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## A Shot in the Arm

***Actually, Shots in Up to 300 Arms a Day at Claremont Site***

By Eric Zengota  
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CLAREMONT, NH—Phase 1B of vaccinations against the COVID-19 virus features a recently changed, lower age limit (65 and older) and provides access to younger people with two or more high-risk health conditions. As a result, more people have registered for vaccination appointments, making for a steady stream of vehicles at every site, including the New Hampshire-run locations.

Claremont's State-run site, the River Valley Community College parking lot, is no exception. On any given day, 225 to 300 people park, present their ID and QR code to a National Guardsman, and wait until another guardsman comes out of the tent, syringe in hand.

After the injection, people are advised to park in another part of the lot for 15 minutes. This is to monitor any severe physical reactions to the vaccine. Those usually come within five minutes, but there have been very few reported around the State.

Frigid weather, however, alters the straightforward procedure. Normally, vaccines arrive at sites in a frozen state, and then are warmed in a heated tent. But last Friday, the vaccines refroze on the short walk to the vehicles. So instead, those getting vaccinated walked to the tent. This turned out to be more convenient. Outer coats were easily removed, upper arms were comfortably exposed to take the shot.

Guardsmen are periodically assisted by Claremont firefighters, who volunteer their time and skills. Fire department personnel who are advanced EMTs and paramedics are qualified to give injections.

To register to get vaccinated at the Claremont or another State-run location, visit <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov> or phone 2-1-1.

**(Also see additional information on page 8).**



**Left: Susan Parry, of Claremont, readies herself for the injection in the tent at the River Valley Community College site. Right: Scott Kenniston, a lieutenant in the Claremont Fire Department and an advanced EMT, vaccinates Joan Davies, of Claremont. Claremont firefighters routinely volunteer their time to help the National Guardsmen who staff the vaccination program (Eric Zengota photos).**

## Claremont Man Sentenced to 37 Months for Drug Trafficking

CONCORD, NH—Jonathan Santiago-Perez, 35, of Claremont, was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison for drug trafficking on Monday, United States Attorney Scott W. Murray announced last week.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on three occasions between January and April of 2019, an individual who was cooperating with law enforcement officers purchased crack cocaine from Santiago-Perez.

Santiago-Perez previously pleaded guilty on February 20, 2020.

“Drug trafficking is a serious offense that undermines public health and safety,” said Murray. “In order to safeguard our citizens, we will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to identify and prosecute the dealers who sell dangerous drugs in the Granite State.”

This matter was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration offices in New Hampshire as well as Springfield and Burlington, Vermont, with assistance from the New Hampshire State Police, Massachusetts State Police, United States Postal Inspection Service, New Hampshire Attorney General’s Drug Task Force, Vermont State Police Drug Task Force, Manchester Police Department, Claremont Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Hartford, Vermont Police Department, and the Hampden County, Massachusetts Narcotics Task Force. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anna Krasinski.

## Man Charged with Attempted Sexual Assault

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon Police Department announced on Thursday that its Cyber Crimes Unit had been investigating, through a social media provider, individuals who were looking to victimize children.

According to a release from Chief Richard Mello, “Lebanon Police Officers engaged in a conversation via social media with a male who later arrived at a location to meet a person he thought was a juvenile for sexual acts on January 27, 2021. He was identified as Michael Stratman, age 35, from Ludlow, VT.”

Lebanon Police took Stratman into custody and charged him with Certain Uses of Computer Services Prohibited, Attempted Felonious Sexual Assault, and Attempted Endangering Welfare of a Child, all Class B Felony offenses. Stratman was held in preventative detention and was arraigned in the Grafton County Superior Court on January 28.

“The Lebanon Police Department Cyber Crimes Unit will continue to prosecute those who use the internet to sexually exploit children,” said Mello. The Lebanon Police Department is an affiliate of the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (ICAC).

## 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](mailto: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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# Feb. 1st Sees Return to In-Person Learning In Claremont

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
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CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School Board voted on January 27th to transition back to in-person learning for students who are currently in-person, A and B cohort students, as well as identified C cohort students who are returning back to in-person learning after having indicated this preference in the district’s December second-semester survey.

Currently, both Cohort A and Cohort B have been in the building five days a week and have been for a while, except for the last two weeks when the district moved to remote learning due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in the City and the county. Families of Cohort C, the remote students, were sent a survey in December asking if they wanted to return to in-building learning on February 1st. Based on the answers the district received from the survey, the district rearranged rooms, moved teachers, and made sure buildings were ready to allow for the families that wanted their children to return on February 1st.

With that said, the school board voted Wednesday night in a special meeting to return to face-to-face learning on February 1st. The students returning include the students in Cohort A, Cohort B, and families that requested to return on the December survey from Cohort C.

Only Cohort C families that completed the survey in December stating they wanted to return to school on February 1st will have qualified to come back for the Feb. 1st date. Anyone who did not complete the survey will need to wait until the next tentative date in April.

Cleaning and sanitizing procedures remain in place, and Superintendent Mike Tempesta said there was compelling data showing the benefits of students returning to school, adding that the district was in a low level of school impact from the virus “with no evidence of transmission within the school setting...Our recommendation is to have the students come back on Monday. We don’t make this decision lightly and hear the concerns of others in the community...” Students will be off on February vacation in three weeks’ time. Board members agreed, voting unanimously to accept the administration’s recommendation.

Winter sports were also slated to start this Monday; however, there will be no spectators in the stands, events will be livestreamed, mask wearing will be on and off the courts and there will be no locker room access.

## Annual School District Meeting

The Claremont School District recently sent out a letter, via snail mail, to all Claremont registered voters regarding changes to the Claremont School District’s Annual Meeting due to COVID-19. To recap, on Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m., the Claremont School Board will hold an online virtual information session to discuss the procedures for the Annual Meeting and to review the warrant.

Between Feb 1st and 4:00 p.m. Feb. 4th, registered voters may submit comments, concerns and requested amendments to [2021claremontmeeting@sau6.org](mailto:2021claremontmeeting@sau6.org). They may also be mailed to the SAU office at 165 Broad St., Claremont.

On February 4 at 6:30 p.m., the school board will be holding an online virtual meeting to read all submissions received from registered voters, go over the procedures for voting and to review the school district warrant.

On March 9, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., drive-up voting will be conducted: Ward 1 will be voting at the high school, Ward 2 at the Claremont Middle School and Ward 3 at the Disnard Elementary School. Voters participating in drive-in voting will be required to press their drivers license or state-issued identification card against the window of their vehicle to be checked in. All qualified voters will be issued a formal official and alternate ballot. The voters will be asked to approve the process used to conduct the Annual Meeting. If the process is not approved, the warrant articles shall be deemed disapproved and the state board may either hold another meeting prior to September 1 to adopt an operating budget or the school board may deem that the meeting adopt the prior year’s operating budget, not including separate warrant articles.

Links and other details for these events may be found at [www.sau6.org](http://www.sau6.org).



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# Commentary

## **NH House Happenings**

**By Rep. Gary Merchant**



### **HB 20: Less State Funding for Public Education and Higher Property Taxes**

In 1993, the New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled the New Hampshire Constitution guaranteed a student the right to a public education. In 1997, citizens of Claremont and five other communities celebrated when the court ruled the state was responsible for providing each student with an adequate education. Twenty-four years later, our state legislature has not fulfilled its responsibility to appropriately fund an adequate education.

Over the years, legislators introduced an abundance of legislation attempting to comply with the court decision, which is no different this year. Several education bills proposed for the current legislative session sound good, but the bottom line for us in Claremont is less state funding for public education and higher property taxes.

House Bill 20 (HB 20) is a prime example. It would create the biggest voucher program in the country. Other states' programs are targeted to specific student groups, geographical areas, or have income limitations; this bill does none of those things.

It is called the Dick Hinch Education Freedom Account, in honor of the late Speaker who died of COVID. Depending on student eligibility, HB20 would give parents between \$3,800 and \$8,500 in state education funding per child for non-public school tuition, homeschooling expenses, and other non-public school related costs.

Parents would receive a state voucher to spend any way they want. A family with three eligible students could get up to \$25,500. Most voucher programs target low-income students, students with IEPs (Individual Education Plan), and other distinct student cohorts. As written, this bill allows any parent, regardless of their income, to receive comparable amounts of money to send their children to non-public schools.

How will this program be funded? Language in HB20 - "The treasurer shall transfer to the scholarship organization the per-pupil adequate education grant amount pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, plus any differentiated aid that would have been provided to a public school for the eligible student. The transfers shall be made in accordance with the distribution of adequate education grants under RSA 198:42."

The Department of Education has not released data to the Legislative Budget Office to validate that this bill costs less than current funding. It is hard to see how that could be true, given that the bill requires the state to use dollars currently allocated for public education to fund this idea. Taking funds from existing public schools means increases in your property tax. That's a funding formula that we already know is profoundly unfair and makes the tax rate here in Claremont so much higher than in other parts of the state.

As Reaching Higher NH ([www.reachinghighernh.org](http://www.reachinghighernh.org)) points out, "school choice" in this bill isn't about parents' choice as non-public schools get to choose. There are no provisions in this bill that protect students from discrimination including the right to an IEP, the right to services, and the right to free and adequate education in the least restrictive environment.

What about accountability or transparency? There's no public oversight, accountability or requirement to abide by basic rules like hiring certified teachers, having a school nurse, or maintaining a fair policy for discipline and expulsion. The bill does not include any financial audit requirement to ensure the appropriate use of your tax dollars. Participating students don't even have to take any assessment to ensure that the money goes towards programs that provide an adequate education. There is also no plan for transportation, so families that live in areas requiring transportation need to find ways to get their child(ren) to school.

If this concept sounds familiar, that's because it is. It's nearly the same as the hotly debated SB 193 from 2017 when the accounts were called "Education Freedom Savings Accounts." The bill was defeated because of the steep costs to the state and local towns and the deep inequities it would cause for students and families.

If HB20 makes it out of the Education Committee, it will go to the full House for a vote. Then, it goes to House Finance, where it will have another public hearing and a second vote. After that, it will cross over to the Senate.

I ran for re-election to support local property tax relief. HB20 decreases state funding to local schools which will increase local property taxes. Anyone as concerned as I am about this proposed legislation should send an email to NH House Education Committee members at: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=3>. Email: [gary.merchant@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:gary.merchant@leg.state.nh.us)

### **Senators Hassan, Shaheen Join Bipartisan Group Calling on FCC to Prioritize Smaller, Rural Providers for COVID-19 Telehealth Support**

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) are part of a bipartisan group of Senators calling on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure that smaller, rural health care providers receive their fair share of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program funding authorized in the recent government funding and COVID-19 relief bill.

Hassan helped negotiate an additional \$249.95 million for FCC telehealth programs in the latest COVID package, and she successfully pushed the FCC to increase its transparency for how the agency distributes COVID-related telehealth grant funding following concerns raised by providers in New Hampshire that were left out of initial telehealth grant funding in the CARES Act.

"Telehealth programs have become more important than ever in New

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Hampshire amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and I was glad to have successfully fought to include significant resources to bolster these programs in the latest relief bill so that more Granite Staters can receive the care that they need, regardless of where they live,” Senator Hassan said. “Many health centers in New Hampshire have struggled financially as a result of this public health crisis, and it is unacceptable that many smaller, rural providers in our state were skipped over in the last round of COVID-related telehealth grants. The Federal Communications Commission must ensure that smaller, rural health centers receive their fair share of federal dollars, and I will keep working across the aisle to help get health care providers across our state the resources that they need to serve their patients.”

“Now more than ever, we need to ensure that access to health care is available to all who need it. This is particularly critical in our rural communities. Expanding telehealth services is essential to achieving this goal, and though our rural health care providers have worked tirelessly and at great expense to quickly construct their own telehealth infrastructure amid the pandemic, they need federal resources to match the full scope of staffing and operating costs,” said Senator Shaheen. “This financial strain is unsustainable for many rural providers, which is why the FCC must prioritize them in the next round of funding through its COVID-19 telehealth program. I’ll continue to fight for the federal assistance New Hampshire rural providers need to keep their doors open and provide lifesaving care to Granite Staters during this crisis.”

The push to the FCC is part of Senator Hassan’s ongoing efforts to strengthen telehealth services. Senator Hassan cosponsored the Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes (ECHO) Act, which was included in the government funding and COVID-19 relief bill that was signed into law. The bill will help to grow ECHO programs, which are telehealth mentoring models used to educate providers; the University of New Hampshire serves as the Project ECHO hub for New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine.

## Letter to the Editor

### Thank You For Safe Process to Select New Councilor

**To The Editor:**

My sincerest thank you to Mayor Lovett and the Claremont City Council for their time and consideration at the January 13 meeting. They, along with city staff, created an effective and safe process for candidates to be interviewed. I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to answer the Council’s questions and hear from the other candidates. Thank you to my supporters and to the folks who endorsed my bid for the open seat. The Council chose Dale Girard, and I congratulate Mr. Girard and look forward to his success on the Council.

I applied for the open City Council seat because Claremont is where I have laid down my roots and invested in my community. I came to Claremont about five years ago after starting a nonprofit program. I quickly became enamored by downtown, the historic architecture, the great restaurants, and the up-and-coming art and culture scene. My story isn’t unique, however; there are many young folks who come to Claremont and stay because of all it has to offer. Many more grow up here and stick around, or come back, to leave their mark.

This next generation is already hard at work—influencing the community and inspiring us all. They are figuring out new and innovative ways to open a business, even during a pandemic and unprecedented challenges. They are joining together to link arms and stand in solidarity in the name of justice. They are building relationships in their neighborhoods with gardens and a little sweat. They are teaching us all the power collaboration and how we can best utilize the tools we have for good. We have so many talented creators, entrepreneurs, makers, and overall big-thinkers. The way I see it, we have our next generation of community leaders, and it’s time we get more young people to run for office at the local level.

When you look around at the City Council, the School Board, or any other board or commission, if you don’t see someone like you—run. Because the truth of the matter is, we need more young people, and more diversity of experience in local government. Ask yourself, do I care about my community and do I want to make a difference? If the answer is yes, then you already have what it takes to serve your community. Don’t want to run for office yourself? Help someone with their campaign or find someone who should run. If you have any expertise or specific area of interest, look into openings on boards and committees. There are many openings and the city would benefit from having more young folks taking leadership positions and ownership of their community.

The issues that matter most to young folks—such as accessible housing, just policing, and equitable school funding—deserve to have young voices behind them. All politics are local, and our local representation is just as important as federal representation. Our local leaders are the ones who work with county and state leaders to craft budgets and work to meet the needs of the constituency. Our local leaders represent our community and our values. If you see needs that aren’t being met or if you have an idea to keep our community moving forward, talk to your friends about running for office, because you are the one you’ve been waiting for.

I applied for the open City Council seat because Claremont is where I have laid down my roots and invested in my community, but also because I want to represent a younger generation and provide a new perspective. I didn’t get chosen to fill the seat, but sometimes for one of us to make it through, a bunch of us have to try.

**Matt Mooshian, Claremont, NH**



**Frigid temps can also produce spectacular ice art.**

**Photos by Phyllis A. Muzeroll**



## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – January 31, 2021

CONCORD, NH— On Sunday, January 31, 2021, DHHS announced 369 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 3.0%. Today’s results include 252 people who tested positive by PCR test and 117 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 4,886 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

1/29: 128 new cases today, for an updated total of 525 cases

1/30: 241 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.

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 fifty-nine individuals under the age of

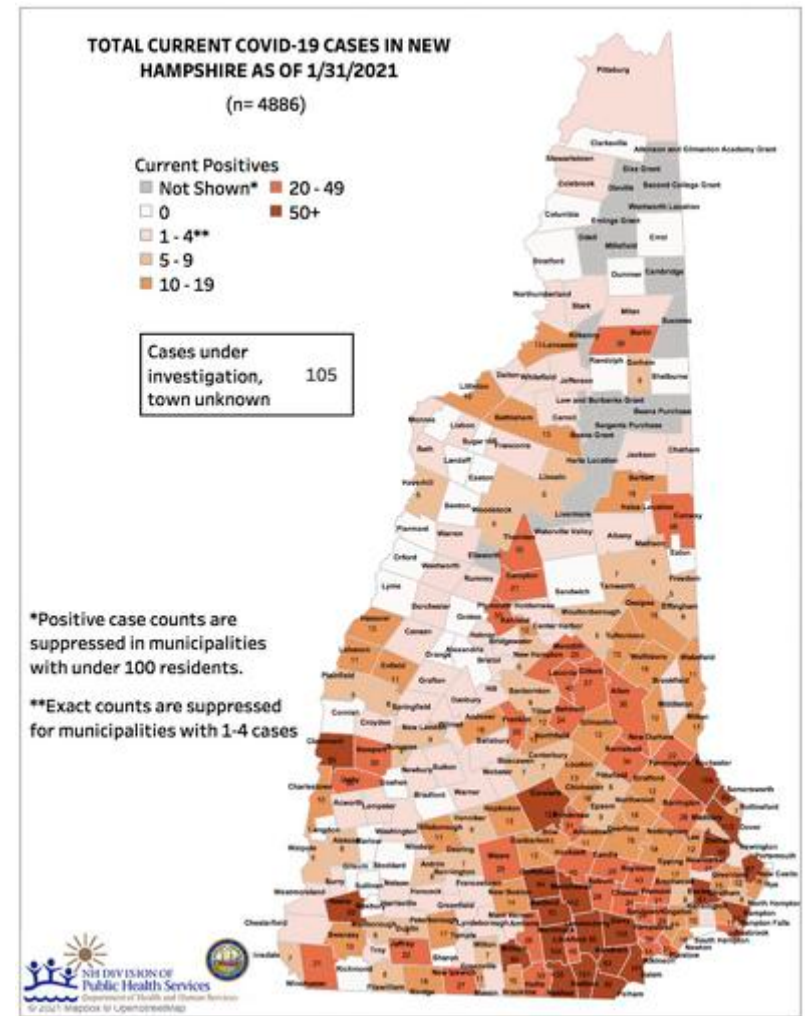
18 and the rest are adults with 46% being female and 54% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (83), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (68), Merrimack (34), Strafford (33), Cheshire (18), Sullivan (18), Belknap (11), Carroll (11), Grafton (10), and Coos (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (34) and Nashua (32). The county of residence is being determined for fifteen 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.

As of Sunday, there were 82 positively identified cases in Claremont; 182 in Sullivan County.

DHHS has also announced fifteen additional deaths related to COVID-19: 2 female residents of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older  
1 female resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older



2 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older  
1 male resident of Hillsborough County, younger than 60 years of age  
2 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older  
1 female resident of Hillsborough County, younger than 60 years of age  
1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older  
1 female resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older  
1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older  
2 female residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older  
1 female resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 200 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 65,695 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.

Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	2,811	4.3%	29	2.8%	87	8.2%
Carroll	Total	1,486	2.3%	21	2.0%	6	0.6%
Cheshire	Total	2,248	3.4%	19	1.8%	20	1.9%
Coos	Total	1,151	1.8%	9	0.9%	25	2.4%
Grafton	Total	1,950	3.0%	15	1.4%	14	1.3%
Hillsborough	Manchester	8,818	13.4%	256	24.7%	190	18.0%
	Nashua	5,797	8.8%	118	11.4%	73	6.9%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	10,984	16.7%	187	18.0%	283	26.8%
	Total	25,599	39.0%	561	54.1%	546	51.7%
Merrimack	Total	6,656	10.1%	88	8.5%	95	9.0%
Rockingham	Total	16,022	24.4%	239	23.0%	183	17.3%
Strafford	Total	5,641	8.6%	42	4.1%	61	5.8%
Sullivan	Total	1,109	1.7%	13	1.3%	16	1.5%
Unknown	Total	1,022	1.6%	1	0.1%	4	0.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>65,695</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data as of: 1/31/2021

## NH Provides Vaccine Update

CONCORD, NH—On Friday, the State of New Hampshire sent an email to individuals in Phase 1B who have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and have yet to schedule a second dose, or who have scheduled an appointment that is several weeks away.

“New Hampshire’s rollout of phase 1B has been very successful with over 300,000 individuals registering to receive their vaccine in just one week,” stated Governor Chris Sununu.

“We are leaving no stone unturned when it comes to speeding up the process, including opening up additional appointments for individual to receive their second dose.”

On Tuesday, February 2, at 8:00 AM, additional second dose appointments and clinics will be made available for scheduling in CDC’s VAMs scheduling system.

On Tuesday, individuals who received their first dose, and are looking to schedule or reschedule their second dose, should visit <https://vams.cdc.gov/> and login with the same username and password that they used to schedule their first appointment.

These second dose appointments will only be available to people that have already received their first dose and are scheduling their second dose. Individuals that have not scheduled their first dose will not be able to view or select these appointments.

Individuals who have already scheduled their second dose appointments but would like to reschedule for an earlier date will be able to do so as well at that time.

The State of New Hampshire will send a reminder email with a link, along with helpful hints on how to schedule or reschedule their second dose appointments, on Monday, Feb-

ruary 1. The email will come from [reply@nh.gov](mailto:reply@nh.gov).

## Moderna Advises Springfield Hospital Vaccine Supply Can Be Used

### Refrigeration issues raised concern about 860 doses of vaccine

BURLINGTON, VT—The Health Department was in contact last week with vaccine manufacturer Moderna and federal officials for determination of whether the 860 doses of Moderna vaccine stored at Springfield Hospital were viable following concerns with the temperature equipment.

Late Thursday afternoon Moderna informed the Department that all of the vaccine doses are effective and safe for use. None of the vaccine had been discarded as officials waited for the results of the manufacturer’s review.

On Tuesday, Springfield Hospital notified state officials of concerns that its refrigerated vaccine may have reached a temperature slightly above the manufacturer’s recommended maximum. General guidelines from Moderna provided to all states indicated that in such a situation the doses may need to be discarded.

Given the large amount of vaccine involved and specifics of the situation, state and hospital officials worked with the company for a more comprehensive review. Based on a deeper review and totality of the facts, Moderna determined none of the doses were impacted by temperature inconsistencies and can be used with full public confidence.

The Health De-

partment’s Immunization Program provides vaccination guidance and support for the state’s health care providers. The Department is working with Springfield Hospital to investigate the storage issues and conducted a site visit on Thursday. Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD, said he “appreciates the hospital’s proactive efforts in alerting the state of the situation and in its cooperation during this review.”

## Sullivan County Facilities Update

COVID-19 Update: As of January 26, 2021: Here are the current running totals of positive COVID results for both the nursing home and jail:

At Sullivan County Health Care, we’ve had 63 positive results among the residents since the outbreak began about a month ago. This has resulted in 3 deaths. Many of the first residents to test positive in early January are doing much better. The vast majority of residents continue to experience either no symptoms or extremely minor symptoms.

The SCHC staff numbers include 34 employees that have tested positive and 16 of those have recovered and are back at work.

At the Dept of Corrections, we now have 15 inmates who have tested positive, including 1 who has fully recovered. DOC staff numbers are 6 positives with 5 of those staff members recovered and back at work.

The second dose of vaccine was to be administered at the nursing home on January 27th, for staff and residents. The DOC staff is scheduled for their first dose of the vaccine in early February.

*Derek Ferland, Sullivan County Manager*

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## US Mint Marks 35 Years Since Challenger Loss with 'Teacher in Space' Coin

A new U.S. coin honoring Concord, NH's Christa McAuliffe, NASA's first "Teacher in Space," will help continue her educational mission 35 years after she and her six astronaut crew mates were tragically lost in flight.

The United States Mint began accepting orders for the 2021 Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Silver Dollar at noon on Thursday, Jan. 28, the 35th anniversary of the space shuttle Challenger tragedy.

The first U.S. coin to honor a teacher, the McAuliffe dollar is being offered by the Mint in uncirculated and proof finishes for \$69 and \$74 each, respectively, and is limited to 350,000 pieces. The coins are expected to begin shipping on March 17.

A \$10 surcharge from the sale of each coin will go to FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), a not-for-profit student engagement program that shares McAuliffe's goal of inspiring the next generation of scientists, innovators and explorers.

"Thirty-five years ago, the world watched as tragedy unfolded in the skies over Florida," David Ryder, director of the U.S. Mint, said while helping to unveil the McAuliffe dollar's design in December. "As the first participant in NASA's Teacher in Space program, Christa embodied the dreams of many who wish to reach for the stars."

McAuliffe was teaching high school social studies in Concord when she was selected through a nationwide search to be the first teacher to fly into space. She and her STS-51L crew mates were tragically killed when a faulty rocket booster led to the space shuttle Challenger breaking apart 73 seconds into its launch on Jan. 28, 1986.

McAuliffe's crew mates included commander Francis "Dick" Scobee, pilot Michael Smith, mission specialists Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik and Ronald McNair and payload specialist Gregory Jarvis.

The seven STS-51L astronauts are represented on the new silver dollar as seven stars on the reverse, or tail's side, of the coin.

Both sides of the commemorative coin depict McAuliffe: in profile on the obverse (or head's



side) based on a NASA photograph taken while she was training for the ill-fated mission, and in the classroom with her motto, "I touch the future. I teach," on the obverse. The FIRST logo also appears on the coin.

Authorized by Congress in 2019, the Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Silver Dollar was designed by Laurie Musser, a member of the Mint's Artistic Infusion Program, and sculpted by medallist artist Phebe Hemphill.

Both the uncirculated and proof editions of the coin were struck at the U.S. Mint's Philadelphia facility from 99.9 percent silver. Each

coin comes with a certificate of authenticity issued by the Mint.

For more information on how to purchase the commemorative coin, visit [https://catalog.usmint.gov/on/demandware.store/Sites-USM-Site/default/Default-Start?\\_ga=2.123648399.545223953.1612034589-116994879.1612034589](https://catalog.usmint.gov/on/demandware.store/Sites-USM-Site/default/Default-Start?_ga=2.123648399.545223953.1612034589-116994879.1612034589).

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## Grantham Man Charged with Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images

On Thursday, Jan. 28, members of the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force comprised of investigators from Homeland Security Investigations, the New Hampshire State Police, Cheshire County Sheriff's Office, Grafton County Sheriff's Office and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Grantham Police Department, executed a search warrant at 18 Butternut Road located in the Town of Grantham, NH.

This investigation initiated with a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which indicated the illegal use of computers and alleged possession and/or distribution of sexual abuse images of prepubescent children from within this residence.

"As a result of this search, Ricardo Vera, DOB: 05/16/1984, was arrested and is currently charged with five counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images (Class A Felony) pursuant to NH RSA 649-A:3 and/or 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B)," said law enforcement officials.

Investigators said that they "have developed information to believe that Mr. Vera used various social media platforms to communicate with and potentially make in-person contact with children. Mr. Vera is known to have traveled to the states of Mississippi and Florida frequently."

Prior to moving to New Hampshire in 2019, Vera resided in Texas (2017), attended the University of New Hampshire (2014 – 2016) and lived in the state of New Jersey (2007 – 2014).

The investigation into Vera's contact with children is ongoing. "We are asking parents whose children may have been in the care of Mr. Vera, or who have been otherwise exposed to Mr. Vera to speak with their children about any experiences that they may have had with him. We are also asking parents to report any odd or suspicious behaviors that they may have observed regarding Mr. Vera," said officials. Anyone with possible information regarding this case is asked to Detective Sergeant Michael McLaughlin at (603) 419-0130 / [Michael.McLaughlin@dos.nh.gov](mailto:Michael.McLaughlin@dos.nh.gov) or Detective William Neilsen at (603) 931-0854 / [William.Neilsen@dos.nh.gov](mailto:William.Neilsen@dos.nh.gov).

Vera appeared before the Sullivan County Superior Court on Friday, Jan. 29th, for a video arraignment and is currently being held on preventative detention. He will be scheduled for an evidentiary hearing at some point in the near future.

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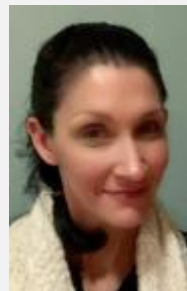
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## City Studies Streamlined Movement on Washington Street Corridor

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The time-wasting, often frustrating stop-and-start that comes with driving on Washington Street in Claremont could be fixed as early as next spring. The City was awarded a grant that would coordinate the system of 10 traffic signals that, as of now, don't always "speak" to each other, much less respond to real-time vehicular and pedestrian movement.

Last Thursday, Jan. 28, the City hosted a presentation on the alternatives analysis and selected proposed action for the project. The presentation was a hybrid of in-person attendance and livestreaming on CCTV channel 10.

The grant is part of the NHDOT Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Tom Krebs, the City's project manager, said that the City would be responsible for 20% of the entire amount.

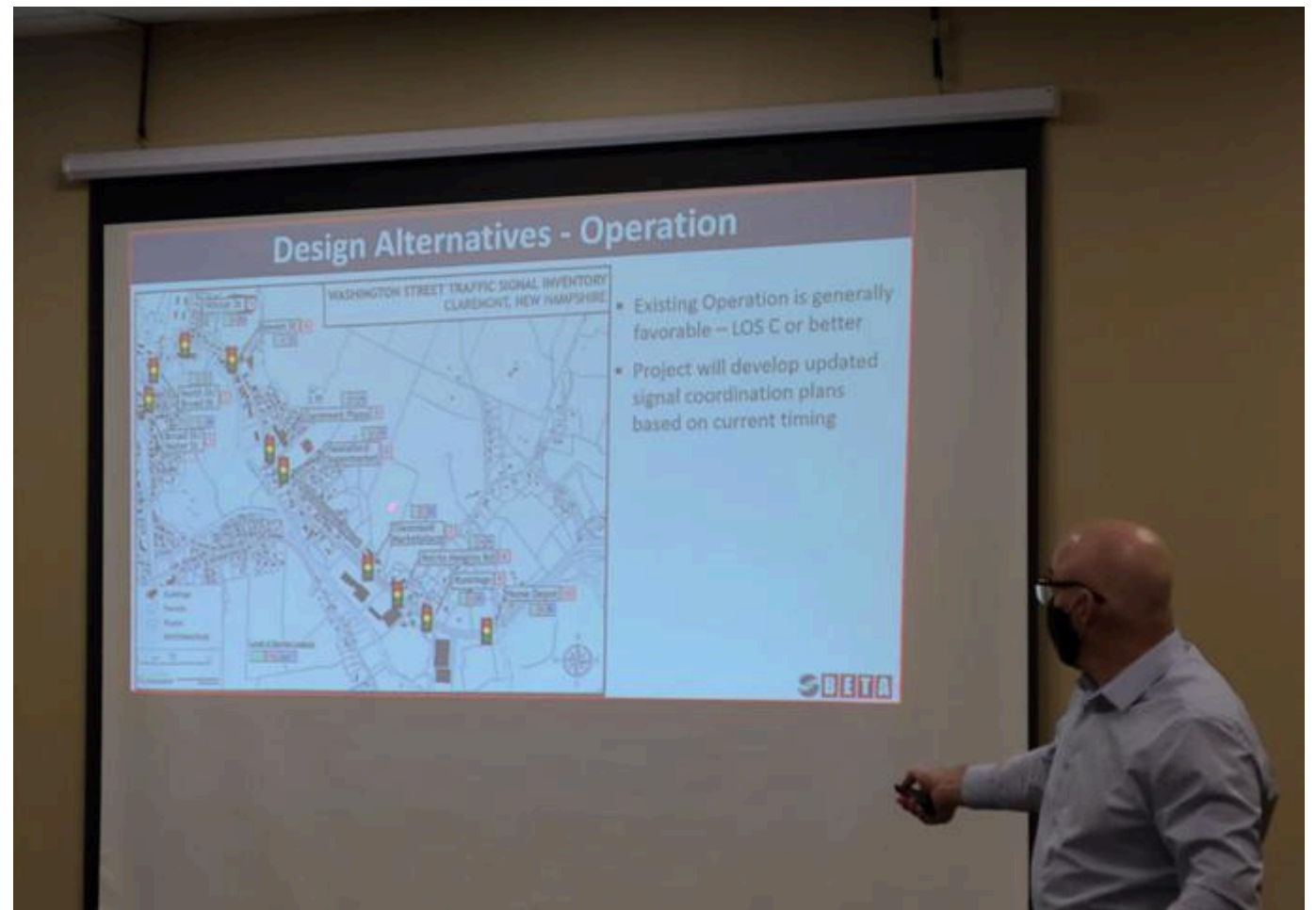
Tony Puntin, the design consultant project manager representing BETA Group, the City's consultant, noted the project's purpose: to implement upgrades to and interconnect the existing signals, to be monitored and maintained from a central location. In this case, the control center would be in the fire station on Broad Street.

The need, Puntin added, is to provide a more efficient flow of traffic to reduce travel delays and congestion.

The series of 10 signals stretches from Water and Wall streets to Home Depot. In November, BETA Group collected and analyzed traffic data from all 10. BETA's preferred alternative encompasses updated time-based plans based on updated traffic-volume data, use of wireless broadband radios for communication, video detection at all locations and traffic-responsive timing plans.

The next step is for the City to review BETA's findings and recommendations. Approval by both the City and NHDOT would mean a "construction season" in spring 2022.

**Tony Puntin of BETA Group highlights the design alternatives for the traffic-signal optimization project (Eric Zengota photo).**



### Project Background/Status

1. @ Water St. & Wall St.
2. @ North St.
3. @ Winter St.
4. @ Bowen St. (Walmart)
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8. @ Hobby Lobby
9. @ Runnings
10. @ Home Depot

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## Follow-up Message to Parade Date Change

By Dick Girard, Parade Chairman

First, I just want to mention that [changing the date of Alumni Weekend to October] was not an easy decision to make, a lot of time goes into planning our annual alumni weekend festivities. No one knows more than Bob Stringer, parade chairman for many years, current parade chairman, myself, and Carolyn Leblanc who books all the units and bands that bring this event together. We have so many dedicated volunteers who assist to make this happen.

I have spent many hours working with the police chief on an extended parade route and staging area to accommodate a longer parade. I have been in contact with the City Manager, who has informed me that there is a major reconstruction on Pleasant St. starting June thru mid to late September. This date change will allow us to keep Pleasant St. as part of the route. The new parade route will start the same as always until we get to the Square where the route will take a left onto Sullivan St., then a right to Pearl St. where it will take another right onto Central. It will then go up Main toward the Square around the lower side back to Broad St. and the high school. This will allow Broad St. to clear making way for the first part of the parade to disband.

At this time, the plan is to continue to use Broad St. for staging/line-up. The line-up will consist of the 2020 portion which includes the parade marshal, prom king and queen and the graduating class of 2020 on their trailer, followed by anniversary years ending in 0 and 5; this will roll out first. The second portion will consist of 2021, the parade marshal, prom king and queen and anniversary years ending in 1 and 6 and will form on South St. toward Chestnut. We welcome any and all non-anniversary years to participate in our 150th alumni reunion. I am sure there will be changes or tweaks to this plan and I welcome any comments you might want to share.

As a reminder, 2020 theme is "Board Games", but these classes are welcome to use the 2021 theme of "SHS Alumni Proudly Presents our 150th Reunion Celebration", which can be anything from 1871 thru 2021. It is wide open.

We look forward to seeing everyone the weekend of Oct. 1st and 2nd.

If you have questions, please contact me Parade Chairman and 1st VP SHS Alumni:  
Phone: 603-543-6398 (call or text)  
Email: [dick@goldencrossamb.com](mailto:dick@goldencrossamb.com).

## Guest Speakers Announced for Democrats Feb. 4 Meeting

CLAREMONT, NH—State Senator Sue Prentiss (District 5 - Charlestown, Canaan, Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme and Plainfield) and Emmett Soldati, candidate for Chair of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, will be speaking at a virtual meeting of the Claremont Democrats on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Prentiss will explain how legislative action in Concord could impact residents of Claremont. Bills under consideration in both the Senate and House during the current legislative session have serious implications for local property taxes. Soldati is a small business owner, activist who chairs the Somersworth Democrats. He will present his Local First platform designed to make the state party even more inclusive by continuously engaging communities, developing local issue messaging, lowering barriers for future candidates, sharing best practices and providing digital tool kits to those who run for office.

This meeting is free and open to all Claremonters registered to vote as Democrats or Independents (Undeclared). Email [claremont.nh.democrats@gmail.com](mailto:claremont.nh.democrats@gmail.com) to register and obtain the ZOOM link

## 3D Printing Virtual Learning - Dream It, Make It, Print It

CLAREMONT, NH—Over four sessions of this Claremont MakerSpace class, participants learn how to use a CAD program to create their very own designs. Learn about the engineering design process and make your own original pieces in Tinkercad. We'll then print your designs on our 3D printers. Projects are mailed to you! Recommended ages 8 and up. Should be comfortable using a computer mouse and keyboard.

Dates: February 4, 11, 18, 25 - 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. This class is presented free and virtual, via Zoom and on Tinkercad. Visit this link: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2021/2/4/dream-it-make-it-print-it>.



## NHSaves Rebate Program Can Put Cash In Your Pocket

Happy New Year! Did you know one of the best aspects of 2021—other than the obvious fact it means 2020 is finally over—is the NHSaves Rebate Program is replenished. NHSaves is an energy efficiency program to help NH residents save energy and money. It is underwritten by the state's utility companies and is a one-stop shop for information on energy savings resources, home energy audits, weatherization, and rebates on appliances and other devices.

Funding for these rebates is provided by the utilities and refreshed each calendar year. So if you were thinking about replacing a hot water heater, washer, or dryer, you should consult their website and check out the available rebates. An Energy Star clothes dryer can qualify for up to \$200 off! An electric heat pump water heater can qualify for a \$500 rebate. In addition to these rebates, these new energy efficient appliances will save you money each month on your electric bill.

The NHSaves website is <https://nhsaves.com/nh-rebates/>. Interested in the rebates but don't have access to a computer? No problem. Most appliance stores in our area have pamphlets about the NHSaves program located next to these products. Or you can ask a store rep about NHSaves rebates--or the person installing it for you if you aren't doing it yourself.

Save money...save energy. It's the ultimate win-win. If you are considering buying any of these products, now is the time to do it while the NHSaves rebate program is replenished. Tax season is right around the corner—if you are getting a refund and have older equipment that is costing you big bucks every month, maybe the time is right for you to upgrade to an energy efficient model.

# e-Ticker Business News

## NH Charitable Foundation Grants \$4.1 Million in Operating Support to Nonprofits

### Area Organizations Among Beneficiaries

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has made \$4,155,000 in grants through its Community Grants Program to support the operations of 88 nonprofits serving New Hampshire communities.

Generous donations to the Charitable Foundation's Community Crisis Action Fund, along with discretionary and donor-advised funds, made it possible to increase the total amount awarded through this grants program in 2020 by almost \$1 million.

Grants will help support struggling families, connect young people with life-changing mentors, help people get dental care, defend the rights of immigrants and refugees, help the arts to flourish, boost our economy, protect natural resources — and much more.

"Nonprofits do critical work in every community in our region — in times of crisis, and always," said Anne Phillips, director of grant-making at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. "Many of them have been on the front lines during the public health crisis, and many have adapted and innovated in amazing ways to continue meeting their missions for our communities. The Foundation is proud to partner with and support these organizations that make New Hampshire a better place for everyone."

"Operating support is just critical — it allows organizations to put resources where they are most needed when they are most needed," Phillips said. "Nonprofits can do the most good for our communities when they have flexible dollars to work with."

The Charitable Foundation awards more than \$40 million in grants each year. The Foundation administers multiple grant programs — some focused on specific regions, populations and issue areas — and also makes grants through donor-advised funds.

The Community Grants program is a competitive application program open to all qualified nonprofits that serve New Hampshire in the areas of health and well-being, civic engagement, education, economic development,

environmental protection and arts and culture.

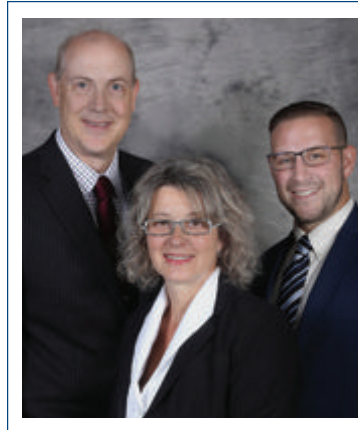
Area beneficiaries include:

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 Careers CLiC, Hanover, \$60,000  
 Claremont Senior Center, Inc., Claremont, \$30,000  
 Friends of Mascoma Foundation, Canaan, \$30,000  
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 TwinState MakerSpaces, Inc, Lebanon, \$30,000  
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 Visions for Creative Housing Solutions, Inc., Enfield, \$30,000  
 Windsor County Partners, Windsor, VT, \$15,000  
 YMCA Camp Coniston, Grantham, \$40,000  
 To learn more about the Foundation's Community Grants program and other grant programs, visit [www.nhcf.org/grants](http://www.nhcf.org/grants).

## Vera Joins NHPCO's Next Generation Leadership Council

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT—Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) has announced that Shannon Vera, Business Development Manager, will join the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (NHPCO) Next Generation Leadership Council, with a two-year term that began on January 1.

This council provides the opportunity for young leaders that are employees of a provider, palliative care, state or associate member of NHPCO to have an impact at the national level to shape the hospice and palliative care field. As the Business Development Manager for VNH, Vera is uniquely positioned to bring the perspective of rural hospice care and how it is different than urban hospice care

to the council, said VNH.

Over 300 people applied to be a part of the council this year and 13 were nominated. "I am so honored to be part of the Next Generation Leadership Council with the NHPCO," said Vera. "Providing quality end of life care has been my passion for over a decade and it is a privilege to work with people who commit themselves to bring that care to our friends and neighbors. I am thrilled to represent VNH and our community at a national level."

As part of this council, Vera will bring her expertise in community relations and the needs of our community to the national stage. In turn, she will bring back the work the council does to the Upper Valley to make a difference within our community.



**Shannon Vera**

## \$2.5 Million Grant Awarded to D-H to Address Workforce Shortages in Rural NH Health Care Organizations

LEBANON, NH—Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) has been awarded a \$2,496,943 H-1B Grant for Rural Healthcare Workforce Development by the United States Department of Labor. This grant will benefit rural health organizations around the state of New Hampshire, and D-H was one of only 17 organizations to receive a grant from a total of \$40 million in H-1B grants awarded nationwide. Twenty-three organizations partnered across the state all in committing to support the rural health care workforce of New Hampshire.

The coronavirus pandemic has increased an already acute demand for health care workers, particularly in rural areas where that need was critical. Through the expansion of employment and training models, the Department of La-

bor's Employment and Training Administration aims to increase the total number of individuals training and advancing in health care occupations that directly impact patient care in rural areas, including behavioral and mental health care. The proposal will support training and advancement workforce development for New Hampshire-based rural health care organizations that seek to hire, train and retain employees in hard-to-fill, patient facing roles.

"This grant will benefit our New Hampshire system members and other New Hampshire-based rural health care organizations that seek to hire, train and retain employees in hard-to-fill, patient-facing roles," said Aimee Claiborne, Chief Human Resources Officer of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH).

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# An Alarming Issue

## Firefighters' Donation Supports City-Wide Smoke Alarm Program

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—"We've been putting out fires in too many homes that don't have smoke alarms," said Kevin Early. "At the latest meeting of the Claremont Firefighter's Association, we voted to help fund the cause."

Early, an 18-year veteran of the department, is lieutenant of the ladder call company and president of the association. Last week, he presented the association's \$1,000 donation to the City, which is placed into a special account and which allows for the purchase of 40 alarms.

Fire chief Bryan Burr confirmed that "we've been in homes where the smoke alarms are too old, or have no working battery, or where there are no alarms at all. They're just not something that people think about."

But they should, noted deputy chief Tom Belaire. One of his fire prevention duties is to manage a program in which firefighters install, at no charge, smoke alarms in single-family homes. The program is funded solely by donations, whether from individuals or associations, or from entities such as Mascoma Bank, Claremont Savings Bank and Red River.

"There is no impact on the tax rate," said Burr. "Taxpayers are not funding this program."

Since September 2019, firefighters have installed 252 alarms in 56 homes. They are single-station, lithium-battery alarms with a 10-year warranty. The average home, Burr noted, requires five alarms, installed at every level and in every bedroom. He added, "Basically, this means installing to code."

Firefighters canvass the City's neighborhoods to identify which homes need alarms. They hand out or leave "door knockers" that describe the program and contact information. Residents contact the department to request installation.

Any Claremont resident interested in the program can call the department at 603-542-7012 or email [cfrcode@claremontnh.com](mailto:cfrcode@claremontnh.com).

**Right: A door knocker explains the City's smoke alarm program (Eric Zengota photo).**



Kevin Early (center) presents a \$1,000 donation to Claremont deputy chief Tom Belaire for the purchase of 40 smoke alarms. On last Thursday's shift are (from left) firefighter Calvin Limoges, captain Andrew Stevens and lieutenant Scott Keniston. Every Claremont firefighter has installed free alarms as part of the department's program (Eric Zengota photo).

## Bookkeeping & Record Keeping 101 - Virtual Learning

CLAREMONT, NH—Learn best practices and IRS requirements of keeping books and records for your business. We'll also cover how to read basic financial statements and how to pick a record keeping system that fits your needs.

This Claremont MakerSpace class will be presented virtually. Please register and follow the directions on how to access the virtual learning portion. This class is presented free of charge.

Instructor Amity Ollis. Ollis is a CPA, creative, and serial entrepreneur. She has over a decade of experience in accounting for small businesses and non-profits. Recently, she has focused on nurturing her creative side and balancing out left brain/right brain activities. Current careers/projects are:

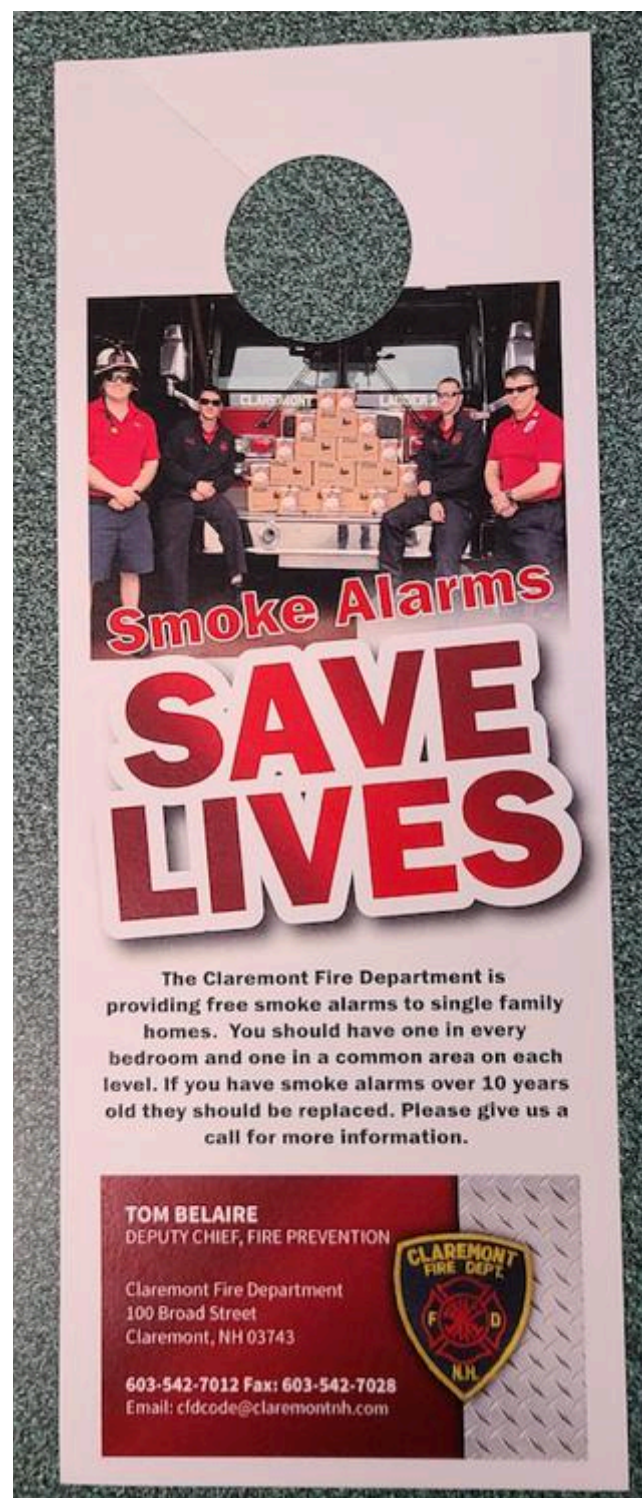
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On Thursday, February 18 President and CEO Johanna Beliveau, DNP, MBA, RN will co-chair the 2021 New Hampshire **Go Red for Women** Digital Experience.

**Go Red for Women** is a campaign to raise awareness among women about their great health threat - heart disease.

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## With Ultra-low Rates, Should You Still Invest in Bonds?

If you've been investing for many years and you've owned bonds, you've seen some pretty big changes on your financial statements. In 2000, the average yield on a 10-year U.S. Treasury security was about 6%; in 2010, it had dropped to slightly over 3%, and for most of 2020, it was less than 1%. That's an enormous difference, and it may lead you to this question: With yields so low on bonds, why should you even consider them?

Of course, while the 10-year Treasury note is an important benchmark, it doesn't represent the returns on any bonds you could purchase. Typically, longer-term bonds, such as those that mature in 20 or 30 years, pay higher rates to account for inflation and to reward you for locking up your money for many years. But the same downward trend can be seen in these longer-term bonds, too – in 2020, the average 30-year Treasury bond yield was only slightly above 1.5%.

Among other things, these numbers mean that investors of 10 or 20 years ago could have gotten some reasonably good income from investment-grade bonds. But today, the picture is different. (Higher-yield bonds, sometimes known as "junk" bonds, can offer more income but carry a higher risk of default.)

Nonetheless, while rates are low now, you may be able to employ a strategy that can help you in any interest-rate environment. You can build a bond "ladder" of individual bonds that mature on different dates. When market interest rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher yields (and long-term yields, while fluctuating, are expected to rise in the future). When interest rates rise, your maturing bonds can be reinvested at these new, higher levels. Be sure you evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Furthermore, bonds can provide you with other benefits. For one thing, they can help diversify your portfolio, especially if it's heavily weighted toward stocks. Also, stock and bond prices often (although not always) move in opposite directions, so if the stock market goes through a down period, the value of your bonds may rise. And bonds are usually less volatile than stocks, so they can have a "calming" effect on your portfolio. Plus, if you hold your bonds until maturity, you will get your entire principal back (providing the bond issuer doesn't default, which is generally unlikely if you own investment-grade bonds), so bond ownership gives you a chance to preserve capital while still investing.

But if the primary reason you have owned bonds is because of the income they offer, you may have to look elsewhere during periods of ultra-low interest rates. For example, you could invest in dividend-paying stocks. Some stocks have long track records of increasing dividends, year after year, giving you a potential source of rising income. (Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated at any time.) Be aware, though, that stocks are subject to greater risks and market movements than bonds.

Ultimately, while bonds may not provide the income they did a few years ago, they can have a place in a long-term investment strategy. Consider how they might fit into yours.

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*Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity.*



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# Sports

## SHS Boys Basketball

01/19/21	at Sunapee	Cancelled
01/22/21	Sunapee	Cancelled
01/25/21	Lebanon	Cancelled
01/28/21	at Lebanon	Cancelled
02/02/21	at Mascoma Valley	06:30 PM
02/05/21	Mascoma Valley	06:30 PM
02/09/21	at Hanover	06:30 PM
02/12/21	Hanover	06:30 PM
02/16/21	at Newport	06:30 PM
02/19/21	Newport	06:30 PM
02/23/21	Fall Mountain	06:30 PM
02/26/21	at Fall Mountain	03:30 PM

## SHS Girls Basketball

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01/22/21	at Sunapee	Cancelled
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02/05/21	at Mascoma Valley	06:30 PM
02/09/21	Hanover	06:30 PM
02/12/21	at Hanover	06:30 PM
02/15/21	Newport	06:30 PM
02/18/21	at Newport	06:30 PM
02/23/21	Fall Mountain	05:00 PM
02/26/21	at Fall Mountain	05:00 PM

## Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Boys Ice Hockey

02/01/21	Berlin-Gorham	06:40 PM
02/03/21	Keene	06:20 PM
02/06/21	at Keene	04:15 PM
02/06/21	at Keene	Postponed to 02/06
02/10/21	Mon-Fall Mountain	08:10 PM
02/13/21	at Mon-Fall Mountain	04:15 PM
02/15/21	at Berlin-Gorham	03:30 PM
02/17/21	ConVal-Conant	Cancelled
02/24/21	Berlin-Gorham	07:10 PM
02/24/21	Berlin-Gorham	07:10 PM
02/27/21	at Berlin-Gorham	06:00 PM

## Parks & Rec Youth Basketball Update

As we continue to monitor the amount of active COVID-19 cases in Claremont, and with hopes that numbers will continue to go down, we are anticipating that our youth basketball program will be able to start in the coming weeks.

Claremont Youth Basketball (CYB) evaluations will be held starting Tuesday, February 9, for grades 3/4 and Wednesday, February 10, for grades 5/6.

CYB will tentatively be allowing game play among the 4 divisions (3/4 girls, 3/4 boys, 5/6 girls and 5/6 boys) so long as registration numbers and local COVID-19 case numbers allow. If we find local COVID-19 numbers to increase, we will be putting the safety of the community on the fore-front and downgrading to skills and drills ONLY for all divisions.

Please note that this decision could come with minimal to no notice. Please make sure to read over the registration details as there are COVID-19 protocols in place for the 2021 season. As always, we hope you and your child can join us this season!

Again, if by chance there is a spike or rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, please understand the youth basketball program could be canceled at any time.

To register at the appropriate links, please visit us online at [claremontparks.com](http://claremontparks.com).

## Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge Girls Ice Hockey

01/16/21	Hanover	L	0 - 6
01/23/21	at Oyster River-Portsmouth	L	1 - 2
01/27/21	Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain		Cancelled
01/30/21	at Hanover		02:50 PM
01/30/21	at Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain		Cancelled
02/03/21	at Bishop Brady-Trinity-West		03:05 PM
02/06/21	Bishop Brady-Trinity-West		06:20 PM
02/13/21	at Hanover		Rescheduled to 1/30/2021
02/16/21	Concord		08:10 PM
02/20/21	at Concord		08:45 PM
02/24/21	Berlin-Gorham		05:20 PM

## 2021 New Hampshire Moose Hunt Lottery Opens

CONCORD NH – New Hampshire's 2021 moose hunt lottery is now open. Enter today for your chance at the adventure of a lifetime—hunting moose in the rugged woods of the Granite State. The lottery entrance fee is \$15 for Granite State residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

To enter the New Hampshire moose hunt lottery, visit [www.huntnh.com/hunting/moose.html](http://www.huntnh.com/hunting/moose.html) where you can enter online or print out a mail-in application. You can also pick up an application at any Fish and Game license agent, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters, or at Fish and Game regional offices. Moose hunt lottery applications for 2021 must be postmarked or submitted online by midnight Eastern Standard Time on May 28, 2021, or delivered to the Licensing Office at New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH, before 4:00 p.m. that day. Winners will be selected through a computerized random drawing on June 18 at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters in Concord.

Applicants can enter the moose hunt lottery once per year. A bonus-point system improves the chances for unsuccessful applicants who apply in each consecutive year. Each point translates to a chance in the drawing. As an example, last year the overall odds of a resident applicant being

drawn were 1 in 80, and resident applicants with a total of 17 points had a 1 in 30 chance of being drawn. For nonresidents, the odds were 1 in 344 overall and 1 in 146 for applicants with 17 points. In 2020, 6,013 people entered the lottery for the chance to win one of 49 permits.

# Inspiration

## Cheese Doodles

By Priscilla Hull

Many years ago I had surgery and was in the hospital a few days. My son and a friend decided to visit me and brought me a can of cheese doodles because they were hungry. Of course, they ate them! They left the can on the windowsill when they left. Eventually I went to sleep but woke up with a start and looked over at the window sill. Sure enough the empty can was still there. Suddenly a life size Doberman jumped out of the container. I was aware enough to know that it wasn't real, that it was like the cheese doodles, just a fantasy without substance. Just like the cheese doodles, it was nothing but air. No nutritional value in a container of cheese doodles. They do make a handy snack for teenage boys!



How often is life like a can of cheese doodles? There is nothing to it, just air. It is like the balloon that we'd blow up as children and then you'd let it go and it would fly backwards around the room until it lost all that air. It's like the helium-filled balloon that is beautiful, bounces off the ceiling for a few days, and then one morning it is sitting on the floor, never to fly again.

Neither is permanent, just air that blows through our lives and leaves no impression. They don't change our lives. They don't contribute a thing to our lives, just air. One of my Dad's favorite expressions was "stuffed shirt". He applied it to those people who are just full of their own importance. They strut around like the rooster in a pen or the hen who lays the most eggs. In both cases, they do have a role to play, but they aren't the most important, sometimes not the second, third or fifth most important. When they leave the scene, there is nothing missed and there is nothing left.

We have a choice in life! We can be a hot air balloon, a cheese doodle or a stuffed shirt or we can make a difference in someone's life, or in several lives. The choice is ours. Weigh the difference and decide what to be: a grilled cheese sandwich or a puffed up cheese and air ball. Of course, there are things we have to do if we are to be that grilled cheese sandwich! We have to listen and hold our response until we know the facts. We have to be kind and compassionate. We have to express interest and care in people, so that others learn to trust us. It is a great thing to be loved. It helps us know that we might be making a difference in someone else's life.

That's what happens when we are the genuine thing! We make a difference in someone else's life. We are filled with the real thing. Others know that to us, they are important. We know that others are more important than we are. We are genuinely interested in others and want to make them the best that they can be.

Here's my recipe for a perfect grilled cheese sandwich. A little butter in the pan, a slice of bread (some kind of whole grain is best), sharp cheddar for richness, a slice of Gouda for smoothness, a slice of Swiss for depth of flavor, a sprinkle of parmesan for a little spiciness and another piece of bread on top. When the cheese starts to melt, flip it and let the other side brown. It will be gooey, rich and full of flavor, the best ever!

*"Do not fill yourself with the food of false idols. It will not sustain you. Rather eat the food that God offers and you will be strong."*  
1 Corinthians 8:11

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

# Calendar Of Events

## Father Daughter Dance to Look Different This Year

CLAREMONT, NH—In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Daddy Daughter Date Night that you can enjoy at home! This is not just for dads! Here is a chance to make a great memory with that special little girl in your life. Dads, granddads, uncles, adult brothers or family friends are welcome. Join in on the fun! (\*This event is in place of the traditional father daughter dance).

Each couple will receive a Daddy Daughter Date Night bag filled with fun activities such as, Disney trivia, Mad-Libs, popcorn to watch a movie together and more! Enjoy these exciting goodies at home together! Along with the bag of treats, each couple will be receiving a Tremont House of Pizza Large Pizza to share.

Couples will be able to pick up their pizza and date night bags on the night of the event, Saturday, February 13th, at the CSBCC (pick up time information will be e-mailed out to participants closer to the event date).

To register, visit [https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/claremontparksandrec/activity/search/detail/6474?onlineSiteId=0&from\\_original\\_cui=true](https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/claremontparksandrec/activity/search/detail/6474?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true).

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## Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA offers two virtual grief support groups for the community, which can be attended once, multiple times or as needed. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a “Bereavement Check-in” group is available on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm. A “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@lake-sunapeevna.org](mailto:loconnor@lake-sunapeevna.org) and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

## 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.

For 75 years the County Conservation Districts 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](mailto:ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov).

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](mailto:ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov).

## NEWS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT The 2021 Spring Plant Sale is Here! We are taking orders now.

This year’s Plant Sale is now underway, featuring a variety of quality plants at good prices.

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The money raised from the sale supports conservation activities throughout the year, including workshops, programs and projects aimed at promoting and conserving the county's natural resources. This sale is also a service we provide for our community. All of the plants offered are hardy, healthy, and adapted to our growing conditions. Most are native, and none are invasive. New items this year include blueberries from Bascom Road Blueberry Farm in Newport. Bonus and Chandler Blueberries produce the largest berries. We are offering many Wild Edibles that are good for humans and wildlife alike. Elderberry is back due to popular demand and an increased awareness of the health benefits of elderberry syrup. We are selling it bare root and potted this year. You can find a recipe for elderberry syrup here or on our website.

Visit <https://www.sccdnh.org/local-agriculture> to view the catalog and download an order form. The order deadline is Wednesday, March 3rd.

Plant pick-up will be on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 2, at the Ahern Building garage, Sullivan County Complex, County Farm Rd. Unity, NH. You will receive an email or phone call to schedule a time frame for pick-up. \*\*\*Some wildflowers will not be ready for pick-up until the first week of June.

If you would like a catalog and order form mailed to you, please contact Dawn Dextraze at 603-542-9511 x269 or [ddextraze@sullivan-countynh.gov](mailto:ddextraze@sullivan-countynh.gov).

Catalogs and order forms may also be found starting the first week of February at these places: Grantham Public Library, Acworth General Store, Claremont Community Center, Newport and Lempster Town Offices, Goshen Country Store, 100 Mile Market, and Plainfield Country Store.

## 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 out

lets 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](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org).

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Come Enjoy a Women's Skate Ski Clinic!! Fundraiser for the Meriden Trails in Meriden, NH

1-3 PM (Rain Date 2/21)

Work on skate ski skills and enjoy camaraderie in a fun, no pressure clinic taught by a local ski coach. This clinic is best for advanced beginner and above.

All of the \$50.00 registration fee goes to support our Meriden Trail system. For more information, and to register please email [VLB-Meriden@icloud.com](mailto:VLB-Meriden@icloud.com). Space is limited.

## 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 supports, 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 online.

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  
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Claremont & West Lebanon  
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## Center for the Arts: Lake Sunapee Region 2021 Calendar of Events

[www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org](http://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](http://www.cfanh.org) [www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays](http://www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays)

**February 20th** - Will Ogmundson in Concert-Part of the CFA Performing Arts Series Post-poned 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](http://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](http://www.cfanh.org) [www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays](http://www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays)

- 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.

### 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. Please register by emailing Dawn at [ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov](mailto:ddextraze@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.

#### Stargazing

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.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

#### 2PM

#### The Lightness of Painting

Join artist Jamie Townsend as he shares his process of painting layers and color in this free virtual MakerSpace class. Townsend will demonstrate his craft while talking about his technique and answering questions from the virtual audience.

This class is presented free and a link to the Zoom connection information will be sent after registration.

Influenced by the rich and fearless colors of his youth in the 1970's, Townsend's palette is balanced with pastels that came into his work after attending the Ringling College of Art + Design in Florida. Drawing from his life experience it was merging with Eastern Philosophy that gave him the confidence to develop his own style. He began researching Abstract Expressionists and painting large scale pieces. He embraces the modern street art movement and finds himself doing many murals as canvases.

Soon Townsend was traveling to Europe and discovering the culture and places that fostered this style. He found painting in Provence to be his favorite where the light is so muted and easy to see furthering his sense of color.

When Townsend is not traveling and painting, he enjoys being inspired by his children and the natural landscape and farmland of Vermont and it's hardworking people. You can often find him building tea houses and doing sculpture out in the forests he has loved since his youth.

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2021/2/16/the-lightness-of-painting-with-jamie-townsend>.

## Claremont Senior Center News

“The weather outside is frightful. The fire is so delightful”. We'll settle for a warm, cuddly blanket, a YouTube crackling fire and a good

book. A warm thought though: Spring is about fifty days away. Keep that thought. It's comforting.

If you need a good book to cuddle up with, our library is open to members on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Don't forget a puzzle while you are there. Call 543-3998 for a time to come in. We are here for you.

The kitchen crew is offering some very warming food this week. They will be presenting :

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd—Cozy Homemade Corn Chowder, a Filling Ham Sandwich and Dessert.

Thursday, Feb. 4th—Warming Soup, Tacos with Complementary Fixings, Refried Beans and Dessert. Take-out only. Pick up—11:45am-12:15pm. Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Come and get it!

We still have happenings going on at the Center even though we are closed.

The VNA Foot Clinics will be here Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 17th, and the 24th to check out those footsies. Please call 603-748-1731 for an appointment. This is a new number so jot it down. The footsies will be much happier after their care. Happy, Happy, Happy.

We are finally receiving some of our tax forms. The mail has been coming “slow snail” or not at all lately. If you have your information and are in need of a tax prep. person, please call 1-802-952-3954 for an appointment with the AARP Tax Team. They will be taking appointments as of Feb. 19th. They are the nicest group of people. We have been hosting this team for a few years now. This year though, the Center will Not be taking calls for appointments. With the Center being closed, it would be difficult to have seniors call and no one there to take their call. Again, call 1-800-952-3954 to schedule your AARP tax service appointment.

We will again be hosting a Blood Drive at the Center on Mon. Feb. 15th-Noon-5pm. With all the attention to Covid, we tend to forget all the emergencies other people are going through. Some procedures cannot wait. Blood is very much needed in all areas of hospitals and clinics.

Please give if you can. The techs will take good care of you. Thanks ahead of time.

We are urging everyone to think about receiving the vaccine. We have some information that may help you to sign up. On email, go to [vaccines.nh.gov](http://vaccines.nh.gov). If there are two of you, register one. There will be a box to include someone coming with you from the same house-



hold. Check the box and enter the name of that person. You will get a post the your registration is complete. In a day or two, you will get an email from VAMS. The email will guide you through the day and time selection. Be careful because some of these emails have landed in the spam folder. So keep checking that also. If one of you registered and you included the household member, as long as you are with the registered person and your name was on the form, just go with that person. You can also call 2-1-1. You may have to wait on line but someone will set up your registration. You will get a call back for the appointment.

In closing, cuddle up, read, have hot cocoa, talk on the phone and don't look outside unless it is sunny.

Thought of the Week: Happiness can be found in the darkest of times. You just have to turn on your light.

Stay safe, Stay warm, Wear your mask, distance and call a friend.

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

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### **Sunday 1/24:**

1:44 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident.

4:23 PM: Engine 3 responded to Myrtle St. for a medical call.

### **Monday 1/25:**

9:04 AM: Engine 3 responded to West Terrace St. for a fuel spill.

9:18 PM: Engine 3 responded to Sullivan St. for an alarm sounding.

### **Wednesday 1/27:**

11:14 AM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for an alarm sounding.

12:28 PM: Engine 3 responded to Maple Ave. for a well-being check.

### **Thursday 1/28:**

10:19 AM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident.

2:38 PM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for an odor investigation.

3:02 PM: Engine 3 responded to Eric Place for a carbon monoxide detector sounding.

4:19 PM: Engine 1 responded to Cindy Ave. for a check of well-being.

8:59 PM: Engine 1 responded to Edwin Ave. for a medical call.

### **Friday 1/29:**

9:42 AM: Engine 1 responded to Sullivan St. for an alarm sounding.

12:01 PM: Engine 1 and Engine 2 responded to Pappas Rd. for a structure fire.

6:09 PM: Engine 1 responded to Charlestown Rd. for a medical call.

### **Saturday 1/30:**

6:54 AM: Engine 1 responded to Charlestown Rd. for a motor vehicle accident.

7:50 AM: Ladder 1 responded mutual aid to Charlestown for a structure fire.

9:11 AM: Engine 1 responded to Hartford St. for an electrical problem.

10:39 AM: Engine 1 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

6:00 PM: Engine 1 responded to Charles St. for an alarm sounding.

7:05 PM: Engine 1 responded to First St. for a medical alarm.

7:27 PM: Engine 1 responded to Spencer Ave. for a medical call.

8:25 PM: Engine 1 responded to Sullivan St. for a medical call.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**The City of Claremont,  
Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on  
Monday, February 1, 2021 7:00 PM**

Via ZOOM

\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being conducted via Zoom.

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88116662448?pwd=bEx1RlVlQWpVqMXpJWEZlbnJkUT09>

Passcode: 401208 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 881 1666 2448

If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-504-0341.

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following applications:

- A. ZO 2020-00029 Michael & Sheila Satzow, 13-14 Fisher Place – Application for a variance from Sect. 22-513 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit an accessory dwelling unit in a detached building at 13 Fisher Place. Tax Map 143, Lots 152, 153. Zoning District: R-1
- B. ZO 2020-00028 Jonathan Nelson & Berkley Heath, 31 Myrtle Street – Application for a variance from Sect. 22-387.2(2) of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit a 370 SF dwelling unit at 31 Myrtle Street. Tax Map 119, Lot 289. Zoning

District: CR-2

C. ZO 2020-00030 Brun-Gardner Properties LLC, 221 Broad Street – Application for a variance from Sect. 22-387 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit an Air BnB at 221 Broad Street. Tax Map 132, Lot 44. Zoning District: PR

Interested parties may review these applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

Comments about these applications may be submitted by any of the following methods:

In person at the hearing, or

In writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at [cityplanner@claremontnh.com](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).

Michael Hurd, Chair

## **PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD HEARING Monday, February 8, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

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

Join the Zoom Webinar Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88046509323?pwd=VFdJSnN6OWVj-SVNXY2haT3RnemhFUT09>

Passcode: 272825 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 880 4650 9323

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Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following applications:

- A. (PL 2020-00021) Jonathan Nelson & Berkley Heath, 31 Myrtle Street – Application for a Conditional Use Permit for a 3rd dwelling unit at 31 Myrtle Street. Tax Map 119, Lot 289. Zoning District: CR-2.
- B. (PL 2021-00002) Michael & Sheila Satzow, 14 Fisher Place – Application for a Conditional Use permit for an ADU in a detached building at 14 Fisher Place. Tax Map 143, Lots 152 & 153. Zoning District: R1

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](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

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.**

[www.etickernewsoclaremont.com](http://www.etickernewsoclaremont.com)

#### Sandra L. Andrus, 78

Sandra L. Andrus, 78, of Charlestown, NH, passed away on January 28, 2021, at her home.

She was born in Littleton, NH, on January 20, 1943, the daughter of Elwood Lewis and Whitney and Wilda (Carpenter) Brooks. Sandy was a graduate of Charlestown High School. She had worked for Jones & Lamson and Whelen Engineering.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, taking pictures, birdwatching and flowers, especially day lilies.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Charles D. Andrus, whom she married on June 23, 1961; two daughters, Shelly Andrus and Shari McBride; five grandchildren, Sean Cox, Whitney Cox, Josiah Rouleau, Joshua Blouin-Andrus and Mackenzie Blouin-Andrus; her siblings, Elaine Adams, Patricia Cilley, Elwood Lewis and Pamela Crowley and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by an infant son, Scott Andrus, her brother, Ernest Lewis and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Lewis.

Walk through visiting hours will be held at the Charlestown Memorial Chapel, 34 Main Street in Charlestown on Wednesday evening, February 3rd, from 6 to 8 PM.

Funeral services and burial will be held privately.

Donations may be made in Sandy's memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaugh trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stringer Funeral Home and Andrus family ask all attending the visitation to abide with all regulations and please wear a mask and use social distancing.

#### Pearl Lafountain, 94

Pearl "Midge" Raymond Filiault Lafountain, 94, formerly of Claremont, NH, died January 26, 2021, at the Sullivan County Health Care. She was born on July 23, 1926 in Springfield, VT, the daughter of Frank and Beatrice Raymond. She attended schools in Springfield, VT, and Stevens High School.

Midge married Joseph Filiault in 1946 and had three children, Dennis, Diana and Gloria; they divorced in 1954.

She worked at Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Windsor, VT, for 17 years and also worked at Royal Rubber in South Gate, CA for 11 years. She married Keith C. Lafountain Sr. in July of 1968 and lived in Newport, NH, where they ran Newport Taxi for 11 years; they moved to Claremont in 1994.

Midge enjoyed music, dancing, bingo and reading but most of all she enjoyed her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her pets.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Keith Lafountain Sr., her children, Diana Simoneau, Gloria Peck and Dennis Filiault and a special grandson, Guy Boardman.

The family includes a son, Keith Lafountain Jr., several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, half brothers and sister, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A graveside service will be held Friday, February 5th, at Mountain View Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Richard N. Roberts

Richard Nelson Roberts, born June 23, 1936, in Woodstock, VT, died January 21, 2021, at Valley Regional Hospital, Claremont, NH, from complications of COVID-19.

Richard was predeceased by his wife Patricia Ann Derosier; sons Michael Arthur and Steven Allan Roberts. Also parents Nelson and Marjorie Roberts of South Reading, VT; his twin sister Ruth L. Silvester of Windsor, VT; brothers Frank E. Roberts of Cornish, NH;

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Edwin J. Roberts of Windsor, VT; and Kenneth O. Roberts of Windsor, VT.

His remaining survivors are a brother, George A. Roberts of Bensons Landing, VT; and Debary, FL; brother, Leslie V. Roberts of Windsor, VT; and sister Katherine A. Harris of Sanford, FL; a granddaughter, Crystal Lynn; grandson, Michael, Jr.; 3 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, one brother-in-law and several sisters-in-law.

He served 8 years in the New Hampshire National Guard, was employed by Bomar as a machine operator, an employee for Coca Cola, and other jobs during his residence in Claremont. He was a member of the Claremont Lodge of Elks #1665. Richard had a love of family and friends, followed closely by his love of country music which you could here on a daily basis in the halls of the Earl Bourdon Centre.

Roy Funeral home will handle the arrangements at this time. A celebration of Life will be held at the Hope Hill Cemetery located at North Charlestown, NH. later in the spring.

Donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 311 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH. 03103 or Spina Bifida Birth Defects C/O March of Dimes, 264 North Main Street, Concord, N.H. 03101, or the American Heart Association, 309 Pine Street, Manchester, N.H. 03103 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 595, Manchester N.H. 03105.

You are invited to share a memory of Richard with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

### **Jean E. Plourde, 92**

Jean E. Plourde, 92, of North Hartland, VT, died on Tuesday (Jan. 26, 2021) following a period of failing health.

She was born in Healdsville, VT, on June 20, 1928, the daughter of Glen and Eunice (Pinegree) Davis. She was one of 16 children. Jean had been employed by Tambrands in Claremont, NH, for many years. She was the widow of Clarence Plourde who died in 2013. She enjoyed being outdoors and sitting by the fire, sewing, cooking, gardening and reading.

Members of her family include a son, Larry Davis, Claremont, NH; three daughters, Charlene Haines, North Hartland, VT; Kathleen Sinotte, Lebanon, NH; Diane Spaulding, Lebanon, NH; 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild;

a sister, Patricia Gould, Nashua, NH; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:30 pm on Thursday (Feb. 4) at the Roy Funeral Home, 93 Sullivan Street, Claremont, NH. Committal will be held at the convenience of the family. Friends may call at the Roy Funeral Home on Thursday from 1:30 pm until the time of services. The Plourde family and the staff at the Roy Funeral Home remind you that due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, masks and social distancing will be required.

You are invited to share a memory of Jean with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

### **Carol J. Bourque, 79**

Carol Jewell Bourque, 79, of Lebanon, NH, passed away on January 25, 2021, at the Lebanon Center.

She was born Carol Lee Jewell on April 19, 1941, the daughter of Richard and Lena Jewell.

Carol was a graduate of Stevens High School in the class of 1959. She was a majorette that was part of the Stevens High School Band that was invited to march in President Eisenhower's inaugural parade in Washington, DC, where there were only 12 high school bands selected. The choice of a high school band to represent a state in this parade was an unusual honor that she did not take lightly and was one of her proudest moments.

She graduated from Sacred Heart Hospital, School of Nursing in 1965. She worked as an RN at Mary Hitchcock Hospital and Valley Regional Hospital but most of her career was at Sullivan County Nursing Home from which she retired in 1998.

Carol was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Edward Jewell.

Her proudest accomplishment was raising her boys: David Bourque Sr. and his wife, Celeste of Claremont; and Michael Bourque and his wife, Mary of Wilmot; grandchildren, Rae Luck and her husband, Josh; David Bourque Jr.; Henri Bourque; Caroline Bourque and Abigail Bourque; sister, Linda Labaire and her husband, Neal of East Brookfield, MA; and niece, Alison; sister-in-law, Susan Jewell of Davidson, NC; nephew, Eddie "Champ"; nieces, Deanna and Marissa and many great nieces and nephew.

Special thank you to the wonderful staff at Lebanon Center Genesis.

Donations may be made in her memory to the American Alzheimer's and Dementia Association.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary Church in Claremont on Friday morning. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### **Nancy Blanchard, 85**

Nancy Blanchard, 85, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at the Sullivan County Health Care. She lived at Windy Acres Park in Charlestown NH.

She was the daughter of Louis Zuccaro and Rose Demijohn born in Claremont, NH. Nancy attended and graduated from St. Mary's School in Claremont.

She traveled to Florida and California then back to Claremont with her husband and 4 children.

She began working at a couple of shoe factories in Sunapee, and Encore Shoe factory in Kellyville. She also worked at Tambrand, Petersons Plastic and Stratton Mountain. In 1980, she was remarried to George Blanchard.

Nancy moved to Windy Acres where she had several positions, Head of Maintenance and Head of the Water Department. She was a Notary Public.

She was instrumental in getting Blanchard Hall built and getting the caution light on Charlestown Road going into the park.

Nancy was an animal lover. She especially loved her bird, "Buddy", and her dogs "Toby", "Becky", "Cody" and "Lukey".

Nancy is survived by her four children, Joyce Watkins and husband Mike from Springfield, VT; Gail Stone from Charlestown, NH; Roland Lord Jr. and partner Wanda from Charlestown NH; Rich Lord from North Carolina.

She had seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren.

Nancy was predeceased by her parents, and two brothers Pat Zuccale, and Louey Zuccaro, her husbands Roland Lord Sr., George Blanchard, and granddaughter Crissy Lord.

A celebration of her life was held on Jan. 30 at the Blanchard Hall at Windy Acres in Charlestown, NH. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Lost My Way Animal Shelter, care of Cathy Sullivan.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.**

To join the webinar:

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### AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
Minutes of January 13 and 27, 2021, City Council Meetings
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
  - A. COVID-19 Update
  - B.
- 6:50 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
  - A. Electric Aggregation Committee – City Council Representative
  - B. Claremont Community Television Board of Directors – City Council Representative
- 6:55 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
  - 7:05 PM A. Legislative Update
  - 7:15 PM B. Pleasant Street Update
  - 7:30 PM C. Lead Update
  - 7:40 PM D. Council Goals Discussion
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
  - 7:55 PM A. Mask Donation from Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club (Mayor Lovett)
  - BREAK
  - 8:15 PM B. Resolution 2021-22 Airport Fuel Credit Card Reader – Public Hearing (City Manager)
  - 8:30 PM C. Resolution 2021-23 Energy Lighting Audit & Proposal – Municipal Buildings – Public Hearing (City Manager)
  - 8:45 PM D. Resolution 2021-24 \$1,000 New England Grass Roots Fund Grant for Conservation Commission Public Education Programs – Public Hearing (City Manager)
  - 8:55 PM E. Ordinance 582 Amend Merit Plan – First Reading (City Manager)
  - 9:10 PM F. Boston Post Cane Discussion (City Council)
- 9:15 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:20 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:25 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:30 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom.

## One Injured in Goshen Snowmobile Crash

GOSHEN, NH – On Saturday, Jan. 30, at approximately 5:00 p.m., New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was notified of a single snowmobile crash with injury on Trail 6 in the town of Goshen, NH. Lempster Fire Department, Goshen Fire Department, Newport Fire and Rescue and a Conservation Officer responded to the scene. The operator was the second rider in a group of three when he failed to negotiate a turn on a slight uphill portion of the trail. The snowmobile went wide to the right side of the trail and stuck a tree, throwing the operator forward off the snowmobile.

The operator, identified as Ernest Hermanson, 64, of Holland, MA, suffered an upper leg injury as a result of the crash. Snowmobilers passing by stopped and assisted Hermanson. They kept him warm by placing extra clothing underneath him and built a fire next to him while rescue personnel responded to the scene. Upon arrival, Hermanson was placed in a litter and transported by a Lempster Fire Department side-by-side approximately 1.5 miles out on the snowmobile trail to the nearest road. From there he was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center to be treated for his serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

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