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Medals of Valor

Retiring Police Captain Presented With 'Box' of Memories, Tributes

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—On January 16, Claremont police captain Stan Andrewski retired from law enforcement after 28 years of service, 25 of them in Claremont after joining the department in April 1996.

"Your career deserves to be celebrated, Stan," said police chief Mark Chase on January 13, Andrewski's last day at work. "On your application to the Police Academy, you said that you wanted to have opportunities to help people. You certainly accomplished that. I know the community is a better place because of you."

Colonel Nathan Noyes, director of the New Hampshire State Police, sent a letter that stated, in part, "You have been a valued partner to the New Hampshire State Police. Your level of commitment and dedication is remarkable. Your dedicated efforts touched many lives. Troop C especially gained a great deal from your unwavering support, commitment and professionalism."

Andrewski also received Resolutions from the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives.

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Retiring police captain Stan Andrewski (left) is presented with a shadow box by police chief Mark Chase. In the box are patches from the Webster and Claremont police departments, and the Western New Hampshire Special Operations Police. Among the medals awarded to Andrewski are those acknowledging good conduct, educational achievement, honorable service, exceptional service, as well as a Drugbuster award (Eric Zengota photo).

Sununu Extends Mask Mandate Until the End of March

Claremont City Manager Addresses Current COVID Situation

CONCORD, NH – On Friday, Governor Chris Sununu issued two emergency orders as part of the state's efforts to combat COVID-19:

Emergency Order #81: Extension of Emergency Order #74, extending the statewide mask mandate through March 26, 2021;

Emergency Order #82: An order regarding

travel guidance and extending Emergency Order #52.

Following the extension of New Hampshire's statewide mask mandate through March 26, 2021, Sununu issued the following statement:

"With high case rates, hospitalizations, and fatalities, our health care system is still under

an immense amount of pressure," said Sununu. "To loosen or eliminate the tools we have utilized with success so far is the wrong approach to fighting this pandemic. The light at the end of the tunnel is within sight - but we must remain vigilant and we cannot let up

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now.”

To review the full orders, visit <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-and-media/governor-chris-sununu-issues-two-executive-orders-ex-tends-mask-mandate>.

Also on Friday, Claremont City manager Ed Morris released a statement addressing the current COVID situation:

“The City of Claremont continues to closely monitor the recent increase in active COVID-19 cases. As many of you may know, the active cases in the City of Claremont have been hovering between 90 and 100 cases this week. The City is seeing a slight decline in numbers as active cases from a couple of weeks ago start to come off the list, but we are still seeing new positive cases on a daily basis.

“The City of Claremont is still experiencing widespread community transmission. The current infection rate is 1.31% which is down slightly from earlier in the week. This means that currently every infected person is spreading the virus to 1.31 people. We need to work together to bring this number down to under 1

before we will see numbers start to truly be reduced. In an effort to do this, we ask all residents and visitors in the City of Claremont to:

1. Stay at home as much as possible
2. Maintain social distance
3. Wear masks when around anyone not living with you
4. Wash your hands often
5. Wipe down touch surfaces on a regular basis

“By staying vigilant in these efforts, we will be able to reduce the spread of the virus, and reduce the infection rate here in the City of Claremont and surrounding areas.

“With the increase in active cases in Claremont, Valley Regional Hospital has seen an increase in COVID testing. Because of this, it may take 3-5 days before a testing time may be available. The City would like to inform people that Alice Peck Day Hospital is also a State of New Hampshire testing site, and appointments can be scheduled online or by calling (603) 442-5665. There is also testing available through Keady Family Practice (603) 863-7777; CVS Pharmacy, (603)542-7742. Please call ahead to set up scheduling and/or get payment details.

“On January 14, 2021, Governor Sununu announced that the State of NH has a new updated vaccination plan. Beginning January 22, anyone age 65 or older can visit the website vaccines.nh.gov and register to get vaccinated. Anyone who doesn't have access to a computer or the internet can call 211 or talk to their doctor about scheduling an appointment. Vaccinations are scheduled to start January 26, and the phase is expected to last into March. Anyone with vaccine related questions

can also call

211 or visit nh.gov/covid19.

“Thank you all for your patience and support as we work our way through this pandemic. I want to assure all in Claremont that City Staff is engaged in this process and is working hard to protect the safety and health of our citizens.”

Virtual Instructors Wanted

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont MakerSpace is looking for people with a passion for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) subjects to offer virtual learning classes to its enthusiastic community of makers, including adults, students and children. “We have offered a large variety in the past and look to continue and expand these. Pay is \$36 per class hour. If interested, please contact Brendan at brendan@claremontmakerspace.org to learn more.”

To learn about their current class offerings, check their website, here: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event-list>.

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INVESTMENT TIPS

Appetite for Risk

Investing is a risky business. Understanding the different types of investment risk and the impacts they play on returns is critical for planning a successful, long-term investment strategy.

Many prospective investors eventually shy away from a commitment when they hear the dreaded “R” word: risk. By itself, risk is innocuous, carrying no special meaning or predictive result. But the idea that investing one’s money is not foolproof; that there are risks involved, and that a return is speculative — the very idea is enough to burrow one’s savings into a secure bank account that earns a predictable interest rate (never mind that the figure is minuscule by any metric).

But not all risk is created equal. There’s “letting it all ride” on a long shot; and then there’s deliberate, calculated risk that is associated with sustained, long-term growth. Understanding the different types of risk is essential to evaluate whether an investment strategy aligns with your financial goals.

RISK AND RETURN: A CLOSER LOOK

We’re talking today about three main types of investments: stocks, bonds and cash investments. Let’s take a look at each:

Stocks typically carry the great level of market risk, and the highest potential for losing money in the short term. However, when looking at the long-term performance of the stock market, stocks have historically outperformed bonds

and other cash investments. With this in mind, consider allocating assets that you intend to invest for 10-plus years into stock investments.

Bonds carry multiple risks: interest rate risk, which impacts a bond’s price; and credit risk, which applies to the bond issuer and the possibility of default. Interest rate changes impact bond prices more significantly than they do stock prices. When short-term rates increase, investors can therefore sell older bonds that carry a lower interest rate, which in turn leads to

price reductions, favoring investing in newer bonds that pay higher rates. Overall, bonds have historically been more stable over the short-term than stocks.

Finally, **cash investments** such as 3-month **treasury bills** are typically less volatile than both stocks

and bonds. However, they may not keep pace with inflation. For this reason, you may consider these cash investments for short-term situations, such as those when you intend to access your money within the year.

A BROADER CONTEXT, A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING

With the above in mind, assess your investments — stocks, bonds and cash investments — in terms of a risk profile that aligns with your current and future goals. By investing in different types of assets, you minimize the collective risk of each while increasing your chances at reaping any potential benefits.

No investment portfolio will be risk-free, but taking these calculated risks can help you temper your losses.



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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Minimum Wage Bill Back for Consideration



On this national holiday celebrating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I ask that we all take a few minutes out of our busy lives to reflect on Dr. King's legacy of working for justice, equal rights under the law, and inclusion for all Americans and to do so through peaceful, non-violent change. This is a legacy we all need to remember in these challenging times for our local communities, state, and nation.

Now let me proceed to the new legislative work for the 2021 Session of New Hampshire's House of Representatives. According to the legislative website (www.gencourt.state.nh.us), there are 842 pieces of legislation as of Jan. 16 being considered by both the House and New Hampshire Senate. For this week's column, I will focus only on a few pieces of legislation that I believe are important or should be of interest to readers, including constituents.

First, while it is 2021, and Republicans now control the House, Senate, and Governor's Office, we representatives will again debate some measures that were passed in 2019 and 2020 by the Democratically-controlled House and Senate, but successfully vetoed by then and current Republican Gov. Christopher Sununu. Among these measures is House Bill 517, which would first re-establish an official New Hampshire Minimum Wage, a state minimum wage abolished approximately 10 years ago by another Republican-controlled House and Senate. Consequently, New Hampshire's wage workers depend on the Federal Minimum Wage, currently only \$7.25 per hour. Under the bill, wages would be set at \$12.75 per hour on Sept. 1, 2021, and continue to go up in four phased-in increases to \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2024. Also, the same measure would raise the minimum wage percentage for tipped employees of businesses like restaurants from 45 percent to 50 percent of the minimum. Finally, it would create a Youth Minimum Wage of \$8.00 per hour for employees under age 18, in effect for those employees' first six months of employment. After six months, the employees' minimum would rise to the minimum paid to employees over age 18. House Bill 517 is sponsored by a group of nine Democratic representatives led by Concord's Kristina Schultz, and including Plainfield's Lee Oxenham. It is now being reviewed by the House Labor, Industrial, & Rehabilitative Services Committee.

Two other repeat pieces of legislation from 2019 and 2020 that were either vetoed by Gov. Sununu or failed to receive enough votes for passage as an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution include measures dealing with the redistricting of state and federal offices whose officeholders are generally elected every two years by voters. Such offices include our state's two current seats in the United States House of Representatives, the New Hampshire Executive Council,

New Hampshire's House and Senate, as well as the three Commissioner seats in each of the state's 10 counties. Every 10 years in the legislative term following the Decennial United States Census, the House and Senate are required to re-draw the district lines of five previously-listed state and federal offices, a task, from my experience as a representative, that always becomes a partisan struggle between Democrats and Republicans with the advantage usually going to whichever political party controls both House, Senate, and Governor's Office. An exception was the required redistricting done in 2002 after the 2000 Census. This redistricting fight was only resolved by special judicial master from South Carolina appointed by the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The Supreme Court appointed the master to redraw the House district lines after the Republican House as well as Senate and then Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen could not agree on a redistricting plan, that forced Claremont, Unity, and Lempster to share five House seats for 10 years and making some Lempster and Unity voters upset that often only Claremonters were elected to represent them in Concord.

More specifically, these two repeat pieces of redistricting legislation include House Bill 121 that would create an independent 15-member redistricting commission evenly divided among Republican, Democratic, and Undeclared, more popularly known as Independent voters. The commission would develop a non-binding redistricting plan to be approved, disapproved, or revised by the House and Senate. The plan would comply with the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions as well as respecting "the geographic integrity of political boundaries" to every "extent practical", and avoiding the "jagged edges and extensions" common to many gerrymandered legislative districts in past years. The bill is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of seven representatives led by Durham's Marjorie Smith. The other repeat piece is CACR (Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution) 4, which would amend the New Hampshire Constitution so as to permit the House and Senate to create an independent redistricting commission. The proposed amendment would have to be approved by 60 percent of both legislative bodies and then approximately 67 percent of all voters casting ballots in the Nov. 2022 General Election in order to become part of the constitution. This is necessary, according to some opponents of an independent commission, because they claim only the New Hampshire Legislature is authorized by the constitution to redraw districts. CACR 4 is sponsored by a pair of Democratic representatives—Pembroke's Dianne Schuett and Hillsboro's Marjorie Porter. Both measures will be scrutinized by the House Election Law Committee.

Speaking of repeat legislation from 2020, there is repeat legislation to be considered this year which should hopefully be less controversial than the three previous pieces, a measure of local interest to Claremonters that has a bipartisan group of representatives sponsoring it. This measure is House Bill 88, which would require the Claremont City Council to appoint the three members of Claremont's Police Commission, rather than the City Manager as is now required under state law. The bill was first requested to be filed by a majority of the City Council in 2019, and is sponsored by all four of Claremont's representatives, a

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group led by Rep. Andrew O’Hearne, who is also a City Councilor, and including Reps. Walter Stapleton, Gary Merchant, and myself.

The Police Commission is a body of Claremont residents that helps supervise the Claremont Police Dept., except for the department’s budget which is approved by the Council. House Bill 88 is a followup to a similar measure, House Bill 1443, also sponsored by Rep. O’Hearne and the rest of us. The measure was passed by the full House on a voice vote last March, but was ultimately not even taken up by the Senate in 2020 because of time constraints imposed on senators by the COVID-19 pandemic. Like House Bill 1443, House Bill 88 is being studied by the House Municipal & County Government Committee. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net.**

Shaheen, Hassan & Bipartisan Group Call on CDC to Boost COVID-19 Vaccine Funding for Smaller States Shortchanged by CDC Formula

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) sent a letter Friday with a bipartisan group of Senators to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding the formula used to distribute federal funding to states for COVID-19 vaccine administration efforts, which leaves smaller states at a distinct disadvantage. The Senators requested that the CDC use available discretionary funds to bolster funding for states like New Hampshire, which are receiving significantly fewer dollars under the revised allocation method for these grants relative to what the states would have received under traditional approach to allocations.

In their letter, the Senators explain that the emergency COVID-19 relief signed into law last month directed HHS to distribute \$4.5 billion in grants to support state, local, Territorial and Tribal-based COVID-19 vaccination efforts. This law also directed HHS to distribute \$22.4 billion in grants to these regions to support COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and virus mitigation efforts. In both instances, Congress directed HHS to allocate funding to states, localities and territories according to the formula that applied to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2020 in determining the grant funding levels that each state should receive. Unfortunately, Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 PHEP funding awards included non-formula components, and HHS and the CDC based the supplemental allocations solely on the population component of the formula. This modification disproportionately impacts smaller and more rural states.

Resource Panel Held for Granite State Small Businesses, Nonprofits Following Re-Opening of Paycheck Protection Program

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen hosted a public panel where New Hampshire small businesses and nonprofits learned about support available to them through the COVID-19 relief and government funding package that the Senators helped negotiate and pass into law.

“I want to thank all of the New Hampshire small businesses and nonprofit leaders who are the backbone of our economy and provide vital services, particularly amid this devastating pandemic,” said Senator Hassan. “The discussion we had was an opportunity for our business community to learn more about the federal programs that will provide vital and targeted relief to hardest-hit businesses in our state.”

The event featured a number of New Hampshire business leaders, including Amy Bassett, District Director of the New Hampshire Small Business Administration; Liz Gray, State Director of the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center; Kristy Merrill, President of the New Hampshire Bankers Association; John Nyhan of the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce; and Alison Perrella, a member of the New Hampshire Society of Certified Public Accountants and tax partner at Wipfli in Bedford.

The participants discussed how small businesses and nonprofits can use the re-opened Paycheck Protection Program, new relief for performance and entertainment venues, and the Employee Retention Tax Credit as they work to keep their businesses afloat during the pandemic.

Sununu Gives Vaccine Update

CONCORD, NH—At Thursday’s weekly COVID update, Gov. Chris Sununu reported that the state is continuing its Phase 1A distribution of vaccine to high risk health care workers, first responders and long-term care residents. This phase is expected to continue to/into March.

Phase 1B for vaccine distribution will be starting over the next few weeks and includes the following groups:

- People 65 and up (changed from 75 and up)
- The medically vulnerable or those at significantly higher risk, family caregivers for children with medical conditions (The vaccine is not authorized for children under 16)
- Populations that experience health disparities
- Staff and residents of Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) facilities
- Corrections officers and staff

Online registration for 65 and up is expected to open Jan. 22 at vaccinesnh.gov, with vaccines starting on Jan. 26. Those interested can register for their appointment online; they will receive an email with a link to schedule their appt. Bring proof of ID to the appointment (This link has not yet been activated).

Those who do not have online access may call the 2-1-1 Hotline for guidance.

Others who fall under the Phase 1B categories should secure a referral and instructions for registering for an appt. from their doctor.

The Public Health Network will contact corrections staff and IDD facilities with instructions and work with those populations that experience health disparities.

Distribution for Phase 1B is expected to run from Jan. 26 to/into March.

For questions, call the 2-1-1 Hotline or go to nh.gov/covid19.

NH Guardsmen Among Those Deployed to DC

CONCORD, NH – On Wednesday, Governor Chris Sununu authorized the New Hampshire National Guardsmen to support a request from the National Guard Bureau to send approximately 50 soldiers and airmen to Washington, DC, for the upcoming Presidential Inauguration.

“Ensuring a peaceful and orderly transition of power is of paramount importance to our nation,” said Sununu. “With this authorization, the men and women of our New Hampshire National Guard [are being] deployed to our Nation’s Capital to protect and defend democracy. The NHNG is among the best of the best – and I join the people of New Hampshire in praying for them as they take on this critical mission.”

“We are honored to be a part of such a historic and time-honored tradition, “ said NH Adjutant General David Mikolaities. “Our guardsmen and women are trained and prepared to support our federal and civilian partners in whatever capacity necessary. They are committed to upholding the values and ideals of our nation’s democracy.”

The New Hampshire National Guard is sending soldiers from the 160th Engineer De-

tachment as well as airmen from the 157th Security Forces Squadron. These soldiers and airmen will be transported to Washington, DC on a KC-46 refueler based at Pease.

In addition, the New Hampshire Air National Guard is also providing three KC-46 refuelers to transport military personnel and equipment from other states to Washington, DC.

VRH Annual Meeting Jan. 19

CLAREMONT, NH—Valley Regional Health-care’s Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19. For the safety of our community, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom. The event runs from 5-7 PM, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Patti Putnam, VRHC Board Chair, will convene the meeting. The Assembly of Overseers will start the meeting by presenting candidates for re-election. Following will be a presentation from keynote speaker Dr. Joanne Conroy, President & CEO of Dartmouth Hitchcock Health, Lebanon, NH.

Next will be a recap of the 2020 fiscal year by Jean Shaw, Valley Regional CFO, and Lisa Richmond, Treasurer.

Rounding out the meeting, Jocelyn Caple, Valley Regional’s President and CEO, will give a summary of the past year, including Valley’s strategy combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

The link for the event can be found on the front page at www.vrh.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE CLAREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Claremont, NH

Filing dates for the Claremont School Board and other Claremont School District Offices are January 20, 2021 to January 29, 2021. Filing is done at SAU #6, 165 Broad St., Claremont, between the hours of 8am- 4pm, Monday through Friday.

School District Moderator	1-year term
School District Treasurer	1-year term
School District Clerk	1-year term
School Board Members (3)	3-year term

Public Notice

Claremont School Board

Virtual Meeting January 27, 2021 at 6:30pm

The Claremont School Board will be holding an audio broadcast and streaming school board meeting.

CCTV Channel 8 will broadcast the zoom meet.

Citizens without access to CCTV channel 8 may call in to listen by dialing 1-929-436-2866 ID 930 3027 6680 Passcode 040024

Streaming by using this link <https://zoom.us/j/93030276680?pwd=citabXIwOFJk0tkbURQb2QxY0xMUT09>

Please visit our website: www.sau6.org under School Boards to review agenda.



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – January 17, 2021

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, January 17, 2021, DHHS announced 941 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 6.4%. Today's results include 660 people who tested positive by PCR test and 281 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,387 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

1/6: 133 new cases today, for an updated total of 726 cases

1/7: 36 new cases today, for an updated total of 880 cases

1/15: 467 new cases today, for an updated total of 515 cases

1/16: 305 new cases

Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives for those days are not yet complete. Updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard.

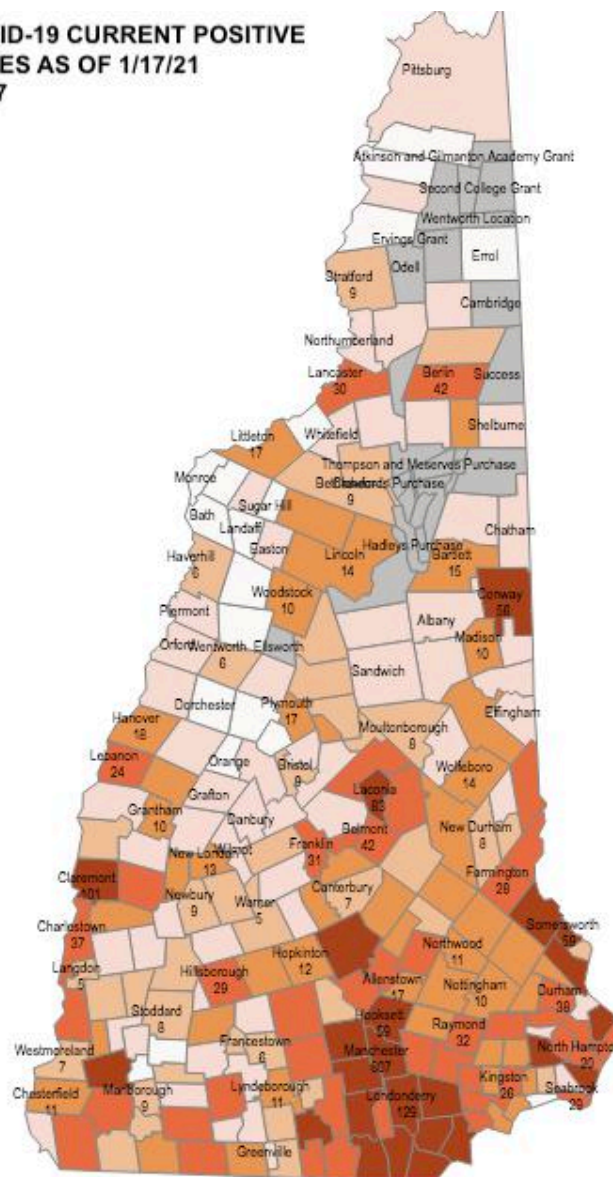
Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are one hundred and thirty individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (191), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (159), Merrimack (95), Strafford (69), Cheshire (60), Carroll (44), Belknap (43), Grafton (37), Sullivan (27), and Coos (21) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (90) and Nashua (64). The county of residence is being determined for forty-one 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 have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

There are currently 101 positively identified

COVID-19 CURRENT POSITIVE CASES AS OF 1/17/21
6,387



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	2,440	4.3%	28	2.9%	77	8.3%
Carroll	Total	1,219	2.1%	19	2.0%	4	0.4%
Cheshire	Total	1,910	3.4%	15	1.6%	9	1.0%
Coos	Total	940	1.7%	5	0.5%	21	2.3%
Grafton	Total	1,547	2.7%	14	1.5%	10	1.1%
Hillsborough	Manchester	7,983	14.0%	244	25.5%	183	19.6%
	Nashua	5,028	8.8%	114	11.9%	65	7.0%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	9,435	16.6%	174	18.2%	254	27.2%
	Total	22,446	39.5%	532	55.6%	502	53.8%
Merrimack	Total	5,999	10.5%	81	8.5%	91	9.8%
Rockingham	Total	13,785	24.2%	220	23.0%	164	17.6%
Strafford	Total	4,767	8.4%	35	3.7%	46	4.9%
Sullivan	Total	819	1.4%	8	0.8%	8	0.9%
Unknown	Total	992	1.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Grand Total		56,864	100.0%	957	100.0%	933	100.0%

Data as of: 1/17/2021

cases in Claremont; 252 in Sullivan County.

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

1 male resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older

1 female resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older

2 male residents of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older

1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 243 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 56,864 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

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.

Girard Chosen to Fill Vacated Council Seat

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—City councilors met an hour earlier than usual at last week's meeting to interview and select a new councilor to fill the seat left open when Abigail Kier resigned in December due to her husband taking a new job in the DC area. A series of questions was asked of the four candidates, Dale Girard, Matt Mooshian, Heather Whitney and Mike Sanborn. Each was asked how they had invested themselves in the community, what motivated them to run for the seat, what were the biggest challenges for the City and on what committees would they want to serve.

Girard, as owner/operator of Golden Cross, said he has been in business 22 years, had volunteered in a number of ways and was serving on the Planning Board and the Airport Advisory Board. Mooshian said his biggest investment was in people through different ways, welcoming others "to the table". Whitney said she had invested by buying a home here and renovating it, increasing its value; she also cited serving on the school board, which is she currently doing; she is also planning to run for election in March on that board. Sanborn said he had worked for the City, county and schools, with 28 years of service as a police officer, public works administrator, teacher and case manager.

Regarding motivation to run, Girard said that being a lifelong resident, he had seen a lot of ups and downs, but was seeing an upswing now and wanted to help move the City forward. Mooshian said his came from his "experience out there on the street" where he actively engages with others. Whitney said, "I want to live in a great community, and I have to be involved to shape it." Sanborn said he was a "doer", that he had the time and that he liked working with data, as a science guy.

In terms of the biggest challenges, Girard said he thought a lack of housing and finding the funds for improving roads, a challenging undertaking. Mooshian said it was "taking control of our own story, we have lots to offer here, we know that." Whitney said the City had an image problem but that the community was making progress with that. Sanborn cited

unemployment, underemployment, and a lack of housing.

Girard said he would want to continue on the Planning Board as well as the Airport Advisory Board. Mooshian also presently serves on the Planning Board, adding that he would also like to serve on the Policy Committee. Whitney said she would want to research the various boards and committees to see "who the players" were and to get a better understanding of their function. Sanborn said he would be happy to fill positions others might shy away from.

Stating that they had "four very strong candidates", Mayor Charlene Lovett called for a vote; Councilors Andrew O'Hearne, Nick Koloski, Jim Contois, Jonathan Stone and Lovett voted for Girard, with Erica Sweetser, Deb Matteau and Allen Damren voting for Mooshian. Girard was sworn in by City clerk Gwen Melcher via Zoom and he took his virtual seat for the remainder of the meeting.

Claremont School District Extends Remote Learning 2 More Weeks

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—With the increasing numbers of COVID-19 in the community and the impact on the schools, the Claremont School Board voted to extend remote learning in the Claremont School District for another two weeks; the board will meet again on Jan. 27 to determine which schools may be safe to reopen for Feb. 1st.

Assistant superintendent Donna Magoon said on Wednesday via the Zoom meeting that 80 people, including 27 staff, have been "put out of the schools" as she phrased it, due to those individuals who have tested positive for the virus or have been around someone in the school buildings that have it.

Board vice chair, Heather Whitney, a strong proponent of in-person learning, questioned if they were contributing to the community spread by going remote rather than keeping kids in school, which according to some data, is a safer environment for students. "How will we be able to determine when the time is to come back if it's only based on community spread?" she asked, calling for some kind of matrix to determine an appropriate return date.

Student rep Prescott Herzog said that with the recent improvements with remote learning and recorded lessons that can be reviewed later, the changes incorporated have made the remote model "better than expected". In the end, all seven board members voted to approve using the remote model for the next two weeks and then meeting on the 27th to reevaluate the situation.

As of Sunday morning, the school district reported another case. "This morning, we were informed of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at Bluff Elementary School. We are currently working on contact tracing and will be reaching out to families and staff that have come in contact with the infected person."

Elsewhere in the area, Cumberland Farms on Pleasant St. in Claremont closed temporarily due to COVID last week. In a statement to the *e-Ticker News*, the company said that "One of Cumberland Farms' Team Members at our 121 Pleasant Street, Claremont, NH, location has informed us that they have tested positive for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are taking all appropriate steps following guidance from local health officials. We closed the store at 4:45 PM (EST) on Sunday, January 10th, to be cleaned and sanitized by an industrial cleaning crew. The store will reopen in the next few days. We are grateful to all of our customers for their patience and understanding during this time.

"All Team Members who work at the store have been contacted and advised to follow CDC-recommended guidelines. We are making every effort to provide the affected Team Member and our broader team with the necessary resources and support."

The Newport School District moved to remote instruction for all students and staff beginning Jan. 19 through Thursday, the 21st, due to more positive cases being reported; Sullivan County Health Care reported on the 17th the "passing of a male resident on Sterns 3 due to COVID-19." The facility reported a "total resident count to 30" as of Jan. 17. "The current number of staff testing positive is 15, with 6 staff members who have returned to work."

The *Valley News* reported that Cedar Hill Continuing Care in Windsor has five residents and four staff who have tested positive in the memory care center.

The CSBCC has updated its pool schedule last week and is now only offering lap lanes; "we will no longer be offering free swim until further notice" said the center in a statement.



First Council Meeting of 2021 Marked by Change and Continued Progress

The Claremont City Council met for the first time in 2021 on January 13. That evening the Council filled a vacant Council seat, made several Councilor appointments to committees and recognized the retirement of a Claremont police officer. In addition, it acted on numerous initiatives that further the City’s revitalization efforts. Collectively, these actions set the stage for effective governance, employee recognition and the continuation of economic growth this year.

When Abigail Kier announced, in December of last year, her resignation from the Council due to her husband taking a position in Maryland, the process to fill her seat began. According to the city charter, the Council had to fill that vacancy either before or at the second regularly scheduled Council meeting. The City Administration posted the vacancy and four candidates applied. At the meeting on January 13, the Council interviewed Dale Girard, Matt Mooshian, Mike Sanborn and Heather Whitney. The majority of the Council voted for Mr. Girard who was immediately sworn in by the City Clerk as its newest member. Given their interest in being on the Council, I encouraged the others to run for office this year and submit their names during the filing period in September.

Members of the Council are expected to serve on certain committees during their tenure. Councilor positions exist on the Airport Advisory Board, Community TV Board, Conservation Commission, Electric Aggregation Committee, Energy Advisory Committee, Finance Committee, Historic District Commission, Planning Board, and Policy Committee. The Council appointed Councilor Girard to the Finance Committee, replacing Councilor Matteau who recently submitted her resignation due to competing time commitments. The Council also appointed Councilor O’Hearne to the Policy Committee, filling the vacancy that was created when Abigail Kier resigned.

In the past few years, the Council has made it a practice to recognize, via proclamation, employees who are retiring. During the January 13 meeting, the Council presented such a proclamation to Stanley J. Andrews, III, for his 25 years of service to the citizens of Claremont. Captain Andrews was highly decorated for his service during that time, earning awards and commendations such as the Combat Cross, Gallantry Star and Meritorious Service medals. In 2012, he was also honored with the NH Congressional Law Enforcement Award Unit Citation for “courage and resolve” at a 2011 incident of domestic violence in the Town of Cornish.

Revitalizing existing buildings that have deteriorated over time is one of the Council’s goals. One of the incentives that exist to help property owners rehabilitate old buildings is known as 79E. A property owner, who plans to invest a significant amount of money into developing a property, can request Council approval to have taxes frozen for a specific number of years at the amount prior to development. Once the granted number of years is over, the property is re-

assessed at the developed value.

The first property owner to utilize this tool in Claremont was Jeff Barrette of the Ink Factory. Since his successful revitalization of an old mill building on Water Street, others have followed. Developers have utilized 79E to rehabilitate the Goddard Block into 36 mixed income apartments and commercial space, and the Peterson Building into 80-85 market rate apartments. The most recent request for 79E approval occurred on January 13 with Mr. Lafreniere’s plans to redevelop the Barnes and Roulliard building on Broad Street. The Council unanimously granted his request, continuing the trend of significant investment in the City’s Center and the revitalization of many of its unique buildings.

Finally, the City continues its plans to expand opportunities at the municipal airport. At the same meeting, the Council approved leasing some of the land made available after the construction of the new airport terminal building. Additionally, the City Administration is working on a campaign to advertise other pieces of land available for lease at the airport.

Given the above, it is clear that interest in Claremont continues to grow and more people are investing their time and resources. Many are willing to serve as elected officials or volunteers. Others are choosing employment with the City, making valuable contributions to the community. Both residents and outside developers are giving the architecture of Claremont a facelift and creating new economic opportunities.

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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Two Injured in Snowmobile Crash

CROYDON, NH – In the early afternoon of Sunday, January 10, a woman and a man sustained serious injuries after crashing the snowmobile they were operating on private property.

New Hampshire Fish and Game reported that at approximately 1:00 p.m., a snowmobile operated by Anna Sandell, 21, of Portola Valley, CA, and her passenger, Jack McMahon, 20, of Hamilton, MA, collided with boulders when she lost control while traveling down a hill. A member of Sandell's family, who was riding with them at the time, provided immediate assistance and placed a call to 911, while other individuals on the property went to the scene to help.

Upon receiving word of the incident, Croydon Fire and Rescue, Newport Ambulance, New London Ambulance, Grantham Police Department Officers, and Fish and Game Officers responded to the area and rapidly prepared equipment to travel to the scene. With "much appreciated help from good Samaritans at the scene", they were able to assist first responders in transporting Sandell and McMahon out of the woods by use of private vehicles. Due to the life-threatening injury that Sandell had suffered, she was flown to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon by DHART helicopter. Because of the serious, but non-life-threatening injury that McMahon sustained, he was transported by personal vehicle to DHMC for further evaluation and treatment of his injuries.

The operator and passenger were wearing helmets at the time of the incident, and rider inexperience is considered to be the leading cause of the crash.



NHDOE Announces Free Student Tutoring Service

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Education announced a first in the nation program partnership with Sal Khan and Schoolhouse.world that will provide free tutoring to New Hampshire high school students. Schoolhouse.world is a platform that connects people around the world to have free, small-group tutoring sessions. It currently offers tutoring in high school math and SAT prep, with the aim of expanding across more ages and topics.

In the midst of COVID-19, the opportunity to access personalized help and dig deep into problems has been the central struggle faced by teachers, parents and students during remote and hybrid learning at-home. It is this sense of urgency that prompted Sal Khan, founder of the Khan Academy, to find a solution by partnering with his college friend, Shishir Mehrotra, cofounder and CEO of Coda. Together, with a handful of volunteers, they created schoolhouse.world.

“We are thrilled that New Hampshire could become the inaugural launch state for this incredibly important platform,” said Frank Edelblut, NH commissioner of education. “Sal Khan is a legend in education, known mostly for the Khan Academy, which supports over 100 million students around the world. Now New Hampshire students will have access to this live support and the ability to mentor other students. It is a timely solution that addresses so many needs.”

“Partnering with New Hampshire was an easy decision,” said Sal Khan. “From the first conversation, they saw the value that Schoolhouse.world could bring to the students of the state. The

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commissioner stayed focused on the project and his department was able to move quickly to help us inform New Hampshire families that we're ready to provide this needed assistance at such a critical time. Over the holiday break, the department placed social media ads to let families know that the service was coming and over 300 signed up to receive information about the launch.”

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One Credit Union Donates \$12K to Make-A-Wish

SPRINGFIELD, VT—On January 6th, Kevin DeRosa, One Credit Union Retail Manager, presented Jamie Hathaway, President & CEO of Make-A-Wish Vermont, with a check for \$12,000. This money was raised as part of a year-long effort in 2020 with the help of One Credit Union members and staff in our local communities. “Thank you all so much for this incredible donation – now more than ever, kids in our communities need hope and joy, and this gift will go a long way in bringing that to them,” said Hathaway.

Each year, One Credit Union raises money for Make-A-Wish at community and branch events, along with donations made by employees directly through payroll. While One Credit Union was not able to have as many events in the branches due to the pandemic, many members still contributed online, and employees continued donating throughout the year. One Credit Union matched every donation given, dollar for dollar, bringing the total to \$12,000. The Vermont chapter will receive \$10,300 and the New Hampshire chapter will receive \$1,700.

“We are so proud to have such a supportive membership helping us make a difference in our communities in VT and NH – especially this year. This really shows how much we can accomplish together, even in tough times like a pandemic,” added Brett Smith, CEO of One Credit Union.

SCCD Seeks Nominations for Conservation Legacy Awards

UNITY, NH—In honor of the 75th anniversary for Conservation Districts in the State of NH, the Sullivan County Conservation District seeks nominations for the Conservation Legacy Award. This award seeks to honor the nominees sustained commitment to the stewardship of natural resources in Sullivan County.

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(L to R) Make-A-Wish Vermont President & CEO Jamie Hathaway and One Credit Union Retail Manager Kevin De Rosa (Courtesy photo).



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tricts have worked tirelessly with landowners and communities to promote the conservation and responsible use of natural and agricultural resources. The Legacy Award endeavors to shine a spotlight on those who embody this mission. Businesses, organizations, individuals, and families are eligible for the award if they live in or are based in the County, have a minimum of 5 years experience of sustained commitment to conservation and stewardship.

Nominations should be no more than two pages and include a summary of why the nominee is deserving of this honor. Nominations could include information on the nominees' property stewardship, overall impact of the County's environmental health, activism on behalf of conservation and agriculture, education and outreach in the community, their willingness to share natural resource information with the public, service as a mentor for others, service to conservation organizations, and/or any notable accomplishments or awards.

Nominations are due to the SCCD no later than March 31, 2021 and can be submitted digitally or by hard copy in the mail. Nominations can be mailed to Conservation Legacy Awards, Sullivan County Conservation District, 95 County Farm Rd. Unity, NH 03743 or emailed to ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov. The Conservation District Board of Supervisors in each County will be responsible for the review and the selection of one Conservation Legacy Award for each County. Statewide there will be ten awardees honored. These awardees will be announced in June 2021.

For further information about legacy awards, contact: Dawn Dextraze at 603-504-1004 or ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov.

GCBR Holds Annual Holiday Membership Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH—The Greater Claremont Board of REALTORS held their annual holiday membership meeting virtually on December 9. Among the festivities celebrated were the Honor Society Awards: Realtor of the Year,



Cindy Haynes, Haynes Real Estate; Good Neighbor Award, Don Chabot, Town and Country Realty; and the final celebration of our 45th birthday as a board.


The 2021 Board of Directors was also sworn in: president, Bill Kennedy, Century 21 Highview Realty; president-elect Ross Doody, Century 21 Highview Realty; vice president, Brian Whipple, Coldwell Banker Holmes Unlimited; secretary, Peg Chabot, Town and Country Realty; treasurer, Selena Wiltshire, Century 21 Highview Realty; 2019-2020 past president, Vi Lunderville, Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited; directors, Ellen Ursery, Century 21 Highview Realty; Ashley Bergeron, Bergeron's Houses to Homes; Jenn Boyer, Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited.

The event culminated with the results of an online auction of gift cards and gifts purchased

from local businesses in effort to support them. These items were donated by REALTOR and Affiliate Members to raise funds for local agencies supporting the communities with food assistance programs. The winning bidders were announced by our very own Santa, Don Chabot.

The greater Claremont Board of REALTORS is pleased to announce that they were able to donate a total of \$2,000 in support of the following programs: \$700 to Sullivan County Nutritional Services-Meals on Wheels; \$500 to Claremont Soup Kitchen; \$500 to Newport Food Pantry; \$300 to Charlestown Food Shelf.

The GCBR would love to have more Affiliates join us. Please contact Elizabeth Tibbals AE/EO at greaterclaremontrealtorsnh@gmail.com for more information.



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They expressed congratulations for his years of service and offered “best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.”

When Chase gave Andrewski a shadow box containing medals he’d been awarded over the years, the chief said, “I want to thank you for all you’ve done for the City of Claremont.”

Later that evening, the Claremont City Council presented a proclamation during its meeting (Zoom format). Among the list of “wherefore’s” that assistant mayor Allen Darnen read out, was the recognition that Andrewski had “tenaciously accomplished all the duties of the department,” and that he “is respected around the region for his decades of untiring commitment, leadership and dedication.”



Mooshian (Ward 2), Josh Lambert (Ward 1) and Prashanna Sangroula (Ward 2). New bylaws were also approved before the caucus adjourned. The group's next meeting will be held remotely at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 4, 2021. District 5 State Senator Suzanne Prentiss of Lebanon and Emmett Soldati, candidate for NH Democratic Party Chair, will speak. Any resident of Claremont registered to vote may participate. Email

claremont.NH.Democrats@gmail.com to obtain the agenda 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.

Claremont Democrats Elect Officers at State’s First Virtual Caucus

CLAREMONT, NH—New officers and at-large delegates to the NH Democratic Party Convention were elected to two-year terms when the 2021 Claremont Democratic Caucus convened virtually on Thursday, January 7th. NH Democratic Party Political Director Slate Goodwin led the first in the year caucus, which included guests from Cornish, Grantham, Lebanon and Newport, as well as Democratic voters registered in Claremont.

State Representative Gary Merchant will serve as Co-Chair, along with Ward 3 resident, Liza Draper; Sam Killay of Ward 3 was elected Secretary; and Candace Crawford of Ward 2 was elected Treasurer. Claremont’s four at-large delegates are Matt Bean (Ward 1), Matt



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Weather or Not

Arrowhead Recreation Meets Season's Challenges

Story and Photos by Eric Zengota

CLAREMONT, NH—The all-volunteer crew at Arrowhead Recreation Area always keeps their eyes on the skies, especially during the winter. Whether it's preparing for ice skating or boarding, or making snow for tubing, workers hope for a lot of the white stuff. Then they get a lot of it. Then it melts. Then they bank on



nights below freezing when they can turn on the snow guns to keep the visitors coming.

When the conditions are right — as they were on a recent sunny, cloudless Sunday — the tubing sessions are a big success. Chuck Allen, who heads up the Arrowhead Recreation Club, reported that 125 snow-lovers reserved all the tubing slots. Most of the visitors were families, who were enjoying the runs in accordance with Arrowhead's health and safety procedures.

Allen was pleased that the online reservation system was efficient and popular. It's the only way this season that visitors can reserve (and pay for) spots in 2-hour sessions. While online,

Left: Mckenzie O'Neil applied all the charm of her 17 months to convince her dad, Terence, to drive her and the rest of the family down from Lebanon for an afternoon of chilly fun. Right: Tubing enthusiasts celebrate their smooth, rapid descent. At the end of every session, the tubes that were used are stacked and sanitized. A fresh supply of tubes is brought out from the slope-side storage cabin for the next session.



they also get familiar with an array of COVID-19 measures. These include wearing face coverings where posted, maintaining social distancing and bringing their own skates and skis. (There are no rentals of these items this season.)

This past weekend proved to be a bit more challenging, weatherwise, with the rain and wet snow that passed through the area. The facility was closed Saturday and Saturday night, and Sunday plans were on a TBA basis.

For information on Arrowhead's hours and policies, visit arrowheadnh.com. Make tubing reservations at arrowheadnh.com/Info/atube/

tprpp/treserv.php

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Arrowhead continues to be in need of volunteers to keep the operation going, inside the lodge as well as outside on the slope. Please contact the facility to see how you can help.



Seeking Board Members

The **Claremont Licensing Board** has a seat available for Claremont Residents who may be interested. This three-member board grants licenses and permits as may be required by State law and the Claremont City Code. The Citizen member of this Board is appointed by the City Council. The term for this seat will end on 12/31/2021. For further information, please contact Resource Coordinator, deForest Bearse at dbearse@claremontnh.com or at 504-0341.

Applications are available at
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Pre-Retirees: Plan Now for Health Care Costs

If you're close to retirement, you'll have several financial issues to consider. But you'll want to pay attention to one of the most important of these issues: health care costs. How can you prepare yourself for these expenses? First, get an early start on estimating health care costs. More than two-thirds of those planning to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their health and long-term care costs will be in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And some people don't worry much about these costs, which may be considerable, thinking that Medicare will pay for most of them.

While Medicare does cover many medical expenses, it also has its own costs. You probably won't pay a premium for Part A (inpatient/hospital coverage), since you likely had this cost deducted from your paycheck when you were working. But if you are hospitalized, you'll have to pay deductibles and coinsurance (the percentage of costs you pay after you've paid your deductible). Part B (doctor's visits) requires a premium, deducted from your Social Security checks, and you must pay an out-of-pocket deductible. After you meet this deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor's services. And when you enroll in Part D (prescription drug plan), you will likely also have to pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible and coinsurance or copays.

To help pay for the Medicare deductible, coinsurance and copayments, you may want to get supplemental insurance, known as Medigap. Premiums for Medigap vary, depending on the plan you choose.

As an alternative to original Medicare, you could select Medicare Advantage (sometimes called Part C). Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies approved by Medicare, but the benefits and costs vary by plan. These plans generally will incorporate Medicare Parts A and B and will provide additional medical coverage, such as prescription drugs.

When you incorporate all the above, the annual out-of-pocket costs for traditional medical expenses likely will be about \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person – not insignificant, but certainly a number that can be addressed by careful planning.

But there's one more expense to keep in mind: long-term care. The average cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. And Medicare typically pays few of these expenses.

Clearly, between regular medical costs associated with Medicare or those not covered by it, and costs resulting from the possible need for long-term care, your health care bills can mount. To meet these costs, you need to plan ahead – and take action.

For example, it's essential that you incorporate health care expenses into your overall financial strategy. You can also work with a financial professional to run some "what-if" analyses to see if your strategy would be derailed by a potential long-term care stay. And the professional you work with may be able to suggest specific protection vehicles that can help you meet the costs of long-term care.

The best time to prepare for your health care costs during retirement is well before you retire. So, if you haven't already started, now is the time to do so. When it comes to paying for health care, the fewer surprises, the better.

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The Heart of Winter

By Priscilla Hull

Suddenly, just like that, we are ensconced in winter. November, and sometimes October, give us a taste of what is to come. We get some snow, sometimes, in this cold northland, we get a lot of snow, but generally the roads clear and things return to normal quickly. This is just a taste of what's to come. By Thanksgiving it's cold, but not too cold. We enjoy the day and look forward with anticipation to the December holiday season, whatever we celebrate. Stores are decorated with bows and bells and all kinds of fancy trimmings. We hardly notice that the days are getting shorter until December 21, the shortest day of the year. Even then, it hardly matters. It's only four days to the Big Day. Spirits are high and kids are excited. Yes, it's dark early, but there's so much to do; baking, wrapping, decorating! They take most of our attention.

Then, the Big Day is over. Trees which only days before were the focus of our attention, are discarded on the side of the road to be taken away by the trash men, maybe eaten by goats and pigs! The lights are taken down, or not lit anymore. Toys, new wished-for clothes are put away, some forgotten, and the world returns to the grayness of winter.

Now, not even three weeks later, the world no longer shines with the lights of Christmas. It is cold, the kind of cold that soaks its way into our bones. The sky is eternal grey and winter storms bring more and more snow until driveways are narrow, walkways are treacherous and we are searching for the sun! This is the heart of winter!

It sounds sad and depressing doesn't it? I offer an alternative. The sun is visible a little longer. Even if it is hidden behind heavy cloud cover, even if it doesn't send any warmth to the frozen landscape, it is there. It is always waiting to send a ray of warmth to us.

Even in the heart (some say the dead) of winter, there are good things to be found. It's time to read that book we got for Christmas; to learn how to knit; to build something with the new tool; to make good with that New Year's resolution! There's something new in this season. Especially in this time of restricted movements due to the virus restrictions, in this time of national and personal unrest, we should seek deeply within ourselves to find positive things to do. Ways to grow. Things to learn.

Better days are coming. It's up to us to make it happen. It's our job to find the new and the good in this new year, this new world of ours. The sun will be back. The snow will disappear. Winter will fade away and be just a memory as we look ahead to flowers, leaves, green grass and honeybees!

He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11



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

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Boards, Committees and Commissions Vacancies

The City of Claremont is inviting citizens to apply for vacancies which exist on the following volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions:

Board of Appeals	5 Vacant Seats 3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Board of Assessors	1 Vacant Seat 1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Claremont Community Television Board of Directors	3 Vacant Seats
Claremont Planning Board	3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Conservation Commission	4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Elks Education Fund Trustee	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Energy Advisory Committee	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Finance Committee	2 Vacant Seats
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
Historic District Commission	3 Vacant Alternate Seats
Licensing Board	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission	1 Vacant Seat 2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	1 Vacant Seat 4 Vacant Alternate Seats
Personnel Advisory Board	1 Vacant Seat
Policy Committee	1 Vacant Seat
TIF Downtown Advisory Board	5 Vacant Seats
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1 Vacant Seat 1 Vacant Alternate Seat

Seats for Future Availability:

Claremont Housing Authority	1 seat expires 5/29/2021
CCTV Board of Directors	2 seats expire 5/31/2021
Claremont Planning Board	2 seats & 1 alternate seat expire 3/31/2021
Conservation Commission	2 seats expire 3/31/2021
Historic District Commission	2 seats expire 3/31/2021
Parks and Recreation Commission	5 seats expire 5/31/2021
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1 seat & 1 alternate seat expire 3/31/2021

Call the Resource Coordinator at 504-0341 or stop by the Visitor Center at 14 North Street to find out how you can volunteer, or go online to <https://www.claremontnh.com/boards-and-commissions> to print out an application.

1/13/2021

Calendar Of Events

SHS Alumni Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH—The SHS Alumni monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20; 5:30 p.m. at Alumni office 50 West Pleasant St., Claremont. Masks required.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire Hosts Virtual Community Webinars

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT—As the pandemic continues it is important for people to feel connected and lessen the feeling of social isolation. Last fall, Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) began partnering with various community organizations to bring topics of interest to our community.

The series, Let's Talk, has already brought several webinars to the community. These webinars focused on charitable tax breaks, dementia and grief through the holidays. Throughout the year, VNH will continue to work with organizations to bring timely topics to the community. Some upcoming topics are substance misuse among seniors, heart health, changes in caring for an infant, and mindful eating on a budget. To find out about upcoming webinars visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/VNHcare/

If you are interested in viewing past webinars please visit vnhcare.org/families-community/educational-presentations/.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a non-profit organization that has provided home health and hospice care services in Vermont and New Hampshire since 1907.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Starry Snowshoe Hike

5:30 - 6:30PM

Eco Ag Center, Unity, NH

Join us for a short winter hike and learn about the stars and other celestial objects above while you sip on hot chocolate. Bring your own snowshoes and make sure to bundle up! Hot chocolate will be provided. You might want to bring a sled, too.

On a clear night after your eyes have adjusted, find a spot to look up out into the universe. The brightest things you see are probably planets or the moon! Planets don't twinkle like stars do. They are much closer to Earth than the stars. Do you see any "stars" that seem to move at a constant speed in a constant direction? That is probably a satellite or even the International Space Station (ISS). Look for shooting stars, the aurora borealis, and planes flying by. See if you can pick out constellations and learn about their stories.

Please register by emailing Dawn at ddex-traze@sullivancountynh.gov with your name, phone number, and how many are in your party. You must register to attend. Space is limited. Wed. February 17, 2021 is the rain date.

Send us your news and photos

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

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

The Claremont Makerspace has Personal Studio Spaces that provide personal work areas for dedicated users to call their own. Personal studio spaces are made up of 48" dividers and come in sizes of 60 sq/ft and 100 sq/ft, with each studio including 2 power outlets and an Ethernet jack.

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

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

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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

NH ServiceLink offices across the state are open via phone and email during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this time of social distancing it's easy to feel alone and isolated. ServiceLink is a phone call away! Trained, nationally and state certified staff is available via phone during normal working hours.

ServiceLink staff is here to listen, answer questions, problem solve, and link you to resources and services.

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and sup-

ports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us on-line.

Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8

AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY
Claremont

CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERYDAY
WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover

PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-
Windsor & West Lebanon

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS
West Lebanon

WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY
Claremont & West Lebanon

PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead
for curb side pickup, 709-7055.

Prepared meals, grocery items.

Activities at Billings Farm

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 Ot-

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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. 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.

Center for the Arts: Lake Sunapee Region 2021 Calendar of Events

www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org

"SAFE" LIVE AND VIRTUAL EVENTS

Dates, Times, and Venues are subject to change...please check the website for up to date information

February 5th - First Fridays! Virtual Meet the Artists and Gallery Tours! Time TBD

"Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass" with the Art Café at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust; The Photography Café at The New London Inn; John and Vicki Koron at Blue Loon Bakery; All on Main Street, and Mary Borowski and Jill Hacking at Tatewell Gallery on Newport Road -ALL Exhibits Open during regular business hours! Grab your favorite Beverage and Enjoy the Art! Get the link at www.cfanh.org www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays

February 20th - Will Ogmundson in Concert-Part of the CFA Performing Arts Series Postponed to summer 2021! Date and Time TBD Tickets on sale at Tatewell Gallery, Morgan Hill Bookstore and online at www.centerfortheartsnh.org/performing-arts-series

March 5th - First Fridays! Virtual Winter Dance Performance Time TBD A evening of new works by Kearsarge Conservatory of the Performing Arts Get the link at www.cfanh.org www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays

March 13th - St Patrick Comes to New London! - Part of the CFA Performing Arts Series Postponed to 2022 www.centerfortheartsnh.org/performing-arts-series.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Cornish Supervisors of the Checklist

January 19th from 7:00-7:30 p.m. at The Town Office for additions and corrections to the list of legal voters.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Reading Area Community and American Red Cross Blood Drive

Mt Ascutney Holiday Inn and Resort, 485 Hotel Drive, Brownsville, VT 05037 12:30PM to 5:00PM

Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>, search Zip Code 05037 to make your appointment.

For questions: 1800-red-cros; For assistance: lanie@sbfvt.org

If this drive does not work for you, the next one is April 13, 1:00PM to 6:00PM.

STARTING THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 THURSDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

We are starting a Thursday night book discussion group on 1/21. This group will focus on spirituality and the first book we will be discussing is Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor. Join us via Zoom @ 7pm for one hour. Hope you can join us! This discussion will be led by Pastor Chris from Plainfield Community Church.

Join Zoom meeting at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84976522064#success>

Meeting ID: 849 7652 2064

Sunapee Supervisors of the Checklist to Hold Hours

SUNAPEE, NH—The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Sunapee Town Office on Tuesday, Jan.19, from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm for additions and corrections to the checklist.

Coffee with the Chief on January 27th

SUNAPEE, NH—Join us for Coffee with the Chief on Wednesday, Jan. 27th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. We will continue to follow Covid-19 safety recommendations:

- We will be meeting in the Fire Department's apparatus bay which will allow more room for us to spread out. Any attendee with a handicap may park their vehicle in front of the apparatus bay.
- Tables with seating will be 6 feet apart.
- Only the first 35 attendees will be allowed into the building.
- If you attend with family members, you will be allowed to sit together at a table.
- We ask that all attendees wear a mask into the building, which can be removed once you are seated at your table.
- Volunteers will be present to bring coffee and homemade treats to your table. All homemade treats will be individually wrapped.

Claremont Senior Center News

First and foremost, we wish to thank all those who came to the Blood Drive on Monday. It was nice to see the wonderful response. Thank You All. Our next Drive will be on Feb. 15th-Noon-5PM.

We have been watching a lot of game shows, Dr. Rick, the Pet Vet, The Bachelor, and other channels. These have kept the virus and political news at bay for a while. (Oh, and the cooking channels are great too.) And, of course, knitting, reading, cooking, and cooking. (Oops- did I mention cooking?) So much

for the diet. Well, let's see what is going on at the Center.

The planning is done. All the kitchen volunteers are ready to cook. Tuesday's and Thursday's fantastic, wonderful weekly Take-Out meals are as follows:

Tues. Jan. 19th-Soup, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Oven Roasted Potato, Vegetable and Dessert.

Thurs, Jan. 21st-Soup, Baked Ham, Sweet Potato, Vegetable and Birthday Cake. Call 543-5998 before 10:30AM the day of to reserve your meals. Members-\$4, Non-Members-\$5. Pick up-11:45AM-12:15PM. Please wave to friends.

We told you they were great! Our kitchen staff is really outdoing themselves. Bravo!!

AARP tax assistance will again be available at the Center. However, The Center will NOT be making the appointments. The appointments will be on Fridays starting on February 19th. Please call 1-802-952-3954 to schedule an appointment. Remember, the Center will NOT be making appointments.

We still have two Foot Clinics left this month on Wed. Jan. 20th and the 27th. So get those footsies in here! Call 603-526-4072 for an appointment.

It looks like we will be closed until the middle of February. We are looking at the numbers and situations daily, but they are not good enough to ensure your safety. We will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays for Take-Out dining, books, puzzles, and games. Call 543-5998 to arrange a time. Please know that masks are mandated. All precautions are used to ensure your safety. VNA and Miracle Ear will still hold appointments.

We hope you have a safe and healthy week. Take care everyone.

Thought of the Week: Spring is a state of mind you can be in anytime. (Think flowers and bunnies.)

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. 603-543-5998. Masks Req.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, January 11th, 2021

13:53 Responded with E-3 to Bible Hill for a motor vehicle accident

16:24 Responded with E-3 to Windy Hill Rd. for a fuel spill

17:50 Responded with E-3 to Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident

19:01 Responded with E-3 to Wildwood Ave for a medical call

19:15 Responded with E-3 to Sullivan St. for a medical call

19:30 Responded with E-3 to Bonneau Rd. for a medical call

22:39 Responded with E-3 to 42nd for a medical call

Tuesday, January 12

04:43 Responded with E-3 to Wildwood Rd. for a medical call

15:28 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

21:53 Responded with E-3 to Eric Place for a medical call

Wednesday, January 13

08:27 Responded with E-3 to Water St. for an alarm sounding

11:09 Responded with E-3 to Briggs St. for a medical call

18:17 Responded with E-3 to Veteran's Park Rd. for a medical call

Thursday, January 14

11:26 Responded to Broad St. for a furnace problem

17:51 Responded with E-3 to Summer St. for a medical call

Friday, January 15

11:43 Responded with E-3 to Grandview Ave for a medical call

16:00 Responded L-2 and E-3 to Heritage Drive for smoke in the building

17:13 Responded with E-3 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

19:08 Responded with E-3 to Grissom Lane for an alarm sounding

Saturday, January 16

08:44 Responded with E-3 to Park Ave for a low hanging wire

11:19 Responded with E-3 to Nelmar Heights for an alarm sounding

17:06 Responded with E-3 to Broad St. for an alarm sounding

19:33 Responded with E-3 and L-2 to Fiske Place for a chimney fire

21:39 Responded with E-3 to Myrtle St. for a medical call

PUBLIC NOTICE

Conservation Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:00 PM

Via ZOOM

Gary Dickerman, Chair

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by

Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting Online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83025006068?pwd=WnVhWmR2bHZ-yamNzMnBIUHJPT0JNUT09>

Passcode: 049532 by Telephone: 1 646 558 8656

Webinar ID: 830 2500 6068

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Agenda

Election of Officers

Stevens Brook Access

Litter Prevention Campaign

Tree Policy

Leighton Forest

Update Conservation Plan

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 25, 2021 7:00 PM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Join the Zoom Webinar Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87052170618?pwd=ZVVIQmp-VOWZvWDRXTm5IRFNJNDRXQT09>

Passcode: 590961 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 870 5217 0618

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The Planning Board will meet to discuss proposed zoning amendments regarding Foster Homes; Business Zones; Signs; and Agricultural Uses.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE

Claremont Development Authority Full Board Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 2020 7:30 AM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89136572830?pwd=a1IyYTZ3aWQrNlJu-TlI4UW9XTVkvUT09>

Passcode: 286531 Or Telephone: 1 646 558 8656

Webinar ID: 891 3657 2830

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Or Jenny Williams at Finding Our Stride: jenny05055@gmail.com

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Christopher T. Calkins, 56

Christopher Thomas Calkins, 56, formerly of Claremont, NH, passed away unexpectedly on January 14, 2021, at his home in Charlestown, NH.

He was born in Falmouth, MA, on September 8, 1964 the son of Samuel and Carol (Baker) Calkins.

Chris was a graduate of Stevens High School in the class of 1984.

He had wanted to be a firefighter his whole life. He was a member of the Claremont Fire Department for 29 years, starting out in the Hose Company and retiring in 2017 as a full-time firefighter.

He had also worked as an EMT-I for Golden Cross Ambulance, at Pepsi and Petrolane Gas Company.

He enjoyed listening to the scanner and keeping up with what was going on after his retirement.

He is survived by his mother, Carol Calkins of Claremont; his sister, Holly Wood of Claremont; his nephew, Jeffrey Wood and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, Samuel W. Calkins Jr in 2001, and his uncle Tom Baker and his grandparents.

In loving memory of Chris, walk-through calling hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Monday, Jan. 18th, from 4 to 6PM.

A private burial will be held in Pine Hill

Cemetery in Peterborough, NH.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the funeral home and Calkins family ask all attending the visitation to abide with all regulations and please wear a mask and use social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chris's memory to the Claremont Firefighters Association Scholarship Fund, 100 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

Viola E. LaFont, 86

Viola E. LaFont, 86, formerly of Elm Street in Claremont, NH, died Friday (January 8, 2021) at the Elmwood Center at Claremont following a period of failing health.

She was born in Hanover, NH, on March 14, 1934, the daughter of Louis and Edith (Lombard) Fluette and had been a longtime area resident. Viola had been employed in the housekeeping department at Valley Regional Hospital for 23 years. She was the widow of Armand LaFont who died on September 7, 2013.

Members of her family include a son, Kenneth LaFont and his wife, Melissa, Claremont,

NH; two daughters, Gloria LaFont and her partner, Edward Tucker, Claremont, NH; Sheila Decker and her husband, Alan, Killeen, TX; five grandchildren, Hailee LaFont, Steven Horsky, Justin Horsky, Brittany Green, Mikayla, Tucker, two great grandchildren, Emily and Michael Horsky, a sister, Mildred Blue, Windsor, VT and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a son, Richard LaFont, a grandson, Cody LaFont and two brothers, Bernard Fluette and Miland Fluette.

There will be no visiting hours. Graveside services were held on Monday (Jan. 18) in St. Mary's Cemetery.

You are invited to share a memory of Viola with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

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The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom. NOTE: EARLIER START TIME

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81529457408?pwd=dmpEQ1BRNXNibVFUblYnU1nWnZlQT09>

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Or by telephone:

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AGENDA

- 6:00 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:02 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:03 PM 3. NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3,II(a) – PERSONNEL
- 6:34 PM 4. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 5. MAYOR’S NOTES
- 6:40 PM 6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
- 6:45 PM 7. CITIZEN’S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 8. OLD BUSINESS
- 6:55 PM A. Legislative Update
 - 1. Discussion with State Legislators
- 9. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:25 PM A. Energy Lighting Audit & Proposal – Municipal Buildings (City Manager)
- 7:35 PM B. Parking Rental Agreement for 29 Water Street (City Manager)
- BREAK
- 8:05 PM C. Capital Improvements Plan (City Manager)
- 8:20 PM D. Ordinance 582 Amend Merit Plan – First Reading (City Manager)
- 8:50 PM E. Donation Policy Discussion (City Manager)
- 9:00 PM F. Council Goals Discussion (Council)
- 9:20 PM 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:25 PM 11. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:30 PM 12. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council’s next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom.