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Sununu Issues Executive Order, Declares State of Emergency

Actions Being Taken to deal with COVID-19

CONCORD, NH—Friday, Governor Chris Sununu issued Executive Order 2020-04, an order declaring a state of emergency due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The emergency declaration will help ensure that resources, including state personnel, equipment and facilities, will be able to respond quickly. Also, beginning “on Sunday, March 15, all assisted living facilities, long-term care facilities, nursing facilities, residential care facilities...or any other similar facilities providing residential care to elderly or infirm patients, shall prohibit visitor access to reduce facility based transmission of COVID-19. This prohibition shall not apply to medically necessary personnel, visitors for residents receiving end of life care, or visitors necessary to provide for a resident’s psychosocial needs as determined by a licensed medical care provider.”

State agencies are now directed to assist local governments for the protection of public health by helping to procure materials, good and services as needed to mitigate the effects from the spread of COVID-19. All non-essential out-of-state travel by state and municipal employees for official business is also suspended, and all school-sponsored out-of-state travel for students and teachers in New Hampshire public schools is suspended. State and local government bodies are encouraged to conduct meetings through electronic means while preserving, to the extent, feasible, the

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Warrant Articles Pass at Claremont School District Vote

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—Seventeen percent of the voters on the checklist in Claremont went to the polls on Tuesday to vote in the Claremont School District election. The proposed budget and remaining articles easily passed. The budget of \$38.2 million passed by a vote of 663-374. Also passing were capital reserve funds—\$500,000 each— for bus maintenance replacement and building repairs and upgrades. The budget and related appropriations are expected to decrease the school’s part of the tax rate by 56 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. One-time money from the state is credited with offsetting taxes.

The budget included some \$421,000 for the first year of a three-year contract for teachers; four teachers are also being added to the Middle School to provide a full year of studies for science

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“Spring”ing Forward...

Although the official start to Spring is not until March 19, its early arrival this year has heralded in bulbs blossoming and bees busy back at work (Phyllis A Muzeroll photo).

Department of Education seeks USDA meal waivers in response to COVID-19

Would Allow for Meal Service at Schools and Child Care Centers

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Education is seeking three waivers from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services. The purpose of these waivers is to support schools and communities in providing meals to children in areas experiencing school disruptions in response to COVID-19. At this time, no New Hampshire schools have opted for long-term remote instruction. Should a school decide to shift to long-term remote instruction, the buildings would be closed, but students would continue their education remotely. Should the waivers be granted, schools could use their building to provide meals with limited interaction.

- The first waiver would allow for an alternative or grab and go meals service that would limit participants' interaction and proximity to other participants and therefore decrease the risk of COVID-19 exposure.

- The second waiver would allow school in areas not designated as high need to cover meals provided to students under the Emergency School Closure provision of the Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Options.

- The third waiver would allow sponsors to provide reimbursable meals pending availability of meal pattern components.

Should these waivers be granted, all meals would be free to students at all locations, and families would be able to bring meals home to reduce contact between participants. The program would be similar to the Summer Meal Service Program, which provided nutritious meals to New Hampshire families at more than 100 locations last summer. Local school officials would determine where and how meals would be distributed locally.

ly member; and 4) individuals needing to care for a dependent.

The State also announced activation of the Emergency Operations Center at the Incident Planning and Operations Center in Concord, effective immediately to assist in the state's response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"We are opening the Emergency Operations Center to ensure a level of consistency, coordination, preparedness in order to keep local emergency management officials informed and up-to-date," said Governor Chris Sununu. "We are taking these proactive steps today to ensure the state is ready for further developments in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak."

"The State Emergency Operations Center is the state's incident coordination center," said Perry Plummer, Department of Safety Assistant Commissioner. "The SEOC brings together the necessary state agencies to manage response communication, coordination of supply and equipment delivery, monitor response activities and provide essential resources to our local, state and federal partners."

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public's right to notice of such meetings and ability to observe and listen contemporaneously.

According to the declaration, the Dept. of Employment Security is directed to develop recommendations for specific actions the state can take to ensure that individuals unable to work in the following situations related to COVID-19 are able to access state unemployment benefits: 1) individuals quarantined due to confirmed or potential exposure; 2) individuals needing to care for themselves due to related illness; 3) individuals needing to care

for an ill fami-

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DHHS Announces New Positive Test Results of COVID-19

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced six new presumptive positive test results for COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. This brings the total in New Hampshire to 13 cases. The affected persons are adults, 4 females and 2 males, and all have traveled to domestic or international locations.

Two of the persons are adult women from Rockingham County who traveled to multiple countries in Europe on the same trip with an earlier COVID-19 case announced in New Hampshire.

Two adult females are from Rockingham County who recently traveled to different U.S. states experiencing community transmission.

The fifth person is an adult male from Rockingham County who traveled to multiple European countries.

The sixth individual is an adult male from the city of Nashua in Hillsborough County who recently traveled to Central America.

All patients are isolating at home and household contacts have self-quarantined.

DHHS conducted an investigation into these persons' activities and is in the process of notifying anyone who may have been in close contact with these persons while infectious.

Some 450 people are being monitored in New Hampshire.

The ability for residents to be tested for COVID-19 continues to increase. The State Public Health Laboratories continues to request and receive additional testing kits and supplies from the CDC to ensure capacity to test individuals potentially exposed to the virus. Commercial testing is currently available and is also set to expand to help more patients get tested through their health care providers. Some hospital laboratories are also developing local capacity to test for COVID-19. DPHS issued a Health Alert Network message on March 13 to expand guidelines for providers regarding COVID-19 testing. Patients with symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their health care provider, who will determine if testing is necessary.

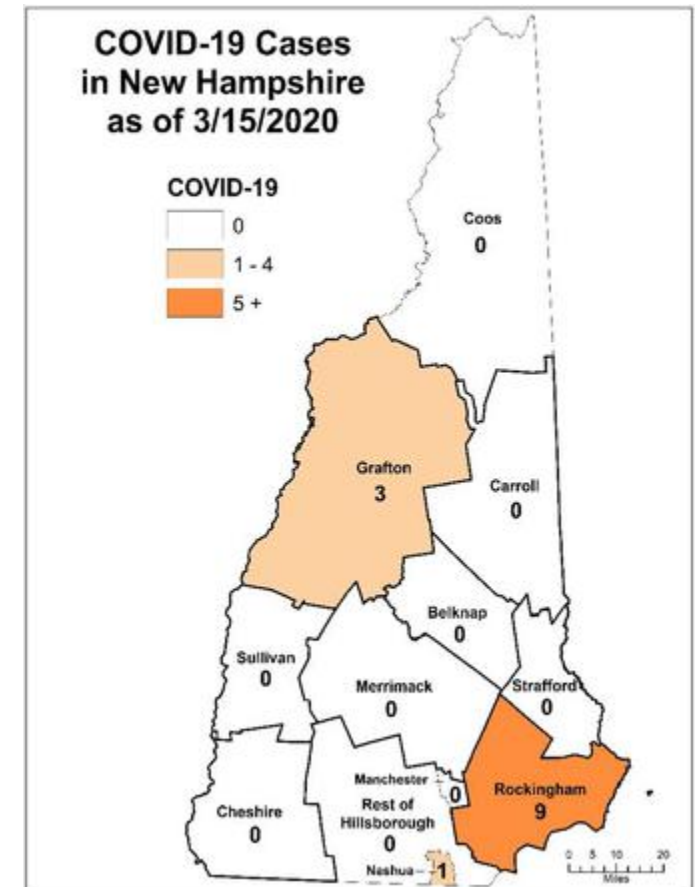
Any New Hampshire resident who has developed fever, respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) or even mild flu-like symptoms needs to limit community exposure. Stay home, limit contact with other people, and immediately contact your healthcare provider to discuss symptoms and any risk factors for COVID-19. Any individual who is symptomatic but does not have a healthcare provider should contact DHHS at (603) 271-4496.

Cancellations, Postponements of Social Activities Increase as Public Warned to Reduce Large Gatherings

As news about COVID-19 continues and the number of cases being reported increases, more and more organizations and institutions are canceling social activities as a precaution against spreading the corona virus. But it's not only school, social and civic organizations heeding the advice of public health officials. In the Claremont area, **Sullivan County Healthcare** has started restricted visitors, posting a notice on Facebook, "All visitors are currently restricted due to the COVID-19 virus. If you have extenuating circumstances please contact a supervisor at (603) 542-9511." **Claremont MakerSpace** has decided to cancel a number of upcoming activities, reporting that "All classes and activities scheduled through Tuesday, March 17th, have been cancelled. Public tours of the MakerSpace are suspended until further notice. We remain open for members; however, if you are feeling ill or have a fever or any cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay home, contact your health care provider and follow their recommendation regarding treatment or self isolation."

On Sunday, the CSBCC announced, "As our community and state are responding to the rapidly changing COVID-19 pandemic, officials for the City of Claremont have been monitoring the situation to determine the best course of action. Effective Monday, March 16, the **Claremont Savings Bank Community Center** and all **Parks and Recreation programs** will be closed/cancelled until further notice. We understand that this closure will impact our patrons and members in a number of ways. We ask for your patience as we work through these logistics and will have more information coming out to you as it is available."

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



The total number of identified cases in NH as of Sunday was 13 (NHDHHS graphic).

State Launches 2-1-1 COVID-19 Hotline

CONCORD, NH—Thursday, Governor Chris Sununu, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, and NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management, announced that 211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak can call 2-1-1.

"211NH will serve as a coordinated and streamlined process for any Granite Stater concerned about the coronavirus," said Sununu. "Now that it is up and running, any New Hampshire residents can call with questions or concerns. I would like to thank the folks at Granite United Way and Public Health for working around the clock to stay on top of this evolving public health situation by making this critical resource available 24/7."

211NH is New Hampshire's statewide, comprehensive, information and referral service operated by Granite United Way and will replace the current Department of Public Health Hotline (603-271-4496) for COVID-19 related questions.

Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Bill Would Allow Council to Appoint Members of Police Commission



The Claremont City Council may soon be able to appoint members of the Claremont Police Commission under legislation passed by New Hampshire's House of Representatives last week.

House Bill 1443, would change current state law, which now allows only Claremont's City Manager to appoint the three-member Police Commission. The Commission is a citizen body that oversees the Claremont Police Department with the exception of the Department's operating budget, which must be approved by the City Council. The bill's prime sponsor is Claremont Rep. Andrew O'Hearne, and includes the city's three other state representatives—Gary Merchant, Walter Stapleton, and myself. It was filed at the request of a majority of the City Council, including Rep. O'Hearne, who is also a city councilor.

House Bill 1443 was adopted March 12 by an overwhelming voice vote of the full House with no floor debate as well as a positive "Ought to Pass" recommendation by a 14-3 majority of the House Municipal & County Government Committee. In the Municipal & County Government's majority recommendation report, Hillsboro Marjorie Porter, a Democrat, noted that the "City Council approves this change." In contrast, Londonderry Rep. Tom Dolan, a Republican, wrote the committee's minority report recommending "Inexpedient to Legislate," which is another name for rejection. Rep. Dolan declared, "While the change from 'City Manager' to 'City Council' is supported, the fact that the law still requires the candidates for Police Commission to pass a political party litmus test was objectionable to some on the the committee. The minority felt an amendment to fix the political litmus test should have been offered." The measure now proceeds to the New Hampshire Senate for more review. Of course I voted for the bill, and was pleased it passed.

Another measure of interest to Claremonters also passed the House on March 12. An amended version of House Bill 1539, which would establish procedures for the relocation of child tenants with elevated lead levels from their presently lead hazardous apartment buildings, was approved by a 185-112 roll call vote after brief floor debate as well as a recommendation by an 11-7 majority of the House Judiciary Committee to approve the bill. The bill as amended by the Judiciary Committee would require landlords to make an unconditional written offer to facilitate at least temporary relocation of tenants within 45 days of receiving an order for lead hazard reduction from the New Hampshire's Dept. of Health & Human Services Commissioner. Relocation that would remain in effect until such time the Health & Human Services Dept. approves the designated apartment building for reoccupancy, with the lead hazard reduced or eradicated. More specifically, landlords would be required to prorate the tenant's rent for the month in which the adult & child tenants temporarily vacate the premises, and

return the portion of remaining rent paid by tenants for that month's days after tenants have left the premises. Also landlords would be required to pay "reasonable moving and/or storage costs to housing that is free of lead hazards, including moving costs incurred by tenants in reoccupying the premises." Finally, landlords would be required to offer relocated tenants the right to resume their tenancies when their affected apartment building was approved for re-occupancy by the Health & Human Services Dept.

House Bill 1539 proponents like Manchester Rep. Diane Langley, a Democrat, declared that the bill was needed to help "protect children from lead paint poisoning." Rep. Langley said that many children continue to be exposed to lead paint hazards, even though federal and state money is "available to cover the expenses incurred by landlords to free their buildings of lead paint damages." She added that much of this money goes "unused annually," as landlords fail to take "advantage of its availability and undertake remediation efforts." Finally, she stated lead is "a cumulative toxin" that even in small amounts can result in "permanent irreversible harm" to kids.

Nevertheless, House Bill 1539 opponents like Stratford Rep. Kurt Wuelpeper, a Republican, declared that the bill as amended would force landlords under lead remediation to pay their tenants "excessive costs." These costs would include return of the entire security deposit, regardless of the apartment's condition or rent arrearage, relocation expenses, as well as moving and storage costs. He added that the excessive costs would, "drive rents up, reduce the stock of affordable housing, and be grossly unfair to landlords, who could face these costs, even if tenant actions caused the problems to begin with." The bill as amended would take effect 90 days after becoming law. Its prime and sole sponsor is Manchester Rep. Patrick Long, a Democrat, and it now moves over to the Senate for further examination.

For readers' information, I did vote for House Bill 1539 as amended. I understand the concerns of opponents like Rep. Wuelpeper that the bill could financially hurt landlords, since I used to manage rental property in Claremont myself. But I also agree with proponents like Rep. Langley that our state's children need to be protected from the hazards of lead paint and pipes in older apartment buildings constructed before 1978 when the use of lead paint became illegal under federal law. Hopefully, landlords throughout New Hampshire will apply for the various federal and state grants that could help them with the costs of lead remediation as mentioned by Rep. Langley. In fact, House Bill 1539 is just a continuation of the state's effort, begun a few years ago to reduce hazardous lead in apartment buildings as well as water and sewer pipes. An effort championed by Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett, among others.

Finally, on March 13, the House passed an amended version of House Bill 1622, which would require everybody over age 18 to wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Presently, only individuals up to age 18 are required to wear a seat belt. The bill was approved by a 171-114 roll call vote after some floor debate and a recommendation by a narrow 10-9 majority of the House Transportation Committee to approve it. The bill as amended would make not wearing

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The Climate Crisis is Here

To The Editor:

Once upon a time there was no coronavirus... then there was, and our communities are mobilizing to create a rapid and effective response to the threat of this disease to our health and welfare. Conversely, the climate crisis has been slow in manifesting and insidious as it creeps into our communities... until it erupts in a deadly storm or wildfire or drought or heat wave or parasitic bite. The climate crisis is here, though many of us refuse to see it and respond to it. It is just as devastating to our health and welfare as the coronavirus, and its effects will last for generations.

The Claremont City Council at its January 22nd meeting recognized the importance of addressing the climate crisis. “We have communities around us who are acting. We have states, state’s legislators who are acting. This is real and it is a concern,” commented Councilor Con-tois. Councilor Matteau stated, “I agree that this is critical. It’s important. I think most people on the Council agree with that. Now we need to move forward with the logistics of it.” The Council suggested that it create a resolution supporting a citizen-led task force to continue the important work the City is doing to address the crisis and share their findings with the appropriate committees and commissions.

The scope of this Climate Resilience Task Team would be to educate ourselves to the breadth of this concern and learn from current resilience models that can help inform our path, review what measures the City and surrounding communities have already taken to build resilience, develop comprehensive criteria for what needs to be done, create SMART goals for achieving progress, prioritize these goals, and create sub-groups of focused interest in moving forward with achieving our goals. It is the hope of this citizen-led initiative that many persons of diverse backgrounds will join the Team to ensure that all voices are heard in building a comprehensive response, meeting each segment of our community’s needs to the climate crisis.

Please come to the March 25th City Council meeting at City Hall, following the lead of our City Council’s concern for the common good. This initiative will help transform our ability to be resilient in the face of this global crisis that affects our physical, emotional, and economic survival, and will continue to do so for many decades to come. Together we can make a difference.

Rebecca MacKenzie, Claremont, NH

Rep. Cloutier, from A4

a seat belt a secondary offense, rather than a primary offense. In other words, drivers and/or their passengers could only be cited for violating this proposed law, if they were pulled over by law enforcement for another traffic offense. The fines for not wearing a seat belt would be \$50 per offense for the driver, and \$25 per offense for each passenger not wearing a belt-all chargeable to the driver.

House Bill 1622 proponents included four Democratic representatives led by Nashua’s Skip Cleaver, who is the bill’s prime sponsor. Rep. Cleaver, who is also a member of the Transportation Committee, stated that the bill, “will save scores of lives and prevent significant numbers of serious injuries,” to drivers and passengers involved in vehicular crashes. He added that the bill has the support of the New Hampshire Dept. of Safety. He also noted that our state, the only state in the nation without a mandatory seat belt law for adults, now has the lowest rate of seat belt use in the nation with a rate of only 67 percent. Opponents such as Charlestown Rep. Steven Smith, a Republican, did not quibble with bill’s merits, but instead argued that it had “glaring flaws” as originally amended by the Transportation Committee. But the full House did adopt a floor amendment by voice vote that corrected the flaws as mentioned by Rep. Smith. It now goes to the Senate for additional scrutiny.

For the record, I voted for House Bill 1622. I voted “Yes,” because the bill should save lives, and prevent serious injuries for those involved in car crashes. As the prime sponsor of the 1997 law that raised the mandatory age of seat belt usage from up to age 12 to age 18, I know that wearing seat belts should be a no-brainer for both kids and adults. Frankly, as mentioned by Rep. Cleaver the fact that New Hampshire’s seat belt use is now down to 67 percent was a good enough reason for me support this vital highway safety bill. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net**

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Announces new Hospital Precautions to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

LEBANON, NH – In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to keep patients and staff healthy, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) has implemented new visitor and patient screening protocols.

Effective immediately, anyone entering one of D-HH’s facilities, which includes Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, New London Hospital, Cheshire Medical Center, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s (D-H’s) Community Group Practice in Southern New Hampshire, will be asked screening questions about symptoms of respiratory illness and travel history.

At DHMC in Lebanon, visitors exhibiting symptoms, or who have traveled recently, will be asked to return home and contact their primary care provider (PCP) for additional assessment. Patients presenting symptoms will be given a mask and will be risk assessed for further testing. While the same screening questions will be asked at each location, the actions following screening may vary slightly from location to location.

Until further notice, patient visitors to DHMC will also be limited to one visitor per patient at a time, and all visitors must be above the age of 14. Exceptions will be made for people visiting pediatrics, neonatal ICU, obstetrics, or psychiatric care, and for those visiting patients receiving end-of-life care.

Entrances at DHMC will be limited to the Main Entrance, North Entrance, Parking Garage and East Entrances (Norris Cotton Cancer Center). The Emergency Department entrance is open 24 hours.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 Seed Saving Project Ahern Building, Sullivan County Complex, Unity, NH March 24, 2020; 9:00 AM - 2 PM

This is a volunteer opportunity for those who like gardening and plants. Each year, we need to get our pollinator seed packets ready for the Plant Sale Pick-up Day. There

is a lot to be done including the following: separating the seeds from the seed heads and cleaning them up a bit (some of this is done already) measuring the total amount of seeds from each type of plant by weighing them creating the seed mixes (perennial/annual/individual species - extra) adding the seed mix to the packets as evenly as possible

We had a great time last year doing this. If you plan to come, please let Dawn know and make sure to bring your lunch with you! If you can only come part of the time, that’s okay too!

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The late-winter sun may not warm us very much.
But it does add interest to a visit to the Fiske Free Library.

Eric Zengota

Vote, from A1

and social studies.

With all the articles passing, the results were what the Claremont School Board had hoped for.

"I'd like to start by thanking the citizens of Claremont for their overwhelming confidence in the Claremont School Board and school administration," Board Chair Frank Sprague told the *e-Ticker News*. "It was a hard decision for many to make given the tax rate here in Claremont; the temptation to lower taxes substantially, if even for one year, was no doubt difficult to resist. That being said, we will continue the fight in Concord for a permanent solution to the school funding crisis in New Hampshire and systemic property tax relief. The school board will also continue to work with administration in looking at additional efficiencies for future budgets, balancing students needs and tax payer burden as we have done for the last several years.

"The Claremont School Board sees itself a team working for the benefit of the students of Claremont, Mike Petrin and I are grateful that voters chose to keep this team intact to continue the good work in which we are engaged."

Stevens High School senior Tyler Sullivan, who launched a write-in campaign for a board seat only a few days before the election, garnered a total of 153 votes; Sprague received 733; Petrin, 677. Tuesday night, following the release of the election results, Sullivan asked the *e-Ticker News* to post a thank you to the residents of Claremont, saving in part, "I want to start off by giving my congratulations to Mr. Sprague and Mr. Petrin for their wins to hold their seats. I also want to thank anyone and everyone who turned out to vote today, regardless of who or what you voted for. Thank you to those who did write me in, You took a chance on me with your write-in and I am forever grateful. I also want to make sure that people are aware that I DID NOT run because I disliked either one of these gentlemen. I ran simply to give people another option and a fresh idea option. I ran to open up the doors to other 18-year-old high school students and show them that you can be the change in the world, country, state, and city if you simply put your mind too it. My campaign was announced at 10 o'clock at night last Wednesday, following a school board meeting. My campaign signs were made out of poster board, sticker letters, and permanent marker.

I stood outside Ward 1 and 2 for over 7 hours today. A dedicated volunteer stood out in the rain and downpour for 4 hours this evening. I ran to let people know that Student Voice matters. I ran to let people know that I will not stop fighting for students who are silenced. I will not stop fighting for the good of the students. I will not stop fighting for the good of the teachers

and I for sure, will NOT stop fighting to END the bullying issues we have in our schools. I will not stop fighting to revise the current cell phone policy in our district.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Unity School Board is accepting applications from interested Unity residents to fill one vacancy on the Board. This position will expire in March, 2021. Applicants are asked to submit an application with a statement of qualifications. Applications for this vacancy are available online at www.sau6.org, in the office of Unity Elementary School, or at the Superintendent's Office, 165 Broad Street, Claremont, NH.

Deadline: Interested residents should send a completed application to Donna Magoon, Assistant Superintendent, by Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 4:30 PM. Paper submissions can be sent to the Superintendent's Office at 165 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743. Electronic submissions can be sent to dmagoon@sau6.org with the subject line "UNITY SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY." Any application received after the deadline will not be considered. The Unity School Board will hear from candidates at their April 14, 2020 meeting at 5:30 PM at Unity Elementary School and will make a selection at that time. All applicants are expected to attend this meeting to present their interest and qualifications.

Classified Ads

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A gold chain with a small gold star with a red stone center; Possibly in or around CVS on Thursday, 3/5. The 2 lovely ladies at CVS helped me look for it today, but we had no luck.

It has immense sentimental value to me. If you happened to have found it and could return it, my broken heart would be grateful beyond measure.

Martha Woods

(If found, you may contact the e-Ticker News and we will contact the owner).

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 23, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

Discussion of the Capital Improvements Program
For FY2021-2026

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE

Claremont Development Authority

Full Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:30 AM

Visitor Center, 14 North Street, Claremont, NH

A Note to our Readers

As you can imagine, with the corona virus situation changing daily, we are getting more and more cancellations for all kinds of events and meetings—social, civic and school-related. As such, we are doing our best to keep things up to date. As this situation remains very fluid, some cancellation notices may come in after we have published. We will update things as we get them. Consequently, the number of flyer announcements and event items we normally run will be shrinking for a while.

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SELECTIONS 2020—Selected Winners from the 2019 Juried Regional



Welcome to our Grassroots Efforts

By Jan Lambert

Welcome to the first column of A Better Claremont, an up-and-coming grassroots citizens' group of people like you who want Claremont to be a vibrant community where our children can grow up in a healthy environment! We are busy right now fighting the threat of the construction and demolition (C&D) debris facility proposed for Claremont Junction. (Read last week's *e-Ticker* for an article and letters to the editor.) The purpose of this column for the near future will be to keep the public updated on the latest developments.

To summarize the situation, the applicant, Recycling Services, Inc. (RSI), owned by Acuity Management, Inc., and doing business as the American Recycling & Disposal Company, currently operates a scrap yard at 38 Industrial Blvd. The company is seeking to expand to receive C&D debris with the bulk of the material to be shipped out west by rail for disposal. The scale of the operation, on a 1.5-acre lot, is massive with estimates of more than 50 truckloads or up to 500 tons of C&D daily, six days per week, from a wide area of New England. Acuity is currently seeking approval for 3 variances and one special exception to Claremont's zoning ordinance. Concerns have been raised by Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) members and the general public. The first ZBA hearing on March 2, 2020 drew about 100 area citizens, 22 of whom testified against the project. No one was in favor of it.

Concerns have centered on the escape of toxic materials into the environment, road wear and tear, congestion, public safety and noise. An important outcome of the March 2 hearing was that the proposal was voted to be of regional impact, because of more road wear and

pollutants affecting communities beyond Claremont. This would include pollution of aquifers and surface waters as well as air pollution. Affected communities could include Charlestown, Newport, Sunapee, Plainfield and Cornish in New Hampshire, and Weathersfield and Ascutney in Vermont.

Our ABC group has been working hard to keep track of what is in the public record at the Claremont Planning & Development office on North Street. (Anyone has the right to ask to inspect what is in the public record.) An interesting find has been a letter from the Public Works Department stating that in order to upgrade the roads in Claremont to handle the increase in anticipated heavy truck traffic, the city would have to spend \$10 million! We can expect other letters of concern to be forthcoming from all around the region. We will keep you posted.

As far as impacts on our natural environment, this aspect deserves to be highlighted. Even if RSI were receiving waste deemed "clean" enough for re-use ("beneficial use" in industry parlance) the permissible level for lead and arsenic would be measured in tons per year, resulting from 500 tons of C&D per day. And lead and arsenic are not the only toxic contaminants permitted in "clean" C&D. Very fine particles, called fines or grit, are allowed at 10% by weight. That's a lot, and that's where a lot of the contaminants appear. Grit and fines are a problem for the large industrial C&D processing facilities and for the landfills which use ground C&D for daily cover. If RSI proposes to receive residual waste (or rejects) from C&D processing operations, that will be a dirty waste stream with high potential for fugitive dust and ultimately unacceptable impacts on air quality, surface and ground water.

It is our sincere hope that this nightmare proposal will soon be a thing of the past so that area citizens can put their energies to helping Claremont grow in the right direction. There are two major improvement projects that have been building up support. The first is the renovation of the Amtrak station at Claremont Junction to attract more visitors. The second is the Pleasant Street Revitalization Project that aims to exclude thru trucks from the downtown area and turn it into a beautiful pedestrian friendly zone for shopping, culture and recreation. The C&D proposal would seriously threaten the prospect for such renovations. We don't have to let that happen.

The next hearing will be at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center, April 6, at 7

pm. The City is expecting a large turnout, but let's make it even larger! If you can't make it then send your comments to cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

A website page for A Better Claremont may be found at www.valleygreenjournal.com.

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MARCH 20, 21, 22

Sisters Weekend Marketplace... a bit of whimsy for the home and soul...

Spring has arrived at Sisters and we are smiling... the store is bursting with bright colors, fabulous fragrances and delicious flavors.

Our "Meet The Maker" Belinda who works in polymer clay will be with us. Her Easter egg creations along with her miniature boxes, jewelry, and pen/pencil sets are simply sensational!

She will be demonstrating her work with us on Saturday. So get your Spring on and mark your calendar:

Fri March 20th 6-9pm Sat March 21st 10-5pm Sun March 22nd 11-4pm

Sisters Weekend Marketplace
82 Main St. Windsor VT

Follow along for some sneak peeks...

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FREE - Diabetes Prevention Program Informational Meeting

Tuesday, March 17 at 12-1 PM

Newport Health Center, Community Room

FREE Connect Suicide Prevention & Intervention Training

March 17, 1-4 PM

New London Hospital, Helm Conference Room

FRIDAY, March 20, 2020 at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP

Free Educator Workshop: Water - Environmental Data Collection

Join Shelburne Farms and the National Park Service for an exciting new series of place-based education workshops focused on collective science and stewardship in the Upper Valley. This March workshop is designed to familiarize educators with protocols to collect environmental data about Water using the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's GLOBE program.

For more details and to register, please visit the event page: <https://shelburnefarms.org/calendar/event/collective-science-and-stew->

[ardship-in-the-upper-valley-carbon-cycle-weather](#)

Workshop fees will be waived for this workshop thanks to generous support from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Wellborn Ecology Fund.

**MAY 6
NEWPORT SPRING JOB FAIR**

Newport's Spring Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at the Wheeler Gymnasium at Towle Elementary School in Newport from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Presented by the Town of Newport's Economic Development Office.

Open to the public and free for businesses. More information and RSVP at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CR-R6UGHqodVc2-2EwJNamHnaAn_N-DR3xgdmrK95biA/viewform?edit_requested=true.

**River Theater, Charlestown
Rotary Present Murder
Mystery Dinner
Theater**

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown Rotary and River Theater are again teaming up to bring an evening of hilarious comedy and delicious food to Charlestown. This year's event, "You Have the Right to Remain Dead" by Pat Cook, will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall in Charlestown.

Imagine that you've just settled down in the town hall to solve an audience-participation murder mystery. The narrator (Dan Regan) comes out and gives you a few "ins and outs" on what to look for in the play. The show starts and you meet Fat Daddy (John Luther), a rich but vindictive southern gentleman with an equally conniving and scheming family. So you know who's going to die, right? But who will the murderer be? Will it be Sweet Mama (Ruth Hughes Pratt), Daddy's pan-

dering wife; Hyacinth (Elizabeth Wilber), the daughter who's always cleaning the family firearms; Earl the worm (Jeff Semprebon), or his overly amorous wife, Savannah (Mary Gi-anini) or Clete (Blaine Lessard) the sullen handyman who, for some reason, is in the will? Then Fat Daddy is discovered, dead as a hammer. Except the corpse isn't Daddy's—and we're not going to spoil the suspense of who it is! The director (Sharon Elsesser), comes on stage and Officer Bainbridge (Chuck Lessard) arrives. Now YOU have to figure out which of the actors (or could it be the backstage techie Trudy (Lanie Goodwin) murdered the victim. And not only are you questioning the cast, but they are questioning you! Yes, you are a suspect as well! Directed by Heidi Fagan, the show will have you on your toes and right in the action, and hopefully your evening won't end with being arrested on suspicion of murder!

The dinner menu includes green salad, a choice of Chicken Parmesan or Cauliflower Pie (Vegan, GF) and bread pudding with vanilla sauce for dessert (GF dessert option also available.) and coffee. Bring your own soft

drinks or other beverages. Tickets are \$30 each for dinner and the show and are available by calling Carol St. Pierre at (603) 543-0433. Call early for tickets as this show sells out every year! Doors open at 5:30 and the dinner/show begins at 6:00 PM.

**Apple Tree and Blueberry
Bush Pruning Demonstration**

The UNH Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County's annual pruning demonstration for apples and blueberries will be held in April, so dress accordingly for the weather. Suggested donation \$5.00.

Location: Riverview Farm, 141 River Road, Plainfield

Date and Time: Saturday, April 11, 2020 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

For questions or to register, call Sherrie at 603-863-9200 or email sherrie.fontaine@unh.edu.

For more information regarding the demonstration, contact Seth at seth.wilner@unh.edu.


REMINDER

to all Owners of property in Claremont

– your 4th quarter
property tax bill is
due by March 31st.

This bill should be
the same amount
that was due on
January 2nd**.

** unless there was a change/upgrade in property



Caccavaro Pleads Guilty to Simple Assault

NEWPORT, NH—The *Union Leader* reported that Claremont resident George Caccavaro pled guilty on Tuesday to “two counts of simple assault after prosecutors agreed to drop the two counts of sexual assault against the former Claremont mayor.” A negotiated deal between Caccavaro and the state led to the sexual assault charges being dropped and the guilty plea said the *Union Leader*.

Two counts of misdemeanor sexual assault were originally brought Caccavaro, 79, after his arrest in 2019. The *Union Leader* reported that “Prosecutors brought the new simple assault charges against Caccavaro last month, in anticipation of the plea agreement. One simple assault count accuses Caccavaro of squeezing the buttocks of the victim without her consent, a young woman with developmental disabilities. The other count charges him with thrusting his hips into her pelvis, also without her consent.” He was working as a paraeducator for the Claremont School District at the time of his arrest; the incident reportedly took place in February of last year.

Caccavaro, 78, is a former mayor for the City and has served on a number of boards. He was the former CEO of Cone-Blanchard and also served as the business administrator for the Mascoma School District; at the time of his arrest, he was working as the business administrator for the Newport School District.

He is expected to be sentenced in May.
—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

NH Legislative Activities Suspended for One Week Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

CONCORD, NH— On Saturday, New Hampshire Senate President Donna Soucy and Speaker of the House Steve Shurtleff announced the Legislature has suspended all legislative activities for at least one week, March 16 - 20. The State House will be closed to legislative members,



legislative staff, and visitors but remain open for governmental operations until further notice.

Following the announcement, the Senate President and Speaker of the House released the following statement:

“As legislative leaders, our top priority is protecting the health and wellbeing of our mem-

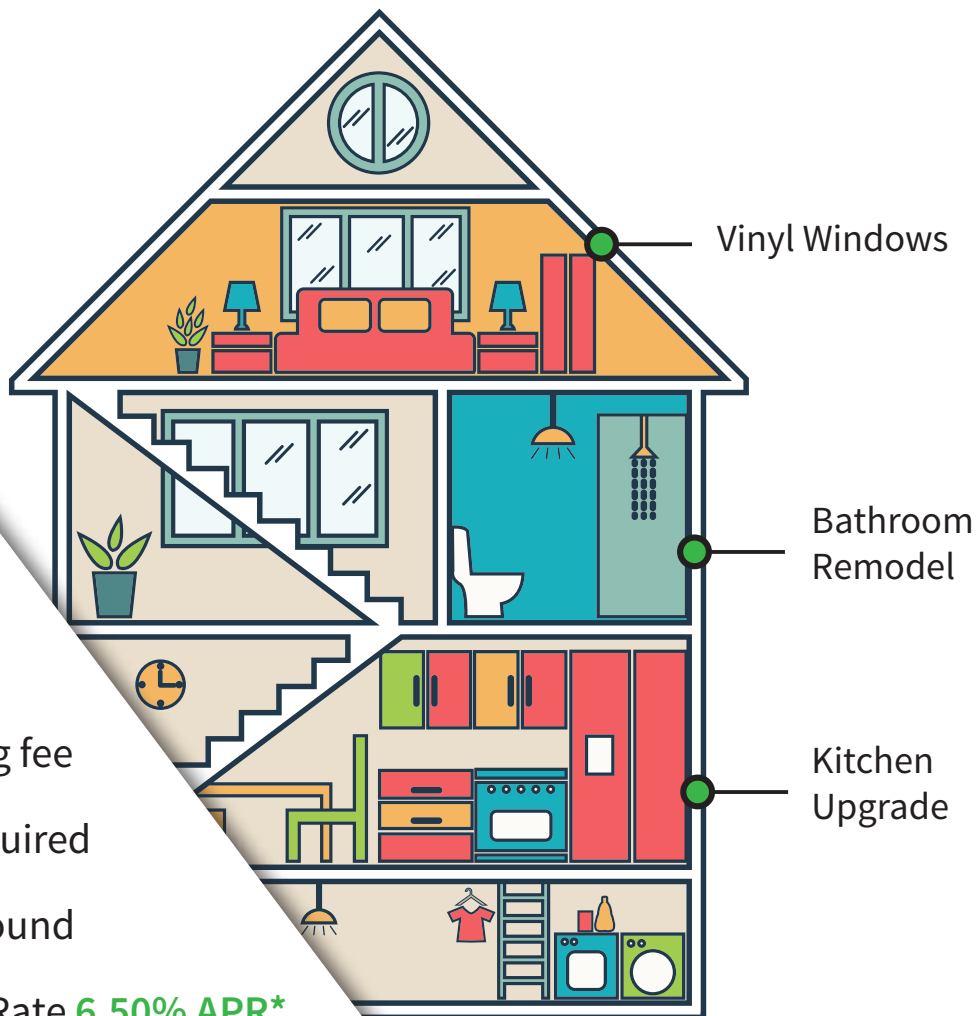
bers, staff, and the public. Out of an abundance of caution, today we are taking the step to suspend all legislative activities for at least one week. We will continue to monitor the situation and respond as needed and remain committed to working with Governor Sununu to take all necessary steps to curb the impact of coronavirus in New Hampshire.”

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Mayoral Notes

by
Charlene Lovett



Partial Completion of Goddard Block Project Brings New Rental Units to Claremont City Center

At 10am on Friday, March 20, Claremont will celebrate the partial completion of the Goddard Block project, an \$11 million dollar investment in its City Center and the creation of 36 newly constructed rental units. Given the building had been condemned three years ago for health and safety code violations and stood vacant until temporary certificates of occupancy were awarded this February for 10 units, this is welcome news. Not only does this mixed use/mixed income project support the City's goal of revitalizing the historic district, but it also helps alleviate a shortage of quality, affordable housing.

When Mr. LaCasse of New England Family Housing presented his project to the Claremont Planning and Zoning Boards in 2018, there were only minor changes to the footprint of the building. The real changes were in the form of a complete gutting of the building, an increase in square footage with the expansion of the second and third floors and the installation of an elevator. These changes transformed a condemned building that had housed commercial space and 24 rental units into a fully renovated building with newly furnished commercial space and 36 studio, one or two-bedroom apartments.

As a mixed income project, units are offered to qualified individuals with varying levels of income. Nine of the units are listed at fair market rate. The remaining units are offered at a percentage of the average family median income (AFMI) for Sullivan County which is \$73,600. Nineteen are being offered at 60 percent and nine are being offered at 50 percent, equating to an income limit of \$48,960 and \$40,800 respectively for a family of four. The mixed income model has been used successfully in communities across the nation, enabling peo-

ple of varying income levels to have access to affordable, quality housing.

Property management is critical to the success of a mixed use/mixed income project. At our meeting on March 11, the Council heard from Marcia Franklin, Chief Operating Officer of Alliance Asset Management, the company hired by Mr. LaCasse to manage the Goddard Block. She spoke of the application and vetting process the company uses to ensure that only qualified applicants are eligible to rent units. Because of federal housing anti-discrimination laws, this is the process used whether the individual is able to afford an apartment at fair market rate or one using a Section 8 voucher.

At the same meeting, the Council also heard from Michelle Aiken, Executive Director of the Claremont Housing Authority. She noted that, for years, Housing and Urban Development has allocated 140 Section 8 vouchers to Claremont. Traditionally, these vouchers were individually assigned. Recently, HUD created project based vouchers (pbv), assigning the voucher to a building rather than the individual. A discussion ensued as to whether assigning 10 pbvs to the Goddard Block was in the best interest of the community. Regardless of what the final decision is, those needing housing assistance through the voucher program can apply to live at the Goddard Block. The property management company will ascertain eligibility via the application process.

The impact of Section 8 vouchers on a community is often a hotly debated topic. Some people believe them to be detrimental, others as needed now more than ever given the nationwide housing crisis. When we consider the people who benefit from them, we discover many are elderly, disabled or working

in low-paying jobs. Ensuring that people of varying incomes have access to quality housing is a challenge all communities face, and the mixed use/mixed income model has proven to be a successful approach when well managed.

The City's approval of the Goddard Block project signifies that Claremont has embarked upon this path. Mr. LaCasse's \$11M investment into a once condemned building has furthered our revitalization efforts in the City Center, and improved housing availability. Robust property management practices will ensure the long term success of the Goddard Block. For more information on units available at the Goddard Block, please go to www.alliancenh.com. If you would like to join us in the celebration of yet another milestone in the revitalization of the City Center or tour the building, please join us at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 20, at 10am.

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

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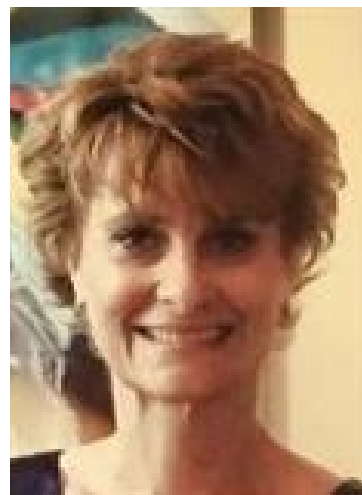
Grand Openings...

Celebrations were recently held for two new businesses in downtown Claremont. Left: a Grand Opening was held for 603 Nutrition, a juice and smoothie bar at 66 Pleasant St. Right: Flow Studios marked its opening in Opera House Square; the business offers services such as healing arts, tattoos, and a crystal and mineral showroom (Courtesy photos).

Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited Welcomes New Agent

CLAREMONT, NH—Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited welcomes its new agent, Vickie Tyminski. She is a seasoned executive with over 25 years of experience in business and people management, in contract negotiations, corporate acquisitions and divestitures. She is a veteran public speaker, teacher, and corporate coach. Her former career as a Human Resources executive, along with her passion

for helping people, her attention to detail and diverse skillset forms a solid foundation for a successful career in real estate, said the office in its welcome. She is a true professional and is highly skilled at negotiating successful outcomes where all parties can achieve their goals and en-



Vickie Tyminski

joy the experience.

She's lived in the Connecticut River Valley her entire adult life, where she and her husband Darrin raised their three children. Tyminski is eager to use her knowledge of the local area, her diverse skillset and extensive list of contacts to help you find your perfect first home, your next step purchase or your forever home.

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Katrina Taylor, D.O., Named Chief Medical Officer for Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc.

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Springfield Medical Care Systems has announced Katrina Taylor, DO, has been named Chief Medical Officer effective February 12, 2020.

Dr. Taylor completed her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, NY; and earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, ME. She joined SMCS in September 2006, caring for patients at Ridgewood Internal Medicine on River Street in Springfield, VT as well as in the hospital. In 2008 she became the first full time hospitalist at Springfield Hospital.

Dr. Taylor has held the position of Springfield Hospital Medical Staff President, Medical Staff Quality Officer, and participated on the Credentials, Strategic Planning, and Medical Staff By-laws committees.

Dr. Taylor's work will include clinical oversight of all community health center locations, ensuring best practices are developed and utilized, and FQHC policies and procedures are followed. She will also work with the medical staff and administration on areas such as the electronic health record, provider recruitment and retention and quality improvement initiatives seeking to maintain the highest level of quality of care and customer service.

Dr. Taylor's office is located at Springfield Health Center, 100 River Street, Springfield, VT. She can be reached by calling 802-886-8969 or e-mail ktaylor@springfieldmed.org.

The Center for Recovery Resources Announces New Staff

CLAREMONT, NH—The Center for Recovery Resources, a community program of TLC Family Resource Center, held an Open House on March 12 for the public to meet the new staff. The Center opened in July 2018

with a mission to provide direct support and resource navigation to those impacted by addiction. Using a peer recovery model including peer coaches to support those in recovery, The Center is open 5 days a week for drop-ins, for scheduled appointments, and for pre-scheduled groups that meet a variety of needs for the recovery community. The Center also provides 24/7 Peer Recovery Coaches to the Valley Regional Healthcare Emergency Department through a grant from the Integrated Delivery Network.

Former manager Wayne Miller stepped down as manager of The Center for Recovery Resources at the beginning of January in order to pursue other work in the social justice field. He continues part-time with The Center helping with the national accreditation process and doing peer coaching.

TLC Family Resource Center welcomes Dan Wargo as the new manager and Gail Moeller as the assistant manager. Wargo is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor who recently left his position with the Sullivan County Department of Corrections working with the TRAILS program. He holds an Associates Degree in Business Management and a BA in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Moeller has a BA in Human Services and most recently served as a Family Services Coordinator for Pathways of the River Valley. Prior to that she was a special education paraprofessional with SAU #6.

In addition Melissa O'Brien and Liz Morse serve as peer recovery coaches and family support specialists. With

a BA in social services and a concentration in addiction, O'Brien has worked in a variety of settings as a recovery specialist and running groups. Morse has been a parent educator with TLC Family Resource Center for three years and is a trained facilitator of our Parents in Recovery groups. All the staff are certified recovery coaches.

TLC Family Resource Center supports and strengthens all children, youth, and families with a wide range of free programs, support groups, education, and events.

The Center for Recovery Resources support all pathways of recovery from all forms of addiction through peer-to-peer relationships and community building. To learn more about The Center for Recovery Resources to go www.tlcfamilyrc.org or call The Center at 603-287-7127.



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Motor Vehicle Stop Leads to Arrests and Seizure of Vehicle

LEBANON, NH—Lebanon Police Chief Richard Mello reported that on March 3, at approximately 1:18 AM, Officer Scelza performed a routine motor vehicle stop for a defective brake light. The male operator and female passenger initially gave Scelza and K9 Officer Alden false names, said Mello. After an investigation, the true identities of the male and female were discovered, and they were identified as Colin Dowling, age 32, of Canterbury, NH, and Colleen Mitchell, age 24 of Grantham, NH, said Mello.

Mello said that Dowling had an active capias warrant out of Belknap County and Mitchell had an active capias warrant out of Grafton County for their arrest for alleged possession and sales of drugs. They were taken into custody without incident.

According to Mello, "Officer Scelza and K9 Officer Alden saw [alleged] drug paraphernalia in plain view inside of the vehicle and K9 Nitro was deployed for an exterior sniff of the vehicle. K9 Nitro alerted to the presence of drugs during the sniff of the vehicle and the vehicle was seized pending a search warrant."

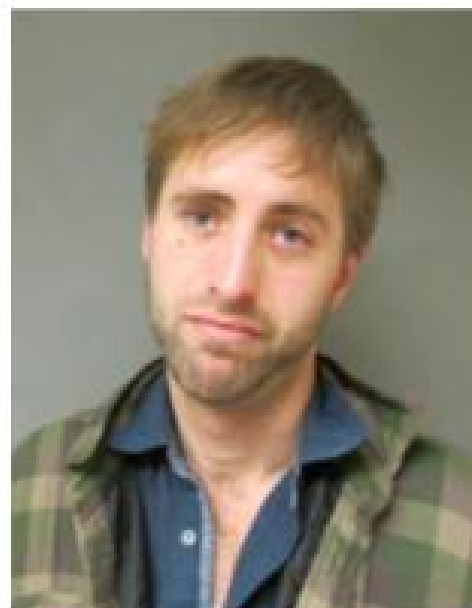
The search of the vehicle allegedly yielded \$2,611.00 in cash, suspected Methamphetamine, LSD, Cocaine, Ecstasy, prescription medication, drug paraphernalia, and indicators of drug sales.

Dowling and Mitchell were processed on their capias warrants and held at the Grafton County House of Corrections pending arraignment in the Grafton County Superior Court.

Dowling was also issued a summons to appear in the Lebanon District Court for Disobeying a Police Officer, a Class B Misdemeanor, and Operating on a Suspended License, a Violation. He was also issued a citation for defective equipment. More charges will be forthcoming, said Mello.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 MERIDEN BIRD CLUB

Join the Meriden Bird Club for a special program on Peruvian Amazon Wildlife on Sunday, March 22, from 2 - 4 pm at Singing Hills. Our presenter is Macsen Elkouh, age 15, from Enfield, NH. This budding naturalist will share photos from a recent trip to Peru that range from Sloths to Poison Dart Frogs to Skunk Birds! Free and open to the public. Light refreshments provided; mdrye@madscape.com for more info.




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Claremont Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten pre-registration is now open for all incoming kindergarten Claremont students for the 2020-2021 school year. In order for your child to qualify for kindergarten, you must be a Claremont resident and your child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2020.

Pre-registration will run until May 1, 2020 .

If you would like to pre-register your child, please go to www.sau6.org to fill out the pre-registration form.

Don't Let Fears Drive Your Investment Choices

First, the coronavirus rocked the financial markets. Then, oil prices dropped more than 20 percent after a breakdown in OPEC production discussions. Not surprisingly, the markets took another nosedive. Yet, despite these events, this recent market volatility may well be attributed more to fear than the forces that usually drive the markets. Ultimately, in the investment arena, as in all walks of life, facts matter. And right now, if you look beyond the headlines, the facts that matter to investors may be far less gloomy than you might have imagined.

So, here are some things to keep in mind over the next several weeks:

- This isn't 2008. If you were an investor in 2008, you well remember the market crash that resulted from the bursting of the housing bubble, which had severe ripple effects throughout the economy. The situation is different now. While it's quite likely that the U.S. economy will take a hit in the short term, the overall economic fundamentals were strong before the coronavirus came along and may indeed prove resilient enough to withstand the recent shocks. Specifically, the labor market conditions were the best in decades, housing activity was improving and interest rates remained low. And even the recent events may have a bright side: The drop in oil prices will likely reduce prices at the gas pumps, leading to more money in the pockets of consumers, which, in turn, can boost spending, a key driver of our economy. And the large decline in interest rates will make home purchases and mortgage refinancing even more attractive – again, positive moves for the economy.

- We've been here before. From the time the markets bottomed out in early 2009 until just a few weeks ago, stock prices climbed about 300 percent. Yet, during that time, we also saw three separate market drops of more than 15 percent, similar to what we're seeing now. These market corrections always feel unsettling, but it's important to recognize that they are actually a normal part of the long-term investing process.

So, given these factors, how should you respond to the current situation? Instead of simply selling your stocks in an attempt to cut your losses, review your portfolio to see if it is properly balanced between stocks, bonds and other investments in a way that reflects your goals, time horizon and risk tolerance. Those investors with properly balanced portfolios are not seeing the same level of decline as those whose holdings are almost entirely in stocks. And while diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help reduce the impact of volatility.

Here's another suggestion: Look for good buying opportunities, because they are certainly out there. A well-managed company with a solid business plan that produces quality products and services is going to be that same company after the coronavirus and oil price panics subside – and right now, that company's stock shares may literally be "on sale."

While it's not easy for you to look at your investment statements today, remember that you're investing for goals that may be decades away. By keeping your eyes on this distant horizon, so to speak, you'll be less likely to over-react to the news of the day – and more likely to follow a long-term strategy that can work for you.

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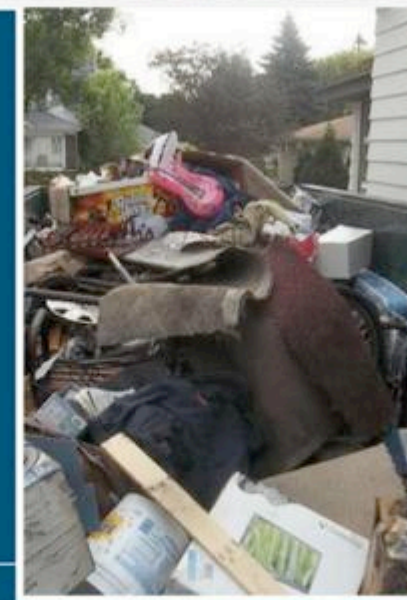
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A Message from the Claremont City Manager

Regarding: COVID-19

With Governor Sununu's declaration of emergency and decision to close all schools in the State of New Hampshire, I have made the decision to close the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and the City Library. At this time, I plan to keep all city offices and departments staffed so we can answer questions and continue our service to the residents of Claremont.

The City of Claremont urges citizens to follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recommendations on self-observation and social distancing. The CDC definitions to these terms are listed below:

Self-observation means people should remain alert for subjective fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. If they feel feverish or develop cough or difficulty breathing during the self-observation period, they should take their temperature, self-isolate, limit contact with others, and seek advice by telephone from a health-care provider or their local health department to determine whether medical evaluation is needed.

Social distancing means remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible.

In an effort to follow the social distancing recommendation, I ask citizens to call city offices, if possible, instead of visiting.

I will continue to update the public as the situation develops, with any guidance or directives that may affect our community. Please be aware that DHHS is leading the New Hampshire response to COVID-19. Any time you have a specific question about the virus, or if you would like more information, please visit the DHHS website at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm> or the CDC website

at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. You may also call 211 to ask questions regarding COVID-19 or the State of New Hampshire's response to this outbreak.

The City is working closely and complying with all directives from Sullivan County Public Health Network, DHHS, and the CDC. Our main objectives are to alleviate unnecessary concern while safeguarding the health of our community.

Ed Morris
City Manager

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Begins Delaying some Elective Procedures

LEBANON, NH—In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) will begin to delay some elective procedures starting Monday, March 16,, officials announced Sunday evening. A nationwide shortage of critical supplies is forcing DH-H, and hospitals across the country, to strategically focus on maintaining the availability of supplies and equipment during this challenging period.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health organizations are proactively reaching out to patients whose elective procedures will be delayed. Any patient not receiving a call about their procedure should arrive as scheduled. Doctor's appointments and well visits are not impacted. All D-HH hospitals remain open and outpatient appointments, urgent, and emergency procedures continue.

"Given the rapidly evolving situation here in New Hampshire, we made this decision because we must strategically and effectively allocate our resources, including such items as surgical masks, gowns, gloves and hand sanitizers, and also prepare for staff to care for the patients we anticipate in the days and weeks to come," said Joanne M. Conroy, President & CEO of DH-H. "While we are hopeful that we can replenish our supplies in the near-term, it is critical that we adjust around our current supplies, and have protocols in place for staff coverage."

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health reminds everyone to practice good public health habits, in-

cluding maintaining social distancing, frequent washing of hands, and staying home if sick. For additional information about DH-H's response to COVID-19 visit: www.Dartmouth-Hitchcock.org.

To the Claremont Community

Please note:

In compliance with the Governor's order to limit gatherings, the **Claremont Soup Kitchen** served the regularly scheduled dinner last evening, March 15, 2020.

Today, Monday, March 16, through April 3, we will serve take out only:

Breakfast 9:30-10:30

Lunch 12:00-1:00

Dinner 4:00 a 5:00

Please go to the front door on Central Street for your meal.

Food pantry pick up will be by appointment only, at your regularly scheduled date. Please call 603-543-3290 to schedule an appointment. All pick up times must be scheduled.

Volunteers please note

We will need you at your regularly scheduled time. If you are unable to be at the kitchen, please call Cindy at 603-543-3290 at least one day prior to your schedule.

These adaptations are made to protect our guests, our staff and our volunteers. We hope that this does not cause any hardship to anyone.

We are dedicated to feeding the people of Claremont and surrounding area, particularly our children. We are doing our best to meet the needs of all and appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Cindy Stevens, Director
Priscilla Hull, Pres. BoD
Board of Directors, CSK

Governor Closes Schools for Three Weeks in New Hampshire

Remote Learning Systems to be put into Place as Country Deals with COVID-19 Crisis

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

On Sunday, NH Governor Chris Sununu held a press conference with other state officials to bring Granite State residents up to date on the COVID-19 crisis and steps they were taking to try to slow its progression in New Hampshire. Dr. Benjamin Chan, New Hampshire's state epidemiologist, reported that there are now 13 cases of corona virus identified in NH. State officials said they are related to travel or direct close contact. All are home with mild symptoms. Some 450 people are being monitored in New Hampshire.

With numbers expected to increase, the governor has directed that public schools close in New Hampshire beginning Monday to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Department of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut provided details, saying that districts will have one week to prepare for remote instruction systems, followed by two weeks of remote learning, through April 3. At that point, the situation will be re-evaluated. Although the state has no jurisdiction over private schools, most are following the same course although the Governor's order does not apply to them.

In Claremont, superintendent Michael Tempesta released the following message following the governor's press conference:

"Good afternoon, this is Michael Tempesta, Superintendent of Schools for SAU 6 in Claremont and Unity New Hampshire.

"I am contacting you to follow-up on the Governor Sununu's 1 pm press conference earlier today in which he directed all schools to immediately transition to remote learning. Students will not be reporting to school beginning tomorrow and continuing for the next few weeks until April 3, 2020, when the situation regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic will be re-assessed and new guidance will be given.

"To be clear, no students will be reporting to school in Unity and Claremont, NH, beginning tomorrow. All faculty and staff will be reporting to their schools to begin planning remote learning for our students. We will be communi-

cating our remote learning expectations, procedures and logistics to students and families throughout the week.

"I want to thank everyone for their patience and support throughout this very challenging COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

"We are fortunate to have a very close-knit, caring school community and we will all get through this together."

And in Newport, superintendent Brendan Minnihan also released a statement:

"Dear Newport Families and Staff:

Today, School Superintendents and other educational leaders had a conference call with the New Hampshire Department of Education. This was followed by a press conference headed by Governor Sununu. We have been directed by the Governor and the New Hampshire Department of Education to prepare for and implement a remote learning plan. Based on those events, the Newport School District will be closed starting today Sunday, March 15, 2020.

"This first week will be spent training our staff on the use of remote instruction. Remote learning will begin, the following Monday, March 23rd. The plan is that the schools will remain closed, and instruction will take place remotely until at least April 3rd. There is certainly the possibility that this date may be extended. As the situation continues to evolve, I will be providing additional information and guidance.

"As you are no doubt aware, our community, state, and country are responding to the ongoing and rapidly changing COVID-19 pandemic. The School Board and School Administration have been working with our staff and our community partners including the Selectmen and the Town of Newport. This past week the School Board Chair reached out to the Chair of the Selectmen and the Superintendent began working with the Town Manager to coordinate our efforts. The School Board recognizes that this potential disruption affects more than just the schools and the children but rather the whole community.

"There are currently a number of presumptive positive cases of coronavirus in New

Hampshire. The indication though is that the number of possible cases is likely to increase exponentially in the coming days and weeks. One of the leading recommendations to help prevent the widespread passing of the virus is through social distancing, namely keeping large groups of individuals from gathering.

"During this remote instruction period, all buildings will be closed, and most staff will be working remotely. A small number of SAU employees and our dedicated custodial staff will be maintaining district functions and cleaning the buildings.

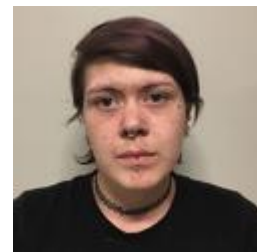
"We are working closely with our state and local partners to provide resources, information, and support during these challenging times. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me at either 603-454-4447 or bminnihan@sau43.org.

"Be well and take care.

"Brendan Minnihan."

Chromebooks will be issued over this week.

Charlestown Woman Arrested in Bow Stabbing Case



Cassandra Boardman

BOW, NH—On Saturday, March 14, at approximately 9:30am, Bow Police responded to a residence on Bow Bog Road, in the area of Laurel Drive, for the report of a disturbance and an individual having been stabbed.

Upon arrival Bow Police located and arrested the suspect without incident. Cassandra Boardman, 27, of Charlestown, NH, was arrested and charged with 1st Degree Assault. The victim received multiple stab wounds and was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Boardman was held on preventative detention bail and will be arraigned Monday, March 16, in the Merrimack County Superior Court in Concord.

Both the suspect and victim were acquaintances and there is no danger to the public, said the Bow Police Department.