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NH DHHS Announces More Than 250 Providers Achieve Emergency Child Care Provider Designation

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced that more than 250 child care programs statewide have been designated as emergency providers through the newly established Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP), created to support the families of essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, there are 262 emergency child care programs serving more than 5,500 children across the state.

"I applaud DHHS for quickly standing up emergency child care for New Hampshire families during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Ensuring that we have child care centers open in every part of the state for families while parents provide essential services to Granite Staters is a critical part of our response to this unprecedented situation, and parents can rest assured that their children will be well cared for in the days and weeks ahead."

Through the NH Child Care Collaborative, a partnership among DHHS, DOE, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) and child care stakeholders, more than \$5 million in funding has been committed to establish and ensure a robust and effective system of emergency child care for parents and employers providing essential services during COVID-19. Funding is already moving out to ECCPs across the state to support staff and operational costs.

"Child care programs are part of the foundation of strong and healthy families, and ensuring safe, quality, and accessible child care is vitally important as we continue to respond to

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Olivia and Zander St. Aubin play with a real Easter bunny, their pet, Pebbles (Eric Zengota photo).

COVID-19," said DHHS Associate Commissioner Christine Tappan. "We are grateful for the funding that has allowed us to create a private-public partnership that will ensure families have the support they need during this public health emergency, and safeguard the stability of the child care system once the pandemic is over."

"It's incredible to see so many early-childhood professionals coming together and rolling up their sleeves to support New Hampshire's essential and emergency workforce," said Christina Lachance, Director of Early Childhood and Family Initiatives for NHCF. "These

professionals take care of our children in good times, and now they are stepping up to help our state get through this unprecedented challenge."

The Emergency Child Care Program is working through New Hampshire's referral partner, Child Care Aware NH (CCAofNH), to match emergency child care providers with the families who need them. CCAofNH has conducted a statewide needs survey to identify what child care providers need for supplies, staff and funding, and has provided extensive

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COVID-19 resources to keep families informed of best health and safety practices. Individuals seeking emergency child care can view an interactive map created by Child Care Aware of America, which provides a snapshot of available child care programs in relation to New Hampshire hospitals and alternative health care facilities that have been set up across the state to manage a potential surge of COVID-19 cases.

In order to qualify as an Emergency Child Care Program, child care providers met criteria around proximity to hospitals and surge centers, number of slots available for the children of essential workers, hours of operation, and ability to serve vulnerable children. Child care programs will be eligible to apply for incentive payments, including funding to support pay differentials for staff, child care costs for child care professionals, and other operating costs that support an emergency child care system.

On March 26, Governor Chris Sununu issued Emergency Order #17, which included a list of designated business sectors that provide essential services and support to COVID-19 and the core missions of the State.

For more information about the Emergency Child Care Collaborative, please visit <http://nh.childcareaware.org/> For questions about the program, email ECCP@dhhs.gov. For more information on COVID-19, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19.

Alternative Care Site “Flex Care Facility” Set up at Alumni Gymnasium, Dartmouth College

As the COVID 19 Pandemic continues to peak in New Hampshire, the Upper Valley Public Health Emergency Planning Region, in cooperation with the Sullivan County Public Health Emergency Planning Region, the New Hampshire National Guard, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, and Dartmouth College has begun staging equipment in preparation for an Alternate Care Site (ACS) “Flex Care Facility” on the Campus of Dartmouth College at Alumni Gymnasium. The ACS is planned to provide a total of 125 patient beds and will be overseen by all parties named above.

“While the need for increased medical surge capacity is not currently present in our region, staging of the ACS is happening now so we are fully prepared to assist area hospitals should the need arise,” said Paula Maville, Lebanon Deputy City Manager and PIO. “The ACS will be used to house patients who might still require hospitalization, but only require a limited amount of care, reserving fixed hospital space for those in more critical need.”

Equipment began arriving on campus on Friday, April 10. The site will be fully staged but will only become

operational if 1) there is a need for additional space to care for patients and 2) when details of a Memorandum of Understanding for use of the facility is completed.

“Dartmouth College has been instrumental in permitting the staging of this site at the Alumni Gymnasium. Our appreciation for their willingness to be a community partner in helping to manage this crisis cannot be overstated,” said Maville.

COVID-19 Hotline

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak can call 2-1-1.

Public Urged to Wear Masks

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

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04/11/2020

NH PowerBall

22 29 30 42 47 17

NH Mega Millions 04/10/2020

2 11 21 57 60 13

Tristate Megabucks 04/11/2020

2 10 11 30 33 4

For more lottery numbers,
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INVESTING TIPS

PART 1



Surviving Market Volatility During COVID-19

During this time, it may be somewhat comforting to remember that you are not alone. Everyone is wondering what the immediate future holds for the impact of the COVID-19 virus. Everyone else has the same fears and anxiety that you are feeling right now.

When it comes to your investments, all you can really control is how you react. Sticking to sound, fundamental investing principles and staying the course will help you make it through this difficult time. Here are some practical tips for surviving market volatility in the face of what may seem like an extraordinary crisis right now.

AVOID HITTING THE PANIC BUTTON

During this time, it's very tempting (and very normal) to think about getting out of the stock market. Especially on March 16, when the S&P 500 suffered its worst decline since the 1987 stock market crash (also known as Black Monday). But selling solely because the stock market has suffered a big decline over a very short period of time may be the worst thing you can do.

It's understandable if you're struggling to keep fear in perspective right now. Over time, however, the stock market has historically risen despite economic woes, terrorism, the burst of the housing bubble in 2008 and countless other calamities. Investors should try to always separate their emotions from the investment decision-making process. What seems like a massive global catastrophe one day may likely become a distant memory a few years down the road. After all, when was the last time you thought about Black Monday (if you are even old enough to remember it)? Or the Great Recession?

KEEP A LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE

For many people, a retirement account such as an IRA may be their largest investment asset. And that's probably the one you are most concerned about right now. Keep in mind that

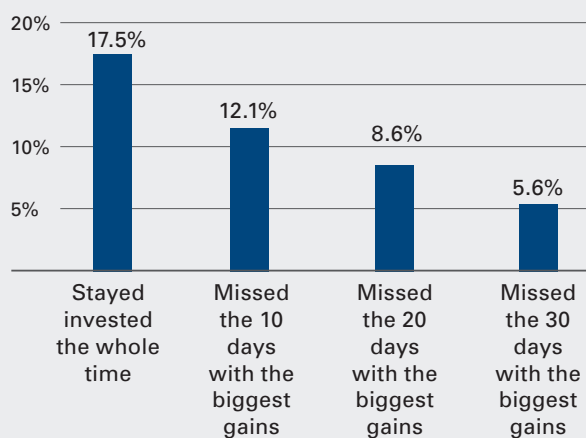
if you are investing for a long-term goal such as retirement, which may not begin for two or three decades — and could last two or three decades — you should have plenty of time to ride out this current market downturn. The same may be true with regard to some intermediate-term financial goals you may have, such as saving to buy a home, start a family or fund a college education.

Staying Invested in the Stock Market: A Very Recent History Lesson

Back on March 9, 2009, the S&P 500 Index hit its financial crisis low. Ten years later, on March 8, 2019, the index's total return over that time was 400.1%, or 17.5% per year. However, if you missed the 20 best percentage gain days over that 10-year bull run, the annual gain was cut in half to 8.6%. The chart below shows that pulling money out of the market — even for just a few weeks — could really cost you in potential investment gains.

Annualized Total Returns

Excluding Total Number of Top % Gain Days in Period
March 9, 2009 – March 8, 2019



Source: Standard & Poor's; Kmotion Research. This information is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of the performance of any investment. It does not reflect the impact of taxes, management fees, or sales charges. The Standard and Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500) is a weighted, unmanaged index composed of 500 stocks believed to be a broad indicator of stock price movements. Investors cannot buy or invest directly in market indexes or averages. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

The Issue of Absentee Voting in 2020



Like all government bodies now, the way New Hampshire's House of Representatives does business in the next few months will change, if the coronavirus pandemic does not soon ease up in its severity.

This point was brought home to me on April 7 when I participated at my Claremont home in a virtual and telephonic conference call meeting with House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff, House Democratic Leader Doug Ley, and the rest of Democratic Leadership. The April 7 remote meeting was the first such legislative meeting of any kind since the early morning hours of March 13 when the full House held two consecutive days of meetings to act upon nearly 300 bills, including the second meeting which lasted nearly 17 hours because of much partisan wrangling and delays from House Republicans. But in response to concerns about the looming pandemic, the House did vote to give the Speaker authority to suspend House deadlines for final legislative action on all House legislation, a deadline originally scheduled for March 26. But later in the day on March 13, Gov. Christopher Sununu declared a "State of Emergency," in regard to the pandemic, and began issuing a series of executive orders to deal with it, including the closure of all public schools. Then in coordination with Gov. Sununu, Speaker Shurtleff together with New Hampshire Senate President Donna Soucy closed the State House Complex March 15 to all legislators, legislative staff, and visitors so as to help stop the spread of coronavirus until March 23, a closure date that was soon extended to at May 4.

During the April 7 remote meeting, Speaker Shurtleff did not say whether he and Senate President Soucy had yet decided whether to re-open the State House Complex after May 4. But he and Democratic Leader Ley did indicate to everybody present for the meeting that we committee chairs should soon be prepared for the possibility of our committees holding remote public hearings and other meetings in which committees would make recommendations for legislation referred to them, hearings and meetings in which committee members and citizens wishing to testify and observe would be allowed to participate through such virtual digital platforms as Zoom, among others. Participation would have to be coordinated thru the Legislative IT Services Dept., which has never done such coordination before now. The Speaker added that it could be very difficult and illegal for the full House to remotely conduct its remaining 2020 meetings, so he is presently examining the possibility of holding any such meetings in large arenas or theaters in the Concord area so as to allow for more space between us representatives. In other words, we could still meet to conduct "the people's business," while practicing the recommended "social distancing" necessary to stop the spread of coronavirus, social distancing that is currently impossible in the cramped House Chamber.

I will update readers about what could be the "new normal" in lawmaking in future columns.

Speaking of lawmaking in respond to the pandemic, I was recently asked by a constituent about the possibility of requiring all ballots for the Sept. 8 State Primary Election as well as Nov. 3 General Election to be cast by mail, or at least permit voters, concerned about their health because of coronavirus, to utilize absentee ballots for no specific reason at all for both elections. This constituent urged me to either support mail-in only voting as is now done in states like Oregon, or "no excuses" absentee ballot requests as is now allowed in many states. Presently, New Hampshire only permits absentee voting for citizens who will be out of their districts on election day, are sick or disabled, and cannot leave their homes, or because their religious beliefs prohibit them from going to the polls on election day. I told the constituent I liked the idea of mail-in voting which overall has increased the total number of voters participating in elections in states that require such voting. But I also told the constituent that I believe "no excuses" absentee voting is also a good idea, and added that both the House as well as Senate had passed a "no excuses" bill last year, a bill that Gov. Sununu had unfortunately vetoed, and his veto that was sustained for the lack of the necessary two-thirds majority in both bodies required to override the veto by our state's constitution.

Nevertheless, I also told this same constituent that on March 12 by a 194-132 roll call vote, the House had again approved a similar "no excuses" absentee voting measure. The measure, House Bill 1672, was approved after brief debate on the House floor, and a recommendation by a 12-8 majority of the House Election Law Committee to adopt the measure. House Bill 1672 proponents such as Keene Rep. William Pearson, a Democrat declared in the following sentences, "The majority believes that New Hampshire's Constitution affords all eligible voters the freedom to use an absentee ballot. The majority also believes that eligible voters should not need to provide excuses to the state to access the franchise. The majority trusts New Hampshire voters and the Secretary of State's tireless efforts to ensure the integrity of the franchise."

However, House Bill 1672 opponents, including Derry Rep. Katherine Prudhomme-O'Brien, a Republican, responded with the following sentences, "New Hampshire has very high voting rates, higher than states that have no-excuse absentee balloting. Interestingly, those states have had higher voting rates in the past when they did not have no-excuse absentee balloting. We heard testimony that absentee voting is an area where most cases of voting fraud occur. There is no need for this bill in New Hampshire, disability rights organizations have stated that current laws regarding absentee voting protect their rights and both absentee and in-person voting work well for them. Lastly, we have seen elections in other states where candidates dropped out of the running close to the election, but weeks after large scale absentee voting began. Many of these voters then desired to vote anew, an option that is not possible after casting an absentee ballot."

House Bill 1672 now continues on to the Senate, where I think approval should be likely later this year. The bill is sponsored by two

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Democratic representatives, led by Concord's Katherine Rogers and including New Castle's Kate Murray. But in a related story, the Governor and New Hampshire Attorney General Gordon MacDonald told the news media that they would support allowing voters to request absentee ballots for this year's primary and general election, if such voters were concerned about exposing themselves to the Coronavirus by going to the polls. They seemed to indicate that no change in current state absentee ballot law was needed for these requests. While I am no lawyer, I would respectfully disagree and say that such in state law is needed.

Back to the subject of House Bill 1672. I, of course, voted for this bill because I believe voters should not be limited to the present three reasons needed to request absentee ballots. Also making it easier to request an absentee should boost voter participation in all elections, including local elections, which are just as important as state primaries and general elections, in my opinion. Finally, the current pandemic, if it unfortunately continues into the autumn months, could actually decrease voter participation for both the Sept. 8 Primary and Nov. 3 Election, if voters fear for their health and cannot request an absentee ballot under current law. Email: jocloutier@comcast.net

NH Delegation Announces \$164.5M from CARES Act Immediately Dispersed to NH Health Care Providers

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) announced Friday with Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) that New Hampshire health care providers received \$164.5 million from an initial installment of health care provider grants established under the bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was recently passed by Congress and signed into law. By standing firm during negotiations and demanding a better bill, Senator Shaheen and the delegation helped improve the legislation that ultimately became law, boosting funding for health care providers by \$25 billion. In total, the law includes \$100 billion for health care providers, the first \$30 billion of which was dispersed to providers throughout the country today. In this first allotment, New Hampshire providers received \$164.5 million.

"New Hampshire hospitals, physicians, nursing facilities, community health centers and other health care providers have been pleading for funding to keep the doors open and deal with increased expenses and revenue shortfalls due to COVID-19. The federal dollars dispersed today could not have come soon enough," said Senator Shaheen. "I fought for this investment in health care provider grants and refused to walk away from the negotiating table until I was sure it was the best possible deal to help New Hampshire providers and communities mitigate the health and economic hardships caused by the coronavirus outbreak. I'm pleased that this first allotment is out the door and in the hands of our providers so they can continue their critical work fighting this pandemic. Our work certainly doesn't end here. I'll continue to work across the aisle and with every level of government to ensure our providers, and all those on the frontlines, have the resources they need to weather this storm."

"New Hampshire's front line health care workers are working around the clock to confront COVID-19, but they are in desperate need of additional resources in order to keep up with the increasing demand," said Senator Hassan. "This additional federal funding will help New Hampshire health care providers treat more patients and make up some of the losses from cancelling non-elective procedures. However, we know that more federal funding will be necessary in order to combat this public health emergency, and ensure that New Hampshire citizens continue to have access to quality health care."

"Since the COVID-19 crisis began, I have heard from Granite State hospitals, health centers, and health care providers about the financial challenges they face from increased costs and a decline in revenue as a result of this virus," said Congresswoman Kuster. "This funding through the CARES Act will provide financial relief and support to health care providers to help ensure they have the resources to continue caring for patients. These facilities are on the frontlines of this pandemic, and I'll continue working to ensure that they have the funding they need..."

TUESDAY: Senators Hassan & Shaheen to Hold Telephone Town Hall on COVID-19 Pandemic

On Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 PM, U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen will host a telephone town hall to answer questions from Granite Staters about the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing efforts to provide relief to individuals and small businesses.

Senators Hassan and Shaheen will be joined by public health representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, as well as representatives from New Hampshire Employment Security and the Small Business Administration.

As part of their efforts to combat COVID-19, Senators Hassan and Shaheen voted in favor of multiple bipartisan response packages, which are now law, that address the public health and economic challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, including direct payments and expanded unemployment benefits for workers, cash assistance and low-interest loans for small businesses, and additional funding for hospitals and community health centers.

For any Granite Stater who would like to participate in the telephone town hall with Senators Hassan and Shaheen, please sign up at has-san.senate.gov/live. Individuals who sign up will then receive a phone call in order to join the town hall live. The telephone town hall will also be livestreamed at that link.

Attorney General's COVID-19 Scam Alert: Stimulus Payments

CONCORD, NH -- Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald is warning about a wave of COVID-19 related scams surrounding federal stimulus payments. These scams target consumer vulnerability by attempting to capitalize on the anxiety naturally arising from current events.

The public should always be vigilant with respect to potential scams. However, during these challenging times, heightened awareness is essential. The Attorney General urges the public to use common sense and caution to protect against scammers.

Stimulus Payment Scams

The United States Congress recently passed a large COVID-19 relief and stimulus package that promises to provide financial relief to many Americans. Scammers have recently attempted to use the promise and anticipation of stimulus payments to acquire personal identifying information [PII] from unsuspecting victims.

In a recent example of how scammers are trying to use the anticipation of stimulus payments to collect PII, emails that appeared to be from the United States Treasury Department were sent by scammers claiming that the recipient was selected as one of the first to receive a stimulus payment. The phony email requested that the recipient provide PII including phone number, date of birth and profession in order to receive a stimulus payment.

What you should know:

- The Internal Revenue Service recently released guidance informing the public that most people do not need to take any action in order to receive stimulus payments.

- Government agencies are NOT sending out emails asking for personal information in order to receive funds or other pandemic relief opportunities.

How to protect yourself:

- Any request via a phone call, text message or email for personal identifying information, or any other information as a prerequisite for receiving a stimulus payment should be heavily scrutinized.

- Do not engage with callers or emails from unrecognized sources.

- Do your homework, ask questions and use

the IRS website for accurate information: <https://www.irs.gov/.../economic-impact-payments-what-you-nee...>
 - New Hampshire people who receive requests for information in exchange for a stimulus payment should contact the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau of the Attorney General's Office.

Update on City Parks

CLAREMONT, NH --All City Parks will remain open at this time and we are asking all park users to adhere to social distancing protocols. All playground equipment and structures are closed until further notice.

Skate Park

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19, please maintain a 6-foot distance between people (1 person per ramp) while using the park. Refusal to adhere to these guidelines could result in the closure of the Skate Park.

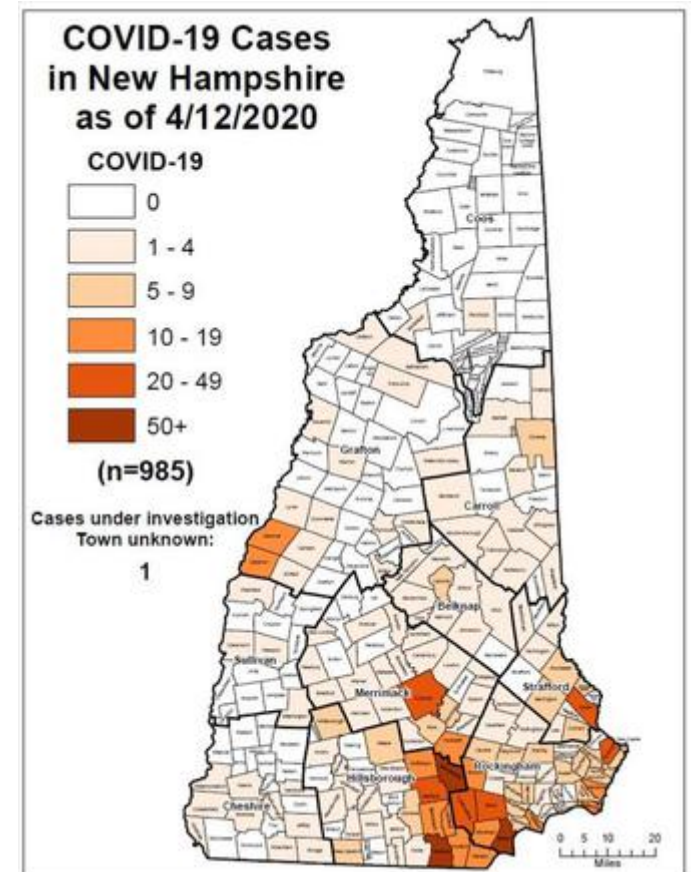
Basketball Courts

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19, please maintain a 6-foot distance between people (1 person per basket) while using the courts. Refusal to adhere to these guidelines could result in the removal of baskets.

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – April 12, 2020

CONCORD, NH --On Sunday, April 12, 2020, DHHS announced 57 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 985 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Several cases are still under investigation. Any additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, all are adults with 65% being female and 35% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (31), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (9), Grafton (2), Merrimack (2), Strafford (2) counties, Belknap (1), and Cheshire (1), and in the cities of Manchester (6) and Nashua (2). The county of residence is being determined for one new case. Six new COVID-19-related hospitalizations were reported; thus far, 152 (15%) of the 985 positive cases have been hospitalized. At least



nine of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to increase in the State and has been identified in all counties with cases. Most of the remaining cases have either had travel to domestic or international locations or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

Recovered: 239 (24%)

Deaths: 23 2%

County	Cases
Belknap	22
Carroll	28
Cheshire	19
Coos	2
Grafton	45
Hillsborough - Other	144
Hillsborough - Manchester	153
Hillsborough - Nashua	88
Merrimack	73
Rockingham	345
Strafford	59
Sullivan	6
County TBD	1
Grand Total	985

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CLAREMONT, NH – Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Response Coalition. The Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Relief Fund, with initial funding from Dartmouth-Hitchcock, is available to non-profits who are struggling to meet the needs of their service population due to the current pandemic. The request form is available at <http://www.claremontnh.com/uploads/COVID-19/FillableFinal%20edits%20GSCPHN%20COVID-19%20Community%20Help%20Request%20Form%203-27-20.pdf>.

These funds, under the oversight of the Greater Sullivan County COVID-19 Community Response Coalition, will be used to support organizations addressing 3 major areas of concern in the Greater Sullivan County service region:

1. Access and Expansion of Technology/Telecommuting Needs for Organizations and Schools
2. Medical Supplies for First Responders and Healthcare
3. Essential Worker Needs (gas cards, food access, childcare, etc.)

The Community Response Coalition is a newly formed multi-stakeholder group comprised of membership from numerous Sullivan county-based community organizations, county and municipal governance administrators and others to help meet the needs of the ENTIRE community.

ALL community support organizations are encouraged to apply even if the needs of your organization fall outside of the major areas of concern. The Community Response Coalition is working to determine the needs of the community to access additional funds.

If your organization has a critical need, please complete the attached form and scan and email to: GSCPHN@hitchcock.org.

City Hall is open via the main Opera House Square entrance. We ask that you call or email in advance if you want to speak with someone. A document drop-off box is available inside the main entrance. Many payments can be made on-line at <https://www.eb2gov.com/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?towncode=006>.

The Visitors Center is open. Business

that can take place by phone, email or on-line meetings is preferred at this time. Applications for building permits and restaurant inspections can be made at claremontnh.viewpointcloud.com. Staff are available for inquiries by businesses, projects, board applications, or zoning questions, as well as building inspections.

Fiske Free Library is closed, but staff are available by phone or email to answer questions. On-line book and other virtual activity information is available at <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/library/default.aspx>.

The Community Center is closed, but city parks are open and being maintained. Playgrounds are closed The Parks & Rec Facebook page is offering up some fun family activities.

Department of Public Works is open. Please note that the transfer and recycling station is open regular hours (Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.), with limitations of four vehicles at one time. Please maintain a minimum of 6' distance.

The **Claremont Police and Fire Departments** are open and available for information

or questions. Please maintain safe distancing if possible during this time.

Claremont Businesses

Banks are accepting applications under the CARE Act Paycheck Protection Program. Some information is available at <http://www.claremontnh.com/uploads/Small%20Business%20Owners%20Guide%20to%20the%20CARES%20Act%20final%20-%20P.pdf>.

Please check with your bank for details.

The **SBA** has updated its information page on COVID-19 loans and grants. For further information please see <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources#section-header-2>.

Claremont Private Non-Profits Organizations

FEMA has published some guidance for non-profits and federal assistance at <http://www.claremontnh.com/uploads/COVID-19/040120%20-%20COVID-19%20-Pandemic%20-%20Private%20Nonprofit%20Organizations%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>.

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During this difficult time, we want to *Thank You*, the essential businesses and workers, in our communities. We are stronger and safer because of you and we appreciate you. **Claremont Savings Bank**  

Claremont Strong, from A7

Census

Name one thing that you can do that can help Claremont without leaving the comfort of your couch? Hint? It happens every 10 years. Give up? THE CENSUS! For the first time ever you can fill it out online, as well call or mail. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets. Begin your census response today: <https://my2020census.gov/>. Please practice social distancing, even when out walking or at the grocery store. These federal recommendations should be followed for the next 30 days.

The City continues to offer residents and city businesses help with filing unemployment claims or SBA Disaster loans. Computers are available at the Library and the Community Center at designated hours by appointment only. Please call the Community Center at 542-7019 to schedule a time.

The **Claremont Fire Department** received a generous donation of protective face shields from Ruger Company on April 8, 2020. They report that a number of those shields are currently in service ready to protect our first line medical responders out in the field. Our thanks to Ruger for supporting our first responders.

The **IRS** has provided new information on who will receive economic stimulus payments automatically and a link for non-filers (those not required to file a tax return) to enter payment information. More information is available at <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>.

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Call us at the Meriden Library 469- 3252; Philip Read Memorial Library 675-6866 Follow us on Facebook at Plainfield Public Libraries and on Instagram at merprml

UNH Extension Resources

During this COVID-19 crisis, many families have little or no income and yet have families to feed; thus, more people will be beginning

or expanding their own gardens this year. We have resources to help.

Our webpage, Ask Extension, <https://extension.unh.edu/programs/ask-unh-extension>, covers many relevant topics to help get through this crisis, including Vegetable Gardening at Home, <https://extension.unh.edu/tags/vegetable-gardening-home>.

This page covers topics and offers fact sheets for organic gardening, container gardening, managing pests, and even the Granite State Gardening Facebook Live series with Emma Erler (from Grow It Green with WMUR) on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/AskUNHExtension>.

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CLAREMONT—Be sure to bring a creative person and a toolbox when you view this unique house with a large attached barn situated on a 1.83 acre lot just minutes from downtown Claremont and I-91. The septic system is presumed to need replacement. This property is sold in AS-IS condition, and the seller will not complete any repairs to the property. **\$44,900 (MLS#4796862)**



CHARLESTOWN—This fully occupied multi-family property is ready to start making you money. Located on Main St in the center of town is this 3-unit property which is zoned business/commercial. It once housed office space and apartments. Currently it is used as three residential rental units. This is an ideal low-maintenance income property. **\$144,900 (MLS#4797750)**



CLAREMONT—This lovingly maintained 3BR, 1 3/4 bath home features an attached 2-car garage, a mostly finished lower level, fireplace, and beautiful gardens with perennials. The end-of-road in-town location is comprised of 4 lots and offers both privacy and views. **\$204,900 (MLS#4797893)**



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ROCKINGHAM, VT—Circa-1790 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape on 29 country acres with a pond, stream, waterfalls, berries, fruit trees, and perennials. The 1st level is home to the master bedroom, 2nd bedroom, and a full bath. This home's 2nd level provides a loft bedroom and another full bathroom. A modern and updated kitchen awaits the family's chef, with copper sink, huge butcher block island, and a double oven stove. Relax on the famers porch watching the wildlife or on the rear deck that overlooks the pond. **\$319,000 (MLS#4799134)**



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How You Can Help: From Claremont Maker

In this difficult time you can put your skills, time and energy to use helping the community get through this.

Sew Face Masks: Supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers are being seriously strained. As the COVID-19 case count increases, this will become an ever increasing problem. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is asking for donations of home made fabric face masks. You can help right now by donating your time and skills. More information is available here on the Dartmouth-Hitchcock website: <https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/patient-education/sewing-masks.html>.

Help crowdsource Repair Information for Hospital Equipment: https://www.ifixit.com/News/36354/help-us-crowdsource-repair-information-for-hospital-equipment?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=031620_US%20Newsletter_Fix%20From%20Home%20copy%203&utm_content=031620_US%20Newsletter_Fix%20From%20Home%20copy%203+CID_4b750dc-ce550cd3e95fee24a1e0e3655&utm_source=CampaignMonitor.

iFixit is building a central resource for maintenance and repair of hospital equipment. This is an attempt to centralize all the documentation and resources necessary to keep these life saving machines operating and to help the biomedical technicians who service them working as efficiently as possible when machines need repair.

Digital Fabricators (3D printers, CNC plasma torch operators, CNC router operators): There's a need for 3D printed parts including ventilator valves and reusable face masks as well as other fabricated parts. We are still investigating what specifically hospitals in the region are asking for or will be asking for in the near future and what the best design solutions are. In the meantime, if you are interested in helping, please contact ryan@claremontmakerspace.org who has offered to help coordinate this effort.

If your business is impacted by this crisis, the Upper Valley Business Alliance has information about current resources available for regional businesses: <http://www.uppervalleybusinessalliance.com/covid19-information-for-businesses>.



There Will Be Lead

The Claremont Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is facing a major decision on a proposal to ship 12,000 tons or more of mixed construction and demolition (C&D) waste through the City of Claremont monthly. Claremont will in time recover from the coronavirus challenge which arrived uninvited. Why would the City choose to allow over 100 train cars a month to haul toxic waste through Claremont Jct. at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Plains Road? Should the ZBA approve adding to its already overburdened roads the hundreds and hundreds of trucks a month required to bring debris into and through Claremont to a poorly located waste depot on an old rail spur? We at A Better Claremont don't think so.

This hazardous disruption would be near residential neighborhoods, local businesses, an elementary school, and Claremont's Gateway - the only Amtrak Station in Western New Hampshire. For how many years would this dirty business go on? Nobody knows. We do know it is easier to deny permission than it is to take it back when the deal goes bad, people start getting sick, and contamination occurs again. If Acuity Management, Inc. (Acuity) is granted approval for its ill-conceived project, will the company or its successor be back in the future asking to expand operations further? Acuity hopes to use its property at 43 Industrial Boulevard to receive toxic demolition waste, construction debris, and who knows what else. Residents from Claremont and neighboring towns are rightfully concerned about how this operation would increase noise, truck traffic, and pollution.

We all know demolition waste is problematic and must be managed responsibly. Importing 500 tons-a-day of mixed construction and demolition debris to Claremont to load onto rail

cars for disposal in distant communities is not safe, fair, or responsible.

Below are four reasons why the Zoning Board should reject Acuity's proposal:

1. Scale: Importing 144,000+ tons of potentially contaminated waste a year into Claremont is simply wrong. The Claremont municipal transfer station handles less than 100 tons of C&D waste annually.

How did this proposal get so far? Why wasn't it rejected immediately given the amount of waste that would come in? Indeed, why would a community accept an offer that amounts to over 1400 times more waste coming to Claremont each year than what the City itself generates?

2. There will be lead

Demolition debris is often contaminated with lead, a toxic metal for which there is no safe level of exposure. The toxicity of lead in humans is measured in micrograms or millionths of a gram. The projected annual amount of imported C&D waste would be expected to contain many tons of lead which would create exposure risks for workers, their families, and for Claremont residents in general. A major concern is lead-based paint on wood sent for disposal. We must do whatever we can to decrease the risk of lead exposure in the City. If approved, Acuity's operation will increase the risk, and that is unacceptable.

3. C&D management in NH is poorly regulated and largely privatized. This creates an incentive to import C&D waste from out-of-state, making NH a destination for materials people are willing to pay a lot of money not to have in their neighborhoods.

A report from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services states that about half of what is disposed of in New Hamp-

shire comes from out-of-state. DES has little control over this dismal situation because privatization allows waste companies to do what they want, and this includes opening the flood gates to unregulated wastes from almost anywhere. DES has stated the department "does not track solid waste, including C&D, from site of generation, whether in or out of state, and has no explicit authority to do so." This obviously threatens Claremont's ability to protect itself from an onslaught of toxic demolition waste from Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Maine, and elsewhere.

4. Allowing Acuity's proposal to go forward would limit Claremont's options.

If the ZBA approved Acuity's applications to waive zoning requirements, Claremont would be enabling NH's privatized waste management system. Let's keep options open until DES makes waste reduction a priority. The City needs to say NO to Acuity Management, Inc.

Visit www.valleygreenjournal.com.

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'Mapping' Out Some Fun While Staying-at-Home

CLAREMONT, NH—Having to stay at home these days is a challenge for most people, but some are turning to creative outlets to help make the time more palatable. One such case is Emily Treadway, a freshman at SHS who enjoys painting as a hobby. "During the quarantine as I was creating a home office," said her mother, Sarah Eaton, "she asked if she could paint a mural, which I agreed she could do. She chose the theme, and decided to paint a mural of the 50 states with national monuments."

Eaton said she works for Red River and was setting up her "home landing zone", as she put it, when Emily approached her about her idea. "This project is simply because she likes to paint and not for any school credit," she added.

Treadway is about halfway through her project. "Emily said that when she saw the freshly painted wall, she just wanted to paint it. She wanted something that had multiple parts to it so it wouldn't just be done in a day. So she thought the US would be a good theme, then she thought of the national parks. She went online and found one for each state and made a list. She goes to an image for an idea then paints it."

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



DOE Secures Waiver for School Meals Through April Vacation

Schools Will be able to Feed Students Without Interruption

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Education announced Friday that it has secured a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow schools to provide meals to students through April vacation. While some schools are working through the scheduled April break, others are giving students and faculty the week off. Under normal circumstances, USDA would not reimburse school districts for meals served over a vacation week. Late last week, New Hampshire and other New England states received verbal approval from USDA officials to continue school nutrition programs over April vacation.

“Our federal school nutrition programs were not crafted with these disruptions in mind,” said Cheri White, Administrator of the state Office of Nutritional Programs and Services.

“This waiver will give schools flexibility to continue to feed students healthy meals uninterrupted, during April vacation.”

“Whether to keep April vacation or work though it is a decision for local school officials,” added Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. “But we did not want availability of school nutrition programs to be a factor in those decisions. I want to thank USDA for recognizing the need to give schools flexibility as we provide remote instruction to New Hampshire students.”

Governor Issues Additional Emergency Orders

CONCORD, NH—Last week Gov. Chris Sununu issued a number of additional emergency orders as the COVID-19 pandemic continued. They included the following: Restriction of hotels and other lodging providers to provision of lodging for vulnerable populations and essential workers: “In order to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to promote and secure the safety and protection of the people of New Hampshire, all lodging providers within the State of New Hampshire are hereby restricted

to providing lodging for vulnerable populations and essential workers only, as those terms are defined in this Order.

2. For purposes of this Order, lodging providers shall include hotels; motels; bed and breakfasts; inns; and short term rentals such as those made available through VRBO, Homeaway, AirBnb and other services. The

term lodging providers shall not include public and private campgrounds, which may remain open.”

- Temporary requirements regarding health-care provided in alternative settings.

Visit this link to review this and all of the emergency orders thus far: <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/>.



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April 10, 2020

Dear Residents of Claremont,

Today our community faces unprecedented times, creating both financial and stressful challenges during a critical time in the history of our city and state.

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As your State Representative, service to my constituents is a top priority. This may manifest in many ways from helping someone in the community with an issue or assisting them with state concerns.

Remember the importance of physically distancing - Be safe and healthy.

Again, contact me if needed - by working together, we can beat this virus.

I am here to help.

Sincerely,

Gary Merchant
State Representative
Sullivan County District #4
Claremont, NH

Evictions During COVID-19 Crisis and Unconscionable Rent Increases

By Ben Mortell

New Hampshire Emergency Order #4 prohibits evictions and foreclosures during the State of New Hampshire State COVID-19 Emergency which is currently until May 4, 2020. On April 6, 2020, the Governor issued Emergency Order #24 which made modifications to Emergency Order #4. The modification about evictions allow eviction proceedings for violations of a lease or violations of law: that result in substantial damage to the premises or that result in substantial adverse impact on the health or safety of other persons residing on the premises. The modification allows for evictions if the tenant has abandoned their rental unit or space.

New Hampshire Courts are open on a restricted basis and judges are able to hear essential type cases. The Courts are open for emergency relief cases (these may happen by telephone) which include domestic violence petitions and RSA 540-A petitions for emergency relief for tenants and landlords. The tenant protections include protection against tenant lock outs without a court order, shutting off utilities, and any other action to force a tenant out without going through the eviction process. In addition, Emergency Order #3 gives all consumers protections against termination of service or refusal to deliver electricity, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP, internet service, and deliverable fuel services due to non-payment.

A What's Up Claremont Facebook conversation on March 30, 2020 raised the issue that at least one landlord in Claremont may be unconscionably raising rent during the COVID-19 crisis. The City of Claremont has reported this to NH Department of Justice. New Hampshire Legal Assistance (NHCLA) is interested in hearing from tenants with this problem. Low income renters can apply for services online at <https://nhlegalaid.org/about/legal-advice-and-referral-center>.

Tenants still owe rent during the NH COVID-19 Emergency. After the emergency is over, landlords can evict tenants for non-payment of rent and other reasons. Tenants who are struggling to pay the full amount of rent should apply for help from Claremont City Welfare and Southwestern Community Services. Tenants have a defense to a non-payment eviction if the landlord refuses to accept full and timely payment from City welfare or other agencies, or if the landlord refuses to provide verification requested by the agency, and by doing so prevents tenant from making timely payment.

Rent increases are illegal if the landlord does not give the tenant a 30-day advance written notice. RSA 540:2 IV applies even if the tenant does not have a lease or rental agreement and pays rent by the week. Tenants who get a notice with less than 30-day notice should continue to pay the prior rent and they have a defense to the eviction if the landlord attempts to evict them for the increased rent. Even if the landlord gives a valid 30-day notice of rent increase, the tenant can decide not to pay the rent increase. In that situation, if the tenant continues to pay the old rent amount, the landlord cannot evict for non-payment of rent but must evict based upon a 30-day eviction notice with the good cause reason that the tenant re-

fused to accept a change in the terms of the rental tenancy.

The Claremont UVIP is a community organization concerned about safe and affordable housing in Claremont. Claremont UVIP members are outraged that landlords may be exploiting low income people during this national emergency by unconscionably increasing rent. The current Emergency Order does not prevent landlords from raising rent during this emergency. In partnership with Granite State Organizing Project, we are calling on the Governor to revise Emergency Order #4 to prohibit any rent increases while the State Emergency continues. Please click <http://chnng.it/br4b-GMRz> to sign a petition demanding that:

1. Governor should declare no rent increases or late fees during the State of Emergency.
2. After the State of Emergency ends, tenants with rent arrearages shall be provided the opportunity to make a reasonable payment arrangement for no less than a six-month period with no late fees owed on the arrearage.
3. The State will create a fund to pay past rent to landlords for renters who can document continued financial hardship.

If you would like to get involved and learn more about UVIP and our work in Claremont, including our (now virtual!) monthly meetings, please contact Aron DiBacco at adibacco@unitedvalleyinterfaithproject.org.

Ben Mortell is a UVIP member and retired legal aid attorney.

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e-Ticker Business News

Ericka Bergeron, MSN, RN Joins VNH as Director of Home Health Services

WHITE RIVER JCT, VT—Ericka Bergeron, MSN, RN has been named Director of Home Health for Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH). Bergeron holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Master of Science in Nursing Leadership from Franklin Pierce University. Prior to joining VNH, she served as the Nurse Manager for CHaD Pediatric Clinics at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Bergeron was named New Hampshire Nurse Leader of the Year by New Hampshire Magazine in 2019.



Ericka Bergeron

“I am proud to be joining the VNH team as the Director of Home Health Services,” said Bergeron. “I appreciate the organization’s commitment to providing excellent patient care in the comfort of home and am impressed by the team’s resourcefulness and ability to adapt to the changing healthcare needs. I look forward to collaborating with this team, organization and healthcare system to ensuring our patients have the care they need while building a team whom is empowered to be professional, a strong team and most importantly patient-centered.”

Bergeron will be responsible for the oversight, growth, and development of Medicare certified home health care services

and related clinical programs. She will lead a team of interdisciplinary managers, clinical and administrative members to manage all aspects of the program including fiscal, quality, regulatory compliance, team growth and development, and community needs.

“Ericka brings years of experience in leading interdisciplinary teams, which will be a great asset to VNH as we build on our strengths and continue to improve our services and quality of care in our region,” said VNH President and CEO Johanna Beliveau. “We are so pleased to have her on board.”

Schneider Departs Ex. Dir. Post at UVLSRPC

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission recently announced the upcoming departure of Steve Schneider, Executive Director. He has led the UVLSRPC as Executive Director for three years and will be leaving the Commission to become the CEO and General Manager of the Eastman Community Association.

During this time of transition for the Commission, Meghan Butts will serve as the Interim Director position effective April 25, 2020. she joined the Commission in April of 2014 as a GIS Technician/Assistant Planner. Over the past six years, she has grown through professional development opportunities such as re-

ceiving her Master’s Degree from Johns Hopkins University and obtaining a certificate in Leadership from a competitive Emerging Leaders program in the State. Most recently her title has been GIS Senior Analyst/ primary Transportation Planner where she has embraced the challenging project of developing a Regional Corridor Transportation plan. “We are confident that Meghan has the background and knowledge of the Commission to help lead us through this transition period,” said the organization in a press release.

The UVLSRPC Executive Committee will begin a search for a permanent Executive Director within the next few weeks.

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Conagra Brands, Inc. Recalls Frozen Not-Ready-to-Eat Chicken Bowl Products Due to Possible Foreign Matter Contamination

WASHINGTON, DC— Conagra Brands, Inc., a Russellville, Ark. establishment, is recalling approximately 130,763 pounds of not ready-to-eat chicken bowl products because the product may contain extraneous material, specifically small rocks, the U.S. Department of Agri-

10/19/2020 on the label.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number “P115” printed on the packaging next to the lot code. These items were shipped to retail locations nationwide and exported to Canada.

The problem was discovered when the firm

received consumer complaints about rocks being in the products and the firm then notified FSIS of the issue.

Consumers with questions about the recall or seeking a refund can contact Conagra Brands Consumer Care at 1-800-672-8240 or at Consumer.Care@conagra.com.



culture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Friday.

The frozen, not-ready-to-eat chicken bowl items were produced on Jan. 23, 2020. The following products are subject to recall:

- 9.5-oz. cartons containing “Healthy Choice POWER BOWLS Chicken Feta & Farro” with lot code 5006002320, UPC code 072655001800 and a best by date of 10/19/2020 on the label.
- 9.5-oz. cartons containing “Healthy Choice POWER BOWLS Chicken Feta & Farro, BOILS ÉNERGIE Poulet feta et épeautre” with lot code 5006002320, UPC code 072655003026 and a best by date of

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Cleaning Up the Neighborhood for Earth Day

With the COVID-19 stay at home order and the arrival of warmer weather, there is a renewed focus on outside activities to pass the time. Projects that we have put off for a variety of reasons may now be getting our attention. Whether those projects are home based or community driven, cleaning up our properties and our City is a wonderful way to get outside and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

In celebration, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is hosting two events: Tire Day and Spring Cleanup. Tire Day will take place at the Transfer Station on three separate days: April 25, April 28 and May 2 from 8am to 3:45pm. Free of charge, residents can drop off used car and/or light truck tires. Tires must be less than 20 inches and can be with or without rims. Please note that businesses are not eligible to participate and residents must have a Claremont Transfer Station decal.

Because of the need to practice Center for Disease Control guidelines due to COVID-19, traffic movement at the Transfer Station has been modified. Four vehicles will be allowed to enter at a time. In consideration of this, please dispose of materials and exit as quickly as possible. Your cooperation will help protect others from the virus and keep operations running smoothly.

DPW's Spring Cleanup will run from April 27 through May 1. At no cost, DPW personnel will collect bagged leaves and grass rakings throughout the week. The bags must be paper, 30-gallon compostable leaf bags available at various local hardware and grocery stores. The bags must be placed at the curbside by 7am on Monday, April 27. Please note that no garbage, brush or household items will be picked up, and all areas will be covered only once.

Beyond these two projects, residents are encouraged to continue efforts to pick up trash and report illegal dump sites. However, if you

are out picking up trash, please use gloves, wear masks if in the vicinity of others, practice social distancing and wear high visibility clothing. Bags of trash collected alongside roads and trails will be picked up by DPW once the department is notified.

One final note, a renewed focus on cleaning and clean-up projects has caused an increase in the use of wipes. While they are advertised as flushable, the reality is that they are negatively impacting sewer systems. Normally, DPW personnel clean the pump stations three times a week. Due to the flushing of wipes and other materials better suited for the trash can, DPW has had to increase the cleanings to five times a week. By choosing to dispose of wipes in the trash, you will help DPW personnel and protect our sewer infrastructure.

Thank you to all who have already engaged in projects in honor of Earth Day. Like COVID-19, the stewardship of our planet requires an all hands-on effort. Should you have any questions regarding Earth Day community projects or need additional information on trash "hotspots" in the community, please contact DPW at 603-542-7020.

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

BRAT Looking to Monitor Bacteria Levels Again this Summer

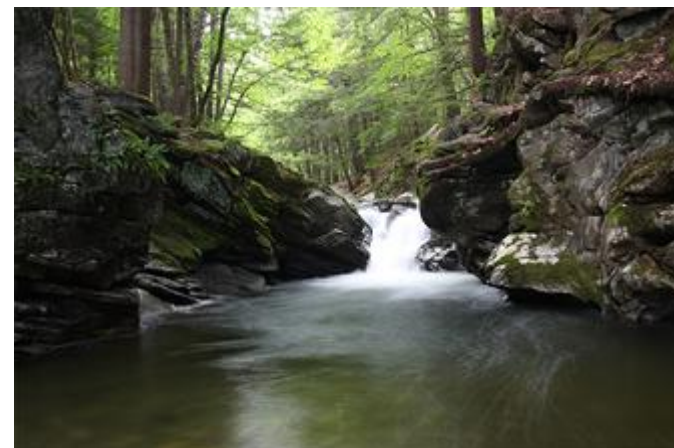
SPRINGFIELD, VT— Thinking ahead to sizzling summer days under bright skies, the Black River Action Team is excited to announce that plans are in place to once again monitor bacteria levels at popular swimming holes.

Trained volunteers will set out with sealed bottles each week from just before Memorial Day through just before Labor Day, to carefully collect a water sample to be sent to the folks at Endyne Labs Inc in Lebanon NH for testing.

To offset the cost of testing and weekly volunteer mileage throughout the summer, several sites have been sponsored through BRAT's "Adopt-a-swimming hole" program:

- * Buttermilk Falls in Ludlow is again adopted by Okemo Mountain Resort;
- * Greven Field in Proctorsville thanks Betty McEneaney of TPW Realty for a second year of sponsorship;
- * Cavendish Gorge boasts signage and spon-

sorship from Green Mountain Power again;
* Twenty-foot Hole on the North Branch of the Black River in Reading is new to the roster this year, adopted for 2020 by the Greater Upper Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited;



* The small pond on West Hill Road (part of the Jewell Brook network of sites managed by the Town of Ludlow) is adopted for the second year by Vermont Co-Pack. This site is being monitored in preparation for potentially reopening the pond to public recreation in the near future. While not open for swimming yet, BRAT is working with the Town of Ludlow on establishing the health of the pond so we can be sure it's consistently meeting the EPA's benchmark for safe swimming (235 E. coli organisms per 100 milliliters of water).

Also being sampled but still in need of sponsorship is Tolles Power Dam off Maple Street in Perkinsville. By donation from Endyne, BRAT monitors an additional site on the North Branch just beyond the foot of Mount Ascutney. Tolles Dam is a popular public swimming and wading site, while the North Branch site is of concern for the State of Vermont for bacteria, nutrients, and sediment.

BRAT wishes to sincerely thank the adopting sponsors by presenting each with an "adoption certificate" for the sampling season! The \$500 "adoption fee" covers the costs of testing as well as volunteer mileage to the site every Wednesday, and often again on Friday to post a chart for visitors. While there is usually an ambient level of bacteria naturally in the water, wet weather can wash in contaminants from the shore, so it is recommended to stay out of the river or stream for at least 24 hours after a heavy rain and anytime the water appears cloudy.

Learn more about the Black River Action Team's many projects and programs by logging on to www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org or leaving a voice message at (802) 738-0456.

Put Tax-Smart Investing Moves to Work

The tax return deadline has been extended until mid-July, but you may have already filed your taxes. If you were not entirely happy with the results, you might start seeking ways to change the outcome for next year. And one area to look at may be your investment-related taxes.

To help control these taxes, consider these moves:

- **Take full advantage of tax-deferred investments.** As an investor, one of the best moves you can make is to contribute as much as you can afford to your tax-deferred accounts – your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan – every year. If you don't touch these accounts until you retire, you can defer taxes on them for decades, and when you do start taking money out, presumably during retirement, you may be in a lower tax bracket.

- **Look for tax-free opportunities.** Interest from municipal bonds typically is exempt from federal income tax, and, in some cases, from state and local income tax, too. (Some municipal bonds, however, may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.) And if you qualify to contribute to a Roth IRA – eligibility is generally based on income – your earnings can be withdrawn tax-free, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2. Your employer may also offer a Roth 401(k), which can provide tax-free withdrawals. Keep in mind, though, that you contribute after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA and 401(k), unlike a traditional IRA and 401(k), in which your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars.

- **Be a "buy and hold" investor.** Your 401(k) and IRA are designed to be long-term investments, and you will face disincentives in the form of taxes and penalties if you tap into them before you reach retirement age. So, just by investing in these retirement accounts, you are essentially pursuing a "buy and hold" strategy. But you can follow this same strategy for investments held outside your IRA and 401(k). You can own some investments – stocks in particular – for decades without paying taxes on them. And when you do sell them, you'll only be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate, which may well be less than your ordinary income tax rate. But if you're frequently buying and selling investments you've held for less than a year, you could rack up some pretty big tax bills, because you'll likely be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

- **Be prepared for unexpected taxes.** Mutual fund managers are generally free to make whatever trades they choose. And when they do sell some investments, they can incur capital gains, which will be passed along to you. If this is a concern, you might look for funds that do less trading and bill themselves as tax efficient.

- **While taxes are certainly one factor to consider when you invest, they should probably not be the driving force.** You need to build a diversified portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. Not all the investments you select, and the moves you make with them, will necessarily be the most tax efficient, but by working with your financial and tax professionals, you can make choices that can help you move toward your long-term goals.

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A Non-Traditional ‘Family’ Gathers at a Unique Easter Time

Neighbors Enjoy Al Fresco, ‘Distanced’ Holiday Dinners

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—This was a “stay-at-home” Easter, but Vicki Raymond knows that “home” extends from the front door, right across the lawn, all the way to the street. And she determined not to let physical distancing put on a damper on her celebration.

“If we can’t see our families, then we’ll be a family,” said Raymond, the “we” being her

Top left: “Yes, I’m the instigator of this whole idea,” admitted Vicki Raymond, sharing a traditional ham with husband Lee. Top right: Jason and Allison St. Aubin enjoyed a sit-down ham dinner with their children, Olivia, 11, and Zander, 8. Bottom: Tracy and Scott Pope hauled out their card table for their al fresco dinner (Eric Zengota photos).

neighbors on NelMar Heights in Claremont. She proposed a communal dinner — with a twist. Anyone who wanted could

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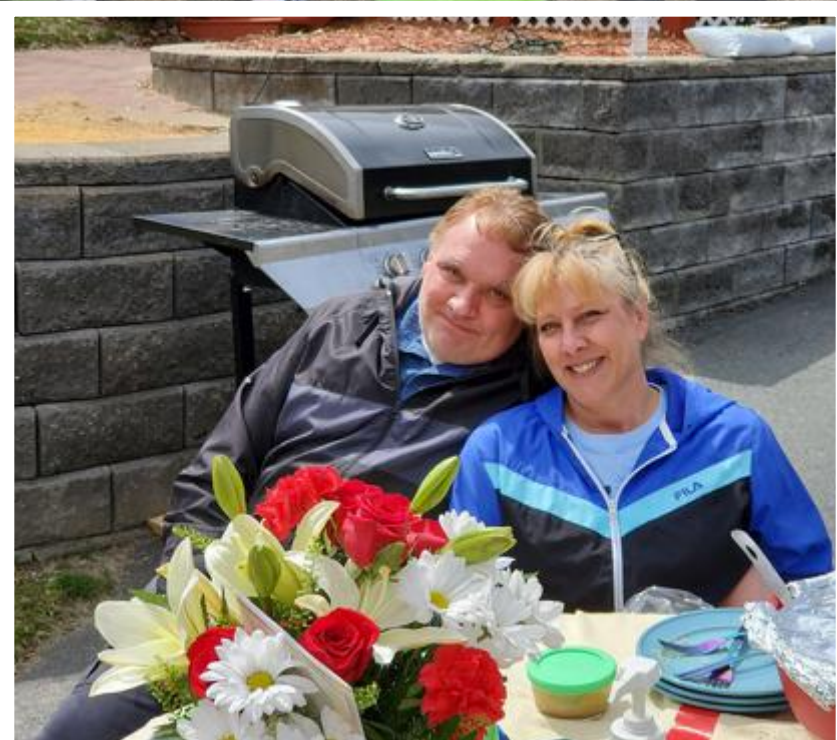


Neighbors, from A21

prepare meals, set up tables in their driveways and feast within waving distance of one another.

Her idea caught fire. Eight families feasted on marinated chicken, grilled hamburgers, bourbon pulled pork, ham, mac and cheese, and baked beans. On deviled eggs, biscuits, potato salad, homemade bread, glazed carrots and beef stew. And on chocolate pie for dessert.

Taking advantage of the mild, sunny weather, families walked their dogs, pushed strollers and generally ambled up and down the road, stopping to catch up with their family-for-the-day. Terri Casey welcomed the sociability. "I'm a hugger, so it's tough to keep your distance," she said. "And of course everyone wants to get out of the house. But now more than ever, a lot of families are walking together, which is nice to see."



Top: Brother, sisters and everyone else. From left: Paxton (9 months), Ryleigh (4), Leigha and Ryan Smolnik; Bud Marro and Hannah Marro. And Mia, who licked her plate clean. Left center: The newest NelMar neighbors, who moved in just three weeks ago, are (from left), Kristin Martin, Christian Lessard (seated), Patrick Prince, Preston Horalek and Christopher Renner. Right center: It was roast chicken under glass and beef stew in the kitchen crock pot for, from left, Julius (2) and Stan Marro; Sheila LaRoche; Jessica Marro; and Jonathan Marro. Bottom: Colby and Terri Casey fired up their grille to prepare tasty chicken and juicy cheeseburgers (Eric Zengota photos).

Inspiration

Making the Future

By Priscilla Hull

This acorn I found on my walk this morning. It is such proof that there is a future and it is possible to plan ahead for the future. You see, within this little acorn there is a towering, strong oak tree! It certainly doesn't look like it right now, does it? It's not even the most attractive thing I've ever seen at this stage in its life. When I was a little girl, we played with acorns, we made dolls and used them as a sort of money to trade for things. Acorns are plentiful, but they don't all grow into great, mighty oaks. I don't know if this one will. It was at the edge of the field where I walk. The deer love acorns and so does Piglet in one of the Winnie the Pooh stories, but not Tigger. There are, literally, hundreds of acorns that fall from each tree every year, but very few that grow into an oak tree. They are trampled under foot, eaten by deer and Piglet, and some simply do not mature. According to one authority, the chance of an acorn growing into a tree is less than one in 10,000!

When we look at an acorn, we should look not at the one in 10,000 chance that it might grow into an oak tree. Rather we should see it for what it is, something that might possibly preserve the future of the world. We need to look at the power that is held within that shell. Then we should look at ourselves and think about the composites within ourselves and how we have survived, each one individually for 5, 10, 40, 80 years and how our species have survived for millions, billions of years.

As spring comes along, this little nugget of new life has started the mysterious cycle to renew life. Contained therein is energy in the form of protein, fats and carbohydrates, needed to grow.

We have been visited by a virus which is intent on doing damage. It is trying to work its evilness into our lives, it could well destroy a good portion of our lives if we were to sit back and let it do its evil work. Instead, people from all walks of life, from all parts of life have been working together. The medicos are working to find a cure, to care for the sick, but where would they be without the nursing support, the cleaning support, the food to nourish the body, the launderers, the people who bring supplies? Suddenly we are recognizing people, unsung heroes, who everyday risk their lives to ensure conditions are perfect for the rest to do their jobs.

Beyond the hospital situation, suddenly, neighbors are watching out for neighbors, we are more aware of the elderly living alone, those house-bound because they are fighting cancer or some other compromising condition. As the initial panic and hoarding becomes old, embarrassing memories, we are turning into a more caring, kinder, gentler society. We are looking for ways to help, shopping for a neighbor, volunteering or donating to a soup kitchen. The possibilities are endless. Suddenly we are aware of the people next door. Suddenly we are caring about kids' lunches. Suddenly the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is more important, more meaningful.

My prayer is that these feeling of generosity, kindness, will persist beyond the pandemic. My prayer is that we will continue to look out for the needs of other.

My prayer is that the little seeds of kindness which are within each of us will continue to grow into mighty feelings of kindness, gentleness and hope, making us individually and collectively a better society where love will rule the planet.

Matthew 25:41. In as much as you have done it for one of these my brothers and sisters you have done it for me.

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



Calendar Of Events

Cooperative Extension Video Pruning Resources

- Pruning tree fruits: <https://extension.u-maine.edu/fruit/growing-fruit-trees-in-maine/pruning/>
- Pruning videos: <https://video.maine.edu/tag/tagid/pruning>
- Pruning trees and shrubs: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/basics-pruning-trees-and-shrubs-fact-shee>
- Pruning deciduous trees: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/pruning-deciduous-trees>
- Pruning small fruits webinar: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/pruning-small-fruits>

Five Colleges Book Sale Shifts to Online Sales

LEBANON, NH—In response to the COVID-19 situation, the Executive Committee of the Five Colleges Book Sale has determined that for the health and safety of our volunteers and patrons, this year's sale will shift to an online book sale format for the 2020 season.

Patrons of the sale may also make a tax deductible monetary donation in support of our annual scholarship fund by visiting our website, www.five-collegesbooksale.org and clicking 'Donations' on the menu. Net profits from online sales and monetary donations will provide financial aid to students from New Hampshire and Vermont to attend Mt. Holyoke, Simmons, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley.

Questions may be directed to Priscilla Dube, 603-428-3311, priscilla2nh@gmail.com.
five-collegesbooksale.org

Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program Now Accepting Applications

CLAREMONT, NH—The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation

scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2020-2021. This scholarship is available to the children or grandchildren of former employees of Cone-Blanchard Machine Company having a minimum of five years of continuous service with Cone-Blanchard Machine Company who meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements, Terms of Award Payments, and applications may be obtained by writing to Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation (mailing address) P.O. Box 65 Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 11, 2020. Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2020.

Kinship Raising Support Group

NEWPORT, NH—A support group in Newport for kinship raising family member's kids is meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon every other Friday. Meetings held at the old Towle School, 86 North Main Street. Learn more at New Hampshire Grandparents raising Grandchildren on Facebook; check the page for updates or call Stacey Hammerlind at 802-478-0844.

RVAPL Potluck Dinner

CHARLESTOWN, NH—River Valley Animal Protection League Potluck Dinner Fundraiser is planned for Saturday, March 21. Please come out and support the shelter at this fun event that includes raffles, cake auction, door prizes and games.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Where: Held at the VFW on Lovers Lane in Charlestown NH. Everyone welcome! Call for more info: 603-826-3061

Paint Nite! Unleash your Inner Artist

Support the River Valley Animal Protection League by joining us at the Sumner House Restaurant in Charlestown NH.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

When you buy a \$45 ticket, \$15 will be donated to the shelter!

Arrive at 5:15pm to order food and drinks before the event, painting starts at 6:30pm. No previous painting experience necessary!

Register at <https://www.yaymaker.com/events/10163512>

Claremont La Leche League

CLAREMONT, NH—Breastfeeding questions? Get answers and meet other breastfeeding mothers. Claremont La Leche League Claremont La Leche League will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the TLC Family Resource Center, 109 Pleasant Street: Mornings, from 9:30—11:00 a.m., evenings, 5:30—7:00 p.m. LLL Leaders are trained and accredited through LLLI to offer help to parents, families, and communities to breastfeed, chestfeed, and human milk feed their babies through parent-to-parent support. A leader will be available to answer your questions.

Assistance, information, and support are also available via telephone, email, and the LLLI website. ClaremontLLL@gmail.com, Jess (603) 630-0184, Zadiah (603) 306-9892; they may also be found on Facebook.

Newport Historical Society Museum Hours

NEWPORT, NH--Interested in local history? Come visit the Newport Historical Society Museum, 20 Central St., Newport, NH. Located in the 1837 Nettleton House, the museum has two floors of annually changing displays to wander through. Open Sundays (except holiday weekends), from 10AM to 2PM, and by appointment by calling 603-863-1294. The museum is free, heated, air-conditioned, and handicapped accessible.

Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings

CLAREMONT, NH—Overeaters Anonymous Big Book Meetings are held at Valley Regional Healthcare in Claremont on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library. Please use Main Entrance on Elm Street.

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New this year: craft vendors are being invited to join us.
For more info: Ruth Stalker 298-8913 or Helen Davidson 709-7777.

UVCC Online Classes

Visit <https://uvcircus.com/online-classes> for the schedule of our offerings and the free Zoom link to join in. Donations welcome if you can but not required to join in the fun.

Juggle Club is back! Wednesday 7:00pm-8:00pm All ages and abilities welcome! So nice to see some familiar faces last week and hope to see more this week. It was a spirit lifter to laugh, try new challenges and watch a few juggle battles (all in good fun!).

Stretch, Strength & Movement Tuesday & Thursdays 12:30-1:30 Stay limber, strong and in fighting shape for Summer Camp with this course aimed at all abilities and skill levels...come one, come all! I was a little sore after Doug's Thursday class...but I am ready to get back at it Tuesday...hope to see more of you. Come one. Come all!

As always reach out with questions and we look forward to seeing you down the road...

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Announcements From
St. Mary Parish

St. Mary Church, Claremont, NH, is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for you to come and spend time in a church setting.

Confessions are heard each day from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. In order to maintain the required 6-foot social distance, Fr. Shawn and Fr. Arockia are in separate wings of the church.

The Chapel is closed until further notice.

The parish office continues to be open from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Thursday, closed Friday. However, to help keep face-to-face communication at a bare minimum, we will be keeping the glass storm door closed when speaking with a visitor. You are welcome to call the office at 542-9518 if you have any questions or concerns.

The parish has set up a Facebook account in order to reach out to those on Facebook who might be interested in keeping contact with parish updates and events. If you are on Facebook, send a friend request to "SaintMary Parish." Once we have confirmed the friend request, we will send you an invitation to like the Page "Saint Mary Parish." These are 2 different areas on Facebook. Please note that all updates will be posted on the Saint Mary Parish Page, so be sure to like the page in addition to friending the parish account.

The parish website <https://www.stmary-parishnh.org> is also kept up to date with any parish events and/or notices.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PLANNING BOARD HEARING
Monday, April 13, 2020 7:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted electronically in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order no. 2020-04, the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A and CDC guidelines. The meeting will be broadcast live on CCTV and on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Claremont-NH-Government-109899900577117/>

Members of the public who wish to join the meeting may do so by calling 800-409-8594 using the Access Code/Verbal Passcode "Claremont Planning Board".

Please call 603-504-0393 if you have difficulty accessing the 800-409-8594 number during the meeting.

The Planning Board will be meeting to discuss
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Francis A. Viola, Jr., 58

Francis A. Viola, Jr., 58, of Claremont, NH, died at his home on April 2, 2020.

He was born in Claremont, NH, on March 16, 1962, the son of Francis A., Sr. and Roberta J. (Hull) Viola. Francis was employed by the Glazer's Union for many years. He enjoyed watching football, spending time with his family and friends and also spending time at the pond behind his sister's house with her dogs.

Members of his family include his mother, Roberta Viola, Claremont, NH; a son, Dustin A.F. Viola, Fort Mills, SC; two daughters, Tara LaFont, Pittsfield, MA; Danielle Jinks, Ft. Mills, SC; two brothers, William Bartlett and his wife, Jennifer, Rutland, VT; Paul Bartlett, Morrisville, VT; four sisters, Francine Nemkovich and her husband, Stephen, Claremont, NH; Maria Briand, Canaan, NH; Lori Bradbury, Hardwick, VT; Wendy Green and her husband, James, Claremont, NH; six grandchildren, Takoda A. LaFont, Lexus LaFont, Diamond Sepulveda, Austin T. Viola, Alexis M. Jinks, David A. F. Viola, Devon A.F. Viola, aunt, Madeline Paradis, Claremont, NH; a very dear friend, Donna Burns, Claremont, NH; and several nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father and a brother Dennis Viola.

There will be no visiting hours. Services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

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

Brian C. Clough

Brian Christopher Clough died unexpectedly April 5th, 2020, at his home in N. Haverhill, NH.

He was born in Claremont, NH, Oct. 10, 1959, he was 60 years old. He was the son of Robert H. and Doris S. Clough. Brian grew up in Unity NH, and was one of six children. He enjoyed some of the simple things in life, such as barbecuing with friends, stacking wood, and helping others. His interests were: The Dukes of Hazard; country music, including Johnny Cash; NASCAR racing, especially Jimmy Johnson; fishing; going for car rides; playing cards; bingo. He was a “Skip Bo” master. Brian also enjoyed a fine cigar. He was a proud par-

ticipant in many sports in the “Special Olympics”. He loved all animals, his family, and was an outgoing, friendly people person who was always willing to help others.

He is survived by his mother Doris, of Newport NH; three brothers: Robert C. Clough and his fiancée Christie of Claremont NH; Bruce A. Clough and his girlfriend Jo from Unity, NH, Randall S. Clough and his wife Ruth of Webster, FL; two sisters, Sally L. Lamb and her husband Jimmy of Hurt, VA, and Ann Marie Jacques and her husband Peter of Keene NH, along with several nieces and nephews. His father, Robert H. Clough, passed away in 2011.

A private service will be held for family. A grave side ceremony will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Brian's name to the Special Olympics New Hampshire, N. Haverhill, LTS, 650 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101-2508.

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Joyce A. Grenier

Joyce A. (Bedore) Grenier passed away April 6, 2020, at the Sullivan County Health Care Facility that has been her home for the past six years. She previously lived in the Claremont community.

Born October 20, 1930 in St. Albans Vermont, the daughter of Noe Bedore and Leona Bovat. She grew up in Vermont where she lived her younger years, later married and moved to New Hampshire.

In her younger years Joyce worked at various shoe manufacturing facilities, including 17 years at Good Year Tire and Rubber Co. in Windsor, VT, and retired from the Sullivan County Health Care facility in Unity, NH after 31 years.

Joyce loved family, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, she felt they were such a blessing and added much joy to her life. She enjoyed her friends and her home, spending time outdoors doing yard work and landscaping.

She is survived by her four children, Gary Grenier and wife Cindy, Joanne LeClair and her husband Jon, Mary Lizotte and her husband Tom Perkins, Brenda Paskerta and her husband Richard. Ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Roger G. Grenier who passed away 1967, three sisters Helena, Catherine and Judy, two brothers Chandler and Wilfred. Also pre-deceased by two granddaughters Valerie Lizotte and Tessa (LeClair) Newton.

A Christian Mass will be held at a later date when gatherings are permitted.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jacqueline M. Croteau, 57

Jacqueline M. Croteau, 57, of Walpole, NH. With profound sadness we announce the passing of our loving and devoted mother, wife, Nana, sister, aunt, and friend.

She left us peacefully on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH with her husband and children by her side.

Jacqueline was born on August 29, 1962, in Burlington, VT, to her late father Francis Schulenberger of Saxtons River, VT. She was raised by her father and her grandmother Gladys LaRue in Walpole, NH.

She married the love of her life, Wayne Croteau, July 18, 1991. Together they shared 30 years of love, life and marriage. They lived in Walpole, NH, on the Valley Rd. Together they raised two wonderful children and opened their home to care for beloved members of their families throughout the years.

Jackie was a loyal wife, a loving mother, caregiver and doting Nana.

She drove school bus for the Fall Mountain school district for a dedicated 18 years and then by a leap of faith she transitioned on to be a highly respected, loving, and dependable home care giver for the elderly and special needs at Morning Glory manner in Bellows Falls, VT. She built everlasting bonds with those she worked for and those she cared for like Christine and Ed and Danny who she quickly considered family.

She was known for her cooking and feeding those she loved. She had a love for the ocean and beach. Jackie had the most beautiful spirit, a smile that would light up the room and a laugh that warmed the hearts of all she knew. She was kind and generous. She was thoughtful and brave. It was an absolute privilege to be in her presence.

The last three years have been far from easy but she faced obstacles head on like a true hero. She had constant care, love and loyalty from her husband whom Jackie would call her best friend and her soul mate and her sister Lori who she lovingly referred to as "Lil."

Jacqueline is survived by her husband Wayne Croteau of Walpole; her loving children: son; Joshua Schulenberger and his wife Caprice of Springfield, daughter; Katie Schulenberger of Brattleboro, her sister Lori Hicks of Charlestown. Nephews Michael Schulenberger and Ryan Hicks, Niece Laura Hicks. Loved great nieces and nephews. Her most beloved and treasured are her grandchildren. Kira J. Schulenberger, Khayla Schulenberger, Ava J. Schulenberger, Addison K. Schulenberger, Jackson W. Doyle, and Remington S. Longley whom she said made her and papa's life worth living.

Our family would like to acknowledge and thank all of those who loved Jackie and stood by her side through thick and thin with countless phone calls and visits full of unconditional love and support.

We will be in contact about a celebration of life.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph S. Madeja, 53

Joseph Stanley Madeja, 53, of Charlestown, NH, passed away unexpectedly at his home Monday March 30, 2020.

He was born June 6, 1966, in Claremont NH, son of Stanley and Elaine (Blanchard) Madeja. He was a life long resident of NH. Joe graduated from Stevens High school in 1984 and earned a degree in accounting. He worked for Century 21, Holson, and Subaru of Claremont. Joe had a great love of animals with dogs at the top of the list. He enjoyed golf and photography. Joe was a dedicated son who cared for his mother.

He is survived by his mother, Elaine Madeja, brother, Marc Madeja, sister, Jayne (Madeja) Thedford, his nieces Brooke, Katelyn and Raquel, and numerous other family members and friends. His father Stanley and nephew James predeceased him.

A celebration of Joe's life is being planned for a future date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Hauge, 88

Heaven has received a beautiful angel. Ruth Hauge, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and dear friend, passed away peacefully at her home holding hands with her loving husband, Bob.



Ruth was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, daughter of the late Norman E. and Hilda Wilson. She was the youngest of four children.

Ruth's family moved to Tranquility Farm in Weathersfield Bow, Vermont, in 1944. Her parents operated the farm as a Bed & Breakfast. Her brothers, Ellsworth and Homer, worked the farm and sister, Anita and Ruth helped to do the house chores.

In 1945, Bob came into her life, driving a 1921 Model T Ford, from Claremont, New Hampshire. He spotted her beautiful blue eyes from the farm across the street where he

worked. Their teenage love affair lasted 75 years. Bob has always continued to court the love of his life, Ruthie, in the Model T. Ruth graduated from Windsor High School in Vermont, class of 1949. Robert Hauge and Ruth Wilson were married on September 30, 1950, at the Windsor Vermont Methodist Church. Ruth and Bob settled in upstate NY to raise their family. She always gave her love to everyone she met. Her love of all of God's creations made a life filled with so much happiness, that it was felt by everyone that knew her. She continued spreading her love to everyone.

While raising a family of five, Ruth also was a Den Mother, a Room Mother, active in the PTA and Jaycettes, while living in Whitesboro, NY.

As their family grew older, Ruth worked in sales at WT Grant Co., as a census taker, at the Holland Patent School cafeteria and was treasurer of the Stittville Methodist Church. She then started a full time day care in her home for children from the Stittville community. During their retirement they were able to spend many years traveling. They made trips to Bermuda, all through Europe and Bob's Homeland of Norway. After vacationing many times in St. John, USVI, they then returned together to work at Mayo Bay Camps, St. John, for two years. Ruth also enjoyed a trip to Hawaii with her daughter Andrea's family.

Ruth found love and beauty in all people, the mountains, birds, flowers, changing seasons, Ruth and Bob loved to watch sunsets over the ocean. She had a great fondness for lighthouses, many of which decorated their homes.

Ruth and Bob finally settled in Saint Joe Beach, Florida, where they became active in the Mexico Beach Lions Club, Council on Aging, Garden Club and the Methodist Church. They were always active in the communities where they resided.

Ruth is survived by her best friend and love of her life, H. Robert "Bob" Hauge; daughter, Andrea (Walter) Kaczor; sons, Jon (Sandy) Hauge, Mark (Rhonda) Hauge, and Douglas Hauge; grandchildren, Kirsten (Mark) Kiser, Sarah (Scott) Greco, Stephen Kaczor, Robert (Keri) Kaczor, Adam (Jessica) Kaczor, Andreas (Brittany) Hauge, Ryan (Erika) Hauge, Kristen (Jason) Ray, Jonathan (Jaclyn) Hauge, Jordan (Brittani) Hauge, Joshua (Kimberly) Hauge and Sarah (Austin) Hauge; and her beloved fourteen great grandchildren. She will always be in the hearts of all her nieces and nephews, and her very special "girlfriends" Carol, Janet, Car-

olyn and Donovan.

Ruth was predeceased by her parents; their son, Scott in 2015; Bob's parents and his

brother, John; her brothers, Ellsworth Wilson (Dorothea), Homer Wilson (Jean) and sister, Anita Laurion (Leroy); nephews, Bruce, Peter,



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:40 PM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
- 6:45 PM 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23))
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
 - 6:55 PM A. COVID-19 Update
 - 7:00 PM B. Connecticut River Conservancy Request Regarding Erosion – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
 - 7:10 PM A. Resolution 2020-21 Insulation and Air Sealing DPW Building – Public Hearing (City Manager)
 - 7:25 PM B. Ordinance 574 Amending Non-Union Classification Plan (Deputy Building Inspector and Health Officer) – First Reading (City Manager)
 - 7:40 PM C. Multi-Year Agreement for Auditing Services (City Manager)
- 7:50 PM 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 8:00 PM 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 8:05 PM 11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Kenny and Gregory; and her canine companions, Rex, Hilda, Roxanna and Hurley.

Due to the present health concerns, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America Inc. c/o Muller 1707 N. Randall Rd. Suite 200 Elgin, Il. 60123 or Homes for Our Troops 6 Main St. Taunton, Ma. 02780 c/o H. R. Wilson Memorial (www.hfotusa.org) or simply plant a flower in memory of Ruth Wilson Hauge.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, April 5, 2020

02:39 Responded with E-1 to Washington St. for a Box Alarm

16:35 Responded with E-1 to East Green Mtn. for a medical call

Monday, April 6

16:30 Responded with E-1 to Lincoln Heights for a medical call

17:53 Responded with E-1 to Charles St. for a medical call

Tuesday, April 7

16:52 Responded with E-1 to Charlestown Rd. for a check the well-being

20:13 Responded with E-1 to Elm St. for an odor investigation

21:11 Responded with E-1 to Old Church Rd. for a medical call

Wednesday, April 8

16:51 Responded with E-1 to Stewart Ave for an odor investigation

Thursday, April 9

13:00 Responded with E-1 to Broad St. for a medical call

16:56 Responded with E-1 to High St. for a public assist

Friday, April 10

08:38 Responded with E-1 to Dartmouth St. for an alarm sounding

Saturday, April 11

08:29 Responded with E-1 to Washington St. for a Box Alarm

19:44 Responded with E-1 to Broad St. for a medical call

21:59 Responded with E-1 and Brush 1 to Grissom Lane for an illegal burn

CLAREMONT SENIOR CENTER UPDATES

We are hearing the "Stay at Home" order has provided a reason to bake and cook. We've heard weird stories about those long lost gadgets hidden in the back of the pantry coming out for the kids to laugh at. But when they make Cake Pops or soft pretzels with the Pretzel Maker and popcorn with the Stir Crazy or ice cream with the Yonana, it will be worth the laughter. So, Explore! Use what you have.

We would like to take moment to Thank all the wonderful women and men who are working to take care of us. We, in normal times, seldom think of the work they do. It's their job. We think of our lives as so predictable, but put yourself in their shoes. Heroes such as the grocery clerks, the teachers, the Meals on Wheels drivers and the cooks, the ambulance crews, the fire crews, the police department and, of course, all the health care personnel who go above and beyond their jobs to care for us deserve all the respect and acknowledgment we can give them. Please pray for them. Stay home, wash your hands, keep your distance. It will make their job so much easier. And say Thank You.

Thank you to all of you who are coming to support our Tuesday and Thursday take out meals. Please call by 10:30AM to reserve your meal. (603)543-5998. We are happy to present to you the Tuesday and Thursday menu. PLEASE Bring a Container for Soup! Yup!! The kitchen crew is making nourishing, homemade soup. Some of our members have said they save the soup for supper along with crackers or a comforting grilled cheese sandwich.

Tues. Apr. 14th-Soup, Fresh Made Pepper Steak, Steak Fries, Peas, Raspberry Filled Cookies.

Thurs. Apr. 16th-Soup, Roasted Pork Loin, Real Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veg. And Birthday Cake. Don't forget the soup container. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5.

Special Notice:Blood Drive-Mon. Apr. 20th. Noon -5PM.It is so needed. The technicians will take good care of you.

We have sent out our first electronic newsletter for the year, If you are a member and did not receive one, it could be that we do not have your email address, have the wrong email address or we entered the wrong email address. If any of these is the case and you would like to receive the newsletter, please

send us an email at seniorctr5.comcast.net. Include the email we are to use and we will forward the newsletter asap.

Our secretary, Donna, has been calling members for email addresses to update our files. If Donna has not reached you, please send you email to the Center email seniorctr5@comcast.net.

While we are all home looking at those ignored tasks to pass the time how about cleaning out a closet or cabinet. After, you will have a stack of good things you don't know what to do with. Mmm. We'll take them! Our upcoming Penny Sale on Aug. 23rd is still accepting those clean, gently used items you just don't want to put back in the cabinet. Give us a call if you wish to bring them in during our closure. (603)543-5998.

Gobble! Gobble! Our second "take out" Turkey Dinner will be on Apr. 25th-5PM-6:30PM. Ken and the volunteers will be serving up a complete /Roasted Turkey Dinner with all the fixings. The only change will be all the desserts will be prepared at the Center under controlled conditions as no food can be brought in. Please Do Not Donate Desserts. We will be having a Bakeless Bake Sale. Donations can be made for the kitchen as a gift card or money and mailed to the Center. To reserve meals, please call ahead. (603)543-5998. Adults-\$10, Children 10 and under-\$6.

Upcoming: Mark your Calendars! Sat. July 25th-Summer Craft Fling-9AM-2PM.(A few tables are still available.). Sun. Aug. 23rd- our Gigantic Penny Sale-1PM. Sun. Aug 30th-the 9th Annual Car Show-9AM-2PM. Concert dates and times will be announced soon.

Bravos and Woohoos to all the wonderful ladies who are making masks for the health care workers and friends. They have taken the patterns from various sources and produced a grand array of colorful mask for worker's protection. This is such a compassionate jester to keep our people safe. Bless you all.

Thought of the Week: If you want to change the world, start with the person who comes to you in need.

Our halls await your laughter and your lively conversation. Have a good week everyone. Stay home. Stay safe. Honor the heroes. Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd. Claremont, NH. (603)543-5998. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays-11:45AM-12:15PM for Take-Out Only.

The North Charlestown United Methodist Church

**An Advance Order DRIVE THRU Turkey Supper
Saturday, April 18th**

25% OF PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO THE CHARLESTOWN FOODSHELF

We Have Official Confirmation that this is Allowed Under the Current Restrictions

THE RULES: to comply with COVID 19 regulations

Strictly Drive Thru Only: Smart Cars to Tractor Trailers

Order by phone in advance: see below for specific details

Payment by CHECK ONLY payable to NCUMC

(Think of how many hands those dollar bills have touched.)

THE COST: \$12

THE FOOD: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Cranberry Sauce & Bread Roll
No variations please.

Dessert: Selection of our usual homemade pies to be confirmed 4/17

Call 603 826 3044 on 4/18 to order between 11am and 4pm.

Drive Thru will open at 4.30 pm

Drive Thru: Enter using the school driveway and follow the one way signs which will take you to the church parking lot and the drive thru.

PLEASE: No one is to get out of their car!



CITY OF CLAREMONT – SPRING CLEANUP

THE SPRING CLEANUP PROJECT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020, THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020.

LEAVES AND GRASS RAKINGS MUST BE LEFT AT THE CURBSIDE IN PAPER COMPOSTABLE LEAF BAGS.

PER CITY COUNCIL POLICY ADOPTED ON 05/12/04, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT OR PICK UP LEAVES THAT ARE NOT IN PAPER, BIODEGRADABLE BAGS. THESE 30 GALLON BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS LOCAL HARDWARE, GROCERY AND DEPARTMENT STORES.

ALL COMPOSTABLE, PAPER BAGGED LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020.

NO GARBAGE, BRUSH OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP. ALL AREAS WILL BE COVERED ONLY ONCE.

Victor St. Pierre
Director of Public Works

Millions of PPE Delivered to New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH — On Sunday, Governor Chris Sununu, Dean Kamen, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, and state officials unloaded approximately 91,000 pounds of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from a FedEx cargo plane on the tarmac of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

The FedEx cargo plane departed Shanghai, China, Saturday night, and arrived in New Hampshire at 3:39 PM EST after passing through United States Customs in Anchorage, Alaska early Sunday morning.

The New Hampshire State Police escorted FedEx and National Guard trucks loaded with the PPE, which has been purchased by the State of New Hampshire, for assortment and inventory by Health and Human Service officials ahead of distribution to the areas of greatest need across the state. Officials will distribute the supplies as early as Tuesday.

The state will not be charging those that receive shipments.

By the numbers:

6,140 boxes of PPE
24,000 coveralls and Tyveks suits
50,000 faceshields
6.6 million masks

“One month ago New Hampshire wasn’t even in the business of PPE procurement, and today we secured over 91,000 pounds of this critical lifesaving equipment for our state,” said Sununu. “We worked around the clock, scoured the earth, and left no stone unturned to ensure New Hampshire has the resources it needs to combat this pandemic. Huge thanks



A FedEx cargo plane departed Shanghai Saturday night with some 91,000 pounds of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) headed for NH. The State of New Hampshire is purchasing the entire shipment of PPE. Supplies will be distributed to the areas of greatest need across the state; the state will not be charging those that receive shipments, said Gov. Chris Sununu’s office (Courtesy photo).

to Dean Kamen for facilitating this effort. The state leveraged Dean’s expertise and connections on the ground in China, who helped us find a supplier and get these supplies in the air.”

“This plane is delivering lifesaving personal protective equipment which will be immediately distributed to the brave Granite Staters who are on the frontlines of this crisis,” said Shaheen. “I congratulate and thank Dean Kamen for spearheading this heroic effort. Our State has not been receiving the PPE it needs and is running dangerously low on supplies. Thanks to Dean Kamen’s leadership, we are all a little safer today. This pandemic will continue to require all of us to sacrifice and think outside the box, and I’m tremendously grateful to all the Granite Staters who are rising to this chal-

lenge.”

“This major shipment of personal protective equipment will help save lives and make a huge difference for our state,” said Senator Hassan. “We passed the CARES Act to ensure that supplies like these could get to the frontlines, and I want to thank Dean Kamen for his round-the-clock efforts to deliver these supplies to New Hampshire. While today’s shipment is great news, it’s essential that the administration addresses ongoing supply chain issues and ramps up the production and distribution of vital medical supplies. I’ll keep working with Governor Sununu and our Congressional delegation to get our state the supplies that we need to confront this pandemic.”

Ringling in the Spirit of Easter, Literally

CLAREMONT, NH—With COVID-19 shutting down so many local activities, including church services for Easter, there was a genuine sense of sadness that the holiest day of the church year could not be celebrated as usual. A number of area churches tried their hand at live-streaming services this year, but being kept away from attending services in person, although necessary to help slow the spread of the corona virus, was hard on many. To help remember the sprit of the Easter message and create a bit of community unity, members of the First Congregational Church in Claremont decided to ring their church bell on Easter Sunday. The church invited all churches in town to ring their church bells at noon for five minutes. Once the word got out, individuals decided they would ring bells in their own yards and neighborhoods as well, to join that sense of community. While it's impossible to know just how many people participated on Sunday, it was an important reminder of the value of coming together as a community and as human beings, especially during times of great difficulty.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll



Bill Ryan rang the First Congregational Church's bell for fifteen minutes while there was a procession of about ten cars that drove down Pleasant, to Broad, then South and back onto Pleasant as part of honoring the Easter message on Sunday. Shery Richardson and Cherie Ryan in front of the church while not getting too close to each other. The darkened and empty church, so symbolic of the loss of Easter services this year as houses of worship had to cancel public gatherings due to COVID-19. "We had great participation and we thank you all," said Cherie Ryan on Sunday (Photos courtesy of Cherie Ryan).



Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll