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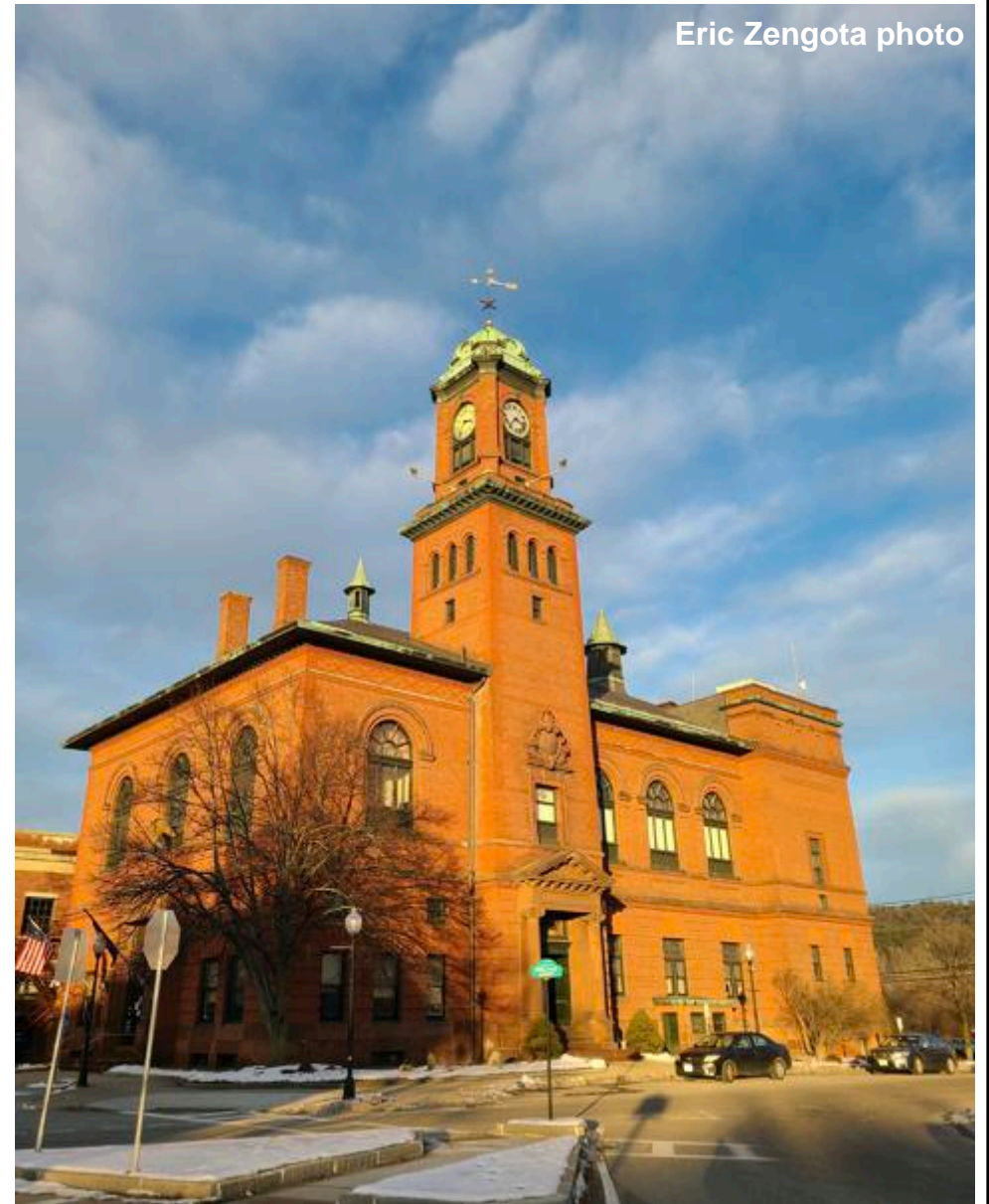
Claremont Prepares to Celebrate 125 Years of Arts and Entertainment

CLAREMONT, NH—In June, the Claremont City Hall and Opera House building will celebrate its 125th Anniversary since the dedication in 1897. A collaboration between the COH, City of Claremont (Business Development and the Fiske Free Library), Claremont Historical Society (CHS) and the Off Broad Street Players (OBSP) resulted in the formation of an anniversary committee to plan celebrations for the occasion.

As part of their efforts, the committee is bringing the Claremont Oral History Project back to life. The oral history was originally published in 1981 as a collection of 41 interviews with former residents that was only available on cassette/CD, with a published index of summaries. This project was funded by New Hampshire Humanities. “The recordings are an amazing treasure about the history of Claremont, and in particular how the evolution of music and entertainment impacted the COH,” said Felicia Brych Dalke, COH Board President. In November, Colin Sanborn of the Fiske Free Library told Dalke and Christine Hawkins from the COH about the oral history, and they all agreed to expand access to this content as part of the 125th celebrations, resulting in the formation of the committee.

A community grant application was submitted in January to New Hampshire Humanities to fund the writing of stories about some of the interviews, focusing on the history of arts and entertainment in Claremont. The grant was awarded on Thursday. The stories will cover events at the COH, the dance pavilions, and the movie theaters that were described in the interviews. “These stories will build on the work by the CHS and OBSP to create additional living history presentations in the manner of the Spirits of Claremont Series,” said Sharon Wood, a member of both organizations. “There is more planning to do but the content will be prepared for us to use,” said Wood.

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Eric Zengota photo

The Common Man Guests and Staff Rally Behind Kindness for Kentucky Fundraiser

Tornado Relief Funds Total More Than \$112K

ASHLAND, NH – Granite Staters eager to help Kentucky residents displaced by a devastating tornado got behind The Common Man

restaurants’ “Kindness for Kentucky” fundraiser, donating more than \$56,000 to the Do Good effort, which was matched by the hospitality family for a total of more than \$112,000 raised.

As Common Man owner Alex Ray and volunteers from New Hampshire headed to the tor-

nado-ravaged Mayfield, Kentucky, to assist with recovery efforts, Common Man locations across New Hampshire collected donations in-store and via two online donation sites that were set up for American Red Cross and World Central Kitchen. In-store donations to-

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CPD Reports Possible Attempt to Lure Child into Van

CLAREMONT, NH—On February 11, at approximately 1:30 PM, the Claremont Police Department responded to the area of Monadnock Park and Chestnut Street for a report of a male in utility van who attempted to lure a child into it. The van was described as a white colored van with green cursive lettering and possibly having ladders on top of the roof.



Claremont Police Dept./Security camera image.

The male was described as a white male, wearing a black hat and sun glasses. A possible suspect vehicle was captured on a home security camera.

If you witnessed this incident or have any information, please contact Officer Spencer or Officer Bell at 603-542-9538. If you wish to report any information anonymously, please call our anonymous tip line at 603-542-7026 ext. 1234.

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The stories will be published in June in both print and eBook format. Wayne McElreavy, CHS President, brings his knowledge of Claremont history and the CHS resources to support the project. "The publication will be a great way to increase interest in Claremont's social and cultural history within the community," said McElreavy.

Other local organizations getting involved in the project include Laurel Elite Books that will author and publish the stories, Claremont Custom Framing and David Putnam Photography that will restore documents and pictures, and Claremont Community Television that will record a video history since 1980. "This is truly a Claremont focused effort that will bring the city together this summer to celebrate our rich history," said Nancy Meyer, Business Development Specialist, City of Claremont, "and this is just the first of many outstanding projects and events to come!"

More will be announced about planned events in the coming months, including a re-enactment of the building dedication in June. For more information or to help sponsor the effort, please contact pr@cohn.org.

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02/12/2022

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Investing for the Future

When building a retirement nest egg, focus on preservation as well as growth.

For years, you've diligently invested in your retirement portfolio, accumulating wealth that you hope will sustain you throughout your Golden Years. To help see that your assets are sufficient to help you support your lifestyle standards, there are important steps that you can take. We offer an overview below:

PERFORM REGULAR ASSESSMENTS

While you may have performed calculations about your anticipated retirement needs years ago, it's helpful to re-crunch those numbers regularly, to guard against changes in your expectations as well as financial markets.

Calculate your Social Security income, any pension moneys, accumulated savings, and personal investments, and determine whether collectively they can cover your estimated living expenses, which should incorporate swings in the financial markets. If you find that your assets are lacking, you may find it helpful to consult a financial professional to help reconfigure your portfolio.

GUARD AGAINST THE BIG I

Most people approaching retirement will want to protect their portfolio from market swings and the dreaded I: inflation. That doesn't mean replacing all of your investments with less risky assets; rather, that means considering a gradual move of some stock investments into bonds and cash while retaining sufficient growth-oriented investments that help manage inflation risk.

PRESERVING YOUR ASSETS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Integral to a strong financial plan is a well-constructed estate plan that preserves your assets for your heirs. In this regard, you may benefit from consulting with an attorney who can help you draft trust and various types of insurance tools to help protect your assets from estate taxes. Additionally, revisit your financial plan and goals with a financial professional regularly, addressing any potential problems before they impact your savings.



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Commentary

An Update on Redistricting

By State Senator Sue Prentiss



Redistricting is a process that takes place every ten years, after the census is complete, in order to adapt to shifts in population and ensure that districts represent similar numbers of voters keeping in mind communities of interest.

This year, like other years, New Hampshire is not doing independent redistricting. A bill that would have required an independent redistricting commission failed, and so the past practice remains in place where the majority party in the year of redistricting has control of the Redistricting Committee and chairs that committee, which is made up of members of the House and Senate.

The Redistricting Committee reviews proposed maps for Congressional districts, as well as Executive Council, Senate, House, and County Commission districts, which are then voted on by the State Senate and the State House before going to the Governor for signature. The redistricting process is required to take into account changes in population, social compacts, and communities of interest. For example, many communities are part of regional school districts. There are also shared water and wastewater districts as well as agreements around mutual aid for public safety services. All of these kinds of community ties are intended to be part of the consideration when changes to the maps are made.

As a Senator, I am particularly focused on the Senate districts. Although the maps are not final yet, the majority has proposed maps and amendments that could pass. The current proposal makes changes to 16 of 24 senate districts - far more than necessary in order to balance population shifts over the last 10 years.

Senate District 5 would be significantly impacted if the current proposal passes. In the current proposal, Claremont and Charlestown would no longer be part of Senate District 5. I am concerned about this potential change as I consider Lebanon and Claremont to be communities that share many common interests, most evident in healthcare. I have enjoyed working with these communities, and it has been my distinct honor to advocate on their behalf in the New Hampshire Senate.

According to the current proposal, Senate District 5 would continue to include Canaan, Cornish, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, and Plainfield. It would then add the communities of Orford, Warren, Plymouth, New London, Dorchester, and Groton. I am happy to represent District 5 in any shape or form that comes forward.

I do have concerns, particularly about the appearance that the proposed maps are motivated by partisan political advantage. Based on the testimony I have heard on redistricting, I also am aware that people around the state are concerned that communities of interest are not being adequately considered. For example, the town of Canaan brought

forward a request to have a dedicated State Representative based on their population, their social compacts, and communities of interest. However, the Redistricting Committee has kept Canaan in a multi-town district.

The current maps and proposed maps are available for anyone to look at on the General Court website. Just type in "redistricting" into the search bar, and you will be able to see the changes being proposed. The new districts will be in place for the next decade until the next census takes place and the redistricting process begins again.

I am always happy to hear from you. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at suzanne.Prentiss@leg.nh.gov. Let me know if you would like to be added to my email list and receive updates every few weeks. You can also find me on Facebook where I post a weekly video update on what is happening in Concord: "Fridays for Senate District 5."

NH Delegation Welcomes Over \$10.7M in Fish and Wildlife Funding

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) announced with U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) that New Hampshire will receive over \$10.73 million to support wildlife and sport fish restoration through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The funding will help state wildlife agencies pursue conservation projects and programs, including support for hunting and fishing education, fish and wildlife management, scientific research, habitat restoration and protection and more.

Specifically, the funding was awarded to New Hampshire state wildlife agencies from the following:

\$6,741,058 from the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act
\$3,996,614 from the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (PRDJ) Act

"Wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation have deep roots in New Hampshire, which is why I'm proud to announce that \$10.7 million is heading to our communities. Fish and wildlife protection is needed more than ever amid a rapidly changing climate, and to safeguard our outdoor spaces that drive New Hampshire's robust tourism and recreation economies," said Senator Shaheen. "I'll continue securing resources for New Hampshire to strengthen our conservation programs, advance scientific research and improve hunting and fishing education. It's imperative we act now to preserve our environment for generations of Granite Staters to come."

"New Hampshire's great outdoors — from our Seacoast to the White Mountains— defines us as a people and as a place. Granite Staters are fortunate to be able to enjoy these resources as part of our every

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day lives and are also glad to welcome people from around the globe who come to celebrate our state’s incredible beauty,” said Senator Hassan. “But it’s increasingly clear that the climate crisis is threatening our environment, including vulnerable wildlife. This funding builds on our conservation efforts while also helping strengthen our outdoor recreation economy.”

“Outdoor recreation and tourism are a central part of our economy in New Hampshire, making conservation efforts even more vital to the well-being of our communities,” said Rep. Kuster.

“This U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funding will support critical conservation efforts in the Granite State and help to bolster wildlife protection projects across our state.”

“New Hampshire’s communities and our economy are rooted in our natural surroundings, and it’s of the utmost importance that we protect wildlife and habitats,” said Rep. Pappas. “These funds will support wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation and will benefit our state for generations to come.”

Rooted in the Pittman–Robertson Act of 1937, the Dingell–Johnson Act of 1950 and the Wallop–Breau Amendment of 1984, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) program establishes a conservation partnership among state wildlife agencies, the outdoor industry and the Service. When hunters, anglers and boaters purchase equipment and fuel, the manufacturers, producers and importers of those goods pay into the Wildlife Restoration, Sport Fish Restoration and Boating trust funds.

Kuster Applauds Bipartisan Legislation To Bolster Postal Service, Ensure Financial Security for Generations to Come

CONCORD, NH—Tuesday, Rep. Annie Kuster (NH-02), applauded House passage of H.R. 3076, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022, bipartisan legislation to strengthen the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for generations to come. The legislation advanced by the House of Representatives addresses long-standing financial and structural challenges that have impacted postal workers and the postal system for more than a decade. This legislation helps to ensure the USPS can serve its essential role for communities across the country.

“United States Postal workers in New Hampshire and across the country have been hard at work during the COVID-19 pandemic to deliver critical prescription medications, checks, ballots, and other mail to our communities,” said Rep. Kuster. “But the USPS has been consistently underfunded, operating at a net loss and in survival mode for years. Today, Congress took action to bolster our nation’s postal system and stand up for our dedicated postal workers. The legislation advanced by the House takes measured steps to make the USPS solvent and ensure it is able to serve our communities and country for generations to come.”

Key measures in the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 include:

- **Medicare Integration:** The Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 would require future Postal Service retirees, who have been paying into Medicare their entire careers, to enroll in Medicare. Currently, roughly a quarter of postal retirees do not enroll in Medicare even though they are eligible. This means the Postal Service is stuck paying far higher premiums than any other public or private sector employer. By more closely integrating Medicare, the Postal Service estimates it could save approximately \$22.6 billion over 10 years.

- **Eliminating the Requirement to Prefund Retiree Health Benefits:** The Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 would eliminate the requirement that the Postal Service pre-fund retiree health benefits for all current and retired employees for 75 years in the future. No private company or other federal government entity is required to comply with such a burdensome rule. The Postal Service estimates this provision would drastically reduce its prefunding liability and allow it to save roughly \$27 billion over 10 years.

- **Service Performance Transparency:** The Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 would require the Postal Service to develop a public-facing, online dashboard with national and local level service performance data updated each week to provide additional transparency and promote compliance with on-time delivery of mail.

- **Six-Day Integrated Delivery:** The Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 would require the Postal Service to deliver both mail and packages at least six days per week across an integrated network.

Voters Approve 2 Amendments at Deliberative Session

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Around 75 people gathered Wednesday evening at the SHS Auditorium to attend the annual Deliberative Session of the Claremont School District. Concerns over funding for the Tech Center and support for its programs were ever-present on the minds of residents in attendance. During the course of the night, voters would go on to approve two amendments to Warrant Article 2 to increase funding for the Tech Center.

Richard Seaman, director, Finance and Operations, reviewed the proposed budget, and a number of residents addressed the administration and school board over their concerns regarding budget funds for the Tech Center. Comments from the public included: *How can the school board say the district supports the Tech Center when they're making the director's position part-time? This is embarrassing. It sounds like the board doesn't support education. The more technical programs we have, the better our community will be. Fully one-third of Stevens graduates do not go on to higher education in a traditional academic setting. They want to go immediately to work. We should provide them with all the skills they need to start their careers. I respectfully ask the board to listen to the voice of the people. I think this budget is shortsighted and the feedback from the community is clear.*

Resident Allen Damren presented two amendments, the first of which read, "I move to amend the FY 2022-2023 Claremont School District Proposed Budget, as posted on form MS26, as follows: To add SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$61,973)...proposed budget TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$2,842,522) and the Grand Total Budget proposed THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$37,305,798).

"This amendment is proposed to increase the proposed .5 FTE Vocational Director position to 1.0 FTE Vocational Director. As a result of passage of this amendment, result will be 1.0 FTE Vocational Director and .5 FTE Adult Education Director."

There was a call for the vote on the amendment to be a secret ballot, which was carried out. The vote approving amending the article passed, 53-6.

Damren also presented a second amendment to Article 2 on the warrant, which read, "I move to amend the FY 2022-2023 Claremont School Budget proposed budget, as posted on form MS26, as follows: To add EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$87,290) making the ...proposed budget TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,653,045) and the Grand Total Budget proposed (\$37,305,798)." This amendment was to address adding a guidance counselor back to the Tech Center. This was also voted on as a secret ballot and passed, 48-9.

Seaman explained that, "This year the guidance position at the Tech Center we share with Unity. In the budget it shows that we have the whole compensation for it, but we get 50 percent of it back from Unity. The amount of money you've asked for here is basically establishing it as a full-time position only for the Tech Center. It's not putting back what we had, it's increasing from the current 0.5 to a 1.0

guidance counselor for next year."

At one point during the night superintendent Mike Tempesta was asked if the district would use the added funding called for in the first amendment as voters had approved. "We would use the money to improve outcomes for all students," he said after hesitating a moment. "I would have to look at that." His answer drew an audible response from many of those in attendance indicating it was not the response they were hoping for.

Seaman also said that "...Throwing more money at it is not what this budget does. This budget is looking at a range of strategies, a range of restructures, a range of scheduling, a range of changes in the curriculum, a range of opportunities being offered by CARES and CARES Act money...and we will need to continue to look at the progression that we have there."

Each of the remaining four Articles — which approved increases in salaries and benefits for the Secretaries, Paraprofessional, Maintenance Workers and Administrators associations for the next three fiscal years — passed by an overwhelming voice vote.





NH DHHS COVID-19 Update February 11, 2022

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

On Friday, February 11, 2022, DHHS announced 531 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, February 10. Those results included 403 people who tested positive by PCR test and 128 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 287 new cases from Monday, January 24 (21 by PCR and 266 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,434; an additional 168 new cases from Tuesday, January 25 (51 by PCR and 117 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,368; an additional 65 new cases from Wednesday, January 26 (22 by PCR and 43 by antigen test) for a new total of 2,084; an additional 14 new cases from Thursday, January 27 (10 by PCR and 4 by antigen test) for a new total of 2,074; an additional 19 new cases from Friday, January 28 (0 by PCR and 19 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,651; an additional 4 new cases from Monday, January 31 (0 by PCR and 4 by antigen test) for a new total of 502; an additional 5 new cases from Tuesday, February 1 (1 by PCR and 4 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,065; an additional 1 new case from Thursday, February 3 (0 by PCR and 1 by antigen test) for a new total of 1,183; an additional 4 new cases from Monday, February 7 (0 by PCR and 4 by antigen test) for a new total of 317; an additional 4 new cases from Tuesday, February 8 (2 by PCR and 2 by antigen test) for a new total of 791; and an additional 11 new cases from Wednesday, February 9 (9 by PCR and 2 by antigen test) for a new total of 758. Test results for previous days are still being pro-

cessed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There are now 5,343 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

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 were five hundred and four individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 52% being female and 48% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (204), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (149), Merrimack (119), Strafford (118), Grafton (87), Belknap (64), Cheshire (60), Sullivan (45), Carroll (28), and Coos (17) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (65) and Nashua (26). The county of residence is being determined for one hundred and thirty-one new cases.

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

- 1 female resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

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

There were currently 174 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 288,191 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

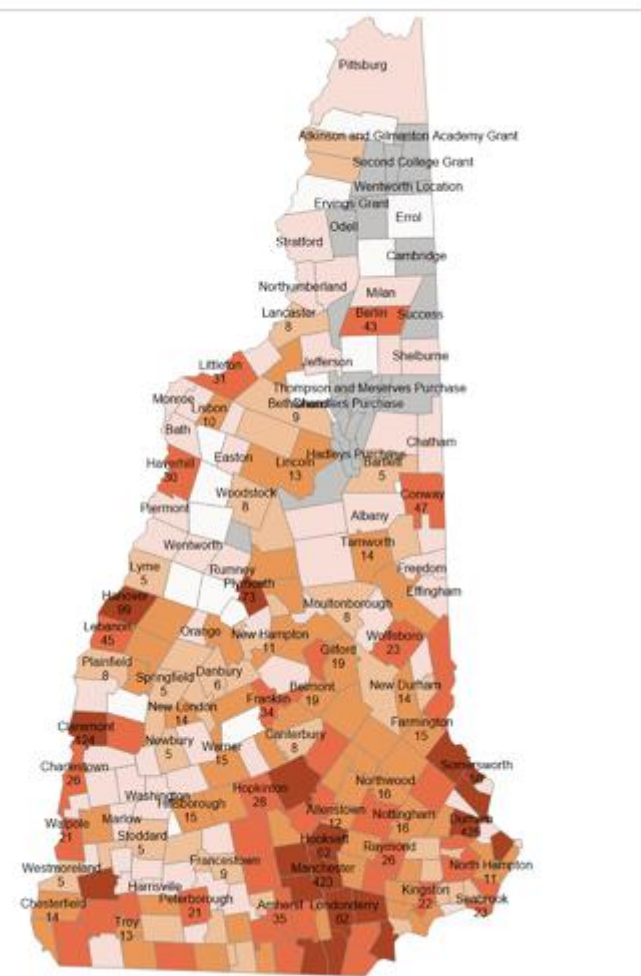
As of Friday, the 11th, there were 124 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 26 in Charlestown; 34 in Newport; 14 in Grantham; 8 in Sunapee; 8 in Plainfield; 5 in Springfield and 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 237 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County. This data does not include positive home testing results.

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.

Vaccine Information in NH

For vaccine information, please visit <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/vaccine-information>.



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taled more than \$12,500, while online donations for American Red Cross exceeded \$11,000 and World Central Kitchen donations totaled more than \$31,000. The Common Man family matched all donations.

Ray and fellow volunteers from New Hampshire delivered a trailer full of clothing and goods donated by Bridge House Ladders Thrift in Plymouth, NH. They also spent close to a week working at World Central Kitchen's large-scale food operations, feeding hundreds of tornado victims and first responders daily.

"I can't believe the amount of food and supplies that were coming in to the area to assist residents," said Ray. "At one point, there was a line of cars and trucks donating on one side of the lot we were in, and on the other side were vehicles of residents lined up to receive assistance. It was an incredible effort."

Ray said that contributors to the "Kindness for Kentucky" effort back in New Hampshire played an equally vital role. "Their donations make it possible for non-profits like American Red Cross and World Central Kitchen to mobilize and move quickly when disaster strikes."

"We are grateful for the ongoing support of The Common Man and their generous patrons. The recent tornadoes hit our southern states hard leaving behind devastating destruction and people in need of humanitarian aid for their most basic needs," said Red Cross Northern New England CEO, Stephanie Couturier.

"The Common Man stepped up, as they so often do, to raise \$27,336, combining donations from their patrons, and a company match. With their support, the Red Cross is now able to remain in those devastated areas providing comfort and aid to individuals and families as they recover," said Couturier.

"World Central Kitchen is a team of food first responders who know that a hot meal is so much more than a plate of food – it's hope, it's dignity, it's a sign that someone cares," said World Central Kitchen CEO Nate Mook. "We're grateful to count on Alex and The Common Man, not only in fundraising and monetary support, but for their eager belief in our mission and willingness to roll up their sleeves. They helped WCK serve more than 100K meals to the communities affected by the devastating tornadoes."

Celebrating more than 50 years of hospitality in New Hampshire, The Common Man was founded in 1971 by owner Alex Ray. The inde-



Common Man owner Alex Ray talking with a fellow volunteer at a World Central Kitchen site in Mayfield, KY (Courtesy photos).

pendent hospitality family is made up of 15 restaurants, two Inns, a Spa, Company Store, The Flying Monkey Movie House and Performance Center, The Barn on the Pemi wedding and event center and Common Man Roadside in Hooksett, Plymouth and Manchester. Locations include Common Man-named restaurants in Lincoln, Ashland, Concord, Claremont, Merrimack and Windham; Common Man Inn & Spa, Foster's Boiler Room, Italian Farmhouse, The Barn on the Pemi and The Flying Monkey in Plymouth; Common Man Inn & Restaurant in Claremont; Lakehouse Grille, Camp, Lago and Town Docks in Meredith; Route 104 Diner in New Hampton; Tilt'n Diner in Tilton; Airport Diner in Manchester; and the Co. Store in Ashland. For more information about The Common Man, visit thecomman.com.

Denise Castonguay of Rumney, NH (left) and Alex Ray of NH's Common Man family (right) volunteering at World Central Kitchen's massive food operations in Mayfield, KY to feed tornado victims and first responders.



Cardboard Sled Race Set for Feb. 19

CLAREMONT, NH—The annual Arrowhead Cardboard Sled Race will be held on Saturday, February 19. Instructions for making an entry are as follows:

Sled construction materials: CARDBOARD and TAPE ONLY.

Wax is permitted and suggested on the running surface. No tape is allowed on the running surface.

Decorating your sled with paint, pictures, flags, etc. is encouraged.



Costumes are allowed and are greatly encouraged.

Come up with a cool name for your sled.

Entry and Timeline Information

Sled categories are: Youth and Adult / Family / Business

Registration will be held in the main lobby between 10:30AM and 1:30PM

Judging of sleds (artistic, durability) will begin at 12PM

Entry fee is \$10 for single, \$15 for two and \$20 for team of 3 or more (max of 8)

Rules and release forms can also be found at the Arrowhead web site, www.arrowheadnh.com or at Arrowhead on weekends

Judging Criteria

Judging will begin at 12PM, the sleds will be judged in two categories: artistic and construction. The combined scores will be added for an overall score, costumes will be

considered towards the score.

There will also be awards for the fastest sleds from start to finish line (must make it in one piece), best overall sled and other categories.

Lots of prizes are planned so everyone is likely to win something, said organizers.

Also, a Mother / Son Tubing night will be

held on Friday the 18th from 6-9PM at Arrowhead.

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TPN will provide the new hire with comprehensive training. If you want to help make a difference in ending the cycle of violence, please apply to work as part of a team at TPN.

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Interested in transforming our communities by ending sexual and domestic abuse through prevention education? You can make a difference in promoting a culture of respect and nonviolence. **Turning Points Network** is looking for a dynamic individual who wants to be a leader in creating a safer Sullivan County region. The prevention educator provides guidance on ways that schools, faith-based institutions, businesses, community groups, and individuals can unite to take action to stop violence before it begins.

This full-time position will provide prevention and outreach interventions, with a focus on primary prevention through educational programs to community members, schools, and organizations. The overall objective of the prevention educator is to stimulate change.

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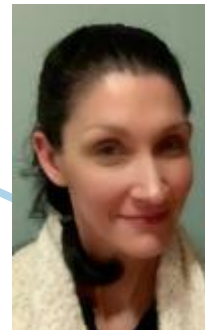


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Community Conversation with Candidates for Claremont School Board

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 Registration link: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4pj54l-cab&oeidk=a07ej1j1mnl44fedfaf>

The goals of the Local Candidate community conversation are to:

- Provide an opportunity for voters to identify and discuss their priorities;
- Gather input from Claremont residents and give candidates an opportunity to listen to voters.
- Create an opportunity for voters to hear from candidates.

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School District Candidates

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School District announced the following candidates for the upcoming school district election:

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 School Board: Penny Gallow, Bonnie Miles, Nicholas Stone

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Business News



Brett Smith presenting Make-a-Wish Vermont's portion of the \$15,000 raised. The remaining \$3,500 goes to Make-a-Wish New Hampshire. Left: James Hathaway, President & CEO of Make-a-Wish VT. Right: Brett Smith Make-a-wish VT Board chair and CEO of One Credit Union (Courtesy photo).

One Credit Union Raises \$15,000 for Make-a-Wish Vermont and New Hampshire

SHELBURNE, VT – Brett Smith, President and CEO of One Credit Union, recently presented the Credit Union's annual donation to James Hathaway, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish Vermont.

Through member donations and employee contributions, One Credit Union raised \$7,000 for Make-a-Wish in 2021. Traditionally, the Credit Union matches all contributions to Make-a-Wish. Given the difficulties of the last couple years, One CU decided to put a cherry on top, for a grand total of \$15,000 to Make-a-Wish.

Donations were raised during branch events, on the One CU website, and from employees through an optional payroll deduction program. "The giving happens all year in various ways and provides a great deal of support by the end of the year," said Smith.

These funds will go to grant wishes for critically ill kids in Vermont and New Hampshire. Wishes impact everyone involved – starting with wish kids, and spreading to parents, volunteers, donors, and our communities at large.

Smith knows this firsthand. "I am the uncle of a wish kid. Some 22 years ago, my then 14-year-old nephew was granted a wish when he was being treated for cancer. While it did not cure him, the impact was incredible on him and his family for the short period of time he had left."

Smith goes on to explain how special the relationship between One CU and Make-a-

Wish is. "The philosophy for credit unions is 'People Helping People.' Our role is to help our members through every financial aspect of their lives. This is especially true when 'Life' happens. A blown furnace, a car repair, or any other unforeseen financial road bump – we're here to help. Make-a-Wish is dear to us because they support our community members when they are suffering. When the worst of 'Life' is happening to them, Make-a-Wish is there to help. Together, we can make a difference."

Joseph L. Perras, MD, Appointed to AHA Committee on Rural Health Services as Chair-Elect

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center CEO and Chief Medical Officer Joseph L. Perras, MD, has been appointed to the American Hospital Association (AHA) Committee on Rural Health Services as chair-elect.

The Committee on Rural Health Services

plays a central role in advising the AHA on advocacy positions, public policy issues and rural member service strategies.

"I am honored to be appointed as chair-elect of this critical AHA committee," said Perras. "The committee is crucial to making sure that the unique needs of hospitals and providers in rural America are prioritized at the national level."

Dr. Perras will serve one year as chair-elect (as of January 1, 2022), one year as chair and one year as immediate past-chair.



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Consumer Alert: Attorney General and Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Warn About Fake Medicaid Check Scam

CONCORD, NH -- Attorney General John M. Formella and Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Lori Shibinette issued a Consumer alert warning about recent reports of scammers attempting to defraud consumers using fake checks purportedly issued by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS").

In each case, the scammers sent a physical check for "Medicaid payments" to the consumer by mail that listed the New Hampshire "DHHS – Bureau of Finance" as the payor. The checks listed the consumer as payee, and at least one check was claimed to be for \$3,300. One of the consumers received the check from a would-be buyer during a transaction through the online marketplace Craigslist. The would-be buyer (the scammer) e-mailed the consumer instructing him to deposit the funds into the consumer's bank account and to wait for additional details "to remit certain funds from the check" back to the would-be buyer.

This is commonly known as a "fake check scam." The fake check scam involves scammers, often in transactions through online marketplaces such as Craigslist, sending fake checks to the consumer valued in excess of the amount agreed upon for the transaction. The scammer instructs the consumer to deposit the check and then to send funds back to the scammer for the difference. Believing that the check will clear, consumers send the money along with any property sold to the scammer. However, because the check is fake, it does not clear, and the consumer has lost both the money and the property.

Shibinette instructs consumers that:

- NH Medicaid does not send payment checks to individuals who are not enrolled in NH Medicaid;
- Only providers enrolled in NH Medicaid receive NH Medicaid payment for covered services provided to NH Medicaid beneficiaries; and
- Reimbursement of NH Medicaid beneficiaries for covered services is not issued by NH Medicaid.

Formella and Shibinette warn consumers of the following signs of a fake check scam:

- The buyer offers to pay only by check (often by "certified check") and refuses to use any secure online payment method;

- The buyer sends a check from a source you are unfamiliar with, such as a State governmental agency or a business;
- The check is valued at more than the agreed upon purchase price and the buyer requests

- immediate remittance of the difference;
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House to Consider Housing Choice Voucher Bill

By Charlene Lovett

How many of us have experienced financial hardship due to circumstances beyond our control? Job markets, education and experience levels, family dynamics, and health all impact our earning ability. When that ability is outpaced by the cost of basic needs, such as housing, we may find ourselves needing assistance. In such circumstances, housing choice vouchers may be a viable option, but only if landlords are willing to accept them. In a housing market in which the rental vacancy rate is near

zero and rents are escalating, House Bill (HB) 1291 hopes to level the playing field, giving voucher holders a fair chance to find a place to live.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is designed to assist very low-income households, a majority of whom are elderly and disabled, find affordable housing at privately owned properties. A very low-income household is defined as 50% or less of area median family income (AMFI), adjusted to reflect

the number of people in a household. For example, in Sullivan County, the AMFI is \$77,500. Fifty percent of AMFI for a one-person household is \$29,900, increasing to \$38,400 for a three-person household.

In addition to income level criteria, individuals must meet other HUD eligibility requirements such as citizenship or immigration status, and not have been engaged in various criminal activities for a significant period of time. Those who are issued vouchers pay a portion of their income toward their rent and utilities and NH Housing pays the remainder to the landlords. Landlords accepting vouchers must ensure that the rental units offered pass the HUD inspection guidelines.

Here's the problem. According to the Poverty and Race Research Action Council, New Hampshire (NH) is the only state in New England that doesn't ban discrimination based on a person's source of income. So, if you have a voucher, some landlords in NH will not allow you to even apply for a rental unit. This makes finding affordable housing even more challenging for those with vouchers, 79% of whom are elderly and disabled.

This is particularly discouraging for those who have waited years to obtain a voucher. If the holder can't find housing within 60-120 days, the vouchers expire. According to a recent survey conducted by New Hampshire Legal Assistance, almost 20% of the vouchers is-

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Moving Forward

There is no doubt that we can do better as a community to help provide the youth of Claremont with a much higher quality level of education. Having recently graduated allows me to have a fresh perspective on what is going on inside our schools. There is a long way to go, but I would like the opportunity to help build upon some of the success that we have had in the last few months. I have a very fresh outlook on what goes on in the school from a student perspective. Being as young as I am, I believe that I can help give new and more diverse ideas on the issues that are going on in our schools. I feel we as a community owe it to our children to help give them the best quality of education so they can have more knowledge and a stronger education when they go out into the world.

About Me

- Lifelong Claremont Resident
- Stevens High School Graduate 2018
- Plymouth State University Graduate 2021 BS Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
- Current School Board Member
- General Manager of a Local Business

Questions? Comments? Please feel free to reach out to me on my personal email Nicholasstone843@gmail.com

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sued in 2021 by the larger housing authorities and the NH Housing statewide program expired before the holder could find a place to rent.

HB1291 proposes to remove the possibility of income discrimination and give voucher holders fair consideration. It does not mean that landlords must rent to them. Voucher holders are still required to undergo the same screening process as every other applicant.

The passage of such a bill is only a partial solution to giving very low-income residents an opportunity to access affordable housing. The reality is that we need to build more affordable housing to meet the demand that exists. This will take time, and in such a limited market it is vital that the law prevents discrimination against voucher holders.

The House Judiciary Committee recently voted HB1291 Inexpedient to Legislate 11-10 along party lines. It will now go the full NH House of Representatives for a vote. Please consider contacting your House Representative and

ask them to vote for HB1291 to end the discrimination against voucher holders. After all, shouldn't potential tenants be evaluated based on their merit and not their income level?

Charlene Lovett is a member of the Board

of Commissioners for the Claremont Housing Authority, and a former mayor and NH House Representative. For further information, please contact her at charlene Lovett2022@gmail.com.



Ukrainian Art Exhibit at the Fiske Free Library

The Fiske Free Library in Claremont is hosting a very timely exhibit of artwork created by Ukrainian children ages 5 to 16. "Home, Family, Motherland" is a touring collection of artwork on loan from the Kharkiv Regional Library for Children and sponsored by the Fermata Arts Foundation. The 87 pieces on display at the library were created as part of an art competition and include portraits and scenes of everyday life in Ukraine. While the works depict the joys and comfort of home and family, they are displayed behind netting which symbolizes invisible prison bars. The artwork will be on display in the Children's Room of the Fiske Free Library through the end of February (Eric Zengota photos).

How Can Gig Workers Fill the Benefits Gap?

Are you a “gig” worker? If so, you’ve got a lot of company – by some estimates, more than a third of U.S. workers participate in the gig economy as freelancers, independent contractors or moonlighters. And while gig work offers some attractive features, such as flexibility in setting your hours and no real limits on your income potential, it also comes with challenges. Specifically, you may miss out on the array of benefits available to full-time employees of many organizations. How can you fill this benefits gap?

Let’s look at some of the standard employer-offered benefits and ways you can acquire them on your own:

- **Retirement plan** – When you work as an employee, you may have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan. These types of plans allow you to save for retirement in a tax-advantaged way. As a gig worker, you may be able to get these same benefits through your own retirement plan. You can always contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA, but you can invest much more in other types of plans, such as a SEP IRA, a SIMPLE IRA and possibly even a “solo” 401(k). A financial professional can recommend the plan that’s suitable for your situation.
- **Life and disability insurance** – Many employers offer life insurance as an employee benefit, and while this coverage may not be sufficient, depending on one’s family situation, it’s at least something. But as a gig worker, you’ll need to get your own life insurance, which is essential if you have anyone depending on you for financial support. You may also want to look for disability insurance to replace part of your income should you ever become temporarily unable to work due to illness or injury. It’s worth noting that some organizations for freelancers and self-employed individuals offer access to life and disability insurance, so you might want to do some research online to check out these groups.
- **Health insurance** – As you know, health insurance is always a pretty big issue for just about everyone, regardless of their work status. Of course, many mid- to-large-size employers offer health insurance to their employees, but as a gig worker, you’ll need to find your own, unless you’re covered by your spouse’s plan. In looking for health insurance, you may want to contact a “navigator,” the position created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to help individuals find coverage. You can find someone in your area by going to healthcare.gov and following the prompts. Depending on your income, you may be able to receive subsidies through the ACA.
- **Paid time off and unemployment insurance** – Many full-time employees are given paid time off for sick leave and vacation. They may also receive unemployment insurance if they lose their job. Since most gig workers won’t have access to these benefits, it’s important to have an emergency fund available for unexpected (or even expected) income dips. Ideally, you’d want three to six months’ worth of living expenses in your emergency fund, but even a few hundred dollars can help create a lot more security to cover life’s unexpected events.

Full-time employees receive something of great value in their benefits packages. As a gig worker, you’ll have to take the initiative to close this benefits gap – but the opportunities are there, so do what you can to find them. It will be worth the effort.

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Students at 3 Sullivan County High Schools Amplify Their Voices to End Teen Dating Violence

CLAREMONT, NH—Stevens High School, Newport Middle High School, and Sunapee Middle High School students are taking part in the 2022 Granite State Respect Week, sponsored locally by Sullivan County's Turning Points Network and statewide by the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. These schools represent three of the 26 schools statewide that have committed to the event aimed at ending teen dating violence.

GSRW runs February 14-18 to highlight information about healthy and unhealthy relationships. This year's theme is "It's Time to Talk about Sexual Assault and Teen Dating Violence." Created in a format like the well-known Spirit Week, each day of the week has a different focus with student leaders bringing activities and conversations to schools. Cassidy Kelly, a former Stevens High School student and Respect Week participant who is now an AmeriCorps member of Turning Point Network's staff, calls attention to the importance of student involvement in such events. "Granite State Respect Week is important to me as a survivor of teen dating violence and sexual violence. Respect Week draws attention and awareness to these problems that students are experiencing every day and Turning Points Network educators do a great job of teaching students and staff about healthy and unhealthy relationships. It is important to prevent harassment and assaults from happening and GSRW is a tool to make this a reality."

During the week, students learn about the "relationship spectrum" which helps them distinguish between healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships. Topics include different ways bystanders can stand up and speak out against language and actions that are unhealthy. Using interactive activities such as creating a "Respect Wall," students are able to write kind words on a post-it note for anyone who may need kindness that day or may have experienced dating violence or sexual assault. The GSRW Toolkit encourages students to "Take some time to read notes from [their] peers." If a student finds a note that is helpful to them, the student can take it off the wall and carry it with them as a reminder. This year, Newport's student leadership group, Life of a Tiger, will be leading their week's activities, with support from their advisor Kaitlynn Porter.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 1 in 9 female high school students and 1 in 36 male high school students reported experiencing sexual dating violence in the last year. And of the teens who were in violent relationships, only 33% ever told anyone about the abuse. "Throughout this week, we hope young people will feel empowered to speak out against teen dating violence, and promote healthy relationships built on a foundation of respect and trust," said Emily Provencher, GSRW organizer at the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

GSRW gives teens the tools to talk with each other, learn about resources for support and build a school community that supports those affected by teen dating violence and sexual assault. "We all have a role to play in ending teen dating violence and promoting healthy relationships. That's why this year's theme 'It's time to start talking' is so important—these topics have often been hidden, even though they affect so many," said Kerry Rochford Hague, Senior Prevention Educator at TPN. "Youth leaders are so important in helping to bring this education to the school; their voices carry the messages further."

Those interested in find-

ing out more information on Sullivan County's Granite State Respect Week, or about prevention education programs in our county, can contact Kerry Rochford Hague by email at kerry@turningpointsnetwork.org or by phone at 603-543-0155.

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Claremont NH

The public is hereby notified that the Zoning Board will be holding a public hearing at this meeting to consider the following applications:

A. (ZO 2022-00001) 209 Broad St Claremont LLC, 203 Broad St – Application for a variance from Sec 22-387 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to (1) use the rear half of the existing building as a contractor’s shop, (2) use the rear parking lot as a contractor’s storage yard for a business controlled by applicant (d/b/a Evergreen Property Services), and (3) to allow parking/storage of vehicles and trailers associated with another business controlled by applicant (d/b/a CMThompson Diversified Contracting Specialists) at **209 Broad Street**. Tax Map 132, Lot 38. Zoning District: PR

Interested persons may review the applications at the Planning and Development Department at 14 North Street during normal business hours.

Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Zoning Board of Adjustment at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email to cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd, Chair

**PUBLIC NOTICE
For a meeting of the
Claremont Development Authority
Full Board**

To be held on Thursday, February 24th 2022, at 7:30am at the Visitor Center, 14 North Street, Claremont, NH.

**March Basic R.A.D.
Course Offering**

LEBANON, NH—The Lebanon Police Department is offering Basic R.A.D. class-

es in March.

The course, Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Basic, is the largest women’s self-defense program in the country. It offers no-nonsense, practical techniques that women of all ages and abilities can participate in. The course is designed to give the participants

realistic and dynamic hands-on training.

If you would like to participate in the March session, or would like further information, please contact Carli Maruca at Carli.Maruca@lebanonnh.gov or 603-448-8800 or visit <https://goo.gl/bpgh52>. Dates are Feb. 28 and March 1, 4, 5.



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‘Face Off for Children’

Claremont Firefighter to Skate in His 9th CHaD Hockey Game

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Michael Snide has been involved with the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock for the past 10 years, skating as forward/center in the annual Battle of the Badges Hockey Championship. “But this will be only my ninth game. The 2021 game was cancelled because of COVID.”

Snide and the rest of Team Fire — and of course, every member of Team Police — are doubling their energy to raise funds in the lead-up to the 2022 game, which will be played on March 13. Proceeds are used to help CHaD kids with critical services such as support when they are in pediatric intensive care and management of chronic illnesses, as well as patient and family support services that are so important to the well-being of kids and their futures.

“No question but that I’ll play for the kids as many years as I can,” said Snide. “The players are given a tour of CHaD. All you have to see is everything the doctors and nurses are doing for the kids and their families, and there’s no way not to do all you can to support them.”

Each player is matched as a “buddy” with one or two children, who are known as CHaD Ambassadors. This year, Snide is buddy to Hunter, 3, and Hannah, 6. They visited the Claremont fire station last week for a tour and a chance to climb into the department’s engine trucks.

Hunter lives in Lempster. His mom, Daynia, said that he was born at 36 weeks with a hole in his heart. “He needed oxygen, and started his life in CHaD’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. He’s had multiple surgeries, and is still followed for aortic heart stenosis, a heart murmur and asthma. CHaD is an amazing hospital that puts families first. We don’t know what we’d do without them.”

Hannah’s mom, Megan, said her daughter was born at 30 weeks and spent two months in



CHaD Ambassadors Hunter and Hannah were excited to visit the Claremont fire station, and thrilled to try on the jerseys of their buddy, firefighter Mike Snide (Eric Zengota photos).

the Intensive Care Nursery. Hannah, who lives in Windsor, is an active kindergartner. She’s taking riding lessons and was on last fall’s mini-cheerleading team that cheered at the Mini Cardinals football games and marched in Claremont’s Fire Prevention Parade. “CHaD is amazing,” says Megan. “I don’t have enough good words to say about them. Hannah is here because of them.”

Snide has been fundraising for months, relying on e-blasts and social media. Each team member has to raise a minimum of \$1,500 to be able to play. He’s set a personal goal of \$10,000. “Family, friends and guys here at the station have gotten me started,” he said. “I’m also reaching out to businesses and organizations, who in the past have always been very generous.” Generous indeed — in all his years playing, Snide has raised \$76,000.

CHaD hasn’t yet decided if the game will be open to spectators, as games before 2020

were. In-person game day streaming details are still being finalized, based on the latest COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

“We hope people can attend. There’s such an exciting atmosphere when the kids and families are in the arena, cheering us on,” said Snide. “But of course CHaD is being super-cautious. Many of the kids are immunocompromised, and everyone’s health and safety is the determining factor.”

The game will, however, be available to stream online on March 13 at 1pm.

Contribute directly to Snide’s fundraising efforts at https://getinvolved.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/site/TR/CHaD/CHaDHockey?px=1022723&pg=personal&fr_id=1810.

Learn more about CHaD Hockey — and get updates on in-person game details — at chad-hockey.org.

Sports/Recreation

Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Boys Ice Hockey

12/15/21	at John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering	W 3 - 2
12/30/21	Berlin-Gorham	L 1 - 4
01/06/22	at Mon-Fall Mountain	W 5 - 0
01/08/22	Belmont-Gilford	W 5 - 2
01/10/22	John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering	W 4 - 2
01/12/22	Hollis Brookline-Derryfield	W 7 - 3
01/22/22	at Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes	W 4 - 1
01/30/22	at Berlin-Gorham	L 0 - 3
02/02/22	Mon-Fall Mountain	W 7 - 1
02/09/22	at Kearsarge-Plymouth	T 2 - 2
02/10/22	at Kennett	L 2 - 4
02/12/22	Pembroke-Campbell	W 3 - 2
02/16/22	Kearsarge-Plymouth	07:10 PM
02/18/22	Sanborn-Epping	08:30 PM
02/19/22	at Hollis Brookline-Derryfield	04:20 PM
02/23/22	ConVal-Conant	07:30 PM
02/26/22	at Pembroke-Campbell	07:30 PM



Following the Division 3 Spirit State Tournament, Jenn Ferland will be stepping down as head coach of the Stevens High School Spirit Squad, a position she has held for 25 years. On Saturday, SHS, family and friends paid tribute to this popular coach (Courtesy photo).

Lebanon-Stevens- Kearsarge Girls Ice Hockey

12/21/21	at St. Thomas-WNC-DOV	W 4 - 1
12/29/21	Bishop Brady-Trinity	W 4 - 1
01/08/22	at ConVal-Conant	W 9 - 0
01/21/22	Hanover	L 0 - 5
01/24/22	at Bishop Guertin	L 1 - 7
01/26/22	at Hanover	L 0 - 5
02/01/22	Concord	L 0 - 8
02/05/22	Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain	W 2 - 1
02/07/22	at Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	W 1 - 0
02/09/22	at Kingswood	W 3 - 0
02/11/22	at Man. Central-Memorial	W 7 - 1
02/14/22	Berlin-Gorham-Kennett	04:40 PM
02/16/22	Exeter	05:10 PM
02/18/22	Bedford	06:20 PM
02/19/22	Oyster River-Portsmouth	07:30 PM
02/23/22	Souhegan	05:30 PM
02/26/22	at Pinkerton	06:00 PM

SHS Boys Basketball

12/14/21	Fall Mountain	W 58 - 25
12/17/21	at Gilford	L 36 - 63
12/20/21	Winnisquam	W 45 - 39
01/03/22	Belmont	W 41 - 32
01/05/22	at Hillsboro-Deering	W 57 - 29
01/10/22	Hopkinton	L 36 - 47
01/11/22	Mascenic	W 40 - 26
01/14/22	at Campbell	W 48 - 47
01/18/22	at Kearsarge	L 20 - 71
01/21/22	at Newport	W 76 - 33
01/25/22	at Conant	L 35 - 46
02/07/22	Newfound	L 46 - 49
02/08/22	at Fall Mountain	W 63 - 43
02/09/22	at Inter-Lakes	L 50 - 60
02/10/22	Newport	W 78 - 40
02/11/22	Monadnock	L 38 - 52

SHS Girls Basketball

12/10/21	Inter-Lakes	W 64 - 7
12/14/21	Fall Mountain	L 35 - 47
12/20/21	at Winnisquam	W 47 - 14
01/03/22	at Belmont	W 73 - 35
01/05/22	Gilford	W 64 - 38
01/10/22	at Hopkinton	W 42 - 35
01/12/22	Campbell	W 61 - 24
01/19/22	Kearsarge	W 48 - 40
01/25/22	Conant	L 30 - 59
01/26/22	at Mascenic	W 60 - 31
01/28/22	at Newport	W 44 - 26
02/03/22	Newport	W 48 - 23
02/05/22	at Kearsarge	W 51 - 42
02/07/22	at Newfound	L 33 - 45
02/08/22	Hillsboro-Deering	W 48 - 12
02/11/22	at Monadnock	L 41 - 48



Judy and Tony diPadova hold up jerseys awarded to the first place male and first place female on Sunday at the Crown Point Pigskin 5K Road Race. Bacon from North Country Smoke House was also awarded to the top 3 in each age category, and multiple raffle prizes were donated by local businesses.

Sunday's sub-freezing temperatures didn't stop 77 racers from finishing the Crown Point Pigskin 5K, held by the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department. The annual event, which was inaugurated in 2011 by Tony and Judy diPadova, and organized by them every year since (except for 2021 when COVID concerns cancelled the event), is an official race for which runners can earn points to qualify them for further races and marathons. The course started and ended at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center on South Street.

Greg Morano of West Lebanon finished first for the men with a time of 18:47, while Alyssa Anderson, Claremont, took top honors for the women at 19:12.

To see the full list of runners and results, visit pinnacletiming.us.



Photos by Eric Zengota



Sister and brother, Makaela, 7, and Holden, 4, DeCoteau braved the cold and scored some footballs following their race!



Inspiration

A Valentine Forever!

By Priscilla Hull

Happy Valentine's Day. Who was this St. Valentine anyway? There are an interesting number of rumors and facts about Valentine, including that there are several records of men and one woman (Valentina) who have been honored in the past. One, known as St. Valentine of Rome, was known for helping Christian couples wed. I don't know how this would make him a saint, but it did make him famous at the time. So I'll go with him. Who and what his position and background is of less importance than his legacy. Who wouldn't want a day of roses and chocolate to be their legacy! We love flowers, we love candy, so let's move ahead.

I've always enjoyed Valentine's Day! When I was a little girl, we delighted in finding just the right Valentine for each friend. At that time for little girls Valentine paper dolls were in vogue. There were Valentine cards that were actually paper dolls with a couple of extra dresses. We added the to the vast collections of paper dolls in our home. We'd play with them until they wore out and we loved each one.

It is my thought that, like Christmas, St. Valentine's Day should last all year long. We need the roses, hearts, chocolate that are exchanged on Valentine's Day to last all year round. We need not just those symbols, but all the meaning behind them. Love includes but is not limited to such things as kindness, generosity, tolerance, friendship.

In the past few years, we have learned to say, "I love you" not only to our spouse and family, but to others whom we work with, in church, or any who have helped us on the way of our lives.

Now, more than ever, we need to find love. We need to make our world a better place for our children and our grandchildren and for generations to come. We need to make it kind. We need to make our world a place where we are safe at any time and in any place. I've told the story before of one of my trips to New York City. Twice on my way by subway, from Penn Station to the East Village, people took my suitcase up the stairs for me. That's what I mean by kind. I'll never see those people again, but I can love them forever. I think that somehow they loved me! They saw an older lady huffing up the stairs and they performed an act of love! They helped her up a flight of stairs and then disappeared into the crowd. They were kind. Was I frightened that they'd take off with my suitcases? Not at all. Maybe I'm foolish, but it worked. I walked with a lighter step! It was good.

We need to find love through generosity. There are different acts of generosity. I suppose we could call those two people generous of spirit. Generosity doesn't always mean money! We can be generous of spirit. We can be generous with time, we can be generous with Love! Hooray! Generosity covers a great scope of actions, sometimes even as simple as thanking a store clerk, or the hospital attendant, or a veteran for the service they all have given. It's not always a big service but the world is built on generosity, which, incidentally, often is just kindness.

Tolerance is another part of love, and sometimes tolerance is difficult. It means that, while I may not agree with you, I will accept you because, after all, we're all in this game of life together and forever. It is so much easier to live together when we bear true to our neighbor's differences. It doesn't mean that I agree with everything, but it does mean that I can recognize your right to live life differently from me.

Add these three things, and more, together and we have a friendship. It should be a friendship based on more than just common points of interest, although common points of interest are important. When we include kindness, generosity and tolerance in our search for love, we're on our way to make Valentine's Day a whole lot more than red roses and a fancy box of chocolates. We make every day a day to love/a day of love. When we make love a part of every day, we make love the most important thing in our world. We can disagree, but when we have love as a priority the disagreements don't become anger and hatred.

As the old song says, "What the world needs now, is love sweet love, it's the only thing that there's just too little of." (Bert Bacharach and Jackie DeShannon).

Let us remember how easy love is and how it makes us feel when we love! It's healthy. It's good. Keep the Valentines coming year round!

"Now remain these three things, faith, hope and love. The greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13

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



Calendar Of Events

Art Exhibit: Selections 2022

February 18-March 30, 2022

Gallery Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Library Arts Center Gallery

58 N. Main St.

Newport, NH 03773

Price: Free

SELECTIONS EXHIBIT 2022

Winners of the Juried Regional

On Exhibit: Feb. 18 - Mar. 30

The Library Arts Center is pleased to kick off our first show of 2022, featuring the work of seven artists selected by jurors from the Juried Regional Exhibit to exhibit a larger body of works in the gallery in this annual favorite group show. Featured artists: Rebecca Fullerton, Betsy Holmes, Aaron Kane, Susanne Larkham, Gillian Martlew, Mary Jane Morse and Alan Shulman. **Note: Due to the ongoing pandemic, there will be no scheduled opening reception for this exhibition.

Drop-in Open Studio Art Group

Wednesday Mornings (ongoing)

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Library Arts Center Studio (lower level)

58 N. Main St.

Newport, NH 03773

Price: \$8 for LAC Members / \$12 non-members

Join this group of artists in the Arts Center's weekly drop-in Open Studio! This program has been running consistently for over 10 years in the studio, and facilitator Heidi Lorenz has cultivated a warm and welcoming community of artists of all styles and abilities, where sharing is encouraged, and the coffee is always on. Bring your own art supplies and work on your current projects alongside a delightful and supportive group of artists. Facilitator Heidi Lorenz will paint alongside all, but is available for light guidance and instruction, if desired. Drop-ins are always welcome.

**Please note that class is occasionally canceled due to inclement weather or other cir-

cumstances. Check libraryartscenter.org for any status updates before attending the group for the first time.

Rebecca Rule to present for Tapestry Tuesdays, Feb. 15th – 5:30 pm at the New London Inn, New London, NH

Join The Center for the Arts and author/speaker Rebecca Rule for the evening, as she speaks to us of community, in her NH Humanities Council talk "That Reminds Me of a Story." Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. She'll tell some of those stories – her favorites are the funny ones - and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own.

Rebecca Rule gathers and tells stories of New England, mostly New Hampshire. She is the author of a dozen books. Her latest is That Reminds Me of a Funny Story. Her other titles include Headin' for the Rhubarb: a NH Dictionary (well kinda) and Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire, as well as the children's books, The Iciest Diciest Scariest Sled Ride Ever and N is for NH. For ten years she hosted "The New Hampshire Authors Series" on NHPBS. She currently hosts "Our Hometown" also on NHPBS.

The Center for the Arts, Lake Sunapee Region Tapestry Tuesdays is in its inaugural year and February is the second offering. On the third Tuesday of every month, they will share a variety of events ranging from lectures to poetry readings, to workshops under the title Tapestry Tuesdays. The events will be held at the New London Inn from January through October and the Inn will be providing a special menu for purchase. Most Tapestry Tuesdays are free events; please check the website to be sure.

Please note due to Covid-19 masks are required. Please check our website for updated information: www.centerfortheartsnh.org

16th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run

CLAREMONT, NH—Turning Points Network is gearing up for their 16th Annual Steppin' Up to

End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run to be held on April 30. For the last 15 years, Sullivan County communities have come together in a public show of solidarity both virtually and in-person for Turning Points Network's vital services. Funds raised from the event through community participation directly support the agency's mission to end domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking. TPN is pleased to announce that it is planning for another successful year, this time in-person, with Claremont Savings Bank serving as the honorary chair.

Those interested in fundraising, starting a team, or joining a team are encouraged to visit the Steppin' Up webpage at <https://www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up>. For more information, contact Pascale N. Graham, Assistant Director, Turning Points Network at pascale@turningpointsnetwork.org or by phone at 603-543-0155.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is back Every Thursday, doors open at 4:00 pm and games starts at 6:00 pm.

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road in Claremont, NH.

Lots of pull tickets for chances to win more money. 50/50 raffle and lots more.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118. Open to those 18 and older.

Big Money Bingo

Every Sunday, Doors open at 11:00 and games start at 1:00pm.

Check out our new hall at 183 Plains Road, Claremont, NH.

Pay out depends on the number of people who show up. Lots of pull tickets for chance to win more money.

Lots of raffles including a big raffle of cash and scratch tickets.

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-543-7118. Open to those 18 and older.

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the

community. The “Newly Bereaved Widows Group” is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The “Widow to Widow Group” is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a “Bereavement Check-in” group is available for men and women experiencing a loss of any kind on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed.

If interested, email your contact information to Elizabeth Gantner at egantner@lake-sunapeevna.org and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. 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. The Governor’s emergency order concerning COVID has expired.

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you’re sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we’ll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you

have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product.

The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover’s Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

Updates to our schedule and the weekly carry over coverall game can be found on our Facebook page.

Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center Board has voted to open the center but masks are required if non-vaccinated. Lunches will continue as drive-thru for now. We have many activities. There are sign-up sheets at the reception desk and the calendar in the lobby. Activities can be done anytime, including pool, knitting, hand and foot, mahjong, corn hole, and quilting. Socializing is always an option. We are open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. As many of us do not like having to drive in the dark, a new game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

We are still holding our Drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday, Feb. 15th – Soup, BLT, chips, dessert. Thursday, Feb. 17th – Birthday Dinner, Chicken legs, roasted potatoes, vegetable, dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Drive-thru

pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change.

Foot Clinic - Our foot clinics for February will be held on February 16 and 23. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

We are holding an Old Fashioned Ham Dinner on Saturday, February 19th (snow date Feb 20, same time). The meal includes baked ham with raisin sauce, homemade baked beans, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert. Call 603-543-5998 to reserve your meal before 4 pm. Price is \$10 per meal. Drive thru pickup is between 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm.

AARP will be doing taxes at the center on Fridays beginning February 4th thru April 8th. Please call 802-345-5415 to make an appointment. DO NOT CALL THE CENTER FOR APPOINTMENTS.

Blood Drive – There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at the center on March 28th. You must make an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS. During our last blood drive we

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collected 32 units (76 lives saved). Thank you to all who can and do donate.

Men's Breakfast – Our next men's breakfast will be on February 21st. Doors open at 8 am and serving starts at 8:15. Open to the public. MEN ONLY. Members \$2.00 and non-members \$3.00.

We are still searching for a Kitchen Manager. If anyone is interested in this volunteer, no pay job, please come and talk to us.

Have you seen our 1st Annual Claremont Senior Center Car Show Calendar for 2022? We have a few left. It features winners of this year's 2021 car show with each month featuring a picture of a different class winning vehicle. Only \$6 when picked up at the center, add \$6 shipping and handling for each calendar if we mail to you. We also have some Car Show T-shirts available.

“Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value.”

—Albert Einstein

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH. Phone: 603-543-5998.

Active Hope Book Discussion Series, Cornish and Plainfield Libraries 6:30PM

New book club at the Cornish and Plainfield Libraries: Active Hope is a short, four session book discussion series for winter hosted by Cindy Heath and Martha Zoerhide. Titles chosen are about the environment and the hopeful things that are happening to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

Discussion dates and titles:
(all meetings at 6:30PM)

February 24: *Islands of Abandonment* by Cal Flynn

March 17: *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things* by Michael Braungart and William McDonough

April 7: *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall

Email stowelllibrary@comcast.net or mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org for more information and the link to the Zoom discussion.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 Plainfield Community Power Public Meeting

At Town Meeting on March 12, the residents of Plainfield will be voting to adopt the Plainfield Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan in order to allow the town of Plainfield to participate with over 18 other cities, towns and counties in New Hampshire in a coalition to

buy electricity at a lower cost than most utilities charge their customers.

The town of Plainfield is already a member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) and we have been working with CPCNH to draft our town's Electric Aggregation Plan, which will guide the implementation of Plainfield Community Power. The next step in this process is for the residents of Plainfield to adopt this plan to allow Plainfield to continue to pursue the option of buying cheaper and greener electricity to provide to residents that want it.

Plainfield Community Power will be self-funded from the members who elect to buy electricity from PCP and will not place any tax burden on the town. Adopting the plan does not commit Plainfield to implement Plainfield Community Power; it simply allows us to continue to work with CPCNH and pursue the next steps toward implementation.

Learn more about this exciting opportunity on the Plainfield Energy Committee website—<https://www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/index.html> so that all residents of Plainfield can choose to have another source for buying electricity.

The next public meeting to discuss this plan will be on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 pm. You can participate in person at the Meriden Town Hall or by zoom using the following link: <https://www.plainfieldnh.org/energy/index.html>.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 PUZZLE SWAP AT CORNISH STORE 10:30am-NOON

Please come by to swap your used jigsaw puzzles. Kid puzzles are needed, too. Please tape the boxes shut to avoid losing pieces.

The Magic of Maple at Billings Farm & Museum Daily through Feb. 27

WOODSTOCK, VT—Ever wonder how the sweet, sticky syrup on your breakfast pancakes was made? Learn all about maple sugaring in Vermont during the Magic of Maple, daily through Feb. 27, 10am – 4pm at Billings Farm & Museum.

Vermont's rich maple history will be on display, through photographs from the Billings Farm collection and a showcase of tools used for tapping, sugaring and processing. Guests will learn about maple trees and why they produce their sweet sap.

Several special programs will take place dur-

ing the Magic of Maple. For full details, visit billingsfarm.org.

Spring Plant Sale Order Deadline is March 2, 2022.

The Sullivan County Conservation District plant sale is held every spring and features a variety of quality plants at good prices - shade trees, fruit trees, berry bushes, wildlife plants, and flowering plants. This is an annual fundraiser that supports local conservation activities throughout the year, including public workshops, school education programs, and projects. All of the plants offered are hardy, healthy, and adapted to our growing conditions.

Plant ordering and payments are online this year. You can pay with credit cards or mail in a check.

Online store is open now; visit <https://www.sccdnh.org/spring-plant-sale>.

We do have some paper copies of the catalog and order form and will send them to those who need them. Otherwise, please order online. You can still mail in a check for payment even when you order online. Contact Dawn with any questions. 603.504.1004. ddex-traze@sullivancountynh.gov.

Most of the plants are bare root and transplants. Transplants are seedlings that have been moved from their original seedbed to a new bed or pot. They are larger than seedling plants and have established root systems. We are offering potted plants and some plugs this year, too.

There are no refunds for orders that are not picked up. The District isn't responsible for stock once it is removed from the pick up point and reserves the right to refund money for plants that become unavailable. Any honored claims will be through replacement stock to be supplied as soon as possible, dependent on availability. We have limited inventory and once the inventory is sold, we will not be ordering more.

When choosing plants, always consider your site conditions. Plants differ in their requirements for soil type, drainage, available sunlight, growing space and soil pH. For example, apple trees need a sweet soil (high pH), but blueberries require the opposite (an acid soil with low pH).

If you don't find what you are looking for through our plant sale, let us know. We are usually able to direct you to a supplier or another plant sale.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in "real time," as they are released by funeral homes.

We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

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Donna R. McNeil, 63

Donna Rae McNeil, 63, of Claremont, NH, passed away on Wednesday February 9, 2022. Just as she wanted, she was at her home surrounded by her beloved family. Donna was born in Claremont, NH, on August 25, 1958, to Raymond O. Tewksbury and Shirley A. Tewksbury (Clay). Upon graduation from Stevens High school in 1976 she started her family, having three children with her first husband Timothy Cross. She met the love of her life, Michael McNeil, in February of 1982. They married in November of that year and would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year.

Donna started her career working in the restaurant industry, eventually working her way up to managing multiple Claremont restaurants, including The Pleasant, Joey's, and The Junction. She continued her career in operations management, ultimately retiring from Corning in 2016.

Donna had multiple interests. She enjoyed golfing with her husband Michael, belonging to both the Windsor and Claremont Country Clubs. They were also active members at the Claremont Elks for many years. As an avid reader she greatly enjoyed romance novels, especially those by her favorite author, Danielle Steele. Donna

greatly enjoyed music, dancing, bowling, horseshoes, board games and winning at poker. She was a born nurturer, and it was reflective in the vast flower gardens surrounding their Claremont home where she enjoyed entertaining and relaxing by the swimming pool.

A selfless woman, Donna was always caring for and thinking of others. She loved taking care of her family and her door was always open. She enjoyed gatherings of friends and family where her contagious smile and taco salad were always a hit. Donna's real passion was her love for Michael and the family they built.

She is survived by her husband, Michael McNeil, her son Tony Cross and his wife Dana of Maui, HI; her son Drew Cross and his wife Katy Raynor of Lee; her daughter Sara Garland and her husband Eric of Somersworth. Also, her grandchildren, Andraia, Elisabeth, Makena, Sierra, and Qynn; great granddaughter Lilliana; brothers Steven and his wife Karen of Nelson; Michael and his wife Rhonda of Charlestown; Gregg and his wife Julie of Keene; Daniel and his wife Lauren of Chester (NH) and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father Raymond Tewksbury, mother Shirley Tewksbury and longtime best friend, Wendy Downing.

Calling hours will be Wednesday February 16, 2022, from 4pm and 7pm at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont. All friends and family are welcome. A celebration of life will be arranged in the spring of 2022. The family is requesting that masks be worn during this time.

Stella F. Pomykato, 100

Stella F. Pomykato, age 100, died after a long and fulfilling life on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Colonial Poplin Nursing Facility in Fremont, NH. After living in Claremont, NH, for more than 70 years, she moved three years ago to be closer to her family. Stella was born in West Rutland, VT, on March 4, 1921, daughter of Frank and Marcianna Jakuboski, both Polish immigrants. She graduated from West Rutland High School, class of 1939, and continued her education at the Rutland Hospital School of Nursing in Rutland, Vt, graduating as

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a registered nurse in 1942.

Stella was first employed in Rutland as a private duty nurse before joining International Shoe, Claremont, as their Occupational Health Nurse. She then spent 25 years as the Health Nurse at Joy Manufacturing Company in Claremont before retiring in 1981.

Stella married John S. Pomykato, in West Rutland, VT, on October 26, 1946. They shared 55 years of marriage until his passing in 2001. "Babcia" and "Dziadzia" were both devoted to their family and their grandchildren. Throughout Stella's life, her greatest joy was her family. Family gatherings were dear to her heart and brought her much happiness and she took great pride in their accomplishments. She also enjoyed spending time in West Rutland with her sister, Helen Tumielewicz, and her family until Helen passed away in 2009.

Stella was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Stella is survived by her son Attorney John F. Pomykato and his wife Jennifer (Currier) Pomykato of Hampstead, NH. She also leaves behind her grandson Attorney John C. (Jay) Pomykato and wife Stephanie of Newton, NH, her granddaughter Allison MacFarland and husband Dr. Craig MacFarland, of Chester, NH, and her grandson Mark Pomykato and fiancée Jordan Haddadi of Park City, UT. Stella was blessed with four great-grandsons: John D. and Henry Pomykato, Jack and Bennett MacFarland and her namesake great-granddaughter, Stella MacFarland. They all will remember their "Babcia" with fond memories. Stella is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services are scheduled in Claremont, NH on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Visiting hours will take place at 9:30-10:30am at Stringer Funeral Home. The funeral mass will follow at 11am at St. Joseph's Church with interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. Following the services, family and friends are invited to gather at the Common Man Restaurant. In lieu of flowers, donations in Stella's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

John E. Bentley, 87

John Edward Bentley, 87, of American House in Keene and formerly of Claremont, NH, died February 5, 2022.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on July 20, 1934, the son of Edward R. and Louise (Bodeur) Bentley.

He was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in the Class of 1952.

He had previously lived on Pappas Rd. in Claremont and in Charlestown for 15 years. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served in the US Marine Corps. He started his banking career with the Claremont National Bank in Claremont and retired in 1997 as President and CEO of the Connecticut River Bank, Corp. where he worked for 29 years.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and VFW Post of Claremont and the American Legion Post of Naples, FL.

He married Lorraine M. (Boissonneault) Bentley on April 2, 1955; she died April 4, 2010.

The family includes two sons, Thomas David Bentley and his wife, Susan of Walpole and Stephen John Bentley of Claremont; one granddaughter, Marissa Bentley; four grandsons, Kyle, Jesse, Eric and Ryan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Saturday morning with Father Shawn Therrien officiating. Interment followed with military Honors in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Donations in his memory are asked to be made to the Claremont Soup Kitchen, 53 Central Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Brenda G. LaClair, 57

Brenda G. LaClair, 57, of Claremont, NH, passed away on February 5, 2022, after fighting a long battle of liver disease.

She was born in Claremont, NH, the daughter of Robert and Shirley (Johns) LaClair.

She is survived by three sons, Stephen Hastings, Gary Merrill III and Brett Merrill; grandchildren, Liam Merrill, Gary Merrill 4th and Zander Hastings; three sisters, Susan LaClair of Claremont, Marlene Shull and her husband, John of Newport and Darlene Colpas and her husband, Scott of Claremont; and one brother, Kenneth LaClair of Florida.

She was predeceased by her parents and brother, David.

A celebration of life will be held on March 26th at 1 PM at the American Legion in Claremont.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Muriel E. Mathews, 93

Muriel Emily Mathews, 93, of New Boston, NH, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022. She was born on December 1, 1928, in St. Albans VT. She was the daughter of John Albert and Mildred Emily [Skelly] Shepherd.

She was a graduate of Charlestown, NH, High school and Wilfred Academy of Cosmetology.

She later met and married the love of her life, George E. Mathews Jr. Together they lived in Charlestown and Claremont, NH, where they raised two sons, David and Matt. She had her beauty salon, GEM Beauty Salon, at home.

In 1987 they retired to Venice, FL, where they spent 15 wonderful years before moving back to New Boston, NH.

She was preceded by her parents, one son David Albert Mathews, and her beloved husband, George E. Mathews Jr.

Muriel is survived by her son George [Matt] E. Mathews III and his wife Linda [Giguere] Mathews of New Boston, NH.

A private burial will be in St. Albans, VT, sometime in the spring.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Thomas R. Chesley, Sr.

Thomas R. Chesley. Sr. died January 24, 2022, in the hospital in Myrtle Beach, SC. He was born in Windsor, VT, June 20th 1934, the son of Thomas and Odelite Chesley and had been a long-term area resident of Claremont. Tom was a veteran of the US Navy. Tom has been employed at Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Windsor, VT, for 30+ years. He enjoyed golfing, stock cars, and bicycles. He also was #1 in New Hampshire for NBL BMX bicycles at the age of 53 in the over age 25 group. He and his wife Maxine wintered in Myrtle Beach for the last 20+ years, until she passed in 2015; he continued wintering in Myrtle Beach.

Members of his family include Thomas R. Chesley Jr., Melbourne, FL; Michael A. Chesley, Candia NH; Bruce Chesley, Wilmington, NC; two grandchildren, Tonya Chesley, Crystal Armentrout; two great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Edward, and three sisters, Anna, Jane and Betty.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no visiting hours or services. You are invited to share a memory of Tom with the family or

leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Monday February 7, 2022

12:33 Responded with E-4 to Heritage Drive for a medical call
 18:23 Responded with E-4 to Elm St. for a medical call
 18:46 Responded with E-4 to Pleasant St. for a car fire

Tuesday, February 8

11:49 Responded with E-4 to Summit St. for an elevator issue
 15:51 Responded with E-3 to West Pleasant St. for a motor vehicle accident
 21:16 Responded with E-4 to Lincoln Heights for a medical call

Wednesday, February 9

08:52 Responded with E-4 and L-2 to Dartmouth St. for a pellet stove issue
 12:26 Responded with E-4 to South St. for a water problem
 16:59 Responded with E-4 to Bailey Ave for a medical call
 19:20 Responded with E-4 to Henry St. for an odor investigation

Thursday, February 10

04:04 Responded with E-4 to Highland Ave for a medical call
 14:24 Responded with E-4 to Summer St. for a medical call
 17:10 Responded with E-4 to Maple Ave for a medical call
 17:29 Responded with E-4 to Heritage Drive for a medical call
 17:43 Responded with E-4 to Mann Court for a medical call
 18:00 Responded with E-4 to Maple Ave for a medical call
 19:59 Responded with E-4 to Washington St. for a hazardous condition
 20:26 Responded with E-3 to Chestnut St. for a motor vehicle accident
 21:04 Responded with E-3 to Chestnut St. for a detector sounding
 23:37 Responded with E-4 to Dunning St. for a smell of propane

Friday, February 11

06:18 Responded with E-4 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

06:56 Responded with E-4 to Pine Grove Ave for a medical call
 09:55 Responded with E-4 to Heritage Drive for a medical call
 11:46 Responded with E-4 to Bailey Ave for a medical call
 11:51 Responded with E-3 to North St. for wires down
 22:05 Responded with E-4 to Pleasant St. for a medical call

Saturday, February 12

13:31 Responded with E-4 to Paddy Hollow Rd. for a tree on wires
 15:58 Responded with E-4 to Hanover St. for a medical call

Sunday, February 13

01:21 Responded with E-4 to Broad St. for a medical call



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- Your phone number
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<https://ccmdcenters.com/state-of-nh-covid-19-testing>

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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 February 9, 2022, City Council Meeting(s)
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
Charter Amendment Discussion
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
General Remarks
- 6:50 PM 7. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
8. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:00 PM A. Energy Advisory Committee/Electric Aggregation Committee Update
9. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Hazard Mitigation Update (City Manager/Emergency Management Director)
- 7:25 PM B. Resolution 2022-19 Continuity of Operations (COOP) EMPG Grant Project – Public Hearing (City Manager/
Fire Chief)
- 7:40 PM C. Resolution 2022-20 Avigation Easement Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager/Fire Chief)
- BREAK
- 8:05 PM 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 8:10 PM 11. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 8:20 PM 12. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.