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Nursing Home Renovation Project Stalls

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UNITY, NH—It appears that a decision regarding the future renovation of the Sullivan County nursing home will remain on hold for a while as county delegation members recently failed to come to an agreement regarding the project's direction. On Friday, Sullivan County Delegation Chair, Rep. John Cloutier, and Executive Finance Committee Chair, Rep. Sue Gottling, released a joint statement detailing the stalemate:

"Monday, April 26, 2021 at 9:30 pm, the Sullivan County Delegation Chair, Representative John Cloutier, recessed a Delegation meeting after the Representatives reached an impasse on the cost and funding of the renovation and addition to the County nursing home facility in Unity. County Commissioners were asking approval to seek a \$40,000,000 bond that would partially cover the projected cost of \$55,000,000. Presently the project does not have a guaranteed maximum price, nor has a price ceiling ever been put forward by the Commissioners or the Delegation. It is likely the final cost of the project as designed would exceed \$55,000,000," wrote Cloutier and Gottling.

"Earlier, on Friday, April 23, the Executive Finance Committee (EFC), in a 4 – 1 bipartisan vote, approved a motion to advise the Delegation to turn down the Commissioner's request at this time. However, when Representative Sue Gottling, Chair of the Executive Finance Committee, presented the motion to de-

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County Looks to Highlight Its Offerings Through New Branding Initiative

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NEWPORT, NH—Answering the question "Who are we?" is an initiative Sullivan County is continuing to work on to help showcase the area through its own regional identity.

At Wednesday night's City council meeting, county manager Derek Ferland presented the history and highlights of the project. Also participating in the presentation was Penelope Whitman, Economic & Community Development Field Specialist for UNH Cooperative Extension.

The path to where the project now lies began several years ago through the Sullivan County Regional Economic Profile (REP) effort (2017-present) engaging in many community endeavors through stakeholders meetings, creation of task forces, multiple projects and other engagements and presentations involving Realtors, area Chambers and other regional stakeholders and local leaders. Regional identity was mentioned early on in the process. The LoveSullivan Project, a crowdsourced mapping effort aimed at capturing community members' favorite places and building awareness of the region's many assets, identified recreation as a major asset of Sullivan County and helped to launch the path. Often grouped in with the terms "Upper Valley" and "Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee", there was a general consensus that neither truly reflects the county's offerings, assets and strengths. As a result, there has been a push to "brand" itself in a new way. "We're really defining who we are, what we're doing and what we're proud of," said Ferland.

Based on a new recognition of the region's natural resources and its history and through the REP task force projects, a regional branding concept has emerged, one that is nature-based, connects the communities of the county, has powered the communities and speaks to the area's recreation-based quality of life: the Sugar River. In 1874, *The Statistics and Gazetteer of N.H.* published the following: "Sunapee Lake is the principal source of the Sugar River. Flowing from the Lake, in a westerly direction, through Sunapee into Newport it receives the waters of the South Branch, coming from Lempster, Goshen, and Unity; thence flowing in a northerly direction, by the course of the river, about three miles, it unites with the North Branch, having its source in the towns of Springfield, Grantham and Croydon; thence turning and running westerly thirteen miles, through Newport and Claremont ..." *Fogg, Alonzo J.*

The proposed logo reflects a number of features well known in the county: the river; single mountain peaks; geese, symbolic of Sunapee, the principal source of the Sugar River; maple

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fer bonding of the project, a series of parliamentary maneuvers by Republicans made it clear no vote was possible that evening,” said the joint statement. “The Chair recessed the meeting and will look for a likely way forward before re-opening the meeting.”

Cloutier and Gottling went on to say that they believe “the scope and cost of the project and its effect on property taxes must be re-examined in light of the dramatic rise in the projected cost from \$34,000,000 in November 2019 to \$55,000,000 by December 2020. Other pressures on property taxes exist, such as the proposed state budget that significantly underfunds support to our schools and infrastructure projects. An increase in property taxes as high as 15% is possible in some communities. Can we justify the \$350,000 cost of one bed in the present plan when the average cost of a home in many county communities is far less? The same project, at a lower cost, was rejected by the Republican-majority Delegation on September 25, 2020. Minutes from that meeting also revealed no consensus on two issues,

building new or renovating, and the location, in Unity or at a more accessible site. [We] believe a pause in the process is the responsible way forward.”

The deadline to participate in the July municipal bond sale was April 30.

The project has been on the drawing board for several years; county officials have looked at both renovating the current facility and constructing a brand new facility, either in Unity or in another community. However, just purchasing the necessary land for a relocated facility was estimated to add another \$500,000 to the pricetag. Design costs for the renovation project have totaled around \$1.5 million.

46 Tons of Prescription Drugs Collected During 20th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

BOSTON, MA—The final tally is in from the 20th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 24. The Drug Enforcement Administration’s New England Field Division and its partners, over the course of four hours, collected 92,282.73 pounds or over 46 tons of expired, unused, unwanted prescription drugs, electronic vaping devices and cartridges at 565 collection sites throughout New England. This is in comparison to the first National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in September 2010, when the division collected 25,810 pounds of un-



wanted drugs.

“Everything we do is geared toward protecting American families and communities,” said DEA Special Agent in Charge Brian D. Boyle. “Thanks to the public, over 46 tons of unwanted, expired, unused, prescription drugs have now been taken out of harm’s way across New England. The event is only made possible through the hard work of our law enforcement, coalitions and community partners, and DEA thanks each and every one of them for their efforts in making this initiative a huge success.”

The following is a breakdown of collected weights in pounds for the six New England States:

- CT – 9,690 lbs
- MA – 30,386.20 lbs
- ME – 27,340 lbs
- NH – 13,149 lbs
- RI – 4,552.50 lbs
- VT – 7,165.03 lbs
- Total- 92,282.73 lbs

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Reps. John Cloutier
and Gary Merchant



Sullivan County Nursing Home: Deferring Action for Now

We are committed to finding a fiscally responsible solution that meets the needs of nursing home residents, staff, and patients undergoing rehabilitation without exceeding the means of Sullivan County taxpayers.

Previous meetings of the County Delegation have considered multiple options:

- Exit the elder care business entirely and close the nursing home (there is no state mandate that the county provide a nursing home facility).
- Construct a new nursing home facility.
- Renovate the existing nursing home facility
- Combine new construction with renovation to upgrade the existing facility.
- Decrease the scope of the proposed project to reduce its budget requirements.
- Continue using the existing facility and address whatever building issues arise over time.

On April 23rd, the County's Executive Finance Committee, in a bipartisan vote of 4-1, voted to not support the County Commissioners' request to move forward with Option 4, a combination of new construction and renovation that would require a \$40 million bond. Based on this decision, the County Delegation then debated a vote on April 26th to defer any further action on seeking a bond. The majority felt that the County's fiscal environment had not changed much since it last voted 11-1 against the proposed project in September last year.

The decision to defer further action for the time being carries little risk: RBC forecast U.S. Treasury rates are expected to remain low for the near future, and Association of General Contractors of America and the Turner Building Construction Index expect market competition to keep construction costs stable, offsetting any potential increases in material pricing. While the County is projected to receive up to \$8.5M through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), these federal funds won't become available until much later this year. It is also not clear whether this project is eligible to use the funding nor what the timeline would be for its use. It cannot yet be assumed that these dollars will serve to reduce the project's cost to taxpayers.

How the total, collective tax burden of state, county and local proper

ty taxes will impact Sullivan County taxpayers is a significant concern. The state budget as proposed by the Governor and passed by the House, will hike local taxes substantially. Charlestown, Newport, and Claremont stand to lose millions of dollars in education funding. Local taxpayers will have to fill that gap. The proposed budget also does not fund the state's existing commitments for sewer and water projects, reduces revenue sharing from rooms and meals taxes, and makes other cuts in services that will result in still more downshifting of costs to municipalities. The bottom line: further increases in local property taxes.

The EFC and County Commissioners will shortly begin the process of creating a County Budget for the coming fiscal year. Over the past few years, the budget has drawn funds from the County's rainy day account, known as the "Fund Balance", to avoid increasing the County portion of the property tax burden. Unfortunately, the Fund Balance can no longer provide tax relief and still maintain the minimal amount of reserves necessary to fund unforeseen operational expenses. This alone means Sullivan County taxpayers will face higher taxes. Coupled with the nursing home project's costs, the county tax rate would grow even more.

Municipalities are already dealing with financial stressors related to COVID, red-listed bridges and infrastructure projects, and the impact of lower state funding. Put all these expenses together, and they present a huge tax burden for the people in our County — many of whom are on fixed incomes or just getting back to work as the pandemic crisis eases.

We believe the Delegation will ultimately meet the needs of our nursing home residents. One that will provide an energy-efficient building that satisfies safety standards and enables staff to maintain a high quality of care. To do so, a careful, responsible examination of office spaces, open areas, and other non-residential spaces must be undertaken. We must keep the total number of rooms in line with anticipated occupancy to reduce the project's overall cost.

As strong proponents of tax relief, we favor forming a new, non-partisan committee to undertake this analysis. Key stakeholders, including members of the Delegation, County Commissioners, nursing home staff, residents and their families, and community leaders, would participate. The committee would make a recommendation to the Delegation and County Commissioners that incorporates fiscal responsibility, outlining exactly how the project, including bonding, would affect the tax burden for our citizens, especially those trying to manage in communities already saddled with very high tax rates. The committee would take the time to look at the proposed project in terms of expense reduction, research the possibility of obtaining additional federal funds, and consider using an Economic Opportunity Zone.

Now is not the time to launch into a project many of our citizens can ill afford. It is time for the County Commissioners and the County Delegation to come together to collaborate on achieving a common goal — providing an up-to-date nursing home facility in a fiscally responsible way. **Emails:** jocloutier@comcast.net, gary.merchant@leg.state.nh.us

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Shaheen & Bipartisan Group of Senators Introduce Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act

WASHINGTON, DC—Thursday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen, a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, joined a bipartisan group of Senators led by Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) in introducing the Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act. This bipartisan military justice reform bill would professionalize how the military prosecutes serious crimes by moving the decision to prosecute from the chain of command to independent, trained, professional military prosecutors, and provides for several new prevention provisions such as more and better training for commanders and increased physical security measures, while ensuring that commanders still have the ability to provide strong leadership and ensure a successful command climate.

“Recent data confirms that sexual assault in the military continues to surge and efforts to seek justice for survivors still faces bureaucratic roadblocks. It is long overdue that Congress take action to bring about the institutional change that is needed to protect those who serve our country,” said Shaheen. “I’m glad to join Senator Gillibrand to introduce the Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act to make urgently needed and overdue reforms to combat sexual harassment and assault in the military. This bill would redirect the decision to try these crimes away from the military chain of command to independent, trained and impartial prosecutors. It would also increase prevention, training and education measures to combat sexual assault, among other action items. Last year we mourned the brutal murder of U.S. Army Specialist Vanessa Guillen, who was sexually harassed and assaulted before her death. This tragic event further underscores the need for a robust response. Today, Congress is responding. I urge lawmakers to join us in this effort to keep our service members safe, help survivors seek justice and end this toxic culture.”

“Today is a historic day for survivors of military sexual assault and harassment. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Senator Gillibrand, survivors, and President Biden’s support, fundamental reform of the military justice system will become reality. I believe Senator Ernst’s support will prove to be the tipping point in the battle for reform, and her focus on prevention has strengthened this vital legislation. For years, senior military leaders have acknowledged that sexual assault and harassment are a cancer ripping at the fabric of the force. The passage of this critical legislation will increase our military’s readiness and ability to bring the fight to the enemy. And will finally provide a real opportunity for justice for survivors,” said Colonel Don Christensen, President of Protect Our Defenders.

Hassan Raises Concerns from Granite Staters Over Pandemic-Related Relief During Finance Hearing

WASHINGTON, DC—On Thursday, U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) during a Senate Finance Committee hearing raised concerns from Granite Staters who have experienced delays in receiving pandemic-related relief, including Economic Impact Payments.

“A year ago, I helped lead efforts to ensure that Social Security recipients automatically received Economic Impact Payments,” Senator Hassan said. “Unfortunately, Social Security beneficiaries did not receive their latest automatic payments until more than a month after the American Rescue Plan was signed. I’ve also heard from constituents who’ve still not received their automatic payments.”

In response, Grace Kim, Deputy Commissioner for Operations at the Social Security Administration, said, “As we have done with the other Economic Impact Payments, we are providing information to our beneficiaries and recipients on our website, we’re working through our advocate groups to share information about how they can get their questions answered...so we’re doing everything that we can to ensure that our beneficiaries and recipients will receive those payments automatically.”

The Senator also highlighted issues that Granite Staters are facing in requesting a replacement Social Security card. New Hampshire is one of five states where residents can’t request a replacement Social Security card online, so Granite Staters have been told to mail in their driver license, which would leave them without this critical ID for long periods of time.

Sweetser Resigns from Council; Applicants Sought to Fill Seat

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—Mayor Charlene Lovett announced at Wednesday night's council meeting that Councilor Erica Sweetser had resigned from her seat; no reason was given, only that she had resigned due to several reasons. The resignation was effective as of Wednesday night, per Sweetser's wishes. Sweetser was not in attendance. The *e-Ticker News* reached out to the former councilor for a statement regarding her departure but did not hear back by press time.

The vacated At-Large seat means that another search is on for a replacement (See page 19 for details on the application process). It was only in January of this year that the council found itself in a similar situation when Abigail Kier resigned due to her husband accepting a position in the DC area. Four residents applied for that seat; ultimately, Dale Girard was chosen to fill the vacancy. Whoever is selected for this seat will be coming aboard just as the challenging budget season opens.

In other action at Wednesday night's meeting, city manager Ed Morris reported that the City has entered into a consulting agreement with CTA consulting to help with a complete needs assessment, design, procurement and installation for the Dispatch Communication equipment upgrades. He said they anticipated that the project would start in early May with a completion date sometime in 2022.

Morris also announced that the City has created and introduced an Adopt-A-Spot program. This volunteer program gives citizens, nonprofits and businesses and other organizations the opportunity to "show pride in the community by adopting a section of the City and helping to maintain parks, trails, road sides and open spaces. The program is designed to reduce litter along roadways and park systems, build community support for anti-litter and roadway beautification programs and educate the public about proper disposal of litter." For more information, visit www.claremontparks.com.

Morris also addressed concerns that had recently been raised about encroachment on City property of the Hobby Lobby parking area to the council and in an email to the *e-Ticker News*. In his explanation, Morris said that City staff has been working on the Rail Trail issue in front of the new liquor store and the Hobby Lobby Parking lot. At 10:30 AM on April 27, "I met with Jeremy Clay and Dean Hooper to look for survey pins and property line markers. We used the Kmart site plan from February 1989, the survey map of the former drive-in theater prepared in January of 1989 by Richard M Hitchcock, and the City's GIS map, for a current picture reference. During our site visit, we were able to find the three stone boundary markers that are listed on the site plans. We measured all the markers and they measured very close to what the map shows (even though using a wheel to measure these areas was not ideal). By measuring from two of the three property line markers, we

were able to find an area with a strong reading from our metal detector, in the area we believed the steel pin property boundary to be. We dug down approximately one foot, but did not find the pin, but the metal detector still signaled there was something in that location. We concluded that that must be the spot where the survey pin is located, but decided to stop digging up the lawn. By using these markers and the site plans, we determined the parking area in front of the liquor store does encroach on the Rail Trail property, but will be within parcel 145-23's property boundary after the construction project. On the westerly side of the parking lot, there is an approximate 11-foot encroachment on to Rail Trail property. This encroachment is also shown on the Kmart site plan that was approved by the Claremont Planning Board in March of 1989.

"On April 28, 2021, I met with Wayne McCutcheon who has completed survey work in this area in the past. He produced a site plan from November 1995 that is a detailed utility plan for the Claremont Railway Company. This plan confirms what we found the day before, that the portion of the parking lot in front of the new liquor store has an approximate 8- to 11-foot encroachment, that will be removed as part of the current project. It also shows there is a corner of the parking lot on the North Westerly corner with an approximate 11-foot encroachment." The latter matter will be addressed in the future, he said.

Also Wednesday night, the council voted to rescind a resolution that had been passed last June recommending the wearing of face masks due to the pandemic. Mask wearing was never mandated with an ordinance by the City, only encouraged through the resolution. The discussion Wednesday night came on the heels of Gov. Chris Sununu recently lifting the state's mask mandate. Lovett said that councilors had been getting questions wondering what the governor's actions meant for citizens and she wanted to address the issue to provide clarity for the public. The majority of councilors were ready to support a motion to rescind the resolution, stating that people were going to do what they wanted and that businesses were free to require, or not require, masks on their premises. Councilor Jim Contois favored rescinding the resolution and replacing it with a mask mandate, saying "We're still in a pandemic." Several members of the public spoke regarding the issue and supported rescinding the resolution. The motion to rescind the resolution passed 6-2.



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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – May 2, 2021

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

On Sunday, May 2, DHHS announced 221 new positive test results for COVID-19. Today’s results include 155 people who tested positive by PCR test and 66 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,242 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are fifty individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male.

The new cases reside in Strafford (32), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (25), Rockingham (24), Grafton (19), Cheshire (18), Merrimack (14), Carroll (10), Sullivan (9), Belknap (6), and Coos (5) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (24) and Nashua (19). The county of residence is being determined for sixteen new cases.

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

DHHS has also announced one additional death related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

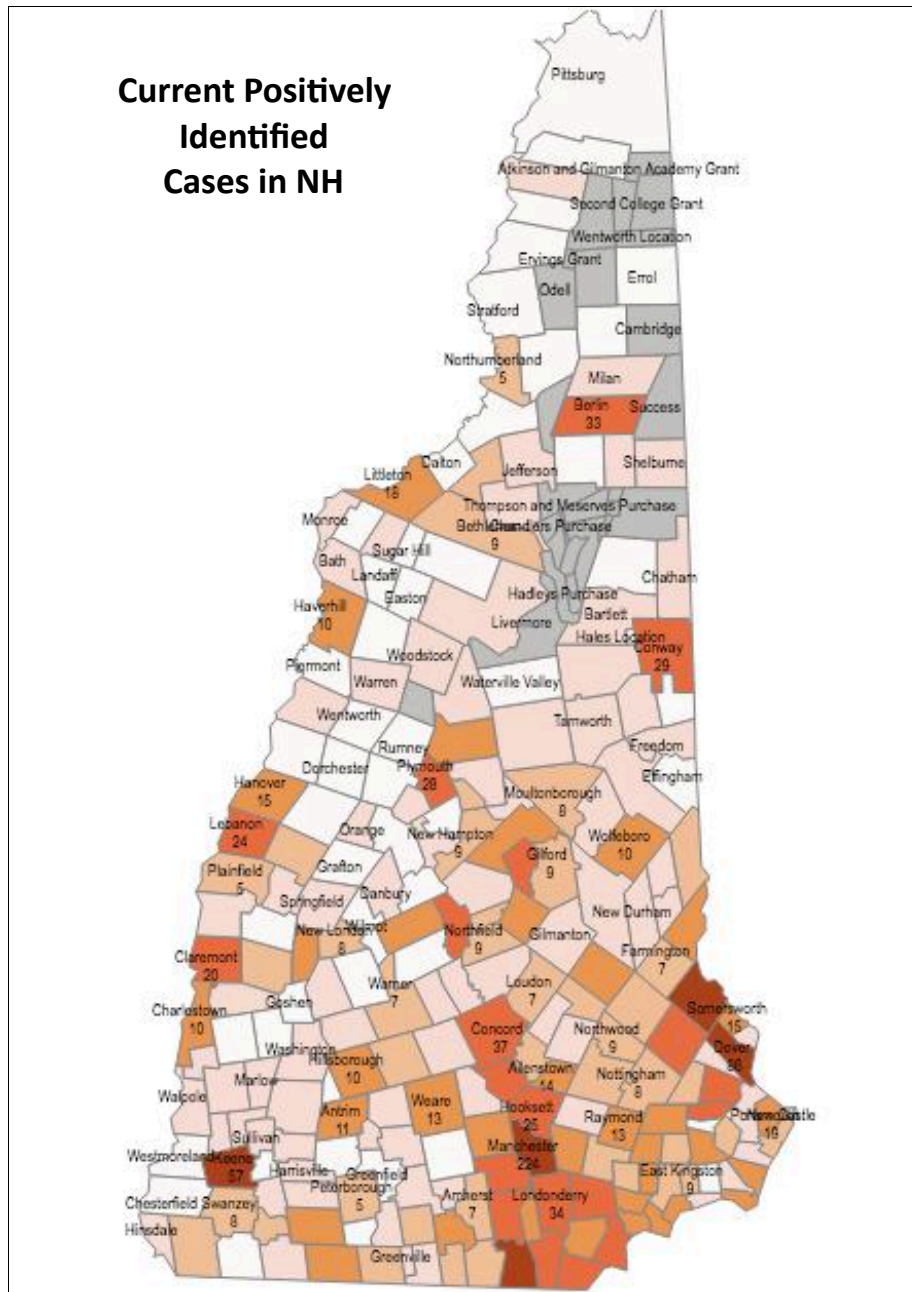
1 male resident of Rockingham County, fewer than 60 years of age

There are currently 79 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 95,377 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Sunday, there were 20 current positively identified cases in Claremont; 10 in Charlestown, the communities with the highest totals. There were 63 cases reported in Sullivan County.

COVID-19 Hotline

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



Sullivan County Health Care Update

Sullivan County Health Care reported on its Facebook page on April 30 that as of Tuesday, April 27, testing resulted in identification of 9

residents on MacConnell and one resident on Stearns II. All residents except for one on MacConnell had been vaccinated. The resident on Stearns II was asymptomatic and identified during the response testing. This report was a follow-up to an April 21 post where the nursing home had indicated that a resident and employee on MacConnell had tested positive with the rapid test.

Additionally, the testing has identified two staff members who work on MacConnell and two who work on Stearns II. The use of full PPE is in effect on MacConnell and Stearns II.

Social visiting has been postponed throughout the facility.

Currently, 92% of residents and 75% of staff have been vaccinated. The facility has partnered with Health Direct pharmacy to provide vaccines for new residents and staff.

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated May 2, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	95,377
Recovered	91,830 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,305 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,242
Current Hospitalizations	79

NH Announces 10 Virtual Job Fairs Covering Every Region of State

CONCORD, NH —On Wednesday, the State of New Hampshire announced 10 upcoming virtual job fairs spanning every corner of the state for unemployed Granite Staters looking for work. All 10 job fairs will be held between the first week in May and the first week of the work search requirement resuming on May 23rd.

“Our economy has come roaring back and with New Hampshire leading the nation in vaccinations, it’s an appropriate time to resume the requirement to look for work next month,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “This return to our traditional, more normalized system is a sign that we are getting back to normal, and I would like to thank the team at Employment Security for their efforts in opening up access to job seekers and employers.”

At the previous week’s press conference, Sununu announced that on May 23rd, those collecting unemployment will need to resume searching for work while collecting benefits. If an individual is unable to find work, it does not mean they will lose their unemployment benefits.

Employers looking to register their company and job seekers looking for work can register for one of the job fairs by going to virtualjobfairs.nh.gov.

May 6th Veteran Virtual Job Fair in partnership with NH DMAVS

May 11th Student virtual job fair in partnership with Pinkerton Academy

May 11th Student and Adult Education virtual job fair in partnership with Pinkerton Academy

May 13th Construction industry virtual job fair in partnership with ABC NH/VT

May 18th Great North Woods Region & Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region

May 19th Seacoast Region

May 20th White Mountains Region

May 25th Lakes Region

May 26th Monadnock Region

May 27th Capitol & Southern Region

All New Hampshire Works Jobs Centers across the state will be open to the public by May 10th. Since last summer, the state has hosted 15 virtual job fairs to help employers find employees to get back to work.

Charlestown Woman in Fatal Accident

On May 1st, Vermont State Police dispatch received a report of a one car motor vehicle crash into a tree on Weathersfield Center Road in the Town of Weathersfield, VT (Windsor County). Upon arrival, the operator

and sole occupant of the vehicle, Tess R. Johnson, 22, of Charlestown, NH, was determined to be deceased. The cause and circumstances surrounding the crash are under investigation. Anyone with information or who may have witnessed the crash is asked to contact Vermont State Police - Westminster Barracks.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Horse Huggers 4H Club - Spring Tack Sale Fundraiser

The Horse Huggers 4H Club based in Cornish, NH, is having a Spring Tack Sale Fundraiser on Saturday May 8th, 2021 from 10am-5pm at the Cornish Fairgrounds. We are looking for gently used or new items that you would be willing to donate to the 4H club for the purpose of being sold at the tack sale as a fundraiser.

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trees, noting that the region is the No. 1 maple producer in the state; covered bridges; and a smokestack, a reminder of the mills that were once powered by the Sugar River. There was a time when the area turned its back on the river, both Ferland and Whitman said; it's now time to recognize its valued presence in the county. Ten of the 15 communities in the county are on the Sugar River; Whitman said that the response thus far to the concept has been very positive, even from communities such as Washington which is not on the river but feels connected to the concept.

And what is the full concept? What is emerging from this project is the theme that "New Hampshire's Sugar River Region is a place of tradition, creativity, and innovation.

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From here, the next steps, according to Wednesday night's presentation, include developing a plan to implement the

branding concept; establish a Sugar River Region Destination Council (SRRDC); secure funding from grants/public/private sources; finalize SRRDC leadership & membership; and fund technical assistance/website/content development in support of the Sugar River Region brand. Ferland said they are pursuing a \$29,000 USDA grant that would be matched with available county funds. Building the base through "human" infrastructure made up of "energetic and passionate" people will be key in moving forward. Partnerships will be sought to help with strategic planning, tourism product development and promoting the region's cultural heritage and natural resources.

"There's genius in the simplicity of this," said Mayor Charlene Lovett following the presentation.

"As former Commissioner Barrette said," Ferland finished up, "it took an outsider [Whitman] to really recognize the inherent beauty of the Sugar River."

TUESDAY, MAY 4

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To be held on

Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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

The public is invited to join the Zoom webinar online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86076814294?pwd=Z0wvZ0drZ3hVT2xNRm0rcXErZjZlZz09>

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

A. (PL 2021-00006) Michael Lemieux, Claremont NH – Application for a Lot Line Adjustment and Annexation of 15.20 acres from the Pine Hill Mobile Home Court to parcel 47-4, owned by Michael & Elizabeth Lemieux. Properties are located on Thrasher and Red Water Brook Roads. Zoning District: RR & AR.

Interested persons may review the application at the Planning and Development Department at 14 North Street during normal business hours or on the City website at https://www.claremontnh.com/index.php?section=events_lists or at <https://www.claremontnh.com/claremont-planning-board>.

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.
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For more information, please email rstalker804@gmail.com or helen.t.davidson@gmail.com.

—OUR TURN—

Building Healthy Relationships

“How do I know if a relationship is a good one or not?”

This was a question asked us by a local middle schooler. And while prevention educators know it’s important to talk about warning signs of relationships abuse, we know that what young people want is to know what makes a relationship “good”—what makes it work well— not only what to avoid. When we know what we want, it’s easier to recognize when someone is treating us in a way we don’t want.

If we only talk about warning signs and abusive behavior, we miss the opportunity to help people develop skills to build and maintain healthy relationships. Relationships take work; most all relationships have ups and downs and conflict. But the key is that in healthy relationships people feel safe and respected, even in times of conflict and stress. Giving youth and adults skills to promote healthy relationships is the best approach to abuse prevention.

TPN’s relationships education focuses on key aspects of healthy relationships: communication, empathy, trust, respect, consent, equality, honesty, responsibility, boundaries, independence, healthy conflict, kindness. When we talk about these qualities and teach people to recognize what they look and feel like—we are better prepared to recognize when one of those lines gets crossed.

Jealousy, for example, is a normal human emotion; the key is how someone handles jealousy. Do they talk it out? Or use it to control a partner? As part of our program, we ask young people what trust looks like to them: Being able to spend time with other friends? Not going through a partner’s phone to see who they are messaging? Being able to be in a friend group with an ex and not be accused of flirting? Thinking through real-life scenarios helps them discern where the line between respect and disrespect is.

Relationships experience conflict. But not all conflict turns into abusive behavior. Healthy conflict and coping skills are essential for healthy relationships. When we ask young people what healthy conflict looks and feels like, they say: talking it out, taking a break to come back to discuss later, taking responsibility for one’s own actions or “owning it” when a mistake is made. These healthy approaches are the counterpoint to accusations, silent treatment, name calling or other signs of unhealthy and abusive behaviors.

Healthy relationships education does not suggest that healthy relationships are perfect relationships. But respect is the boundary. Even in times of disagreement or conflict, in a healthy relationship there is no manipulation, threats, put downs or fear.

If we help elementary and middle school students build healthy relationships, we help prevent possible abusive relationships in high school. If we help high school and college age students recognize the signs of healthy relationships, we may help prevent abusive adult relationships. It’s all connected: what we learn about relationships as a young person fol-

lows us throughout our lives.

Let’s join together to help our young people start building respectful relationships at a young age. Friendships are a great place to practice healthy relationship skills. If you want more information about how to talk to a young person in your life about healthy relationships—or a potentially unhealthy relationship—call TPN. We are here to be your coach and ally as you help youth build strong, healthy, respectful relationships.

OUR TURN is a public service series made available by Turning Points Network in celebration of its 40th anniversary of providing violence-prevention education programs in our schools, services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and helping people move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope.

For information contact 1.800.639.3130 or www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

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A Cleaner Claremont through Community Stewardship

The celebration of Earth Day in April renews our focus on the importance of keeping our streets and waterways clean. It is an unfortunate fact that there will always be people who litter. We can become discouraged by the trash we see strewn alongside roads and riverbanks or we can act. The community's participation in this year's events demonstrates our commitment to act for both the benefit of our city and environment.

Recently, I read the 1933 annual report for Claremont and found the following comment by the public health officer, "Another source of trouble is the improper disposal of rubbish by a few seemingly careless people who seem to have little regard for the rights of the public, and no interest whatever in making their town a cleaner and healthier place in which to live. The town maintains a public dump, and it is not too much to ask of any citizen to see that all rubbish and waste matter is taken there, instead of being thrown on some nearby vacant lot, or over some embankment into a brook or river as is frequently done."

Such a strong statement portrays the frustration felt then. Nearly 90 years later, the issue of littering hasn't changed. However, our response has and that is making all the difference. Here's how:

This year, the Claremont Conservation Commission established an anti-litter task force. It has held several public zoom meetings to initiate a Litter Prevention Campaign. Should you be interested in joining this campaign, please contact Jack Hurley at 603-287-8913.

On April 18, Rocky's Taqueria hosted a clean-up event focusing on the downtown area. At the same time, the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary did its annual clean-up of Grissom Lane. At the end of the event, the Department of Public Works (DPW) hauled away 1,100 pounds of trash.

On April 24, Kiwanis, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and DPW, hosted a clean-up event at the Claremont Savings Bank parking lot. Residents, including our local Girl Scout troop, collected trash around Opera House Square and along Pleasant, Sullivan, Broad and Main Street. At the same time, the Conservation Commission focused on Ashley's Boat Landing and the Stevens Brook Conservation Easement. As a result of these combined efforts, 520 pounds of trash was removed. Also that day, the Transfer Station hosted Tire Day, providing residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted tires free of charge. The station received 2300 tires.

On May 7, the Ink Factory, in collaboration with DPW and area businesses, will be hosting a clean-up event from 9am to 3:30pm. A drive-thru supply pick-up point will be located at the Ink Factory on 13 Water Street. Lunch will be provided by Red River, and T-shirts and prizes will be offered. The focus areas for this event will be sections of Washington Street (North to Winter, Winter to Moody, Moody to Parsons, Parsons to Petrin), as well as Water Street, Spring Street and Mill Road/Bridge. During

this event, the Conservation Commission will also be cleaning up Stevens Brook. For further information, please contact Jeff Barrette at 603-542-2234.

Finally, Claremont recently created an Adopt-a-Spot program, offering residents, non-profits, businesses and other organizations the opportunity to adopt a section of the City. Volunteers in the program will maintain their sections by removing litter and debris, controlling weeds, planting trees and other plants, mulching or identifying/eliminating hazards. If you are interested in participating in this program, please visit www.claremontparks.com.

These results and the continued expansion of our efforts to address litter is changing the landscape. Not only is our city cleaner, but more people are invested in community stewardship.

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

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and they will come, and they did. On Saturday, a document-shredding event was held in the parking lot of the Claremont Savings Bank. It was sponsored by the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary and was made possible with support from The Insurance Center. The event drew 101 drop-offs for a total of 3.75 tons/7,500 lbs. Donations in the amount of \$1,476 were also collected, all over the course of just four hours. The Rotary Clubs hopes to make this an annual event, on the first Saturday in the month of May (Courtesy and Eric Zengota photos).



Rotary members, from Allyn Girard, Charlene Lovett, Marissa Brunelle, Jessica Ball (President), Kayla Coffran, Joshua Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Annalisa Parent, and Grant, the SecurShred operator.

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**The Claremont-Sugar River
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 The May 1 Shred-A-Thon Event**



Business News

Hannaford Supermarkets Achieves Major Sustainability Milestone: Grocer Sends No Food Waste to Landfills

SCARBOROUGH, ME – Hannaford Supermarkets has announced that each of its 183 stores donates or diverts all food at risk of going to waste, sending no food at all to landfills.

The accomplishment, which is the culmination of a decade-long effort, makes Hannaford the first large-scale grocery retailer across its New England and New York market to meet this goal. The accomplishment also highlights that Hannaford is an industry leader in managing food waste and in working to address climate change.

Hannaford achieved the milestone with a multi-pronged approach focused on first preventing food waste through strategic product ordering and management at the store level. Hannaford associates are trained on how to responsibly handle food to avoid damage and exposure to temperature variation.

Each Hannaford store also strictly follows the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Food Recovery Hierarchy, which prioritizes the rescue of surplus product for donation to food insecure individuals – generating millions of meals donated annually. Other key elements of Hannaford's food waste diversion program include donations to local farmers for animal feed and food-to-energy conversion efforts.

Hannaford's adherence to this process kept 65 million pounds of food waste from reaching landfills in 2020.

"The health and well-being of our planet are a top priority for all of us at Hannaford and we recognize that our role in the food supply chain comes with great responsibility," said Mike Vail, President of Hannaford Supermarkets. "The impact food waste has on our environment cannot be overstated. When we first established this goal, it was with the greater purpose of making a real and positive impact on

our communities. Eliminating hunger and food waste are essential to improving the world we live in."

While food recovery and donation are long-established operational practices at Hannaford, the retailer fully realized the achievement of zero food waste by partnering with Agri-Cycle, a food waste recycling company based in Scarborough, Maine, to turn food unsuitable for human and animal consumption into energy.

A leader of this space in New England, Agri-Cycle's operation includes a state-of-the-art de-packaging machine that separates expired or damaged packaged food from its container—allowing for easy recycling of food waste that would otherwise end up in a landfill due to its packaging.

Agri-Cycle regularly services Hannaford stores to pick up inedible food, which their anaerobic digesters transform into electricity that is sold back onto the grid. The anaerobic digester is located at Agri-Cycle's sister company - the five-generation family owned-and-operated Stonyvale Farms in Exeter, ME. In addition to energy, a byproduct of the process produces liquid fertilizer as well as bedding for the farm's dairy cows, resulting in a virtuous cycle.

"Hannaford is a true sustainability champion with a deep understanding of the challenges

regarding food waste recycling. Solutions are never one-process fits all," said Dan Bell, President and Co-Founder of Agri-Cycle. "By taking a multifaceted approach, Hannaford ensures they are navigating the food waste hierarchy with intent, maximizing the value of their unsold food by helping to create renewable energy while protecting the environment."

The partnership with Hannaford has enabled Agri-Cycle to expand its area of operation and make the process more accessible to other companies and organizations in the Northeast.

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Business News

Davidson, Payroll Coordinator, Named as April Employee of the Month by Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that Marcia Davidson, Payroll Coordinator, has been chosen as Employee of the Month for April, 2021. The monthly award recognizes employees who have demonstrated sustained service excellence in their respective departments and have displayed compassion, a caring approach, and continuous hard work within their community.



Marcia Davidson

As a Payroll Coordinator, Davidson is responsible for all tasks relating to payroll processing, calculating wages, detailing earnings, and preparing pay checks and deposits.

Her supervisor, Theresa Tabor, Controller, said, "Marcia goes above and beyond every day to ensure her job responsibilities are completed accurately and efficiently. Marcia is the go-to person for payroll questions and processes. She has the important job of making sure everyone gets paid and gets paid accurately. No small feat! She is always willing to help any employee who asks for her assistance and does it professionally and efficiently and in the utmost confidence.

"Marcia brings joy and laughter to our sometimes- hectic days. Mt. Ascutney Hospital and the accounting department are very lucky to have such a dedicated, knowledgeable and personable team member. Thank you for all of your efforts!"

Davidson is a resident of Windsor, Vt. She has been a member of the MAHHC staff since November 30, 2015.

NHEC Announces Summer Electric Rates

PLYMOUTH, NH —New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC) Board of Directors has approved rate changes that will result in a 1% total bill increase for most residential Co-op members.

The Co-op Power rate and Regional Access Charge are both increasing by 1%, effective May 1, 2021. The Co-op Power rate reflects the cost NHEC pays to purchase electricity from the New England power market on behalf of its members. The price NHEC pays for this power is directly passed through to NHEC members who do not purchase electricity from a competitive supplier. The Regional Access Charge reflects the cost NHEC pays transmission companies to have high voltage power delivered to its distribution system. This charge also includes a credit from revenue associated with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

The changes to the Co-op Power rate and Regional Access Charge will add an average of 60 cents to the monthly bill of a typical residential member using 500 kWh of electricity per month.

The May 1, 2021 rate changes will result in an average residential bill that is 2.9% higher than the same period in 2020. In February, NHEC reduced the Co-op Power rate to pass regional electricity market savings back to members as quickly as possible.

For more information about NHEC rates, charges and fees, please visit our website at <https://www.nhec.com/rates-tariffs/>.

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Boy Scout Troop 38 Lends Helping Hand To Charlestown Memorial VFW In Flag Retirement Ceremony

CHARLESTOWN, NH – Boy Scout Troop 38 got to learn a little bit of history on Saturday and the significance of properly retiring an American flag from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497. VFW District Commander Tom St.Pierre officiated a short ceremony with other members of the VFW before guiding the Scout Troop in the proper disposal of the American colors. The Troop learned the significance of the ceremony, its purpose, and then assisted in the retirement of approximately ninety flags that were worn, torn, or otherwise not serviceable.

“I’m glad we could come and lend a helping hand,” commented Alex Herzog, the Troop’s Scoutmaster and an Army veteran. “I look for these types of moments to help instill respect for our nation’s flag in my troop.”

After all the accrued American flags were retired, Herzog then instructed his scouts in the proper triangular folding of the flag before presenting one to the Commander of Claremont’s VFW, James England.

If the general public has an American flag that is frayed, torn, or degraded, they are encouraged to deposit that flag at their nearest Veterans of Foreign Wars Post so it may be properly retired. For Charlestown residents, there is a box outside the Post marked specifically for flags to be retired at the Charlestown Memorial VFW located on 365 Lovers Lane. For Claremont residents, American flags may

be deposited at the Claremont VFW Post located on 150 Charlestown Road.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a nationally chartered veterans service organization dedicated to assisting veterans and their family members in the community. In addition to flag retirement, the VFW also provides veteran relief services and promotes pride in service to one’s nation.



Clockwise: Scouts learn about the flag burning ceremony; flags being respectfully retired; learning how to fold a flag correctly, the burning of the flags; helping to clean up the grounds (Photos courtesy of James England).

Here's a Long-Lasting Mother's Day Gift

Mother's Day has almost arrived. As an adult, you can fully appreciate all your mother has done for you, so, on this occasion, you may be happy to give Mom flowers, candy, jewelry or something similar. But Mother's Day is here and then it's gone. Is there a longer-term gift that can make a real difference in your mother's life?

Actually, there is – the gift of knowledge for her financial future.

Specifically, there are two key areas in which you may be able to provide valuable help to your mother: long-term care and estate planning. But don't panic – you don't have to be an expert in either one of these subjects. You can, however, steer Mom – and possibly your other parent, too, if one is in the picture – in the right direction. Let's take a quick look at both these topics.

First, consider long-term care. If your mother is in good health, you may not have thought much about whether she would eventually need an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health aide. But the odds aren't necessarily in her favor: About 70 percent of adults who reach 65 will eventually require some type of long-term service and support, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. And this type of care is expensive: The annual median cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's nearly \$55,000 per year for the full-time services of a home health aide, according to a survey by the insurance company Genworth.

Unless your mother has accumulated a great deal of financial resources, she likely won't be able to pay these costs out of pocket without jeopardizing her financial independence. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small portion of these expenses.

To help your mother deal with this potential financial threat, you might want to suggest she meet with a financial professional, who can explore possible strategies and products designed to address long-term care. And the sooner, the better, because these solutions will become more expensive and challenging the older your mother gets.

The second topic you may want to bring up with your mother is her estate plan. Has she drafted a will? Has she safeguarded her wishes by creating the necessary legal documents? These could include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows her to name someone to manage her financial affairs if she becomes incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions for her if she is able to do so herself.

Having her estate plans in order can help protect your mother's finances and ensure her legacy is honored – which is almost certainly an outcome she would keenly desire. So, if your mother doesn't already have a comprehensive estate plan, encourage her to see a legal professional to start the process.

Helping your mother protect herself from the catastrophic costs of long-term care and the chaos of an inadequate estate plan may not sound like a typical Mother's Day offering, but your actions can help keep Mom in a good place in life –and that's a pretty valuable gift.

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Mount Royal Academy Announces 3rd Quarter Academic Honors

SUNAPEE, NH – Mount Royal Academy has announced academic awards for the 3rd Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year:

Grade 6

Headmaster's List: Kylie Cole, Nicholas Lavertue, Lindsey Smrkovski

High Honors: Maia Dow, Mary Walsh

Honors: Eva Gannon

Grade 7

Headmaster's List: Elyse Bowers, Will Kalpakgian

High Honors: Matthew Bissah, Warren Bugbee, Franciszek Fryckowski, Lucja Fryckowska, Edward Kanu, Harrison LaRose

Honors: Jurgen Gannon, Taylor Goodspeed, Amae Parige

Grade 8

Headmaster's List: Melody Heacock, Luke Moorehouse

High Honors: Amelia Caravan

Honors: Joseph Straniero, Nora Walsh

Grade 9

Headmaster's List: Joshua-Stephen Bissah, Claire McMennaman

High Honors: Amya Acevedo, Lauren Brewer, Peter Hogan

Honors: Isaac Bowers, Terese Klucinec, Katherine McMennaman, Sienna Regan

Grade 10

Headmaster's List: Luke Kalpakgian, Maryrose McLaughlin, Anya Moorehouse, Anna Numme, Annemarie Sweet

High Honors: Nonah Dowsett, Julia Stout

Honors: Alice Breisch, Dylon Bugbee, Garret Bugbee, Brian Heacock, Susan Kanu, Paula San Emeterio, Emma Stone

Grade 11

Headmaster's List: Caleb North, Vinzenz Vingl

High Honors: Anne Klucinec, Liam Ouellette

Grade 12

Headmaster's List: Brendan Moorehouse, Sarah Yost

High Honors: Josephine Brigham, Heather Fraioli, Emma Treece

Honors: Nicholas Hogan, Anna Yost

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The City of Claremont, NH

is requesting proposals for a Hooklift Body and Full Plow Assembly for a 2021 International HV507 SFA 4x2 Truck. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Hooklift Proposals" no later than 10:00 AM on Tuesday June 1, 2021; c/o City Manager's Office, City Hall, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont NH, 03743. They will publicly be opened and read at this time.

Unsealed, late, emailed, or faxed proposals will not be accepted. Please contact Nichole Myers at nmyers@claremontnh.com for bid packet, and call Jeremy Clay with any questions at (603) 504-0352 or email at jclay@claremontnh.com.



City Council Vacancy

The Claremont City Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacant At-Large Council seat. This is to fill the remainder of a term which will expire on December 31, 2021. All applicants must be registered voters in the City of Claremont as of the date of application. Applicants may be a resident of any Ward in the City. Letters of interest, resume, and City Boards and Commissions Application must be received at the City Manager's Office, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743, by Monday, May 17, 2021, no later than 5 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Application may be found at [Application to Serve on Board or Commission \(claremontnh.com\)](http://Application to Serve on Board or Commission (claremontnh.com))

Applicants will be interviewed by the City Council on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Selected candidate will be sworn in May 26th.

Pursuant to state law, no person may serve as City Councilor while holding the position of treasurer, moderator, trustee of trust funds, tax collector, auditor, supervisor of the checklist or who is a City employee. Additionally, no person may be a candidate for or hold public office who has been convicted of bribery or corruption in obtaining an election (NH Constitution, Article 96), or who has been sentenced for a felony until the sentence is discharged (RSA 607-A:2).

Public Notice

Claremont School Board Regular Meeting May 5, 2021 at 6:30pm

Location Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center

The Claremont School Board will be holding an in-person regular meeting. This meeting will also be broadcasted on CCTV Channel 8.

Open to the Public (in person) - limited seating

Due to Covid-19 and the health and safety of our residents, only a limited number of citizens are allowed to attend. Those in attendance will need to adhere to safety rules which include: temperature check, hand sanitizer, wearing a face mask, social distancing, and others deemed necessary. To reserve your seat, please call Melissa Small at 603-543-4200 ext. 6009.

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



Cleared Out, Building In *Sullivan House* Takes Shape

Sullivan House in downtown Claremont continues to move along its construction schedule, toward an anticipated fall opening. Gabe Bailey of general contractors Blanc & Bailey noted that rooms are being framed, the lower level's floor is being built up, and masons are taking care of the exterior brickwork.

Most of the residents will be graduates of the TRAILS program and a majority of them are from Claremont. Other potential residents of the sober housing facility could come from other treatment programs if space allows and if they meet eligibility requirements.

Left: A Bobcat unloads 3/4" stones on the lower level's dirt floor. John Hodgkins uses a device to check that the stones are being raked to a pre-determined level. Two inches of rigid insulation will be placed over the stones, and on top of that, 5 inches of concrete. The entire perimeter of the lower level will be fitted with a drainage system, as well as a radon-filled tube system to absorb gases. Right top: The construction crew frames out dormitory-style rooms on the first floor. Right bottom: Masons repair and replace bricks around a window opening. The terracotta panels in the walls have held up well for more than 100 years, and, said Gabe Bailey, the tube-like feature is an efficient insulation technique.

Text & photos by
Eric Zengota



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Sports

Cards Baseball Team Tops Royals, 9-2

The Stevens Cardinals baseball team traveled to Canaan, NH, this past Monday to take on the Mascoma Royals and returned home with a 9-2 victory.

Dylan Chambers took the mound for his first varsity start and pitched a complete game to earn his first varsity win! He allowed 5 hits, didn't walk a batter, and recorded 11 strikeouts, while giving up just a pair of runs.

Zack Bundy had a double and a triple, driving in 3 runs to lead the offense. Owen Taylor had a long double and drove in 2 runs, Caden Ferland had a big 2 RBI single, and Colby Shepard had 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Chambers also chipped in offensively, as well, with a single and an RBI, and Dominic Puksta had a single and scored a run.

Stevens is now 2-1 on the young season and will play 3 games this week, traveling to Hanover on Monday for a 5PM game, will host that same Hanover team on Wednesday in a 6PM game, and then host the Kearsarge Cougars on Saturday with a 7PM start.

Batters Up!

CYBSA Players Head to the Diamonds

CLAREMONT, NH—Saturday, May 1, was Opening Day for the Claremont Youth Baseball

& Softball Association. About 185 youngsters played 12 games on the fields in Monadnock Park, under the watchful eyes of volunteer coaches, and cheered on by family and friends. The league, a program of the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department, has teams in seven divisions. Best of all, everyone steps up to the plate.



Games are played every Saturday through June 12. Follow the league schedule at: leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=claremontsports. It's also posted at the Batter's Box concession stand in the park.

Follow the league at: [facebook.com/cybsa/](https://www.facebook.com/cybsa/).

Text and photos by Eric Zengota

SHS Softball Scores Big

The SHS Cardinals Softball team scored another big win a week ago Monday, defeating Mascoma, 25-1. The Red Birds are now 2-0 on the young season with two impressive wins. The Cards had 20 hits while pitcher Brianna Frisbee struck out six batters; she allowed two

hits and gave up no walks.

The remaining action scheduled for last week was postponed due to weather.



Division	Teams
T-Ball	Braves, Giants, Marlins, Nationals, Phillies, Pirates
Rookies Baseball	Indians, Newport Blue, Newport Red, Royals, Tigers, Twins
Minors Baseball	Angels, Athletics, Mariners, Newport Blue, Newport Green, Plainfield, Rangers
Majors Baseball	Newport Blue, Newport Pink, Plainfield, Red Sox, Yankees
8U Softball	Newport, Rockies
10U Softball	Bethel, Cardinals, Cubs, Newport, Newport Black, Newport Orange
12U Softball	CMS B, Newport, Rays

Inspiration

Three Cheers for the Coaches

By Priscilla Hull

Baseball (little league) started on May 1 at Monadnock Park in Claremont, NH. What a day. The first game was scheduled to start at 10:00 and I was there to watch my grandson. He and the other boys and girls were excited to play. I was happy to be there, but I might have wished for a slightly warmer start to the season. Never mind, though, it's good to see the Park used to its maximum, or almost maximum. Better yet, it's good to see kids of all ages out there having fun, loving to be together, showing their skills. I was surprised, many, probably most, hadn't played last year and yet they seemed confident in the field and at bat.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles lined the fences and called encouragement to the kids as they warmed up and during the game. There were a few groans, as a ball slipped under a fielder's hands, or a batter swung at a wild pitch, or a ball was thrown over the first baseman's head. Most of the noise was clapping and cheering as the kids did their best to play the game. These are, after all, little kids, 8, 9, 10 years old. They've got time to hone those skills, learning the hustle of baseball, throwing a strike, or keeping the ball in the diamond. Heck, even Raphael throws a wild one now and then!

The kids are the real stars of the game, but they are learning from a great bunch of people, their coaches. They are learning that a sport is something to enjoy. They are learning that camaraderie is the real name of the game. They are learning that if you want to succeed, you have to sacrifice some things, you have to overlook some things and you have to be supportive to even the least skilled kid on the team!

The coaches in this league I've seen for a couple of years, and in other leagues, I've watched all having the principles of good sportsmanship in mind when they're working with the kids. That makes them all heroes, in my book. After working all day, these men and women go out to the field, when they might enjoy resting in front of the tv or relaxing with the family, and work with these kids to help them learn the rules of the game, how to throw, hit and catch. They teach good sportsmanship and tolerance of the less skillful players and more. Then they risk the frustration of parents who aren't happy with their kid's performance. I know one coach who, in a championship game, started all the bench warmers who didn't play much because their skills weren't top drawer. The game proceeded and in the fourth inning the score reached 5-2 for the other team. She then started playing some of the more skilled girls. Long story short! Her team won the championship game and all of the team played! This is a coach!

We all like our kids to be stars, but a good coach can make all kids feel good about themselves. That's what the job is. Very few little leaguers go on to be high school or college or big league players, but those who are coached well in early years have a better chance.

Three cheers for these coaches! Go down to Monadnock Park on a warm, sunny Saturday or some afternoon and see some great coaches at work!

“Teach a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

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



Calendar Of Events

Spring Tea to GO!

**May 15, 11am-12pm or by appointment
Union Church (curbside), 133 Old Church
Rd, Claremont, NH**

Purchase online: <https://teatogo.eventbrite.com>.

Join us for a tea party at home! Purchase a specially curated box of teas, treats, and favors to support WCCMA. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this year's spring tea will be beautiful take-out boxes. Boxes will be available during posted hours to pick up curbside; contact us if you need a special pick-up time and we will try to accommodate you. As part of this event we will also be taking contributions to send boxes to residents at Sullivan County Health Care, in collaboration with the activities team there.

Order a box (or 2) for yourself, friends, and/or family:

Spring Tea Tour Box (\$20/each): This box will include a selection of high-quality teas from around the world (with some details about how they are traditionally served), including black tea, green tea, ceylon tea, and more. The teas will be held in a handmade fabric tea "wallet". A box of homemade treats that are popular to serve with tea in Europe, US, and Asia. Other festive favors will finish off the box.

Spring Small Sip Box (\$10/each): This selection is great for kids or to round out your own tea experience. This box will include a fine china tea cup and saucer, a selection of caffeine-free herbal and fruit teas, and a selection of sweets like scones, chocolate chip cookies, and more.

Tea for 2 (suggested contribution \$10-20): Add a contribution to sponsor a tea party for a resident at Sullivan County Health Care. A selection of tea, treats, and more.

This event is a fundraiser to support community programs at the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, wcc-ma.org.

Claremont is 'Grilling for Good' on May 8th

CLAREMONT, NH—On May 8th, the Clare-

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

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

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

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

to feed area youth.

Tickets can be purchased online starting April 5th at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

Social distanced assigned seating will be in place, and masks are required when not in your assigned seating area.

Doors open at 3:30pm.

15th TPN Steppin' Up Fundraiser

CLAREMONT, NH—National Field Representatives will partner with Turning Points Network as Honorary Chair and Lead Sponsor of the Sullivan County crisis and support cen-



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ter's 15th Steppin' Up to End Violence that culminates on Saturday, May 15, at 9:30 AM.

Known for its annual signature event, Turning Points Network has hosted hundreds of supporters walking and running through historic downtown Claremont in years past. Steppin' Up 2021 will be a virtual event, encouraging individuals, organizations and companies to raise money anywhere, anytime, any way they want – from now through May 15.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CCC Presents Program on Climate Change and the Avian Population

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Conservation Commission will present a Zoom program on May 8 from 11am-12 noon; the program is titled *The Effects of Climate Change on New Hampshire's Birds* by Pamela D. Hunt, Ph.D., Avian Conservation Biologist, NH Audubon. This program is a must for people concerned with climate change and our avian population. This program is partially funded by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

The Zoom link for the program is on the City of Claremont webpage, under government, boards and commissions, conservation commission and then public programs.

A follow-up program for citizen action will be presented by Steven Lamonde, Antioch University, an Introduction to eBird and Merlin on May 15 at 11 am – 12 noon.

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

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

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

Got Calendar News?

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo schedule for the new year: Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some semblance of normalcy. Wednesday nights 5:00 for early birds and 6:30 for regular fun and games. Currently we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. In Gov. Sununu's most recent mandate request is that when moving about the hall, please wear a face covering whenever 6' social distancing can't be maintained. While seated at the tables, masks may be removed. Be mindful that in the Gov.'s mandate there are many reasons why someone may choose to not wear a mask – and they cannot be questioned or made to prove why they choose not to; nor will they be penalized for not wearing a mask. Please be respectful of others.

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

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

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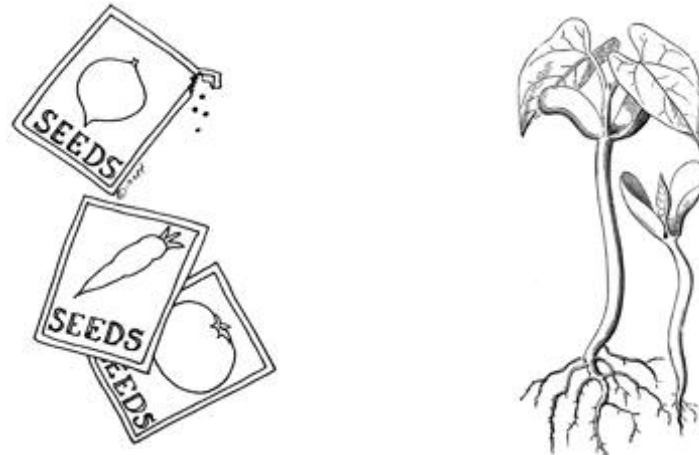
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SATURDAY, MAY 15**WEBINAR ADDRESSES****GARDEN INSECTS AND DISEASES**

Windsor--Curious if that insect in your garden is friend or foe? Or what disease may be affecting the leaves of your favorite landscape plant?

On May 15, Ann Hazelrigg, Ph.D., will share information on beneficial insects, pests and plant diseases commonly found in gardens and landscapes in spring. She also will talk about integrated pest management (IPM), a best approach pest control strategy involving the use of cultural, physical and mechanical controls with chemical pesticides only used as a last resort.

The session will take place via Zoom from 9 to 10:30 a.m. It is free for University of Vermont (UVM) Master Gardeners, Alumni, interns, and students. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pests-in-the-garden-beneficial-insects-tickets-150032157221>.

A Message from ServiceLink

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

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

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public. Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online.

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

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

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

hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily

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

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY Claremont & West Lebanon

PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

Beekeeping and Pollinators

WOODSTOCK, VT—Join us for our next program in the Billings Backyard Series: Beekeeping and Pollinators with Troy Hall of Hall Apiaries in Plainfield, NH.

Curious about keeping bees? Passionate about pollinators?. Troy will discuss the basic concepts of beekeeping and caring for hives as well as the joys one can discover keeping bees. He will also share conservation methods, what to plant and how to manage your land for the benefit of all pollinators.

This presentation is offered simultaneously on site and as an interactive live Zoom workshop on Saturday, May 15, from 10 – 11:30 AM., followed by a 30-minute Q&A period. The workshop costs \$15/person; \$10/BF&M Member. For more information on this Billings Backyard Workshop and to register, visit our website at www.billingsfarm.org/classes-workshops/ or call 802-457-2355.

Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone. We could not believe it! The seniors kept coming and filled the halls with talking, laughing, waving (distanced, of course). Good noise. We just love it! And Game Night? So much fun going on. There were two rooms with cards and the pool guys were in the house. We did hear the pool balls beat the players. All were hoping the holes were a little larger. They will be back on Thursday to try again. Come join us on Tuesdays-9am-3pm, Game Night -Tuesdays- 6pm-9pm and Thursdays 9am-3pm for the fun.

We are trying to get cribbage up and going again-probably on Tuesdays-9:30am-11:30am.

Please call the Center if you are interested. The time is "iffy". Maybe some would like an afternoon spot. Let us know. Call 543-5998. Thanks.

The Foot Clinic clinician has been so accommodating. She has added an extra day to the schedule. She will be in on the first Thursday-May 6, and the second, third and fourth Wednesdays-May 12,19 and 26. Bring those footsies right in here for relaxing pampering. Call 748-1731 for an appointment.

The Blood Drive will be on May 10. Stop in Noon-5pm. Donate a special gift to someone in need. The need is always present in the reserve area. So, don't be shy. The attendants are wonderful and will make you comfortable as you donate Call 1-800-REDCROSS for an appointment. Thank you.

Attention gentlemen!!! Sorry, ladies. The Men's Breakfast is back! Mark your calendars for Monday, May 17. Tom and the volunteers will serve pancakes, bacon or sausages, juice and coffee. Doors open at 8am. Breakfast is served at 8:15am. Members-\$2, visitors-\$3. Open to the public. An interesting guest speaker will be heard at about 8:45 or so. Come on over. Great company, good food and lousy service.

(CDC guidelines will be observed. Masks required except during eating and drinking. Four men to a table).

The Penny Sale items are starting to get restless in storage. They are waiting to get out on Sunday, July 18. Doors will open at 11am. The drawings will start at 1pm. There will be specials galore, too. We have mixed some familiar ideas with some new ones. So mark your calendars and get ready for a whole lot of fun. This is a fundraiser for the Center, so come help.

Everyone is asking about the Car Show in August. Well, we are working on it. What we need now is more volunteers. This event has grown a lot over the years. The reason it has functioned beautifully is our volunteers. So, if you can spare 2 hours for some fun, please call 543-5998. They will put you in contact with someone who will be grateful for your help. This event is a huge help to keep our Center going for our seniors.

Our rental calendar is filling up, so if you are planning an event, please call 543-5998. We will do our best to accommodate your celebration with whatever it needs for a fabulous time.

Shall we eat. We just got a glimpse of the May menu and we are hungry already. Better get these extra napkins out. Let's see what's

cooking:

Tuesday, May 4-Salad, American Chop Suey, Dessert

Thursday, May 6-Beef Stew, Biscuit, Dessert.

Take out only. Pick up -11:45am-12:15. Members-\$4, nonmembers-\$5. Call 543-5998 to reserve your meals.

This is the beginning of a great May menu!

Now, let's talk about Bingo. We are trying to get this organized to open, but we need volunteers to help run this efficiently, and make it fun and stress-less for our players. Don't like to play Bingo?? Well, come right in here and help your friends and seniors win a little money. They will leave loving you and Bingo. Call 543-5998 and volunteer.

Remember, we are now open on Tuesdays 9am-3pm, Game Night-6pm-9pm and Thursdays 9am-3pm. Grab a group of your friends and come in to play cards, games, corn hole, ping pong, pool, knit, do a puzzle or chat in Gary's Chat Corner. Mahjongg starts on Thursday, May 6. We teach.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. 543-5998. Masks required.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 4/25:

1:08 PM: Engine 3 responded to Ascutney St. for a medical call.

4:43 PM: Engine 3 responded to Maple Ave. for a possible illegal burn.

8:04 PM: Engine 3 responded to Pearl St. for a carbon monoxide detector going off.

Monday 4/26:

12:15 AM: Engine 3 responded to Maple Ave. for a medical call.

5:58 AM: Engine 3 responded to Clay Hill for a medical call.

12:07 PM: Engine 3 responded to Washington St. for a mulch fire.

Tuesday 4/27:

4:06 AM: Ladder 1 and Rescue 1 responded to Maple Ave. and Plains Rd. for a rollover motor vehicle accident.

12:27 PM: Engine 3 responded to Broad St. for an illegal burn.

4:52 PM: Engine 3 responded to Connecticut River Bend Place for a medical call.

8:25 PM: Engine 3 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

8:55 PM: Engine 3 responded to Knight St. for a medical call.

10:31 PM: Engine 3 responded to Main St. for an illegal burn.

Wednesday 4/28:

9:49 AM: Engine 3 responded to Heritage Drive for a medical call.

2:02 PM: Engine 3 responded to Winter St. for an illegal burn.

7:25 PM: Engine 3 responded to Myrtle St. for a medical call.

9:10 PM: Engine 3 responded to Heritage Drive for an odor of smoke.



Cousins Lily Dio and Kaiden Scott, both 3 years old, always have a fun time at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. Their dads, Korey Dido and Kevin Scott, brought them in last Thursday afternoon for some vigorous play time (Eric Zengota photo).

Thursday 4/29:

11:30 AM: Engine 3 responded to Broad St. for a medical call.

12:23 PM: Engine 3 responded to Myrtle St. for an odor of propane in the area.

5:49 PM: Engine 3 responded to Chestnut St. for a water problem.

5:50 PM: Engine 1 responded to Mulberry St. for a medical call.

Friday 4/30:

7:24 AM: Engine 3 responded to Main St. for a tree on wires.

1:36 PM: Engine 3 responded to Charlestown Rd. for a motor vehicle accident

Saturday 5/1:

9:14 AM: Engine 3 responded to Winter St. for a medical call.

6:42 PM: Engine 3 responded to Maple Ave. for a medical call.

9:54 PM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in “real time,” as they are released by funeral homes. We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

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Jacqueline Ford, 56

Jacqueline Ford, 56, died peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends on April 30, 2021. She was born in Hartford, CT, on June 24, 1964.

She spent her free time enjoying music and spending time with her children and grandson.

She is survived by her brother, Thomas P. Ford, her children, Jonathan Marro, Jessica Marro, and Chelsea Melna, and her grandson, Julius Marro-Cashman.

She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas G. Ford and his wife, Mary Jane Ford.

Calling hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont on Wednesday afternoon, May 5th, from 2 to 4PM.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday morning, May 6th, at St. Mary Church in Claremont at 11AM. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the funeral home and Ford family ask all attending the visitation and service to abide with all regulations and please wear a mask and use social distancing.

George Morton, 75

George Morton, 75, died peacefully at home in Claremont, NH, on April 24, 2021, sur-

rounded by family.

George was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Morton of Claremont, daughter Melissa Hall and husband Jason Hall, son Craig Morton and wife Trina Morton, son Tony Morton, son Brian Morton and wife Angela Morton, daughter Kelly Sheridan and husband Anthony Sheridan, daughter Kristy Morton, son Glen Morton and wife Donna Morton; 19 grandchildren: Justin DeGuise, Darren Morton, Seth Hall, Julianna Morton, Donna Morton, Austin Morton, Nikolas Morton, Alexis Morton, Katherine Barbour, Kaleb Barbour, Abbygail Morton, Ava Sheridan, Anthony Sheridan Jr., Dakota Short, Jacob Fligg, Kianna Morton, Mystic Morton, Grace Burns, Barton Burns.

He leaves behind many nieces, nephews and extended family that he cared deeply about and loved.

A graveside service was held Saturday, May 1st, Mountain View Cemetery, Claremont NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Cornish Community Wide Yard Sale

When: Saturday June 12th, 2021 10am-3pm
(Rain date Sunday June 13th, 2021)

Where: The Cornish Fairgrounds.

Who : Cornish residents will be given priority until May 8. Any available fairground spots will be opened to nonresidents beginning May 23rd until all slots are filled.

There will be two options to participate for a \$10 fee: Option one: A 15 foot x 15 foot square to sell your stuff. There are limited spaces available, so be sure to sign up right away!

Option two: Your home address marked on a map available to shoppers who want to travel to additional locations. The map will be distributed from the yard sale at the Cornish Fairgrounds.

All proceeds will benefit the new Dairy Barn being built at the Cornish Fairgrounds.

If you are interested in either yard sale option, email Cathy Parks at cshsap@msn.com. There will be a space at the fairgrounds selling items to benefit next year's Community Skating Rink. If you have items that you would like to donate, please email Melissa Drye at msdrye@comcast.net.

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-Dr. Sam Giveen

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The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.

To join the webinar:

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

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Or by telephone: 1-646-558-8656 Webinar ID: 879 1605 6352 Passcode: 739587

If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-542-7002.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of April 14 and 28, 2021, City Council Meetings
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24))
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Legislative Update
- 7:15 PM B. Selection Process for Boards, Committees and Commissions
- 7:25 PM C. Focus Areas to Support Priority Areas
- 7:35 PM D. Sullivan County ATV Club Class V Roads Permission – Public Hearing
- BREAK
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:05 PM A. Southwestern Community Services – Transportation Presentation (City Manager)
- 8:20 PM B. Audit Presentation (City Manager)
- 8:35 PM C. Accept Grant from Factory Mutual Global – Fire Prevention Program (City Manager)
- 8:45 PM D. Ordinance 583 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article X Solar Ordinance – First Reading (City Manager)
- 9:00 PM H. Budget Presentation and Overview (City Manager)
- 9:15 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:20 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:25 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:30 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom.

Spring Tea to-Go

SATURDAY MAY 15TH 11AM-12PM

Pick up location: **UNION CHURCH**
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Join us for a tea party at home!

Purchase a specially curated box of teas, treats, and favors to support WCCMA.

Tea Tour Box \$20/each | **Spring Small Sip Box** \$10/each

Tea for 2 sponsor a tea party for a resident at Sullivan County Health Care

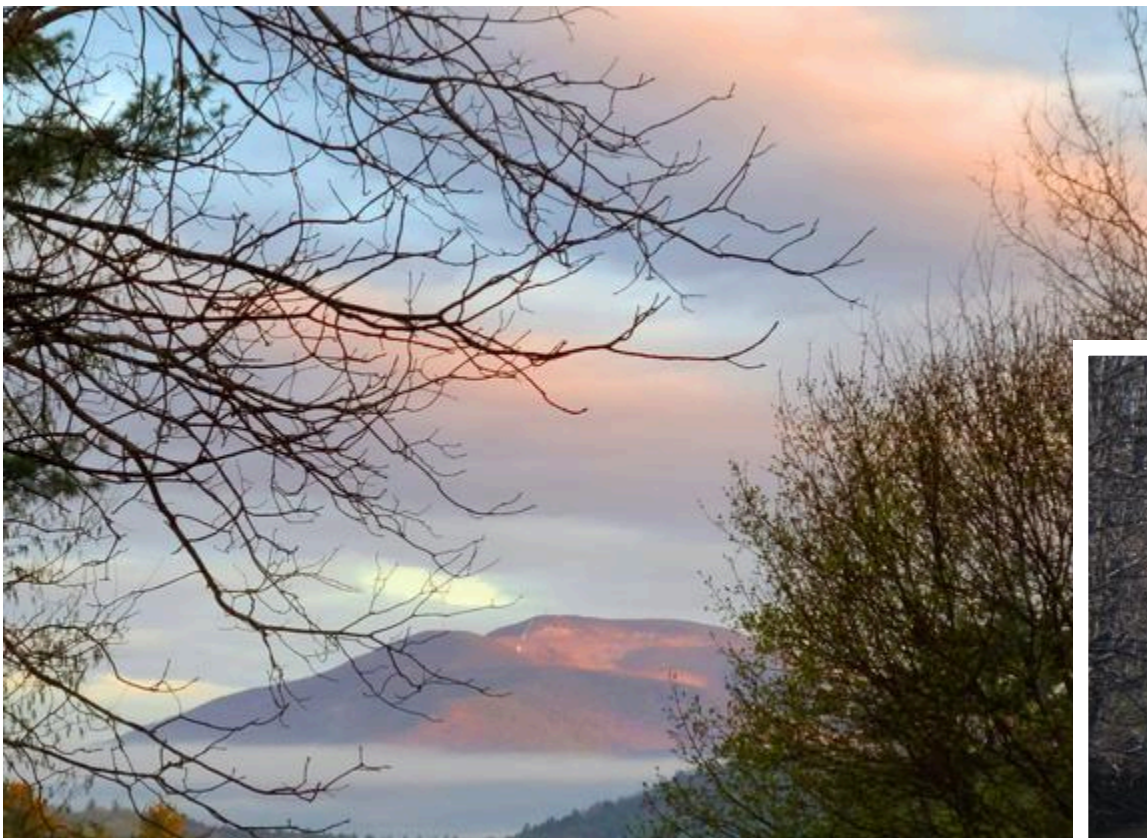
Reservations suggested by May 9th | Register at teatogo.eventbrite.com

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Left: Hearing the roaring waters of Pollards Mills Falls in Newport from their home, Bill and Nancy Wilmot took their grandchildren to see Mother Nature grinding away the granite walls. Right: Tim Vezina captured this pastoral view at the top of Bible Hill Road in Claremont. His wife, Paige, their dog, Silo, and their horse, Patch, are looking forward to many long summer evenings.



Just after dawn and right before coffee ... fog and a bit of a chill and pink all around ... ~ Eric Zengota

A view of the blue Sugar River from the Bobby Woodman Trail in Claremont, the river quietly curving its way around the banks adorned with budding trees as Spring settles in with renewed growth (Janet Peirce photo).



Homage to Spring