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Getting the Lead Out

Healthy Homes Program Launches in Sullivan County

**By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—The work to remove lead hazards from Sullivan County homes has begun.

“The Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program, which has been in the works for a couple of years, began with mayor Charlene Lovett and the Claremont Lead Action Team deciding to do something about childhood lead poisoning in the city,” said program manager Kate Kirkwood.

A grant application to HUD resulted in a county-wide Lead and Healthy Homes grant of \$1.7 million, which will be spent inspecting and remediating homes and child care centers over the next three years. An anticipated 60 units will be remediated. HUD considers a “unit” to be either a single-family home or each apartment in a multi-family building.

The program is described on the county website at sullivancountynh.gov/1236/Lead-Paint-Healthy-Homes-Program. Property owners apply to the program, but qualification depends on the income of the occupants.

Last week, 10 NH Certified Lead Abatement Contractors were invited on the first “bid walk.” Lovett and city manager Ed Morris joined them as they visited four qualified Claremont properties.

Certified lead inspector/risk assessor Mickey Laskey, referring to detailed inspection reports based on his earlier visits, led the group. He stated the program’s working principle: to retain as many original — and sometimes historically significant — exterior or structural and design features as are safe. Remediation depends on lead levels. Unsafe siding, for example, would either be stripped bare and then “encapsulated” with

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Mickey Laskey (center) points out which parts of the exterior of 31 Myrtle Street need remediation (Eric Zengota photo).

Investigation into 'Officer-Involved' Shooting in City Continues

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—The investigation in an “officer-involved” shooting that took place on Wednesday in Claremont is continuing. On Thursday, Deputy Attorney General Jane E. Young announced additional information regarding the incident that began around 3:30 p.m. and continued to about 9:30 that night. During that incident, gunfire was exchanged between Jeffrey Ely (age 40) and six members of the New Hampshire State Police SWAT team; Ely died as a result.

Earlier on Thursday, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Mitchell Weinberg conducted an autopsy on Ely and determined that his cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds to the head, neck, upper and lower extremities, and torso. Dr. Weinberg concluded that the manner of his death is homicide. As used by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, homicide is defined as the killing of one person by another,

said Young. She added that “Pursuant to protocol, no further information will be released until after the involved Troopers’ formal interviews are completed.”

About mid-afternoon on Wednesday, residents in the area of lower Sullivan Street were alerted to shelter in place due to an incident that was taking place; police were initially called to the scene for a report of gunshots being fired. The road from the APC Paper mill to Plains Road was closed off and drivers were told to find an alternate route in the area. As the incident

unfolded, it was learned that Ely was holed up at 247 Sullivan St., once home to Dartmouth Woolen and later Homestead Industries. It is now owned by Sugar River Storage LLC. Early on during the incident, a state trooper drove up from the site and met with a previous owner and sheriff deputies to review floor plans of the industrial building. Ely, whose Facebook page said he was from Windsor, VT, reportedly stored a truck and auto parts at the storage site. On Wednesday, Ely posted a video on



Two Sullivan County sheriff deputies confer with Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr near the APC Paper mill on Sullivan Street Wednesday (Eric Zengota photo).

his Facebook page that ran about 2 minutes long and apparently was taken inside the storage facility. While showing only a black video, a voice can be heard agitated and swearing at police. His page contained multiple posts expressing fear and anger that he was being harassed and monitored through his phone. In one post, he wrote, “Please help me. Something strange is going on.” A number of friends also had been posting on his page, expressing concern for his well-being.

According to the AG’s Office, the involved troopers did not have body or cruiser cameras.

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Claremont-Sugar River Rotary to Host Shredding Event May 1st

CLAREMONT, NH—Just in time for tax season, the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club and The Insurance Center have joined forces to host a paper shredding fundraiser on Saturday, May 1st. Documents will be professionally shredded on site from 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of Claremont Savings Bank at 145 Broad Street, Claremont, by SecureShred.

Donations to the Club will be graciously accepted and will go toward charitable projects such as First Night: Claremont, the Jeff Patton Stevens High School Alumni Scholarship, and PolioPlus, the Rotary campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.

This fundraiser will be pandemic friendly, as participants will not leave their cars. Please bag or box your papers. Paper bags are best, and please don't tie plastic bags. If you'd like to bring more than 5 bags or boxes, contact Allyn Girard to make arrangements.

If you are not able to bring your papers to the event on May 1st, you may also make arrangements to have your shredding picked up beforehand by contacting Girard.

Covid-19 protocols will be observed, including social distancing and mask wearing. Rotary volunteers will collect your materials to be shredded from your trunk or backseat and carry it to the shredding truck. Alternatively, donations may be handed to a volunteer or dropped into the sanitized donation box.

This event will take place rain or shine. Materials one might desire to shred include: documents, old bills or tax documents, credit cards or any other confidential documents.

Shredding documents is important in order to protect your personal and confiden-

tial information, and to help prevent identity theft. This event is open to individuals and businesses; you do not need to be a Claremont resident to participate.

"Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club is proud to help with spring cleaning and in the effort to prevent identity theft," said the organization.

DATE & TIME: Saturday May 1, 9 am to 1 pm
WHERE: Claremont Savings Bank at 145 Broad Street, Claremont, NH.

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No Paper April 12

As a very good friend has been pointing out to me lately, I have not taken a break from running the paper since some time in 2019. We all know how exhausting 2020 proved to be, in so many ways.

Consequently, I have decided to take a brief break and will not be publishing an edition on April 12. If news of some consequence occurs, it will be posted on our Facebook page and website. Obituaries will be posted as usual on the website to remain timely.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

—Phyllis "Pam" Muzeroll

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Breaking Down the Proposed Budget



Like college basketball, New Hampshire's House of Representatives is again doing its own version of "March Madness," except our version is occurring in April this year, instead of March.

The House will meet for three straight days beginning Wednesday, April 7, again at Bedford's New Hampshire Sportsplex in order to help protect members and staff from exposure to COVID-19. According to my rough count, we representatives will consider approximately 270 pieces of legislation during the three days, which are scheduled to start at 9am each day, and expected to continue until at least 6pm, based on my information from fellow representatives, who are in leadership. Approximately 160 pieces are on the Consent Calendar, according to my count, and should be easily voted on by the full House, unless at least one representative removes them for debate. The remaining 110 measures on the Regular Calendar are more contentious, and will likely draw some debate before being voted on by us. These measures include legislation on gun rights, reproductive health, education, and environmental protection, among other topics. But the two most controversial measures up for debate on April 7 will likely be amended versions of House Bill 1, the state's biennial operating budget, as well as House Bill 2, more popularly known as the "trailer bill," that helps implement the operating budget. These bills were submitted by Republican Gov. Christopher Sununu in February but were amended by a majority of the House Finance Committee, also all Republicans, on March 31. The amended bills this year not only contain provisions to help implement the operating budget, but also contain provisions making changes to state laws, not normally found in trailer bills and to which the Governor is publicly objecting.

Nevertheless, another major measure on the Regular Calendar for April 7 that is likely to face little or no debate and should be easily approved by the House is House Bill 25, more commonly known as the state's biennial capital budget. This measure authorizes bonded appropriations for the construction and renovation of state facilities as well as the purchase of heavy equipment for state government. On March 25, the House Public Works & Highways, of which I am a member, recommended by a unanimous 20-0 vote that its amended version of the capital budget be approved by the full House. The amended version overall appropriates just slightly more than Gov. Sununu's recommended version of the capital budget, which he also unveiled in February.

Specifically, the Governor's proposed capital budget recommended a grand total of \$340,522,089 in bonded spending for state projects. Instead, Public Works & Highways recommended a grand total of

\$343,100,862 for projects, a \$2,578,773 increase. More specifically, my committee's grand total includes spending \$183,065,371 in federal funds, \$127,752,491 in General Funds, \$16,288,000 in other dedicated funds coming from such state entities as the Fish & Game Dept. and Liquor Commission, as well as \$15,995,000 from the Highway Fund.

Broken down among all the entities, the largest total appropriation in our recommended \$343,100,862 budget is \$142,557,685 designated for the New Hampshire Dept. of Health & Human Services, of which only \$25,721,009 will come from State General Funds. The remainder will be from federal funds and will chiefly provide digital infrastructure to help Health & Human Services manage the Medicaid Insurance Program for eligible low-income citizens as well as help the DYCF (Division of Children Youth & Families) run child welfare programs. The second largest appropriation at approximately \$46.1 million is for the Department of Transportation with \$30,232,717 coming from General Fund dollars, and \$15,995,000 from the Highway Fund as mentioned earlier. This appropriation includes money for new highway sand & salt sheds as well as aid from federal government to help maintain public airports like Claremont's and help purchase buses for local mass transit agencies such as Sullivan County's Southwestern Community Services. Next, the third largest appropriation at \$38,660,000 is for the recently-created Dept. of Military Affairs & Veterans Services that will be mainly utilized for minor construction and repairs to New Hampshire National Guard Armories around the state. Then the fourth largest appropriation at \$27,113,000 will go to the Dept. of Environmental Services. This money is to be used for revolving loans awarded to municipalities like Claremont to upgrade their water & sewer systems as well as repairs to state-owned dams, many of which are in increasingly bad shape. Also Public Works' proposed capital budget contains many smaller appropriations for other state entities, including \$15 million to New Hampshire's University System to construct a new science building as well as nearly \$3.5 million to the State Community College System for various engineering and critical maintenance projects. Not to mention a \$4,233,000 appropriation to the recently-created Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources Dept. mainly for our state parks to repair various park building roofs, upgrade toilet buildings, and upgrade Mount Washington's water system.

Finally, my committee amended House Bill 25 so as to include its priority list of 10 capital projects to be paid for out of the American Rescue Plan, newly passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden in response to the COVID-19 pandemic last month. According to Bedford Rep. John Graham, who is my committee chair, New Hampshire is expected to receive about \$122 million for such projects over the next few months, although Rep. Graham is unsure as of the date of this column how many strings will be attached to these funds. Nevertheless, my committee composed a list of suggested priorities for the funds, priorities that would come to a total of \$41,300,000. Among our 10 priorities would first be \$17,250,000 for a new Secure Psychiatric Unit on the grounds of New Hampshire Hospital in Concord, a long-needed facility where severely mentally-ill individuals could be treated for their illnesses without mixing them in

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with State Prison inmates as has been done in the past. Second, \$6,500,000 would be allocated for replacement of the Cannon Mountain State Park Tramway, which I’ve been told is nearly 40 years old. Third, \$5 million would be designated for White Mountains Community College, now solely based in Berlin, so it could expand to Littleton with a campus that includes a training course for heavy truck mechanics, a training program which would be more convenient for truckers and truck mechanics in the western part of New Hampshire, including Sullivan County, who desire such training, even if they have to commute. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net.**

The American Rescue Plan: New Relief to Save Lives and Revive Our Economy

By Senator Maggie Hassan

Our country is finally beginning to see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel of the COVID-19 pandemic. After a year in which our families and communities have been devastated, Congress passed and President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan. This package will get more vaccines into arms, get our kids back to school, put people back to work, and get our economy moving again.

Many Granite Staters are already seeing the impact as vaccine access is improving and stimulus payments are arriving in bank accounts across New Hampshire. Individuals who are eligible are receiving up to \$1,400 for the payments, plus \$1,400 per child, including – for the first time – adult dependents. In addition, for those who have been laid off or had to leave the workforce as a result of the pandemic, the package extends expanded unemployment insurance through September 6, 2021.

As people across the country face the high costs of health care, this package will significantly reduce health insurance costs for many who purchase care through the Affordable Care Act health insurance marketplace. It also ensures that employees can retain their employer sponsored health insurance if they are laid off or face a reduction in hours by strengthening COBRA assistance – covering the entire cost of the employer-sponsored health care through September 2021.

To acknowledge the costs of raising children and the importance of children’s health and well-being, this package takes the significant step of expanding the child tax credit to \$3,000 – or \$3,600 for children under the age of 6. It further supports individuals and families in need by providing support for broadband, food assistance, and housing relief to help with both rent and mortgage payments. To get children back in schools, the package sends more than \$120 billion to K-12 schools to promote safe in-person learning and address learning loss.

Throughout the pandemic, I’ve heard from small businesses across New Hampshire who have worked in many ways to adapt and keep their doors open. These small businesses will drive our economic recovery, but are still struggling right now. The American Rescue Plan includes vital tools to help these businesses pay their bills and lay a foundation to thrive as we reopen.

One priority that I worked to include in the American Rescue Plan will deliver relief for new small businesses and encourage entrepreneurship. The package includes my bipartisan legislation that will provide payroll assistance through the Employee Retention Tax Credit to new small businesses that started during the pandemic. Many new businesses have been left out of previous COVID-19 relief programs, but now, this provision will ensure that new businesses receive key support.

We also know that restaurants, live entertainment, and the performing arts have been some of the hardest-hit industries. We must ensure that these industries – which bring people together and create jobs – are able to survive beyond the pandemic. The relief package includes over \$25 billion to provide specific assistance to the restaurant and hospitality industries and arts industries.

These are just a few of the important provisions in this comprehensive legislation that will help improve lives, create jobs, and get our economy back on track.

Letters to the Editor

All Forms of Education Should Be Valued

To the Editor:

I often think to myself when considering the gravity and circumstances of a particular issue or decision, the truth that makes the most sense often requires the least amount of convincing. This corroborates with the nature of truth - the knowledge that does not require human assent because it stands on its own. We don't have to believe it, but that doesn't make it any less untrue. It is true independent of what we perceive, feel, or conjecture based on our own assumptions. The more one has to argue for a position, the more likely it may not be based on common sense.

I also think that we all accept preconceived ideas, and that we shouldn't weaponize these assumptions to belittle the ideas of others. Rather, we should work to discuss the merits of the ideas insofar as they are reasonable and therefore true. These first ideas we hold in ourselves develop from the stories we enter into; our life is a character in a story that is already being written before we enter it.

I believe that our stories matter, and I believe that our stories begin in our families. Quite naturally, the first story we hear of is the one that comes from our parents, who gifted us our existence and permitted us the opportunity to know the truth, and will the good simply because it is good to do good.

This now gets us to the idea of civic goods. Education is good for the child and society. That is why the state has a vested interest in education, but the state does not retain the power to control education. I would suggest that is unnatural. Education begins in the home and should respect the autonomy of the home. There is a principle that operates on the idea that no larger body should assume what a lower body can rightfully and naturally do for itself. Once a higher body intervenes where it should not, a disruption is created that stunts authentic human development and prevents persons from maturing intellectually or even making their own creative imprint in the story we all share as members of the human family.

Before pivoting to the conclusions that I would like to draw from these first principles, I want to say how grateful I am to know educators working for the good of persons and society. I believe in their intentions and I have

worked for over a decade with faithful educators in all types of settings: homeschool, public school, and private school.

Education Freedom Accounts are not about one system as opposed to another.

Children should be given an opportunity to receive an adequate education in conformity with the first school, that is the school of the home. Parents are primary educators, and we should all scoff at any idea which suggests otherwise.

Parents are the best source of accountability in education. The state is not.

All forms of education should be valued and supported to promote the good of all.

Derek Tremblay
Headmaster,
Mount Royal Academy

Education is Changing for the Better

To The Editor:

Free is the most expensive thing you will ever buy. Especially when "free" means monopoly government union bureaucracy with tax/spend authority via democratic socialism controlled by party politics. That kind of free costs litigation, like the ConVal lawsuit and the Claremont Decision. That kind of free harms property rights, cripples families with high rent, homeowners with high taxes, punishes citizens with overpriced underperformed uncontrolled mediocrity. Free makes cost of government our biggest and least controlled expense.

Look at the Claremont school budget from this March. The difference between voting YES vs NO rounds to zero. Votes like this broadcast, "the fix is in." Shut up and get back to work. Don't look behind the curtain. This is what Rep. Tanner refers to as accountability to the community. Wink wink.

This is why vouchers or Educational Savings Accounts are tools for change. Program oversight comes from parents and kids, customers. Don't spend another 50 years waiting for oversight from politicians, bureaucrats, or voting booths.

No one disputes the merit of educated citizenry or providing children with opportunity. The real question: Does the current system serve the needs of kids and parents? Or is it more like the former AT&T government phone monopoly, circa 1980, where the politicians and phone monopoly serviced each other while the public got a busy tone? I suggest the

latter is closer to the truth for K12, in NH and nationwide.

Rep Tanner admits economic ignorance. Public goods and market commodities are almost the same. Both are sold. One has customers providing a feedback for improvement and change. The other has politicians, forced payment, forced products/services, forced acceptance. Just like AT&T in 1980. Choose: Freedom or politics? Live free or die vs. Go along and get along.

If the current system is so successful, why have almost 11% of the kids voted NO on "free", preferring homeschool? Add in religious, private, charter, unschool, pods, Montessori, alt schools.. for total NO votes. Imagine Walmart taxing everyone in their "grocery district", and then giving groceries away for free. Further, imagine 20% of Walmart's customers choosing Hannaford or Market Basket, ie paying AGAIN. Rep. Tanner describes this as "one of the best public school systems in the nation". Would you? I think we all recognize failure.

Rep. Tanner uses the analogy of buying a car, so I will extend it. She says kids SHOULD have a V10 Cummins dualie with a fifth wheel, a lift kit, a spare set of knobbies, remote start, towing package, and plow attachments. She keeps that price and delivers a 1995 S10 with a mismatch replacement bed and a flat spare. Do you know the number one factor used to rank the "quality" of education? Spending. I look forward to the day I sell that well worn S10 to Rep. Tanner, at a "quality" NEA price. Until then, she can insinuate that a scholarship organization with its headquarters in NYC is bad. The NEA is in DC. Enough with shoulds. I'm tired of being forced to buy what she is selling.

As much as Rep. Tanner would like to blame libertarians for vouchers or ESA's, the popularity of these programs comes from the customers, not the politically homeless. The current system is widely despised. Rep. Tanner needs only look in the mirror to see the system is its own worst enemy, regardless of party affiliation.

Education is changing for the better. Online content is better than graduate school 30 years ago. Kids deserve better than buggy whip and whale oil education at Tesla prices. Vouchers and ESA's find solutions that Customers (Parents/Kids) deem worthy. That is what matters. Not politics.

Tom Luther
Claremont, NH



NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – April 4, 2021

CONCORD, NH – On Sunday, April 4, 2021, DHHS announced 414 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 3.6%. Sunday’s results include 288 people who tested positive by PCR test and 126 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 3,731 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

4/3: 414 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 sixty-nine individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 52% being female and 48% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (86), Strafford (72), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (61), Merrimack (30), Grafton (17), Belknap (12), Cheshire (11), Sullivan (9), Carroll (8), and Coos (6) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (44) and Nashua (33). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-five new cases.

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

DHHS has also announced two 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 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 87 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 85,846 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 20 current positively identified cases in Claremont; 50 in Sullivan County. Newport had a count of 8 and Sunapee, 11, as of Sunday, the other two communities in the county with the highest numbers.

Additional Updates

Gov. Chris Sununu said on Thursday that all New Hampshire K-12 schools will be required to provide five days of in-person learning by April 19. Remote learning will continue to be available for those families who do not want their children to return to in-person learning; Sununu said that funding will be available for schools to cover those costs.

As of Thursday, roughly 663,000 doses of vaccine had been administered in NH; 447,000 people have received their first dose, which is 33% of the population. Approximately 228,000 have been fully vaccinated which is 17% of the population.

Sununu also announced that the state is launching a “comprehensive PSA campaign that will continue throughout the summer months to encourage folks to sign up for the vaccine.”

The governor also said that “We’re also announcing some additional flexibilities today based on the recommendations of the Reopen Task Force and the Division of Public Health specifically around lodging, retail, and golf; these recommendations were reviewed and approved by all the various groups.”

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.

Sullivan County Health Care Updates Visitation Policy

Sullivan County Health Care has started scheduling visits once again, and the Visitation Coordinator is available to start scheduling your visits. She is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to arrange “visitation station visits”. She can be reached at 603-542-9511, X-298; if you get her voicemail, please leave a message. She will return your call as soon as possible.

Current Fixed Vaccination Site in Claremont to Close

The City of Claremont has been advised that the current fixed vaccination site at River Valley Community College will be closing on April 8. If your appointment is scheduled beyond this date, the State of New Hampshire will be in contact with you to provide details for the alternative location or you may call 211. The City will continue to provide additional information as it become available.

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated April 4, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	85,846
Recovered	80,866 (94%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,249 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	3,731
Current Hospitalizations	87
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ²	665,815
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ²	38,855
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ³	52



Claremont Celebrates Earth Day

Once Spring arrives, Earth Day quickly follows. The arrival of warmer weather gives us incentive to spruce up our community and continue to build upon the successes of previous years. This year is no different as residents and organizations, with the support of the city administration, are already making numerous plans to celebrate Earth Day. Though it falls on April 22, several events are planned which will occur in both April and early May.

For several years, the Conservation Commission led initiatives to clean up natural resources in the community. Members of the Commission, along with local volunteers, removed trash from areas such as Ashley's Boat Landing and the Stevens Brook Conservation Easement. They collected multiple bags of trash, discarded bottles and cans, furniture and tires. Because of their efforts, these once littered sites have reverted to their natural state. Now this annual event has transitioned from a major clean-up event to maintenance. Today, the Conservation Commission leads an anti-litter task force and has held several public zoom meetings to initiate a Litter Prevention Campaign. Should you be interested in this campaign, please contact Jack Hurley at 603-287-8913.

What began with the Conservation Commission and concerned citizens has grown into multiple community-wide clean-up events. New this year is an effort spearheaded by Rocky's Taqueria which will take place on Sunday, April 18, from 11am to 1pm at 26 Opera House Square. Volunteers wishing to participate can either send a message to Rocky's Taqueria via Facebook confirming attendance or simply show up on that day. Rocky will be providing bags and gloves for trash pick-up, and free drinks and chips once bags are returned. The Department of Public Works will collect the bags at the end of the event.

At our last meeting, the City Council accepted the generous donation of a tree from the Claremont Democrats in honor of Earth Day.

The organization worked with city officials and a local arborist to determine the appropriate type of tree and park location. The tree will be planted on Thursday, April 22, in the circle on McKenzie Drive. This will be the newest addition to the circle which houses the Ronald McKenzie Memorial rededicated in 2020. The Claremont Democrats hope to inspire other local organizations to make similar efforts to benefit the environment. For further information, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Brislin, at 603-542-7019.

This year Tire Day is on Saturday, April 24, from 8:00am to 3:45pm at the Claremont Transfer Station at 875 Washington St. This free and popular event originated from the work of the Transfer Station Ad Hoc Committee in 2016. Since its inception, city residents have brought thousands of unwanted tires to the station. Many were found improperly discarded in the woods or along waterways. To participate, residents must have a transfer station decal to drop off car and/or light truck tires (less than 20" – with or without rims). Businesses are not eligible to participate. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 603-542-7020.

Also on April 24, and new this year, is a litter clean-up event hosted by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Works (DPW) in partnership with the Kiwanis Club and Claremont Savings Bank. The Saturday event will be from 9am to noon at the bank parking lot at 145 Broad Street. Upon arrival, volunteers will be handed bags, gloves and a location for litter removal. DPW will be collecting the bags of trash at the end of the event. For more information, please contact Director Brislin at 603-542-7019.

On May 1, the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club and The Insurance Center have joined forces to host a Shred-A-Thon fundraising event from 9am to 1pm in the parking lot of Claremont Savings Bank at 145 Broad Street. This event is open to both individuals and businesses, and participants do not need to be residents of Claremont. Documents, bagged or boxed, will be pro-

fessionally shredded on site by SecureShred. Donations to the Club will be well received as money collected will go toward various charitable projects. Shredding documents not only helps prevent identity theft, but also helps protect the environment. For further information or for anyone wanting to shred more than five bags or boxes, please contact Allyn Girard at 603-727-1197.

Back for a second year, Jeff Barrette of the Ink Factory will be organizing a community-wide clean-up effort on Friday, May 7, from 9am to 3pm. He hopes to double the number of volunteers who participated last year. Trash collection efforts will not only focus on the downtown area, but numerous hot spots throughout the community. For further information, please contact Jeff Barrette at 603-542-2234.

Less than 10 years ago, little was done in Claremont to celebrate Earth Day. Today, citizens, businesses, civic organizations, city administration and council are working together to clean up the community and protect the environment. This level of engagement and collaboration not only instills pride, but also demonstrates our commitment to making our city a beautiful place in which to live, work and play.

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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Sullivan House Being Readied for Its Transformation



Text and Photos By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Crews from Blanc & Bailey Construction didn't let this winter's weather slow down their work on Sullivan House.

The building at 19 Sullivan Street in downtown Claremont was for many years the home of Eagle Publications. Following that, Therma-cut was housed there. Since 2020, when Sullivan County purchased it, it's been undergoing not only a facelift but a full bodylift.

Winter projects included sandblasting, asbestos abatement and installation of a new roof. "Utilities are in," said county manager

County manager Derek Ferland provided an itemization of Sullivan House's funding sources:

- New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA): \$1,250,000
- New Hampshire Community Loan Fund (CLF): \$1,100,000
- Sullivan County: \$744,741
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$500,000
- USDA Rural Development: \$50,000
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC): \$25,000, plus a new grant of \$25,000 that Ferland will present to the Board of Commissioners today for their approval

These funds cover the purchase of the building, design and construction, equipment and transitional costs (fees, loan interest, escrow, etc.) that NHHFA requires as a set-aside. It also includes a contingency of \$200,000.

The County will also be asking for the state Delegation to approve a \$1.1 million bond at the April 13 public hearing.

Derek Ferland, who toured the facility with county officials on Tuesday. "Now it's time to build."

Sullivan House will be transitional housing for individuals newly released from the Sullivan County Community Corrections Center.

Dormitory-style rooms for 13 women will be on the first floor. A similar second-floor plan has rooms for 15 men. Each floor also has a bathroom/shower area, a laundry and a study alcove.

The basement level will have kitchen, pantry, dining and TV/recreation areas, as well as a flexible living/meeting space.

Ferland noted that the mission of Sullivan House goes far beyond being "just a place for former inmates to sleep."

A community resource officer will work on-site, providing administrative oversight on the residents' daily activities. Whether they're attending classes, going out to work or taking on two community service projects a week, residents will be encouraged to stay on track as they transition back into community

life.

In addition, a recovery coach will have a studio apartment on the second floor. This professional, drawn from local social services agencies, will help residents overcoming alcohol and drug misuse.

Sullivan House is expected to be ready for occupancy in fall 2021.

From left: Today, a stretched-out, concrete-slabbbed basement. By this fall, a communal kitchen, dining and recreation space. Because Sullivan House is in the City's historic district, all exterior work is subject to historical preservation guidelines. Bedrooms will be built into these currently open spaces on the first and second floors. They will retain exposed-beam ceilings and large windows.



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Tackling Trash

Scouts Scour 12A for Spring Cleanup

On Saturday, Scout Troop 38 took on their twice-a-year task of cleaning up a stretch of 12A in Claremont.

“We collected 15 bags of trash,” reported Scoutmaster Alex Herzog. “The Scouts also found a badly weathered wallet with credit cards, which we turned in to the police.”

A generous passerby donated \$30 to the troop for snacks. They’re holding on to that to buy lunch, said Herzog, when the troop will be at Market Basket for a Scouting for Food event this Saturday from 9am to 3pm.

The Scouts helping in the cleanup were Ciaran Adrian, Hayden Freeman, Aubree Herzog and Ben Mason. Other adult leaders were Kathy Dickinson and Conny Mason (Courtesy photos).

Become The Next CMS Artist in Residence

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont MakerSpace (CMS) Artist In Residence Program is designed to empower New Hampshire and Vermont based artists with tools, training and space to create compelling new work. Each CMS Artist In Residence receives \$800 towards the creation of new work at the CMS, two months of Unlimited CMS Membership, a dedicated studio space at the CMS, and training to use new tools. Each residency runs for two months.

All mediums and levels of experience are welcome to apply. Residencies are open to both NH and VT artists. Artists from NH may apply to any of the five residency periods. Artists from VT may apply for the second and fifth residency.

Applications for the next residency (R4) are being taken now. This residency will run from May - June 2021. Applications close April 15th, 2021. To apply for the CMS Artist In Residence program, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NNY_xlf-XDmvB_XQwz0x62ZjwCPI6fYYRonvPCllwZMM/viewform?edit_requested=true.

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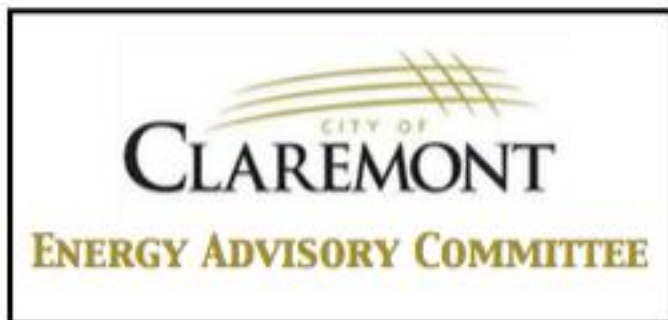
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Energy Resilience

The Claremont Energy Advisory Committee invites you to participate in the resilience-building work of the Committee. We are hearing a lot about resilience today, from personal to community to ecological resilience. Being resilient conjures up images of overcoming significant challenges and brings a good feeling into our hearts when we personally recall times of rebounding from a shock or addressing an impending threat due to our resilience.

Claremont residents and business owners are building back from the shock of our manufacturing sector moving overseas during the 1970s and 80s. Our Claremont community continues to reinvent itself. Many strive to transition with a new vision of economic and social prosperity, localizing and diversifying the economy, supporting our locally owned businesses and attracting new ones, examining and providing for the diverse needs of our residents, highlighting our rich cultural heritage and the arts, enhancing recreational opportunities, and a growing awareness of our need to welcome change and diversity. Additionally, Claremont has been recognized in NH for its ongoing renewable energy projects that have resulted in significant economic benefits for our residents thanks to the forward thinking of our City employees. This is just one example of how we are changing and becoming more resilient in our energy sector. As we continue to meet and overcome the challenges we face, our energy system needs to continue to evolve as our economy grows. Planning for energy system resilience is essential.

As the climate crisis creates changes and shocks around the world, we are transforming our energy systems. Claremont's MakerSpace recently produced a program titled "Climate Action

for NH Towns" presented by Dan Weeks, Director of Market Development at ReVision Energy. "All ten of the warmest years have occurred since 2000, with 2020 tying the warmest year on record as of December 31st," stated Weeks. He explained the economic, public health, and ecological shocks that are manifesting in NH as a result of the climate crisis. This program can be seen on Youtube at "Climate Action for NH Towns."

Earlier this year, the Claremont Energy Advisory Committee members proposed their projects to address our energy system resilience. They include the exploration and/or promotion of a number of energy related topics: locally increasing more economic and renewable energy sources; the growth industry of electric vehicles and public EV charging stations; the expansion of local green energy job training and opportunities for employment; the expansion of public transportation and the development of an alternative transportation culture and infrastructure for walking and biking; the expansion of policies and subsidies for energy efficiency on old and new construction;

bundling energy savings performance contracting projects when possible; residential permaculture and local, regenerative, organic agriculture; and electric aggregation.

The Committee continues to invite interested residents to apply for either the Committee itself, we have a regular member seat and an alternate seat open. We also have openings for the newly formed Electric Aggregation Subcommittee. We welcome community input. You can attend our meetings via Zoom or Facebook on the third Monday of the month at 6 PM. The Zoom link can be found on our City webpage for each meeting. This will enable you to participate in the Public Input section of our agenda. Also, you can call 504-0341 for more information about how to connect.

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Lead, from page 1

Fiberlock, a lead barrier compound, or replaced outright. Brick foundations that are stripped and treated are repointed as necessary.

Inside each home, Laskey pointed out where remediation was needed. Flaking, deteriorated surfaces such as window and door frames, baseboards and ceilings, are one area of concern. Other areas are horizontal surfaces known as chewables, like radiator covers, and high-friction features including door knobs.

The readings were taken on a Viken PB200i, a hand-held XRF lead paint analyzer. “Basically, I pointed the Viken at every single painted surface,” said Laskey, which accounts for the 12 hours spent for each inspection.

Contractor bids for two of the properties are due by 5pm April 6 and for the other two, April 9. Winning bids are named within 48 hours. After financing of the 15% local match is completed — usually a combination of owners’ money, tax credits and state funds — a formal contract is awarded.

Work on all four properties is projected to begin in late April. Contractors have 10 days to complete the interior work in each unit. HUD mandates this time frame so that tenants are not displaced for too long.

Lovett thanked the property owners for investing in Claremont real estate. She also ex-

pressed her delight that the program is starting in high gear, given some disturbing statistics.

In 2019, 200 children in Sullivan County were found to be lead poisoned. Statewide, there are about 600 kids identified every year. But only 20% of children in New Hampshire have been tested. Experts estimate about 3,000 to 4,000 children a year is a more accurate figure.

The list of ill effects of lead poisoning is daunting. Kids often have permanent brain damage (loss of IQ), ADHD, hearing loss, kidney damage, exhibit violent behavior, tend to do poorly in school and require special education, and often end up incarcerated. Adults’ long-lasting symptoms include high blood pressure, joint pain, migraines, increased miscarriage rates, reproductive issues and kidney damage.

Kirkwood noted that the benefits to Sullivan County range from making properties safer for occupants, to improving property values for private home owners and landlords, providing work for local contractors, and improving a community’s tax base. In dollar terms, every HUD dollar put into such programs returns between \$17 and \$220 to the community.

Kirkwood has just pre-qualified six more units in Croydon and Claremont. Bid walks for qualified contractors will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

She noted that the state provides free training courses for contractors who want to earn the NH Certified Lead Abatement Contractor designation. Supervisors take a 4-day class, workers a 3-day class. Everyone takes a final test. All employees working on the properties in this program have to be certified.

Property owners and contractors in or outside Sullivan County



can contact Kirkwood for more information at kate@kkirkwood.com or 603-781-4304.

Left: Lead hazards can lurk on any painted surface. Right: Mickey Laskey takes a reading on a door jamb with a Viken PB200i. The device costs \$17,500 (Eric Zengota photos).

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Business News

Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital to Complete D-H Emergency Dept. Transition

LEBANON, NH – Starting April 1, 2021, all Emergency Department (ED) providers at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital (APD) will be board-certified, emergency medicine residency-trained physicians who also provide care at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) Emergency Department.

Under a plan that began in September 2019, APD transitioned the staffing of its ED and hospitalist services to a regional model with providers from Dartmouth-Hitchcock. At the time, all hospitalists were board-certified and many, but not all, ED providers were board-certified.

Board certification is a rigorous, specialty-specific process that identifies physicians who merit the distinction of being called experts in their specialty. These physicians have completed a three-to-four year residency in emergency medicine, have sat for rigorous board certification and are required to seek re-certification on a regular basis.

"Providing the same emergency physicians at APD as at DHMC means that APD patients can be assured they will always have access to the highest quality emergency care at their local hospital," said Scott W. Rodi, MD, MPH, chair, Department of Emergency Medicine at DHMC. "Patients can count on consistency among the doctors they see and a smooth transfer to DHMC if necessary. This staffing model will help optimize consistent, integrated care within the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health system."

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"Our patients and the community will benefit from having these board-certified ED providers at APD," said APD's Chief Medical Officer Michael Lynch, MD, MBA. "Their presence through this regional staffing model enables APD to manage more acute cases in our small and intimate setting that affords short wait times to care (usually under 20 minutes) and brings an added level of confidence and familiarity to the community we serve," he added.

Lake Sunapee VNA Announces 2021 Board of Trustees

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) approved its 2021 Board of Trustees at its Annual Meeting on March 3. During the meeting, Kieran Kays, Board Chair, welcomed two new trustees—

Elizabeth Falicon, APRN, MSN, FNP-BC, and Christopher Martin. Falicon is the owner and a Nurse Practitioner at Life Long Care of New London. Martin is the Owner and Administrator at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport.

"We're very excited to have Liz and Chris join the Board," said Jim Culhane, LSRVNA President and CEO. "Liz's experience in pri-
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mary care and Chris' experience in long-term care bring necessary perspectives to the Board that will help guide the organization through current and future complexities of health care in our region. In conjunction with Kieran's thoughtful leadership and that of our entire Board, we're positioned for continued success in achieving our mission to help keep people in their homes."



Christopher Martin

The 2021 Board also includes: Daniel Junius (Vice Chair); Neil Shifrin, PhD (Treasurer); George "Bo" Quackenbos (Secretary); Sheldon Boege; Ann Dewey; Donald Eberly, MD (CHS Board); Shari Goldberg, RN, PhD; Maynard Goldman; Beverley Rankin, RN, BSN; Linda Scofield; Deanna Wilson; and Michael Wood, Esq.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH Collaborates on New Nurse Residency Program

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT—To address the ongoing home health care nursing shortage, Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) has partnered with VNA Health System of Northern New England (VNAHSNNE) to offer registered nurse graduates a one-year Nurse Residency program. The purpose of the residency is to promote the development of competency and role transition from student to professional nurse, supporting the resident professionally, emotionally, and socially during the first year of clinical practice.

In rural areas, competing for an already depleted pool of available nurses' leaves health systems constrained and many home health agencies, such as VNH, struggling to find nurses. Nursing schools typically do not have a home health experience integrated into their curriculum, so many nurses coming out of school do not realize that home health nursing is a viable and rewarding career path. Home health is a unique specialty that promotes "top of license" practice given the independent nature of caring for people at home. It also has a direct and meaningful impact on the health and recovery of people where they want to be most, at home.

"I am excited to expand our nurse residency program this year and bring more nurses into the incredible practice of home-based care. Home care allows you to truly focus on the one person in front of you, understand their health goals, and directly impact their progress where it matters most, at home," said Johanna Beliveau, President and CEO of VNH.

By working with local nursing schools to offer home health experiences, VNH hopes new graduate nurses will look to home health as a career option and is planning on increasing the number of new graduates hired this year. In the clinical experience, the student works under the direct supervision of a nurse mentor and is given the opportunity to apply the nursing process to patient care in the home environment. Amanda Fay, MSN, RN, Manager Clinical Education and Evidence-Based Practice at VNH explains the importance of debriefing with students after the experience to help them connect what they saw in the home with what they learned in school. "I always explain that what they learned in their medical surgical class applies to care that you do in the home as much as the hospital setting," said Fay.

Providing care to patients in their home means less stress on our hospitals, said VNH. "Giving new nurses the opportunity to learn about the growing field of home health care will help to meet the rising demand for healthcare throughout our region."

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Police Chief Richard Mello Retires; Deputy Chief Phillip Roberts To Be Appointed as Next Lebanon Chief

LEBANON, NH—The City Manager, along with Police Chief Richard Mello, announce Mello's retirement from New Hampshire law enforcement after more than 5 years of service to the City and 28 years of service in the State.

"Chief Mello reported for duty with the City on December 20, 2015," said City manager Shaun Mulholland. "Under his leadership, Lebanon saw a broad expansion of public outreach, community policing, and transparency of operations. Through his commitment to excellence in policing and mentoring his staff through a years-long process, in November 2020, Lebanon was bestowed with accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), an accomplishment not achieved by the vast majority of departments throughout the nation, and one that Lebanon proudly deserves."

When looking back on his accomplishments, Mello noted, "My time as Chief of Police in Lebanon has been the highlight of my 28 years in New Hampshire law enforcement. When I arrived in 2015, I set out to leave the agency better than how I found it, and I believe that, due to the work of a very dedicated staff, my goal has been met. I am proud of the work done by all over these past 5+ years and know that I am leaving the department in very capable hands."

"Chief Mello has worked diligently to enrich and develop the staff of the police department and is leaving the City in a positive and forward progressing direction," Mulholland said. "The community is fortunate to have had Richard Mello at the helm for the past 5+ years. Due to his commitment to the community and consistently working to develop his subordinates, we have a Deputy Chief who is ready to assume the leadership role incumbent upon a Chief of Police."

Mulholland said he was pleased to announce the appointment of Deputy Chief Phillip Roberts as Chief of Police effective May 1, 2021.

Lebanon Man Pleads Guilty to Unlawful Possession of Ammunition

CONCORD, NH—James Jackson, 35, of Lebanon, pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley announced Wednesday.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on May 29, 2020, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Jackson's residence. Officers seized over 20 rounds of ammunition. Jackson admitted to officers that he knew he was not allowed to possess ammunition due to his status as a convicted felon. Jackson is prohibited from possession of firearms and ammunition by virtue of a



Chief Richard R. Mello

prior conviction incurred in October of 2016.

Jackson is scheduled to be sentenced on July 12, 2021.

"In order to keep our communities safe, it is important to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of criminals," said Acting U.S. Attorney Farley. "When convicted felons possess guns or ammunition, they pose a threat to public safety. To prevent violent crime, we will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to identify and prosecute those who violate federal gun laws in [NH]."

The case is part of ATF's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which is a federally-funded program intended to reduce gun violence through law enforcement training, public education, and law enforcement efforts.

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City of Claremont

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Please contact Nichole Myers at (603) 542-7020 or nmyers@claremontnh.com for additional information and bid packet.

Public Notice

Claremont School Board

Retreat Meeting April 18, 2021 10am-1pm

Claremont Savings Bank Community Center

The Claremont School Board will be holding a school board retreat meeting at the CSBCC.

Please call Melissa Small to reserve a seat 543-4200 x6009. Those in attendance will need to adhere to safety rules which include temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing and others deemed necessary.

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

The public is encouraged to reserve a seat.

Will Investors Change Behavior After the Pandemic?

The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives in some significant ways. To cite one example, it's likely we'll see a lot more people continue to work remotely, now that they've seen the effectiveness of tools such as videoconferencing. Education, too, may be forever changed in some ways. Perhaps just as important, though, is how many people may now think more about the future – including how they invest.

If you work with a financial professional, you may have connected with this individual over the past several months through a videoconferencing platform, rather than in person. Some people like this arrangement because it offers more scheduling flexibility and eliminates the time and effort of traveling to and from an appointment. Others, however, still prefer face-to-face contact and look forward to when such arrangements will again be practical and safe for everyone involved. But if you're in the first group – that is, you prefer videoconferencing – you may now wish to use this communication method in the future, at least some of the time.

But beyond the physical aspects of your investing experience, you may now be looking at some changes in your investment strategy brought on, or at least suggested, by your reactions to the pandemic.

For example, many people – especially, but not exclusively, those whose employment was affected by the pandemic – found that they were coming up short in the area of liquidity. They didn't have enough easily accessible savings to provide them with the cash they needed to meet their expenses until their employment situations stabilized. Consequently, some individuals were forced to dip into their long-term investments, such as their 401(k)s and IRAs. Generally speaking, this type of move is not ideal – these accounts are designed for retirement, so, the more you tap into them early, the less you'll have available when you do retire. Furthermore, your withdrawals will likely be taxable, and, depending on your age, may also be subject to penalties.

If you were affected by this liquidity crunch, you can take steps now to avoid its recurrence. Your best move may be to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the funds held in a separate, highly accessible account of cash or cash equivalents. Of course, given your regular expenses, it may take some time to build such an amount, but if you can commit yourself to putting away a certain amount of money each month, you will make progress. Even having a few hundred dollars in an emergency fund can help create more financial stability.

Apart from this new appreciation for short-term liquidity, though, the foundation for your overall financial future should remain essentially the same. In addition to building your emergency fund, you should still contribute what you can afford to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have children you want to send to college, you might still explore college-funding vehicles such as a 529 plan. Higher education will still be expensive, even with an expansion in on-line learning programs.

Post-pandemic life may contain some differences, along with many similarities to life before. But it will always be a smart move to create a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

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Sports

Reading Challenge Returns for 2021 Season

Students Earn Two Fisher Cats Tickets for Reading Five Books

MANCHESTER, NH—The New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Blue Jays Double-A affiliate) have relaunched their popular Reading Challenge program for the 2021 season.



Thanks to Eversource, students who read five books between now and May 11 will earn two tickets to a Fisher Cats game at Delta Dental Stadium. Students can submit their five books and preferred game date through an online form at NHFisherCats.com.

Over 3 million books have been read as part of the program since its inception in 2010, with an average of 150 participating schools each year. In 2018, the Fisher Cats Reading Challenge was nationally commended by the American Association of School Librarians.

"We realize how challenging the past year has been for students of all ages, and we're proud to partner with Eversource to reward them for their hard work in and out of the classroom," said Fisher Cats President Mike Ramshaw. "We're looking forward to hosting and recognizing our Reading Challenge students at the ballpark this season -- they've earned it!"

Since the Fisher Cats won't be able to visit over 40 schools to personally share their love of reading this year, team mascot Fungo and broadcaster Tyler Murray kicked off the Reading Challenge with a virtual reading of "Why Should I Save Energy?" by Jen Green.

The Fisher Cats home opener is set for May 11 at 6:35 p.m. against the Somerset Patriots (New York Yankees Double-A affiliate) at Delta Dental Stadium. Fans can enjoy a spectacular Atlas Fireworks show after the game. Single game tickets go on sale on April 12. For more information, visit NHFisherCats.com.

Final Buzzer

Youth Basketball Players Hustle in Last Games



CLAREMONT, NH—The Youth Basketball League, organized by the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department, closed out its season this past weekend after six Saturdays of non-stop action. The teams scored a total of 188 points, running the court faster, making more steals, polishing their layups, dribbling and free throws.

Justin Martin, superintendent of recreation programs, congratulated each team after their



last game. He thanked them for taking part in the league, especially under COVID-19 restrictions, and said he hopes to see them play next winter.

After high fives and cheers to their opponents, the kids were treated to doughnuts ... and were already looking forward to the spring and summer sports — baseball, softball and soccer — that Parks & Rec is organizing.

For more photos and players' comments, see page 20 (Eric Zengota photos).

Game Day — April 3, 2021

Division	Team / Score	Team / Score
5/6 Boys	Nets 43	Celtics 32
5/6 Girls	Game cancelled	
3/4 Girls	Tennessee 19	UConn 13
3/4 Boys	Kentucky 19	Michigan State 13
3/4 Boys	Kentucky 27	Louisville 22

1,167 Points and Lessons Learned

A Look Back at Youth Basketball 2021

Over the course of 39 games, the young athletes on the nine teams of the Youth Basketball League scored 1,167 points. Some players shared their thoughts on the season. All of them said, "Yes, I'm excited about playing next year."

See you next winter, kids!



"I liked hitting my 3-pointers and learned not to hold on to the ball too long" — Drew (Louisville, 3/4 Boys)



"I learned how to make layups" — Michael (Louisville, 3/4 Boys)



"I learned running of-fense and defense" — Zoey (Storm, 5/6 Girls)

"I learned how to dribble better" — Maddison (Storm, 5/6 Girls)



Inspiration

All Creatures

By Priscilla Hull

Many, many years ago, close to 75 anyway, a little girl was walking home from a Girl Scout meeting. In those days we walked a lot, and she saw two hairless little things on the ground. Nearby was a squirrel which had been hit by a car. She had a choice, leave the babies to their sure fate, or take them home. She picked them up and stuffed them in her jacket where they'd be warm and continued on her way. It was a chilly spring day and they surely would have died if she had left them on the ground. She knew her Mom would know what to do for them. They had rescued birds, taken in barn kittens which a mama cat had rejected and such.

Two younger and one older sister at home welcomed the little creatures into the warmth of the home. The mom warmed milk, mixed some chicken feed with it and the girls took turns feeding the babies. The dad wasn't thrilled but was used to the girls bringing injured or abandoned things home, so he acquiesced. Amazingly, the babies lived through the night and there began long hours of caring for them by the girls (and the mom when the girls were at school). As days went on, the family realized that they needed to name the babies. One was flourishing and looking more and more like a squirrel while the other failed to grow hair and didn't grow or gain weight. So one became Welly and the other Sickie. One night Sickie died and Welly deserved a better name—by now he was eating lots of those donuts shaped oatmeal cereal pieces—so he became known as Cheerio. The name truly suited him as he was a happy creature, flourished under the care of his adoring servants and grew into a glorious critter.



Nature has a way of dictating to us what needs to be done. So Cheerio spent his days in the huge maple tree right outside the back door and the lilacs a bit further away. Who knows where else. He was free to roam the yard and beyond. Among other things, he pulled the pegs off the clothes on the clothes line! Every evening, about supper time he'd climb up the screen door and chitter until someone let him in. He'd eat supper, go to his box and curl up for the night. Then one night he didn't come home. The girls placed peanuts, Cheerios and raisins on the porch and moaned and wept, but Cheerio didn't come home before dad told the girls to go to bed. The next morning they were up early and heard the familiar chittering on the screen door. In came Cheerio and he had his regular breakfast, then asked politely to go back out. This was the pattern. Early morning Cheerio would greet the family, come in and have breakfast, then go back outside. When you'd go out during the day, you knew to expect a funny squirrel to land on your head or shoulder. He was back for supper and then would stay out all night. He was a friendly, happy creature who obviously had a great attachment to the family who rescued him. For several years he was always there, but visits were not daily and much shorter. He would always come home, but he had another life much better suited to a squirrel.

God gave man dominion over the creatures of the world. Part of that dominion is to see that the creatures survive in a manner that allows them independence and self reliance. It was fun to have a pet squirrel, but it was better by far to see that the squirrel lived as a squirrel was meant to live, high in the trees, rocked to sleep by the breeze, running free and clear with those of his kind.

For every wild animal in the forest belongs to me, as well as the cattle that graze on a thousand hills. I keep track of every bird in the hills, and the insects of the field are mine.

Psalm 50:10-11

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

Calendar Of Events

Claremont is 'Grilling for Good' on May 8th

CLAREMONT, NH—On May 8th, the Claremont Opera House, Claremont Soup Kitchen and Claremont Savings Bank are coming together to hold a "Grilling for Good" benefit concert, including a "Chopped" style food competition. The concert will be held on the hillside of Arrowhead Recreation Area. Funds raised through the event will support the Soup Kitchen's Summer Lunch Feeding Program for area K-12 students, and fund new programming for the Opera House.

The Chopped Competition - Grilling Edition - starts at 4pm with three contestants, who are city residents not working in the food industry. There will be two rounds of competition: appetizer and entree, with judging after each round. The Soup Kitchen will be selling concessions of grilled favorites and beverages. Sweet Fire BBQ will provide beer/wine service in a restricted adult only area.

At 5pm, the COH Orchestra led by Director Gerry Grimo, will play classic hits from the mid-late 20th century. The playlist will include early rock, R&B, blues, fusion and easy listening tunes featuring the Beatles, Van Morrison, Chuck Berry, Wilson Pickett, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Mama Cass, Stevie Wonder, George Benson, Chubby Checker and many others.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for K-12 students, with \$10 of every adult ticket and \$5 of every student ticket going directly to the Soup Kitchen's summer program to feed area youth.

Tickets can be purchased online starting April 5th at www.claremontoperahouse.org. Social distanced assigned seating will be in place and masks are required when not in your assigned seating area. Doors open at 3:30pm.

15th TPN Steppin' Up Names National Field Representatives as Event Honorary Chair

CLAREMONT, NH—National Field Representatives will partner with Turning Points Network as Honorary Chair and Lead Sponsor of the Sullivan County crisis and support center's 15th Steppin' Up to End Violence that culminates on Saturday, May 15, at 9:30 AM.

As a family-owned business for 30 years, National Field Representatives has become one of the most respected names in the property inspection and preservation industry and a leader in employee teamwork, camaraderie and benefits.

Known for its annual signature event, Turning Points Network has hosted hundreds of supporters walking and running through historic downtown Claremont in years past. Steppin' Up 2021 will be a virtual event, encouraging individuals, organizations and companies to raise money anywhere, anytime, any way

they want – from now through May 15.

On Saturday, May 15, a video of the combined efforts – teams, individuals, sponsors and volunteers – will be shared on-line, followed by a virtual celebration and awards party on May 26.

This year's Steppin' Up virtual event will include contests for best mask, best costume, best team theme, best pet participant as well as recognition of top fundraisers and sponsors.

Steppin' Up participants can submit photos and videos of their fundraising efforts to TPN before May 5 to be included in the event. Go to <https://www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up> or to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1393623240984049> or call 603-542-8338 for details about teams, sponsorships, contests and to register for the free link to watch these events on-line on May 15 and May 26.

For information about survivor services, contact 1.800.639.3130 or www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

Community Discussion on Hydropower in NH & VT

WALPOLE, NH— While hydro facilities provide us with electricity, dams block aquatic passage, harm rivers and the critters that rely on them. The Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon Dams started the process of securing new operating licenses in 2012. Final license applications were submitted in December 2020 and the owner, Great River Hydro, proposed



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operational changes for their three dams that will be a big win for the river – but they can still do more to protect this resource.

This year is a critical year for all of us to speak up for our rivers in response to this license application. These licenses will be in place for the next 40-50 years! We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to move these three dams to more river and fish-friendly operations.

To find out more about how the changes proposed in December will affect your river and actions you can take to make a difference, join conservation partners from NH & VT for their virtual event: Hydropower Happy Hour on Tuesday, April 6th, from 6:30–8:00pm. To register for this event, which is required to receive virtual link to join, please visit <https://hydropowerhappyhour.eventbrite.com>

Speakers will include the Connecticut River Conservancy's River Steward Kathy Urffer, Applied River Scientist for The Nature Conservancy Katie Kennedy, and Chair of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions' FERC Working Group Jim McClammer. Additional partners on this event include the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Commission, the Cheshire County Conservation District, the Sullivan County Conservation District, the Grafton County Conservation District, the Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, and the White River Natural Resources Conservation District.

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://claremont-makerspace.org/studio-space/>.

As well, they are currently offering

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

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH—Lake Sunapee VNA 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.

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.

REMINDER

to all Owners of property in Claremont

– your 4th quarter property tax bill was 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



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

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

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

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

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

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

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

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

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

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

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.

March Virtual Classes at Claremont MakerSpace

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 classes may be found here:

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

Design Technology For Kids April 20 - 22nd, 2:00-3:30pm

In this 3-part series kids will experiment with designing towers, bridges, and launchers using simple materials, most of which can be found in your home. Each session will begin with a warm-up activity, and will revolve around a different principal - balance, strength, and motion – through hands-on design activities. While there's a progression of challenge across the 3 workshops each session stands alone.

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

Claremont Senior Center News

As we watch the lilies, crocus and green grass appear, our thoughts turn to warmer weather, no ice and sitting outside. It won't be long, we hope, before we will be saying, "Boy, is it hot."

(Not!). The weather can't warm up fast enough for us. We are ardently looking at the guidelines in preparation for a partial opening. Our April board meeting should tell us if we are ready. The echoes in the Center are horrible. We can't wait for laughter, lively conversation and jokes to fill the halls and the rooms again. The puzzle table looks so lonely, the pool table is just sitting there waiting and the cards can't wait to be shuffled. Believe us, we want this as much as you do.

The AARP Tax Group will be at the Center on Fridays for at least two more weeks. The tax deadline has been extended to May. To make an appointment, please call

1-802-345-5415. If the mailbox is full, please leave your information and they will return your call.

A huge thank you to all who have been donating things needed from the Monthly Newsletter. Also, we appreciate the cash donations. All these generous donations help the Center and the kitchen keep the meal prices down. Some of the things needed are post card stamps for birthday cards, postage stamps, kitchen freezer bags, and gift cards. Thank you.

Our next Roast Turkey Dinner will be on Saturday, Apr. 17. Details will be forthcoming. We would like to thank those who have been making donations to the kitchen for this and all our meals.

We are now open for rentals. If you had to cancel an event ad would like to reschedule it, please call 543-5998. We will take care of you. We check the CDC guidelines daily. This will help you plan your event safely. Everyone needs a celebration. Celebrate at the Center. We are here for you.

The Foot Clinic will be at the Center on Wednesdays-Apr. 14, Apr. 21 and Apr. 28. Call 603-748-1731 for an appointment. Put your best feet forward with this fabulous pampering.

The Blood Drive had a good turnout. Thank you all for your gift of life. The next drive will be on Monday, Apr.19-Noon-5pm. Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment. It will make you feel good inside and out.

Positions open:

We are looking for members to serve on the Board of Directors. This is a voluntary position, but with great rewards. Qualifications are a willingness to oversee the happenings of the Center, approval of old and new programs, finances, great conversations and some laughs. Call 543-5998 for more information on these positions.

We are still waiting for responses for the trips so we can begin to plan the destinations. We need your input to know where we are going and for how long. Call 543-5998, email seniorctr5@comcast.net or send in the survey in the monthly newsletter on cnhcs.org.

Hungry?? We can fix that. The kitchen wonders have put together another scrumptious week of meals for you. Here they come!! Tuesday, Apr. 6-Soup, Pork Chop w/Stuffing, Sweet Potato, Normandy Vegetables, Home made Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

Thursday, Apr. 8-Soup, Turkey w/Gravy, Rice, Squash, Brownie.

Take out only. Pick-up-11:45-12:15. Members-

\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals. See? We told you they will be scrumptious.

There is a lot to think about in this newsletter-another turkey dinner, menu, blood drive, foot clinic AARP taxes, trips, board position, rental openings and lilies coming up. Have a good week everyone. Stay safe, stay well and call your friends for a walk.

Thought of the Week: Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd. Claremont, NH 03743. Tel: 543-598. Masks required.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, March 28th

0108 E3 responded to Elm St for a medical call.

1415 E3 responded to Main St for tree on wires.

1832 E3 responded to Heritage Dr for a well-being check.

Monday, March 29th

1212 E3 responded to Washington St for tree on wires.

1229 E3 responded to Hanover St for tree on wires.

1351 E3 responded to Maple Ave for tree on wires.

2013 E3 responded to Park Ave for illegal burn.

2302 E3 responded to Pleasant St for a fuel spill.

Tuesday, March 30th

1149 E3 responded to Bond St for a kerosene spill.

1536 U1 responded to Charlestown Rd for public hazard.

1618 E3 responded to Bond St for odor investigation.

2228 E3 responded to Thrasher Rd for a medical call.

Wednesday, March 31st

0942 E3 responded to Durham Ave for Tractor trailer vs wires.

0956 E3 responded to Fenway for a medical call.

1336 E3 responded to Main St to assist PD.

Thursday, April 1st

0303 E3 responded to Fenway for a lift assist.

0607 E3 responded to Chestnut St for tree on wires.

1018 E3 responded to Connecticut River Bend PI for a box alarm.

1329 E3 responded to Washington St for a box alarm.

1408 E3 responded to Pleasant St for a box alarm.

1514 E3 responded to Summit St for a transformer explosion.

1545 E3 responded to Charlestown Rd for a medical call.

1855 E3 responded to Olympus PI for a medical call.

Friday, April 2nd

0918 E3 responded to Myrtle St for a medical call.

1420 E3 responded to Warren St for a medical call.

1804 E3 responded to Myrtle St for a medical call.

Saturday, April 3rd

1912 E3 responded to Langseth Ave for a medical call.

2000 E3 responded to Barns Park for a possible brush fire.

Attention Sunapee Dog Owners

SUNAPEE, NH—All dogs over four months old must be registered by their owners or keepers with the Town Clerk prior to April 30th. You must bring a valid rabies certificate at the time of registering. A \$25.00 forfeit will be assessed if not licensed by June 1st.

First Fridays Poetry Night

April 9nd - First Fridays! Poetry Night! “Native American Beauty is Diversity” – 5:30-6:30 Virtual Event

Readings by this year's contest winners in collaboration with the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum.

A Sign Language Interpreted Event – Virtual Event See www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays for ZOOM link.

College Scholarships Available

The Friends of the Philip Read Memorial Library Scholarship Award is available for grad-

uating high school seniors from Plainfield. Scholarships of up to \$500 are awarded. Homeschoolers are eligible. Since the scholarship's inception in 2016, nine scholarships have been awarded to Lebanon High School and KUA graduates and homeschoolers who are permanent residents of Plainfield. Deadline for applying is May 14, 2021.

Application forms are available from PRML-Friends@gmail.com or 603-675-5494.

PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD HEARING Monday, April 12, 2021 7:00 PM

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

Join the Zoom Webinar Online: [https://us02web-zoom.us/j/84975362753?pwd=UjVRRTU0VjZp-OFZZZS9jN1dYMGRmdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84975362753?pwd=UjVRRTU0VjZp-OFZZZS9jN1dYMGRmdz09)

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

A. (PL 2021-00005) Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Inc., Newport NH – Application for Administrative Waiver for the property at 183 Plains Road. Tax Map 93, Lot 4. Zoning District: R1

Interested parties may review the application at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE Conservation Commission MEETING Thursday, April 15, 2021

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

Join the Zoom Webinar Online: [https://us02web-zoom.us/j/87290866080?pwd=aXB0bWVNWDh-VQzNsWTBMTnQ2djNPOT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87290866080?pwd=aXB0bWVNWDh-VQzNsWTBMTnQ2djNPOT09)

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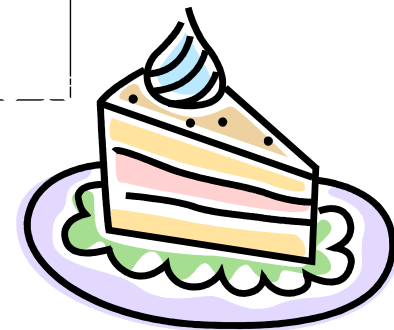
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Helen E. Marsh, 84

Helen E. Marsh, 84, passed away March 26, 2021, at Genesis of Lebanon, NH, after a brief illness.

Helen was born January 27, 1937, to M. Katherine Winn and Gilman T. Woodbury. She graduated in 1954 from Stevens High School in Claremont, NH. In 1955, Helen married Clifton R. Marsh. They made their home in Meriden, where they raised their four children. In 1972, Helen began working side by side with Clifton and their three sons at Marsh Construction, as bookkeeper, consulting with clients and drafting house plans. She also raised a large vegetable garden and helped with horse chores with her daughter. She loved hay season, driving the truck while all the kids loaded the hay into the large trailer. Helen loved being a wife and Mom, gathering all the kids together to pick fresh berries or harvesting the garden for canning goods for winter.

Helen was predeceased by two brothers, David Woodbury and Frank Woodbury.

She is survived by Clifton, her husband of 66 years; her children, Jeff and his wife Robin Marsh; Jill and her husband Steve Tassinari; Todd and his wife Michelle Marsh; and Jody Marsh; grandchildren, Kerry Marsh Foley, Abigail Marsh, Emily Tassinari Noble, Anna Tassinari, Travis Marsh, Trevor Marsh, Jacob Marsh and Ashlyn (great grandchild), Justin

Marsh and Theodore Roy (great grandchild); her brothers, James Woodbury and Bob Woodbury; and her sisters, Violet Skrocki, Sandra Supry and Patricia Moquin.

A memorial service will be held later this summer.

Roy Funeral Home of Claremont, NH is assisting with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to Helen's family in an on-line guestbook at www.royfuneralhome.com

Steven L. Meyette, Jr., 49

Steven L. Meyette, Jr., 49, of Claremont, NH, died unexpectedly on Sunday (March 28, 2021).

He was born in Claremont, NH, on February 10, 1972, the son of Steven L. Meyette Sr. and Pamela A. (Glidden) Joslin and had been a lifetime area resident. Steven was a racing enthusiast and never missed a race at Claremont Speedway. He enjoyed trips to Hampton Beach, loved BMX racing, winning many trophies. He was a talented mechanic and had formerly been employed as a CNC Programmer at Costa Machine Tool. “Stevie” will be

remembered as a loving son, brother and father. He wore his heart on his sleeve and loved his family.

Members of his family include his mother and stepfather, Pamela and Robert Joslin; seven children, Ethan Meyette, Desirea Porter and husband Chris, Taylor Meyette, Dawson Meyette, Jadon Hutchinson, Rebecca Meyette, Kaylee Meyette; two grandchildren, Kinsley Meyette, Gaike Kuhn; a sister, Melissa Hall and her husband, John; and a niece Emilee. He was predeceased by his father, Steven L. Meyette, Sr., and a brother Jeffrey Meyette.

There will be no visiting hours or services at this time. Committal services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

You are invited to share a memory of Steven with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Elaine H. Davey, 76

Elaine H. Davey, 76, formerly of Morway's Park in Charlestown, NH, died Thursday

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-Dr. Sam Giveen

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(March 25, 2021) following a period of failing health.

She was born in Worcester, MA, on September 17, 1944, the daughter of Raymond and Jane (Leshinski) Hopkins and had been a longtime area resident. Elaine was a veteran of the US Army. Elaine had been employed as day care worker. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing cards, doing crossword puzzles, painting and babysitting.

Members of her family include two brothers, Harry Hopkins and Raymond Hopkins and two sisters, Diane Keevan and Barbara Hopkins all of Worcester, MA, and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Davey who died March 4, 2017.

There will be no visiting hours. Elaine will be laid to rest beside her husband in the NH Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy, Boscawen, NH 03303 on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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

If you are planning on attending the services, the staff at the Veterans Cemetery as well as the Roy Funeral Home ask that due to the current pandemic, masks be worn inside the cemetery grounds.

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

Regina Clifford, 91

Regina Clifford, 91, of Charlestown, NH, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2021 at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport, NH.

She was born on September 21, 1929, and was a native and lifelong resident of Charlestown. In 1947, Gina graduated from Charlestown High School and went on to the Burlington School of Hair Design in Burlington, VT. Upon her return, Gina ran the Charlestown Beauty Salon for several years. On November 26, 1955, Gina married Daniel (Danny) Clifford. Together they raised four children, Mitchell, Sandy, Sharon, and Collin. Along with raising a family, Gina worked at the Charlestown Woolen Mill and Sweater Store for over 30 years until its closure in the early 1990s. She then went to the Connecticut River Bank for an additional 20 years. Gina was an avid reader, loved the beach, traveling, spending many winter months in Arizona, and in

warm weather could most often be found enjoying her front porch. But perhaps her greatest pleasure was cooking for family and friends. Gina always had something cooking on the stove or in the oven and the kitchen was always open.

Gina was preceded in death by her husband, Danny, and their son, Collin.

She is survived by her oldest son, Mitchell and his wife Deveney, from Springfield VT, her

daughters, Sandy from Claremont, and Sharon French her husband Todd and their son Logan, from Grantham, NH, along with several cousins.

A private service, per Gina's wishes, will be held at a future date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.




Save the date: May 15, 2021 **Virtual Event**

15th Steppin' Up to End Violence
ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, ANY WAY YOU WANT:
Now Through May 15th!

Easier to participate than ever before!

Walk, run, hike, bike, knit, quilt, scrapbook, canoe, sip and paint, KAYAK, sail, watch a movie, dance, blow bubbles, play music, meditate — it's up to you! Any way you want to help us reach \$75,000!

For more than 40 years, Turning Points Network has been here for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking.

AND YOU HAVE BEEN HERE FOR TPN, raising money to support survivor services and violence-prevention education for our communities. TOGETHER we celebrate our 15th Steppin' Up to End Violence.

- Saturday, May 15th 9:30 AM, **VIRTUAL EVENT**, get a link at our website
- Plan your own fundraising activity with TEAMS of family, coworkers, friends or solo
- Complete your activity, turn in your proceeds and send us a short video or photos before May 5 and we will post as many as we can during the VIRTUAL EVENT on May 15
- Promote your business or organization with a SPONSORSHIP
- Enter CONTESTS for best costume, mask, dog, theme, most money raised

For information and updates follow us on Facebook or go to www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up

See you on May 15th at 9:30!

Brad Cossingham, President and CEO
National Field Representatives
Honorary Chair, 2021 Steppin' Up



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The Easter tradition of the Blessing of the Food was able to be held once again at St. Joseph Church Hall in Claremont on Holy Saturday. Known in Polish as Świąconka, this beloved tradition has been practiced for many generations in Poland and wherever Polish immigrants now live. Baskets lined with white linen or a lace napkin are filled with a sampling of Easter foods for the priest to bless. Bread, butter, eggs, salt, ham, horseradish each hold special meaning in the blessing basket. In earlier times, the parish priest would visit parishioners' homes to bless food that they set out for him. This year, masks were worn in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines (Courtesy photos).



An Egg-ceptionally Fun Visit

Dear Kids of Claremont —
 What a great morning I had hopping over to your city on Saturday morning!
 Your Parks & Recreation Department invited me to take part in your first-ever Easter Egg-Stravaganza Drive-Thru. Of course, I accepted.
 We gave out almost 200 bags filled with Easter eggs, candy and toys. I was hoppy — I mean happy — to pose for selfies with you. And a special “Good luck!” to everyone who went on the scavenger hunt through your community’s parks.
 Until next year —
 Your friend,
 The Easter Bunny

(Eric Zengota photos)



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 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>

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AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of March 3, 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. Leasing of Land Along the Rail Trail along 287-299 Washington Street
- 7:25 PM B. Sullivan County ATV Club Biennial Trail Permission
- 7:35 PM C. City Fee Schedule – Public Hearing
- 7:45 PM D. Legislative Update
- 7:50 PM E. Selection Process for Boards, Committees and Commissions
- 8:00 PM F. Focus Areas to Support Priority Areas
- BREAK
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:20 PM A. Resolution 2021-25 Temple Meyer Cemetery – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:35 PM B. Resolution 2021-26 Swimmer Sculpture – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:45 PM C. Capital Improvement Plan (City Manager)
- 8:55 PM D. Local Source Water Protection Program Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 9:05 PM E. Resolution 2021-27 Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 9:15 PM F. Public Works Vehicle Color Discussion (Council)
- 9:25 PM G. Budget Schedule Discussion (Council)
- 9:30 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:35 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:40 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:45 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT