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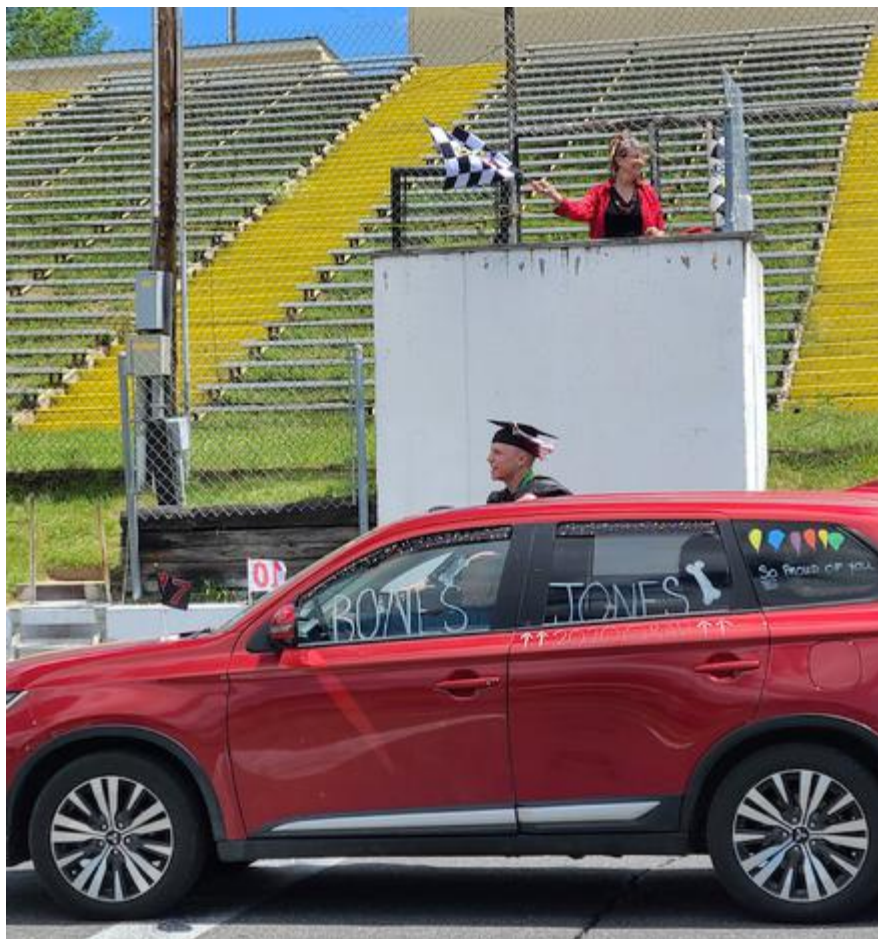
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June 15, 2020

‘Start Your Engines!’

2020 Stevens Graduates Drive Off Into Their Futures



Left: SHS Principal Pat Barry waves the checkered flag for each graduate as they leave the racetrack following graduation ceremonies; right: Classmates share graduation day, making memories and sharing chatter and laughter (Eric Zengota photos).

By Eric Zengota, e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont’s Stevens High School has 126 new “instant alumni.” On Saturday, the graduating seniors and their families took part in — and evidently enjoyed — a unique ceremony. Students cheered and car horns blasted as rock music propelled a parade of vehicles around the track of the Claremont Motorsports Park both before and after the handing out of diplomas.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, with social distancing and health-and-safety guidelines in place, SHS principal Patricia Barry as well as school and district staff planned and executed a flawless 3-hour ceremony. The event was livestreamed on Facebook through the Claremont School District’s page, bringing in viewers from across the region, country and even the world. In pre-recorded speeches broadcast live by local

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NH Stay-At-Home Order Expires Today

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CONCORD, NH—Thursday, NH Governor Chris Sununu announced that the Stay-At-Home Order will expire on June 15 and the state will transition to a Safer-At-Home advisory. Today's action also removes the social gathering limitation of 10 people or less and also removes the "concept of essential vs. non-essential businesses".

The following industries have been provided with new, flexed guidance under which to operate:

Amateur Sports
Bowling & Entertainment Centers
Charitable Gaming
Funeral Homes
Gyms
Libraries

Motorcycle Rides
Museums & Art Galleries
Outdoor Attractions
Outdoor Race Tracks
Pools
Restaurants
Road Races
Tourist Trains
Weddings

On June 22, Day Camps can operate under new, flexed guidelines.

On June 28, Overnight Camps can operate under new, flexed guidelines.

On June 29, the following industries have been provided with new, flexed guidance under which to operate. Specific guidelines for these industries are still being considered:

Indoor Movie Theaters
Performing Arts
Amusement Parks

For complete details on guidelines, visit <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>.

City Cancels July 4th Fireworks Due to COVID-19 Concerns

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—It appears that annual fireworks shows to mark the 4th of July are yet another casualty of COVID-19. The oohs and aahs will have to wait as community after community cancels these annual delights. At Wednesday night's council meeting, city manager Ed Morris announced that Claremont is

also
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its annual display. Noting that Lebanon has just recently cancelled as well, Morris said that he had concerns that with surrounding communities cancelling, it was likely that the usual huge crowd attending Claremont's show could easily double if it were the only display in the area being offered and that there was no way to enforce safe public health measures.

While most councilors expressed disappointment but support for the decision, Councilor Jonathan Stone did not and made a motion to direct the city manager to have the fireworks as normally scheduled, saying in part, "given the situation that everything is opening back up, including restaurants. Fireworks are important to a lot of citizens of Claremont. If we can have protests going on, I don't see any reason why we can't have fireworks going on... [This is a] celebration of freedoms and liberties, but yet we're going to cancel them when everything else is opening up again. I think a lot of people are playing into the whole fear thing."

Other councilors pointed out that while the protests have drawn only around 100 people per gathering, the annual fireworks display draws 1,000-2,000 people, numbers that could easily be much larger this year. Councilor Erica Sweetser said she agreed with Stone and thought that with precautions the City could "mitigate the risk."

Councilor Andrew O'Hearne suggested putting on a smaller, five-minute show, but Morris said that such a display would likely not be cost-effective as a short program since most of the cost is associated with set-up and permits. He added that the logistics of keeping people in cars would be a challenge, and meeting NH guidelines for fireworks would not allow people in the park as usual.

Stone's motion was defeated; he was the only "yes" vote.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

10-Year Transportation Plan Goes Nowhere



Last week's meeting of the New Hampshire House of Representatives may have been historic, but it wasn't very productive.

On June 11 the House convened for approximately four and half hours at the Whittemore Center, normally an ice hockey arena, at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, a meeting which was the first time since the Civil War that we representatives had convened outside the State House in Concord. This gathering was arranged by House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff so as to better protect the health of us House members and staff. This was because Whittemore Center was a more spacious area than the House Chamber, an area in which representatives' seats could be placed six feet apart from one another so as to practice "social distancing." All House members and staff were required to wear masks or face shields as well, or be seated in separate sections away from those wearing such PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

Nevertheless, only one House bill was approved. Also approved were concurrences on Senate amendments to four earlier-passed House bills, as well as a resolution honoring the late George Floyd, an African-American senselessly murdered in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25 by a police officer. The remaining House and Senate measures, totaling approximately 46, were blocked from even being debated. They were blocked because House Republicans, led by Merrimack's Richard Hinch, defeated by a 199-143 roll call vote a request by House Democratic Leadership to suspend the House rules so as to set new final deadlines for the House to act on all measures in the 2020 Session. Though there were 199 "yes" votes to suspend the previous rules, the 199 were not the required two-thirds majority vote necessary in order to approve this suspension. The suspension was necessary because the House had halted the 2020 Session March 15 because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the previous final deadline for House action on all measures had been June 4. Rep. Hinch claimed that the blocking was done because House Democratic Leadership had not consulted him and other leading House Republicans about the new deadlines, a claim that Speaker Shurtleff vigorously denied. After this general suspension was rejected, there were ten other attempts to suspend the rules on separate pieces of legislation. All failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority, except for one successful rules suspension, which led to the passage of the one bill mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph.

More specifically, this bill was House Bill 1717, sponsored by a bipartisan group of 10 representatives led by Hudson's Andrew Prout, a Re-

publican. It would permit restaurants, bars, as well as beer vendors to sell their existing inventory of draft beer in cans and refillable containers during a "State of Emergency". The rules suspension in order to allow its introduction was adopted by an overwhelming 256-84 roll call vote, and it later passed by a decisive 243-92 roll call vote after a brief floor debate. It now goes to the New Hampshire Senate for further examination.

Ironically, one of these nine failed attempts to suspend the rules on an individual measure was spearheaded by Republican Leader Hinch himself. It was an attempt to allow for the introduction of a House bill that would eliminate the business tax triggers agreed to as part of the bipartisan agreement on last year's operating budget. This was an agreement reached between House and Senate Democrats as well as Gov. Christopher Sununu, and later endorsed by House and Senate Republicans like Rep. Hinch which stipulated that business taxes would increase by small specified percentages if these taxes failed to raise enough revenue by 2021. But Rep. Hinch said that such triggers should be eliminated now so as to help New Hampshire businesses hurt by the economic downturn resulting from the pandemic. But House Democratic Leader Douglas Ley of Jaffrey said it was premature to eliminate the triggers, and the Legislature should wait until later this year in order to determine how much revenue state government will lose because of the downturn. Rep. Hinch's attempt did not even garner a simple majority with a roll call vote of only 154 votes in favor, and 174 opposed.

Several measures concerning contemporary issues were rejected because the separate attempts to suspend the rules so as to allow their late introduction and debate failed for lack of a two-thirds majority. They included two pandemic-related measures. First was a proposed House Joint Resolution, which would have had the force of law. This resolution sponsored by Rep. Prout would have restricted a governor's emergency powers after she or he declares a "State of Emergency", like the State of Emergency declared by Gov. Sununu on March 13 in response to the pandemic. But the proposed rules suspension in order to introduce this joint resolution failed with only 57 roll call votes in favor, and 280 votes against. The resolution's overwhelming defeat occurred after Londonderry Rep. Sherman Packard, a fellow Republican, said that many of the Governor's previously-enacted emergency powers would be eliminated or modified by the end of this month, a fact that was confirmed by Gov. Sununu later on June 11 in a press conference.

The second related measure rejected by the House was CACR (Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution) 21. A proposed amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution introduced by Speaker Shurtleff that would have permitted the House and Senate to meet via a virtual platform like ZOOM, if the United States President or Governor declared a "State of Emergency." But despite a personal plea from the Speaker, who temporarily stepped down from presiding over the House to speak on the amendment's behalf, the rules suspension so as to allow consideration went down with only 197 roll call votes in favor, and

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Rep. Cloutier, from A4

143 opposed.

George Floyd’s recent murder also led to two separate unsuccessful requests to suspend rules so as to permit debate on relevant legislation. The first request by Seabrook Rep. Max Abramson, a Republican, for a bill on over-sentencing and racial profiling, didn’t even garner a simple majority-getting only 68 positive roll call votes, with 266 opposed. But a more comprehensive measure on racial profiling and unconscious bias by law enforcement requested by Hampton Rep. Reny Cushing, a Democrat, who is also Chair of the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, was also rejected, though it at least received a simple majority. The roll call was 201 in favor, and 140 opposed.

However, the most personally disappointing attempt was the one I had the honor of leading. This attempt was when I made a motion for a rules suspension so as to allow for consideration of House Bill 2020, which is the biennial update to New Hampshire 10-Year Transportation Plan. As Chair of the House Public Works & Highways Committee and the bill’s prime sponsor, I believed the bill was an important enough measure that we representatives should have at least debated it. I argued that during my House career, we representatives had always passed a 10-Yr. Plan over to the Senate. I also stated that the bill was the result of nearly a year’s work of meetings and public hearings around the state, including one last September in Claremont, where citizen input was received. Finally, I mentioned that it had received an overwhelming bipartisan recommendation from my committee. But my motion still failed to get a two-thirds roll call majority, going down with only 211 “Yes’ votes, and 120 “Nos”.

In summary, we in the House were willing to suspend our rules so as to make it easier for people to take home their left-over draft beer home during a “State of Emergency”. But because of what I believe is hyper-partisanship on the part of many of my fellow Republican representatives, we weren’t willing to suspend the rules so as to at least consider what our state’s transportation priorities should be over the next 10 years. How sad. **Email: jocloutier@comcast.net**

Shaheen & Hassan Lead Bipartisan Push for Community Health Center Funding Amid COVID-19

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH), along with a bipartisan group of 39 colleagues, called for the Senate to support community health centers in the next COVID-19 relief legislation. Community health centers provide Granite Staters with vital health care services, including primary care, behavioral health care and testing for COVID-19.

In a letter to Senators Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Patty Murray (D-WA), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee Subcommittee that funds the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, the Senators wrote, “Community health centers provide affordable care to more than 29 million patients, including 385,000 veterans and 8.7 million children nationwide. These centers play a critical role in responding to the pandemic, offering coronavirus testing, primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, and other services to our nation’s most vulnerable patients.”

Shaheen recently highlighted funding for community health centers as a critical health care-related priority in future coronavirus response legislation. In May, Shaheen and Hassan and the rest of the New Hampshire delegation announced more than \$2.4 million to expand COVID-19 testing in New Hampshire community health centers. In April, the New Hampshire delegation announced the award for more than \$6.8 million in supplemental grants for New Hampshire community health centers provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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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.

Public Urged to Wear Masks

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

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – June 14, 2020

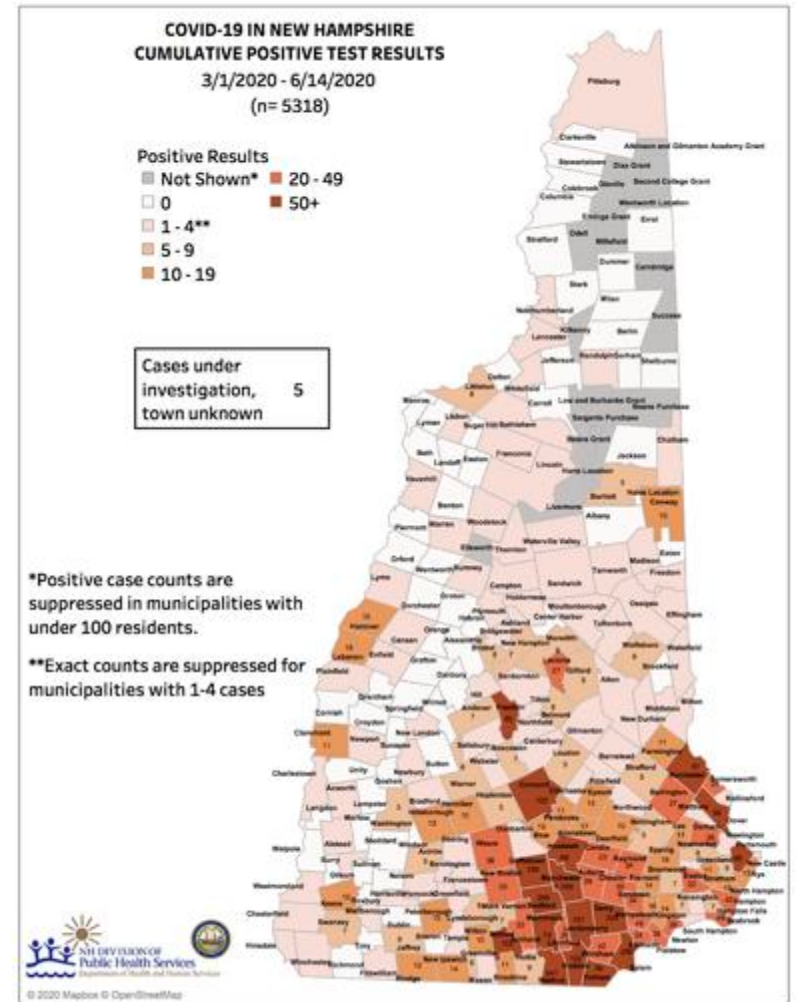
CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, June 14, 2020, DHHS announced 21 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 5,318 cases of COVID-19 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 three individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 57% being female and 43% being male.

The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (9), Rockingham (3), and Strafford (1) counties, and in the city of Manchester (8).

There are 5 current cases in Claremont, per DHHS.

There were no new hospitalized cases identified for a total of 513 (10%) of 5,318 cases. None of the new cases had unidentified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the cases have



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	74	1.4%	10	1.9%	1	0.3%
Carroll	Total	49	0.9%	8	1.6%	0	0.0%
Cheshire	Total	60	1.1%	10	1.9%	2	0.6%
Coos	Total	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grafton	Total	76	1.4%	7	1.4%	1	0.3%
Hillsborough	Manchester	1,399	26.3%	148	28.8%	90	28.1%
	Nashua	541	10.2%	44	8.6%	27	8.4%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	1,002	18.8%	86	16.8%	88	27.5%
	Total	2,942	55.3%	278	54.2%	205	64.1%
Merrimack	Total	391	7.4%	39	7.6%	18	5.6%
Rockingham	Total	1,412	26.6%	138	26.9%	79	24.7%
Strafford	Total	278	5.2%	19	3.7%	13	4.1%
Sullivan	Total	25	0.5%	4	0.8%	1	0.3%
Unknown	Total	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total		5,318	100.0%	513	100.0%	320	100.0%

Data as of: 6/14/2020

had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced 2 additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends. 2 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older.

Elm Wood Center Confirms COVID-19 Cases

Dr. Richard Feifer, Chief Medical Officer of Genesis Healthcare, confirmed last week that “To date, Elm Wood Center [in Claremont] has had one resident and four employees test positive for COVID-19. I can assure you that we are working round the clock to keep our patients and residents healthy and as safe as possible. We are doing everything in our power – and everything medical experts know as of at this time – to protect our patients, residents and employees.”

He went on to say in an email that the facility is following guidelines as set forth by the CDC “and the NH Department of Health in an effort to contain and minimize the spread of the virus.”

CLAREMONT STRONG

The **Board of Assessing** has decided to authorize the City to create a simplified application process in order to address abatements of interest on taxes for COVID related hardships. This decision is based on Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #25. The Assessing department will be working on creating a simplified application that will be released once completed.

Businesses that **need masks** can order them at https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8451. There is a 4-5 day turn-around time to receive them at the DMV in Newport.

The Community Center will be opening soon. The Parks & Rec Facebook page is offering up some fun family activities. Check details on its Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.

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

The **Claremont Police and Fire Departments** are open and available for information or questions. Please maintain safe distancing if possible during this time.

Changes to COVID-19 testing Facility- With the low number of tests being conducted at the State testing Centers, the State has made changes to the testing procedure. People can now register for a test a test online at https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8479, or call 603-271-5980.

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

While the nice weather and long period of isolation call out for some time with friends and family, please continue to follow the basic rules on 6' distancing and handwashing. The CDC continues to recommend people wear masks when they are interacting with others, particularly where crowds may gather such as grocery or hardware stores. There are additional requirements for mask re-

quirements as the state flexes open more businesses and industries. Visit <https://www.-covidguidance.nh.gov/>.

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ments can be made on-line at <https://www.eb2gov.com/eb2gov.dll/TownLaunch?town-code=006>.

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Graduation, from A1

radio station WCNL, SAU6 school superintendent Michael Tempesta congratulated the seniors, noting how the unusual ceremony was a microcosm of everything that has had to change in society at large. Following him, teachers introducing the top students praised their persistence in the classroom and their athletic, artistic and social-service contributions to their school and the Claremont community.

Those students offered reflections and aspirations. Salutatorian Michelle Holvani said, "We become the images of what we imagine," and told her classmates to "take the steps you need to become the person you want to be." Co-valedictorian Nathan Savo was grateful for the friendships, some of which began in preschool; "the world is a canvas," he said, "and only you hold the paintbrush." Co-valedictorian Kaitlyn Cox expressed gratitude to her family and the many teachers who supported her through challenging times, remarking, "Who would have thought I would have ended up here?"

The list of names of all the graduates was read over the loudspeaker; during the ceremony a moment of silence was held for two former classmates who had passed: Elijah Smith and Triston Hannon.

After the seniors had switched their tassels from right to left, Barry sent them off with closing remarks. "You are more appreciative, involved and empathetic than ever because of the challenges you've met and overcome. You're the generation that will eradicate racism, inequality and bigotry. Ride that wave



Clara Avery opened the ceremony by singing the National Anthem. She also received the annual Edgar L. Lord Faculty Award, the choice announced live and the only award given at graduation (Eric Zengota photos).



of change right into the history books." She imagined that when, many years from now, they look back on their final, pandemic-shadowed semester, it will be "a mere blip on the radar of a life well lived."

Then Barry called out, "Start your engines!" — and waved the checkered flag for every graduate passing by the flagger's stand on their academic victory lap.

Also participating in the event was Tech Center director Alex Herzog who drove the pace car in which were seated the junior class marshals, president Prescott Herzog and vice-president Julia Tursky.

The Stevens High School 2020 graduates:

Kaliegh Elizabeth Adams, Castleton University
 Alexis Marie Aiken, River Valley Community College
 Alexander Scott Amell, Employment
 Gabriel Marcus Amell, Employment
 Izaha Bradley Amell, Employment
 Clara Sage Avery, The Culinary Institute of America
 Michaela Danielle Baker, Employment / Empire Beauty School
 Callaway Megan Barrette, University of Alabama
 Amber Rayne Barry, Colby-

Sawyer College

Evan Thomas Belaire, Employment
 Alexis Ryan Beltran, Employment
 Cole Joseph Berube, River Valley Community College
 Quentin Taylor Bicknell, University of Maine-Orono
 Gregory James Billiel, Undecided
 Lauren Elizabeth Birney, Franklin Pierce University
 Matthew David Bliss, Rochester Institute of Technology
 Tyler James Bonneau, Franklin Pierce University
 Sylvia Isabella Bouchard, Employment
 Christopher Richard Boutilier, White Mountain Community College
 Tanner Raegan Brown, Colby-Sawyer College
 Jerlynn Abigail Burke, Employment & Continuing Education
 Nikki Marie Caisse, Employment
 Fionah Carlin Carbee, Middlebury College
 Cayla May Carpia, University of Findlay
 Jaclynn Crystal Carrier, Nursing
 Erika Lyn Chaloux, Military / Air Force
 Kaitlin Erin Cox, University of California Santa Barbara
 Riley Mae Craig, St. Michael's College
 Joshua James Cutler, Penn State University
 Scotlyn Elizabeth Daignault, Employment
 Ariel Rose Dashnaw, Employment
 Tucker Rion Derosier, Employment
 Abigail Katherine Dickinson, Undecided
 Hayden Osborne Dowd, Air Force
 Melissa Rose Dube, Undecided

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The SHS graduation was livestreamed on Facebook Saturday, enabling viewers from across the region, country the world to watch the event in real time (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

Graduation, from A8

Triston Andrey Egnor, Employment
 Lexi Rose Eitapence, Franklin Pierce University
 Emily Elizabeth Engerman, Employment
 Gabriel George Faucher, Employment
 Edward Enrique Ferland, Undecided
 Zach Fisher, Employment
 Duncan Ulysses Florence, Employment
 Alison Lynn Friend, American Musical & Dramatic Arts Academy
 Michael Aaron Gaspar, Employment
 Sarah Christine George, Employment
 Jasmine Marie Gleason, Keene State College
 Serenity Mia-Rose Gorecki, Keene State College
 William Thomas Greco, Employment
 Ciara Roslyn Gregory, Central Connecticut St.
 Ellee Ann-Louise Grenier, Plymouth State University
 Levi Nicole Grogan, Employment
 Samantha Rose Hagar, Penn State University
 Katelyn Marie Hargon, Montserrat College of Art
 Michelle Jilana Holvani, Embry-Riddle
 Brennan William Huntoon, River Valley Community College
 Matthew David Jones, Northern Vermont University
 Haleigh Rose Judd, Southern Maine Community College
 Matthew Ryan Knowlton, University of New Hampshire
 Liberty Abigail Laarman, University of New Hampshire
 Hailee Renae LaFont, Plymouth State University
 Dustin Joseph Lallo, Employment
 Morgan Patricia Lamb, Paul Mitchell School
 Jarrett Charles LaPointe, Employment
 Donald George Lavalette III, Employment
 Hannah Diane Lavalette, St. Lawrence University
 Fallon Nichole Lavertue, Mass. College of Art and Design
 Alexander Lee Lightkep, Employment
 Rylee Ann Little, University of New Hampshire
 Riley Jakob Mann, Employment
 Jenna Nicole March, Plymouth State University
 Phillip Allen Mason, Allegheny College
 Keaghan Leo Fredrick McAllister, University of New England - Biddeford
 Kassie Maire Melcher, Undecided
 Sydney Eva Miller, Johnson and Wales University

Mckenzie Lynne Moody, Johnson and Wales University
 Haleigh Skye Moore, Employment
 Lucas Alan Mudge, Employment
 Meghan Emily Mullane, Colby-Sawyer
 Brianna Lynn Nemi, Keene State
 Brian Patrick Noyes, Continuing Education
 Anna Marie O'Hara, Employment
 Christian Matthew Page, Undecided
 Hunter Philip Paradis, Lakes Region Community College
 Raymond Parizo, River Valley Community College
 Dennis Michael Peaslee, Employment
 Mariah May Pelland, Johnson and Wales University
 Sophya Danyel Kathryn Perron, River Valley Community College
 George -Li Chhorn Prach, University of Maine-Orono
 Miki Lynn Putnam, Employment
 Charles Lee Ray, Employment
 Andrew Jason Remick, Military / Army
 Dakota Leo Remick, Military / Army
 Nathan Michael Rhoades, Employment
 Brenden Tyler Richardson, Becker College
 Charles Clarence Richardson, Employment
 Jalyssa Marie Robbins, River Valley Community College
 Caleb Christopher Royce, University of New Hampshire
 Kendra Ribeiro Russell, Utica College
 Reese Therin Ryan, Keene State College
 Colin James Sabalewski, Employment
 Nicole Lynne Salls, Colby-Sawyer
 Nathan James Savo, Dartmouth College
 Ivry Louise Hope Sawyer, Employment & Continuing Education
 Savannah Opal Schofield, River Valley Community College
 Laura Sara Sharples, Clarkson University
 Mikayla Emily Simonds, River Valley Community College
 Alexander Dean Simoneau, Employment
 Logan Dela Cruz Steadman, Keene State College
 Autumn Hannah Stickney, Champlain College
 Meredith Olivia Strout, Em-

ployment
 Madison Elizabeth Sucharzewski, Utah Valley University
 Tyler Tyrese Sullivan, River Valley Community College
 Samuel Peter Sweet, Northern Vermont University
 Jared Riley Sylvester, River Valley Community College
 Alex Jay Taylor, Lasell College
 Meaghan Elizabeth Taylor, Southern Maine Community College
 Molly Elizabeth Taylor, Colby-Sawyer College
 Chaylen Jon Tejada, Keene State College
 Riya Thapa, River Valley Community College
 Grace Ann Thornton, River Valley Community College
 Joshua Everett Thurber, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Victoria Abigale Tillman, Employment
 Abigail Anne Williams, Wentworth Institute of Technology
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iFixit is building a central resource for maintenance and repair of hospital equipment. This is an attempt to centralize all the documentation and resources necessary to keep these life saving machines operating and to help the biomedical technicians who service them working as efficiently as possible when machines need repair.

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

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

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'No Justice, No Peace'

Black Lives Matter Protests Start Up in Claremont

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH— Two gatherings last week in Claremont's Broad Street Park gave participants the chance to decry the death of George Floyd while in Minneapolis police custody and demonstrate for systemic societal changes that would promote racial equality.

On Monday, June 8, more than 100 people brandished hand-lettered signs, led chants, pumped fists and shared their thoughts on a movement that began in Minneapolis, spread across the United States and traveled around the globe. About 30 protestors were at the park on Friday, June 12. On both evenings, many drivers going by triple-tapped their horns to show solidarity with the rally's message. A few caustic counter-shouts of "All lives matter" were answered by "Then black lives matter."

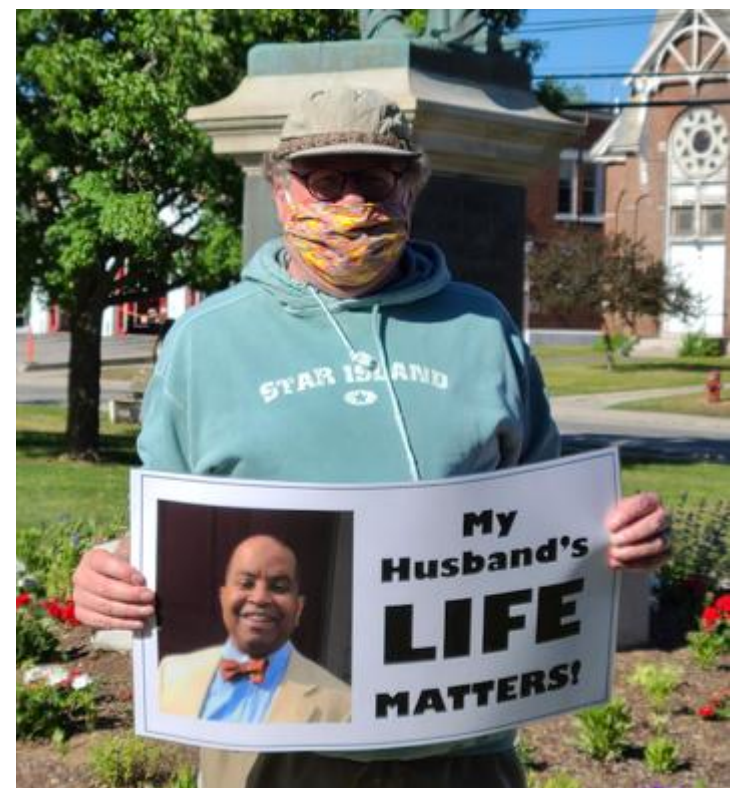
Ray Curren remarked that the Friday protest would show that "demonstrating for this important issue is not a one-time thing. These are informal gatherings, there's no group organizing them. I just want to ensure that everyone is safe here in Claremont, because there have been times when they haven't been."

Mike Backman traveled from Quechee, VT, in support of his husband, Steve Swayne.



Top left: "After so many centuries of open racism, change is necessary," said Ralston Blair (left). "Racism has helped neither blacks nor whites. We need to open up minds, and it's best for all of us to put racism down."

Top right: Monday's large gathering was sparked by a single Facebook post by Brittney Hammond, who felt "It was simply the right thing to do." She was joined by her husband, Tyler, and their son.



Photos by Eric Zengota

Claremont Middle School Grade 8 Student Recognition

Outstanding Achievement In Eighth Grade Mathematics: Lucas Belisle, Kiley Bundy, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders, Elise Smith

Outstanding Achievement In Honors Algebra I: Henry Mulloy

Exceptional Effort In Eighth Grade Mathematics: Shirley Butterfield, Mackenzie Gaunt, Isabelle Gleason

Exceptional Effort In Honors Algebra I: Rowan Brothers, Cameron Ferland

Most Improved In Mathematics: Zandria Colburn, Gabriel Wyman

Remote Learning Rock Star In Honors Algebra I: Ariana Carr

Remote Learning Rock Star In Eighth Grade Mathematics: Grace Burns

Outstanding Achievement In Language Arts: Izabela Eitapence, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders, Elise Smith, Grace Sorter

Most Improved Overall In Language Arts: Kiley Bundy, Grace Burns

Most Improved In Language Arts - Remote Learning: Shirley Butterfield, Zandria Colburn, Mercedes VanGuilder, Kayleigh Young

Read 40 Challenge - High Achievement: Teresa Bagetis, Rowan Brothers, Shirley Butterfield, Ariana Carr, Koledyn Casey, Izabela Eitapence, Hannah Geil, Isabelle Gleason, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders, Elise Smith

Overall Excellence In Science: Evin Laplante, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders

Exceptional Effort in Science: Angelia Lin, Kiara Wildgoose

Most improved in Science: Zandria Colburn, Gabriel Wyman

Outstanding Achievement In Economics: Ariana Carr, Hannah Geil

Outstanding Achievement In U.S. Civics: Jason Demars, Maya Rice, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders

Outstanding Achievement In U.S. Geography: Isabelle Gleason, Maya Rice

Outstanding Achievement In U.S. History: Cameron Ferland, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders

Overall Achievement In The Unified Arts Program: Peyton Jones, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders

Library Media Center Recognition Award: Isabelle Gleason

Excellence in Band Award: Ariana Carr, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders

Unsung Hero Band Award: Cameron Cummings, Angelina Lin, Henry Mulloy, Alexander Picard, Brayden Rostron

Southwest District Festival Recognition For Band: Ariana Carr

Excellence In Chorus Award: McKenzie Baker, Ariana Carr

Unsung Hero Chorus Award: Rhianna'Jo McClay

Southwest District Festival Recognition For Chorus: McKenzie Baker, Bella Kennett

Builders Club Service Leadership Award: Shawna Brusco

Yearbook Cover Contest Winner: Hannah Geil, Logan Vowell

Lynn Ferland Sportsmanship Award: Mason Ferland, Maya Rice

Perfect Attendance 2019-2020 School Year: Teresa Bagetis, Kiley Bundy, Kurtis Chaloux, Madalyn Minckler, Eva Sarapin

Claremont Middle School Medal Of Honor: Ariana Carr, Izabela Eitapence, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders

President's Award For Outstanding Academic Excellence: Ariana Carr, Izabela Eitapence, Isabelle Gleason, Ryleigh Riggs-Sanders

President's Award For Outstanding Academic Achievement: Kayleigh Young

American Citizenship Award: Zachery Bascom, Peyton Jones, Rhianna'Jo McClay, Abigail Richards

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SPRING PAVING PROJECTS

Beginning June 17, 2020, paving projects will begin on Broad Street and Sugar River Drive. Every effort will be made to not affect the flow of traffic.

On June 22, 2020, paving projects will continue on Broad Street, and begin on Belding Street, Breck Avenue, and Alexander Avenue. Please expect delays.

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Happy Father's Day, Dad, Dad, Dad and Dad

2019 Was a Banner Year for Babies

Last year, four members of the Claremont Fire Department became fathers, three for the first time. Preparing to celebrate this year's Father's Day are (from left) firefighter Calvin Limoges holding Delina, 17 months; captain Jim Chamberlain and Kennedy, who just turned 1 year old; firefighter Mike Snide with Madelyn, who also just celebrated her first birthday; and firefighter Kyle Lizotte with Avery, 7 months. Limoges, Chamberlain and Lizotte are the first-time dads (Eric Zengota photo).



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Council Passes Resolution that Encourages the Wearing of Face Masks

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At Wednesday night's council meeting, the City Council passed a resolution to encourage wearing masks in public places. The resolution reads in part: "...that it hereby strongly encourages the public to wear masks in public places in accordance with CDC guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic."

The move follows an earlier discussion at the May 27 council meeting when the council voted to adopt such a resolution; the document is non-binding, meaning that citizens cannot be mandated to wear face masks.

Councilor Nick Koloski, one councilor who would go on to vote against the resolution, said that he couldn't "support this because I think it causes confusion," adding that most people don't understand the difference between ordinances and resolutions. Councilor Erica Sweetser said, "I'm going to agree with Councilor Koloski," saying she "couldn't tell you" how many comments and emails she has seen where people were completely misunderstanding what the difference between a resolution and a mandate was. Someone, she said, even threatened to get a "civil rights lawyer" to take action against the City for "making people wear a mask. People can decide for themselves."

Councilor Debora Matteau said, "Our job as community leaders is to take a stand on public health, something as important as wearing a mask. Yeah, people are going to think this is a mandate because Councilor Stone is saying this is mandated..."

Matteau was referring to a matter brought up during Citizen's Forum when resident Sam Killay challenged Council Jonathan Stone on a post he had written on his Councilor Facebook page: "I stand behind my position for voting against a city council resolution for mandating the wearing of face masks. I believe this is an

issue of government overreacting on it's [sic] citizens and is unnecessary..." Killay told the council, "What he said is wildly incorrect." He went on to point out that the proposed resolution was not a mandate, but rather "just a recommendation", and he wanted to know why his Ward 3 councilor had said it was "mandated", calling into question Stone's behavior since it was posted on his councilor page and not a personal Facebook page; he called for him to resign. Killay and his wife had an earlier conflict with Stone in 2018 when Stone shared screenshots from Killay's wife's page, and then made what were described by Killay's wife as "inappropriate comments" about various groups. Stone and Killay had opposing views regarding the holiday display in Broad St. Park.

Stone had nothing to say regarding Killay's comments about his current Facebook post.

Several citizens called into the Zoom meeting to support the resolution.

A vote was taken and the resolution to strongly encourage wearing face masks passed 6-3, with Koloski, Sweetser and Stone voting no.

American Precision Museum Introduces Summer STE(A)M Camp Beginning June 29

WINDSOR, VT – The American Precision Museum is offering STE(A)M Camp for children ages 9-12 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2. Families can register for single days or all four; campers work on multiple projects each day as

they explore and apply different technologies, from water power to mech-a-tronics and reverse engineering.

"The Museum's mission is education", said Steve Dalessio, Executive Director. "Learning to design and build things is not only great fun, it helps children envision themselves as inventors. Project-based programs can really get kids excited about innovation and the creative process. We are implementing CDC guidelines and following Vermont COVID-19 precautions fully during camp to ensure that families feel comfortable taking advantage of this opportunity."

For registration and detailed summer day camp information, please click on Events at www.AmericanPrecision.org, email apm@americanprecision.org or call 802-674-5781.

The American Precision Museum is located in the 1846 Robbins & Lawrence Armory and traces the beginnings of manufacturing to modern technology through exhibits and interactive programs. Open daily, through October 31, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Mt. Ascutney Hospital Enhances Access to Improved Wide-Bore MRI Technology

WINDSOR, VT –Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced the addition of an enhanced wide-bore magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, with same-week scheduling. The mobile unit is on-site at the Hospital campus in Windsor, Vermont every Monday and Thursday. This project is being undertaken in collaboration with Valley Regional Healthcare in Claremont, New Hampshire and Alliance Healthcare.

MRI units generate 3D images of the body's interior without radiation, and is useful in detecting and diagnosing an array of medical conditions. This wide-bore unit is designed to accommodate larger patients, up to 550 pounds, as well as people who may experience anxiety or claustrophobia with traditional, narrower MRI units. The system features a 70 centimeter (27.5 inch) diameter entry point. This leaves nearly a foot of space from the tip of one's nose to the top of the scanner, compared to traditional models which offer 8- to 10-inches of space. Many exams can be completed with the patient's head outside the bore. The unit, which features the latest DOT and TIM4G technology, features safer high-resolution imaging than other models, with 64 channels for exceptional image quality, faster acquisition and exam times, safer magnetic

fields, and decreased energy consumption.

"We're delighted to be able to collaborate with our colleagues at Valley Regional and Alliance Healthcare to bring this useful diagnostic tool to our local communities," said Dr. Joseph Perras, CEO and Chief Medical Officer at MAHHC. "It's partnerships like these that allow rural hospitals such as ours to provide such high-quality diagnostic technology and healthcare close to home." Dr. Perras said that the wide-bore design of the new unit will make MRI scanning comfortable and convenient for patient of all kinds. "If you're not a fan of small spaces, getting an MRI in a conventional machine can be uncomfortable or even impossible," explained Dr. Perras, "but the open design of this unit solves those concerns for most people. And importantly, because the unit is here two days a week, we can typically schedule appointments for the



same week, for faster results and better outcomes."

Those seeking more information about the new wide-bore MRI scanner should speak to their primary care provider or call Mt. Ascutney Hospital at (802) 674-6711.

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Two of the Cadettes from Girl Scout Troop 30261, Julia Stapleton (holding her new puppy Phoenix), and Kylie Tilton delivered 40 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Sullivan County Nursing Home on Thursday, June 11th. The cookies were part of a community service project called “Girl Scout Cookie Campaign” organized by Haynes Real Estate. “The Greater Claremont Board of Realtors gathered donations to purchase the cookies from our troop for the girls to deliver to the local nursing homes and read to the residents,” said Troop Leader Tara Tilton. “Our troop has had a long standing relationship in this community of doing projects just like this and will continue for years to come with the programs and the support of other organizations just like the Greater Claremont Board of Realtors. Even though our cookie season was cut short due to the global pandemic, the donation helped our troop sell even more cookies than last year in a shorter time period. With that being said, our girls cannot visit the residents as planned and read to them, but there will be more opportunities in the future to do such things. I offer my deepest gratitude to all of our local realtors who donated funds to purchase cookies; the girls are so thrilled to put smiles on faces in our nursing home community in such difficult times. I also want to note the chalk art was a lucky coincidence that happened to be done by Wendy one of the Activity Aides at SCNH. Thank you, Wendy!” said Tilton (Courtesy photo).

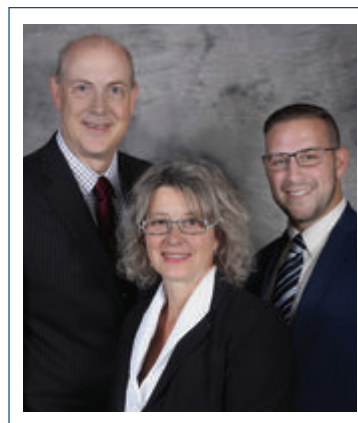
Survey for Sullivan County Transportation

Sullivan County Transportation is in the planning stages for its Lebanon route. “We now need some help from the communities we serve to find out what they would like to see with regards to our stops, and times,” said Teri Anne Palmer, Transit Director for the Sullivan County Transportation Program.

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Kenney Announces Run for District 1 Executive Council Seat

Former Republican Executive Councilor Joseph D. Kenney has signed up to run for his fourth term representing District 1, which includes 108 towns, four cities and several unincorporated areas in northern New Hampshire. Kenney made an official announcement Tuesday afternoon while he filed for the seat at the New Hampshire State House in Concord.

Kenney, a Wakefield Republican, said in a statement, "The NH Executive Council is being run like Washington, DC, boardroom and it needs to restore its civility and responsibility to the citizens of New Hampshire.

"It's time to Keep New Hampshire 'New Hampshire', to preserve our traditions, way of life and tax advantages," he said.

There are five members of the Executive Council, and three are Democrats. District 1 includes all the towns/cities in the counties of Coos; Grafton and Carroll; the unincorporated territories of the northern counties; the towns in Strafford County: Milton, New Durham and Middleton; the towns in Belknap County: Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, New Hampton, Sanbornton and Tilton; the towns in Merrimack County: Andover, Danbury, Hill, New London and Wilmot; the towns in Sullivan County: Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield and Sunapee, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia.

"As it stands, it has been almost ten months since the state has had a fifth state supreme court justice. The state has been left in an unsafe position during a pandemic crisis without a full court, this is not acceptable," Kenney said.

"The next set of state elected officials will need to embrace and educate the public on the impact of coronavirus on our economy and the upcoming state budget," he said. "Taxpayers will expect state government to trim the fat and support only expenditures for essential services."

Kenney added, "The North Country families and businesses have

been hit hard and it's time to acknowledge their sacrifice and the needed support to reenergize small businesses and the travel and tourism industry -- the driving force above the notches."

Kenney will be making his fifth run for the District 1 seat. He won the seat in 2014 in a Special Election (filling out Ray Burton's seat), 2014, and 2016. He lost to Democrat Michael Cryans of Hanover in 2018 whom he had previously beaten three times.

Cornish Looking for Planning Board Members

CORNISH, NH—The Town of Cornish is looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Board. If you are interested or would like to know more about it please contact the Selectmen during their regular meeting hours.

Contact Info For Help for Vets

For those Veterans who live out in the Keene, Claremont, and Western part of NH, the Veteran Services Officer who usually works that area will be unable to assist you for a while. Until he returns, we are asking that you reach out to Cynthia Fisher (NH Division of Veterans Services Admin) at (603) 624-9230, Ext. 301 and she will get you an appointment with another Service Officer who can assist you in the interim.



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Can You Invest for Retirement and Education?

Typically, this time of year is filled with graduation ceremonies and celebrations. But with the coronavirus pandemic, not much has been typical lately. Eventually, though, things will return to normal and schools will reopen for in-person learning. And if you have young children, you may want to save for their higher education, whether that be college or trade school. At the same time, though, you're moving ever closer to retirement. Can you save for your kids' education and a comfortable retirement for yourself at the same time?

It is indeed possible, although you may need to prioritize somewhat. Specifically, you may not want to put off saving for retirement in favor of education. But by viewing these goals together and investing as early as possible in each of them, you can take advantage of one of your biggest assets – time.

Of course, you'll still have to budget your resources. You want to invest as much as you can, but not so much that your monthly cash flow is crimped. Consequently, you may have to consider retiring later, contributing less to your child's education, or a combination of the two. But in terms of logistics, you can make saving and investing easier.

First, consider your retirement accounts. If you have a traditional 401(k) or similar plan, your contributions come out of your paycheck before you even see the money – so it's about as painless a way of building your retirement fund as possible. Put in as much as your budget allows and consider increasing your contributions when you receive a raise at work. You can also direct your bank to move money each month from your savings or checking account into your IRA.

Now, let's move to your other key goal: education. Several education funding vehicles are available, but one of the most popular is the 529 plan. Your earnings grow tax-deferred and withdrawals are free from federal tax, provided the money is used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan withdrawals not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may earn a state tax deduction or credit if you participate in your own state's plan.

You can set up recurring contributions from a bank account to a 529 plan. And you don't have to fund your 529 plan on your own. Instead of gifts for birthdays, holidays, graduations and other occasions, why not ask friends and relatives to contribute to the 529 plan you've set up for your child? They're all eligible to participate – and their contributions may earn them tax benefits if they live in your state and you've invested in your own state's plans.

A financial advisor can help you plan for more than one goal, understand the benefits and tradeoffs of your decisions, and make the process of saving for those goals easier. So, get the help you need to stay on track – or rather, two tracks – toward the important objectives of education and retirement.

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SHS Senior Day

The Stevens Softball and Baseball teams recently held a Senior Day for their respective seniors. Though their spring sport seasons were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, coaches Melissa Nichols and Paul Silva decided that the players deserved to have their Senior Day before their families and friends.

On June 1st at Veterans Park, Coach Nichols honored senior softball players Amber Barry, Ellee Grenier, and Tanner Brown for their contributions to the school and program over their four years at Stevens.

On June 4th, at Barnes Park, Coach Silva recognized senior baseball players Tyler Bonneau, Michael Gaspar, Charles Richardson, and Alex Taylor for their contributions to the school and program over their four years, as well.

Courtesy photos



Inspiration

Lemons and Lemonade

By Priscilla Hull

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" The old, some might say, trite saying that we love to quote when things don't go our way. It's so easy to blame someone else or circumstances that we don't control. Thus, "life has dealt me a raw deal and I'm going to be miserable!" Instead of saying, "Okay, things aren't going the way I want, but I'll do what I can to make it better." It's so easy to say, "I'm just going to be miserable and make everyone around me miserable." That's the easy way out!

Making lemonade takes time and effort. It's best to make several hours before you are planning to serve it! First boil together two cups of sugar and six cups of water, stirring until the sugar is completely dissolved. Put that in the refrigerator while squeezing a dozen lemons. Roll the lemons firmly on the counter so that the fibers are broken down. Some people like to strain the lemon juice, but I think that weakens the lemonade. Add this to the sugar mix with enough water and ice cubes to make six cups. Allow it all to stand in the refrigerator several hours before serving. Always serve with three ice cubes. (This is how my mother-in-law made lemonade. She was the best cook I ever knew! She always made lemonade from the lemons of life!).

It takes work and time to make superior lemonade. It takes time to make the best of what we're handed in life. Lemons are plentiful. They can add freshness and flavor to meats, soup, salads, and much more. Lemons are good for us, too!

When we're dealt lemons, we have a choice. We can taste the sour, curl up our lips and throw away the bitter rind, thus having nothing to show for what we have been given. We can also take time: boil some water, add sugar, squeeze the goodness out of the lemons and have a refreshing, cooling drink! The choice is ours. We make our lives bitter or sweet. We make the difference by how we use what we're given.

The choice is yours. Bitter or sweet? What's your choice?

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is anything to praise, think only on these things!

Philippians 4:8

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



NEW WIDE-BORE MRI

Improved Image Quality Meets Greater Comfort.

Mt. Ascutney Hospital now offers high-quality Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) with same-week scheduling.

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A single raindrop can be a testament to the simplicity of nature or its magnificence.

Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll

Calendar Of Events

Annual Strawberry Festival - Take out Dinner!

June 27, 2020

Curbside Pick up between 4:30 - 6pm
Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Rd, Claremont, NH

A tradition for over 60 years. Enjoy homemade Norwegian meatballs from our secret recipe, and fresh strawberry shortcake with NH strawberries over biscuits, served with homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, beets, and coleslaw.

Due to COVID-19 this year, it will be a take-out meal with advanced reservations and payment required. We'll be offering individual and family meals through curbside take out. Please reserve your meal asap, by Sunday June 20th is preferred so we can order enough ingredients for everyone. There will be limited meals available after that date, but please contact us to see if there's still food available to reserve.

Individual meal(s): \$15.00/per person
Family Meal (feeds 4-6 people): \$60.00

To pay please mail a check or send a PayPal payment:

Union Church
PO Box 902

Claremont, NH 03743

PayPal: unionchurchnh@gmail.com or
802-738-0678

If this is a challenging time for you financially and you would like to have a sponsored meal, or if you need help making your reservation please contact us at unionchurchnh@gmail.com or 802.738.0678 and we'll be happy to help you. If you are in the immediate Claremont/Charlestown area and do not have transportation, contact us to see if we can deliver to you. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/UnionEpiscopalChurch/>.

Claremont Parks & Rec Outdoor Classes

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Parks and Recreation has announced it is offering out-

door fitness classes and that "As per the governor's direction we are limiting our classes to 10 people max., we are asking that all individuals maintain the 6 ft social distancing practice before and after classes, and 8 - 10 ft during classes, we are also encouraging all participants to wear a mask to and from class and to bring your own mat and water. We thank you for helping us make these classes successful."

Classes are \$3.00 per person (all memberships remain on suspension). There is a 5 person minimum to run a class.

For details on classes, please go to claremontparks.com and click on online program registration. You can also find information at <https://www.facebook.com/ClaremontParks/> or call 603 542-7019.

What's Happening at the Plainfield Libraries

Preschool Storytime on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am

Join us for stories and songs at <https://www.facebook.com/plainfieldpubliclibraries/live/>.

Plainfield's Annual 4th of July Parade is Cancelled

PLAINFIELD, NH—The annual Town of Plainfield 4th of July parade and related festivities have fallen victim to COVID-19 and will not occur this year. The fate of Spirit Day has not yet been officially decided, however, it's looking far more likely than not that it will be cancelled as well, said town officials.

Lebanon Cancels July 4th Fireworks

LEBANON, NH—The City of Lebanon announced that "After much consideration and consultation with local authorities, our annual Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks Display will not be taking place this year."

Cooperative Extension Video Pruning Resources

- Pruning tree fruits: <https://extension.umaine.edu/fruit/growing-fruit-trees-in-maine/pruning/>
- Pruning videos: <https://video.maine.edu/tag/tagid/pruning>

- Pruning trees and shrubs: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/basics-pruning-trees-and-shrubs-fact-shee>
- Pruning deciduous trees: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/pruning-deciduous-trees>
- Pruning small fruits webinar: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/pruning-small-fruits>

RVAPL Potluck Dinner

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

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

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

Paint Nite! Unleash Your Inner Artist

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

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

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

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

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

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

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

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

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

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

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

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

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

Saint-Gaudens Memorial Programming Update

CORNISH, NH—As spring comes to Cornish, our thoughts are with all of our loyal supporters as we navigate these extraordinary times. Due to COVID-19, we have canceled concerts and exhibitions at the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park through late June 2020. We will provide updates about programming and the park's opening date as information becomes available.

To learn more about the history and programs of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial and its partnership with the SGNHP, please visit our website at <https://saint-gaudens.org/>.

Summer Parking in Sunapee Harbor

Parking in Sunapee Harbor during the busy summer months can be a challenge if you are not familiar with our designated parking areas and restrictions. Our "Parking in Sunapee Harbor" video shows you where to park your vehicle and where you can park a boat trailer. Go to the police department's webpage at <https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/police> and you'll see our video listed in the left sidebar. Always feel free to call the Police Department at 763-5555 for parking and any other questions you may have.

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

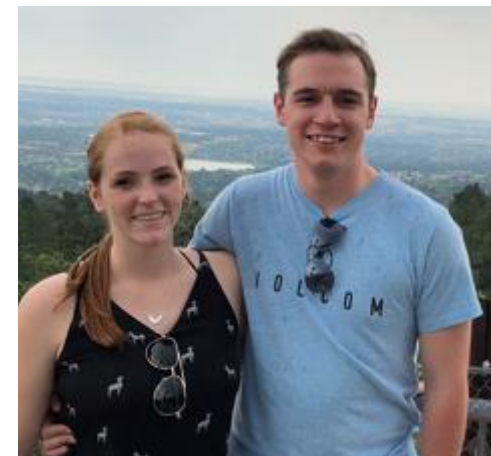
Nelson-Shattuck Engagement

Ms. Heidi Nelson, Perkinsville, VT, and Mr. James Nelson, Southington, CT, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michaela Nelson to Christopher Shattuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shattuck, of Claremont, NH. Ms. Nelson is a 2014 graduate of Springfield High School, Springfield, VT, and attended River Valley Community College, Claremont, NH; she now works full-time as a manager. Mr. Shattuck is a 2013 graduate of Stevens High School, Claremont, NH, and a 2017 graduate of Castleton University, Castleton, VT, with a Bachelor of Science in business management; he is now the store manager of Olympia Sports in Claremont, NH. A summer 2021 wedding is planned.



Martin-Shattuck Engagement

Ms. Maria Vinson, Englewood, CO, and Mr. Steve Martin, Tulsa, OK, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Martin, to Ryan Shattuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shattuck, of Claremont, NH. Ms. Martin is a 2016 graduate of Cherry Creek High School, Greenwood Village, CO, and a 2020 graduate of Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH, with a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Education and plans to attend the University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, to pursue a Master of Arts in Social Justice and Humanities. Mr. Shattuck is a 2016 graduate of Stevens High School, Claremont, NH, and a 2020 graduate of Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. He has accepted an internship in Colorado, where they now reside. An October 2021 wedding is planned.



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 link. Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. If you reach our voice mail box, please leave a message and we will get back to as soon as possible. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

West Windsor Independence Celebrations Cancelled

After much discussion, the IDC Steering

Committee has agreed that it's best to cancel the public gatherings and events for the 2020 West Windsor, VT, Independence Day Celebrations as we know them with concern for the individual and public health of those who usually are part of the large crowds that attend. There will be no fireworks, parade or related close-contact events on the 3rd and 4th of July.

PLAINFIELD TOWN MEETING

The 2020 Plainfield Town Meeting originally scheduled for Saturday, March 14th, then, due to COVID-19, moved to Saturday, June 13th, has, with the recommendation of the Selectboard, been postponed by Moderator Paul Franklin until Saturday, July 11th.

The details about the format of the meeting are not yet known.

ONLINE SUMMER COURSES AT RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Are you a current student, potential student, adult learner? Our doors may be closed, but we are continuing with Summer classes online. Our Summer courses include classes in: Liberal Arts, Business, Health Science and Services (which include Massage Therapy), Social, Educational and Behavioral Sciences, IT/Computer Sciences, and Continuing Education. For more information, please go to: RiverValley.edu.

Our WriterSpace is now meeting online Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9am. For the weekly link, more questions, and to learn about WriterSpace Kids, send an email to: RVCCWriterSpace@cc-snh.edu.

Are you a current student that needs assistance with Technology or Food Services? We can help! Contact Charlene Ashy at: cashey@ccsnh.edu or 603-892-8742.

Claremont Senior Center Updates

Where do we begin this week? We do know the Center is all spiffed up, having been cleaned by some wonderful volunteers. They, like us, can't wait to see you walking through our door again. We are busy working on three to four fundraisers. The preparations are well under way. We can chat about that later. Back to the present.

The blood drive on Monday was successful. The good people came out in the beautiful weather to give and give. Thank you to all the life given donors for your contribution. What a plus to know you may save a life.

AARP TAX PREPARATION. If you had your appointment canceled during the shutdown to have your taxes done, and have not yet been contacted by AARP for a new appointment, please call 1-802-345-5415 for a new appointment. Thank you.

The new New Hampshire guidelines are out with an action date of June 15th. We are cautiously looking at them to see where we go from here. So far, we will be opening two days a week beginning on Tues. June 23rd, 9AM-3PM and 6-9PM for Game Night. WooHoo!! Yes, we know. Don't all of you shout at the same time! We know you've missed cards, pool, puzzles and books. The second day will be Fabulous Friday, June 26th. We hope to

hear talking and the clicking of needles from the knitting girls. The card room, which is occupied by the Mahjongg group, will be busy talking about dots, cracks, bams, dragons, winds and jokers. We love it!! Just love it!!

The June 27th concert has been rescheduled to Sept. 5th and will feature great music and all the fixins (if you know what we mean). Mmmm. Dance a little, move a little, sing a little, eat a little. Oh Boy! Sounds like a party to me.

Let's do the menu. By now, we know you are wanting to know what is for lunch next week. Tues. June 16th-Turkey ala King over Rice, Glazed Carrots, Dessert. (Gobble. gobble). Thurs. June 18th-Pot Roast w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Birthday Cake. (Moooo). Members-\$4, non-members-\$5. Pickup-11:45AM-12:15PM.

Our Chicken BBQ Dinner on Saturday, June 27th, is in the menu stage. We will have a complete menu in the next newsletter. Cost-Adults-\$10, \$6 for children 10 and under. Serving- 5PM-6:30PM. Stay tuned.

The Penny Sale Committee is still accepting new and lightly used items for Aug. 23rd. Please bring them to the Center Tuesdays and Fridays. We will find them a good home. OK. Back to putting tickets into the bags.

We think that covers it for now. We are waiting for your return and hope you are as excited as we are.

Thought of the Week: There are three constants in life-change, choice, and principles.

Have a wonderful week, everyone. Take the time to do something you really enjoy.

Laughter and lively conversation are always welcome. See you soon.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. (603) 543-5998
Open for Take-Outs-Tuesdays and Thursdays-11:45AM-12:15 PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Claremont Development Authority Full Board Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:30AM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is suggesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81077536602?pwd=ZS8vdjFJb1BraEdPWmVh-U0RCQIRrUT09> Password: 46626

Or Telephone: 1 646 558 8656 (New York)

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Save a Stray SCHS **VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK**

DATE: JUNE 1-JUNE 30 TIME: ANY TIME!
DISTANCE: 3.1 MILES
COST: SUGGESTED DONATION \$20
REGISTER: GO TO PINNACLESTRIVE.COM

You can still support your local shelter by participating in our Virtual 5K. Run/Walk where and when you want during the month of June. Share your photo and finish time to our Facebook page. For more information visit our FB page and Website.

To benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society

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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Claire Fontaine, 93

Claire Fontaine, 93, of Lake Sunapee, NH, and Franklin, PA, died peacefully Jan. 6, 2020, with her loving, heartbroken family at her side.

She was born in Claremont, NH, March 28, 1926, to Alfred and Beatrice Bonneau Lepitre.

She attended St. Mary school in Claremont and attended and graduated from Stevens High School.

She married Francis Xavier Fontaine June 23rd 1945 at St. Mary Church, Claremont, NH.

Claire spent the early years of her life in the throes of the great depression. It was during this time that she learned that to survive in this world it would take grit, determination, and a strong will to succeed and overcome considerable obstacles. In their early years together, she and her husband faced many hurdles in their lives that bonded them much closer together. She was the key person for the everyday care for her children, as her husband worked long, hard hours to provide the necessities for their survival. Her love and affection, along with her guidance of teaching her children to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner showed everyone who knew her that she was a strong, caring and intuitive person as she moved through her life.

Claire was predeceased by her husband, Francis on August 19, 2017.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Fontaine, of Erie, PA, and her son, David Fontaine of Franklin, PA.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Karen Hawkins and her husband, Steve of Polk, PA, Michelle Freer and her husband, Dennis, also of Polk, PA, Francis Xavier Fontaine III and his wife Amanda, of Lancaster, PA, Amanda Leonardi and her husband Buddy of Wilmington, NC. And Kathleen Pacak and husband Jeff of Erie, PA. Great grandchildren, Isabella and Gabriella Leonardi, Sophia Pacak, Justin Hawkins, Derek and Lane Freer, Kylie Ann and Quinten Fontaine.

A private Catholic Funeral Mass will be at the convenience of the family, and interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Claremont, NH.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks any donations be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital in accordance with her deep caring for the wonderful work to help children who may otherwise not be able to get superior medical care.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of

arrangements.

Keith D. Swasey, 44

Keith Don Swasey, 44, died on June 8, 2020, at his home unexpectedly.

He was born on June 11, 1975, in Claremont, NH, the son of Eugene H. Swasey and Nancy (Blish) Henry.

Keith graduated High school and attended the Vo-Tech in Claremont studying machine shop and art.

He had worked at McDonald's, Schwan's Food Company and Latva Machine. Keith loved working on and driving his classic antique Studebaker.

Surviving family includes his mother, Nancy Henry; his grandmother, Phyllis Blish; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Swasey and a brother, Robert Henry Jr.

Due to the covid19 funeral services and burial will be held privately.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

“The true primary-care provider is Mom.”

-Dr. Sam Giveen

Most of the time, a doctor can't help anything until Mom decides something isn't right. She makes the first move and calls the doctor. Dr. Sam attributes any success he and his staff have with kids to that vital first step. Yay, Mom.

DOCTOR **SAM'S**
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(603) 543-2020
9 Dunning St, Claremont
(we're right there by the hospital)

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 6/7/20

1305- Brush 1 and Engine 2 responded on Albert St. for a brush fire
 1400- Engine 1 responded on Pleasant St. for a well-being check
 1407- Engine 1 responded on Slab City Rd. to assist the ambulance
 1509- Engine 1 and Engine 3 responded on Bond St. for a possible fire
 1625- Engine 1 responded on Bowen St. for a detector sounding
 2027- Engine 1 responded on Broad St. for a detector sounding

Monday 6/8/20

0728- Engine 1 responded on Chestnut St. for a medical call
 1808- Engine 1 responded on Washington St. for a brush fire
 1825- Engine 1 responded on Fenway Ln. to assist Police
 1827- Engine 3 responded on Washington St. for an odor investigation

Tuesday 6/9/20

0429- Engine 1 responded on Lincoln Heights for a medical call
 0948- Engine 1 responded on Pleasant St. for an odor investigation
 1919- Engine 1 responded on Charlestown Rd. for a motor vehicle accident

Wednesday 6/10/20

1558- Engine 1 responded on Main St. for a medical call

Thursday 6/11/20

1023- Engine 1 responded on Chellis St. for a well-being check
 1211- Engine 1 responded on Laurel St. for an open 911 line
 1355- Engine 1 responded on Summer St. for a detector sounding
 1549- Engine 1 responded on East St. for a power line down

Friday 6/12/20

1256- Engine 1 responded on Maple Ave. for a public assist
 1545- Engine 1 responded on Thrasher Rd. for a lawn tractor accident

Saturday 6/13/20

1205- Engine 1 responded on Connecticut River Bend for a medical call
 1904- Engine 1 responded on Bible Hill Rd. for a smoke investigation

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Click the link below to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86754667700?pwd=SEtaK2pKd1hxb0xzTHVBSVUwV0NlQT09>

Password: 832198

Or by Telephone: Dial 1 646 558 8656, Webinar ID: 867 5466 7700, Password: 832198

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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. MAYOR'S NOTES |
| 6:40 PM | 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
a. COVID-19 Update |
| 6:45 PM | 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23)) |
| | 7. OLD BUSINESS |
| 7:00 PM | A. Legislative Update |
| 7:05 PM | B. Up on the Hill Conservation Area |
| | 8. NEW BUSINESS |
| 7:30 PM | A. Pleasant Street Project and Truck Route Presentation (City Manager) |
| 7:55 PM | B. Budget Hearing and Vote (City Manager)
a. Resolution 2021-1 Tax Anticipation Note – Public Hearing
b. Resolution 2021-2 To Adopt the 2021 General Fund Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing |
| | c. Resolution 2021-3 To Adopt the 2021 Water Division Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing |
| | d. Resolution 2021-4 To Adopt the 2021 Sewer Division Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing |
| | e. Resolution 2021-5 To Adopt the 2021 Downtown Tax Increment Finance District Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing |
| 9:05 PM | C. Resolution 2020-30 Accept and Expend CARES Act Group 4 Non-Development Reimbursement Grant – Public Hearing (City Manager) |
| 9:20 PM | D. Ordinance 575 Water Rates – First Reading (City Manager) |
| 9:30 PM | E. Code of Conduct Discussion (Councilor Matteau) |
| 9:45 PM | 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES |
| 9:50 PM | 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL |
| 9:55 PM | 11. ADJOURNMENT |

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Mayoral Notes

by
Charlene Lovett



Resources that Minimize the Impact of COVID-19

Protecting the public health while re-opening the economy is a balancing act that is challenging all levels of government. The impact of COVID-19 to individuals, either physically or fiscally, varies from person to person. Recognizing and utilizing the resources that are available to mitigate the impact will help us move forward as a community.

During my last call with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Dr. Birx reported that six percent of the nation's population has been tested. Some states have a higher testing rate of up to 10 percent. Between 60 and 70 percent of those who tested positive have been asymptomatic, meaning the individuals had no symptoms of COVID-19. Research shows that the transmission of the virus is the same whether an individual is pre-symptomatic, asymptomatic or symptomatic. Therefore, being proactive in getting tested will help stop the spreading of the disease. Testing can be done via medical providers or the testing site at the Claremont Middle School (CMS). Testing at the CMS is free and takes only minutes to complete. Appointments can be scheduled online at dhhs.gov or via phone.

Dr. Birx also noted that as actions are taken to re-open the economy, we must protect the vulnerable, including the elderly and those who have hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease or obesity. Handwashing, social distancing and wearing masks have proven to be effective measures that we can all practice. On June 10, the Claremont City Council adopted a resolution strongly encouraging the wearing of masks in public places. Numerous people and organizations have distributed masks free of charge to the public. Wearing them when in public is an action that we can all take to keep the infection rates down.

While much has been done to help people financially during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were people who lost their jobs due to

the pandemic and were ineligible to collect regular unemployment benefits. Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) expands unemployment insurance eligibility to self-employed workers, freelancers, independent contractors and part-time workers impacted by the pandemic. This funding was established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law by President Trump on March 27.

Once signed into law, the U.S. Department of Labor had to set up the PUA program that would be executed by state employment security agencies. On June 11, the NH Employment Security Agency launched the PUA program, opening the doors for workers who were previously ineligible for benefits. For a complete list of individuals who are eligible for PUA, please go to the NH Employment Security website at www.nhes.gov

Those eligible for PUA who opened a claim, filed a claim each week and were denied regular employment benefits, do not need to take further action. The system will automatically review those denied for PUA eligibility. If approved, the applicants will receive up to \$167 a week plus \$600 a week in stimulus money. Based on the applicant's information, the money will be either deposited directly into a bank account or sent via mail. Benefits will be retroactive to the date when the applicant first opened a claim.

If applicants opened a claim and discontinued, for whatever reason, filing on a weekly basis, they will have to re-open a claim to be considered for PUA benefits. To get the claim backdated to the original date, applicants must call the hotline for assistance in addition to re-opening the claim online.

The impact of COVID-19 is far reaching. It has affected all of us in some way, but the good news is that there are resources available to lessen its effect. Protect your health and those of others by following CDC guidelines and get tested. Access the financial resources that have become available through federal and state action. Our ability to lessen the impact of this pandemic is directly tied to our willingness to utilize the resources at our disposal.

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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Hunter Education Field Days to Resume in August

CONCORD, NH – Beginning in August, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will conduct Hunter Education field days at the Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, NH. The field days are designed for individuals who have completed their Hunter Education online course and intend to purchase a hunting license this year. Field days will be offered up to seven times weekly to accommodate smaller class sizes in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Field days will run from August through October to prepare new hunters for the 2020 fall seasons. Once individuals have passed the online course they should sign up for their field day. Dates and spaces are limited so register as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Additional dates will be added. Additional venues may be added depending on staffing capacity.

Field days are currently available only for New Hampshire residents age 15 and older; 12-to 14-year-olds will not be able to join a field day this year. Field day participants must first register for and complete the online Hunter Education course by visiting: <https://www.huntercourse.com/usa/newhampshire>. Please note: All traditional in-person Hunter Education classes have been cancelled for 2020 and all class requirements must be met online. Once students pass the online exam, they will receive a voucher with a link to register for their field day. The cost of the online exam is \$29.99, which is paid only upon passing. Masks and other personal protective equipment and supplies will be provided as needed, and class sizes will be limited to ensure the safety of participants.

Hunter education is required in New Hampshire before a new hunter can purchase his or her first hunting license. If you are age 16 or older, a license to hunt is mandatory. For those interested in hunting this fall, but who are unable to complete the Hunter Education class and field day, the Apprentice Hunting License is another option which allows people to hunt under the guidance of an experienced hunter, without first taking Hunter Education. Learn more at www.huntnh.com/hunting/apprentice.html.

For more information on Hunter Education in New Hampshire, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/hunter-ed.html, or call (603) 271-3214.

CFD Toned Out for Kitchen Fire on Sunday

CLAREMONT, NH—On June 14, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to 25 Charlestown Road for a reported kitchen fire. The initial alarm came in at 11:16 a.m. and fire crews responded with Engine 1 and Engine 3. Initial crews arrived on scene at 11:19 a.m. to a 2.5 story wood frame structure, with smoke showing from the front entry. A general alarm was toned, bringing in all off-duty personnel to the scene. Fire crews made entry through the front of the home to the kitchen and were able to extinguish the fire quickly. Once extinguished, fire crews vented the building of smoke. The fire was deemed under control at 11:42 a.m.

“Working smoke detectors were found in the building and played a pivotal role alerting occupants that were home at the time,” said Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr. “No injuries were reported at the time of this press release. The fire did start in the kitchen and remains under investigation to determine the cause.”

Burr added, “In the United States, kitchen fires (cooking) are the leading cause of residential fires. When using a stove top, never leave it unattended. Have a lid available to cover and smother the flames. Have a fire extinguisher available and know its proper use. Remember to have working smoke alarms on all levels of the home.”

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