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Wilmot Chosen to Succeed Chase as Chief of Police

Claremont Commission Extends
Offer of Employment



Brent Wilmot (Eric Zengota photo)

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH— The Claremont Police Commission held its regular monthly meeting on June 15 at the Visitor Center. One item on the agenda made for anything but "business

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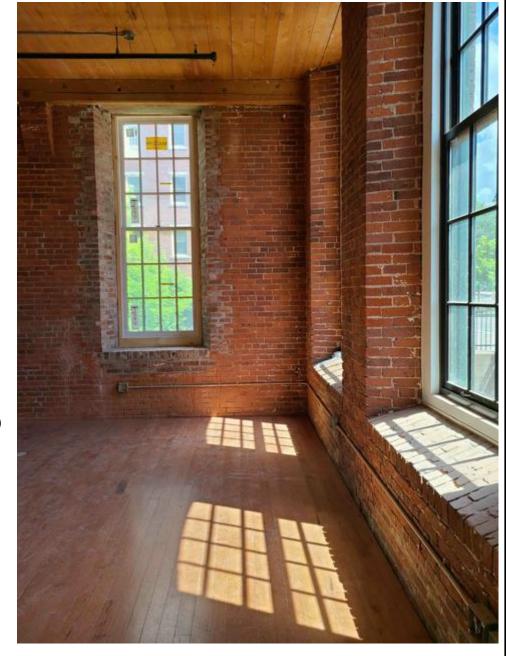
Almost Home

Monadnock Mill Busy in Final Weeks Before Move-Ins

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH-Later this summer, tenants will be able to occupy the 83 apartments that they leased a short while ago. The 83 units - 31 studios, 31 1-bedroom, 13 2-bedroom and eight lofts — were all leased up very quickly, reported developer Chinburg Properties. So popular is the complex that when three renters had to back out early on, those three apartments were spoken for in 15 minutes. And there is still a waiting list.

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Chinburg Properties'
overall design mission
is to retain as many
original features as
possible. The 10-foot
window openings date
from the late 19th century; the double-paned
windows are new.
Brick walls and hardwood floors recall the
mill's industrial past.
White paint on the ceil-



ing and beams was stripped to highlight the beauty of the planks (Eric Zengota photo).

Vermont State Police Investigation Continues Into Woodstock Shooting

WOODSTOCK, VT—The Vermont State Police investigation into Tuesday's fatal shooting in Woodstock continued throughout the day Wednesday and involved detectives from the Major Crime Unit, Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Crime Scene Search Team.

VSP is identifying the Woodstock police officer who fired his duty weapon as Sgt. Joseph Swanson, a 15-year veteran of the department. Swanson and fellow Woodstock Police Department officer Cpl. Mark Donka responded at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday to a report of shots fired and a person lying in the driveway at 13 Slayton Terrace.

According to the VTSP, "Swanson was first to arrive on scene. Shortly after arriving he was fired upon by a man later identified as Jay Wilson of Woodstock. Swanson returned fire. Per standard protocol, Swanson subsequently

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was transported to a hospital for evaluation, where it was determined he had a graze wound on one of his arms. He was treated and released. Additional details about the officer-involved shooting will be made public following Swanson's formal interview with the Vermont State Police, which is expected to occur early next week."

The victim who was found deceased outside the home was identified by VTSP as Dieter Seier, 67, of Cornish, NH. An autopsy performed Wednesday at the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Burlington determined the cause of his death was gunshot wounds to the torso, and the manner of death is a homicide.

According to the VTSP, "Preliminary investigation indicates Jay Wilson fatally shot Seier during a family dispute involving Wilson and his mother that related to property and money. Seier, a friend of Wilson's mother, had accompanied her to the home she owned at 13 Slayton Terrace, where they planned to meet with Jay Wilson, who lived there, and transfer ownership of a vehicle to him. Wilson's mother was able to reach a safe location following the shooting and was not physically injured."

Members of the Vermont State Police Tactical Services Unit discovered Wilson's body with a suspected self-inflicted gunshot wound after 11 p.m. while searching the house room by room following a multiple-hour effort to persuade Wilson to leave the residence. TSU members reported hearing a gunshot after they made entry into the home. Police believed Wilson had been in the house since early afternoon, but his whereabouts were unconfirmed until the search of the home was completed. No one else was located inside.

An autopsy was expected to occur Thursday on the body of Jay Wilson.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Aid to Help County Home Renovation Project Moves Forward



Aid from the State of New Hampshire to help Sullivan County renovate its nursing home moved closer to reality last week because of two separate actions taken by separate branches of our state's government.

First, on June 15, the New Hampshire Executive Council, by a unanimous 5-0 vote at the State House in Concord, approved \$50,075,000 in federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds to help counties renovate existing nursing homes or construct new homes. Approval occurred with little debate and few questions, according to IndepthN-H.org, an online non-profit media outlet, and was contingent on approval by the New Hampshire Legislature's Joint Fiscal Committee, an 11-member body consisting of seven House members and four senators that deals with financial issues outside of the state's biennial operating budget. Next, on June 17, also in Concord at the LOB (Legislative Office Building), the Fiscal Committee, at its regular monthly meeting, approved the same amount of money in ARPA Funds for county nursing homes, again by a unanimous 11-0 vote.

Under the approved \$50,075,000 appropriation, all ten counties would have the opportunity to apply for ARPA money for their 11 nursing homes in two different rounds of the application process. Each county only has one nursing home, except for Coos which has two homes because of its vast geographical area. The money, if awarded, could pay for up to 40 percent of the total costs of their nursing home projects. The first competitive round would be only for "shovel ready" projects or those addressing an identified need or are more pressing or life threatening. Such projects would receive minimum grants of at least \$5 million. The second round would be for "non-competitive" projects with at least \$1 million being awarded per project. These justdescribed grants would have to comply with all federal nursing home regulations, and be subject to final approval by the Governor and Executive Council, according to Taylor Caswell, who heads GOFERR (Governor's Office For Relief & Recovery), an ad hoc state agency created by Gov. Christopher Sununu to accept New Hampshire's share of ARPA Funds. Commissioner Caswell as well as his deputy, Chase Hagaman, were present at both last week's Executive Council as well as Fiscal Committee meetings to answer questions.

For readers' information, let me briefly clarify the situation about the just-approved ARPA appropriation and its grants to county nursing homes. While all ten counties could compete for the first round grants, realistically the projects for which they would be awarded would have

to be "shovel ready," for an appropriation that is only good through June 30, 2023, which is the end of the present biennial operating budget cycle. According to County Manager Derek Ferland, none of the other nine counties have nursing home projects that are "shovel ready," as of June 18. But Sullivan County's proposed nursing home renovation is "shovel ready" at a total cost of \$57 million—a cost verified by a third-party consultant as of Jan. 20, a fact that I emphasized in a Feb. 11 letter to Commissioner Caswell that had been written with Manager Ferland's help. But with construction costs rising, the \$57 million total could rise once the final bid is awarded, assuming that the Delegation approves the renovation project within the next few months by its necessary supermajority.

Obviously, I'm pleased by the unanimous vote of both the Executive Council and Fiscal Committee giving approval to ARPA Funds being used for nursing home projects, desperately needed funds for which Sullivan County can now apply. I wasn't at the June 15 Executive Council meeting because of a previous employment commitment, but I did attend the June 17 Fiscal Committee meeting, along with Acworth Rep. Judith Aron, and Charlestown Rep. Steven Smith. I want to thank Gov. Sununu, the entire Executive Council, especially Councilors Cinde Warmington and Joseph Kinney, who together currently represent all of Sullivan County on the Council. Also I want to thank the entire Fiscal Committee, including Committee Chair and Kearsarge Rep. Karen Umberger, for their unanimous support of the \$50,075,000 appropriation. Now the ball is in Sullivan County's court to actually submit its ARPA application to GOFERR, an application which I'm confident will be approved.

In other Sullivan County matters, the public hearing on the County Commissioners' proposed Fiscal Year 2023 County Budget was held June 14 in the Lou Thompson Room of Newport's Sugar River Technical Center. Other than most of the Delegation, a few Sullivan County elected officials and employees as well as the news media, I only noticed two members of the public at the hearing either attending in person or on Zoom. Regardless, Manager Ferland and Commissioner George Hebert, who this term is Chair of the three-member Board of Commissioners, gave an informative slideshow presentation about the budget and the challenges faced by the county in Fiscal Year 2022. The proposed budget totals \$35,825,684, an increase of \$1,463,516 or 4.25 percent over the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget adopted by the Delegation in June 2021. The budget which, if adopted by the Delegation, would result in a Sullivan County taxpayer with property valued at \$250,000, paying an additional \$81 in property taxes; this proposed budget is a topic about which I plan to write more in my June 27 column. In the meantime, the Delegation's EFC (Executive Finance Committee) is taking its turn in scrutinizing the proposed budget and is expected to present its recommendations to the Full Delegation at 1 pm on June 28 in Claremont's Sugar River Technical Center at 111 South St.

Finally, on a more personal note, I was saddened to learn from House Speaker Sherman Packard via email June 15 of the passing of (Continued on page 5)

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Letter to the Editor

WOW Addresses Issue of 'Forever Chemicals'

To The Editor:

Working on Waste (WOW) recently released a statement regarding persistent toxic substances, a class of high-profile pollutants that accumulate in the human body and in the environment and cause harm in low doses. Persistent toxic substances are popularly known as "forever chemicals" and include lead, mercury, cadmium, dioxin, and PFAS.

In correspondence to Governor Sununu, members of the General Court, state regulators, and members of the public health community, WOW takes issue with a Department of Environmental Services' document released in December 2021, *Summary of Comments with DES Responses*. WOW finds the comments "demonstrate a reluctance to address the cumulative and the synergistic impacts associated with persistent toxic substances" and calls this "a troubling situation that ignores four salient features of these pollutants - persistence, resistance to degradation, wide dispersion, and bioaccumulation." Page 4 of the WOW statement provides recommendations that "seek a stronger commitment from DES and other public officials to develop the policies needed to protect public health and the environment."

We're seeking transparency from DES regarding what is known and unknown about how forever chemicals accumulate over time and interact with each other. We cannot consider regulations "health-based" if they allow the ongoing release of these pollutants into the environment.

Please contact us for a copy of our four-page statement regarding "forever chemicals".

John Tuthill, for Working on Waste PO Box 641 Claremont, NH 03743

Rep. Cloutier, from page 4

Windham Rep. Mary Griffin, who was serving her 13th House term when she passed. A Republican, Rep. Griffin had her personal locker in the same area of the State House basement as I did. While in the House, she served most of her career on the Ways & Means Committee, and was also an Assistant Majority Whip. A widow, she was very active in her community as well as statewide, becoming Miss Senior New Hampshire in 1993, and finishing as a Top Ten Finalist in the Miss Senior America in the same year. While we didn't often agree on most political issues, she was always very friendly and helpful when I asked for help. I believe she was the model of what all representatives, regardless of party, should be, and I will miss her.

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Shaheen Leads NH Delegation in Announcing \$1B Available for NH, States to Apply for Water Infrastructure Resources

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), a lead negotiator of the water infrastructure provisions in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that was signed into law in November, and Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) welcomed last week's announcement from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that \$1 billion from the bipartisan infrastructure law out of the \$5 billion allocated in the legislation to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants in small and disadvantaged communities will be made available. States will be eligible to apply for grants to assist communities.

Additionally, the IIJA is providing \$4 billion to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and \$1 billion through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Include Your Pets in Your Emergency Planning

June is National Pet Preparedness Month

CONCORD, NH— Your pets are an important part of your life, and they rely on you to keep them safe.

As part of National Pet Preparedness Month, the Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) offers recommendations on how to prepare for your pet before an emergency.

Have a plan: Identify evacuation routes and a list of pet-friendly places, such as hotels, in which you can stay. Speak with neighbors, friends and relatives to identify who is available to care for your pet or help your pet during an evacuation if you are unable to do so.

Make a kit: Every member of your family, including your pet, should have three days' worth of food, water and medications. Other items to consider are a backup leash, collar and ID tag; grooming and sanitation items; a crate or carrier; and familiar items such as bedding, a favorite toy and treats.

Documentation: Keep copies of your pet's registration information, vaccination records and a list of medications. Keep a selfie of you and your pet in your emergency kit to prove ownership in case you become separated. Consider a microchip to identify your pet and help reunite you after a disaster.

"When planning for an emergency, don't forget your pets," said HSEM Director Jennifer Harper. "Planning ahead can improve you and your pet's chance of surviving a disaster."

Know what to do, and have the things you need to stay safe. Learn more about emergency preparedness at <u>ReadyNH.gov</u>.

Claremont School District to Seek New Clerk

CLAREMONT, NH—It was announced at Wednesday's Claremont School Board meeting that Claremont School Board/SAU 6 Clerk Mary Woodman has resigned, effective June 1st. Woodman has served in that role for many years and generally has run unopposed at the annual school district

election. The term is for one year. No reason was given for her resignation. The district will be seeking a replacement who will fill the post until the next school district election, in March.

The post consists of taking notes during the meetings and then later typing them up; it pays \$75 per meeting. Board members discussed possibly raising the rate of pay—based on the

increasing length of the meetings and their complexities and time involved—but made no decision Wednesday night, deciding they needed more time to consider such a proposal. SAU 6 administrative assistant Melissa Small took notes Wednesday for the board.





NH DHHS Weekly COVID-19 Update June 16, 2022

CONCORD, NH – On Thursday, June 16, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced 1,848 new positive COVID-19 test results between Thursday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 15. Positive results from home testing kits are not included.

For the previous week, DHHS announce 11 additional death(s) related to COVID-19.

There were currently 15 hospitalized patients being treated for COVID-19. Current Hospitalizations Treated for COVID-19 is the current metric tracking people hospitalized to treat their COVID-19 infection with Remdesivir, Dexamethasone or both therapies. These thera-

pies are the primary medications for hospitalized patients to treat COVID-19. This metric is modeled on NIH treatment guidelines and provides a more accurate view of the how many people are hospitalized because of severe COVID-19 illness, as opposed to patients admitted for other healthcare needs who may incidentally have COVID-19.

The NH Hospital Association reported 174 cases: it includes total confirmed COVID cases (103), total suspected cases (6) and COVID-Recovering (65). (The last category includes COVID-19 hospitalized patients no longer included in Confirmed COVID-19 statistics once removed from transmission-based precautions but who continue to receive inpatient treatment for COVID-19 related illness).

In New Hampshire, since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 329,492 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

As of Thursday's map, June 16, there were 44 current positively identified cases reported by DHHS in Claremont; 8 in

Charlestown; 7 in Grantham; 12 in Newport; 7 in Sunapee; 7 in Plainfield; with 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 106 known current positively identified cases in Sullivan County.

Note: Data does not include positive home testing results.

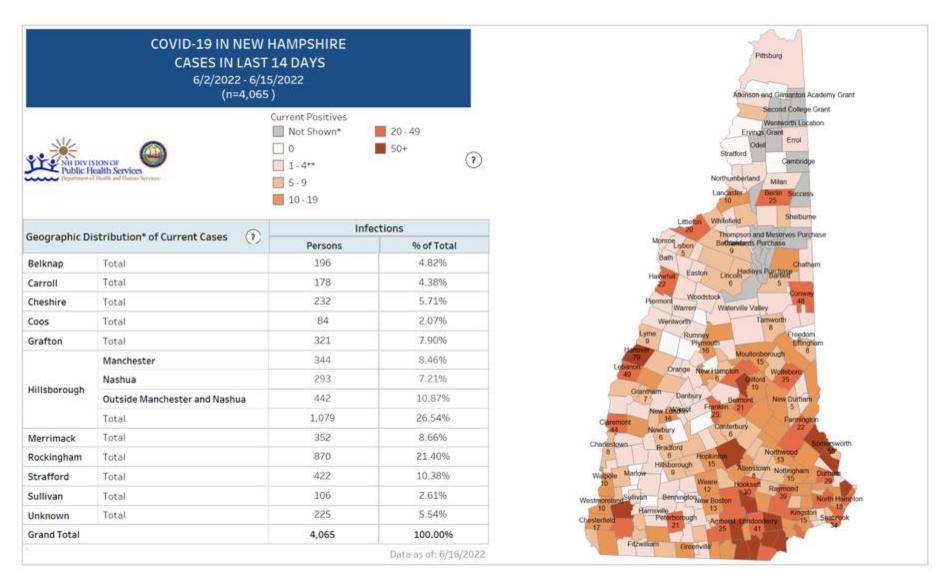
Vaccinations rates in NH: Fully vaccinated: 63.2%
At least 1 dose: 71.0%

COVID-19 Hotline

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

Vaccine Information in NH

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



Charlestown VFW Officer Receives Department of NH VFW Commendation Medal

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW's Post Quartermaster, Tim O'Hearne, received a rare honor at the 101st Annual Department of NH Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention at the Town & Country Inn, in Shelburne, NH, Saturday, June 4. Outgoing Commander Russ Norris became the first Commander in over 15 years to award a member of the Department, O'Hearne, the VFW Commendation Medal for "exceptional service" as the Department Inspector for the 2021 – 2022 year.

Prior to the start of his year as Department Commander, Norris asked O'Hearne to serve as the Department Inspector for his tenure, based on previous interactions during Department and District events. Using his 12 years of experience as Quartermaster at the Post and District levels, O'Hearne quickly identified several negative trends with multiple Posts in the state, and once identified, promptly developed strategies to correct those issues, taking the

time to mentor and train other Post and District Officers during the process. "Inspector O'Hearne has gone above and beyond previous Department Inspectors, developing Officer Training to ensure each and every Post in New Hampshire is operating in accordance with all local, state and national regulations", said Norris when presenting O'Hearne with the VFW Commendation Award during the opening ceremonies of the business session of the annual convention.



Tim O'Hearne after receiving his medal. L-R: Past National VFW Commander-in-Chief John Moon; Charlestown VFW Quarter Master Tim O'Hearne; and NH Department Commander Russ Norris (Courtesy photo).





At the Claremont Police Commission meeting on June 15, were (from left) Deputy Chief of Police Mark Grasso, Chief of Police Mark Chase, and Commissioners Scott Kirkpatrick, John Hall (chair) and Joel Tremblay (Eric Zengota photo).

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as usual." The Commission had posted a notice about a public forum, in which residents could present their views on the desired qualities of the next chief of police. Hiring a "next" was the result of the current chief, Mark Chase, having announced his retirement, effective July 29.

Several citizens in attendance mentioned that the new chief should be local and "know the community," be "home-grown," "have a finger on the pulse of the City" and be prepared to tackle the serious crime and drug issues facing Claremont.

Other so-called critical components included "youthful energy," a "commitment to lifelong learning," an "in-depth knowledge of the department and the role of the Commission," "unwavering integrity to make the right decision even when it's difficult or painful, and strict "adherence to the oath of office because the chief is the guiding beacon of that oath."

The Commissioners had already received two telephone calls as well as two letters. One letter emphasized accountability, dependability and effective handling of dangerous situations. Another delineated qualities such as leadership, administrative and budgeting skills, and "a willingness to engage in community activities to demonstrate to the public that the police are actively involved in the life of the City."

Every "wish list" — from speakers, telephone calls and letters — concluded with the recom-

mendation that the Commissioners hire Brent Wilmot, who, in one person's words, "checks all the boxes." Wilmot served with the Claremont Police Department for 15 years, and has been the chief in Newport since March 2020.

As the hiring of a police chief is a personnel matter, the Commissioners went into a non-public session. Everyone else in attendance waited outside the Visitor Center. After a time, they were called back in, the Commissioners publicly voted to seal the minutes of the closed session, and announced that they were offering Wilmot a conditional offer of employment. Those conditions will likely be met this week; a tentative start date will be in late July.

Right: Judy DiPadova said that a new police chief "should certainly live within the city limits" and have "compassion and empathy" as outstanding characteristics (Eric Zengota photo).

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Community Shredding Event June 23rd

SUNAPEE, NH—On Thursday, June 23rd, from 9am to 12pm, the Sunapee Police Department will be hosting a community shredding event provided by SecurShred of Burlington, VT. A shredding truck will be parked at the Sunapee Safety Services Building during this time to provide the secure, on-site destruction of personal and sensitive documents for Sunapee residents; this service will be free for all Sunapee residents.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 MEET AND GREET

On June 28th Peter and Jean Burling will be hosting a meet and greet for Senator/Doctor Tom Sherman at Austin Farm. The time will be 5 to 6:30 pm, and Sherman will be joined by several other candidates for state office at the Executive Council, Senate and House level.

The public is invited to meet the candidates and hear what they have to say about the state of the state.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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'Nothing Can Go Wrong Today'

Volunteer Artists Begin Reproducing Newport Heritage Mural



Story and Photos By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

NEWPORT, NH—On Saturday, teams of artists and members of the Newport community picked up their brushes and spent four hours painting 36 4'x4' panels to kick-start the reproduction of the Newport Heritage Mural.

The project, sponsored by the Library Arts

Center, aims to replace the mural created in 1997, which had deteriorated to the point that restoration was not feasible. Lead artist Heidi Lorenz traced every line of the mural, ending up with precisely detailed "maps" to be painted in with acrylics. She selected the





paint colors to recall the style of the original mural, which shows scenes from Newport's long history.

The panels were set up on

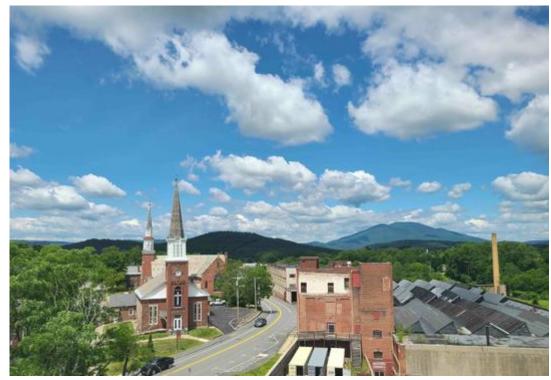
easels or right on the grass, under huge tents on the Town Common. The painters mixed the colors on palettes to match Lorenz's color renditions, which were taped to each panel. The constant cold wind made the acrylic paint dry faster than normal, she pointed out, which made mixing colors more of a challenge. One artist observed that the paint could dry on the brush in the few seconds between palette and panel.

Lorenz coached and encouraged the artists, saying "nothing can go wrong today" if they patiently concentrate on the work at hand. By 2pm, much progress had been made. Lorenz will "fix and finish" the panels this summer in a vacant storefront at 15 Main Street. Passersby will be able to stop and watch her work through the building's windows.

The new mural will be installed this fall on the side of the Johnson Block, with a community block party style celebration.







Tenants will have access to a rooftop deck ... and the view over the city to Mount Ascutney (Eric Zengota photos).



Monadnock, from page 1

As of last week, there was a lot of finishing work to do. But, reported assistant site supervisor Kevin Lynch, mudders and masons, car-

penters and glazers were working many hours a week to get their jobs done.

Hundreds of kitchen appliances have been delivered and will be installed on the cabinet walls (Eric Zengota photo).



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The Black River Action Team invites adults and teens to bring a shovel or borrow a shovel on June 25th and help to "de-Phrag" Amherst Lake in Plymouth, VT. Volunteers should arrive at 9 AM for a brief orientation and will then begin tackling the stand of invasive Phragmites reed that is taking over the northern shoreline of the lake.



Phragmites can choke out native species and clog waterways, reduce wildlife habitat, eliminate views and recreational access to open water. Spread occurs through underwater roots called rhizomes, but Phragmites can also be transferred from lake to lake as fragments are carried along on boat propellers or to other parts of a shoreline as they break off and float along to root elsewhere.

Please lend a hand to help BRAT manage this population and keep it from spreading; register at the Eventbrite link - https://De-PhragAmherstLake.eventbrite.com.

Around 15-20 volunteers are needed on June 25th; bring a sense of humor, a bottle of water, bug and sun protection. Recommended footwear is anything that can get muddy and will stay on your foot - no flip flops, sandals, or crocs. A change of shoes is also suggested; a hose for washing up will be available.

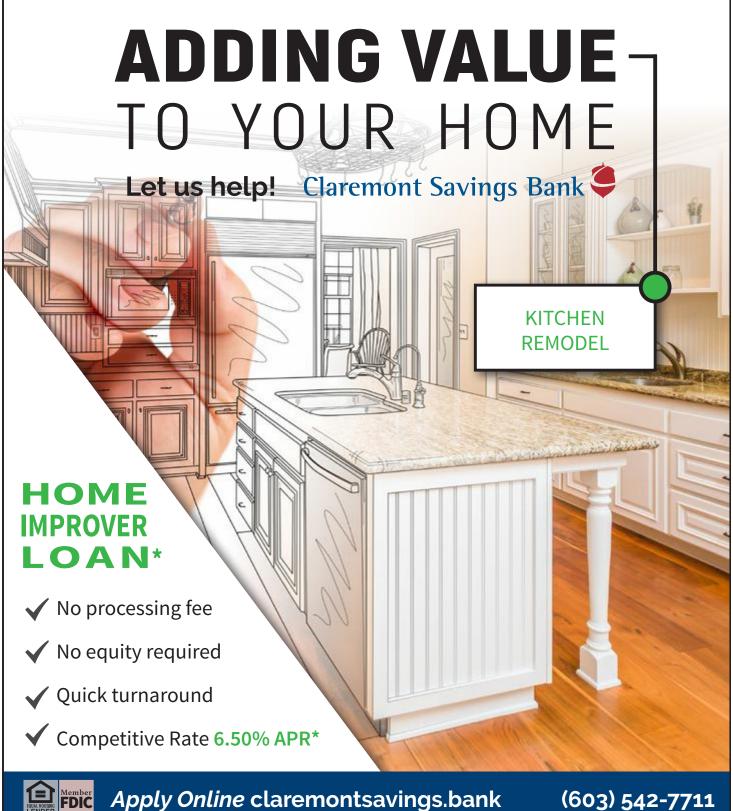
Parking will be along Scout Camp Road just past the public boat ramp off Route 100 at Amherst Lake.

Work will wrap up by noon, with cleanup and a potluck picnic at a nearby home. Please contact BRAT director Kelly Stettner with questions by leaving a phone message at (802) 738-0456 or sending an email to blackrivercleanup@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 MEET, GREET AND SOCIALIZE! 3PM

Rain date, Sunday, June 26. Meetinghouse Green, Cornish Flat Bring a chair, drink and snack. Let's get together and get to know each other again. The focus is on the Flat, but anyone eager to Meet and Greet is welcomed, also.

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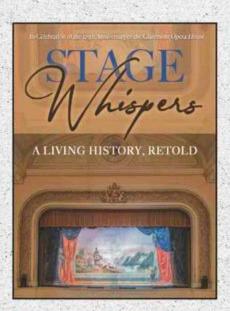
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Business News

NH Gives Raises More Than \$3 Million for Third Year in a Row

Granite Staters Came Together to Contribute \$3.5M to Local Nonprofits During State's Single Largest Day of Giving

CONCORD, NH— More than \$3.5 million was raised for 575 New Hampshire nonprofits through NH Gives, an online giving event created by the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits. More than 13,000 generous people contributed to the effort between 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8.

"It is just so wonderful to see this kind of generosity being sustained in New Hampshire," said Kathleen Reardon, CEO of the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits. "Nonprofits are doing heroic work, rising to meet the needs of our communities. People from every corner of our state stepped up to support their vital work. Thank you so much to every single person who gave."

The event has raised more than \$12 million for 1,000 New Hampshire nonprofits since it was created in 2016. Since the beginning of the pandemic, people in New Hampshire have responded generously to meet increased needs. In the last three years alone, NH Gives has raised more than \$10 million for New Hampshire nonprofits.

More than \$1.4 million in bonus pool and matching funds helped to spur donations this year: The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and its donors contributed \$240,000 in bonus pool funds and people from around the state contributed more than \$1.2 million in additional matching funds for individual organizations. (The bonus pool is awarded to all participating nonprofits based on the percentage of the overall NH Gives total they raise. For example: If a nonprofit raises 2% of the grand total, they receive 2% of the bonus pool). The Charitable Foundation has been the lead sponsor of NH Gives since 2016.

"We can accomplish incredible things when we work together, and NH Gives is proof of that. It's a challenging time out there for a lot of people, yet Granite Staters showed up to support the organizations that make all of our lives better and see our communities through difficult times," said Kristen Oliveri, vice president for marketing and communications at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. "The New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits has created something special with NH Gives, and the Charitable Foundation is so proud to be a part of it."

The event was live-streamed from the studios of NHPBS with hosts, Greg Kretschmar of Greg & the Morning Buzz on 100.3 WHEB, Rock 101-FM, The Hawk 104.9, Q-106, and Frank-FM 107.1; and Scott Spradling, former reporter, anchor and political director for WMUR-TV.

Friends of Mascoma, a group of community advocates who support educational advancement and nutritional well-being for students and families in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District, was the top online fundraiser during NH Gives, raising just over \$59,000 in 24 hours. Friends of Mascoma has participated in NH Gives since it started in 2016.

"It's really special to all of us to know that more people are becoming aware of the work we do and support that work in our community," said Bridget Labrie, president of the Friends of Mascoma Foundation. "We are grateful beyond measure for everyone who gave, our sponsors, our fundraising champi-

ons, and everyone who continues to support our mission. We are always thankful to the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits for all the work and organization it takes to make the NH Gives platform and tools available to nonprofits around the state."

The Peace and Paws Dog Rescue, an all-volunteer, foster-based rescue that saves dogs from highkill shelters, had the most individual donors during the event, with 293. Peace and Paws was awarded a \$2,500 "Power of Community" prize for garnering the most unique donors.

NHGives.org is an easy-to-use platform where people can find causes they care about, donate securely, and become fundraising champions. Participating nonprofits also receive training and marketing support in the months leading up to the event.

Members Reelect Four Incumbents to NHEC Board of Directors

PLYMOUTH, NH – Members of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) have reelected four members to the company's Board of Directors.

Six candidates ran for election to four open seats on the Co-op's 11-member Board of Directors. As a member-owned cooperative, NHEC is governed by Directors who are elected by the membership. The four candidates elected by NHEC's members were Alana Albee of Center Tuftonboro, Carolyn Kedersha of Melvin Village, Thomas F. Mongeon of Rumney and Sharon L. Davis of Campton. All four winning candidates are incumbent Board members and will serve three-year terms.

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Business News

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Awarded Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification from The Joint Commission

LEBANON, NH – Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), a member of Dartmouth Health, has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification.

DHMC underwent a rigorous onsite review on March 15 and 16, 2022. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with related certification standards, including everything required to care for patients with ischemic stroke, intracerebral hemorrhage and subarachnoid hemorrhage. This was done in coordination with the regional Emergency Medical Services, special interventions, advanced imaging and neurocritical care. Joint Commission standards are developed in consultation with healthcare experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. The reviewers also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

"Through hard work, dedication and a ton of teamwork, we have ensured DHMC can receive and treat the most complex stroke cases," said Shawna S. Malynowski, BSN, RN, MBA, Stroke Program manager at DHMC. "We have committed our institution to consistently meet the requirements for this certification, thus committing to continual improvement to the quality of care our patients receive."

"This was a rigorous inspection of all aspects of our program from top to bottom, and getting through it is a testament to our dedication to provide excellent, comprehensive care," added Timothy G. Lukovits, MD, medical director of the Cerebrovascular Disease and Stroke Program at DHMC.

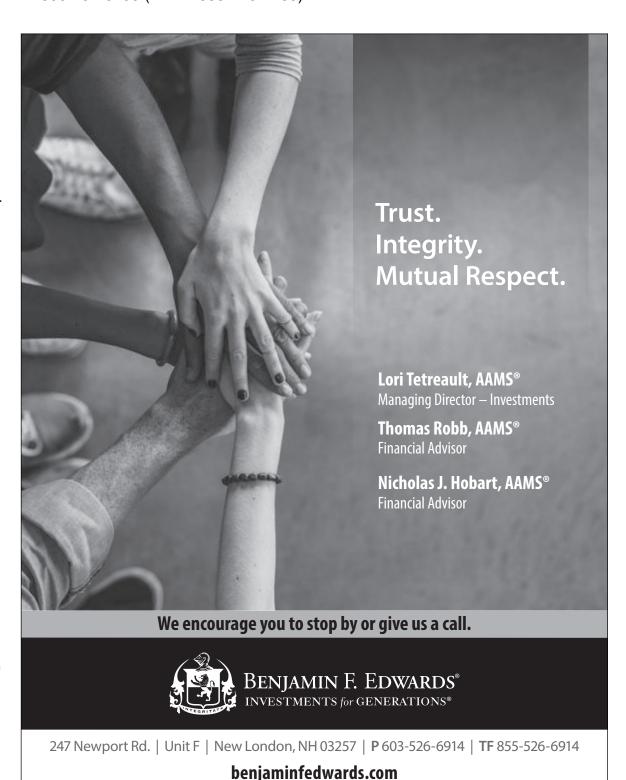
The Joint Commission enterprise is a global driver of quality improvement and patient safety in healthcare, which helps organizations across the continuum of care lead the way to zero harm.

"Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification recognizes healthcare organizations committed to fostering continuous quality improvement in patient safety and quality of care," said Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer for accreditation and certification operations, and chief nursing executive of The Joint Commission. "We commend DHMC for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for stroke patients."

"We congratulate DHMC for this outstanding achievement," said Nancy Brown, chief executive officer of the American Stroke Association. "This certification reflects its commitment to providing the highest quality of care for stroke patients."

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Crypto: Investment or Speculation?

With cryptocurrencies so much in the news, you might be wondering if you should invest in them. But "invest" may not be the right word – because, in many ways, cryptocurrencies, or "crypto" for short, are more speculation than investment.

But what's really the difference between a speculator and an investor? Probably the main factor is the differing views of time. A true investor is in it for the long term, building a portfolio that, over many years, can eventually provide the financial resources to achieve important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But speculators want to see results, in the form of big gains, right now – and they're often willing to take big risks to achieve these outcomes.

There's also the difference in knowledge. Investors know that they're buying shares of stock in a company that manufactures products or provides services. But many speculators in cryptocurrency don't fully comprehend what they're buying – because crypto just isn't that easy to understand. Cryptocurrency is a digital asset, and cryptocurrency transactions only exist as digital entries on a blockchain, with the "block" essentially being just a collection of information, or digital ledgers. But even knowing this doesn't necessarily provide a clear picture to many of those entering the crypto world.

In addition to time and understanding, two other elements help define cryptocurrency's speculative nature:

- Volatility Cryptocurrencies are subject to truly astonishing price swings, with big gains followed by enormous losses sometimes within a matter of hours. What's behind this type of volatility? Actually, several factors are involved. For one thing, the price of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies depends heavily on supply and demand and the demand can skyrocket when media outlets and crypto "celebrities" tout a particular offering. Furthermore, speculators will bet on crypto prices moving up or down, and these bets can trigger a rush on buying and selling, again leading to the rapid price movements. And many purchasers of crypto, especially young people, want to see big profits quickly, so when they lose large amounts, which is common, they often simply quit the market, contributing to the volatility.
- Lack of regulation When you invest in the traditional financial markets, your transactions are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the firms with which you invest are typically overseen by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Other agencies are also involved in regulating various investments. These regulating bodies work to ensure the basic fairness of the financial markets and to prevent and investigate fraud. But cryptocurrency exchanges are essentially unregulated, and this lack of oversight has contributed to the growth of "scam" exchanges, crypto market manipulation, excessive trading fees and other predatory practices. This "Wild West" scenario should be of concern to anyone putting money in crypto.

The cryptocurrency market is still relatively new, and it's certainly possible that, in the future, crypto can become more of an investment and less of a speculation. In fact, Congress is actively considering ways to regulate the cryptocurrency market. But for now, caveat emptor – "let the buyer beware."

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Sports/Recreation

Stevens' 2022 Student-Athletes, Unsung Heroes Honored

2020 and 2021 Winners Also Welcomed at Sports Night

By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Last Tuesday, June 14, family, friends and coaches attending the 66th Annual St. Joseph's Sports Night acknowledged — and vigorously applauded — award winners from the past three years for their academic prowess and sports achievements.

The event, held at the Claremont Senior Center, was sponsored by Claremont Elks Lodge #879, whose members also prepared and served a three-course chicken dinner.

Tom Hoyt, who has hosted the sports night since 1985, spoke for everyone, saying, "I'm glad to be back with all these young athletes at a real, in-person event." Pandemic restrictions on groups gathering had cancelled the 2020 and 2021 evenings.

Hoyt introduced the award winners from all three years, most of whom were seated at the head table. The 2020 winners were Student-Athletes Clara Avery and Alex Taylor, and Unsung Heroes Ellee Grenier and Samuel Sweet. The 2021 winners were Student-Athletes Zoey Foote and Owen Taylor, and Unsung Heroes Gabby Savo and Brady Moote.

After dinner, the four 2022 winners — Zahna Rice, Dylan Chambers, Jenna Bonneau and RJ Raymond — were presented with their silver bowls and gave short speeches.

Guest speaker Bob Hingston, the former athletic director of Windsor High School, spoke of his long career of playing and coaching, and "what playing sports has done for me." He remembers most his teammates, but even his winning opponents, "anyone in fact you're in contact with will have a huge influence in your life." Coaching has shown him how to be a better teacher, and as for lessons learned, "Work hard, be on time, be respectful of others."

Because Hingston didn't know the studentathletes personally, he talked with all their coaches beforehand. "They told me things like 'She's a fierce leader.' 'He has a great work ethic.' 'He's passionate about the game.' 'She's the person you want on your team.' Wow. Your coaches really love you."



"I'd like to thank all my coaches, as well as my family, who have always supported me. It's all worth it in the end. I'll never forget the many friendships I've made, and the most important lesson: never give up." — Jenna Bonneau, 2022 Unsung Hero



"I'm grateful to all my coaches for pushing me to that next level. If not for them, I might not have found the fire I needed to be a better player." — RJ Raymond, 2022 Unsung Hero

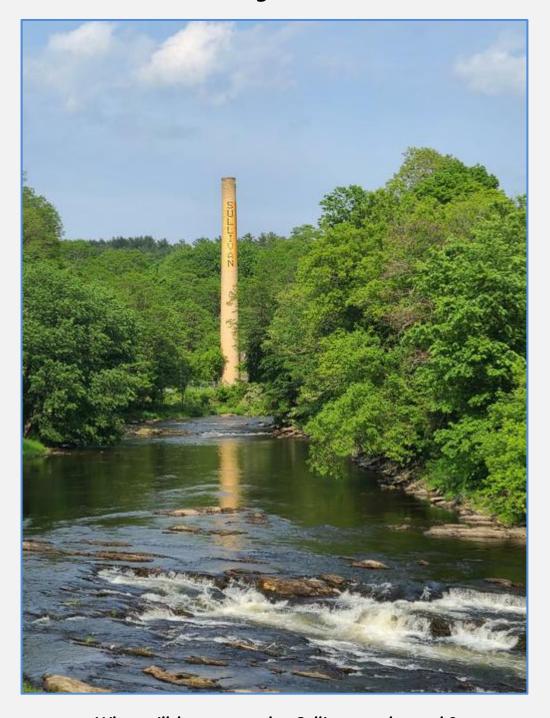


"I thank my family for their endless support. Playing sports builds character. You learn trust, confidence and teamwork, and especially bonding with your teammates. Thank you for believing in me." — Zahna Rice, 2022 Student-Athlete



"I'm grateful to the kids I grew up with who were my teammates in many sports. They showed up, and that's why I'm here. I have some awesome memories and learned to trust myself. It's all about making the people around you play better." — Dylan Chambers, 2022 Student-Athlete

Awaiting Its Fate



What will happen to the Sullivan smokestack?

Will only the irreparable top 16 feet be demolished? Will all 146 be dismantled?

Where will the bricks go? Where will the memories be preserved?

While awaiting the Claremont City Council's final decision, the smokestack on the north bank of the Sugar River basks in the late afternoon sun.

/ Eric Zengota

Inspiration

Take the Plunge

By Priscilla Hull

Last winter, I think it was around Valentine's Day, I watched as a young man poured a tub of ice water over his head, then ran to a hot tub to warm up. What a courageous thing to do! I'm not sure that I could have done it, certainly not at this time in my life, and probably not even in my 20s. Why did he do this? Well, he and a hundred and many more from New Hampshire, did this to raise money for Special Olympics of New Hampshire. This past week, it paid off and Eric and three others from Claremont joined together for Team New Hampshire! They traveled to Orlando, Florida, to participate with 116 athletes and volunteers from our state to work hard for the chance to win a medal. Of course, they have been working for years for this privilege and I'm sure they and their families and sponsors have spent a lot of energy and time working toward this goal.



Special Olympics isn't just a little time of fun and games. It is as serious the the Olympic Games that we watch every two years.\ These Special Olympians and their coaches and supporters who competed this past week are also serious athletes who follow the ideals of the original Olympics of Greece. We might say that they are a special breed who have set a goal and in order to reach that goal they and their families and sponsors worked together to that end.

In Ancient Greece in 776 BC, the Olympic Games were first held in Olympia, Greece. They continued for about 400 years and then were discontinued for about 1500 years; they were revived in 1896 in Athens, Greece. While the early Olympic Games included mostly what we call track and field events, there were other events such as chariot racing. Interesting to note that during the reign of Nero, there were music events, violin and other instruments added. At that time the Romans had overtaken Greece, and Nero entered and won most of the events. Later, after the Romans were ousted, it is rumored that the judges had to repay the bribes that were given by Nero!

The Olympic Games have evolved greatly, and Special Olympics particularly has evolved to uphold the joy of competition and the fairness that the Olympics express. In Special O, the events are geared to the needs and the abilities of the participants. There are still swimming, field and track, and such activities, but there is also bocce, bowling and such. The qualities of the contestants are the same. The best representatives from each state or country on the world level are competitors in great events. They are enthusiastic men and women who know that their abilities are top. I know that their parents or sponsors are also proud to support them in this great competition.

One parent of a special Olympian said, "What an amazing experience this has been for all of them! They trained hard and had a grueling schedule down here, but they persevered. They are all proud of their accomplishments as athletes and teammates."

I think that explains the attitude of these young people and their parents and sponsors. It was a lot of hard work to get there and seeing the faces at the opening ceremonies, and some of the medal presentations, it is true. Their faces glowed with joy as they accepted the reward for a job well done.

Our New Hampshire team included four from Claremont: Eric Lemieux, Sarah Peters, Kayla Millette, and Megan Lantz. Eric and Sarah are swimmers who came home with medals, Eric, the Gold, in the men's 50 yard freestyle, and Sarah with a Gold in the women's relay freestyle 4X25! Congratulations to them both for their outstanding performances. Megan competed in bocce and Kayla in bowling! So proud of these four athletes. Most important, the athletes have learned that perseverance and hard work pay off and can be fun in the doing. It is one thing to race, but to have a good time in the training and racing is another. It is important to know that your hard work has paid off and whether you win a medal or have the satisfaction and joy of the competition, these races and games are an ego builder, giving self confidence and joy to the competitor. I watched the opening ceremonies as presented and the joy that shone on the faces was contagious. It was beautiful.

Special Olympics is a great benefit for those who are able to compete. It brings pride to the individual and the family. It's easy to say, "Let's go!" It's important to actually do it. These young people have run the race, so to speak. They have seen the goal and they have completed the course. Congratulations to them all.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it!

1 Corinthians 9:24

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

Off Broad Street Players to Bring History Presentations to Life As Part of COH's 125th Anniversary Celebration

CLAREMONT, NH—When Off Broad Street Players heard that the celebration of the Claremont Opera House's 125th anniversary included plans to adapt a 1980 oral history project into print form, they immediately recognized the opportunity to use the original recordings in another way. Three OBSP members, Sharon Wood, Trudee Bacon, and Kara Lee, joined the planning committee that COH Board president Felicia Brych-Dalke formed to work with author and publisher, Annalisa Parent to prepare "Stage Whispers - A Living History, Retold" for publication.

For several months the committee members, which also included representatives of COH, the City of Claremont, the Claremont Historical Society, and the Fiske Free Library, listened to the original oral history recordings, now digitalized from compact discs transferred from the original cassette tapes.

Quotes from several former Claremonters who had spoken about a wide variety of activities under the broad category of arts and entertainment were selected to be included in the book.

The committee located historical photos to accompany the text and provided guidance for the author, who organized and tied together the subjects' diverse quotes with historical background and explanatory text. All this was done within a tight schedule to guarantee printing in time for the June 25th celebratory event. Once the book was sent off to the printer, the focus of the committee could turn to the gala event. The show will begin with selections from the book read by the author alternating with living history presentations of ten of the original oral history subjects.

Elizabeth Bell, Earl Bourdon, Frank Bush, Charles Chandler, Mable Cutting, Bertha Emond, Albert Leahy Jr., Paul Mason, Cynthia McKee, and Effie White will be portrayed on stage by Pamela Ruest, Harold Hall, Scott Magnuson, David Parker, Karen Parker, Trudee Bacon, Craig Woodbury, Stan Marro, Kara Lee, and Sharon Wood.

Next, two of the speeches given at the original dedication of the Claremont Opera House on June 22, 1897 will be reenacted. Mike Grace will portray Hosea Parker, prominent citizen who was named "President of the Day"



Members of the Off Broad Street Players rehearse with Annalisa Parent, author of "Stage Whispers" on the Claremont Opera House stage in preparation for the 125th Anniversary show on June 25 (Courtesy photo).

for that momentous occasion. Scott Magnuson will speak as Burt Chellis, Chairman of the Building Committee, who will present the keys to the building to current Mayor Dale Girard.

The first Act will conclude with an adaptation of The Burglar by Margaret Cameron. This play was performed at the original dedication, and in 1997, was reprised by OBSP for COH's 100th Anniversary celebration. This time, the play has been adapted as a 1947 radio show. The year was chosen because it was the COH's 50th anniversary year, allowing for a novel format to present the play. Sarah Ruest will join Trudee Bacon, Kara Lee, Karen Parker, and Pamela Ruest in the cast of this delightful one-act comedy, with Craig Woodbury as radio host and sound man.

Living history and theatrics in Act 1 will be followed by an intermission, and a second act devoted to music. Renowned pianist Virginia Eskin, who has presented many performances on the COH stage, will perform the Claremont Grand March by Addison P Wyman. The piece was written "for the citizens of Claremont" in 1868. It was first played at the reopening of the

old town hall in 1869 and again at the dedication of the new building in 1897.

The performance will be attended by Jon Wyman, president of the Francis Wyman Association based in Burlington, Massachusetts, and two Claremonters who also have Wyman ancestors, Eric Peirce and Stephen Wood.

Next on the program will be the Claremont American Band, directed by Ed Evensen. Highlights of their performance will be John Phillip Sousa!s Stars and Stripes Forever, The National Emblem by the band's former director E. E. Bagley, and Claremont Triumphant by composer and guest musician Erika Svanoe. Executive Director of West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, Melissa Richmond, and Company will perform the Claremont Suite (2014) by Mark Harvey, and Concerto for Flute and String Orchestra (2014) by Kinan Azmeh, arranged in 2022 by M. Richmond. Both pieces were commissioned to celebrate Claremont's 250th anniversary.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.-cohnh.org or by calling the Box Office at 603-542-4433.

And Now the Four Are 3



The Claremont Fire Department's 2019 bumper crop of kids turn 3 years old this year. They and their dads have gathered at the fire station every June to celebrate Fathers Day.

2020

From left, as always, are
Delina and Calvin Limoges,
Kennedy and Jim Chamberlain,
Madelyn and Mike Snide, and
Avery and Kyle Lizotte.

Story and photos by Eric Zengota



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Calendar Of Events

The Acworth Village Store -Acworth Community Project -MusicFest

ACWORTH, NH - Our annual MusicFest is back! This year it is scheduled rain or shine for Saturday, June 25th, from 11:00AM until dusk. Talented local musicians will be featured and it promises to be another fabulous musical event. This year, MusicFest will feature Dan & Faith, Blue Collar Band, Best Revenge and Friends, Carolyn Waters, Gabriel Mireles, Decatur Creek, Harrison Fantasia, and more. This year our grill will be cooking hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage with lots of yummy sides. We'll also have some homemade baked goods for sale. Along with great music and food there will be craft vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor (fee is only \$25), please contact Mary Lord at the Village Store: 603-835-6547. Entrance is free for this event.

Summer Saturdays have begun as well and continues through mid October from 5:30-7:30 PM. Come on over for some good dinner food and great music every Saturday night behind the Village Store. Keep an eye out for our menus and musicians on our Facebook page and on our emails.

The Acworth Village Store is run by The Acworth Community Project which is a NH non-profit organization. They hold one board meeting a month and have some interesting and fun plans for the upcoming year, which include historical and educational events and fundraising activities. If you'd like more information about this community run Village Store please contact Jim Neidert at 603-835-2453.

The Acworth Village Store is located at 1068 Rt. 123A, South Acworth, NH 03607. The phone number there is 603-835-6547. The website is www.acworthvillagestore.com and you can also visit us on FaceBook.

Pot Roast Dinner at St. Joseph Church July 2

CLAREMONT, NH-St. Joseph Church will

host their 2nd monthly Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday, July 2, from 5 to 7pm. Pot roast, mashed potato, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage are on the menu for \$15. Dinners may be taken out or eaten in the church hall at 58 Elm Street.

Sullivan County Humane Society Save A Stray 5K Resumes In-person for 2022

The SCHS Save a Stray 5K is a road race through the beautiful historic Corbin Covered Bridge on Corbin Road in Newport, NH. A \$50.00 cash prize will be awarded to the top male and female finishers. Awards will be given to the top 3 male and female finishers.

Not a runner? No problem! Many folks who take part walk the race route. If you are unable to come in person but would still like to donate, you may do so by going to our GoFundMe page and choosing a team to support. Postrace festivities include a BBQ, raffle prizes, and an award ceremony. In addition, we welcome your four-legged friends to participate with you. Dogs must be leashed and will start at the back of the pack.

Donations will be used toward the SCHS goal of improving the quality of life for animals within our county and to putting an end to animal overpopulation, abandonment, and neglect. Through responsible adoptions we will find homeless animals new forever homes. Through humane education we will teach responsible ownership. Through low cost spay/neuter programs we will limit the number of litters born in our county and therefore decrease the numbers surrendered.

Sullivan County Humane Society's 8th Annual SCHS Save a Stray 5K will take place on June 25th, at 10:00 AM. To register go to: https://pinnaclestrive.com. The pre-registration cost is \$25.00. Online registration ends Thursday June 23, at 5:00pm. If you miss the online deadline, no worries! You may also choose same day registration, which opens at 8:30 on race day and costs \$30.00.

Additional information about the race can be found here: http://www.sullivancountyhumane-society.org/Save-A-Stray-5K/

Questions? Contact Laurie Waterman @ laurie_waterman@comcast.net. Visit our Save a Stray Facebook page to keep up with all the happenings.

2022 Brownsville Independence Day Celebrations

Kick off the Independence Day weekend on Saturday, July 2 at 1:00 at Ascutney Outdoors when you can enjoy the Weston Playhouse production of "SHREK"! Tickets are free but reservations must be made in advance at westontheater.org/shred.

On Sunday, July 3, at Ascutney Outdoors, the festivities will start at 6:00 PM, the fireworks will start at dusk and the fun will run until 9:00 PM or until the fireworks are over. Attendees will enjoy music, food, FIREWORKS and family fun! The Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers and fries. Wicked Awesome BBQ will be offering up their fare and the Lazy Cow will be dishing up scrumptious ice cream delights.

On Monday, July 4, in our village, the festivities will continue from 8:30 AM until 3 PM.

Brownsville Community Church will kick off the 4th of July 2022 from 8:30 until 10:00 with an abundant buffet breakfast which will be served in Fellowship Hall. Diners can enjoy their breakfast inside or out in the new BCC Tribute Park Pavilion.

Starting at 9 AM, there will be vendors selling their wares inside Town Hall. The young and the young-at-heart can enjoy the Bouncy House at Brownsville Community Church from 9:30 until 1:30. Outside of Town Hall, there will be hamburgers, hotdogs & fries supplied by the Moonlighters Snowmobile Club. Fresh baked pizza will be served by American Pie and slurpies will be made to order by our own Fast Squad. There will be music throughout the day.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Tribute Park. To celebrate that milestone, there will be the Grand Opening of Brownsville Community Church's Tribute Park Pavilion. Church volunteers will be handing out free beverages during the day.

At 1:30 spectators will experience the Brownsville Independence Day Grand Parade which will feature the Shriners Clowns, fire trucks from all around the region and local float entries. There will be a \$100 prize each for float categories - most Patriotic, most Humorous and most On Theme. There is also a fire truck award being given by the West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department.

With the 2022 theme being "Our Hills are Alive!", there are many opportunities to use this theme on a float. Just think of what can be done in and on our hills ... camping, hiking, biking, hunting, strolling, etc. If you want to be part of the parade, contact Janet England (for floats and other motorized vehicles) or Karen Diop (for walkers)

If you are interested in volunteering on the 3rd, contact Bill Ley. If you can volunteer on the 4th, contact Karen Diop. All these folks can all be reached by email through BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com.

45th Annual Orford NH Flea Market Sponsored by the Orford Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

August 6th & 7th, 2022 (Saturday & Sunday) Saturday – 9am to 5pm Sunday – 9am to 4pm Rain or Shine

On the Common, Rt. 10, Orford, NH

It's our 45th Annual Flea Market with up to 190 vendors. There will be a delightful mix of wares: antiques, handcrafted items, and the usual treasures. The OVFD Inc. will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries and refreshments. The Church will be selling breakfast sandwiches and later pie & ice cream.

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

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

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

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

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

Big Money Bingo

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

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

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

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

Sandwiches and snacks available and drinks. Questions: call Sandy at 603-

543-7118. Open to those 18 and older.

Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

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

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

Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans pro-

grams. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor's emergency order concerning COVID has

expired.

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

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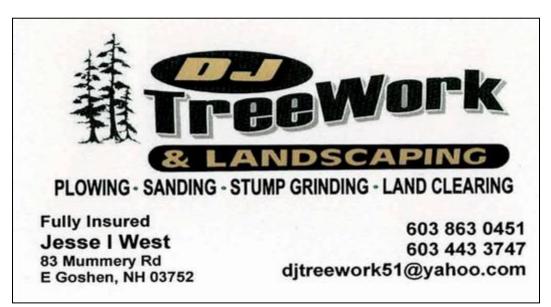
The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover's Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH.

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

Claremont Senior Center News

The Claremont Senior Center is open every Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and another game afternoon has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. We are also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9 pm. We have many activities. Miracle Ear, Blood Drive and VNA Foot Clinic will continue as scheduled.

We have started two options for our meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays – drive thru PLUS indoor seating. Reservations ARE required for indoor seating as there is a limited number of seats. Tuesday, June 21st - Taco salad, dessert. Thursday, June 23rd – BBQ chicken quarter, potato salad, cole slaw, dessert. Must call 603-543-5998 by 10:30 to reserve your meal for either drive thru meal or inside dining.



Price is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Indoor dining serving will begin at 11:45 am and drive thru pickup will begin at noon until 12:30 pm. Meals are always subject to change. Indoor diners will not be served at the table. Diners will have to collect their meal at the serving window and return used dishes at the dishwashing window. Beverages will not be included, at this time. Water and soda will be available for purchase or you may bring your own beverage.

Our next Foot Clinic will be held on June 22nd. You MUST call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment with them. The fee is \$25.

Bingo - Our Wednesday afternoon Bingo is back. Cards are sold between noon and 12:45 only. We only take Ones, Fives and Tens, NO Twenties. You need not be a member to play Bingo but you must be at least 55 years old. If you would like Bingo to continue WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS, please contact us.

Yard Sale – Mark your calendars as our yard sale is scheduled for July 22 and 23rd. We are now accepting donations of useful items. We CAN NOT accept large appliances, large furniture, mattresses, luggage, carpets and rugs, clothes, shoes, typewriters, computers, TVs, exercise equipment, skis, or anything else we feel is not salable.

Men's Breakfast – Our next men's breakfast will be on June 20th. Doors open at 8 am and serving starts at 8:15. Open to the public. MEN ONLY. Members \$2.00 and non-members \$3.00.

Also mark your calendars for our Car Show on August 28th. We have begun work already and we will keep you informed on any updates.

If you are a member and are not receiving our emails, PLEASE let us know your email address. Also if you have changed your mail address, email, phone number or contact information, please let us know.

"A man sooner or later discovers that he is the master-gardener of his soul, the director of his life." James Allen

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Road, Claremont, NH. Phone: 603-543-5998.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 6/12

1313 Engine 4 responded to Myrtle St – Medical call

1355 Engine 4 responded to Chestnut St Medical call

1539 Engine 4 responded to Heritage Dr Assist Golden Cross Ambulance

1903 Engine 4 responded to Prospect St Illegal burn

Monday 6/13

No calls to report for this day

Tuesday 6/14

0223 Engine 4 responded to Whitcomb Ln – Medical call

Wednesday 6/15

0733 Engine 3 responded to Washington St – Motorcycle accident

Thursday 6/16

0530 Engine 4 responded to Winter St – Box alarm

0846 Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St – Odor of propane

2048 Engine 4 Responded to Hanover St – Medical call

Friday 6/17

1139 Engine 3 responded to
Charlestown Rd – Motor vehicle accident
1549 Engine 4 responded to Washington
St – Medical call

2014 Engine 4, Engine 3 responded to Main St – Smoke investigation

Saturday 6/18

0854 Engine 4 responded to Plains Rd – Box alarm

0958 Engine 3 responded to Allen St – Motor vehicle accident

1548 Engine 3 responded to Washington St – Motor Vehicle Accident

1712 Engine 4 responded to West Terrace – Medical call

1758 Engine 4 responded to Half Mile Rd – Tree on wires

0240 Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St – Carbon monoxide alarm activation

Common Man Family Sponsors Ukrainian Relief Fund

ASHLAND, NH – The Common Man hospitality family in New Hampshire has launched the Common Man Ukraine Relief Fund to benefit Ukrainian refugees and those assisting with relief efforts in Poland and surrounding

countries and has committed to matching up to \$1 million in donations.

Donations can be made online at www.graniteuw.org or by texting CMAN4UKRAINE to 41444.

One hundred percent of donations will be directed to relief efforts in Ukraine and countries supporting Ukrainian refugees and matched, dollar for dollar, totaling \$2 million.

2022 CFA Calendar of Events

June 21st 5:30 - Tapestry Tuesdays at the New London Inn - Kevin Gardner author of "The Granite Kiss" presents "Discovering New England Stone Walls" www.centerfortheart-snh.org/tapestry-tuesdays reservations info@cfanh.org. More information at www.-centerfortheartsnh.org

July 1st – 6:15 - First Fridays! Music on the Green! Concert at the New London Bandstand! 2022 CFA Scholarship Announcements!

July 16th - "Art in the Harbor" in Sunapee Harbor! 10-4

Outdoor Fine Arts and Crafts Show and Sale "Rain or Shine"

25 Artists and Craftspeople show and sell their work!

For more information visit www.centerfortheartsnh.org/arts-in-the-harbor

July 19th 5:30 - Tapestry Tuesdays at the New London Inn -Award winning poet, Amber Crowtree "Poetry Endures: A Reading of Life and Meaning." reservations info@cfanh.org www.centerfortheartsnh.org/tapestry-tuesdays Get the Zoom Link at www.centerfortheartsnh.org

July 30th-Aug 7th - "Naturally New England" - Annual Summer Fine Art Show and Sale 50 Juried Artists Show and Sell their work at The Livery, Sunapee Harbor. To benefit the CFA and Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

August 5th - First Fridays! "Youth Talent Show" ...plus the NL Barn Jr Interns Perform All ages! All talent! Contact us to participate -Music, Dance, Theater Performances, Prizes...

www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays To participate email us at info@cfanh.org

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.

www.etickernewsofclaremont.com

Angela S. Chicoine, 55

Angela Susan (Lemieux) Chicoine, 55, of Surry, NH, passed away on Sunday, June 12, 2022. Angela was born on October 4, 1966 in Claremont, NH, to Gilles and Joanne Lemieux. She graduated from Stevens High School. On May 21, 1988. she married Roger Chicoine. Together they raised two children, and she owned and operated Chicoine's Salon for over thirty years. Angela was a loving wife, mother, sister, daughter, "awesomeaunte", and friend. She enjoyed her cats, koi pond, playing cards, gardening, and spending time with her family. She saved and placed hundreds of cats through fostering with various humane societies. She could light up a room and will forever be remembered for her positive attitude and bright spirit.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Roger; her two children, Megan Tomberlin & her husband Kyle, of Wilmington, NC; and Collin Chicoine, of Surry NH; her father Gilles Lemieux, of Claremont, NH; a sister Lisa Viens, and brother Michael Lemieux and his wife Beth, of Claremont NH; and father and mother inlaws Roger and Sheila Chicoine, of Washington, NH.

A Funeral Mass for Angela will be held Wednesday, June 22nd, at 11 AM at Saint Mary Church in Claremont, NH, with celebration of life to follow at the Lemieux property at 519 Jarvis Hill Road, Claremont NH.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the River Valley Animal Protection League, 60 Cummings Ave, Charlestown, NH 03603.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Clara Homiak, 93

Clara Homiak, 93, formerly of Claremont NH, died peacefully Sunday, June 12, 2022, at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, VT. Born in Newmarket, NH, on July 4th, 1928, she was the daughter of Walter and Julia (Zurawska) Malek of Bay Road. She was a graduate of Newmarket High School and enjoyed being on the basketball team.

She moved to Claremont in 1972 and ran Harry's Shoe Barn on Tremont Square, with her husband, for twenty years. She enjoyed golf and was a member of the Claremont Country Club for many years. She also enjoyed gardening, line dancing and was always up for a good laugh.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Homiak, who passed away on April 22, 2006. She is survived by her three children, Greg Homiak of Cornish, Sharleen Homiak of Claremont and Karen Homiak of Naples, FL, and nieces, nephews and cousins. She will be remembered for being a loving wife and mother and will be forever missed.

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She was predeceased by her sister, Sophie Bennett, as well as her brothers, Edward Malek, Lewis Malek, John Malek and Theodore "Teddie" Malek.

The family suggests that donations may be made in her memory to the Activity Department at the Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Funeral services will be held at Stringer Funeral Home in Claremont on Saturday, June 18th, at 1PM. Visiting hours will be from 12 to 1PM prior to the service. Burial will follow in the West Claremont Burying Ground. A reception will be held at the Claremont Elks Lodge in the corner of Pleasant and Summer Street.

The family would prefer that masks be worn during the services indoors but not mandatory.



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Robert K. Holbrook

Robert Kenneth Holbrook, formerly of Claremont, NH, passed away surrounded by family on May 18, 2022, in Concord, NH. Bob was born in Nashua, NH, on December 7, 1927 to the late Raymond Clark Holbrook and Bessie Smith. Robert married his first love, Doris Theriault, in 1946. They moved to Manchester, NH, where he worked at Crystal Laundry and Dry Cleaners for 30 years as manager of the dry cleaning department. In 1977, he moved to Claremont, where he owned and operated Veterans Cleaners on Washington Street. In 1990, he sold Veterans Cleaners and went to work for Valley Regional Hospital for 20 more years. Robert married Virginia (Ginny) Hoffman in 1982. She passed away March 25, 2010.

Bob was a 50-year member of the Masons: past master of Lafayette Lodge of Masons; a member of Hiram Lodge in Claremont; and Lodge Council Chapter Consistory in Nashua (32nd Degree). Bob was a Claremont Police Commissioner for six years, a member of the Moose Elks, and the first member of the Kiwanis to receive the Hixson Award for service.

He is survived by four children: Scott Holbrook (Sally) of East Falmouth, MA; Barry Holbrook (Linda) of Manchester, NH; Lisa Holbrook of Manchester, NH; and Mark Holbrook (Laurie) of Rye, NH. He leaves six grandchildren: Lee Holbrook (Erin) and Martin Holbrook (Corinne); Hannah Holbrook (Adam Paine) and Eliza Holbrook LeBeau (Chris); and Hunter Holbrook (Lauren Ellman) and Connor Holbrook (Peyton Kent); plus five great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be at the Stringer Funeral Home in Claremont, NH on Monday, June 27th, from 4 PM to 6 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Arrowhead Recreation Area in Claremont, NH (http://www.arrowheadnh.com/) or the Shriners Hospital (https://lovetotherescue.org/).

Sunapee Police Dept. and NH Marine Patrol Offer NH Boating Education Class

If you don't already have a New Hampshire Boating Education Certificate or one of the other forms of boating certificate accepted by the State of New Hampshire, you need to get one. Everyone 16 years of age and older who operates a motorboat over 25 horsepower on New Hampshire waters must have a boating education certificate.

The Sunapee Police Department is partnering with NH Marine Patrol to offer an opportunity to attend the New Hampshire Boating Education Course here in Sunapee. The course will be offered on Saturday, August, 13, and will be held at the Sunapee Safety Services

Building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will earn your NH Boating Education Certificate on the day of the class.

You MUST pre-register online by going to: https://www.nhsp.dos.nh.gov/our-services/field-operations-bureau/marine-patrol/boating-education.



Saturday, June 25th, 2022

Robert C. Hasevlat Memorial Park • Newport
8:30 AM (Race Day Registrations) | RUN STARTS AT 10:00 AM

\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE | \$30 SAME DAY REGISTRATION FEE

KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE • TO REGISTER TO RUN, WALK, OR SUPPORT A
PARTICIPANT THROUGH PLEDGING, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
sullivancountyhumanesociety.org

FREE T-SHIRT FOR FIRST 100 SIGN-UPS (13 & OVER)!

To benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society

CLAREMONT
The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA (Revised)		
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 June 8 th , 2022, City Council Meeting(s)	
6:37 PM	5. MAYOR'S NOTES	
6:42 PM	6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT A. General Remarks	
7:00 PM	 CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 24)) 	
7:10 PM 7:20 PM 7:30PM 7:45 PM	9. OLD BUSINESS A. Ordinance 594 HB 1029 Police Commission- Second reading- public hearing (City Manager) B. Rail Trail Use – 13 Edgewood (City Manager/Planning & Development) C. City Hall Upgrades (City Manager/Superintendent of facilities) D. BUDGET (City Manager/Finance Director) a. Sanitation Budget b. Police Budget c. Streets and Roads (Highways) d. Sewer Fund Budget e. General Fund Budget f. Resolution 2022-31 Encumbrance Budget- Public Hearing	
8:45 PM	E. Resolution 2022-32 Supplemental Appropriation to Elections Complex – Public Hearing (City Manager/Finance Director)	
8:55 PM	F. Resolution 2022-33 Supplemental Appropriation to Municipal Complex – Public Hearing (City Manager/Finance Director)	
9:05 PM	G. Resolution 2022-34 Supplemental Appropriation to General Services Complex –	

10. NEW BUSINESS

BREAK

9:25 PM A. Transfer Station RFP (City Manager/Director of Public Works)

Public Hearing (City Manager/Finance Director)

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- B. AFSCME DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement (City Manager/Human Resource Manager)
- C. Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (City Manager/Human Resource Manager)
- D. Budget Hearing and Vote (City Manager/Finance Director)
 - a. Resolution 2023-1 Tax Anticipation Note Public Hearing
 - Resolution 2023-2 To Adopt the 2023 General Fund Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing
 - Resolution 2023-3 To Adopt the 2023 Water Division Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing
 - d. Resolution 2023-4 To Adopt the 2022 Sewer Division Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing
 - e. Resolution 2023-5 To Adopt the 2022 Downtown Tax Increment Finance District Budget for the City of Claremont – Public Hearing
- 10:25 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 10:30 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 10:35 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 10:40 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.





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Cotton Candy and Screams of Joy

Carnival Brings Flashing Lights and Tons of Food to Claremont

Last week, Claremont Carnival Days provided many hours — and many calories — to visitors who came from around the Upper Valley. They had franks and lemonade and candied apples and fried dough for dinner. Shot down weighted cups and punctured balloons to take home cute little stuffed aliens or huge stuffed cuddly bears. Held on tight as flying cars propelled them up and down, and tiny cages flipped them upside down. Shrieked and laughed and welcomed summer thrill by thrill. The four-day visit by Miller Amusements of Webster, NH, is an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Claremont Police Association. Scott Miller noted that he and his team have been bringing the amusements to Claremont for more than 15 years.



Clockwise: Perfecting your dart skills? The balloons won't bust unless you're very good. Eight-year-old "best friends" Norah and Cashis couldn't imagine a better way to spend their Friday evening. A sausage, peppers and onions sandwich is a favorite treat year after year. "That was scary!" said one girl as she and her friend climbed out of the Zipper. "Let's do it again!"

Text and Photos by Eric Zengota







Sampling the Suds

Brewfest Draws In a Crowd to Newport

NEWPORT, NH—The north wind blowing straight down the Newport Town Common last Saturday turned a mid-June day into one that felt more like the fall. Actually, the cool, Oktoberfest weather might have been an extra incentive for the nearly 200 visitors to the 8th Newport Nano Brewfest, sponsored by the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce.

The beer lovers visited the pop-ups and booths of "15 different locally owned, small batch, amazing breweries" from New Hampshire, as organizer Steve Smith posted on the event's Facebook page. Visitors sampled long-time favorites as well as brews they had never tasted before. Seated at reserved tables or ambling along the common, friends met up to catch up on the latest news. Others were "doing research," picking up ideas and interviewing breweries in preparation for the local brewfests they would be organizing later this year.

There was food, too — soft artisan pretzels and tacos, Asian treats and ice cream. All the while, the Chris Palluto Band played on the bandstand.