Seat

To The Editor:

I moved to Claremont in 2016 after co-founding a nonprofit program aimed at building community for rural LGBTQ+ folks. After the program launched, I hit the ground running -- collaborating with local entrepreneurs and business owners, and harnessing the collective power of area agencies to best serve populations often left in the margins. Along the way I've met some amazing people, the folks who work to keep our community moving forward. Claremont is where I have laid down my roots and invested in my community, and I'm ready to bring that to City Hall. That's why I applied for the open City Council seat.

I believe that our community holds the power to write our own story, and I believe that Claremont holds endless potential. I want to serve on the City Council because I want to harness that potential and be part of writing the next chapter for Claremont -- a chapter of revitalization, prosperity, and equity. That's why my priorities center on community collaboration to keep Claremont moving forward.

At the core of my priorities are three principles: to foster a forward thinking, leading community; to advocate for the wellness of our community; and increase transparency & accessibility of our local government. If there is one thing I know about Claremont, it's that people care about what happens here, whether it's folks coming together in support of Pleasant Street Revitalization or folks coming together to raise a flag through the fog, letting others know that Claremont is a place for all to live and thrive. I believe the spirit of community should be part of everything we do.

I believe that together we can build a movement to change the conversation around what is just and what is possible. I believe together we can keep Claremont moving forward. To learn more about me, and my bid for the open City Council seat, visit MattMooshian.com

Matt Mooshian
Claremont, NH

National Defense Bill Becomes Law with Key Priorities Secured by Senator Hassan to Support Granite Staters & Americans

WASHINGTON, DC—Friday, on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis, the U.S. Senate overrode the President's veto to pass into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, which includes key priorities that Senator Maggie Hassan introduced and championed to protect the national security of Granite Staters and all Americans. Bipartisan amendments that Hassan introduced to address drone threats to service members overseas and create a cybersecurity state coordinator in each state are included in the legislation.

"This year's national defense legislation will strengthen support for all who serve and have served our nation in uniform, and it will also help keep Granite Staters and all Americans safe, secure, and free," said Senator Hassan. "Members of Congress came together on both sides of the aisle to help pass this bill into law, and I am pleased to have worked across the aisle to help secure critical provisions in the legislation, including to support Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, protect our troops from drones, support veterans' health care, and bolster cybersecurity. I look forward to continuing to work on bipartisan efforts to protect our national security and ensure that our service members and veterans receive the support that they deserve and have earned."

We welcome Letters to the Editor.
Please include name, address and phone numbers.



Serious and Frivolous

Two military figures stand guard as a snow squall whips through Claremont's Broad Street Park.

~ Eric Zengota

13 Vaccination Sites Opening for First Responders, Ambulatory Care Providers

CONCORD, NH—Last week 13 sites across New Hampshire began opening to vaccinate first responders and high-risk ambulatory care providers as part of Phase 1A of the state's vaccination plan.

"Throughout this pandemic, New Hampshire's first responders and ambulatory care providers have ensured the safety and wellbeing of our communities without hesitation," said Governor Chris Sununu. "From the day the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines arrived in the Granite State, we hit the ground running to get the doses out the door and into the arms of our highest risk health care providers and long-term care residents. The State of New Hampshire will continue to make this vaccine available as quickly and efficiently as possible."

"We are making great strides in deploying the COVID-19 vaccine to people working on the front lines and at highest risk of exposure. We have heard from many first responders and high-risk healthcare workers who work directly with patients and are scheduling their vaccine appointments starting tomorrow," said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shabinette. "This represents another important milestone in ending the pandemic in New Hampshire. On behalf of everyone at DHHS, I wish to thank the National Guard and the Regional Public Health Networks for supporting the operation of the community vaccination sites."

First responders eligible to be vaccinated under Phase 1A will be alerted to schedule a vaccination appointment through professional associations, licensing boards, provider groups, and first responder organizations.

The 13 clinic locations will open across the state in the following communities:

Claremont
Concord
Exeter
Hooksett
Keene
Laconia
Lebanon
Littleton
Londonderry
Nashua
Plymouth
Rochester
Tamworth

Based on population density, 7 vaccination sites will operate five days a week, with 6 vaccination sites operating 2-3 days of the week. In total, Phase 1A includes approximately 110,000 individuals and is expected to be completed by mid-January.

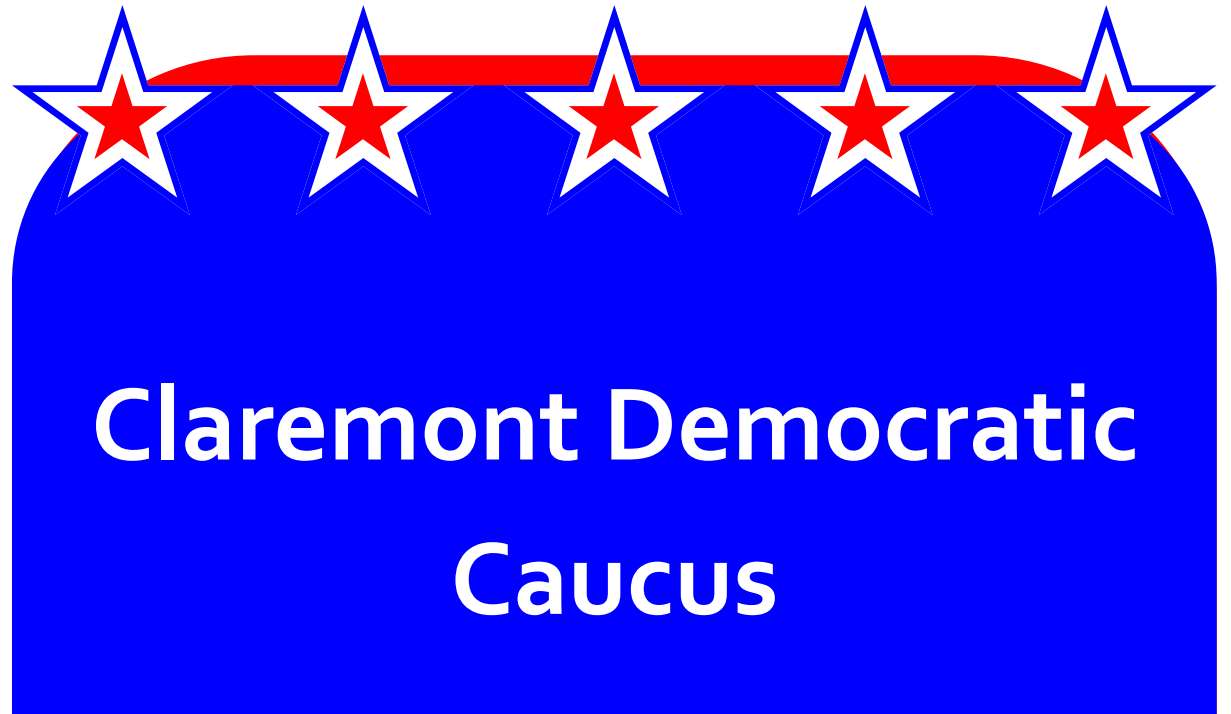
"There will be a schedule of days when that site will be open as the National Guard staff assigned to that location will also be staffing a fixed site in Keene," Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr told the *e-Ticker News*.

These sites are not open to the general public.

The Lightness of Painting with Jamie Townsend

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2021/1/12/the-lightness-of-painting-with-jamie-townsend>

Join artist Jamie Townsend as he shares his process of painting layers and color in this free virtual class. This class is presented free and a link to the Zoom connection information will be sent after registration. Starts Tuesday, Jan 12, 2:00pm. Visit the above link for more information.



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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – January 3, 2021

CONCORD, NH—On Sunday, January 3, 2021, DHHS announced 1,317 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 8.1%. Today’s results include 971 people who tested positive by PCR test and 346 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,096 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- 12/29: 63 new cases today, for an updated total of 844 cases
- 12/30: 11 new cases today, for an updated total of 897 cases
- 12/31: 448 new cases today, for an updated total of 827 cases
- 1/1: 633 new cases today, for an updated total of 633 cases
- 1/2: 162 new cases

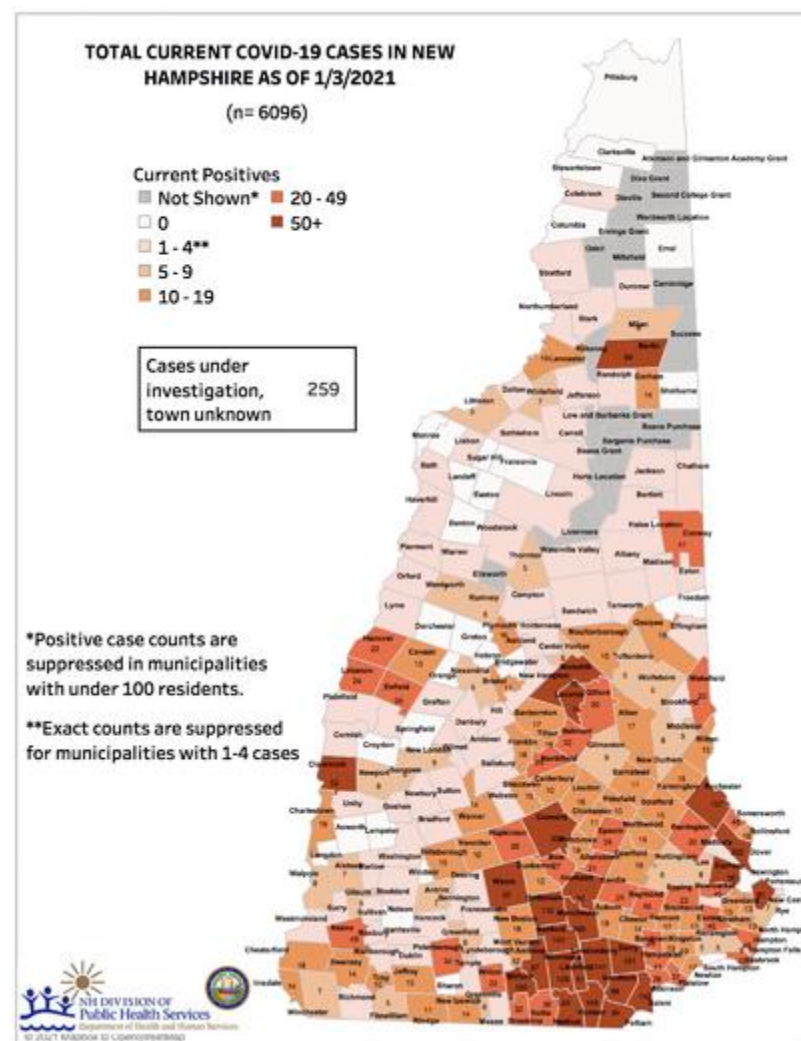
Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new posi-

tives for those days are not yet complete.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are one hundred and sixty-three individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 51% being female and 49% being male.

The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (260), Rockingham (257), Merrimack (126), Strafford (113), Belknap (64), Sullivan (35), Grafton (33), Cheshire (32), Carroll (21), and Coos (21) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (183) and Nashua (119). The county of residence is being determined for fifty-three new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases are either associated with an outbreak setting or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.



DHHS has also announced eleven additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends:

- 1 female resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 2 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 female residents of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 325 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 46,450 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 913 (2%) of those having been hospitalized.

COVID-19 Hotline

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of T..	Persons	% of T..	Persons	% of To..
Belknap	Total	2,044	4.4%	26	2.8%	52	6.7%
Carroll	Total	944	2.0%	18	2.0%	4	0.5%
Cheshire	Total	1,351	2.9%	14	1.5%	7	0.9%
Coos	Total	715	1.5%	5	0.5%	15	1.9%
Grafton	Total	1,209	2.6%	12	1.3%	9	1.2%
Hillsborough	Manchester	6,926	14.9%	238	26.1%	170	21.8%
	Nashua	4,171	9.0%	112	12.3%	56	7.2%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	7,546	16.2%	166	18.2%	219	28.1%
	Total	18,643	40.1%	516	56.5%	445	57.1%
Merrimack	Total	5,037	10.8%	73	8.0%	68	8.7%
Rockingham	Total	11,383	24.5%	212	23.2%	142	18.2%
Strafford	Total	3,737	8.0%	31	3.4%	32	4.1%
Sullivan	Total	485	1.0%	6	0.7%	6	0.8%
Unknown	Total	902	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total		46,450	100.0%	913	100.0%	780	100.0%

Data as of: 1/3/2021



Farewell 2020, Hello 2021

As I write, few hours remain of 2020 and soon the first day of 2021 will be upon us. It has been a difficult year for everyone to some degree, and one that we will never forget as its memory will forever be tied to the global pandemic. As with all historic events of such magnitude, the challenges faced are opportunities for resilience and growth. It is this that the Claremont community has embraced and will continue to build upon in 2021.

Despite the hardships wrought by COVID-19 throughout 2020, the people of Claremont volunteered their time and resources in numerous ways to help their neighbors. When the pandemic first hit, residents volunteered to sew masks. Veterans built desks to help students transition to remote learning. People of all ages delivered food and other essential items to those in need. As a result of these selfless acts, the hardships individuals faced in 2020 were made a bit easier.

When members of the business community were adversely affected financially by the pandemic, other local businesses, financial institutions, the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Claremont rallied in support. The Ink Factory, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, created a shirt campaign in which profits were donated to local businesses. Financial institutions, the Chamber and the City worked collaboratively to ensure that businesses accessed COVID-19 related funding. All of which helped to mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic.

In the healthcare sector, Valley Regional Hospital quickly transitioned to operating in a COVID environment, providing essential care to members of the community and hosting a mobile flu vaccination clinic. Mental health and substance use disorders providers began offering telehealth services. The City's Parks and Recreation Department created unique events in which people could safely engage during a pandemic. All of this helped to maintain the wellbeing of the community. Neighbor helping neighbor, businesses operating in solidarity and organizations promoting good health have fostered community resilience and set the stage for growth in 2021. Though we may be operating in a COVID-19 environment for many months more, Claremont will experience advancement in several areas.

The revitalization of the City Center is scheduled to begin this year, as well as the conversion of the Peterson Building into 80-85 market rate apartments. The City Council will be considering a series of 79E requests, that if granted, will spur the rehabilitation of long vacant or dilapidated buildings. As a re-

sult of the Lead Hazard Mitigation Grant recently awarded to Sullivan County, Claremont homeowners and landlords will have the opportunity to mitigate health hazards in homes.

All examples of a community ready to enter 2021 with a focus on growth. It is testimony to our resilience, none of which would have been possible without the perseverance of its people. So, as we bid farewell to 2020, I would like to say thank you to all who have worked so hard to overcome the challenges of 2020. Your efforts have laid the groundwork for a better year.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

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Rotary 2020 First Night Scavenger Hunt

CLAREMONT, NH—Over the river, through the woods, and around town they went, looking for places or symbols within Claremont to compete in the first annual Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club scavenger hunt. The accompanying photos were a few of the places or symbols of many included in the 2020 Rotary club Scavenger Hunt held in conjunction with Claremont's the First Night celebration.

Several families created teams that participated in the event which started on Saturday, December 26. In staying with COVID-19 pandemic guidelines for safety, individuals could form a team composed of members within their household, and most of the locations were outside. The scavenger hunt included 25 questions along with several photo challenges. The forms were available online at the Rotary Club Facebook page and at Fiske Free Library. Completed forms had to be submitted by 5 PM on December 30.

Congratulations to: The Goodwin Galavantes, The Gerber Family, The Beaton Family, Julie Frisch, Mike Cahill, Jennifer Anderson, Tracy Parrotto, Jevin and Tina Bergeron.



During the hunt, individuals could post questions to the club FaceBook page with answers posted to the page to ensure all could see the questions and read the answers. One team that participated in the hunt shared it was their first time in visiting the Claremont Visitor Center. Others shared they enjoyed the activity as it provided an opportunity for the family to safely engage in an outdoor event while challenging them.

Members of the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club reviewed all the submitted forms and photos to select which teams to award \$10 gift certificates, to the Barn Cafe.

(Courtesy photos)

Claremont
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The Board will also be reviewing and discussing the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan and electing officers for the new year.

Interested parties may review the applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

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Claremont Opera House Names Executive Artistic Director

CLAREMONT, NH--The Board of Directors for the Claremont Opera House has announced the selection of Andrew Pinard as their new Executive Artistic Director, effective January 2021. Pinard joins the COH with almost 30 years experience as a full-time performer and theatre artist, and most recently as founder and operator of Hatbox Theatre in Concord, NH. He has traveled extensively as an actor, director, and scenic and lighting designer and has appeared on the stage, as well as on radio and television. Family programming is a strength, as Andrew wrote and adapted several plays for family audiences, directed the New England Summer Arts Program and is an award-winning educator, teaching theatre for five years at Pembroke Academy.

A resident of Bradford, NH, he has presented thousands of performances throughout the northeastern United States as well as internationally in Montreal, London, Switzerland, Germany and Italy. He has been recognized by his peers as one of the finest close-up performers throughout the Northeast and took the top honor in the 18th Annual New England Magic Competition. He regularly consults for theatres and venues throughout the region and beyond in the areas of magic/effects, lighting design, directing, systems development, and facility design. In 2017, Pinard was awarded the Vision and Tenacity Award at the NH Theatre Awards.

"Our Board went through an extensive search process to staff the right person to lead us through 2021 and beyond, with a focus on new revenue generating opportunities, expanded programming and theatre maintenance," said Felicia Brych Dalke, COH Board President. "We talked to a lot of talented arts leaders across NH, but Andrew's ideas for our future are why we selected him."

Pinard is well known across New England and he will strengthen partnerships between the COH and other local, state and regional arts organizations, said Dalke. One important relationship is with the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, led by Executive Direc-

tor Melissa Richmond. The WCCMA is building a new facility next door to the COH so the opportunities to collaborate are endless. Richmond stated, "WCCMA is very much looking forward to working with Andrew Pinard and the COH as Claremont's downtown revitalization continues and the creativity in the city grows. Andrew's theater and performance venue experience, as well as his enthusiasm, will be an asset to COH and the Claremont area creative community."

The NH State Council on the Arts is an integral proponent of arts organizations across NH and a significant supporter of the COH. "The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts congratulates the Claremont Opera House on hiring Andrew Pinard as its next Executive Director," said Director Ginnie Lupi. "His vast experience and entrepreneurial approach will benefit the organization and community greatly, and we look forward to working with him."

The staffing process was triggered when Louanne Lewit, the COH Executive Director for fifteen years, decided to retire in September. "We can't thank Louanne enough for her twenty years of dedicated service to the Claremont Opera House," said Dalke. "We will have a community celebration for her retirement when safe to gather in late Spring."

2020 has been a tough year for all performing arts venues and especially the Claremont Opera House. "Even with the COVID-19 challenges, we needed to move forward with staffing otherwise we would have had to close our doors for the 2021 season, and for me that was not an option," said Dalke. To enable the staffing to proceed, the COH launched a



Renaissance Campaign in November to help fund staffing for 2021, while the venue plans for a safe transition to fully reopen. The Board of Directors is asking for community support to help achieve their campaign goals. More information about the 2021 Renaissance Campaign and the status of the COH is available at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

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e-Ticker Business News



Lumber Barn Closes in Goshen

By Bill Murgatroy

GOSHEN, NH—The Lumber Barn in Goshen recently closed its doors and consolidated operations with their Bradford, NH, store. The business had served area contractors and homeowners from its convenient location along State Route 10 for the past 14 years.

According to real estate agent Buddy Howe of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, “The property sold in the first week on the market.” In late November, the 5.05 acres of land and buildings situated along the south branch of the Sugar River sold for \$530,000.00.

Records at Sullivan County Deeds Office show the buyer as Edina Realty Investment Corp.

Ernest G. Dennis Jr. established Dennis Lumber, LLC, at this location in 1986 and ran that company for nearly 35 years before selling

to the Lumber Barn in 2006. In the following years, they remodeled the main building and expanded their range of products and services to attract more customers.

The Lumber Barn is leaving a retail void for surrounding towns that will be difficult to replace. It could be described as a typical Mom and Pop hardware store where you could buy one bolt or screw without purchasing the whole box. Many visits were a quick in and out, not like at larger retailers.

Locals wondered and speculated about the reason for the closing. A spokesperson from the parent company Soaring Goose, LLC of Hampton, NH, was not available for comment and a message left to the former manager went unanswered. There were approximately five or six people employed there.



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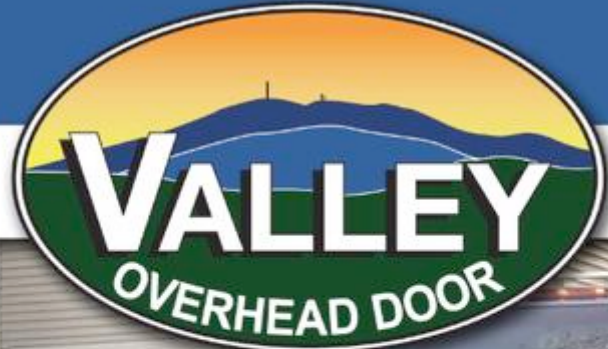

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Rain — or is it pre-snow? — painted the bandstand in Broad Street Park with a full palette.

~ Eric Zengota

Peterson Building Project Site Plan Approved

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At its Dec. 28th meeting, the Planning Board approved a site plan to convert the Peterson Building into 83 apartments. Matt Assia represented Chinburg Properties, which recently purchased the property; Brian Colburn, an engineer with McFarland Johnson, who is also assisting the City with the ReThink Pleasant St. project, was also on hand.

The plan for the former mill building, located in a mixed use district, includes 13 double bedrooms, 29 single bedrooms, 31 studio units and 10 lofts.

With the plan presented being as complete as it was, board members had a limited number of questions. The review process began with Chinburg Properties requesting a waiver for 16 parking spaces. Assia said that based on their experience of managing rental properties in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts, they believe that their request to provide 1.3 spaces per apartment for the site versus the City's requirement of 1.5 was a reasonable one. "We know from experience that 1.3 will meet the needs of our residents," said Assia. Parking for those residents will be provided in the parking garage across the street and 15 off-site spaces, to be determined. The waiver was approved in a motion that the reduction of parking spaces was appropriate for the proposed project.

One key matter was that of public safety, especially after dark, with the expected increase in pedestrian traffic crossing the road from the building to the parking garage and back. Board member David Putnam suggested installing a push button safety light rather than a full-fledged traffic signal, similar to what was installed on Maple Avenue, as a good way to go. Those attending the Zoom meeting agreed, and it was suggested that perhaps a partnership of those businesses in the area that would also gain from this public benefit—as well as the City—could be formed to share the expense.

The building will be redone according to

National Parks historic renovation standards, as have the other nearby mill buildings, said Assia. "The building is beautiful," he said.

The back of the building will have patios for the private residences, and there will be a community patio on the east side. There will also be a community clubroom. The main entrance will be on Water Street. They are still exploring ideas for a loading and unloading

zone; the storm drain system will tie into the City's system. A location for a dumpster has not yet been determined and if one cannot be established, Assia said they would have internal trash rooms which would be sprinkled and be to code for fire safety since kitchens and trash areas are the most common rooms where fires start.

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Avoid Tapping Into 401(k) Early

If you've been contributing for many years to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan, it may be your largest pool of money. So, if you are facing a financial need, you may think about tapping into your account. After all, it's your money – why not use it?

But touching your 401(k) before you retire may not be a good idea, as it can lead to some unwanted consequences. First, taking funds out of your 401(k) now could increase the risk of running out of money during retirement, which could last for decades.

Also, withdrawals taken from your 401(k) before age 59½ may be taxed as ordinary income and are generally subject to a 10% penalty for early withdrawal, although there are some exceptions. And a sizable taxable withdrawal from your 401(k) could bump you into a higher tax bracket.

Therefore, if you are facing a financial crunch, you may want to explore some options before tapping into your 401(k). For starters, see if you can cut your expenses where possible and explore financial assistance programs that service providers, such as utility companies, might offer.

Also, if you have an emergency fund, now may be the time to use it. For most folks, it's a good idea to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in such a fund, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. But even smaller amounts can help in a financial crunch.

You might also find another source of cash in your taxable investment accounts. Any uninvested cash in these accounts is an easy place to start. You might also look at selling investments to free up some cash. However, before making this decision, you may want to consult with a financial professional to discuss the pros and cons.

Another cash-generating option is a 401(k) loan, assuming your plan permits such loans. Unlike a direct withdrawal, a 401(k) loan is not taxable if it's repaid on time. (If it isn't, you could also incur penalties.) And, although the loan may have some fees, the interest on it will be paid to your account, rather than to a bank. However, you won't earn investment returns on the loan balance, because you can't use this money to invest. And if you leave your job before you've fully repaid the loan, you'll likely have to come up with the remaining balance quickly.

You could also consider using your credit cards to generate cash, but these types of loans or advances can be quite costly. Instead, you may want to look at other possibilities, such as a home equity loan, the cash value of a life insurance policy, the "margin" on your investment accounts or a personal loan. Again, you should talk to a financial professional to discuss the tradeoffs of taking out these loans and to develop a payoff strategy, if you decide to use any of them.

Your 401(k) is a long-term investment designed to meet a long-term goal: your retirement. So, if you think you might require these funds before retirement, explore all alternatives first to find the right decision for your needs.

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Inspiration

Another Chance

By Priscilla Hull

How many are somewhat relieved to see this past year, 2020 come to an end. So much has happened, some good, some not so good and of course, the most difficult health crises most of us have known. I'm sure some remember the Polio crisis from 1949-1952! I do. We lived in the country on a farm in New Jersey. Pools were not as common then as they are today, but there were always a few in towns. We were forbidden to go swimming or even go to a pool party at any of the public pools in town. Dad just wouldn't allow us. Maybe that's why I so dislike pools.

Anyway it was a terrible thing and had reached far beyond anything that was imagined even at the time. Hospitals sprung up to accommodate the children and adults affected by the disease. Many had large porches or day rooms because it was believed that fresh air would contribute to the healing process. Some, a few of those hospitals, are still in place today.

As bad as polio was, it is not as severe and as all encompassing as the current Corona or Covid-19 virus. This virus is like a giant squid which reaches its tentacles out to grasp as many people as possible. It was the most difficult part of 2020 and sadly will reach into the coming year for who knows how long. There were other things, though, riots throughout the country over injustices committed and senseless killings, mass shootings and other acts of violence.

When we look further into the year, we can find some good things that might even have been encouraged by the pandemic. On Tuesdays, the New Hampshire Food Bank began through the Claremont Soup Kitchen, the distribution of food boxes due to the increased need. It was clear that these boxes were reaching far beyond the usual clientele of CSK. People from surrounding areas came and far more than CSK normally serves.

People became aware of the needs of others and were more generous in contributions to charitable organizations. Families could gather in large assemblies and so they made new creative ways to share time together, mostly by internet. Family ties were strengthened because the need to be together seemed so great. Weddings and funerals could include more family and friends because they could be together via other means. Restaurants, unable to serve meals as before, became creative in ways to sell meals.

Teachers and students became more creative in learning methods. Colleges learned that "online education" can reach more students and is an effective method of learning.

Churches have found a new way of worshiping, online or via closed circuit tv. Maybe they are reaching more people through these remote methods.

Now we have a New Year to look forward to. We will take all the lessons that we have benefited from and make meaningful progress in all forms of life. The New Year will see us moving forward with a new energy to overcome the obstacles which seemed insurmountable last year! We will find a way to go about business in this new world we've created and become stronger people, more committed to do good things, watching out for others, making good out of a difficult situation.

A belated Happy New Year to you all, friends. May God shine brightly on your life!

"Don't remember these earlier events; don't recall these former events. Look, I am about to do something new. Now it begins to happen! Do you not recognize it? Yes, I will make a road in the desert and paths in the wilderness."

Isaiah 43:18-19

Priscilla Hull is the Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church in Claremont, NH.

new year
new beginnings

General Acclaim

Newport, Claremont and Cornish Mark Lafayette's 1825 Tour Stops

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—General Lafayette was several hours behind schedule. Nevertheless, an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 people patiently waited in the center of Claremont to greet the Revolutionary War hero. When he finally arrived late on June 27, 1825, he was given a 13-gun salute. He was also persuaded to stay in town at Stevens' Hotel rather than journey in the dark to Chase's Tavern farther up the river.

Earlier in the day, Lafayette had stopped to visit Newport. The next day he traveled north, fulfilling his promise to Chase's Tavern by meeting students who had come down from Dartmouth College. After hearty toasts to his health and heroism, Lafayette continued on to the Cornish Bridge, where he was met by the Vermont delegation and crossed the river on his way to Burlington.

The three stops in this area came toward the end of the general's two-year tour of the United States. He was honored everywhere he went, from Maine to Louisiana, as the only man who could attract citizens of every political persuasion, said Julian Icher. That he could emotionally unite the young country in 1824, another contentious presidential election year, was further indication of the respect and honors showered upon the man.

Icher, a French citizen, became interested in Lafayette when he was a student at William and Mary College in 2015. He founded the Lafayette Trail project specifically to track, map and mark the sites of the general's tour.

Thanks to sponsors including the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, Icher has "followed" Lafayette, proposing to cities and towns along the way that they erect a historical marker. To date, 28 markers have been set up in several states. Icher's goal is to have 175 in place by 2024, the bicentennial year of the tour.

At the Claremont dedication ceremony



last Monday, Icher expressed his gratitude to local supporters of the project and to the Claremont City Council for their approval of the marker, which graces Opera House Square.

For more information

on the project, as well as membership and contribution opportunities, visit thelafayette-trail.org.

Top: Julian Icher at the unveiling in Claremont; below: the marker in Newport; left: the marker in Cornish with the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge in the background (Eric Zengota photos).

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Recent Developments in Renewable Energies

Last week the US Congress approved \$35 billion for new funding of renewable technology and energy efficiencies. A coalition of bipartisan congressional representatives, environmentalists, and energy groups worked together to create this initiative.

In addition, the upcoming Biden administration has named two renewable energy advocates to top positions in the Cabinet. Former Michigan governor, Jennifer Granholm, to Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) and Gina McCarthy, to Director of the White House Office of Domestic Climate.

McCarthy, former head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will be responsible for weaving climate policy throughout the federal government. Granholm wants to modernize the country's electrical grid and promote and develop alternative energy technologies.

Besides banning Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) from future use in refrigerators and air conditioners, this new legislation pumps billions of dollars into renewable energy sources and provides for research and development along with \$1.7 million targeted to help low-income families install renewable energy sources in their homes.

Exciting advancements, including rapid development and deployment of new technologies such as improved battery storage, geothermal technology and industrial heat storage capacity using hydrogen as a fuel along with advanced nuclear projects, are in the works and will be introduced in the market place.

Further developments in battery and grid-scale electricity storage will allow renewables such as wind and solar to be incorporated into our electrical grid system. Other advancements include adding battery stored electricity generated from the sun and wind when electric demand is low will allow the electrical grid to be replenished with stored energy when demand is high. The potential for electricity gained from parked and plugged-in electric vehicles to be stored in home battery stations and then sold to the grid during peak use is another option.

These and other potential options became available in 2019 when the NH Public Utilities Commission issued an order approving a pilot program permitting utilities to own energy storage systems located on residential-customer premises. This order also allows net metering for energy storage systems, including charging from and exporting to the grid. Municipalities may adopt a property tax exemption for electric energy storage systems.

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Sullivan County Health Care Reports 3 Positive Cases of COVID-19

UNITY, NH—In a letter posted on Dec. 31 on Facebook, Sullivan County Health Care reported the following:

“...We provided information that we had implemented enhanced precautions due to a resident who had been admitted to the hospital with upper respiratory issues having initially tested positive with a rapid COVID test. Two subsequent PCR tests were negative for the presence of the COVID-19 virus.

“Our regularly scheduled staff testing was conducted on Tuesday, December 29. This morning we were informed that 3 staff members who had worked on our MacConnell Unit had tested positive. All three have no symptoms and are under quarantine in their own homes. Just as on the unit where the resident initially tested positive with the rapid test, everyone providing care and services is using full personal protection equipment (mask, face shield, gown, and gloves). Residents were tested on Wednesday, December 30, and we are awaiting their results. All residents are monitored each shift for any symptoms. Currently no other residents are having upper respiratory issues.

“These latest safety measures will not affect our schedule vaccinations for COVID-19. The first round of COVID-19 vaccinations for staff and residents is on January 6th.”

The letter was signed by administrator Ted Purdy.

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Calendar Of Events

Free Virtual Learning Series - Math Art For Kids

CLAREMONT, NH—In this 3-part Claremont MakerSpace series, kids will create art projects that reflect math principles. We'll explore geometry, patterns, symmetry and more through activities such as paper quilting, string art, or Escher-like tessellations. This series is designed for ages 10 and older. Family members are welcome, but please note younger kids will need assistance. Instructor will provide templates and a materials list prior to each class. Registration includes attendance at all 3 sessions.

This class will run Wednesdays, January 13, 20, and 27 beginning at 4 PM.

For more information, visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2021/1/13/math-art-for-kids>.

Free Virtual Learning Series - Math Games For Kids

CLAREMONT, NH—In this 3-part Claremont MakerSpace series, kids will learn dice and card games for reinforcing computation. Have fun while practicing computational fluency. This series is designed for kids ages 8-12; family members are welcome to come play along. Instructor will provide templates and a materials list prior to each class, and a handout of the games at the end of the series. Registration includes attendance at all 3 sessions.

Please note: There is a \$10 instructor fee to cover the cost of specialty dice mailed to each family. Details provided upon registration.

Dates: Mondays, January 11, 18, and 25, starting at 4 PM.

For more information, visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2021/1/11/math-games-for-kids>.

Claremont Democrats Hold Virtual Caucus January 7

CLAREMONT, NH—The 2021 Claremont Democratic Caucus is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7:00PM to adopt new bylaws and elect officers for a two-year term. Elected officers are automatic delegates to the NH State Convention.

"We need to reboot our local organization," said State Representative John Cloutier (Sullivan County District 10). "As Claremont Democrats, we have a great deal of work ahead of us to reclaim majorities in the NH House, Senate, Executive Council and County offices. It is also vitally important to recruit successful candidates and win City-wide elections this March. Caucusing locally is the first step to electing candidates who will make sure working families in the Granite State have a strong voice here in Claremont, as well as in Concord and Washington."

The hour-long caucus will be held remotely. Any resident of Claremont registered to vote as a Democrat may participate. Email [clare-](mailto:claremont.NH.Democrats@gmail.com)

[mont.NH.Democrats@gmail.com](mailto:claremont.NH.Democrats@gmail.com) to obtain an agenda, along with proposed bylaws and a zoom link for the meeting.

Membership in the NH Democratic Party consists of all Democrats registered to vote in the State and is open to all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status or philosophical persuasion.

Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/Business/ Creative Experiment?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

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Learn more about CMS Personal Studio Spaces at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/studio-space/>.

REMINDER

to all Owners of property in Claremont

– your 3rd quarter
property tax bill is
due January 8th by
state law.

The 3rd quarter bill
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the new tax rate.



As well, they are currently offering tours of CMS. Tours are scheduled in advance and participants must follow our COVID-19 policies. To schedule a tour, please email info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA is offering two virtual grief support groups, since its in-person support groups are still on hold. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a Virtual Bereavement Check-in is available on Wednesdays every three weeks from 4:00-5:00pm.

In addition, a Virtual Widow to Widow group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo schedule for the new year:

Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some semblance of normalcy. Wednesday nights 5:00 for early birds and 6:30 for regular fun and games. Currently we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. In Gov. Sununu's most recent mandate request is that when moving about the hall, please wear a face covering whenever 6' social distancing can't be maintained. While seated at the tables, masks may be removed. Be mindful that in the Gov.'s mandate there are many reasons why someone may choose to not wear a mask – and they cannot be questioned or made to prove why they choose not to; nor will they be penalized for not wearing a mask. Please be respectful of others.

Attendance will be limited to 94. We do have some masks on hand as well as plenty of hand sanitizer for your use. To all our patrons that choose to attend, thank you for your patronage during these turbulent times. For those who don't feel comfortable attending at this time,

we understand and wish you well until we can meet again.

Tom St.Pierre, Commander, Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

A Message from ServiceLink

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The Planning Board will be reviewing and discussing the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

Claremont Senior Center News

Happy New Year!! And many more!! We have been thinking about how long this year has been. Would it ever end? Goodness!! Well, now that 2021 is here, we hope you have faith knowing it will be a better year. After the storm comes a rainbow and boy, could we use one. But we have to remember what we have already. New vaccines, a new President and Vice President turning the new pages in America's history books, and our own audacity to keep going one day at a time. We, at the Center, will still be open for take-out meals on Tuesday and Thursday, books, puzzles, games, VNA, Miracle Ear and a blood drive. Hang in there. We are still here.

The kitchen elves are back from their vacation and are they energized! This month's menu is great. Let's start with this Tuesday and Thursday:

Tues. Jan. 5th-Soup, Salisbury Steak, Egg Noodles, Vegetable and Dessert.

Thurs. Jan. 7th-Soup, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potato, Vegetable and Dessert. Members-\$4, Non-members- \$5. Take-out only. Pick-up-11:45AM-12:15 PM. Call-543-5998 and reserve your meals. As always, these sound and we're sure will be, scrumptious.

A Blood Drive will be held on Mon. Jan. 11th-Noon-5PM. Call-1-800-Red-Cross for an appointment.

We are hoping you can duplicate last month's donations. Blood of all types are still needed. Please try to be as generous as you were. Start the new year by giving life to someone. Thanks!

The VNA will be at the Center on Wednesdays—Jan. 13, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27—for your footsies. Call 603-526-4072 for an appointment. Treat your feet well. After all, they carry you around all day.

By now, we bet you have had your fill of TV—news, old news, repeated news, program repeats, more repeats, Family Feud on 12 channels. So, why not read a good book, or make a puzzle with soft music on, or play a game. All of these are available at the Center. (not Family Feud.) Call 543-5998 for a time to come Tuesday or Thursday and get your TV distraction. The games need to be signed out.

Well, we guess that's it for this week. We hope your Christmas went well and was filled with love and peace, As we celebrate the new year, count your blessings, stay safe and stay well. Above all, stay connected. Call a friend. Conversation is a great healer and comforter.

Thought for the Week: 2021 is here! Welcome it with a happy heart, healthy being and a positive attitude. Happy New Year.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont, NH. Tel: (603) 543-5998.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, December 27th 2020

0557 E-3 responded to Main St for a MVA
0842 E-3 responded to Manor Dr for a medical call
1520 E-3 responded to Sullivan St and Plains Rd for a MVA

Monday, December 28th 2020

1112 E-3 responded to Broad St for a medical call
1644 E-3 responded to Royce St for a fire alarm sounding
1659 E-3, E-1 responded to Pearl St for an alarm sounding/CO problem

Tuesday, December 29th 2020

0725 E-3 responded to the Main St and North St for a MVA
2013 E-3 responded to Washington St for a MVA

Wednesday, December 30th 2020

1633 E-3 responded to Industrial

Blvd for an alarm sounding

Thursday, December 31st 2020

0009 E-3 responded to Union St for a medical call
2117 E-3 responded to First St for a medical call

Friday, January 1st 2021

0012 E-3 responded to Sullivan St for an alarm sounding
1433 E-3 responded to Goyette Ave for a medical call
1523 E-3 responded to Manor Dr for an odor of propane
1701 E-3 responded to School St for a mattress fire
1805 E-3 responded to Slab City Rd for an odor investigation
1947 E-3 responded to Byrd Ave for an alarm sounding
2110 E-3 responded to Union St for a medical call

Saturday, January 2nd 2021

0723 E-3 responded to Washington St for a MVA
1023 E-3 responded to Union St for a medical call
1042 E-3 responded to Case Hill Rd and Stewart Ave for a wire down
1225 E-3 responded to Lincoln Heights for a medical call
2012 E-3 responded to Byrd Ave for an alarm sounding
2227 E-3 responded to South St for a medical call

Activities at Billings Farm in January

WOODSTOCK, VT—Enjoy scenic winter landscapes among the barns and pastures of Billings Farm & Museum in January. Open each Saturday & Sunday from 10am-4pm, plus Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18, with engaging activities indoors and out for visitors of all ages.

Farm Animals & Winter Fun. Visit the sheep, chickens and goats all cozy in the Small Animal Barn. Don snowshoes - bring your own or rent from the nearby Woodstock Inn & Resort's Activity Center or the Nordic Center - and venture through the picturesque snow-covered farm fields and along the Ottauquechee River. Bring your sled to speed down the small hill next to the orchard. Gather

round the fire pit and warm up with hot cider..

Reserve a Sleigh Ride. Billings Farm & Museum will offer horse-drawn sleigh rides to families (socially distanced) on Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, January 16, 17 & 18, conditions permitting. Online reservations are required. Call 802-457-5334 for more information.

Vermont's Rural History. Explore the Farm Life Exhibits to see what life on the farm was like in the 1890's and find the snowpeople hidden within the exhibits. Learn about the families and history of Billings Farm in our Upon This Land Exhibit. A Place in the Land, the Academy Award – nominee film which chronicles the development of Billings Farm is shown throughout the day in the Visitor Center

Virtual Classes & Films Join Billings Farm's Chef Emery Gray for a fun, interactive, Pickling Class on Zoom, Jan. 23. Follow along in your home kitchen to add flare to heavy winter dishes and international favorites by making quick pickled fruits and veggies!

Woodstock Vermont Film Series. John Lewis: Good Trouble is streaming over Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend (Jan. 14-17). Other films include: Moynihan (Jan. 7-10) and Made You Look: The True Story About Fake Art (Jan. 21-24). Find links to tickets and reservations at www.billingsfarm.org.

Virtual Education Programs Students can now visit Billings Farm from anywhere! Teachers and schools register now for Virtual School Programs for students in grades K-5+. Slots available January 5-29. Winter Then & Now is also available as a Virtual Homeschool Program on Jan. 26 and 28.

Billings Farm & Museum is open weekends in January and February, plus daily Feb. 13-21, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm or online anytime at billingsfarm.org/billings-farm-at-home/.

Visiting safely Billings Farm & Museum enforces safety standards in compliance with Vermont State guidelines. We take the safety of our staff, animals, and our guests seriously. Each person must answer health screening questions including if they have quarantined according to Vermont guidelines. Contact tracing information and temperatures are taken for each visitor. Face coverings must be worn by all guests over the age of 2 everywhere on the site, including the outdoors. For more about visiting Billings Farm safely, updates on our site capacity, and to learn which spaces are open, visit billingsfarm.org/safety.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in “real time,” as they are released by funeral homes. We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

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Milford E. Butterfield, 94

Milford Earl Butterfield, 94, a longtime resident of Claremont, NH, died Wednesday December 23, 2020, at the Sullivan County Nursing Home.

Milford was born February 1, 1926, in Claremont, the son of Claude and Elva Butterfield of Ascutney, VT. He was a graduate of Windsor High School. Milford was a World War II Veteran serving in the United States Marine Corp. He enlisted in the Marines on February 1, 1943 and was honorably discharged in February 1946. His Tour of Duty included the battles of Siapan, Tinion, Okinawa, and Nagasaki.

He worked at Goodyear for 14 and half years and retired from the Claremont School District after 25 years of service in 1988.

Milford enjoyed his retirement at his home keeping up with the daily chores of owning a home.

He was predeceased by his wife, Leatrice May (Simms) Butterfield on September 29, 2016, whom he married June 5, 1946.

His family includes his two daughters, Lois Dube and Jean Gagne; two sons, James Butterfield and Dale Butterfield; six granddaughters, Amy Dube, Jennifer Finch, Nicole Butterfield, Jessica Cloutier, Lynn Butterfield, and Cathy Peabody; two grandsons Michael Dube and Corey Butter-

field; eleven great grandchildren, Katelynn, Cierra, Jordan, Madylin, Emmakate, Braxton, Caleb, Haleigh, Cohen, John and Hunter; one great great granddaughter born February 1, 2019, Amelia.

Dad was a loving grandfather, dad, and husband of 70 years.

Your family will miss your sweet smile and the laughter you always displayed. Our love for you is never ending.

A graveside service was held on Monday, January 4th at the West Claremont Burial Grounds on Old Church Road with military honors.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tractor Trailer Truck Hit from Behind in Motor Vehicle Crash I-91 South

ROCKINGHAM, VT—On Jan. 1st, at approximately 0345, the Vermont State Police received a 911 call from Roger Demar of Claremont, NH, that someone had crashed into the rear of the tractor trailer truck he was operating.

The incident occurred in the area of I-91 south, mile marker 38, in Rockingham, VT.

The other operator, later identified as Kyle Uhlman, 25, of Northborough, MA, emerged from a 2004 Ford Econoline van. According to a report released by VSP, “Uhlman seemed to be experiencing a mental health crisis and continued to move in and out of the roadway. In doing so, he was struck by a passing motor vehicle that was described as a white 6-wheel box truck. The box truck did not stop after striking Uhlman.”

Uhlman sustained injuries as part of the totality of the incident. He was transported to the Springfield ED and then later flown to DHMC.

Anyone with information in regard to the incident or the box truck is encouraged to contact the Vermont State Police Westminster Barracks.

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The **Claremont City Council** will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at **5:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.
NOTE: EARLIER START TIME

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AGENDA

- 5:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 5:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. NEW BUSINESS
- 5:34 PM A. Interview and Selection of Candidate to Fill Vacant At-Large Councilor Seat
- 7:30 PM B. Swearing In of At-Large Councilor
- 7:34 PM 4. AGENDA CHANGES
- 7:35 PM 5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of December 9, 2020, City Council Meeting
- 7:37 PM 6. MAYOR'S NOTES
A. Proclamation for Stan Andrews Retirement
- 7:42 PM 7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
A. COVID-19 Update
- 7:50 PM 8. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
A. Electric Aggregation Committee – City Council Representative
- 7:55 PM 9. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- BREAK
- 10. OLD BUSINESS
- 8:10 PM A. Legislative Update
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:15 PM A. Accept Donation of Cleats from Walmart (City Manager)
- 8:20 PM B. Resolution 2021-20 City Hall Boiler Repair – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:30 PM C. CDBG Public Facilities Grant Application - The City proposes to submit an application for funding titled Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Grant for up to \$300,000 from its application authority for 2020 to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for improvements to Southwest Community Service's Emergency Shelter in Claremont.
1. Motion to Approve Application for Grant – Public Hearing
2. Review & Motion to Adopt City's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan – Public Hearing
- 8:45 PM D. CDBG Public Facilities Grant Application - The City proposes to submit an application for funding titled Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Grant for up to \$300,000 from its application authority for 2020 to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for the acquisition 169 Main Street, Claremont by the Claremont Learning Partnership.
1. Motion to Approve Application for Grant – Public Hearing
2. Review & Motion to Adopt City's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan – Public Hearing
- 9:00 PM E. CDBG Emergency Grant Mid-Grant Hearing, 143-147 Main Street – Public Hearing
- 9:10 PM F. Resolution 2021-21 Adoption of RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief, 131 Broad Street, Map 120-88 – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 9:20 PM G. Lease of City-Owned Property Claremont Airport (City Manager)
- 9:30 PM H. Funds Transfer (Compensation) (City Manager)
- 9:40 PM 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:45 PM 13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:50 PM 14. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:55 PM 15. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall