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Everything Old Can Be New Again

Monadnock Mill Building Is Claremont's Latest Reconstruction Project

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—The five-story building on Water Street in Claremont, locally known as the Peterson Building, has stood vacant for many years. Now, however, Chinburg Properties, based in Newmarket, NH, has bought the building and re-claimed its original name. Over the next year, Monadnock Mill No. 3 will be reconstructed as Monadnock Mill, a city-center apartment building. Project representative John Brighton stated, "Chinburg's goal is to create great spaces for people to live, work and play." The "great" emerges from the company's dual focus: preserve as much original architecture as possible while modernizing spaces to meet 21st century living standards.

Monadnock Mill will have 83 rental units: 29 1-bedrooms, 13 2-bedrooms, 31 studios and 10 lofts, distributed on all five stories. The first four date from the building's construction in 1892; the fifth was added in about 1920.

Inside work started in January. Selective demolition resulted in four 30-yard containers filled with debris, from old wooden floor decking and scrap wood to chairs and tables.

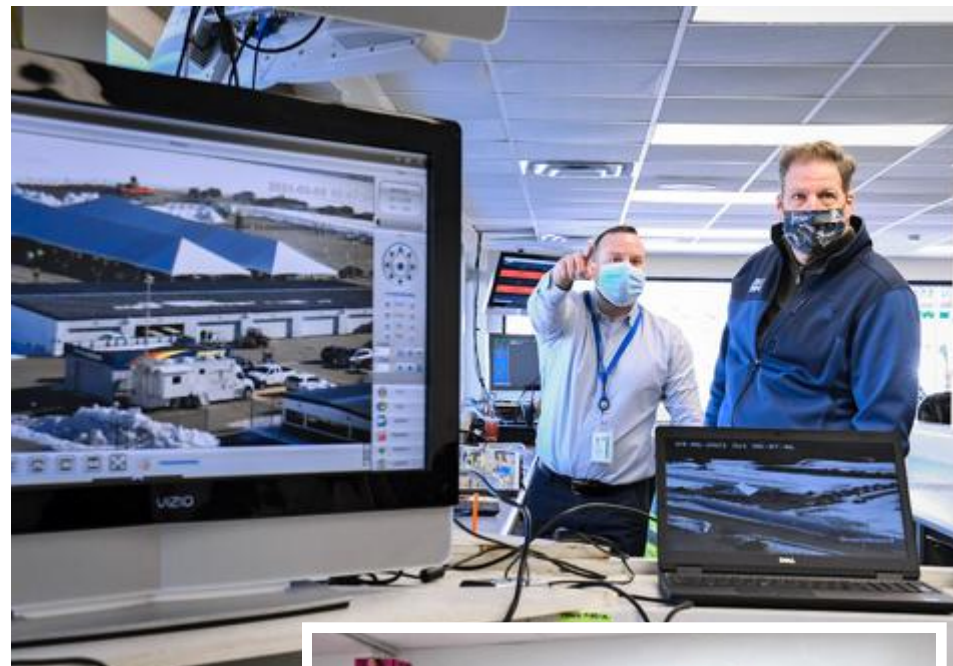
Late March and April will see the completion of most structural repairs as well as a new roof to replace the old, leaky one.

Bids from sub-contractors — electricians, plumbers, roofers, masons and others — are currently under review.

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Monadnock Mill is one building of the Monadnock Mills complex, which was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1979 (Eric Zengota photo).



Sununu Visits State's 1st Mass Vaccination Site on Saturday

CONCORD, NH — Saturday, Governor Chris Sununu toured the state's first mass

vaccination site at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH, where 12,000 Granite Staters were expected to receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine between Saturday, March 6 and Monday, March 8.

"The opportunity to vaccinate nearly 12,000 Granite Staters at one site over the course of a single weekend is an incredible opportunity for New Hampshire," said Sununu. "Hats off to the hundreds of state employees and volunteers who made this possible. We're getting doses into arms as quickly as we receive them, and the fact that we're so far ahead of schedule gives us a lot of confidence that it's going to be a great summer here in the Granite State."

Reportedly, vaccination sites at NHMS and SNHU experienced some delays at the start of the day on Saturday "because computers and tablets froze in the cold weather. Staff moved to a paper system" due to the problem, said freelance reporter Jessica Moran covering the Saturday events.



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One Injured in Single Snowmobile Crash on Lake Sunapee

NEWBURY, NH— At approximately 5:30 p.m. on March 1, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was notified of a single snowmobile crash with injury on Lake Sunapee. A Conservation Officer responded to New London Hospital to speak with the operator. A Newbury police officer responded to the family's house on Lake Sunapee in Newbury, however the residence was unoccupied at the time.

The operator, identified as Ian McCaffrey, 19, of Arlington, MA, was operating his snowmobile on Lake Sunapee in the town of Newbury when he struck a pressure ridge on the ice and was thrown from his snowmobile. McCaffrey was wearing a helmet and sustained multiple non-life-threatening injuries as a result of the crash. After the accident, McCaffrey was able to find a Good Samaritan on the lake who gave him a ride to New London Hospital to be treated for his injuries.

New Hampshire Fish and Game reminds riders that frozen bodies of water present many hazards in addition to thin ice, including pressure ridges, snowbanks, navigational buoys, docks, and snow-covered rocks.

Thetford Stolen Vehicle Recovered in CT

THETFORD, VT—On March 3, 2020, at 7:20 PM, Thetford Police Officer Michael Scruggs responded to Baker's Store in Post Mills for a report of theft of a 2006 Honda Accord. The investigation revealed that a West Fairlee resident had provided a ride to two per-

sons, and that during a short stop, while the vehicle owner was inside the store, the pair left in her car. On March 4, 2021, with assistance from the Haverhill, NH Police Department, it was determined that the two individuals and the car were at a Wendy's restaurant in Enfield, Connecticut, reported law enforcement officials on Friday. The Enfield, CT Police Department was contacted and assisted with the recovery of the vehicle and the arrest of the two individuals:

Nicholas Peterson, 28, of Bath, NH, Larceny 3rd Degree (2 counts)
Interfering with an Officer Assault of Public Safety Personnel

Victoria "Piper" Mallett, 23, of Thetford, VT, Larceny 3rd Degree (2 counts)
Interfering with an Officer

Charges in Vermont, related to the theft of the vehicle, are pending, said officials.

Coffee with the Chief on March 17th

SUNAPEE, NH—Join us for Coffee with the Chief on Wednesday, March 17th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. We are continuing to follow Covid-19 safety recommendations: We will be meeting in the Fire Department's apparatus bay which will allow more room for us to spread out; any attendee with a handicap may park their vehicle in front of the apparatus bay; tables with seating will be 6 feet apart; only the first 35 attendees will be allowed into the building. If you attend with family members, you will be allowed to sit together at a table. You are asked to wear a mask into the building.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



Bill to Have State Help Pay into Retirement System Again Nixed

Partisan party wrangling has dominated the overall tone of New Hampshire's House of Representatives over the past few weeks.

As I wrote in my Feb. 22 column, House Democratic Leader Renny Cushing and seven other Democratic representatives filed a lawsuit against House Speaker Sherman Packard, a Republican, Feb. 15 in Concord's United States District Court alleging that Speaker Packard had violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, or "ADA" for short, because he refused to allow at least the eight representatives the option of participating in House meetings remotely, rather than personally attending such meetings. The Representatives had declared they had serious medical conditions and wanted to work for their constituents but were concerned that by personally attending such meetings they could be exposed to the COVID-19 which could seriously jeopardize their health. The suit was heard before District Court Judge Landya McCafferty on Friday, Feb. 19, in a remote hearing. The following Monday, Feb. 22, Judge McCafferty released her ruling on the suit against the Speaker, writing that state legislative bodies like the House have "sovereign immunity" from most federal laws like the ADA based on past court cases. In other words, the Judge declared that the ADA as now written does not cover the allegations mentioned in the suit. But after about two weeks of consultation with their lawyers, Leader Cushing and the other representatives announced they would appeal the judge's ruling to the United States Court of Appeals in Boston; the appeal is likely to take several weeks before being heard.

Meanwhile, in the aftermath of Judge McCafferty's ruling, the full House gathered Feb. 24 and 25 at the New Hampshire Sportsplex in Bedford for two consecutive days of socially-distanced meetings which were marked by long debates, angry exchanges between Speaker Packard, Deputy Speaker Steven Smith and several Democratic representatives, and even a walkout of most Democratic representatives at the end of the Feb. 24 meeting. Representatives were angered by all the partisanship, including a decision by the Speaker to lock in all representatives inside the Sportsplex, after Leader Cushing announced the unplanned walkout. Leader Cushing's announcement preceded a successful effort by the Republican Leadership to take up House Bill 233, a controversial measure restricting certain abortions, a day ahead of its planned Feb. 25 debate in the House Calendar. The Speaker also refused to let us Democratic representatives take a brief recess for a party caucus. Besides an expression of anger, the walkout was intended to deprive the Speaker of the necessary quorum to pass House Bill 233. Unfortunately, the Republicans and a few remaining Democrats still constituted enough of a quorum to pass House Bill 233 by a

181-49 roll call vote. Finally to add insult to injury, a few of the Democrats, who had walked out, changed their minds and decided to re-enter the locked Sportsplex. Unfortunately, the Speaker refused to let them re-enter until after House Bill 233 was passed, a refusal for which he apologized to the full House the next day.

The Speaker's tearful apology did help tone down the partisan acrimony a bit for the Feb. 25 meeting. But the resentment between Democrats and Republicans lingered, helping to slow down the second day of legislative action, resulting in many measures not being taken up and held over for meetings later in March and early April. But I noticed two major disturbing trends during the Feb. 24 & 25 meetings. First was the defeat of several worthwhile bills recommended by bipartisan coalitions of Democratic and Republican representatives in their respective policy committees. Second was the approval of several pieces of legislation opposed by Democrats but supported overwhelmingly by the Republicans who are in the House majority. Finally, it did not help matters, according to my informed sources, that only between four to eight Republican representatives were absent for both days, while between 20-30 Democrats were absent, including several who were concerned about possible exposure to COVID-19.

Among one of the worthwhile measures defeated by a majority of fellow representatives was House Bill 76, which would have prohibited most businesses from charging fees to customers who wish to pay by mail and/or receive a paper statement. It was rejected on a 206-126 division vote after a majority of the House Commerce & Consumer Affairs Committee had recommended its defeat. I voted for the bill because it could have helped many of my constituents, especially senior citizens, who often not as computer literate as the rest of our population and was disappointed by its defeat. It was sponsored by a bipartisan group of 10 representatives led by Concord's Safiya Wazir and included Republican Walt Stapleton of Claremont.

Another good bipartisan measure basically rejected by a narrow majority of representatives was House Bill 586. This bill would have encouraged the development of more affordable housing in our state by providing training to municipal planning and zoning boards as well as financial incentives for such housing. Supported by Gov. Christopher Sununu and the City of Claremont, it actually had been recommended for passage by a strong bipartisan majority of the House Municipal & County Government Committee. But it was tabled by a 175-172 division vote Feb. 24 after concerns were raised by House Republican leadership that it needed further work, The tabling motion was again later confirmed by a second 175-164 roll call vote later the same day, rejecting a move to remove the bill from the table for debate. In other words, as I have written in previous columns, a tabling motion is just a polite way of defeating legislation.

Finally, yet another worthy measure supported by the City of Claremont was also rejected during the contentious two days of meetings. This one was House Bill 274, which have required state government to contribute five percent of the retirement costs of public school teachers as well as local police and fire department employees starting in

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Senator Hassan Pushes Postmaster General to Address Mail Delivery Delays in NH

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH), a member of the Senate committee that oversees the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), is calling for the Postmaster General to quickly address mail delivery delays that she has heard about from Granite Staters.

“The pandemic has made the Postal Service an even more important part of the fabric of American life than ever before, with millions of Americans relying on the Postal Service for the delivery of medicines, business materials, and the letters and packages that continue to connect us to our friends and loved ones,” wrote Hassan in a letter to the Postmaster General.

Hassan’s letter to the Postmaster General calls for an update on progress in implementing recommendations that were issued in an independent report that she requested detailing mail delivery delays in New Hampshire. The report discussed staffing shortages and packages that were improperly scanned, and ways to address these issues. Local residents continue to report going days without mail service, items left at wrong addresses and other problems. Staffing shortages and the removal of postal sorting machines last summer/fall in New Hampshire and Vermont have contributed to problems with mail delivery.

Hassan wrote, “While I am encouraged that because of this report New Hampshire postal facilities are working to increase hiring, I continue to hear from frustrated constituents about delays in mail delivery. The Postal Service must prioritize addressing the issues identified by the Inspector General so that Granite Staters can receive the consistent and quality service that they expect and deserve.”

The Senator is asking for answers on what the Postal Service has done so far to increase hiring at postal facilities across New Hampshire, what is being done to retain postal workers, and plans to ensure compliance with package screening procedures.

Hassan led negotiations to include \$10 billion for the USPS in the COVID-19 relief and government funding package that was signed into law in December to help the agency address pandemic-related mail delays.

Rep. Cloutier, from page 4

Fiscal Year 2022. The bill was nixed on 186-172 roll call vote, after the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee tied after making no recommendations to approve or reject it. It was sponsored by a trio of Democratic legislators, led by Nashua’s Michael O’Brien.

Currently, the state pays nothing for the retirement costs of local public employees like teachers, firefighters, and police officers, a situation that has been in effect since 2011 after the Republican Legislature totally eliminated such payments in order to balance the state operating budget. Payments have been gradually reduced over the years by both Democratic and Republican Legislatures over a forty-year period after state government promised in 1967 that it would pay at least 40 of the retirement costs of local public employees in order to persuade school districts and municipalities to join the New Hampshire Retirement System. This reduction in payments over the years I believe is one of the reasons Claremont has one of the highest property tax rates in our state. I, of course, voted for House Bill 274, and was very disappointed it failed to pass.

Finally, for readers’ information, I did not join the unplanned walkout of many of my fellow Democratic representatives in response to the handling of House Bill 233 to passage Feb. 24. While I can understand my colleagues’ frustration at how Republican Leadership had treated them during that day’s gathering, I believe we should have stayed and fought to stop this flawed measure, even if we had still lost in the end. In the future, I believe if we Democratic representatives contemplate any future walkouts, they ought to be carefully considered, and approved by the overwhelming majority of us in order to succeed. As for House Bill 233 and other legislation proposing to restrict abortion, I will write about them in future columns.

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Mill, from Page 1

Chinburg's design standards call for salvaging whatever can be saved, in order to preserve a building's historical character. At Monadnock Mill, features including 10-foot windows, exterior and interior brickwork, and 14-foot high ceilings will be incorporated into apartments and common areas. Any replacement elements will match the new look to the old.

Even the floors, with layers of structural decking, will retain a vintage character. The bottom layer of original planks actually is the exposed ceiling of the unit below. Over that will be a thin layer of manufactured sound-absorbing material. On top of that will be 1.5" of poured concrete, then the floor finishes of hardwood (living-dining), ceramic tile (baths) and carpet (bedrooms).

Chinburg Properties, noted Brighton, appreciates the open dialogue and working relationship with Claremont's Planning and Development group, the City Council, Planning Board, and other municipal boards and departments.

"It's refreshing, that through all the challenges, past and present, that Claremont has faced, the city has maintained respect for its past and great optimism for its future. Chinburg is hopeful that the work we do here will have a positive impact on what we perceive as Claremont's Renaissance."

Monadnock Mill is the latest of Chinburg's 11 "Mill" residential rental properties in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. To see them, visit chinburg.com/properties/rental-properties/.

Photos by Eric Zengota

Clockwise: Chinburg's mission is to preserve as many original architectural features as possible. These wooden planks will be refinished to a certain extent, but retain imperfections for an historical look. Sunlight pours through the 10-foot windows of the ground floor via a light well on the Water Street side. The north and south lengths of each story will be converted into multiple apartments, with entrances in a central corridor. The original



elevator shaft will be eliminated by constructing flooring at each level. One unit, though, may have the refurbished pulley as a design element and unique conversation piece. All damaged structural elements that cannot be strengthened or repaired will be replaced. This fourth-floor beam, which had supported the top floor, rotted away due to the leaky roof.





NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 7, 2021

CONCORD, NH – On Sunday, March 7, 2021, DHHS announced 196 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.0%. Today’s results include 139 people who tested positive by PCR test and 57 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,062 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported Sunday:

3/6: 196 new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are twenty-four individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 46% being female and 54% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (33), Hillsborough County other than Manchester

and Nashua (26), Grafton (21), Merrimack (21), Cheshire (17), Strafford (15), Belknap (8), Coos (6), Carroll (4), and Sullivan (3) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (19) and Nashua (14). The county of residence is being determined for nine new cases.

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

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

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

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

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

There are currently 88 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 76,861 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 9 current positively identified cases in Claremont; 41, in Sullivan County.

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 Update

At Thursday’s weekly COVID update press conference, Gov. Sununu and state officials announced that 340K shots have been administered in NH: 235K 1st doses and 105K 2nd doses. Some 50K shots were administered the previous week; currently 17% of NH residents have received their first shot and 8% are now fully vaccinated. All three vaccines will now be available in NH. Sununu said vaccinations are ahead of schedule and announced changes to Phase 2A and 2B scheduling:

Phase 2A for vaccinating K-12 teachers, school staff and child care workers will be as following:

March 12-31—Regional Public Health Networks will begin vaccination clinics with school officials where possible (closed “pod” clinics)

March 17—K-12 school and child care workers can begin to register for appts at fixed sites with appts beginning on March 22 at fixed sites

Phase 2B for people 50 years of age and older:

March 22—Registration opens

March 25—Appointments begin

Sununu said that the state will be opening up registration for vaccine appointments through a new state-run scheduling system, which will be unveiled soon.

The state is also working on plans to reach homebound people who are eligible under Phase 1B but who don’t work with a home care provider; they are encouraged to call 2-1-1 to register for a vaccine. Home care agencies, mobile clinics and Regional Public Networks will be used to reach the approximately 7,000-10,000 people who fall into this category.

Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	3,165	4.1%	34	3.0%	93	7.9%
Carroll	Total	1,769	2.3%	25	2.2%	6	0.5%
Cheshire	Total	2,798	3.6%	25	2.2%	27	2.3%
Coos	Total	1,363	1.8%	10	0.9%	36	3.0%
Grafton	Total	2,777	3.6%	18	1.6%	19	1.6%
Hillsborough	Manchester	9,887	12.9%	273	24.1%	200	16.9%
	Nashua	6,488	8.4%	127	11.2%	79	6.7%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	12,593	16.4%	197	17.4%	304	25.7%
	Total	28,968	37.7%	597	52.8%	583	49.2%
Merrimack	Total	7,583	9.9%	97	8.6%	107	9.0%
Rockingham	Total	18,823	24.5%	257	22.7%	211	17.8%
Strafford	Total	7,214	9.4%	51	4.5%	76	6.4%
Sullivan	Total	1,359	1.8%	16	1.4%	21	1.8%
Unknown	Total	1,042	1.4%	1	0.1%	5	0.4%
Grand Total		76,861	100.0%	1,131	100.0%	1,184	100.0%

Data as of: 3/7/2021

Joint Maple Producers and NH Conservation Districts Celebration

March is New Hampshire Maple Month and to kick off the annual production season, NH Governor Chris Sununu will perform the ceremonial maple tree tapping on March 12th at Connolly Brothers Dairy Farm. Additionally, Sununu will recognize the 75th Anniversary of NH County Conservation Districts by signing a Proclamation honoring 2021 as the Year of Conservation.

Connolly Brothers Dairy Farm, located at 140 Webster Highway, Temple, NH, is a diversified farm with dairy products for sale, including their own ice cream, meats and maple products. They have also used numerous conservation practices throughout the farm's history. The March 12th ceremony will get underway at 9:00 am with Sununu, NH Agriculture Commissioner, Shawn Jasper, Conservation District staff and supervisors, and representatives of the maple and conservation sectors. Please wear a face mask.

During Maple Month, New Hampshire will celebrate the annual short, but sweet production season with activities coordinated by the NH Maple Producers Association. Many NH sugar houses will be open for visitors, following Covid 19 protocols such as face masks, social distancing and even appointment visiting. It's best to contact the sugar house directly to learn their requirements before making the trip. A list of participating sugar houses is available at New Hampshire Maple Producers Association (nhmapleproducers.com). Even though the production season is a few weeks long, maple products are available throughout the year. Visit the NH Maple Producers website for more information.

The ten NH County Conservation Districts, which assist the public with the health and conservation of the state's natural resources focusing on soil and water quality, are celebrating their 75th Anniversary in 2021. Year-long events are planned, including the Governor's Proclamation, a Conservation Podcast series, Conservation Legacy Award presentations, Flashback Fridays featured in newsletters and on social media, and more.

For 75 years, NH Conservation Districts have worked tirelessly with landowners and communities to promote the conservation and responsible use of natural and agricultural resources.

For more information about your county's Conservation District visit the NH Association of Conservation Districts at: <https://www.nhacd.net/servicesnumbered>.

Dawn Dextrace, Education and Outreach Specialist, Sullivan County Natural Resources, Sullivan County Conservation District, reported that "Sullivan County is the number 1 producer of maple products in NH!"

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Thursday, March 11

New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell presented by Pam Weeks at 7 pm, Virtual

Quilts tell stories, and quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles-quilting is not just an American art. Pam Weeks weaves world history, women's history, industrial history, and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation.

Email mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org to request the Zoom link.

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City of Claremont's Department of Public Works

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What's Happening at the Plainfield Libraries StoryWalk at the Meriden Library

Our newest StoryWalk is on the grounds of the Meriden Library. Over and Under the Snow is a beautiful picture book for all ages. Start the walk by the library's side entrance, and please remember to sign our guest book at the end of the walk. Come with your boots, snowshoes, or skis to enjoy fresh air, exercise, and a wonderful story.

Storytime, Every Tuesday, 10 am, Virtual. Join us on Zoom for stories and songs for young children.

Email mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org for the link.

Dream it, Make it, Print it For Ages 8 - 13

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

This session is only for kids aged 8 - 13.

Dates: March 18, 25, Apr 1, and Apr 8 at 3 p.m

This class is presented free and virtual, via Zoom and on Tinkercad.

We've got even more classes/events on the calendar, so check out the full line up at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event-list>

Questions about upcoming classes, events or the Claremont MakerSpace in general? Let us know at info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.



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PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD HEARING

Monday, March 8, 2021 7:00 PM

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

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held concerning an amendment to the Claremont Zoning Ordinance with the addition of Article X, Solar Ordinance.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

CLAREMONT Energy Advisory Committee PUBLIC Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City suggests citizens participate in this meeting by ZOOM.

Join the ZOOM Meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82570461048?pwd=eUp-UZ3JKRXAzZGszcjFnT3pHcGxpdz09>

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Time to Nominate People for the Older Adult Volunteer Award

The nomination period is now open for the NH State Commission on Aging and EngAGING NH annual "Older Adult Volunteer" awards! Nomination submission accepted up until Friday, March 19, 2021. The goal is to celebrate and recognize individuals or couples over the age of 60 who are volunteering in ways that serve to build strong communities. Email Rebecca.Sky@nh.gov for a Nomination form.

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JOB POSTING: DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

ABOUT US:

At **TLC Family Resource Center**, we imagine a place where every child and every family enjoys economic, physical, social and spiritual security. Our mission is to promote the optimal health and development of children, youth and families in our region of New Hampshire. We accomplish this mission through four primary programs that build connections between individuals and families: Family Support, Youth Programs, Recovery, and Rural Outright.

TLC is seeking team members that value our mission, have exceptional work ethic, and like to have fun while making a big impact on our community. As an organization, we are committed to diversity, inclusion, and equity. TLC provides programs and activities for people from many different backgrounds. We are intentional about creating a safe and supportive environment that helps children, youth, families, people in recovery from substance use disorder, and the LGBTQ+ community develop their strengths and skills so they can accomplish their personal goals.

POSITION SUMMARY:

TLC Family Resource Center seeks a Development Associate to provide support for key activities that generate revenue for the organization. TLC is in a period of growth and this position is responsible for supporting increased income through new grants, donor stewardship, and fundraising. The position includes clerical, analytical, communications, research, project management, and data management activities. This person will report directly to the Executive Director. This is currently a part-time (20 hour per week) position with the opportunity to grow into full time if income targets are met. The Development Associate can be primarily remote with a flexible work schedule, though attendance at events and meetings is required.

In addition to a competitive salary, TLC Resource Center offers a pro-rated stipend for health insurance, a retirement contribution, a flexible work schedule, and generous paid time off within a supportive team environment.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND TIME ON TASK EXPECTATIONS

GRANT MANAGEMENT (40% of time)

- * Research grant opportunities, including developing relationships with foundations, participating in roundtables, and attending grant trainings
- Create a Grants Calendar and collaborate with Executive Director to complete and submit grants
- Maintain Grant Report Calendar and collaborate with Management Team to complete and submit grant reports on time

DONOR MANAGEMENT (20% of time)

- Build out monthly donor communications using multiple platforms including newsletters, emails, press releases and social media
- Develop donor acknowledgement materials including thank you letters, thank you videos, social media, and newsletter recognition
- Create donor outreach activities including a monthly giving campaign and a recognition event
- Accurately track all donations, grants, and fundraising income in DonorPerfect

FUNDRAISING (40% of time)

- Collaborate with Executive Director and Board to plan fundraising events and activities
- Develop annual fundraising calendar with staff and board input
- Provide opportunities for corporate engagement and sponsorships
- Coordinate fundraising campaigns using social media, email, and other marketing tools

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: None

REQUIREMENTS

- 3+ years grant writing experience, state and federal applications preferred
- 2+ years fundraising using a donor management system and social media platforms
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills, writing sample required
- Strong social media and marketing skills
- Proficient computer skills including: Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe, Zoom, CRM software, etc.

ESSENTIAL TRAITS

- Values diversity and inclusion
- Maintains high level of confidentiality and HIPPA Compliance
- Ability to meet deadlines while maintaining attention to detail
- Creative and innovative approach to engaging new donors

APPLICATION:

Please submit an application online, including a resume and cover letter, through TLC's Application Portal found at this link:

<http://www.tlcfamilyrc.org/employment-opportunities.html>.

Only applications submitted through this online portal will be considered.



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JOB POSTING: Kinship/Assistant Program Manager

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POSITION SUMMARY:

TLC Family Resource Center seeks a Kinship/Assistant Program Manager to implement activities that grow the Kinship program and support the administration of the Family Support Program. TLC is in a period of growth and this position is responsible developing and executing outreach for the Kinship program with a goal of doubling the enrollment of Kinship families. The/ KinshipAssistant Program Manager is also responsible for supporting the Program Director with a variety of organizational, clerical, analytical, communications, research, project management, and data management activities. This person will report directly to the Program Director. This is a full-time position with the opportunity for growth if key targets are met. This position can be partially remote with a flexible work schedule, though attendance at events and meetings is required.

In addition to a competitive salary, TLC Resource Center offers a pro-rated stipend for health insurance, a retirement contribution, paid trainings and certifications, mentorship and orientation for new employees, a flexible work schedule, supervision towards licensure, and generous paid time off within a supportive team environment.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND TIME ON TASK EXPECTATIONS

Project Management 20%

- Communicate with team members and document details and deliverables for FSS events and projects
- Assist in the planning and implementation of events for Kinship and other programs
- Coordinate and manage project tasks and deliverables
- Track and report progress and completion via project plans
- Create/revise event flyers according to TLC's branding policy
- Track and update programs offered, email lists and wait lists
- Communicate with interested participants for new programming opportunities

Program Management 70%

- Review and approve time cards, purchasing requests and direct support requests
- Complete e-file organization and storage on Share Point, Quick Base and Apricot including formatting documents, scanning, uploading and naming
- Analyze data as required to report program trends and outcomes
- Maintain and track inventory of materials for cafés, workshops, Kinship marketing and services
- Follow up with Kinship and other intakes to get missing information and or e-signatures
- Distribute Kinship and other program brochures and information to community partners
- Collaborate with Quality Assurance to ensure monthly reports are generated and distributed to staff
- Coordinate with Intake Coordinator and FSS staff to send closure letters/no contact letter to referred clients and follow up letters to referring agencies or PCP
- Develop, maintain and expand a database of Kinship community partners, potential clients, active and past clients
- Other duties as assigned

Meetings/Training/Supervision 10%

- Participate in required trainings for Kinship & Family Support Services
- Participate in required meetings for Kinship & Family Support Services
- Participates in supervision and self-evaluation

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

None

REQUIREMENTS

- Masters' Degree in Social Work, Psychology, Mental Health, Marriage and Family Therapy (or w/in 1 year of completion), licensure preferred
- 2+ years program/project management experience
- Proficiency with 0365 or Microsoft Office Suite, experience with data bases and CRM software,
- Successfully complete the Kinship Navigator certification course within 90 days

ESSENTIAL TRAITS

- Good sense of humor and teamwork
- Self-starter, flexible
- Maintain high level of confidentiality and HIPPA compliance
- Values diversity and inclusion
- Focused, orderly, efficient and accurate
- Taskmaster



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Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



Advocating for Direct Federal Funding to Municipalities

On February 25, I had the opportunity to participate in a meeting with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen. Hosted by the National League of Cities (NLC), the Secretary wanted to hear how COVID-19 impacted smaller cities and why the direct funding proposed in the American Rescue Plan was important to municipalities. Attendees included NLC leadership and six mayors from cities with populations less than 75,000, representing municipalities in Alaska, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

The \$1.9 trillion plan, proposed by the Biden Administration and recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives, contains \$350 billion for state, local, tribal and territorial governments. If nothing changes in the Senate, \$65 billion of the \$350 billion will go directly to all municipalities. Should that happen, it will be the first time that all 19,000 U.S. cities, towns and villages will receive direct emergency federal aid.

While the reasons varied from one city to another, it became clear in the meeting that direct funding was critical to offset COVID-19 related lost revenue and prevent municipalities from taking actions that would negatively impact their communities. Here in Claremont, direct funding would offset state or local revenue losses, prevent tax rate increases and enable the City to move forward on infrastructure improvements.

As Governor Sununu announced at his budget address, there was a shortfall of about \$50M going into this budgetary season. What changes the Legislature will make to the Governor's proposed budget have yet to be determined, but there is concern that state revenue losses will be shifted to municipalities. This, coupled with declines in some local revenue streams, will have negative consequences. To make up for those revenue

losses, municipalities might have to cut personnel, reduce services, raise taxes or a combination thereof.

Reductions of some state revenues and cost downshifting to municipalities over the years has cost municipalities millions of dollars and placed a heavier burden on the local taxpayer. Because Claremont's median household income is approximately \$30,000 less than the state's median household income and our poverty rate is nearly double that of the state's, the ability of our local taxpayer to make up revenue losses due to COVID-19 is severely hampered.

At our last meeting, the City Council recognized this when it cited stabilizing the tax rate as one of its priorities. To assist City Manager Morris in drafting his budget proposal, the Council stated that it wanted to see a level funded budget for the next fiscal year. Consequently, any state or local revenue losses or downshifted costs would not be shifted to the local taxpayer. Instead, other actions would have to be taken such as personnel cuts, a reduction in services or further delays in infrastructure improvements. None of which are

desirable given Claremont's budget is already conservative, city positions remain vacant and the capital improvement plan consists of \$50M in delayed infrastructure projects.

Hence, the importance of direct federal funding, all of which I relayed to the Secretary. Should the Senate pass the Rescue Plan as is, Claremont is projected to receive between \$2.3M and \$2.8M. Such funding will give the City the resources it needs to offset the losses experienced due to COVID-19 without taking measures that would negatively impact the community and its ability to move beyond the pandemic.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 PLUMBERS' LICENSE RENEWAL AT RVCC

Upcoming Plumbers' License Renewal Class is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th, at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to register, please go to: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/category/plumbing-licensure>.

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Fall Mountain Regional, Claremont & Unity, and Newport School Districts Receive USDA Distance Learning Grant

The Fall Mountain Regional School District SAU #60, in partnership with Claremont & Unity School District, SAU #6, and Newport School District, SAU #43 have been awarded a \$995,158 grant under Window 2 of the FY 2020 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). This USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine grant funding will enable the districts to join forces to deploy synchronous distance learning throughout our schools.

“Because of COVID and the need to learn remotely, our districts recognized the importance of distance learning and the challenges we faced,” said superintendents Landry, Tempesta, and Minnihan in a joint statement. “Fall Mountain, Claremont, Unity and Newport School Districts anticipated that the need for social distancing in school settings may last for a long time and wanted to reinvent our instructional delivery to maintain and improve student engagement and achievement while assuring equity. Distance learning will enable our districts to share instructional resources, especially among CTE centers. It will help students build cultural literacy and explore career pathways.

“This grant will enable our districts to leverage technology and address a number of educational challenges related to rurality and to the uncertain future of post-pandemic education. Telecommunications technology will enable us to share resources and leverage our collective strengths while also enabling a blended and technologically fluid approach to keeping students and teachers communicating, wherever they may be. In the big picture, these changes will support the long-term sustainability of the region.”

Virtual Classes from Claremont MakerSpace

Registration for all classes may be found at: <https://claremont-makerspace.org/events/>

Their Stuff, Our Stories

March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2 PM

Remember show & tell from elementary school? Whether it was your favorite day or not.... Let's experience it again in a warm and welcoming community. What's the favorite photo or object you inherited? Why do you keep it? How did it come into your life? What story does it tell? Each week you'll be asked to bring a photo or object that holds a piece of the story of your loved one lost or an ancestor found. Join us for one or all of these story-sharing gatherings.

Make A Chain Maille Bracelet

3/25/21, 6 PM

In this virtual class, we'll create a Byzantine bracelet by weaving links of chain. Byzantine is an ancient pattern for weaving chain and is an excellent starting point for learning chain maille. The finished chain features an intricate appearance and great flexibility.

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

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

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

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

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How many of you out there are looking to buy a home? Whether you are looking for your first home or you are looking for your last home, this is a difficult time to find what you are looking for. If you would like assistance in navigating the maze of internet home search sites, then give us a call. We will have a conversation regarding your must haves and deal breakers in the search for your next home, business opportunity or investment property.

How many of you out there are looking to sell your home? In this current market, the amount of land or the size of the home on that land really doesn't affect your ability to find a buyer. I have clients ready to go at the first sight of a cozy 2 bedroom home with just enough yard to let the dog get some exercise. I also have clients looking for a 3 to 5 acre country lot with a single family home, a wood burning fireplace, 3 bedroom, 2 bath and 2 car garage.



Whether you are looking to buy or sell in this market, experience and knowledge of the area really makes a difference. Let our 50 years of experience work for you.

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UVLSRPC Announces New Executive Director

LEBANON, NH—The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has announced that they have hired Meghan Butts as the Executive Director. She has served the Commission as Interim Executive Director since April of 2020 and “has proved to be a strong leader both in her connections with the region’s communities and in leading our staff through an emergency transition to remote work in a global pandemic. Meghan has been with the Commission since 2014 providing support to our communities with planning and GIS services,” said the Commission.

Butts holds a Master’s Degree in Energy Policy and Climate along with a Certificate of Science, Technology, and International Security from Johns Hopkins University. Meghan serves on the Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee and the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup.

Hydropower Coffee Hours Engage the Public in Speaking Up for Rivers

GREENFIELD, MA—The Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) is hosting three virtual Hydropower Coffee Hour events to discuss and answer questions about the five Connecticut River hydropower facilities that applied for renewed operating licenses in December. The five facilities include the Turners Falls Dam and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage in Massachusetts, and the Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon Dams in Vermont and New Hampshire. Once they are issued, the licenses for these facilities will be in place for the next 30-50 years and impact more than 175 miles of the Connecticut River. “It’s critical that we all speak up

now in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to influence these operating licenses,” said the Connecticut River Conservancy. Join CRC at these Hydropower Coffee Hours to learn more:

- March 10, 9:30am, Traditional Cultural Properties
- April 15, 9:30am, River Critters
- May 12, 9:30am, River Recreation

Additional details and links to register can be found at www.ctriver.org/events. CRC staff and additional experts will be on hand to answer questions and share how the public can get involved in the hydro relicensing process to speak up for rivers. These events are devoted to question & answer. Each event has a unique topic to guide the conversation, but any questions related to the relicensing are welcome.

The three Hydropower Coffee Hour events are a follow-up to two informational presentations held by CRC in January that can be viewed online at www.ctriver.org/livestream or on CRC’s YouTube channel. “We encourage attendees to view these presentations for additional background about the relicensing and related concerns.”

Since 1952, Connecticut River Conservancy has been the voice for the Connecticut River watershed, from source to sea. They collaborate with partners across four states to protect and advocate for your rivers and educate and engage communities. They bring people together to prevent pollution, improve habitat, and promote enjoyment of your river and its

tributary streams. Healthy rivers support healthy economies.

To learn more about CRC, or to make a contribution to help protect your rivers, visit www.ctriver.org.

NH Joins FTC, 38 States, DC in Shutting Down Massive Charity Fraud Telefunding Operation

CONCORD, NH – Deputy Attorney General Jane E. Young announced Thursday that the State of New Hampshire, along with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and 46 agencies from 38 states and the District of Columbia, has stopped a massive telefunding operation affecting 67 million consumers with 1.3 billion

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deceptive charitable fundraising calls that were mostly illegal robocalls. The defendants collected more than \$110 million using their deceptive solicitations.

Associated Community Services (ACS) and a number of related defendants, including Central Processing Services, Community Services Appeal, Directele, and the Dale Corporation and their owners, have agreed to settle charges by the FTC and state agencies for soliciting individuals to donate to charities but failed to provide the services they promised.

According to the complaint, which has been filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendants knew that the organizations for which they were fundraising spent little or no money on the charitable causes they claimed to support—in some cases as little as one-tenth of one percent. The defendants kept as much 90 cents of every dollar they solicited from donors on behalf of the charities.

The complaint alleges that the defendants made their deceptive pitches since at least 2008 on behalf of numerous organizations that claimed to support homeless veterans, victims of house fires, breast cancer patients, children with autism, and other causes that well-meaning Americans were enticed to support through the defendants' high-pressure tactics. ACS was also the major fundraiser for the Cancer Fund charities that were shut down by the FTC and states in 2015.

The complaint alleges the defendants violated New Hampshire laws pertaining to charitable trusts and charitable solicitations, New Hampshire consumer protection laws, the FTC Act, the TSR, and numerous other state laws. The complaint also alleges that ACS and Directele knowingly violated the Telemarketing Sales Rule (TSR) by using soundboard technology in telemarketing calls. With that technology, an operator plays pre-recorded messages to consumers instead of speaking with them naturally. In addition, the complaint charges ACS with making harassing calls,

noting that ACS called more than 1.3 million phone numbers more than ten times in a single week and 7.8 million numbers more than twice in an hour. With respect to ACS calls to New Hampshire, the evidence shows that ACS made 9,596,014 total calls into the state, 402,442 of which were to unique numbers and that ACS called 2,342 unique numbers in New Hampshire more than 100 times per year.

Under the terms of the settlements, which are now pending approval, among other things, the defendants will be permanently prohibited from any fundraising work or consulting on behalf of any charitable organization or any nonprofit organization that claims to work on behalf of causes similar to those outlined in the complaint. Most of the defendants are also subject to monetary judgments of over \$110 million, which in whole or in part, are suspended due to the defendants' inability to pay.

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Here are some examples of how this resiliency process works:

- **Goal: Building sufficient retirement funds**

To build sufficient retirement income, you need to invest in the financial markets through your 401(k), IRA and other accounts. But how should you respond when these markets go through periods of volatility? Your best defense is to remain invested. If you were to jump out of the market every time it dropped, you'd probably miss out on the rebounds that followed. Also, over a period of decades, the effects of short-term market fluctuations tend to diminish, so while the results of any particular day or week may not look good on your investment statement, the importance of these results may diminish in 10 or 20 years.

- **Goal: Maintaining steady cash flow**

Keeping a steady cash flow is essential to meeting your daily and monthly expenses. So, it's obviously important that you maintain sufficient earned income. But what happens if you encounter a serious illness or injury that keeps you from work for an extended period? Depending on the length of time you're not working, you could feel a real financial pinch, so you may want to consider some type of disability insurance. Your employer may offer a short-term policy as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need to look at private coverage.

- **Goal: Keeping retirement accounts intact**

Ideally, you'd like to leave your IRA, 401(k) and other accounts intact until you need to start tapping into them when you retire. But what if you face an unexpectedly large medical bill or you need to replace your furnace or get a new car? If you don't have the money readily available, you might be forced to dip into your IRA and 401(k), incurring taxes and potential penalties and leaving yourself fewer resources for retirement. You can help avoid this setback by creating an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

- **Goal: Having confidence in your strategy**

To achieve your important financial goals, you need a strategy – and you need to believe in it strongly enough to keep following it during all types of stress on the financial markets. It's not always easy to maintain this conviction – less than half of Americans are confident in their abilities to recover quickly from difficult financial situations, according to a new survey from Edward Jones. One way to help gain this confidence is by working with a financial advisor.

In fact, 36 percent of those surveyed began working with a financial advisor in 2020 for help navigating the past year. The importance of receiving good advice became apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought about a variety of financial worries, such as job loss, retirement considerations, caregiving for elderly parents or providing financial support to adult children.

You will face some challenges on your journey toward achieving your financial objectives. But by being resilient, you can stay on the right road.

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Work on Sober Housing Project on Sullivan Street Continues

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—County manager Derek Ferland provided an update on the Sober Housing project to county commissioners at last Monday's meeting. The transitional housing project for those who have successfully completed a substance use treatment program is being located in the former *Eagle Times* building on Sullivan Street.

Ferland said an on-site tour had been scheduled for last Tuesday but that the visit had to be



postponed due to continued sandblasting on the inside of the building.

Recently, the NH Housing Finance Authority had an independent construction inspection completed—such is required as part of the loan, said Ferland; the completed report was submitted to the county, which Ferland shared Monday night. The report included a wide array of photos showing the progress that has been made, including new roof flashing and work that had been completed on the outside of the building. On the upper floor, the inside of the exterior brick is now fully revealed—an unknown black material that had been applied to coat the walls when the building was built has been removed; Ferland said they had been concerned with how or if it could be properly insulated so it was removed due to that question. Timbers have also been sandblasted, and “those look really, really sharp,” he commented.

On the lowest level of the building, the floor is now down to the dirt. Concerns over the presence of ledge at the southern end of the building and some dampness in the area do not appear to be a big concern. “There really were no huge surprises,” said Ferland. A sump or other system will manage surface water, he said. The drain system for the kitchen will tie in with the City system, running out the Franklin Street side. The kitchen, dining area and a gathering space will all be located in this area. The project is finalizing contracts with subcontractors for other aspects of the work, “so we will be moving forward shortly,” said Ferland.

Blanc and Bailey Construction of Charlestown, NH, is overseeing the project.



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Annual School District Voting

March 9, 2021
8:00am - 7:00pm

This year ballots will be cast via **Drive Up Voting** at the following locations. Look for signs showing where to enter.

Ward 1 ... Stevens High School

- Enter using Broad Street Entrance
- Stop at the first tent and have your identification ready for the Ballot Clerk
- If you need to register to vote, ask the Ballot Clerk for Supervisor of the Checklist
- You will receive a ballot and a pen
- Move to the second tent, complete your ballot, and drop it in the box with the Election Official
- You will exit onto Middle Street

Ward 2 ... Claremont Middle School

- Enter using South Street Entrance across from Montshire Pediatric Dentistry and drive behind the Claremont Middle School.
- Stop at the first tent and have your identification ready for the Ballot Clerk
- If you need to register to vote, ask the Ballot Clerk for Supervisor of the Checklist
- You will receive a ballot and a pen
- Move to the second tent, complete your ballot, and drop it in the box with the Election Official
- You will exit onto South Street

Ward 3 ... Disnard Elementary School

- On Hanover Street, enter Disnard Elementary School using the entrance furthest from Valley Regional Hospital
- Stop at the first tent and have your identification ready for the Ballot Clerk
- If you need to register to vote, ask the Ballot Clerk for Supervisor of the Checklist
- You will receive a ballot and a pen
- Move to the second tent, complete your ballot, and drop it in the box with the Election Official
- You will exit back onto Hanover Street

Accommodations are available for community members without vehicles.
If you walk in to vote, please be prepared to adhere to safety rules which include: hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing, and others if deemed necessary.

Gaspard Announces Write-In Campaign for School Board

CLAREMONT, NH—There are now four candidates for the Claremont School Board election instead of the three who had filed earlier for the three open seats. Sue Gaspard announced her intentions as a write-in candidate Wednesday on social media. She told the *e-Ticker News* that "The reality is my own children are growing up. I didn't completely grasp that reality until I was recently picking out high school choices with my oldest. Next year, I will have a child at the elementary, middle and high school level. That realization made me realize that the time is right for me to contribute back to the amazing educators and families my family and I have interacted with over the years. I have always been interested in doing so via the school board but, frankly, felt the need to wait until my own crew was a bit older."

On her Facebook page she wrote, "I wish I had 'officially' put in for school board but please consider writing me in. I have 20 years experience in public school—as a practitioner, a director of student services and a director of special education within the Upper Valley. I have lived it on both sides. As a mom of three and also working in the system...we can do better Claremont. The few can't continue to carry the load for all. I know our community and I know how these pieces work. I see where we can improve and I am ready to be part of the solution for all of our children."

The three who filed previously are Heather Whitney, Steve Horksy and Joshua Lambert. Whitney is a current school board member; Horksy previously served on the board a few years ago. Lambert, a newcomer seeking a seat, described his interest as following: "As an educator myself, a fourth generation Stevens High School graduate, and a soon-to-be foster/adoptive parent, my interest in serving on the board, and my commitment to wanting to work towards a more efficient and effective body of governance for our schools, is multifaceted. While great strides have been made in the past few years, there are still so many issues that need to be addressed, such as the astronomically high property taxes, a poorly implemented grading system and the lack of continual, real-time communication between the board and the public."

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 9, 2021		
		<i>Mary A. Woodman</i> SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ● B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.		
Article 1: Election of School District Officials To elect a Moderator, District Clerk, and District Treasurer, each for a one (1) year term, and THREE (3) School Board members, each for a three (3) year term.		
<p style="text-align: center;">FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for NOT for THREE Years MORE THAN THREE</p> <p>JOSHUA LAMBERT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>HEATHER WHITNEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEVEN HORSKY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for NOT for ONE Year MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>MARY WOODMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR TREASURER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for NOT for ONE Year MORE THAN ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for NOT for ONE Year MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>TRACY POPE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
ALTERNATE BALLOT		
Do you approve of the process used to conduct Claremont School District's 2021 Annual District Meeting? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		
ARTICLES		
Article 2: Main Budget Shall the Claremont School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session and second session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling THIRTY SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS? (\$37,785,406)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be THIRTY SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS. (\$37,762,398) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Claremont School District or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.		
(Majority vote required) (The School Board Recommends this Article)		

Sports



State Champs!

The Stevens Bowling Team claimed the championship and title of State Champs on Sunday. They defeated Hollis-Brookline. It was best of 7 and it took all 7 games. Left - right: Coach Shawn Wadsworth, Alex Steadman, Colby Craig, Bryce Weymouth, Clayton Wadsworth, Haydon Grenier, Alexys Corliss, RJ Raymond, Cam Bard, Asst. Coach BJ Corliss (Screen shot courtesy of Heather Swain Wadsworth).

SHS Boys Basketball Season Comes to An End

The Stevens Boys basketball season came to an end in the first round of the NHIAA Division III Tournament Wednesday evening. Despite a gutsy, energetic performance from the Cardinals, the Royals of Mascoma proved to be too much and left Frederick Carr Gymnasium with a 54-35 decision.

Senior Clayton Wadsworth scored a team high 10 points and hauled down 9 rebounds. Senior Owen Taylor scored 8 points, junior Dylan Chambers came off the bench to score 8 points, and sophomore Ty Theriault chipped in with 5 points for the Cardinals. Senior Brady Moote grabbed 8 rebounds.

Stevens concluded the shortened season, due to COVID-19, with a 3-7 record.

Fall Mountain Team Defeats SHS Girls Basketball

The SHS Varsity Girls basketball team finished up their season at the Den in the quarterfinals Sunday afternoon against a strong Fall Mountain team. The final score was 62-38.



Top: The Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal Varsity Boys ice hockey team poured it on late to defeat John Stark/Hopkinton by a score of 5-1 to advance to the NHIAA D3 semi-finals last week. That will be played on Wednesday (3/10) at 4:15 in Everett Arena. Below: The Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge Varsity Girls ice hockey team finished their playoff run last night in a close loss to Berlin High School (Courtesy photos).



Rebound!

Youth Basketball Takes Over the CSBCC Gym on Saturdays

CLAREMONT, NH—On their second of six Saturdays, the teams of the Claremont Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball League began to hit their stride. They scored a total of 190 points in contrast to the first week’s 148. Weeknight practices are key to improving skills, learning the finer points of team play and enjoying the athletic spirit of the game.

CCTV continues to livestream each game. Watch them online at claremonttv.org, channel 8, or on public access cable channel 8.



Text and Photos by Eric Zengota

Division	Youth Basketball Team Sponsors
3/4 Girls	UConn — Time Out Americana Grill
3/4 Girls	Tennessee — Escape Factory
3/4 Boys	Kentucky — Love’s Bedding
3/4 Boys	Louisville — Century 21 High View Realty
3/4 Boys	Michigan State— Imperial Buffet
5/6 Girls	Sparks — Ramunto’s
5/6 Girls	Storm — Eastern Propane
5/6 Boys	Nets — Claremont Savings Bank
5/6 Boys	Celtics — Hubert’s of Claremont

Clockwise: Teams practice on weekday evenings before their Saturday games. Storm (gray shirts) tries for two points, but Sparks hopes for a rebound (5/6 Girls). Kentucky (3/4 Boys) warms up before their game with Michigan State. Hayden Chandler (left) and Dylan Chambers alternate between managing the scorebook and managing the scoreboard.

Game Day — March 6, 2021

Division	Team / Score	Team / Score
5/6 Boys	Celtics 34	Nets 18
5/6 Girls	Sparks 28	Storm 18
3/4 Girls	Tennessee 24	UConn 18
3/4 Boys	Louisville 18	Michigan State 16
3/4 Boys	Kentucky 11	Michigan State 5

*On behalf of the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department, thank you to the sponsors of our 2021 youth basketball teams for their generous support!
— Justin Martin, Superintendent of Recreation Programs*

Inspiration

Harbingers of Spring!

By Priscilla Hull

Harbinger sounds like a bird! It could be, except it refers to a whole lot more. According to the New Oxford Dictionary, harbinger is something or someone who announces the coming of an event. Like the trumpeters who announce the entrance of a prince to the court! In this cases, the harbingers of spring are much more subtle. I watch for the return of hawks, turkey vultures, a chipmunk on the stone fence.

Take your tea or coffee out on the porch on an early morning and listen. You'll hear the familiar "chick-a-dee-dee-dee" of the chickadee, but listen a little more closely and you'll hear the plaintive whistle of a chickadee looking for a mate to build a nest with. The hawks come and stake out bird feeders. They are hungry after a flight of hundreds of miles to return to their nesting grounds. Watch in the sky for the turkey vultures, Mother Nature's cleaning crew. They clean up the detritus of carrion from the harsh winter. Skunks and other ground sleepers are sluggish as they emerge from their semi-hibernation and get hit by cars. The crows who have been sketching out a meager living are part of the clean up crew and happily take care of those who don't make it to safety as they cross busy roads.

We see the emergence of life as spring approaches in all of these creatures who have spent the winter in warmer, sunny places. Some have been around and survived the harsh winter and some are returning to nesting grounds and find nothing but ice and snow! Even the sun shines brighter and we feel a tinge of warmth on our faces as we face into the sun.



We, on the other hand, while we appreciate these signs of nature forecasting spring, see manmade evidences of spring. Up here in the northern climes we see things like roads posted! When we first moved up here, my husband, from West Virginia, had no idea what a posted road was and found the term interesting at least. Then he saw "frost heaves ahead" and was totally baffled. He found out about frost heaves pretty quickly! I'm always happy to see those signs, not because I need to be reminded of posted roads and frost heaves, but because it means spring is coming! The snow will melt! Mud will take over! We'll hear the spring song of the chickadee. We'll watch the turkey vultures glide on the updrafts of the wind and swoop across the sky. We will be assured once again that the earth will thorn green, gentle rain will take over the perpetual snow and flowers will come back to make the grey of the winter world once again be lost to the beauty of warmth and sunshine!



"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."
Genesis 1:31

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

Calendar Of Events

Cone Scholarship Program

The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2021-2022. This scholarship is available to the children or grandchildren of former employees of Cone-Blanchard Machine Company having a minimum of five years of continuous service with Cone-Blanchard Machine Company who meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements, Terms of Award Payments and applications may be obtained by writing to Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation; the mailing address is PO Box 65, Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be post-marked no later than May 12, 2021.

Sunapee Recreation Spring & Summer Programs Update

SUNAPEE, NH—Sunapee Recreation Dept. is implementing a "pay later" system for all programs as this will ensure that you still receive the pertinent information regarding the activity you have registered for. Therefore, please still register for programs at no cost. As we re-evaluate, we will send out information on start dates and fees. Register online at www.town.sunapee.nh.us

Currently taking Registration for:

- Tee-ball - pre school & kinders
- Majors, Minors & Rookie level Baseball - grades 1st-6th
- Softball-grades 3rd-5th
- Summer Day Camp x 8 weeks **New for summer 2021
- Swim Lessons - Dewey Beach
- Sailing Lessons
- British Soccer Camp
- Adult Easter Egg Hunt ** New for Spring 2021
- Jr Adventure Camps - fishing, Archery, fort building ** New for summer 2021
- Granite State Track & Field- ages 9-14 **New for Spring 2021
- Special Programs for Seniors!! ** New for summer 2021

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA offers two virtual grief support groups for the community, which can be attended once, multiple times or as needed. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a "Bereavement Check-in" group is available on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm. A "Widow to Widow" group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm.

Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at loconnor@lake-sunapeevna.org and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

SCCD Seeks Nominations for Conservation Legacy Awards

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

For 75 years the County Conservation Districts have worked tirelessly with landowners and communities to promote the conservation and responsible use of natural and agricultural resources. The Legacy Award endeavors to shine a spotlight on those who embody this mission. Businesses, organizations, individuals, and families are eligible for the award if they live in or are based in the County, have a minimum of 5 years experience of sustained commitment to conservation and stewardship.

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

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Nominations are due to the SCCD no later than March 31, 2021 and can be submitted digitally or by hard copy in the mail. Nominations can be mailed to Conservation Legacy Awards, Sullivan County Conservation District, 95 County Farm Rd. Unity, NH 03743 or emailed to ddextraze@sullivancountynh.gov.

These awardees will be announced in June 2021.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

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

Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some semblance of normalcy. Wednesday nights 5:00 for early birds and 6:30 for regular fun and games. Currently we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner–take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. In Gov. Sununu’s most recent mandate request is that when moving about the hall, please wear a face covering whenever 6’ social distancing can’t be maintained. While seated at the tables, masks may be removed. Be mindful that in the Gov.’s mandate there are many reasons

why someone may choose to not wear a mask – and they cannot be questioned or made to prove why they choose not to; nor will they be penalized for not wearing a mask. Please be respectful of others.

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

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

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

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

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

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily
 MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont
 CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERY-DAY WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover

PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY- Windsor & West Lebanon
 SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon
 WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY Claremont & West Lebanon
 PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 PLANNING BOARD
 B-2 Zones Subcommittee
 MEETING
 Friday, March 12, 2021 3:30 PM**

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

Join the Zoom Webinar Online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89599786584?pwd=WTZSb3kr-NU9CWHZocWVJYVFJTcTcQT09>

Passcode: By Phone: 710363 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 895 9978 6584

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

The committee will be reviewing the Design Guidelines.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 Claremont Development Authority
 Finance Committee Meeting
 Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:00 AM**

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

Join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89129358985?pwd=MjhuS09xNndGYkdna2t1a-W9FcmQ1QT09>

Passcode: 940149 By telephone: 1 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 891 2935 8985

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Tuesday, March 23, 7 - 8 pm via zoom.

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Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone. By gosh. That bright light called the Sun has been seen several times this week. Soon, it will be here for the Spring. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the time change on March 14th. Yes, we know. You are going to lose an hour, but we know this is a sign Spring is close. Woohoo! It has been a long Winter. We know with the Center being closed, it has been extra long. Let's see what we can offer you to help shorten the wait.

Come and get them! We have books, puzzles and games to fill the time. Call 543-5998 to arrange a time on Tuesday or Thursday for new reads and puzzles. Post the picture of your finished puzzle. We would love to see them.

Yummy, yummy, yummy, we have turkey in our tummy. The busy kitchen volunteers have decided to have one of our famous Turkey Dinners on Sat. March 20th. Take out only. Pick up: 4:30pm-6:00pm. Cost-\$10. Take home Roast Turkey, Mashed Potato, Stuffing, Gravy, Squash, Cranberry Sauce Dinner Roll and Pie. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals. Yummy!

We have not forgotten the wonderful weekly meals. Here is the menu for Tuesday and Thursday:

Tues. Mar. 9-Soup, Baked Beans, Hot dogs, Potato Salad and Cookies.

Thurs. Mar. 11-Soup, Shepard's Pie, Vegetable and Dessert.

Take-out only. Pickup: 11:45am-12:15pm.

Members-\$4; non members-\$5. Call 603-543-5998 to reserve your meals. Get your home-made meals here.

The Foot Clinic will be holding appointments on Wednesdays, March 10, 17, and 24. Call 603-748-1731 for that appointment. Spring is about 20 days away. Get those footsies ready for the outside.

A Blood Drive will be held on Monday, March 29, from Noon-5pm. Please donate if you can. Your effort will help in those devastating events around our nation right now. Call 1-800-Red-Cross for an appointment.

AARP Tax Preparation has begun at the Center. Appointments can be made by calling 1-802-952-3954. Please be patient. This service is always popular, and the mailbox might be full, but they will call you. Thank you.

Well, we know some of this letter is repeti-

tive, but we are still here to serve our seniors as best we can during this time. So, take advantage of what we can offer. Take-out meals, books, puzzles, games, foot care, tax preparation, volunteering and a friendly conversation when you come in. Stay warm, stay safe, call a friend or neighbor. See you next week.

Thought of the Week: Compliment someone. It will make you feel as good as they will.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. 603-543-5798. Masks required.

Quilting Machine Training at Claremont Makerspace

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont MakerSpace's quilting machine is a great tool for creative, efficient quilting! In this hands-on training session, participants will learn how to set up a project on the quilting machine and utilize its standard features. Participants of this class will have the opportunity to sign up for a follow-up certification session so that they may use the machine on their own.

Note: Individuals with no prior experience on a quilting machine are required to take this workshop before getting certified to use the quilting machine at the CMS. If you already have experience with quilting machines, you may be eligible to test out of this training. For more information, please email the CMS Fiber Arts Shop Lead, at: textiles@claremontmakerspace.org.

Note on COVID-19 precautions:

This class will be in person and is limited to two participants plus instructor. Due to COVID-19, class participants must wear a mask at all times, sanitize or wash their hands, have their temperature taken and bring any additional personal protective equipment. Please maintain a six foot working space between yourself and other participants while at CMS.

3/16/21 at 5:30 PM

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2021/3/16/quilting-machine-training>.

March Virtual Classes

Join us this March for a live & free virtual class! Follow the Claremont MakerSpace links to the relevant event pages to register and learn more. Space is limited and some events have registration deadlines.

Registration for all classes may be found here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/>

Twin State Innovation March 9th, 8 AM

A free event for entrepreneurs, innovators, and the community

Everyone plays a role in launching new ideas, supporting existing businesses, and growing entrepreneurship in the region.

Math Art For Kids

March 10th - March 31st from 3:30 PM - 5 PM

In this 3-part series kids will create art projects that reflect math concepts. We'll explore geometry, patterns, symmetry and more through activities such as paper quilting, string art, and Escher-like tessellations. This series is designed for ages 9-12.

Back To Basics: Simple Ways To Improve Your Marketing Impact

March 15th, 9 - 10:30 am

The pandemic has required businesses to up their marketing game and online presence.

Join Nancy Clark of Drive Brand Studio for a free virtual workshop and learn some simple ways to improve your marketing presence.

You'll learn how to use back-to-basics tactics whether you're a first-time or time-pressed experienced marketer. This event is presented by Vital Communities.

Getting to Know The ShopBot

March 23, 3 PM

In this beginner level virtual class, participants will learn the basic operation of the ShopBot CNC Router. Covered topics include the axis', attaching material, the ShopBot software and basic safety. This class is presented free of charge and will be presented via Zoom. Upon registration, you will be sent a link to the Zoom connection information.

Learn How To Laser Cut A Box

March 23, 4 PM

In this free virtual learning class, learn how to use a laser cutter to cut a small wooden box. We will look at a variety of resources and watch the Claremont Makerspace laser cutter in action and give a demo of Corel Draw. This will be a great overview for anyone that has not laser cut before or are looking for some possible new tricks.

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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Robert Cornish, 79

Robert Cornish, 79, of Newport, NH, died Saturday, February 27, 2021, at his home after a period of failing health. He was born a triplet in Hartford, CT, on January 10, 1942, the son of Floyd E. and Lillian (Lavoie) Cornish.

In 1960, all three boys, Raymond, Richard and Robert, graduated from St. Mary's High School and were honored by the local newspaper for being the first set of triplets to graduate in Claremont.

Robert served in the US Army and after worked for Cricenti's in New London in the produce department.

He was an active member of the Claremont American Legion and a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus and past Grand Knight.

The family includes his brother, Floyd Cornish and his wife, Sandy; four sisters, Kathleen Derosier and her husband Robert, Eileen Thompson and husband Nathan, Ellen St. Pierre and her husband John and Lynn Ferland and her husband Dennis. Also many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Raymond, and a sister, Carol Hiltunen.

A Catholic Mass will be held at St. Mary Church in Claremont at 10AM on Tuesday, March 9th. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery with military honors.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no visiting hours, and the Stringer Funeral Home and Cornish family ask all attending the Mass to abide with all regulations and please wear a mask and use social distancing.

Health Equity Photovoice Project in Claremont, Newport and Keene

UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H, in partnership with National Extension's Well Connected Communities initiative, has launched an opportunity for young people to lead our communities as change-agents for health equity through a project called Photovoice.

This project will bring youth perspective front and center and provide a safe structure for youth to work alone and together on what matters most to them.

WHO: Up to 12 participants aged 8-18 years old that live in Sullivan or Cheshire County.

WHAT: Photovoice is an internationally known participatory research method that uses photographs and narratives presented by traditionally underrepresented populations, like young people, to make a data-driven state-

ment about an issue in their community. WHEN: Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm, March 31st-May 5th. A final exhibition will follow, details organized by the project participants and adult facilitators.

WHERE: In person location still to be determined. This project will abide by all CDC guidelines and University of New Hampshire COVID-19 policies and procedures. When weather or policy does not permit the group will meet online via ZOOM.

WHY: This project will help focus local leadership to the issues youth face today and will lead to the beginnings of systemic change at the local level. Through preliminary discussions with youth, many of the issues that have come to the surface are centralized around health equity and social justice. This project will allow for peer socialization, empowerment and change at a local level through youth-adult partnerships and youth voice.

REGISTER: Go to the UNH Cooperative Extension Event Page for more information and to register. Registration closes on March 22, 2021: <https://extension.unh.edu/events/youth-health-equity-photovoice-project>.

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

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87916056352?pwd=VDdXVWppaDJuOXZITEV2a2tPQkc3dz09>

Passcode: 739587

Or by telephone: 1-646-558-8656

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AGENDA (Revised)

- 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 4, 10, and 24, 2021, City Council Meetings
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Legislative Update
- 7:20 PM B. *Merit Plan Discussion*
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:35 PM A. City Fee Schedule – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 7:50 PM B. Multi-Year Agreement for Hydro Electric Plants Net Metering Agreement (City Manager)
- BREAK
- 8:10 PM C. *Funds Transfer – Legal Services (City Manager)*
- 8:15 PM D. Department Head Meeting Attendance (Council)
- 8:25 PM E. Selection Process for Boards, Committees and Commissions (Council)
- 8:40 PM F. RSA 91-A Compliance (Councilor Matteau)
- 8:55 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:00 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:05 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:10 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

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