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April 18, 2022

## 18 Holes for Moody Park

### Claremont to Have Region's Newest Disc Golf Course

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At the April 13 Claremont City Council meeting, councilors voted unanimously in favor of Resolution 2022-24, to accept a disc golf course and in-kind donations at Moody Park.

In his presentation prior to the vote, parks and recreation director Mark Brislin described the proposed course as “another healthy, inexpensive recreational activity for all ages to enjoy.”

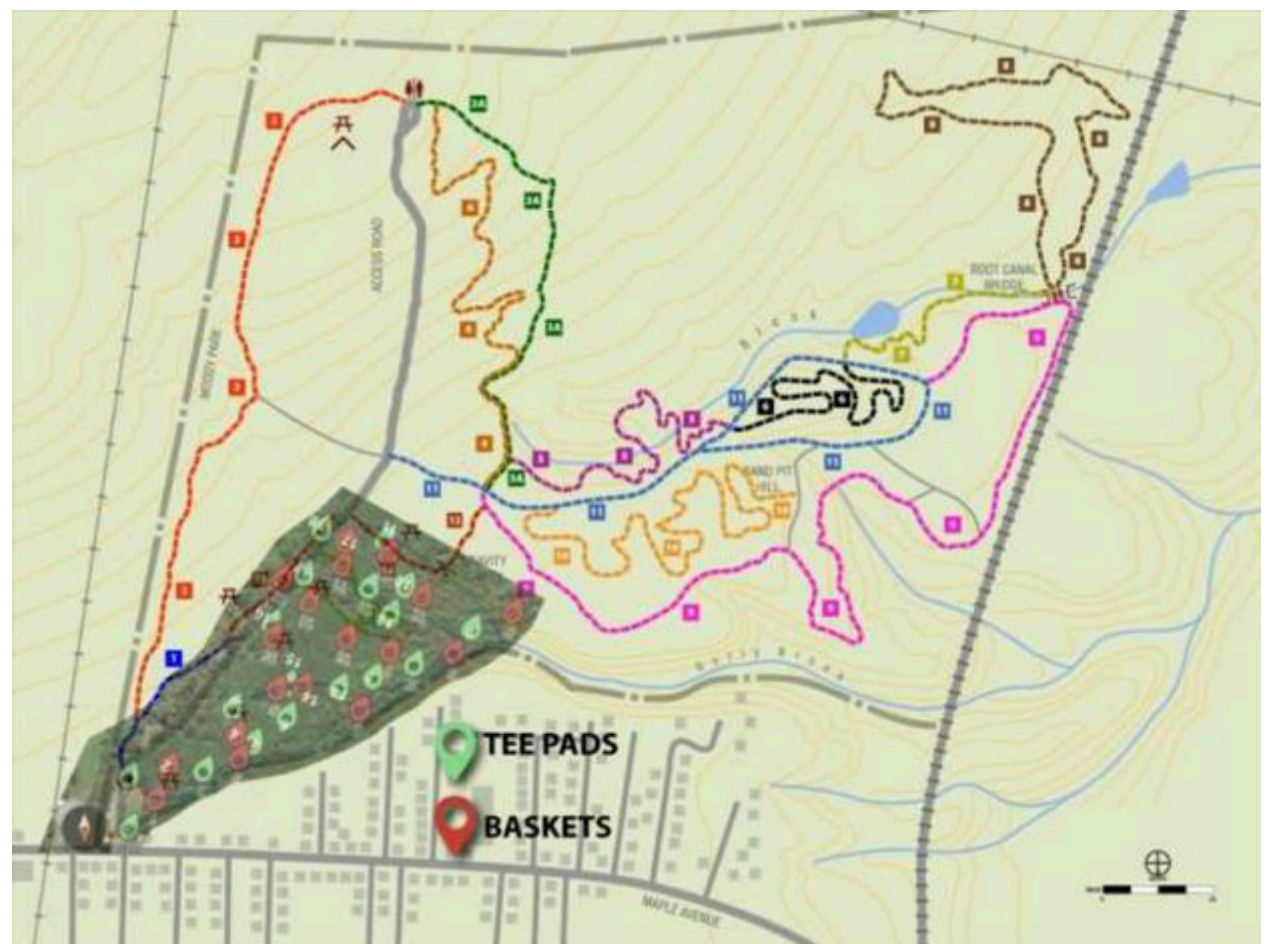
Brislin as well as the parks and recreation commission have been working over the past year with a group of volunteers, led by local resident Alex Baldwin, on adding a course to Moody Park. They had several meetings and made site visits to find a suitable location that would meet the needs of disc golf players without interfering with other user groups. The commissioners unanimously approved the final design, noting that it would be “a great asset” to the park and the City.

Disc golf is a flying disc sport in which players throw a disc at a target; it is played using rules similar to golf. The sport is usually played on a course with 9 or 18 holes. Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from a tee pad or area toward a target, known as a basket, throwing again from where the previous throw landed, until the basket is reached. Usually, the number of throws a player uses to reach each basket is tallied (often in relation to par), and players seek to complete each hole in the lowest number of total throws.

The shaded area on the map shows the extent of the 18-hole course. Green dots indicate the tee pads; red dots indicate the baskets. The course starts near the entrance to Moody Park and continues into the woods to the right of the main road. Much of the course will be in an unused section of the park that offers challenging and unique features that make the sport of disc golf appealing. The photo at the top shows a basket at the course in Newport.

The course was designed and flagged by the volunteer group, who will be building the course with the help

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# Motorcyclist Arrested After Allegedly Going Over 100 MPH

CORNISH, NH—On Wednesday, April 13, at 7:54 p.m., Officer Ethan Yazinski was on routine patrol observing traffic on Route 12A South near the Chase House. Yazinski observed a motorcycle northbound at a high rate of speed. The radar unit in his cruiser indicated the motorcycle was traveling in excess of 100 mph in the posted 40 mph zone. Yazinski activated his blue lights in an attempt to stop the motorcycle but immediately turned them off when the suspect accelerated faster in an attempt to flee. Yazinski observed the brake lights of the motorcycle veer left off the roadway near the Trinity Church.

Yazinski and Chief E. Douglas Hackett located a motorcycle abandoned behind two

horse trailers. A short time later the officers located and arrested the operator, Gage Maville, 22, of Lebanon, NH.

Maville was charged with Reckless Operation, Disobeying a Police Officer, Aggravated Driving while Intoxicated and Operating after being Certified as a Habitual Offender. Maville will appear in Sullivan County Superior Court at a later date to answer to the charges.

## Police Detain Suspect Following Investigation Regarding Alleged Possession of Destruction Devices in Wilder

The Hartford Police Department, with the assistance of the Vermont State Police, conducted an operation Wednesday, April 13, in the village of Wilder.

Members of the public saw an increased police presence in the area during the incident although the operation was focused on a specific location, and investigators did not believe there was a danger to the broader community.

The incident involved the Vermont State Police Bomb Squad assisting the Hartford Police Department with an investigation at a house in a residential neighborhood that was said by law enforcement officials to contain explosive devices and potentially hazardous materials.

To help ensure public safety, police initially asked residents of nearby homes to shelter in place while the scene was assessed, and others in the area were informed of the situation.

Later in the day, authorities announced that the VSP Bomb Squad successfully mitigated hazards arising from explosive devices found inside a house on Perkins Place. The neighborhood returned to normal that evening as

police activity

ended.

There were no injuries during the course of the police operation.

Throughout the day, the Hartford Police Department was aided in the investigation by the Vermont State Police, the FBI, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. William Hillard, 51, a resident of the Perkins Place home, was detained on a federal charge of being a felon allegedly in possession of a firearm. The investigation was continuing related to allegations surrounding the possession of destructive devices, said law enforcement officials late in the day.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

#### Community Yard Sale and Bake Sale to Support the Cornish Eighth Grade Class 9AM-3PM at the Cornish Town Hall

Whether you're in the market for vintage canning jars or a handmade quilt, a pair of downhill skis or an extra lamp, a dresser or a new outfit, there is sure to be something to pique your interest.

Please stop by and shop to help the Cornish eighth graders fund a graduation celebration day trip.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### How HB1393 Would Affect Local School Budgets



Now that the first half of the New Hampshire House of Representatives' 2022 Regular Session has ended, I will write about two of the more important bills approved by the House in the first half.

The first approved bill about which I am most concerned is House Bill 1393. This bill would establish requirements and procedures for adopting local school district budget caps. It was approved by the full House March 17 on a voice vote on the recommendation of a 10-9 majority of the House Municipal & County Government Committee but after an attempt to table the measure failed by a 178-164 roll call vote. House Bill 1393 is now being reviewed by the Senate Elections & Municipal Affairs Committee after a public committee hearing was held on it April 11. The bill is sponsored by a group of nine Republican legislators led by Brookline Rep. Diane Pauer.

More specifically, House Bill 1393 is enabling legislation. In other words, its proposed school budget cap is not mandatory for any school districts to adopt. Such a cap would only take effect if three-fifths or 60 percent of district voters approve it as a ballot item during district elections generally held in March in most communities like Claremont. If a school district were to adopt such caps, then future annual school budgets could only exceed a specific dollar amount adjusted annually based on the average daily number of district students as well as an annual inflation factor. The inflation factor would be determined by a fixed percentage as low as zero, or the Consumer Price Index annually published by the U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics Jan. 1. The cap could be overridden by district voters, if necessary, but only by at least a 60 percent majority of district voters. This cap would be repealed, but only if at least 60 percent majority of voters voted to repeal it.

Rep. Pauer, who is also a member of the Municipal & County Government Committee, stated that House Bill 1393 would be "an effective mechanism for school district voters to control spending in light of the trend across the state of rapidly increasing budgets despite declining student enrollments. She continued, "In summary, this bill provides Granite State taxpayers with a needed tool to rein in unsustainable spending at the local level and control escalating property taxes."

However, House Bill 1393 opponents like North Hampton Rep. Jim Maggiore, a Democrat also on Municipal & County Government, declared that it lacks "specificity in order to set a reasonable budget." Rep. Maggiore added that if a school district adopted the legislation's budget cap, then the district could later "experience crippling budgetary constraints." Specifically, he indicated that the budget cap lacks an upper range to the inflation percentage, and any specificity as to which

Consumer Price Index would be used. But more importantly, he said that the bill's fiscal impacts could be "salient deficits". For example, there is no accommodation in the cap for the costs of an "unanticipated enrollment" of either a student or group of students with special needs—costs which sometimes range into the hundreds of thousands of dollars for just one student alone. Such costs would not be covered by State Catastrophic Special Education Act until the second consecutive year such students are enrolled. Finally, districts with adopted caps in place could only include first-year payments for any approved long-term expenditures like constructions bonds or multi-year collective bargaining agreements.

For readers' information, I voted against House Bill 1393 via voice vote, and also earlier voted to table this unwise measure. I totally agree with Rep. Maggiore's assessment of it. I believe if the bill as written were to become law, and locals school districts like Claremont were to adopt its described cap, then they could be hamstrung in their ability to bond for large expenditures such as building renovations. Also, the districts could not incorporate collective bargaining agreements with their unionized employees running over several years into school budgets. Finally, districts like Claremont's could be hobbled in their abilities to deal with large unanticipated expenses for a specific budget year, even if just one special needs student moves into them. Consequently, these restrictions could lead to sudden reductions in school programs, including staffing, in the middle of the school year, or deficits that would have to be erased in later years. Once in place, the cap's required supermajority of 60 percent could be hard to override or even repeal, especially since school district elections have low voter turnouts. For example, there was only a 15 percentage voter turnout for Claremont's most recent school elections, according to media sources. Obviously, New Hampshire needs to deal with the unfair and burdensome way it funds local schools, but House Bill 1393 is not the way to do so, in my opinion.

While I believe passage of the first bill was unfortunate, I did vote to give final approval to another House bill March 31. This measure, an amended version of House Bill 1535, which was recommended by the majority of the House Finance Committee, would give COLAS (Cost of Living Adjustments) to retired public employees participating in the NHRS (New Hampshire Retirement System). More specifically, employees who have retired at least five years prior to July 1, 2022, would get a COLA of 1.5 percent for the first \$30,000 of annual benefits. But retirees with annual benefits greater than \$30,000 would get a 1.5 COLA on the first \$30,000 only. Additionally, employees with benefits less than \$30,000 would receive a one-time payment of \$500 to pay with current bills or save for later expenses. These COLAS would take effect July 1, 2022, and are projected to cost the state operating budget \$11, 750,000 for the first fiscal year.

House Bill 1535 as amended was given final approval on a 218-100 division vote. Earlier, on Feb. 17, the bill, as amended as well as recommended by a majority of the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee, was given preliminary approval on a voice vote

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## **Rep. Cloutier, from page 4**

of the House. The bill now goes to the New Hampshire Senate for more examination. It is sponsored by a group of four Republican representatives led by Lancaster’s Troy Merner.

For the record, I voted to give House Bill 1535 both preliminary and final approval. I voted “Yes” because the amended bill helps our retired public employees and actually provides a little more help to retirees with lower annual benefits by giving them a one-time annual bonus. I wish we representatives could have adopted a measure more generous with its COLAs and/or one-time cash bonus for our retirees, many of whom are financially struggling with higher bills. In fact, the bill’s original version was a little more generous but would have cost the state a projected \$79.2 million for Fiscal Year 2023, which begins July 1, 2022 and runs thru June 30, 2023. But my understanding is that House Republican Leadership balked at this original version’s higher costs and had it amended by the Finance Committee, despite being sponsored by only fellow Republicans.

Finally, I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Concord Rep. Katherine Rogers April 10 after a valiant battle with cancer at age 67. A fellow Democrat, Katherine was serving her eighth non-consecutive term in the House. I first met her in 1992 when both she and I were elected as state representatives that election year and both assigned to the Public Works & Highways Committee. Previously, she was a political activist and consultant, working on many campaigns for Democratic candidates for the Presidency and other subordinate offices. I later succeeded her as the committee’s Ranking Democrat in June 1998, when she resigned her seat to become a Merrimack County Commissioner. Later she also served as Town Prosecutor for Allenstown, and as Merrimack County Attorney before returning to the House in 2012. After returning in 2012, she took a seat on the powerful House Finance Committee, where she advocated for the working class, unions, and the poor. She also sponsored many bills to combat gun violence and help protect animals. She was outspoken in what she believed but could work with Republicans on certain issues. She continued her legislative work up until the very end. I believe she was the House’s conscience. **Email: [jocloutier@comcast.net](mailto:jocloutier@comcast.net).**

## **Kuster Visits Mechanic Street in Lebanon, Tours Project Progress Made Possible By Federal Funding**

LEBANON, NH— Thursday, Rep. Annie Kuster (NH-02) visited the Mechanic Street Sidewalk Project in Lebanon with town leaders and discussed the \$290,250 in federal funding she secured to make this construction possible. The resources Rep. Kuster secured in the 2022 government spending package will be used to construct a pedestrian sidewalk on Mechanic Street. Currently, this section of road is heavily trafficked by both pedestrians and vehicles, creating dangerous conditions on the roadway.

“From students walking to school to employees commuting to work, safe sidewalks and pedestrian thoroughways are critical to strong local infrastructure here in Lebanon,” said Rep. Kuster. “The Mechanic Street Sidewalk Project will ensure safe travel for Granite Staters on foot and in their cars on this heavily trafficked stretch of road. I was proud to secure federal dollars for this new construction and to support the City of Lebanon’s development.”

“The funding that Congresswoman Kuster advocated for and was subsequently appropriated by Congress has revived the City’s stalled plans to complete the gaps in Lebanon’s sidewalk network that citizens rely upon to get to work and to markets,” said Lebanon City Manager Shaun Mulholland. “The Mechanic St. sidewalk project will connect Slayton Hill Rd. and the present gap on Mechanic St. This is another example of Congresswoman Kuster providing direct assistance to our communities that produce results that impact our citizens in a positive way.”

Under the Community Project Funding Request process for the 117th Congress, which was included in this bipartisan omnibus package, Rep. Annie Kuster secured resources for 10 Community Projects in the Second District. Under guidelines issued by the Appropriations Committee, each Representative may request funding for up to 10 projects in their community for fiscal year 2022 – although only a handful may actually be funded. Projects are restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments and eligible non-profit entities are permitted to receive funding.



# In Appreciation and in Friendship

## CFD's Deputy Chief Receives Council Proclamation, Best Wishes of Colleagues

Story and Photos By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Friday, April 15, 2022, was Tom Belaire's last day on the job. The Claremont fire department's deputy chief and code enforcement in charge of fire prevention retired after 32 years of service, two as a call firefighter in 1990-1991, and 30 as a career fire fighter starting in 1992.

At the April 13 meeting of the Claremont City Council, mayor Dale Girard read the proclamation that highlighted the stages of Belaire's career. In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant; in 2006, to fire captain; and in 2018 to his current rank.

The proclamation noted that "Tom's attention to detail and compassion for others will surely be missed." He used those skills to further enhance the office of fire prevention and the department's smoke alarm program. This program provides free smoke alarms to Claremont residences, further protecting homes and their occupants from the ravages of home fires.

Fire chief Bryan Burr presented Belaire with a display case containing all the departmental badges of the ranks that Belaire held during his career.

Belaire's family and many of his colleagues attended the council meeting, cheering and applauding when he was handed the proclamation.

They also surprised him at the fire station on Friday. He took one last ride in Ladder 1, traveling through the city he had served for decades. When the truck backed into the station driveway and Belaire climbed down, those same family members and even more colleagues were outside to greet him.

Burr had written General Order —



2022-1 which noted that Belaire had served the department with dignity, pride and true professionalism. "The respect he has attained within the ranks of this department and departments within the region goes unsaid. Tom has seen many members pass through the door of this fire house and now it has become his time to hang up his helmet and pass through the door himself, letting the torch be carried on by those that he has bestowed the wisdom, customs and traditions of this department."

Burr concluded with the words, "Please know that the door to the department is always open and welcomes you any time."

**Clockwise: Claremont mayor Dale Girard read out the city council's proclamation that expressed appreciation of Tom Belaire's 32 years of service. Belaire was presented with a display case containing the fire department's patch and the badges of the ranks he attained. At the fire station on Friday, Belaire's last day, fire fighter Michael Snide read out fire chief Bryan Burr's "General Order," which recognized that Belaire had always served the City with "dignity, pride and true professionalism." Colleagues gathered to say farewell to Belaire and wish him the best of retirements. He told them, "It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve with all of you."**







## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update April 15, 2022

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

On Friday, April 15, 2022, DHHS announced 294 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, April 14. Those results included 207 people who tested positive by PCR test and 87 who tested positive by antigen test. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There were 2,110 known current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Positive results from home testing kits are not included.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there were thirty-three individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 60% being female and 40% being male.

The new cases resided in Rockingham (66), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (48), Strafford (41), Grafton (33), Merrimack (21), Cheshire (8), Belknap (7), Carroll (7), Coos (3), and Sullivan (3) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (16) and Manchester (15). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-six new cases.

There were currently 12 hospitalized patients

being treated for COVID-19. Current Hospitalizations Treated for COVID-19 is the current metric tracking people hospitalized to treat their COVID-19 infection with Remdesivir, Dexamethasone or both therapies. These therapies are the primary medications for hospitalized patients to treat COVID-19. This new metric is modeled on NIH treatment guidelines and provides a more accurate view of the how many people are hospitalized because of severe COVID-19 illness, as opposed to patients admitted for other healthcare needs who may incidentally have COVID-19.

The NH Hospital Association reported 117 cases; it includes total confirmed COVID cases, total suspected cases and COVID-Recovering. (The last category includes COVID-19 hospitalized patients no longer included in Confirmed COVID-19 statistics once removed from transmission-based precautions but who continue to receive inpatient treatment for COVID-19 related illness).

In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 305,411 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed. For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/>.

As of Friday's map, April 15, there were 10 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 5 in Grantham and 26 in Plainfield with 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 54 current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

**Note: Data does not include positive home testing results.**

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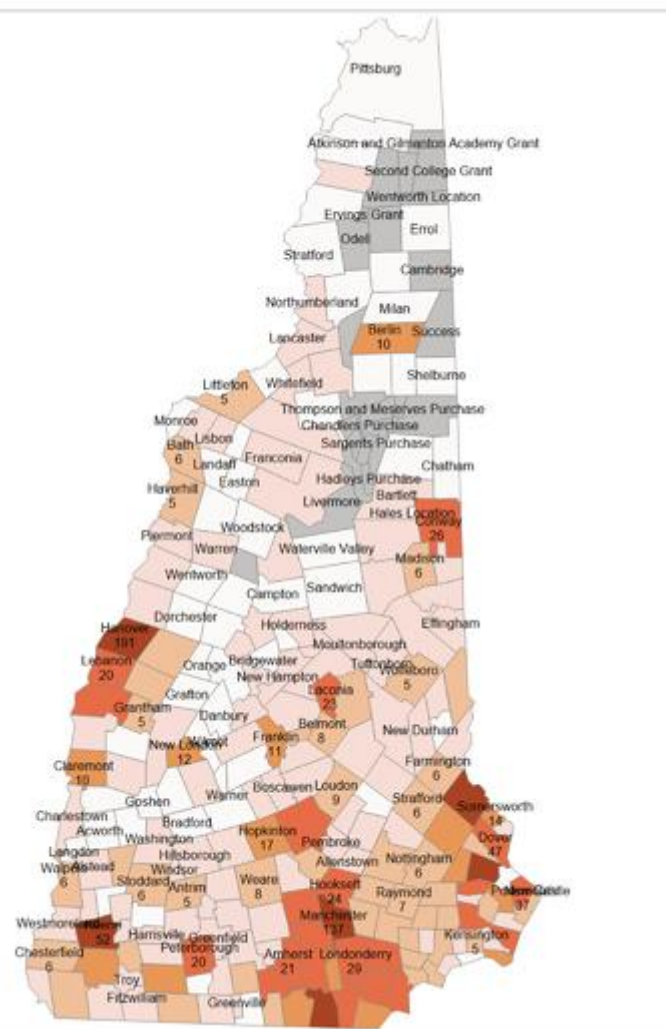
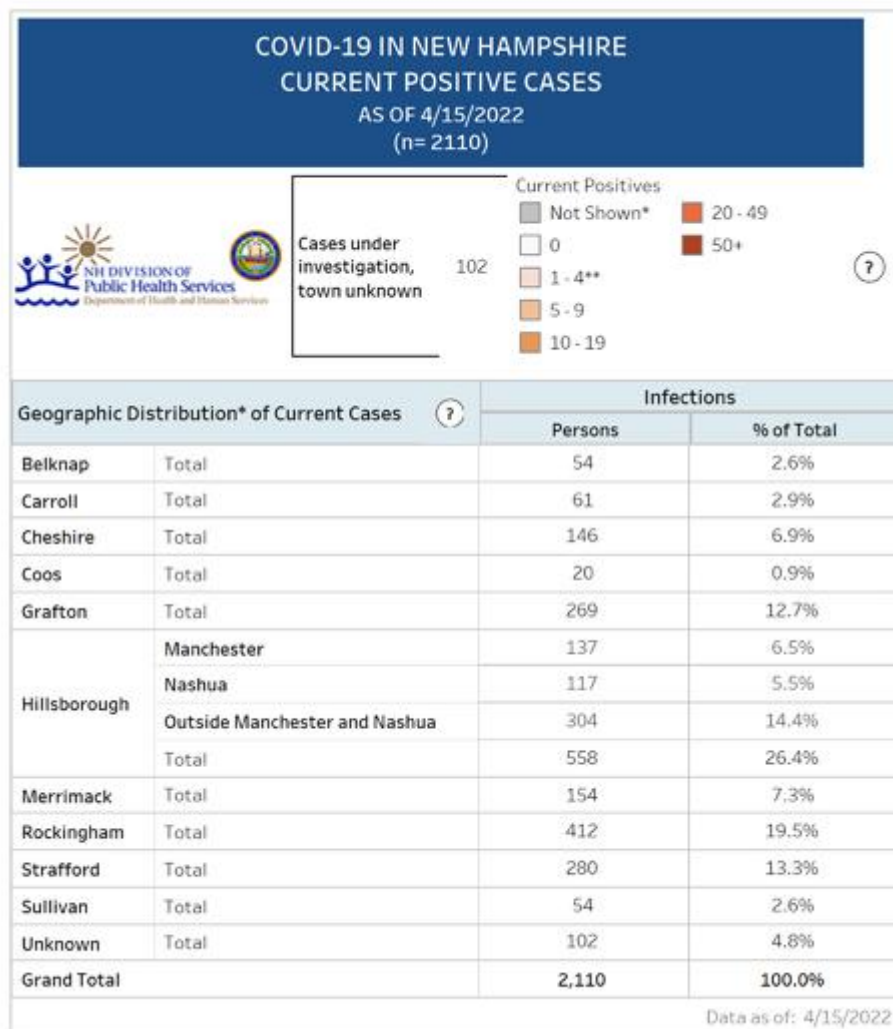
**At least 1 dose: 70.7%**

### COVID-19 Hotline

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

### Vaccine Information in NH

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





## Trading Up

### Claremont 8th Graders to Take Classes at Tech Center

Submitted by Dr. Alex J. Herzog  
SRVRTC Director

CLAREMONT, NH—The Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center (The Tech Center) in Claremont is expanding its enrollment for next school year (fall 2022) by offering several introductory classes to eighth-graders from Claremont Middle School.

The students will have the opportunity to take a quarter-long class in one of the Center's trade programs. Two courses per quarter will allow 30 students to gain early experience in applied learning. Courses will include Culinary, Carpentry, Home Repairs, and Manufacturing. Other courses could include Drones, Robotics, Military Sciences, Criminal Justice, and Coding, pending availability of teachers.

The proposed courses were selected based on students' career interests as reported by school counselors. Nika Oaks, Tech Center career counselor, has been working with students at both Stevens and CMS, helping them find and explore their career interests. CMS staff will survey students soon to determine exactly which classes they want to attend at the Tech.

In addition, any student entering middle school this fall has the opportunity to take one of the Tech Center's summer programs. The summer camp will be held July 11-15 from 8am to 12 noon daily. This summer we plan to offer Carpentry, Culinary, Career Pathfinding, TV Production with CCTV, and Robotics. Cost is \$25 for the week. Students will get a Tech Center T-shirt and walk away with a great experience. Each summer camp will offer parents a showcase on that Friday to share what they learned and experienced.

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## Have Coffee With The Chief on April 21st

SUNAPEE, NH—The next Coffee with the Chief in Sunapee is on Thursday, April 21, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. There is always a lot to talk about so bring your comments and questions and join Chief David Cahill for coffee and chat.

## Spencer Street Construction in Lebanon to Resume on April 18th

LEBANON, NH—The contractor responsible for reconstruction of Spencer Street is scheduled to be back on site the week of April 18. The work remaining consists of sidewalk work, and final paving of Spencer Street. In addition, Rail Trail improvements work will also be taking place. Pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic will be impacted by this work, however the roadway and/or sidewalks will be open to traffic. Expect minor delays.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

For a meeting of the  
**CLAREMONT PLANNING BOARD**  
 To be held on  
**Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM in**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**Claremont NH**

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

- A. **(PL 2022-00007) Ruben Ramirez, Enfield, NH** – Application for a Conditional Use Permit to add a third dwelling unit at 145 Elm Street. Tax Map 95, Lot 101. Zoning District: CR-1
- B. **(PL 2022-00008) Doug Rowe, Unity, NH** – Application to amend previously approved site plan with waivers for a change of use on the property at 384 Washington Street. Tax Map 145, Lots 26 and 26-1. Zoning District: B2

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

Comments may be made at the public hearing; submitted in writing to the Claremont Planning Board at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email to [cityplanner@claremontnh.com](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).

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# Human Resources Manager Springfield, VT

One Credit Union is currently seeking an experienced Human Resources Manager to join our team due to an upcoming retirement.

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### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND BASIC DUTIES:

- Assumes responsibility for effectively completing assigned human resource function
- Assumes responsibility for the accurate, complete, and timely preparation of records, reports, and other documents
- Assumes responsibility for establishing and maintaining effective communication and coordination with area personnel and management.
- Assumes responsibility for maintaining professional business relations with government contacts, vendors, and suppliers
- H.R. Manager reports to the CFO.

### Education Requirements/Wages/Benefits:

- Education Requirements: Bachelor's degree in related field or equivalent combination of education & experience.
- Wages commensurate with experience and skillsets.
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## Delivering the Goodies

CLAREMONT, NH—Last week, members of the Stevens High School Key Club spent days putting together 140 Easter baskets.

“That’s the most we’ve ever made at any Easter,” said Dan Decker, who has been the club’s advisor for 27 years. “The Key Club — the high school ‘division’ of Claremont Kiwanis — is a great way for students to carry out projects that focus on community service.”

On Thursday, when the baskets were filled to overflowing, the students loaded them into an array of vehicles, their own or those of Kiwanians who volunteered their time as delivery drivers. They dropped off the baskets for the residents of Silver Maples, the Earl M. Bourdon Center, and the Marion L. Phillips Apartments in Claremont, as well as Sullivan County Health Care in Unity.

**Left: Residents of the Marion L. Phillips Apartments in Claremont are eager to start on their treats. Seated from left: Penny Williams, Cathy Nunn, Laurie Cailler and Amanda Williams. Standing next to the Easter tree is site manager**

**Misty Gratacos.**

**Right: The Stevens High School cafeteria served as a staging area just before Key Club members loaded the Easter baskets**

**into vehicles for delivery in Claremont and Unity (Text and photos by Eric Zengota).**

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- Testicular Cancer
- Testosterone Deficiency
- Urethral/Penile Cancer
- Urinary Tract Infection
- Undescended Testicles
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**Disc, from page 1**

of Pine Hill Construction. In fact, Mike Lemieux, Pine Hill's owner, spearheaded the project's funding — donations, volunteer hours and equipment equaling \$25,730 — which has already been secured.

This amount includes baskets and concrete bases; tee boxes; wood chips; wet area crossing/bridges, stairs and benches; use of machines to include skid steer, mini-excavator and forestry mulcher; and clearing of dead trees and limbs.

Signage and maps will be provided by the parks and recreation department at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

Course building is expected to begin in June, with the course opening for play in mid-summer.

Brislin concluded, "The course has the potential to draw local and regional disc golf enthusiasts to Claremont. There might even be regional tournaments in the not-so-distant future. Players will enjoy our great parks system and discover all the other benefits that Claremont has to offer."

**Director Leaving**

Interim City manager John MacLean formally announced at Wednesday's meeting that Mark Brislin has given his notice and will be leaving the position of Parks and Rec director in early May. Brislin came to Claremont eight years ago, shortly after the CSB Community Center opened. He has accepted a position with the recreation department in Essex Junction, VT, returning to the community where he had been employed prior to his move to Claremont. Former City manager Ed Morris had made Brislin facilities manager for the City last year. MacLean said the administration would be "looking at how to move forward" to fill the director's position. "We will miss Mark and it's with a heavy heart that I tell you that he's moving on...but it's a good move for him and his family," he said.

Also recognized Wednesday night was Richard Robbins who has retired after working 28+ years for the City of Claremont. Starting in the Highway Department, he would work his way to the Utilities Department, becoming water works operator. He was cited in part by City officials for his "kind nature and dedication" to his work. A proclamation was read in his honor and to mark his time with the City.

**Neal Nursing Scholarship Applications Due June 24**

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Springfield Hospital is now accepting applications for the 17th Annual Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship of \$1,000. This scholarship is open to any stu-

dent who has been accepted into a nursing program of study. Applicants will be judged on interest in and commitment to the field of nursing. Determination will be based on merit and need.

The application deadline is June 24; Scholarship applications are available by visiting [www.springfieldhospital.org](http://www.springfieldhospital.org).

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## Retirements Lead to Promotions at CFD

CLAREMONT, NH—There’s been a lot of movement recently in the Claremont Fire Department, reported fire chief Bryan Burr.

“We’ve had two members retire since the beginning of the year,” he said, “Captain Christopher Pixley and Deputy Chief Tom Belaire. To fill their positions, we had to make two promotions.” Those two turned out to be the same person: Lieutenant Brian Rapp was promoted to captain and soon afterward to deputy chief.

Then, just last week, Firefighter Michael Snide, who had recently passed the lieutenant test in Claremont and the oral interview in Concord, was promoted to lieutenant to fill Rapp’s position.

“That leaves me having to promote another lieutenant to captain,” said Burr. “All these changes also mean I’m looking to recruit two new firefighters so we can have the ideal number of four firefighters in each of our four groups.”

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# Business News

## Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Becomes Dartmouth Health

**Leading Academic Health System Positions for the Future With New Name, New Logo to “Emphasize Integration Across Its Network”**

LEBANON, NH – Nearly three years ago, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health initiated a strategic effort to update its brand identity, and today one of the nation’s premier academic health systems announces its new brand and name: Dartmouth Health.

“Our new Dartmouth Health brand was created to reflect and celebrate the high-quality care we provide across the region, bolstered by

world-class teaching and research that combine to make our academic health system one of the nation’s best,” said Joanne M. Conroy, MD, CEO and president of Dartmouth Health. “At its core, the Dartmouth Health brand represents and celebrates the clinical excellence and spirit of innovation that has been the hallmark of our organization’s tireless, passionate drive to provide the highest-quality care to the people across our region every single day. With, hopefully, the darkest days of the pandemic behind us, we see this as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the incredible work our colleagues have done, and continue to do, in collaboration across our system, for the benefit of the people and the communities we serve.”

The new brand is part of Dartmouth Health’s strategic plan to strengthen its relationships with the patients it serves in communities throughout northern New England. It will also serve to increase awareness of the academic health system; to affirm its position as the healthcare provider and employer of choice in the region; to elevate the system’s reputation nationally; and to better articulate the strengths and benefits of the growing and increasingly integrated system in a dynamic and competitive healthcare environment. The new brand also respects and reflects its work in local communities and will mutually benefit and further reinforce the historically strong relation-



ship between the health system, the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and the Dartmouth community.

“Spring is the season of rebirth and renewal, and is an ideal time to introduce Dartmouth Health,” said Jennifer E. Gilkie, Dartmouth Health System Vice President of Communications and Marketing. “This evolution is long overdue and it

positions our system for the future. We are grateful for our creative partners and our communications colleagues across Dartmouth Health for their committed and collaborative efforts on this dynamic rebranding initiative over the past nearly three years.”

Dartmouth Health will phase-in its new brand identity over the next two to three years, beginning with its website, collateral materials, digital assets and other publicly visible elements such as facility signage and employee badges. The majority of branded assets will be updated or replaced during the normal replacement cycle or when inventory levels are low and reordering is necessary—a “deplete and replace” approach that reduces costs and minimizes waste.

Dartmouth Health is based at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the center of the academic health system in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and includes Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon; Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, New Hampshire; New London Hospital in New London, New Hampshire; Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, Vermont; and Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, serving patients in both states.

Dartmouth Health also comprises more than 24 locations of Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinics around the region; Dartmouth Cancer Center (formerly Dartmouth’s and Dartmouth-Hitch-

cock’s Norris Cotton Cancer Center); and Dartmouth Health Children’s (which includes Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, or “CHaD”). While the Dartmouth Cancer Center and Dartmouth Health Children’s are new names under the rebrand, both remain keystones of the Dartmouth Health system and continue their missions of providing high-quality, innovative care to patients across the region.

To learn more about Dartmouth Health, visit <https://www.dartmouth-health.org/>.

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## Business News

### FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Using Breath Samples

#### Test Provides Results in Less Than 3 Minutes

Thursday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the first COVID-19 diagnostic test that detects chemical compounds in breath samples associated with a SARS-CoV-2 infection. The test can be performed in environments where the patient specimen is both collected and analyzed, such as doctor's offices, hospitals and mobile testing sites, using an instrument about the size of a piece of carry-on luggage. The test is performed by a qualified, trained operator under the supervision of a health care provider licensed or authorized by state law to prescribe tests and can provide results in less than three minutes.

"Today's authorization is yet another example of the rapid innovation occurring with diagnostic tests for COVID-19," said Jeff Shuren, M.D., J.D., director of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. "The FDA continues to support the development of novel COVID-19 tests with the goal of advancing technologies that can help address the current pandemic and better position the U.S. for the next public health emergency."

The performance of the InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer was validated in a large study of 2,409 individuals, including those with and without symptoms. In the study, the test was shown to have 91.2% sensitivity (the percent of positive samples the test correctly identified) and 99.3% specificity (the percent of negative samples the test correctly identified). The study also showed that, in a population with only 4.2% of individuals who are positive for the virus, the test had a negative predictive value of 99.6%, meaning that people who receive a negative test result are likely truly negative in areas of low disease prevalence. The test performed with similar sensitivity in a follow-up clinical study focused on the omicron variant.

The InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer uses a technique called gas chromatography gas mass-spectrometry (GC-MS) to separate and identify chemical mixtures and rapidly detect five Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in exhaled breath. When the InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer detects the presence of VOC markers of SARS-CoV-2, a presumptive (unconfirmed) positive test result is returned and should be confirmed with a molecular test. Negative results should be considered in the context of a patient's recent exposures, history and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19, as they do not

rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions.

InspectIR expects to be able to produce approximately 100 instruments per week, which can each be used to evaluate approximately 160 samples per day. At this level of production, testing capacity using the InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer is expected to increase by approximately 64,000 samples per month.



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## Financial Issues Facing Women Business Owners

As a business owner, you're always busy, so it's understandable if you've put off thinking about events that won't occur until far in the future – such as your retirement, the sale or transfer of your business and the settling of your estate. Nonetheless, it's a good idea to start planning now, while also recognizing the special challenges that women business owners face in these areas.

Essentially, you'll have four key issues to consider:

- *Building assets* – While you're working, you'll want to build as many financial assets as possible. This is especially important in case your career is interrupted by the need to provide care for children or parents. And there's also the matter of longevity: On average, a 65-year-old woman can anticipate living about 20 more years – almost three years longer than a 65-year-old man, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Furthermore, the average age of widowhood is just 59, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Given these concerns, you'll want to contribute as much as you can afford to a retirement account, such as an "owner-only" 401(k), a SEP-IRA or a SIMPLE IRA. A financial professional can help you choose an appropriate plan.

- *Planning an exit strategy* – How you transition from your business can affect your estate plans, in terms of the assets you leave behind and which family members are connected to your exit strategy. To illustrate: You could choose to pass your business to an adult child or other close relative, but if you have no family members willing to take on this responsibility, you could transfer ownership through an employee buyout, if you have employees, or you could sell the business outright to a third party. Whichever route you choose will need to be integrated into your overall retirement and estate plans.

- *Caregiving* – As mentioned above, you might take some time off work to care for your children or aging parents. In fact, two of every three caregivers in the United States are women, according to the CDC. Being a caregiver can incur emotional and financial costs. To help avoid entangling your finances with those of the family members to whom you're providing care, you may want to consider creating a durable financial power of attorney, a legal document that gives you the authority to make financial decisions on behalf of someone who may be incapable of making them on their own. You'll want to address the possible need for this document well before it needs to be activated.

- *Creating estate-planning documents* – You will need to work with a legal professional to create estate-planning arrangements such as a will and a living trust, relevant business-planning documents, powers of attorney and health care directives. If your situation is complex enough, you also may need to bring in a trust company to manage the assets placed in a trust and oversee the eventual transfer of these assets to beneficiaries.

A lot goes into preparing for retirement, developing estate plans and keeping them current. So, start early and get the help you need from experienced professionals. The more thorough your planning, the more control you'll have over your future.

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# All Around the Town

## SHS Students Spruce Up the City for Spring

Last week's sunny, mild Friday morning provided the perfect weather for the students of Stevens High School as they fanned out throughout Claremont and ventured to Fort No. 4 in Charlestown to take on a range of community service projects. Cleaning — refreshing — landscaping — organizing storage closets at the school — every project they tackled over two hours focused on bringing the city back to life after a long, cold winter.



Photos  
by  
Eric Zengota



Clockwise: Going green. Every plank of wood at the Monadnock Park playing fields got a fresh coat of paint. Litter scattered along the Woodman Rail Trail? A plastic bag of kitty litter tossed under a bush? Whatever was found was picked up for proper disposal. On the slope above the Sullivan House parking lot, students cut into dead roots, laid and raked soil, and mulched the area in preparation for planting. Brushing away the puddles from days of rain made the tennis courts at Monadnock Park dry off much faster. Scraping off old paint — check. Rolling on fresh paint — check. The dugouts at Barnes Park got a clean new look.





# Sports/Recreation

## SHS Baseball

04/14/22	at John Stark	L 2 - 6
04/18/22	Bow	04:00 PM
04/20/22	at St. Thomas Aquinas	04:00 PM
04/22/22	Fall Mountain Reg	04:00 PM
04/25/22	ConVal	04:00 PM
04/29/22	at Coe-Brown Northwood	04:00 PM
05/02/22	Pelham	04:00 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	Hanover	07:00 PM
05/09/22	at Souhegan	04:30 PM
05/13/22	at Newport	03:30 PM
05/13/22	Newport	07:00 PM
05/18/22	Pembroke	05:00 PM
05/20/22	Laconia	07:00 PM
05/25/22	at Oyster River	04:30 PM
05/27/22	at Fall Mountain Reg	07:00 PM

## SHS Girls Tennis

The Cardinals played their second match of the season and first home match, taking on the Trinity Pioneers at Monadnock Part on Monday, April 11. Most of the girls are new to tennis this year but improved their play despite a 0-9 loss.

Here are the singles results:

1. Amaya Eitapence 0 Meredith McWilliam 8
2. Izabela Eitapence 0 Mallory Hobausz 8
3. Sand Tansrisuwan 0 Harley Plasz 8
4. Kamdyn Aldrich 0 Katie Mulcahy 8
5. Morgan Tremblay 0 Ava Prieto 8
6. Trinity by forfeit

The doubles results are as follows:

1. A. Eitapence / Tansrisuwan 1 McWilliam / Hobausz 8
2. I. Eitapence / Aldrich 1 Plasz / Mulcahy 8
3. Trinity by forfeit

The Cardinals dodged the rain to complete their third match of the season, facing Wilton-Lyndeborough at Monadnock Part on Wednesday, April 13th. Both teams were

short-handed and the Cardinals showed improvement despite missing their number 3 player, but Wilton came out ahead, winning 6-0.

Here are the singles results:

1. Amaya Eitapence 0 Elizabeth Jacob 8
2. Izabela Eitapence 1 Erin McDonald 8
3. Kamdyn Aldrich 6 Madeleine Straw 8
4. Morgan Tremblay 0 Senja Sours 8

No 6th match played since Stevens and Wilton only had 4 players.

The doubles results are as follows:

1. A. Eitapence / Tremblay 0 Jacob / McDonald 8
  2. I. Eitapence / Aldrich 4 Straw / Sours 8
- No 3rd match played.

The Cardinals' next action is on Thursday, April 21st, when they travel to Pelham to take on the Pythons.

## **Fisher Cats Split Doubleheader to Win Series**

MANCHESTER, NH— The Fisher Cats hit a pair of home runs, and Max Castillo tossed five innings of one-hit ball in a 3-0 win and a split of Sunday's doubleheader with the Hartford (Double-A Colorado Rockies). The Yard Goats won the opener 4-1.

**Game 1-** Three Hartford home runs paced the squad to the win.

In the top of the first inning, Jameson Hannah singled and Willie Maclver homered for a 2-0 lead. Hartford added a pair of solo shots off starter and losing pitcher Paxton Schultz (L, 0-1) in the second and fourth innings. Jimmy Herron homered in the second, and Kyle Dattras snuck one inside the right field foul pole in the fourth to make it 4-0.

Schultz left after four innings, allowing four runs on five hits. He walked one and struck out three Hartford batters.

New Hampshire scored in the bottom of the fifth inning. After a walk to Zac Cook, consec-

utive singles by Stewart Berroa and Ryan Gold produced a run to make it 4-1.

### **Game 2-**

John Aiello doubled and Zac Cook homered in the third inning to give the Fisher Cats a 2-0 lead. Aiello then homered in his second at bat in the bottom of the fifth inning for another run.

The Fisher Cats head on the road to play at Altoona (Pittsburgh Pirates Double-A) this week starting with a 6 p.m. game on Tuesday night.

## SHS Softball

04/14/22	at John Stark	L 0 - 14
04/18/22	Bow	04:00 PM
04/22/22	Fall Mountain Reg	04:00 PM
04/25/22	ConVal	04:00 PM
04/29/22	at Coe-Brown Northwood	04:00 PM
05/02/22	Pelham	04:00 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	Hanover	07:00 PM
05/09/22	at Souhegan	04:30 PM
05/13/22	at Newport	03:30 PM
05/13/22	Newport	07:00 PM
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05/18/22	Pembroke	05:00 PM
05/19/22	Laconia	07:00 PM
05/25/22	at Oyster River	04:30 PM
05/27/22	at Fall Mountain Reg	04:00 PM

## SHS Lacrosse

04/12/22	Campbell	L 2 - 20
04/13/22	at Trinity	L 0 - 15
04/18/22	at Hopkinton	04:00 PM
04/20/22	Bishop Brady	04:00 PM
04/22/22	Laconia	04:00 PM
05/02/22	at Milford	04:30 PM
05/04/22	at Plymouth	04:00 PM
05/06/22	at Pelham	04:00 PM
05/09/22	Lebanon	04:00 PM
05/11/22	at Hillsboro-Deering	04:00 PM
05/13/22	at Inter-Lakes-Moultonborough	05:15 PM
05/16/22	Kearsarge	04:00 PM
05/18/22	Gilford	04:00 PM
05/23/22	Trinity	04:00 PM



# Inspiration

## Darkness and Light

By Priscilla Hull

The day following Easter is appropriate for an essay on Darkness and Light. Those who believe in the purpose and the meaning of Easter are well aware that we live in darkness and that we will one day see the light. Darkness and light are also an analogy for the season which is so closely connected with Easter, or new life. This is the time of the year that the little animals who have been hibernating wake up and return to amuse and annoy us. They eat bird seed, they bury things in the grass and they dig up seeds that we've gone to great trouble to plant. They transplant the crocus bulbs that we've so carefully planted and sometimes take them to the neighbors' yards! They're hungry, too! So we need to tolerate them, because they do much more good than bad.

Shakespeare uses light and darkness in "Romeo and Juliet". Romeo says of Juliet, "O, she doth teach the torches to burn bright! It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night like a rich jewel in an Ethiop's ear. Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear! So shows a snowy dove trooping with crows." Juliet also uses darkness and light when she speaks of Romeo when she refers to him as "a light that illuminates the darkness." We have more modern lovers than these two who find brightness in the love of another. Light is portraying the beauty of a person whom we love. Nothing is so bright as a day in love with the one you intend to live with forever. We talk about the light in her eyes, or that her smile lights up the room.



There are dark times of our lives which contrast sharply with the joys of life, which we refer to as the light of our years. Sometimes, when the world is going through a particularly difficult time, such as now, we wonder where has the light gone? It seems that we are returning to the "Dark Ages". However, if we search through the darkness, we find that there is a "light at the end of the tunnel". Once, when I was traveling in the Swiss Alps, we took a car/train through a mountain. It's not something I'd recommend for those who have a fear of darkness. As we entered the tunnel, our spirits were bright. The trip was to be about 2 hours and they told us that we would experience complete darkness. To me complete darkness is a night where there is heavy cloud cover but you can see shadowy outlines of things. I guess that is what we expected. As we entered further into the tunnel, we realized that that was not the darkness that we were experiencing. That is darkness, friends. We both became a little nervous as we attempted to strain our eyes to see any semblance of light. It wasn't there. Complete darkness! Thank goodness the ride ended before our courage ended. It was an experience, and the light that appeared was greatly welcome.

Light is necessary to life. Not just light to read by, but light to live by. Without light there wouldn't be photosynthesis which is the process by which plants take water and carbon dioxide to make oxygen. Therefore, light is necessary to life. Interesting that we associate darkness with death and bad versus light which we associate with life and good. It seems that we can find darkness, or maybe darkness finds us, but we have to work to find light. Truth to tell, light is all around us and can be seen clearly. Maybe we just hide from light. Maybe rather than fearing darkness, we fear light because light keeps us aware of all that is around us. Light makes our days what they are. The choice is ours to walk in darkness or to see the light and know that the light gives us life.

Walking on the edge of a field which abuts a wooded area (and there are many such places where we live), one can appreciate the darkness and light of the bright sun shining through the trees. The contrast between the dark trees and the bright light of the sun is breathtaking. It is never so bright as it is in the spring before the leaves even are budding.

It is what Easter is about. Finding light. Losing darkness. Make the light the thing that leads us to life. Keep the lights glowing so that those who fear the dark will come into our ring of light to find their way.

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*  
Isaiah 9:2

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

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## Calendar Of Events

### Indoor Tag Sale in Lempster

LEMPSTER, NH—An Indoor Tag Sale will be held on April 23, 9am - 1pm, at the Lempster Meetinghouse, 112 Lempster St. A variety of vendors selling household goods, vintage collectibles, decorative items. Benefits the Friends of the Miner Memorial Library. Contact: 1-603-863-6925 for more information.

### Local Help for Ukraine

#### Support for Ukraine – South Congregational Church, Newport, NH. Collecting Items for Clean-up Buckets as Part of Church World Service Outreach

Contact: Pastor Daniel Adam, 603-863-3729.

Are you wondering how you can help the Ukrainian people who are facing war and displacement?

South Congregational Church is collecting items for clean-up buckets, an initiative of Church World Service (CWS). CWS collects items for clean-up buckets that are sent throughout the world where there are wars or natural disasters. Ukraine is a priority at this time.

Items needed include: reusable cleaning towels (Handiwipes), work gloves (leather or leather palm gloves), 32-64 ounce laundry soap, 16-34 ounce dish soap, kitchen sponges, contractor-type trash bags (30-45 gal). To see the full list of needed items and a

photo of a completed bucket, visit South Congregational Church, Newport NH ([thesouthchurch.us](http://thesouthchurch.us))

Items may be left in the container at the rear door of South Congregational Church, Church St, Newport.

Donated items will be collected

throughout April. Buckets will be assembled at South Church and delivered to a Church World Service depot in Bow, NH in early May.

For more information, contact South Congregational Church at 603-863-3729.

#### Claremont, NH, School District Ukraine Refugee Help

You can help! We are raising funds to adopt an individual family who will be living in a home in Le Mans, France, provided by the family of a retired Claremont School District teacher. Additionally, a Ukrainian American staff member, with family still inside Ukraine, has identified three international aid organizations to receive funds: UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund designated to children in Ukraine), United Help Ukraine, Inc. (Medical Aid & Humanitarian Relief to Ukraine directly) and CARE (Ukraine Crisis Fund).

We have coordinated with Wayne Hardy and Association TARMAC (non-profit) in Le Mans in offering this help to the Ukrainian refugee family through an account that Wayne is opening with the association.

The organizations recommended by Oksana will provide a wide range of support to refugees fleeing Ukraine into neighboring nations. Some 3.5 million refugees are caught up in this mass migration. The average half-year income for a person in LeMans is \$22,308.13, and we would like to raise that much for this refugee family and a like amount for the international organizations for a total of \$44, 616.26.

We are NOT a registered charity and are not raising funds via GoFundMe as a charity. We ARE a group of grassroots individuals, retired and active staff of

Claremont School District, that saw a need to help Ukrainian refugees in their time of need. We are approved and supported by the superintendent of the district. We are registered with GoFundMe as "individuals" doing a "fundraiser" for an "emergency".

Visit here to help: <https://gofund.me/b6fddf89>.

### CDA Meeting April 19

CLAREMONT, NH—Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting, Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Church Hall, Elm St. Program: Story Teller, Sharon Wood.

### Registration Now Open for The 41st Annual Prouty

LEBANON, NH – The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center announce the launch of

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41st Annual Prouty. Northern New England's largest family-friendly fundraising event is back and in-person on July 8-9, 2022. Registration is now open for the 41st Annual Prouty, benefiting life-saving cancer research and patient and family support services at Dartmouth and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC).

Health and safety are top priorities. Event plans and logistics will be based on local public health guidelines to ensure a safe experience for all participants and volunteers. COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions continue to evolve, and more details on protocols and plans will be shared in the spring at [www.theprouty.org](http://www.theprouty.org).

For additional details and to register, go to: [www.theprouty.org](http://www.theprouty.org).

### **APRIL 23 RABIES CLINIC**

Low cost rabies clinic!

On Saturday, April 23, Sullivan County Humane Society will be holding a rabies clinic for dogs and cats from 10-2 at the Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Hall, 183 Plains Rd, Claremont. Rabies and feline/canine distempers available for only \$10/each.

No appointment necessary.

By law, shots will be good for 3 years with proof, in the form of a rabies certificate, of previous vaccination, otherwise it is a 1 year shot.

If you have questions, please call 542-3277 for more information.

### **Cone Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program for '22-'23**

The Cone Automatic Machine Company Charitable Foundation scholarship program will continue for the coming school year 2022-2023. 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: PO Box 65, Claremont, NH 03743.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 12, 2022. Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2022.

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

CLAREMONT, NH—Turning Points Network is gearing up for their 16th Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run to be held on April 30. For the last 15 years, Sullivan County communities have come together in a public show of solidarity both virtually and in-person for Turning Points Network's vital services. Funds raised from the event through community participation directly support the agency's mission to end domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking. TPN is pleased to announce that it is planning for another successful year, this time in-person, with Claremont Savings Bank serving as the honorary chair.

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

### **Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo**

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

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

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

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

#### **Big Money Bingo**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA**

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the community at no cost. The "Recently Bereaved Group" is for men and women who have experienced the loss of their spouse within the last year and is held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The "Widow to Widow Group" is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a "Bereavement Check-in Group" is available for men and women experiencing a loss of any kind and is held on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed. If interested, email your contact information to Elizabeth Gantner at [egantner@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:egantner@lakesunapeevna.org) and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

### **Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule**

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Overall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has expired.

It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you're sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and or sanitize your hands frequently, and we'll all be healthier. The attendance limit has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and



hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product.

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

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

## Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center is opened but masks are required if non-vaccinated. We are open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. A new game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. Lunches will continue as drive-thru for now. We have many activities. Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

We are still holding our drive-thru meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday, April 19th - Ham, sweet potato, vegetable, dessert. Thursday, April 21st - Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, birthday cake. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal. Price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Drive-thru pickup is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Meals are always subject to change.

Foot Clinic - Our next foot clinics will be held on April 20 and 27th. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

Bingo - Our Wednesday afternoon Bingo is back and running. Cards are sold between noon and 12:45 only. We only take Ones, Fives and Tens, NO Twenties. You need not be a member to play Bingo but you must be at least 55 years old.

AARP - AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be assisting qualified NH property owners with applying for the property tax relief program. Income requirements are for the household which includes all adults (18 and older) who live in the home. Income requirements - \$37,000 or less for single taxpayer, \$47,000 or less for married filing joint or head of household. May 13th, 9 AM to Noon on the first come first serve basis. DO NOT CALL THE CENTER FOR APPOINTMENTS. Need to bring Copy of 1040 for tax year 2021 and Property Tax bill for last quarter of 2021.

On Tuesday, April 19th 1:00 - 2:30 pm we will be holding a free class on painting flower

vases with glass paints. All material will be supplied for the class at no cost to you. Instructor will be Patricia Jacobus. For members only. MUST sign up at the reception desk.

Nomination - The annual business meeting will be held at the May 3rd Membership Meeting. We will not need to hold an election because there are 4 openings are on the board and we have 4 running (Marilyn Gilbert, Larry Johnson and Shirley LaClair plus Lloyd Mann running for his 2nd term). Denny Francis is the only person running for the Finance Committee.



### Sullivan County Humane Society

## RABIES CLINIC

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**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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**Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Hall**

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**Dog & Cat Distemper shot available for \$10.00.**

**Masks required**



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We have heard that a number of members would be interested in Poker, Ping Pong and Corn Hole. Please sign up at the center or call and leave your name, phone number and days if you are interested. That is the only way that we would be able to know if the interest is there.

**Penny Sale** - We will hold our 9th Penny Sale at the center on May 15th. Doors are scheduled to open at 11 am and the tickets are pulled at 1 pm. We are still collecting donations of NEW items for the Penny Sale. Have you received a gift that you will never use and don't know what to do with? Why not donate it to the Penny Sale. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Penny Sale. We will also have a food concession opened. We will need volunteers weeks and days before the sale for sorting and labeling. Volunteers are also needed the day before for setting up and on penny sale day many are needed to sell tickets and door prize tickets.

**Yard Sale** – scheduled for July 22 and 23rd. We will need donations of useful items. We cannot accept large appliances, large furniture, mattresses, luggage, carpets and rugs, clothes, shoes, typewriters, computers, TVs, exercise equipment, skis, or anything else we feel is not salable. Yard sale donations will be accepted after the Penny Sale.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH; phone 603-543-5998.

## **Claremont Fire Dept. Log**

### **Sunday, 4/10/22**

0655- Engine 4 responded on East St. for a medical call

2327- Engine 4 responded on Hartford St. for a medical call

### **Monday, 4/11/22**

0102- Engine 4 responded on Charles for a medical call

1027- Engine 4 responded on Chestnut St. for an illegal burn

1545- Engine 4 responded on South St. for a medical call

### **Tuesday, 4/12/22**

### **Wednesday, 4/13/22**

1612- Engine 4 responded on South St. for a medical call

### **Thursday 4/14/22**

0945- Engine 4 responded on Heritage Dr. for a medical call

1425- Engine 4 responded on Syd Clark Park Dr. for a Box Alarm

1444- Engine 3 responded on North St. for a medical call

1500- Engine 4 responded on Sullivan St. for an alarm sounding

1937- Engine 4 responded on Myrtle St. for a medical call

### **Friday, 4/15/22**

1915- Engine 4 responded to Opera House Square for a vehicle fire

1922- Engine 4 responded on Broad St. for an alarm sounding

2357- Ladder 2 and Engine 4 responded on Heritage Dr. for a box alarm

### **Saturday, 4/16/22**

1045- Engine 4 responded on Clover St. for a medical call

1723- Engine 4 responded on Heritage Dr. for a reported subject on the river bank

2038- Engine 4 responded on Myrtle St. for a medical call

2212- Engine 4 responded on Bowen St. for a medical call

## **See What Girl Scouting is All About April 21 in Claremont**

CLAREMONT, NH—Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains invites you to an information night as a free and fun way for girls and their families to get to know Girl Scouts. The event is planned for girls in kindergarten through third grade in Claremont and the surrounding area on Thursday, April 21, 5-6 p.m., at the Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road. Older girls are also welcome to find out more about Girl Scouts. Parents and caregivers are invited to participate. RSVP to 888-474-9686 or [customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org). Walk-ins also welcome.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

For a meeting of the

Claremont Development Authority Full Board  
To be held on Thursday, April 28 2022, at 7:30 AM  
At the Visitor Center, 14 North Street,  
Claremont, NH



**The annual Polish tradition of Blessing of the Food was held on Holy Saturday at St. Joseph Church, Claremont. Pastor Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN, assisted by Richard Brown, blessed the contents of a variety of beautifully assembled baskets. The blessed food was to be shared in each home on Easter Sunday (Courtesy photos).**







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[www.etickeernewssofclaremont.com](http://www.etickeernewssofclaremont.com)

### Gertrude M. Ohannessian, 90

Gertrude M. Ohannessian, 90, of Windsor, CT, and recently of Claremont, NH, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 8, 2022, surrounded by family. She was predeceased in 1996 by her husband First Sergeant Emil K. Ohannessian. Born in Moratneustetten, Germany, she was the fourth of five children (Hans, Georg, Elsa and Adolf) of her parents Friedrich and Lisetta (Kilian) Himmler.

After marrying her U.S. service member husband Emil in Germany, they lived and raised their family in several locations, including Kansas during his deployment to Vietnam and eventually settled in Poquonock, CT. Gertrude worked in the Poquonock School for several years and later at Travelers Insurance Company. She was a member of the Hartford Liederkrantz.

By far, her greatest joy in life was being a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother; she was a wonderful homemaker. Gertrude was an independent woman who until recently took care of her house and yard work on her own and preferred to help other people rather than accept help. She was an excellent knitter, learning to knit in kindergarten and knitting right up to her passing.

She will be missed deeply by all who have known her, especially those who received

her annual Christmas cookies or a pair of hand knit socks – may they continue to cherish those gifts and memories.

Gertrude is survived by her son Edward Ohannessian and his wife Cindy of Granby, CT; and daughter Sandra Chase and her husband David of Claremont, NH; her grandchildren Nicholas and his wife Emily, Emily and Ryan Ohannessian; Raquel Chase-Kelly and her husband John and their children Graham and Claire; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Burial will be held privately by the family at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

#### Plumbers' License Renewal Class at RVCC

The next Plumbers' License Renewal class at RVCC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Claremont campus. For more information and to register for the class, go to: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/course/plumbers-license-renewal2>.

## Public Notice

### SAU #6 School Board Regular Meeting Serving Claremont & Unity

April 21, 2022

6:30pm

Sugar River Valley Regional Technical  
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The meeting will also be available on CCTV Channel 8 and online using one of these links. You can watch channel 8 at anytime LIVE here:

<https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>

Or channel 10 here: <https://reflect-claremont.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/watch/2?channel=2>

Please visit our website: [www.sau6.org](http://www.sau6.org) under School Boards to review agenda.

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**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.**

### AGENDA

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| 6:30 PM | 1.  | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  |
| 6:32 PM | 2.  | ROLL CALL   |
| 6:34 PM | 3.  | AGENDA CHANGES  |
| 6:35 PM | 4.  | REPORT OF THE SECRETARY<br>Minutes of April 13, 2022, City Council Meeting(s)   |
| 6:37 PM | 5.  | MAYOR'S NOTES   |
| 6:42 PM | 6.  | CITY MANAGER'S REPORT<br>General Remarks  |
| 6:45 PM | 7.  | CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))   |
|         | 8.  | OLD BUSINESS  |
| 6:55 PM | A.  | Steel Mill Solar Update   |
| 7:15 PM | B.  | Sullivan Tower Stack & Pump House Discussion  |
|         | 9.  | NEW BUSINESS  |
| 7:35 PM | A.  | Resolution 2022-25 Continuity of Operations (COOP) EMPG and Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Update Grant Project – Public Hearing (City Manager/Fire Chief) |
| 7:50 PM | B.  | Ordinance 592 Off Highway Recreational Vehicles on Class V Roads – First Reading (City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director)                                 |
| BREAK   |     |   |
| 8:15 PM | C.  | AFSCME Contract/Authorize City Manager to Execute (City Manager/Human Resources Manager)  |
| 8:30 PM | 10. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES  |
| 8:35 PM | 11. | CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL   |
| 8:40 PM | 12. | ADJOURNMENT   |

**PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.**

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Help us help TPN raise the necessary funds to continue providing FREE 24-hour services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and sex trafficking as well as education and outreach for the community.

For more info about TPN & Steppin' Up:

603-543-0155 [www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up](http://www.turningpointsnetwork.org/steppin-up)





## **CITY OF CLAREMONT – SPRING CLEANUP**

THE SPRING CLEANUP PROJECT WILL BEGIN ON **MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022, THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022.**

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, MAY 2, 2022.**

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

Alex Gleeson  
Director of Public Works



# 6,000 Eggs at Arrowhead

## Hundreds of 'Hunters' Have 'Egg'-straordinary Time

CLAREMONT, NH—On Saturday, Arrowhead Recreation Area was crowded with excited children and eager parents who'd come to the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks and Rec staff, assisted by a large group of volunteers from Riverbank Church, scattered the 6,000 candy-and-toy-filled plastic eggs that the Easter Bunny had delivered early that morning on the grassy slope. Kids scampered up the hill in timed, age-appropriate mini-tsunamis to collect the eggs — especially the golden eggs that would get them an extra prize.

The Easter Bunny stayed around for an unending line of families wanting to be pho-



tographed with Spring's favorite bringer of all sweet things.

Everyone went home happy. Their baskets were filled with goodies that would last through the week — even if they'd already started enjoying their treats right there on the grass.

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