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Welcome Back!

Parks & Rec Reopens CSBCC to Exercisers, Summer Campers

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Only three months? To its 1,600 members, the closure of the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center due to COVID-19 seemed a lot, lot longer. But now that it's reopened, says Parks & Recreation director Mark Brislin, patrons are flocking back, eager to pick up where they left off in mid-March.

"We reopened on June 22 with our regular hours. Our first week went smoothly," Brislin noted. "Everyone wants to get back into their routines. We have our swimmers, our weightlifters. Folks who just want to go around the track, or use our treadmills and stationary bikes."

Swimmers can reserve a lane for lap swimming online or by phone, he added. Each day's schedule also includes hours for open-swim and small-pool use.

Reopening during the pandemic is possible, said Brislin, because the Center is following
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Practicing socially-distanced jumps, kids from S.O.A.R., a weekly summer camp, wind up a day of activities with more than an hour of pool activities (Eric Zengota photo).

2nd Arrest Announced in February Drug Death Case

CLAREMONT, NH—With continuation of a three-month criminal investigation, Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase and Sullivan County Attorney Marc Hathaway announced on Friday the arrest of Amber Brusco, 36, of Claremont, NH. This arrest comes in connection with the arrest of Christopher Santolucito back on May

14, 2020. Brusco was arrested as a conspirator and/or accomplice to an investigation focusing on the death that occurred in Claremont in February 2020.

On February 21, 2020, Claremont Emergency Services responded to Birney's Mini Mart for a possible overdose of a customer in

the bathroom of the store. Upon arrival of emergency responders, there was an attempt to revive the female that was located in the store. Those attempts failed. This person was identified as: Kacey Grizzaffi, 22, of Lebanon, NH.

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Arrest, from A1

The investigation of the death of Grizzaffi revealed that she died as a result of fentanyl toxicity. At the time of her death Grizzaffi was pregnant with twins. The Claremont Police Criminal Division then conducted an investigation into where Grizzaffi obtained the drugs that caused her death. According to Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, "This investigation included seizure of cell phones, electronic monitoring equipment and various video surveillance sys-



Amber Brusco

tems from locations in Claremont NH." Based on that investigation, the Claremont Police applied for an arrest warrant for Brusco and arrested her on the charges listed below:

- Count 1**
RSA 318-B:2,1-a, Acts Prohibited, Sales of Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug Fentanyl (Conspiracy- RSA 629:3)
- Count 2**
RSA 318-B:2, 1-a, Acts Prohibited, Sales of Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug Heroin (Conspiracy- RSA 629:3)
- Count 3**
RSA 318-B:2, 1-a, Acts Prohibited, Sales of a Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug Fentanyl (Principle/Accomplice RSA 628:8)
- Count 4**
RSA 318-B:2, 1-a, Acts Prohibited, Sales of a Substance Represented to be the Controlled Drug Heroin (Principle/ Accomplice RSA 628:8)

According to the statement released by Chase and Hathaway, these charges that are brought forth are alternate theories for prosecution.

Brusco was released on personal recognizance bail and is ordered to appear before the Sullivan Superior Court on July 16, 2020, for arraignment.

The criminal investigation remains ongoing at this time. Anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to contact Claremont Police Detective Sergeant Justin Laffin at (603) 542-7010 or jlaffin@claremontnh.com.

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Claremont 4th Postponed

CLAREMONT, NH—Due to health concerns and group size limitations associated with COVID-19, it is ill-advised and impractical to operate large gatherings this summer, said City officials recently. Because of this, the July 4th celebration in Claremont has been canceled this year.

"We are optimistic that everyone's efforts and resilience this summer will help lead to the return of large scale events in some form this fall and by next summer," said Parks & Rec director Mark Brislin. "We will continue to brainstorm creative ways to inject some community fun and celebration this summer, and hope to be able to provide a similar event to our 4th of July celebration later this year. We would like to thank McGee Toyota for their continued support for the Claremont July 4th Fireworks display, and their willingness to work with us through this trying time."

For more information and updates, please like Claremont, NH Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook or visit claremontpark-s.com.

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Legislating in the Age of Coronavirus



New Hampshire's House of Representatives will gather for its second straight meeting outside of Concord tomorrow, June 30, at 10 am—a meeting that I hope will be more productive than the previous meeting.

Most of the items on the agenda for the June 30 meeting, which will again be held at UNH's Whittemore Center in Durham, will be on proposed concurrences on Senate amendments to House bills that were approved before March 15. As readers may remember from previous columns, that was the date when the House, along with the New Hampshire Senate temporarily suspended operations after the State House Complex was closed to all representatives, senators, legislative staff, and visitors. The closure was made to protect such individuals in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Approximately two months after March 15, several House committees started to hold hearings via virtual ZOOM platforms or telephonic conference calls on the remaining House measures to be examined for 2020. Next, as described in my June 15 column, House Democratic Leadership tried to suspend previously-enacted legislative rules so as to allow the full House to at least debate these measures. But all such attempts failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority needed to suspend the rules, except for one measure involving draft beer growlers. This situation was because House Republican Leadership was upset at the Democratic Leadership for what the former had claimed was a lack of consultation on the remainder of the 2020 Session would proceed. Consequently, most Republican representatives on a majority of suspension attempts refused to join Democratic representatives in order to achieve the required two-thirds.

Along with the June 11 refusal by most of my fellow Republican representatives to suspend the rules, the House encountered further problems trying to schedule hearings on Senate measures by its 21 standing committees. These committees included my Public Works & Highways Committee. Obviously holding public hearings in Concord's Legislative Office Building had been initially ruled out of the question so as to protect the health of us representatives, our staff as well as the public who might wish to personally testify on such measures. House Leadership then decided that all public hearings and executive meetings on the remaining House measures not passed before March 15 as well as Senate would have to be virtual or telephonic, or not done at all. In early May of this year, with little less than two months before June 30, the traditional end date of the Regular 2020 Legislative Session as required in the New Hampshire Constitution, House Speaker Stephen Shurtleff and Senate agreed that the House would not hold public hear-

ings on any Senate measures. But the Senate would hold hearings and meetings on all House bills passed before March 15. This decision was for some very practical reasons I have learned.

In order to hold virtual or telephonic hearings and meetings, the House and Senate would have to purchase licenses from virtual or telephonic platform companies like ZOOM, which are capable of hosting such events. These licenses would have to be carefully purchased with features for all members of the 21 House standing committees as well as 12 Senate standing committees to participate in this new method of conducting legislative business, and would include features that would have to allow for public access and participation in the hearings and meetings in accordance with New Hampshire's Right-to-Know Law. But yet, such features would guard against interference with such hearings and meetings by hostile entities like digital hackers, hate groups, or foreign actors. Finally all committee members of these 33 different committees, including committee chairs such as myself, would have to be trained on how to properly conduct business on the new virtual or telephonic platforms and properly trained in a relatively short period of time. Also, I learned that there are only a few employees in the Legislature's Joint IT (Information Technology) Dept. that might be available to help committees with unexpected digital problems, even after committees had been properly trained. Since at the height of any legislative session from experience, several of 33 House and Senate standing committees are often convening at the same time, both the Speaker Shurtleff and President Soucy agreed that trying to hold many virtual or telephonic committee gatherings would be a very difficult, if not impossible, undertaking over the short period of time left in the 2020 Session.

Thus, the joint agreement to have mainly the Senate consider House measures passed before March 15, as well as House measures passed after March 15, if the rules had been suspended on June 11. In contrast, the House would not hear any Senate measures, unless legislative leadership it was felt absolutely necessary. House measures were then heard by Senate committees, and later amended by the appropriate Senate committees to include several high-priority Senate bills that House and Senate committee chairs had earlier agreed were a high priority. Then these "omnibus" or "bundled" bills were voted out of their Senate committees, after either virtual or telephonic hearings, and sent on to the full Senate.

Consequently, the full Senate met June 16 in the more spacious House Chamber at the State House in Concord so as to better protect senators and their staffers from the coronavirus. At this meeting the Senate approved most of the House measures as amended by its committees, and also added a few amendments containing the House bills that weren't allowed to be debated on June 11. While the Senate tried to keep the subject matter in its amendments similar to the subject matter in the original House bills, such was not always the case. Thus, many of us representatives are now referring to these 27 measures to be considered tomorrow as House Omnibus Bills.

An example of such an omnibus bill is one that started out in Public

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Senators Hassan, Carper Call for Aggressive Action Against COVID-19 Scammers, Robocallers

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Tom Carper (D-DE) – who both serve on the Finance Committee and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee – are calling on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to aggressively crack down on scammers seeking to take advantage of Americans amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In New Hampshire, the FTC has received more than 1,000 reports of fraud so far this year, resulting in approximately \$1.5 million in losses, which is approximately three times higher than reported losses compared to this time last year.

“These scams take many forms, including offering expedited access to economic stimulus payments for a fee, impersonating public health officials, and selling phony products that they claim can prevent or cure COVID-19. These offensive scams are a danger to the health and financial security of Americans,” wrote the Senators. “Government and industry should always cooperate to fight illegal robocalls, but it is even more critical at a time when so many Americans are facing economic and health concerns.”

The Senators are asking for information from all four agencies about how they are working together to take enforcement actions against COVID-19-related scammers.

In their letters to the FTC and FCC, the Senators also discuss warnings that the agencies sent to six gateway providers stating that they needed to act to stop enabling COVID-19-related robocalls, including some that originated from overseas.

Kuster Statement on House Passage of Policing Reform and Equal Justice Legislation

“As a nation, we must acknowledge that systemic racism and inequality in treatment by law enforcement are pervasive within our society and work to end these injustices. It is in every American’s best interest to ensure our nation’s police officers are held to the highest standard and enact safeguards to protect the public, prohibit federal and state law enforcement from using racial profiling, and ensure that police are held accountable to the communities they serve.

“Over recent weeks, I have had conversations with local law enforcement and civil rights leaders about solutions to increase transparency and ensure justice in policing. Today’s legislation is a long-overdue step towards ensuring equal justice for all Americans. I am proud to stand on the right side of history with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus in supporting this legislation...”

Rep. Cloutier, from A4

Works & Highways. This is House Omnibus Bill 1135, which originally was introduced just to name a stretch of New Hampshire Route 49 in Campton, Thornton, & Waterville Valley in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2009. But the bill was amended by the Senate so as to also name a stretch of State Route 125 in Brentwood in honor of Police Officer Stephen Arkell, who was killed in the line of duty. A further amendment would name two courtrooms in the Hampton District Court for two different judges. Additional amendments would designate June 6 as “D-Day Remembrance Day,” and Aug. 31 as “Overdose Awareness Day,” in New Hampshire. Yet another amendment would reorganize various circuit, family division, and district courts in Rockingham County. Finally, the most controversial amendment in Omnibus Bill 1135 would require Holocaust and Genocide Education in some form for all students in our state’s public schools.

In conclusion, I understand that some readers may question the necessity for such omnibus measures as House Bill 1135, especially since they contain some unrelated legislation as described in the previous paragraph. Unfortunately, because of the coronavirus pandemic, these are not normal times for individuals, businesses, schools, or legislative bodies like the New Hampshire House or Senate. **Email:** jocloutier@comcast.net.

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 28, 2020

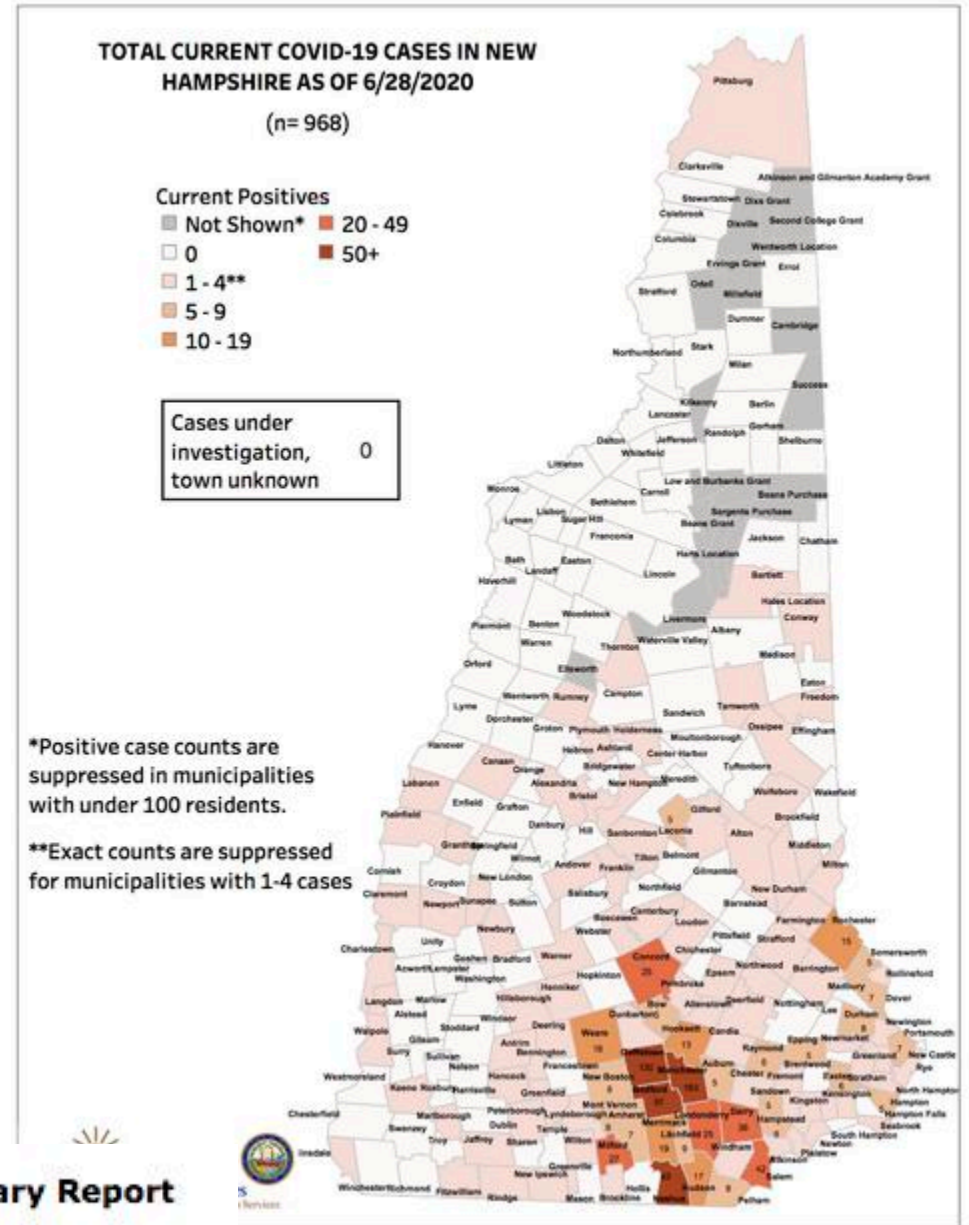
CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, June 28, 2020, DHHS announced 31 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 5,747 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 two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults, with 61% being female and 39% being male.

The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Rockingham (5), Manchester and Nashua (4), Carroll (1), Grafton (1), and Strafford (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (14) and Nashua (5).

Three new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 565 (10%) of 5,747 cases. Four of the new cases had no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has



New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated June 28, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	5,747
Recovered	4,412 (77%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	367 (6%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	968
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	565 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations	37
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)2	117,330
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests2	18,980
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	31,854
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL3	420
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	3,500

been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

There have been 31 positively identified cases in Sullivan County; there are 12 current positive cases in the county.

NH COVID-19 Guidelines for Activities, Businesses

For complete details on New Hampshire guidelines for what's opening and requirements that are in place, please visit <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>.

Loon Deaths Prompt Reminders About Lead Fishing Tackle Ban, Lead Tackle Buyback Program

CONCORD, NH—The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) want to remind anglers about the ban on lead sinkers and jigs weighing one ounce or less for all freshwater in the state. The Loon Preservation Committee recently recorded its first lead-poisoned loon of the year.

In 2019, a total of eight loons were confirmed to have died after ingesting lead sinkers and jigs up to 1.08 ounces. These loons were discovered on lakes or ponds across the state in Auburn, Barrington, Dublin, Holderness, Freedom, Gilford, Meredith, and Sandwich. An additional loon in Danbury died from lead poisoning after ingesting an unknown lead object. A loon will die from lead poisoning approximately two to four weeks after ingesting the lead.

To address this issue and help anglers dispose of lead sinkers and jigs they can no longer use, the LPC and NHFG have teamed up with eight local tackle shops to offer a lead tackle buyback program. From now through the end of the year, or until this season's initial 2,000 certificates are claimed, anglers can exchange one ounce or more of banned tackle (jigs and sinkers) for a \$10 gift certificate redeemable at these participating shops: AJ's Tackle (Meredith, NH), The Tackle Shack (Newbury, NH), Clarke's Hardware (New London, NH), LL Cote (Errol, NH), Newfound Sales and Trading Post (Bristol, NH), Osipee's Bait and Tackle (Effingham, NH), Pawtuckaway Trading Post (Raymond, NH), and Squam Boat Livery, Inc. (Holderness, NH). Only banned tackle is eligible for exchange as part of the buyback program, and only one exchange transaction is permitted per customer. Full details of the buyback and participating shops can be found at www.loonsafe.org. The list will be updated as new retailers join the program.

The LPC and NHFG are working cooperatively with many other organizations to educate anglers about the effects of lead poisoning on loons. Fish Lead Free is a multipartner, region-wide initiative dedicated to providing resources for anglers across New England to help them make the switch to lead-free tackle. Safe alternatives to lead tackle, made of steel, tungsten, tin, bismuth, and other materials, are effective and available. Get more tips and tactics for fishing lead free at

www.wildnh.com/fishing/get-the-lead-out.html.

Collection receptacles for old lead tackle can be found at all New Hampshire Fish and Game offices, numerous transfer stations, and other sites throughout the state. An interactive map

of disposal sites is available at <https://loon-safe.org/shops-and-disposal-sites/>. The Loon Preservation Committee (www.loon.org) works to protect loons throughout the state.

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Story and photos by Eric Zengota



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Sunapee Food Pantry Needs

SUNAPEE, NH—Laura Trow, Welfare Administrator for the Town of Sunapee, provided a recent update on Food Pantry Needs in that community:

“Thanks so much to all of you who have generously donated gift cards, checks and specific items to the Sunapee Food Pantry. We have been extremely busy and expect to continue to be so through the summer. Hungry children will be home from school and working families are struggling to get back to some sort of normalcy. We are in definite need of the following items:

- Cold cereal
- Canned veggies
- Juice – family or individual
- Canned fruit
- Baked beans
- Chili
- Pasta
- Instant potatoes
- Canned meats

Abbott Library Survey

SUNAPEE, NH—The Abbott Library will be sending out a survey (paper) in early July so watch your mailbox for it. In light of the police department's recent News Alert concerning a suspicious survey received in the mail by a resident, the Abbott Library and the police department want you to know that the Library's survey is not a scam. Your participation and response to the survey will be appreciated.

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All staff went through extensive training before re-opening. They clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and areas throughout the day. In addition, cleaning supplies are readily available in the fitness room for easy access and cleaning by members.

Brislin especially wants members to know that the Center has extended everyone's membership by three months. "Whether you're paying dues in monthly installments or you paid all at once for a year, you now have three more months to enjoy everything we have to offer."

Stay up to date with the CSBCC at claremontparks.com and on their

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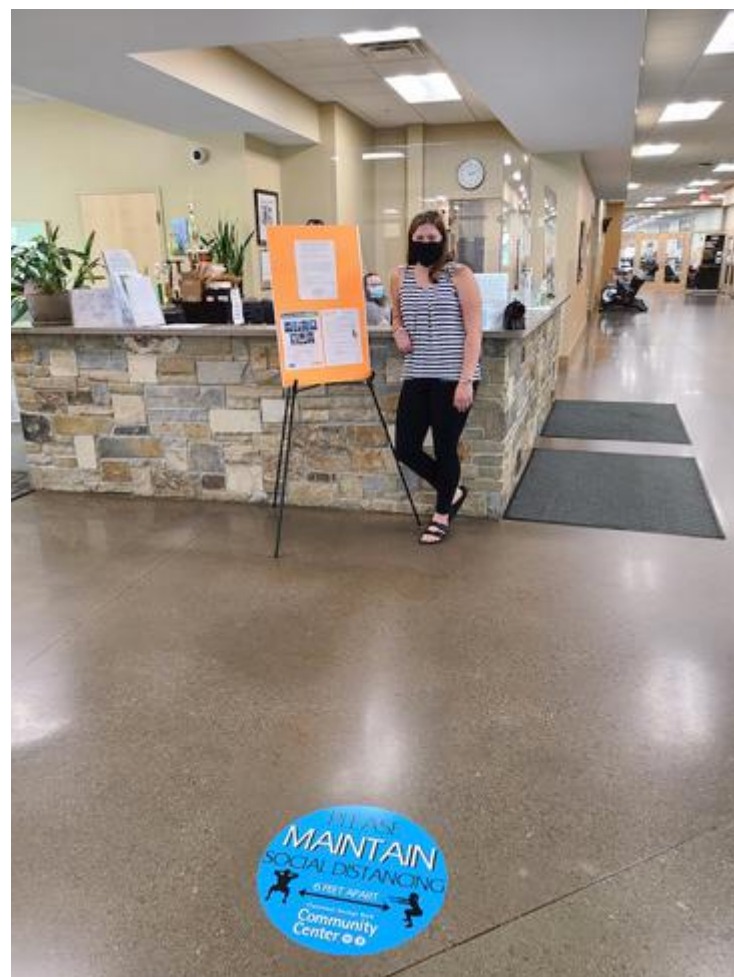
Center, from page A1

the strict health and safety guidelines established by the State of New Hampshire. Two comprehensive guidelines are critical. One encourages social distancing in all areas, especially locker and exercise rooms. The second

Nine-year-old Aiden McLaughlin really missed his almost daily pre-closure basketball sessions. He immediately returned to the reopened Center to brush up on his skills.

Treadmills are among the most-used machines enjoyed by returning members.

Caitlyn Chambers is ready to check in members and day-pass patrons at the front-desk. The "social distance" sign



is one of many reminders placed throughout the Center.

Most patrons, says staff member Bryar Rouillard, wipe down equipment before and after use. But he also routinely gives extra sanitizing swipes to boost cleanliness (Eric Zengota photos).



Newport Police Release Details about Fatal Motorcycle Accident

NEWPORT, NH—On June 25, at approximately 4:51am, the Newport Police Department and Newport Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle and a pickup truck on Maple Street in Newport. According to the Newport Police press release, “Initial investigation at the scene revealed that a 1997 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle was being driven eastbound on Maple Street by Robert E. Bushway, Jr., 47 years old, Lempster, NH. A 2018 GMC 3500 pickup truck was making a left turn out of a private driveway onto Maple Street operated by Dennis R. White, Jr., 49 years old, Newport, NH.

“The Suzuki motorcycle struck the driver’s side of the GMC pickup truck, ejecting him from the motorcycle. Emergency medical aid was rendered to Bushway, who had sustained life threatening injuries in the collision. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.”

From the preliminary investigation, it does not appear that impairment or distraction are factors in this crash, said the police department. Investigators are reconstructing the collision to determine the cause, including whether speed was a factor. No arrests have been made at this time, and the investigation will be reviewed by the Sullivan County Attorney’s Office for a final decision on whether charges are warranted.

Anyone with information about this collision is encouraged to contact Newport Police Detective Stephen A. Lee at (603) 863-3232 or slee@newportnh.gov.

CFD Called to Scene of Brush Fire June 21st

CLAREMONT, NH—On Sunday, June 21, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to 111 Roberts Hill Road for a brush fire (on the east side Green Mountain). The alarm came in at 5:49 PM, and fire crews responded with Engine 1 and Brush 1. Initial crews arrived on scene at 5:59. Approximately one-half acre of woodland was on fire. A general alarm was toned, bringing in all off-duty personnel to the scene due to the high heat and remote location of the fire. Once a water

supply was established, firefighters were able to make a quick knock down of the flames. Approximately 13 firefighters battled the flames and continued to work on cooling hot spots. No structures were in danger due to its remoteness. The last fire units left the scene at 7:32 PM.

While Claremont fire units were fighting the brush fire, Newport, Cornish and Ascutney Fire Departments covered the Claremont Station.

The department cautioned that high heat and moderate drought conditions continue to be of concern for firefighters in the region. Until significant rain fall is received, people using motorized off-road vehicles should take precautions to inspect exhaust spark arrestors for proper operation and to take care to properly dispose of smoking materials while in the woods. Campfires should be properly extinguished using water; never leave a campfire unattended.

Enfield Woman Arrested, Charged with Financial Exploitation of an Elderly Adult

CONCORD, NH – On June 24, Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald and Lebanon Police Chief Richard R. Mello announced that Debra Bailey (age 56) of Enfield, NH, was arrested on June 22, 2020, and charged with two class A felony counts of financial exploitation of an elderly adult, in violation of RSA 631:9, I(a) & (b).

One charge alleges that between December 2017 and July 2019, Bailey, while serving as legal guardian for her mother (age 78), recklessly used her mother’s financial resources for Bailey’s own benefit and in breach of her fiduciary obligations to her mother. The other charge alleges that between March 2018 and November 2018, Bailey recklessly failed to use her mother’s financial resources to pay for her mother’s shelter, including rent at a nursing facility, while under a duty to do so, instead using the resources for Bailey’s own benefit. On each charge, the State

alleges that Bailey unlawfully used at least \$1,500 of her mother’s financial resources.

Bailey is scheduled to be arraigned on July 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. before the Grafton County Superior Court. The charges and allegations are merely accusations, and Bailey is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Lebanon Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Bryan J. Townsend, II, of the Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation Unit of the Attorney General’s Office.

The Attorney General’s Office reminds the public that If you or someone you know has been the victim of elder abuse or financial exploitation, tp contact your local police department or the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (1-800-949-0470).

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Thayer Engineering Students Design 3-BR Home

This Spring, Professor Karolina Kawiaka's Thayer School of Engineering students partnered with Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity on a Social Impact Practicum project focused around the new house Upper Valley Habitat will be building in Spring 2021.

The ENGS 44 students were divided into two groups: One group was tasked with researching and analyzing building materials and methods and the other group was charged with creating a floor plan and designs for the new 3-bedroom home.

Upper Valley Habitat's Building Committee provided the students with specific requirements for the house, like overall square footage, price per square foot, ADA accessible bathroom, etc. The students worked in separate groups but also collaborated on many aspects of the project including energy modeling, window layout, heat load calculations, and the final presentation. They hosted regular Zoom meetings to discuss layout, mechanical systems, materials, and progress. These check-ins were a really fun way to see the project evolve and discuss ideas.

Under Professor Kawiaka and TA Charlie Levy's guidance, students analyzed the Sharon high-performance home and passive houses in Vermont (including Central Vermont Habitat's East Montpelier passive house) and ultimately designed a passive house for the Lebanon site.

The Building Committee's Design Team will review the Thayer student's report and plans as they begin to finalize plans for the new Lebanon home. We hope to include many of their suggestions in the final plans.

Upper Valley Habitat thanked "Professor Kawiaka, TA Charlie Levy, Abdul-Rashid Alhassan, Brenda Batista, Catherine Cable, Emma Doherty, James Gibson, Keoni Ocalvey, Peter Unger, and Yanling Lei for making this process so engaging and putting together a terrific package for us! You exceeded our expectations.

"A heartfelt thank you also goes to Rick Biddle and Joshua Elliott of our Building Committee for all the time they devoted to supporting the students with their expertise, research, and feedback. Our other Building Committee

members who helped make this project a success are Tim McCosker, Jim Masland, and Logan Bergeron."

Handling Pandemic Stress and Conflict

One worrying aspect of living with the pandemic is interacting with people outside your "family pool," whether in public places or at work. How do you manage the stress and conflict that can arise when sharing space with people who might not share your sense of risk or caution? That's the topic for a free Vital Communities webinar, "Well-Being in the Workplace: Managing Stress & De-escalating" (Continued on page A16)

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Conflict,” on Wednesday, July 1, 2-3:30 pm. The event features M. Chase Levesque, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Geisel School of Medicine, and Jessica Geiben Lynn, Senior Organizational Effectiveness Consultant, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, exploring how stress impacts our work, what we can do about it, and what tools help us recognize and defuse tense situations. Get useful tips for all kinds of social interactions, at work or elsewhere.

Find Zoom instructions at <https://vitalcommunities.org/blog/re-opening-and-recovery-conversations-for-businesses/>.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Now Offers In-house COVID-19 Antibody Test

LEBANON, NH— Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) conducted an urgent yet thorough in-house review of COVID-19 antibody tests, and is now offering antibody testing using a method with optimal performance characteristics.

The process has been led by Robert Nerenz, PhD, and Jacqueline Hubbard, PhD, assistant directors of Clinical Chemistry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. The team identified two finalists from a large pool of available test methods and compared them head-to-head to

identify the method that met all performance and logistical criteria. Performance characteristics include sensitivity—ability of the test to detect antibodies present in the blood after a person recovers from COVID-19 infection, and specificity—the ability of the test to give a negative result in people who have not had a COVID-19 infection.

“The distinction is important because there are lots of different coronaviruses,” said Nerenz. “It was important that we would get a negative result if a person had not been infected by COVID-19, and we would get a positive result if a person had been infected by COVID-19, and that positive results were caused by this particular coronavirus rather than another infectious agent.” In the manufacturer’s hands, the test had a sensitivity of 100% at least 14 days after molecularly confirmed disease and a specificity of 99.8% from more than 5,000 specimens collected before the COVID-19 outbreak.

Typically, a validation like this takes between four and six weeks. “We were fortunate to have very dedicated lab technicians who were willing to put their lives on hold and work around the clock which helped move the process along and make the test available for patients in nine days,” says Hubbard. This particular test was also granted Emergency Use Authorization by the FDA, a pared-back approval process used in urgent situations.

D-H Hospital Epi-

demologist and Infectious Disease Physician Antonia Altomare, DO, MPH, noted that rarity of disease within a population can affect test accuracy rates. “When interpreting the results you have to take into account the prevalence of disease. A positive test result is more likely to be a false positive when looking for a disease that is relatively rare in a given population. So a positive test result from someone in an area with a high number of COVID-19 cases, like New York City, may be interpreted differently than someone in New Hampshire, where the number of cases is lower.”

COVID-19 antibody results can be generated within an hour of a blood sample collected at any Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health phlebotomy station arriving at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, while results take a few days to be returned from a commercial lab. Specific to home test kits, errors in collection, storage and transportation of the specimen can cause misleading results, even when using the best methods for antibody detection. “Because so many commercial test kits were popping up, and urgent care facilities were offering testing and the state was recommending it, we wanted to have a method at our fingertips for when our patients and their providers would ask about it,” said Altomare.

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FINANCIAL TIPS

>>> Facing Possible Unemployment? Take These Steps to Prepare

If you're facing unemployment or concerned about the possibility of upcoming layoffs, there are some small, proactive steps you can take now to help make this difficult time more manageable.

BUILD YOUR NETWORK

It's estimated that over 80% of open positions are filled through networking.¹ The easiest time to build your network is while you are still employed. Websites like LinkedIn are a great way to connect with current coworkers now so you can easily maintain contact in the future. Look into joining professional organizations in your field as well. Many of these organizations offer networking events, online job postings, and learning opportunities.

UPDATE YOUR RESUME

If you've been at the same job for years, it's likely that you haven't updated your resume in quite some time. Take inventory of your current job responsibilities as well as major projects or accomplishments. If you can quantify your successes with metrics, all the better! Once you're done updating your resume, ask a few people who you know well to review and provide input on whether you've missed anything.

UNDERSTAND YOUR INSURANCE OPTIONS

If you're facing the possibility of losing health insurance, it's important to do some research and understand what your options are. The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, or COBRA, allows you to continue your group benefits for a limited amount of time. You're responsible for paying out of pocket for this continuation of coverage, and you must meet certain qualification requirements². You may



be able to purchase private insurance through the Marketplace, or qualify for Medicaid.³ Start exploring what's available and what makes the most sense for your unique situation.

CALCULATE YOUR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Many factors go into unemployment benefit calculations, including the state you live in, how long you were employed, and your salary. Do a quick search online to find out the process for applying in your state, and how much you can potentially collect. This way, if you do get laid off, you will have all the information you need to submit a claim immediately.

CUT NONESSENTIAL EXPENSES

If you don't have an emergency savings account started, now is the time to start! Do an audit of your monthly expenses and see where you can cut back. If you're not actively using a service but still paying for it, consider cancelling. If you're locked into a contract with your subscription services, weigh the short-term cost of an early termination fee versus continuing to pay monthly for a service you may not be able to afford.

STAY POSITIVE

Facing unemployment can be extremely stressful. Try to stay optimistic about your future and the opportunities that await you. Have you always wanted to try something new? Is to, this may be a great time to transition to a new career. If you're concerned about your financial situation and want to ensure you're prepared for the worst, please reach out. I'm here to help.

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City Passes Budget, Reviews a Host of Other Issues During Busy Council Meeting

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—The City Council passed the 2021 budget at Wednesday night’s meeting with little fanfare in the age of a pandemic when the full impact of the coronavirus is yet to be realized. Few changes were made to city manager Ed Morris’s recommended budget during the budget process this year; the departmental budgets all passed, and the General Fund will be \$14.91, \$.09 less than the current rate which is \$15.00.

The Council also defeated a motion to approve a parking lot for the Up on the Hill Conservation Area on a Class VI road on Bible Hill. The land was donated to the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) by Harvey and Christina Hill in 2017; it consists of 1100 acres of working farm and forest. UVLT had its sights set on a 100’ by 60’ gravel parking lot with a 18’ by 70’ long access drive off Bible Hill Road, Class VI. Questions arose when work on creating that parking space was started, without permits being sought, catching abutters and City officials off guard. In a memo, the Planning and Development Office said that it came to its attention on May 13 “that work was taking place that was disturbing a Class VI road on Bible Hill. The contractor did create an entrance from the road and start to level and remove trees to build a trail head parking lot on property owned by the Upper Valley Land Trust.” The department reached out to the property owner and contractor and stopped work on May 14; the City Council is the only authority

to permit disturbance of a Class VI road, said director Nancy Merrill.

In a letter to the City from the UVLT, Jason Berard, UVLT Stewardship Director, wrote in part that “while many of its activities at the site can occur without a safe-off-the-road place to park, the opportunities will expand greatly with the addition of a safe and secure place to park. In conjunction with Harvey and Chris Hill and St. Pierre, we have designed a parking lot that will support the use of the property by school groups and others that will use buses.” According to Berard, the site is used for educational field trips. At Wednesday’s meeting, Berard said, “We have the Hills’ gift for Claremont, a parking lot helps to achieve that goal.”

Albert St. Pierre, of St. Pierre Inc., whose company had been working on the parking space, said he didn’t question if the land was in Claremont or Charlestown, but he thought Charlestown, where a permit would not have been needed and that he had done work in the area from the Charlestown side in the past.

Residents in the area expressed concerns about “nefarious activities” that might take place with a parking lot in place, and questioned who would monitor activities there or maintain the road due to extra traffic since the City does not maintain Class VI roads. Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase said that his department’s priorities are geared more to patrolling downtown rather than the more rural areas, limiting the amount of time they can spend on the outskirts of town; Berard said they would check it once a week. Concerns about the impact in the winter time were also raised as the road narrows to one lane in the winter.

The motion to authorize a portion of a Class VI for a road disturbance allowing the UVLT to

create an entrance parking lot was defeated.

Also at Wednesday’s meeting, several issues related to Councilor Jonathan Stone’s posts on Facebook were raised as was the topic of censuring him because of them. Resident Matt Mooshian spoke during Citizen’s Forum, saying he had become aware of a post by Stone on Facebook, specifically one about Black Lives Matter, “antifa” and those who support them, which included an expletive. “I know that he has the right to say what he wants,” said Mooshian, but he urged the council to consider how it reflects on the council as a whole. “What message does this send to our community when it incites violence?” he asked.

Also on the agenda was a request by Councilor Abigail Kier to censure Stone for a post on his Facebook page which read in part that he stood behind his position “for voting against a city council resolution for mandating the wearing of face masks...” The mask resolution “strongly encourages” the wearing of masks but does not mandate, or require, and it was the use of the word “mandating” being seen as misleading that raised the censure question. Mayor Charlene Lovett said that she has heard from residents who feel that if they didn’t follow through on censuring Stone, it means they agree with his comments, something she said she found “disturbing.” She pointed out that legal counsel has said that unless the action is “very egregious”, censure only leads “to divisions and doesn’t serve anyone.”

A motion to censure was tabled until the council could get clarification regarding Roberts Rules of Order with the NH Municipal Association.



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Over the past few months, just about everyone has felt the loss of some type of freedom, whether it's being able to travel, engage in social gatherings or participate in other activities we previously took for granted. Still, as we prepare to observe Independence Day, it's comforting to realize all the freedoms we still have in this country. And taking the right steps can also help you achieve your financial independence.

Here are some moves to consider:

- **Build an emergency fund.** It's a good idea to create an emergency fund consisting of three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. With this fund in place, you can avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term, unexpected costs.
- **Keep your debts under control.** It's not easy to do, but if you can consistently minimize your debt load, you can have more money to invest for the future and move closer toward achieving your financial liberty. One way to keep your debts down is to establish a budget and stick to it, so you can avoid unnecessary spending.
- **Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans.** The more money you can save for retirement, the greater your feelings of financial independence. So it's essential that you contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and every time your salary goes up, boost your annual contributions. Even if you participate in a 401(k), you're probably also still eligible to contribute to an IRA, which can help you build even more funds for retirement. And because you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment, you can broaden your portfolio mix.
- **Explore long-term care coverage.** One day, your financial independence could be threatened by your need for some type of long-term care. It now costs, on average, over \$100,000 for a private room in a nursing home and more than \$50,000 for the services of a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Most of these costs won't be covered by Medicare, either, so, if you want to reduce the risk of seriously depleting all your financial resources – or burdening your adult children with these heavy expenses – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. You could choose a traditional long-term care policy – which can cover a nursing home stay, home health care, or other services – or a hybrid policy, which provides long-term care coverage plus a death benefit.
- **Manage withdrawals carefully.** Once you retire, your financial freedom will depend a great deal on how skillful you are in managing the money in your retirement accounts. Specifically, you need to be careful about how much you withdraw from these accounts each year. If you set a withdrawal rate that's too high in your early years of retirement, you might eventually risk outliving your resources. So, set a withdrawal rate that reflects your age, assets, retirement lifestyle and other factors. You may want to consult with a financial professional to establish an appropriate rate.

As you can see, working toward your financial independence is a life-long activity – but it's worth the effort.

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ATV Crash in Lempster Results in Arrest of Operator

LEMPSTER, NH— Shortly before 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, multiple agencies responded to a single ATV crash with injury in the vicinity of Kempton Road and Clay Pond, on a town road sanctioned for ATV use in Lempster.

At approximately 11:00 p.m., Eric Brown, 32, of Marlow, NH, lost control of the ATV that he was operating while navigating a hill and crashed into a ditch. Brown then texted several friends to let them know that he was involved in a crash and needed their help. These individuals arrived at the scene a short time later. Upon their arrival, they realized that Brown had suffered serious injury, requiring medical aid, and placed a call to 911.

Rescue personnel from the Lempster Fire Department and Rescue, a NH State Police Trooper, and NH Fish and Game Department Conservation Officers all responded to the scene upon receiving the call for help. While the crash scene was on a section of road designated as Class VI, the first responders were able to drive the ambulance to his location.

Due to the serious nature of the crash and the initial assessment revealing potentially life-threatening injuries, a DHART helicopter transported him to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. Upon his arrival Brown was evaluated, stabilized, and treated for his injuries.

According to a statement released by the NH Fish and Game Department, after gathering evidence during the initial investigation, Brown was subsequently arrested at the hospital by a NH Fish and Game Conservation Officer for Felony-level Aggravated DWI.

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Fireworks Safety Tips

The City of Claremont Fire Department would like to inform the public that the region is experiencing **drought conditions**. High temperatures and lack of significant rainfall mean that outside fires are easily ignited. The department has recently responded to two brush fires burning approximately 3 acres.

Drought also heightens the risk of fire associated with the use of consumer fireworks. If you are planning to use them as part of your July 4th celebration, please take into consideration the dry conditions and the safety of others. We recommend that anyone purchasing and using consumer fireworks read carefully the safety tips below in order to provide a safe and memorable fireworks celebration for your family and friends.

Bryan Burr, Fire Chief, City of Claremont

- **Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.**
- **Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.**
- **A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.**
- **Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.**
- **Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.**
- **Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.**
- **Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area, away from buildings and vehicles.**
- **Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.**
- **Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.**
- **Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.**
- **Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.**
- **Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and placing them in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.**
- **FAA regulations PROHIBIT the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.**
- **Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.**



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Lempster Residents Lose Local Post Office

By Bill Murgatroy
Special to the e-Ticker News

LEMPSTER, NH—According to recent notices to post office box customers, the Lempster, NH United States Post Office has temporarily moved its operations to the Marlow Post Office located at 842 Route 10, Marlow, NH. Over the last nine months, there were many posts on social media about the USPS searching for a new site in town. This sudden departure came as a surprise to postal customers.

The following letter was sent to box holders:

“As you may be aware the building in which the Lempster New Hampshire 03605 Post Office (PO) is located, at 767 Route 10 in Lempster NH, is not owned by the United States Postal Service (USPS). As a result of circumstances beyond our control, USPS is temporarily moving postal operations and services for customers in Lempster, New Hampshire, to the Marlow Post Office, located at 842 Route 10 in Marlow, New Hampshire 03456.”

The last day of operation in Lempster was Friday, June 26. Box holders will keep their same current address and use the same keys in Marlow. Rural delivery in the community will not change. The notice also detailed the operating hours at the new location.

The Post Office leased space in the building formerly owned by Lempster Common Associates. The one-story building was constructed by them in 1990 on a 4.6 acre parcel of land. The business had a storied past of internal litigation which led to its dissolution and a foreclosure on the property. It was sold at auction on August 16, 2012 to the Lempster Community Church.

The Church assumed the ongoing lease agreement with the Postal Service. The existing lease was to expire on June 30, 2020. The Church was contacted by JLL Property Management in 2018 laying out their terms for a renewal. A complex negotiation took place, ending with the church council voting not to renew the lease. A letter was sent by their attorney to the leasing company on August 16, 2019 stating, “they do NOT intend to renew the lease as they wish to use the entire building for Church purposes.”

A parade of Postal Service cargo vans and a

large Ryder truck appeared early in the day on Friday, and by 11 a.m. there was a large opening where the post office boxes were removed.

The Lempster Post Office had 224 rented boxes with only a few vacant, and the highway contract route delivers to 280 rural customers.

One postal customer who lives on the north end of Town where rural delivery is not available complained on Facebook that a round trip to Marlow would take 45 minutes. Others have commented on social media and expressed concern that this move will become permanent.

State Representative Judy Aaron of Acworth, the Lempster Selectmen and a member of the Congressional delegation have been trying to resolve this situation.

A Lempster resident reported Saturday morning that work to shutter the local operation apparently continued into the night, saying, “There is no notice on the door and people were showing up for their mail. The closing notice was put in their boxes on Friday a.m. When the postal crew showed up to remove the P.O. boxes, the presorted and sorted mail was just dumped into empty boxes! I went to get my mail at 10 a.m. and they couldn’t find my mail nor anyone’s. I went



Top: Longtime H.C.R. (Highway Contract Route) rural carrier Kathleen Williams of Goshen sorts mail in the background; (Bill Murgatroy photos).



to Marlow P.O. this morning around 11 a.m. and waited in line with seven others as the only employee there looked through the dumped boxes for customer mail. Four of us got sick of waiting and walked out...I drove 18 miles round trip and another resident that I know drove over 30 miles to get their mail and left frustrated.”



Investing in Ourselves

On June 24, the City Council adopted a budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 21 that reflected an increased investment in roads and more resources to address neighborhood blight. Now that the budgetary process is completed, the Council's attention will now turn to funding capital improvement projects to build upon the progress already made in revitalizing Claremont's city center and historic district. First and foremost on the list of capital improvement projects for consideration is the finalization and implementation of the conceptual plan to completely redesign the city center.

Two years into the design and engineering phase of the Rethink Pleasant Street Project, the conceptual plan is 60 percent complete. It represents a \$200,000 community investment and reflects the public's input. The plan calls for re-routing the truck route away from the city center, redesigning traffic flow, enlarging sidewalks, improving streetscape and increasing parking. To finalize the plan, an additional \$150,000 will be needed along with a series of public forums to ensure the finished product reflects the community's vision for the city center.

To maximize the public's investment in the engineering and design of this project, it will be important to move to the implementation phase. How to best fund this project will need to be answered. During the budgetary process, City Manager Morris offered a possible solution. With the retirement of three bonds, he proposed bonding the approximate \$4.55M project. Such a bond would include the additional \$150,000 to complete the plan and the \$4.4M to implement it. Included in the \$4.4M would be \$3.1M for road and parking reconstruction, \$650,000 for water and sewer replacement and \$650,000 for streetscape (i.e. lighting, brick/granite accents, vegetation, bike racks, benches).

Given the investment that the community has already made in developing the plan, cur-

rent low interest rates and the retirement of multiple bonds, such a solution may be the best approach. On July 8th, the City will host a forum to solicit the public's input on the work done to date. That same evening the Council will meet and receive an in-depth presentation on the project. A high level of public engagement will provide the feedback that the Council will need to best answer the questions of how and when to fund the Rethink Pleasant Street Project.

Should this multi-million dollar project be approved, it will resolve long standing infrastructure issues in one of the oldest parts of the City, build upon the millions that have already been invested in the historic district and open new economic opportunities. If done well, it will foster public/private partnerships essential to the rehabilitation of historic buildings, expand the tax base and increase city valuation.

To learn more about this project, please go to <https://www.rethinkpleasantsteet.com> and consider attending either the forum or the Council meeting on July 8th. More details on how to participate in those events will be forthcoming. If you are unable to attend, please consider sharing your thoughts on the project with your Councilor. This proposed project represents a significant community investment and hearing from you is essential in determining how to best move forward.

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

Short Story by Local Author Featured in *Mystery Weekly Magazine*

CLAREMONT, NH—The June 2020 issue of *Mystery Weekly Magazine* (which is a monthly publication) includes "GLI or NOGT?", a short story by Claremont resident Arthur Vidro. The tale is told by a court employee assigned to a trial, but she knows a whole lot more about the crime than anyone might guess. The suspense is multi-layered: only at the end does the reader learn what the crime is, who's on trial, and the narrator's job for the court.

What spurred Vidro to write this tale? "Well," he answered, "I'd always wanted to see a story told from the point of view of someone

with a certain occupation -- yet I've never seen any such tale. So I wrote one myself. There are very few paying magazine for short stories, and *Mystery Weekly* was the only one of the bunch who wanted it."

His most recent paid credit in the mystery realm was a piece of non-fiction that appeared last autumn in *Mystery Scene Magazine*. It concerned the appearance, in 1954, of mystery writer Stuart Palmer as a contestant on the Groucho Marx-hosted TV quiz show, "You Bet Your Life."

Vidro is a member of the Mystery Writers of America and has served three times as a judge for the organization's annual Edgar awards.

Sullivan County Delegation FY21 County Convention June 29

NEWPORT, NH—Sullivan County Delegations' FY21 County Convention will take place today, Monday, June 29, 6:00 p.m. at the Sullivan County Administration Building, 14 Main Street - 3rd Floor Probate Courtroom, Newport, NH,

This meeting will also be held via Zoom. Limited seating is available (8-10 chairs) and we encourage the general public to join the Zoom webinar. You may access the conference using:

Zoom Phone: 1 312 626 6799

Webinar ID: 922 2142 0396

Password: 450681

They will also be live streaming this through the Sullivan County New Hampshire Government Facebook page.

READING AREA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Please make an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>, Zip Code 05037 Wednesday, July 15, 1:00PM to 6:00PM Mt Ascutney Holiday Inn and Resort (closed to the public; opening for blood drive only), Brownsville, VT 05037

Screening for COVID-19 virus and special distancing precautions will be in place; please stand apart and wear masks, thank you for your courtesy. There is already a great response; blood reserves are low; thank you for your support and commitment!

For questions, call 1-800-RED-CROS. For assistance with making an appointment, email lanie@sbfvt.org.

Calendar Of Events

Bingo to Resume at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 is happy to announce that Bingo will be starting back up this coming Wednesday, July 1, at the Post Hall at 365 Lover's Lane Road, Charlestown, NH. Early Birds at 5:00 p.m. and regular Bingo at 6:30 p.m. "However, we want to make you aware of several items before you show up so that you can make an informed decision as to whether or not you should attend," said Tom St.Pierre, Commander VFW Post 8497. "As with everything these days, the state recommends everyone follows CDC recommended guidelines for the prevention and spread of the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, the Post recommends anyone wishing to attend conduct a self determination as to whether or not you are in good health, i.e., no high temperature, no dry cough, etc. If you aren't healthy – stay home! The next recommendation is that if you can't maintain 6 feet social distancing at an indoor facility then you should wear a face mask / covering, wash your hands frequently and / or use hand sanitizer.

"Gaming laws prohibit anyone under 18 from playing bingo, therefore everyone attending will be adults and we fully expect that you will take responsibility for yourself. While we will take some precautions to minimize the potential spread of germs we can't guarantee that you are 100% safe from catching COVID -19 or the flu or even a stomach bug. If you do not feel comfortable attending in less than perfectly sterile conditions, then don't attend; you know your health better than anyone else so you must make that decision for yourself.

"In all likelihood, there will be attendees not wearing masks or not following other recommended guidelines. We are not going to ask them to leave. We will do our best to provide an evening of entertainment while reducing risk at a moderate expense. We will have hand sanitizer available to the working staff and also offer face masks for them. Bingo patrons are asked to bring their own precautions, yes we are on that tight a budget. We will remain as flexible as possible and if a situation arises and we have to make changes, then we shall," said St.Pierre. "We sincerely believe we can all get through this pandemic with a little common sense and respect for others. We look forward to seeing you when you feel comfortable attending.

Celebration Set for Independence Day Weekend in Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, VT—Even without public gatherings, there will be an Independence Day Celebration in West Windsor (Brownsville) this COVID year... with the participation of the whole town.

To date the plan is to celebrate the full weekend, from Friday, July 3rd, through Sunday, July 5th.

The Brownsville Independence Day Celebrations volunteers and the West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department will decorate the center of town. It is hoped that the red, white and blue will be celebrated on every road in West Windsor, from the shortest dirt road to the length of Route 44 and the Brownsville-Hartland Road. Suggestions include posters, banners & streamers of all kinds and, of course, American Flags on mailboxes, barns, fences, homes & businesses.

Prizes will be awarded to the folks who discover the greatest number of locations that are decorated. There will be maps of West Windsor available to download or pick-up. Everyone is invited to take the weekend to explore the roads and byways of Brownsville in cars, on bikes or horses, or on foot and to mark the locations on the maps of all the places they've found decorated. Five \$25 gift card prizes will go to the families or individuals who've found and marked the highest number of locations on their maps. Visit the Brownsville IDC Face-

REMINDER

to all Owners of property in Claremont

– your 1st quarter
property tax bill is
due July 1!

Remember there
are 2 coupons on
the bill you
received with the
2nd coupon due
October 2nd!



Book page for details at <https://www.facebook.com/IndependenceDayBrownsville/>.

So that folks can dress the part, the Brownsville Independence Day Committee is offering for sale - at cost – long & short sleeve tee shirts sporting the logo that salutes local volunteers. This year there are red, white and blue shirts in sizes small to extra-large ranging in price from \$10 to \$20. Quantities are limited. Visit the IDC FaceBook page to see photos.

Shirts will be available for purchase in front of the Fire Department on the following days or until they are all sold: Wed. June 24 (4:00 - 6:00), Sat. June 27 (9:00 - 2:00), Sun. June 28 (10:00 - 2:00), Wed. July 1 (4:00 – 7:00) and Fri. July 3 (10:00 – 2:00).

Because people will be out and about traveling the roads of West Windsor, IDC suggests that this might make a great weekend for yard sales around town. For those who wish, locations of self-organized yard sales will be included on a list on the IDC Facebook site.

So, the Independence Day Celebration committee invites those interested to, "Visit the IDC FB page often so you won't miss the latest posts about the weekend: <https://www.facebook.com/IndependenceDayBrownsville/>.

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.

Mid-Summer Farmers Market in Sunapee at MRA

SUNAPEE, NH—There will be a new Farmers Market this summer at Mount Royal Academy, Seven Hearths Lane in Sunapee. It will take place on four consecutive Saturday mornings: July 18th and 25th, August 1st and 8th, and will run from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be live music, coffee, baked goods, local produce, and goods for all. There will be plenty of parking available for vendors and shoppers in the

MRA parking lot, as well as on the lower soccer field.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this Farmers' Market as a vendor, please email farmersmarket@mountroyalacademy.com, or call Alex at (603)748-2683 for more details. There is no fee to set up a booth if you provide your own tent and table. Contact for further information.

Claremont Parks & Rec Outdoor Classes

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Parks and Recreation has announced it is offering outdoor 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."

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.

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 Dis

play will not be taking place this year."

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!

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.

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- Urology



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To learn more about our Surgical Services, talk to your Primary Care Provider or call (802) 674-7217.

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 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 ad

resses for each local office are listed on our website. If you reach our voice mail box, please leave a message.

Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

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.

RVCC Programs

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.

RVCC is open for Fall registrations. Also, the next Plumbers' License Renewal class is scheduled for July 15th. Tel: (603) 542-7744 or rivervalley@ccsnh.edu for more information.

Now through October: Livestream from Saint-Gaudens

Need something to do during your lunch hour? Tune into a livestream with Saint-Gaudens NHP Sculptor-in-Residence.

Watch and engage with Saint-Gaudens NHP's Sculptor-in-Residence, Zoe Dufour, virtually via Facebook Wednesdays-Sundays, 12-1PM through October.

Even if you're not on Facebook, you can watch the livestream here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintGaudensNPS/>

Claremont Senior Center Updates

And they came and they laughed! And they played pool! And the game night was a hoot. And they joined. Welcome to the Claremont Senior Center Welcome Back Opening. So don't be shy! Join us Tuesdays-9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM for Game Night. And Fridays- 9AM-3PM for Mahjong and knitting. Or pick up those books and puzzles. The sanitizer has found a permanent home here and is called on often to give a spritz.

And so it begins- the way back to some sort of normal. The guidelines change every hour, so conforming to and relaxing some takes its toll. As we add more days to the reopening, please be patient with us. What may be OK one day may not be OK the next. We are "tap dancing" as fast as we can. Thanks everyone for your understanding. We want all to be safe.

Not letting the momentum slow down, the kitchen marvels will present for your palate: Tuesday, June 30th-Fresh Made Stuffed Peppers, Veggie and Dessert. And on Thursday, July 2nd-Hamburger, Hot Dog, Fresh Made Pasta Salad, Veggie and Dessert. Pick up-11:45AM-12:15PM. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5. Call by 10:30AM to reserve your meals. And the beat goes on.

In observance of
INDEPENDENCE DAY
The Transfer Station will be
CLOSED: SATURDAY, JULY 4TH



The Penny Sale Committee is earnestly looking for 75 more prizes for the Gigantic Penny Sale. The items can be new or gently used. So, look around. Pretend it's a Treasure Hunt. As you look through the cabinets or the closets hiding behind another item or in the back of that top shelf will be a Treasure you only used once and never again. Bring it to the Center. We will find a great new home for it. Thanks ahead of time for your Treasure finds.

Remember, we are now open Tuesdays-9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM for Game Night. Fridays we are open 9AM-3PM. We are so looking forward to seeing ALL of our seniors again.

Thought of the Week: Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.

Laughter and lively conversation always welcome here.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd., Claremont, NH. (603) 543-5998 Smoke Free

Open Tuesdays-9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM. Fridays-9AM-3PM. Take out available on Tuesdays and Thursdays-11:45AM-12:15PM

Socially Distanced Outdoor YOGA
Friday Mornings, Ongoing
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Newport Town Common
North Main Street
Newport, NH

Price: \$12.00 to \$40.00 —\$12 single session / \$40 for a four-class pass
 NEW! Socially Distanced Outdoor -All Levels Yoga – Fridays, 8:30-9:30 am Now Meeting OUTDOORS on the Newport, NH Town Common

This socially distanced class will adhere to all current regulations for in-person yoga classes during COVID-19. This class is designed for any student looking to practice yoga. Movement will be linked with breath (as offered by the Hatha and Kripalu traditions of yoga), as well as focus on alignment, and attention paid to honoring your own organic movement. Students can expect to practice both seated and standing poses as well as focus on balance and breath. Please bring your own mat and any props you would like, as sharing supplies is discouraged at this

point. Scholarships available. Drop-ins welcome.

Find out more at libraryartscenter.org/yoga/.

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH **FOURTH OF JULY FAMOUS STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE**

There won't be a parade but there will be strawberry shortcake!
 Plainfield Community Church's famous strawberry shortcake and strawberry pie will be offered for curbside pickup on July 4. First come first served, so be sure to come early! Shortcake-to-go will be \$5 each and a whole strawberry-pie-to-go will be \$10. Curbside pickup from 9 am - 1 pm in front of the church on Route 12A in the village.

CORNISH LIBRARY REOPENINGS

The Cornish Library will be opening 2 days a week beginning Wednesday, July 1st. Wednesdays 3-6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM-noon, you may come in to take out books, Mondays and Fridays we are still offering curbside service.

Please look at the Library website for information on what is expected and how it will be managed. Cornishnh.net under Local Organizations.

Face coverings are required and provided if you do not bring your own. Distancing is very important and if necessary we will limit the number of people allowed in at one time.

Legacy of an Art Colony Documentary

The Meriden Bird Club is pleased to announce Enchanted Hills: Legacy of an Art Colony will be shown on NHPBS on Thursday, July 2, at 8 PM (on NHPBS Channel 11.1) and Saturday, July 4, at 3 PM (on NHExplore Channel 11.2).

This local documentary tells the story and celebrates the legacy of the artists, writers and performers who settled in the foothills of Mount Ascutney and formed the Cornish Colony.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on
Monday, July 6, 2020 7:00 PM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City is sug-

gesting citizens participate in this meeting by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86086361287?pwd=QkNCVGNLc3JBNTkyQTRsNWl4YXQv-UT09>

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York)

Webinar ID: 860 8636 1287

Password: 771774

If there is a problem getting through to that number, please call 603-504-0341.

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following applications:

A. (ZO 2020-00014) Sharon Boudreau, 21 Second Street – Application for a variance from Section 22-229(2) of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a 2-car garage in the front setback at 21 Second Street. Tax Map 121, Lot 71.

Zoning District: R2

B. (ZO 2020-00013) Susie Streeter, 16 Byrd Avenue – Application for a variance from Section 22-209 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of a 10 ft x 8 ft porch in the front setback at 16 Byrd Avenue. Tax Map 130, Lot 18.

Zoning District: R1

C. (ZO 2020-00015) Leonard Garduno, 14 Byrd Avenue – Application for a variance from Section 22-209 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of 10 ft x 8 ft porch in the front setback at 14 Byrd Avenue. Tax Map 130, Lot 19.

Zoning District: R1

D. (ZO 2020-00016) Turning Points Network, 11 School Street – Application for a variance from Section 22-113 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit construction of an elevator shaft in the side setback at 231 Broad Street. Tax Map 132, Lot 54. Zoning District: PR

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

Comments about these applications may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- In the hearing (via ZOOM), or
- Prior to the hearing in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or
- By email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd, Chair

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.etickernewsclaremont.com

Diane S. Fagan, 87

Diane Shepherd Fagan, 87, of Acworth, NH, died peacefully at home on June 25th, 2020, with husband of 62 years, Donald L. Fagan, and family by her side.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and is survived by her husband Don, sister Patricia Danford, brother Peter Shepherd, son Brant and his wife Heidi, her daughter Karen and son Shane, grandchildren David, Joshua and Jacob Cormier and Zachary and Camden Fagan, and numerous nieces, nephews and godchildren. She was an avid gardener, bird-watcher and arts enthusiast. A professional ballet dancer in her youth, she toured with the June Taylor Dancers and owned her own studio, A Dancer's Place in Ridgefield, CT, where she taught ballet, jazz, tap and more. Diane enjoyed many decades of summers with her family on Great Island, Lake Sunapee. She was an active and devoted parishioner of two parishes in Connecticut, and more recently All Saints Parish in Charlestown, NH. She always enjoyed a good meal and conversation, no matter the location, subject or crowd. She also loved traveling and learning about the world and visited numerous countries around the globe.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 1 PM on Wed. July 1, 2020, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Charlestown, NH. Burial

and a reception will follow.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Janelle, 85

Raymond Janelle of Elm Street in Claremont, NH, passed away on June 24, 2020, at the age of 85. He was born in Manchester, NH, to Henry and Loretta Janelle on February 12, 1935.

Ray was a 1952 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Claremont. He entered the United States Air Force in 1935 and was honorably discharged in 1957. He then went to work for Claremont Coca Cola until he retired in 1990. He also worked for the Claremont School District until 2017.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; daughter, Robin Butterfield and son-in-law, Dale Butterfield of Claremont. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Corey Butterfield and wife, Meredith, and Nicole Talley and her husband, Shane; three great granddaughters, Haleigh Butterfield, Katelynn Butterfield, and Cierra

Butterfield; one great grandson, Cohen Butterfield; and great great granddaughter, Amelia. He was predeceased by his father and mother Henry and Loretta Janelle, son Keith Janelle, his brother Robert and wife Norma Janelle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday, June 30th, at 10 AM in Claremont. Committal service will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. As Ray requested, there will be no visiting hours.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Henry J. LaPointe, 82

Henry (Hank) J. LaPointe, 82, of Claremont, NH, passed away on June 24, 2020, at the Jack Byrne Center, in Lebanon, NH, surrounded by his family. He was born on April 20, 1938, in Bellows Falls, VT, the son of Joseph and Marie (Pare) LaPointe.

He worked as an assembler for Joy Manufacturing, before working for many years in the water/sewer department for the City of Claremont, which he eventually retired from. He was

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a past president of the St. Mary's Cemetery Association and a parishioner of St. Mary's Church.

Henry enjoyed going to the senior center and playing pool, as well as playing cards. He loved anything to do with the outdoors, he enjoyed gardening and camping. He especially loved spending time and being with his family. He was very fond of his four grandsons.

His family includes his wife, Shirley (Rivet) LaPointe; his daughter, Jodie LaPointe-Massi; son, Curt LaPointe and his wife Charlene; grandsons, Chase Massi, Jacob LaPointe, Jarrett LaPointe, Garrett Massi; siblings, Joseph LaPointe, Donald LaPointe, Claire Macdonald, Michael LaPointe; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son: Keith LaPointe; and siblings; Dorothy Weed, Marcella Obymako, and Maurice LaPointe.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary's Church in Claremont on Monday, June 29th with the Very Rev. Shawn Therrien officiating. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David J. Harford, 61

David J. Harford, 61, passed away on June 23, 2020. He was born on December 31, 1958, in Windsor, VT, the son of Herbie and Patricia (Dow) Harford.

David was an amazing singer and base player. He played in many bands throughout the area. He also loved hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his daughters: Crystal and her husband, Johnny, and Sarah; grandchildren, Issac, Meara, Katherine, Kaleb, Johnny III, Harmony, Ethan; siblings, Karen and her husband, Buzz, Ross and his wife, Judy, Dianne and her husband, John; several nieces and nephews; and aunts and uncles.

He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Herbie Jr. and Gregg.

A celebration of life will be held on July 11th from 1-4 pm at Ross' house, 1009 Route 131 in Ascutney, VT.

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Tyler Litevich, 37

Tyler Litevich, 37, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at his home. A lifelong resident of Claremont, NH, he was

born on June 14, 1983, to James and Sara Litevich, also of Claremont. Tyler was a 2001 graduate of Stevens High School and thereafter attended Hesser College, aspiring towards a degree in Graphic Design, and also graduated from ATS Heavy Equipment Operator Training School.

Tyler was a quiet, understated individual, often caught observing and reflecting in the background, yet making his love and presence felt. Tyler appreciated art and was known for his artistic abilities. He loved drawing, painting, photography, and playing the guitar. He also spent much of his time applying his natural athletic talents by playing soccer, participating in archery, skateboarding, and snowboarding. He had an internal daredevil flame, frequently participating in "big air" snowboarding competitions, and constantly pushing himself to "crush" his personal best. Sometimes he even caught too much air and overshot the landing area... ouch! He had just begun exploring gardening, and as his flowers, peach, and apple trees grow through the years, they will continue to remind us of him. He had a magnetic smile, something many will remember him by. One of Tyler's deepest passions was being with his daughter, Khloe, 8, as they spent countless hours of belly laughing, sharing their love for animals, and having fun together.

Tyler is survived by his daughter, his parents, a brother, Jake Litevich, of Claremont, a sister Caitlin Bednarczyk, and her husband Kurt, of Vernon, CT, and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, John and Julia Litevich, Thomas and Veronica Batchelder, and Great Aunt Gina Gilbert, all of Claremont, as well as many other loving aunts and uncles.

Tyler had a vibrant personality, and was an amazing son, father, and brother who fought hard against the demons that haunted him. In lieu of flowers, Tyler's family asks that you love and support someone that is suffering from addiction and mental illness, and/or donate to a local facility that helps individuals recover and find their path in life.

Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon, June 27th, at the West Claremont Burying Grounds on Old Church Road in Claremont.

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Harold W. Boone, 83

Harold W. Boone, 83, of Claremont, NH, died peacefully on June 22, 2020, at home surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Botwood, Newfoundland, Canada, on April 15, 1937, the son of Phineas and Mary Jane Boone.

Harold moved to Claremont in 1963 in search of opportunities to provide for his family. He worked at multiple jobs, starting at Springfield Foundry in Springfield, VT, ending in his retirement of 25+ years as a supervisor at Pine Tree Castings in Newport, NH.

He leaves behind his children: Florence Marcotte of Claremont, JoAnn Kleyensteuber and her husband Guenter of Claremont, Richard Boone and his wife Heather of Newport and Elizabeth Miller and her husband Chris of Claremont. Nine grandchildren: Lesley Marcotte, Katja Kleyensteuber, Kai Kleyensteuber, Karsten Kleyensteuber, Joshua Boone, Cole Boone, Bethany Boone, Copeland Miller and his wife Michelle, Brady Miller and two great-granddaughters Leah and Vivian Miller. His siblings: Andrea Hillier, Stephen Boone and Diane Stone.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife of 55 years Robina and his sisters, Edna, Fanny, Florence and Dorcas.

There will be no calling hours. A private graveside service will be held at the family's convenience. Family and friends are welcome to share their thoughts and memories in the guestbook at www.stringerfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Bayada Hospice, PO Box 1590, Norwich, VT 05055.

Andrew C. Hiatt

Andrew Caswell Hiatt was born on October 6, 1951, at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, NY, to Drs. Mary and Robert Hiatt. At a young age he moved with his family to Shiraz, Iran after his father was hired as a representative of general surgery at the newly established Namazi Hospital. From age 5 he attended Fieldston School in Riverdale, NY, and became an accomplished high jumper during his high school years.

He then headed off to the University of Vermont, where he majored in philosophy and religious studies. After college, he lived on a 150-acre farm with his wife and sister's family before attending Columbia University Graduate School. He earned his doctorate in Bio-

Chemistry in 1985 and continued his post-doctoral work at Cold Spring Harbor focusing on plant molecular biology. In 1987, he moved with his family to San Diego, CA and was hired as a professor at the Scripps Research Institute.

While at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, CA, Andy invented manufacturing of antibody drugs in plants. Based on that discovery, he co-founded Epicyte Pharmaceutical, a company that received over 40 million dollars in investment. After 5 years at Epicyte, Andy joined Mapp Biopharmaceutical (San Diego, CA) where he served as the Vice President of R&D. His work was instrumental in the development of ZMapp, a drug used in patients during two Ebola virus outbreaks. He was a creative, thoughtful, and extremely funny scientist (father and husband!) and an inventor on over 30 patents.

Andy had a 30+ year family connection to Cornish; a place he loved to escape to with his family and where he longed to live. After his marriage to Cris in 2015 he was able to fulfill that dream by moving to Cornish. He became an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Claremont and religiously spent 3 days a week playing water-volleyball at UVAC. He is survived by his wife Cris Hiatt; daughter, Gabriella Dickinson-Hiatt (Robin); son, Tristan Dickinson-Hiatt; grandchildren, Cy and Teo Burgbacher; his sisters, Margaret Hiatt and Elizabeth Ratclif; three step children Chelsea, Andrew (Sara), Kirsten and her son Brayden.

A Covid-respectful outdoor memorial service in his beloved backyard was held on Saturday, June 27, in Cornish.

In lieu of any flowers we ask that a donation be made to the Cornish Historical Society, Cornish, NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Lou Lugo, 62

Mary Lou (Perkins) Lugo 62, of East Hartford CT, died at UConn John Dempsey Hospital on April 26th, 2020. She was the second child and only daughter of Donald L. & Lorraine "Mickey" I. (Bushway) Perkins. Her father predeceased her in January 2020. She was born in Claremont, NH. Her family moved to Connecticut a few months before her 11th birthday. She was in the graduating class of 1976 at East Hartford High School in East Hartford CT, (Burnside Avenue location).

She leaves her two sons and their families. Peter E. & Marissa (Goard) Lugo, their children Peter A. & Allison T. Lugo of Chester, VA. Luie P. & Amie (Conner) Lugo, their child Codie K. Lugo of Wethersfield, CT. She is also survived by many beloved nieces, nephews & cousins.

Her former husband Pedro "Pete" L. Lugo, predeceased her in January 2019.

While he was in the Army they lived in Alabama, Germany & Utah. After her divorce she returned to Connecticut, she worked 5 years at Connecticut Bank & Trust / Bank of New England. She then spent the next 29 years working for the Federal Government, until her retirement in May 2019. Throughout her life she enjoyed: Ice skating, Camping, Photography, Boston Red Sox, Cake decorating, Genealogy, NASCAR. But most of all her sons, and grandchildren.

A Catholic Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Please wear your most colorful outfit. Per her wishes there will be no visiting hours. A burial in Vermont will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stevens High School Alumni Parade in Claremont NH; she enjoyed attending this as a child, especially when her father was in the parade with the class of 1952. Or your local food pantry or favorite charity.

Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home has care of the arrangements.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 6/21/20

0919- Engine 1 responded on South St. for a fire alarm sounding

1050- Engine 1 responded on Block Ave. for a 911 hang-up

1752- Engine 1, Engine 2, Brush 1 and Utility 1 responded on Roberts Hill Rd. for a 1st alarm brush fire

Monday 6/22/20

0511- Engine 1 responded on Maple Ave. for a medical call

1402- Engine 1 responded on Dartmouth St. for a medical call

1805- Engine 1 responded on Skyline Ter. For a medical call

Tuesday 6/23/20

0121- Engine 1 responded on Winter St. for an electrical issue

0816- Engine 1 responded on Anderson St. for a medical call

1220- Engine 1 responded on South St. for a public assist

1646- Engine 1 responded on North St. for a medical call

1712- Engine 1 responded on Broad St. for a medical call

2233- Engine 1 responded on Chestnut St. for an illegal burn

Wednesday 6/24/20

0027- Engine 1 responded on Broad St. for a medical call

0444- Engine 1 responded on Elm St. for a medical call

0648- Engine 1 responded on Industrial Blvd. for a Box Alarm

1215- Engine 1 responded on North St. for a well-being check

1411- Engine 1 responded on Lafayette St. for a medical call

1713- Engine 1 responded on Washington St. for a motor vehicle accident

2136- Engine 1 responded on Hanover St. for a dumpster fire

Thursday 6/25/20

0901- Engine 1 responded on Block Ave. for a fuel spill

1212- Engine 1 and Engine 3 responded on Industrial Blvd. for a Box Alarm

1942- Engine 1 responded on Washington St. for an ash tray smoldering

Friday 6/26/20

0019- Engine 1 responded on Sullivan St. for odor of propane

1622- Engine 1 responded on Pleasant St. for a mulch fire

Saturday 6/27/20

1020- Engine 1 and Utility 1 responded to Moody Park for a bicycle accident with injuries

1247- Engine 1 responded on Washington St. for a car vs. pedestrian

2059- Engine 1 responded on Heritage Dr. for a medical call

2110- Engine 1 responded on Sugar River Dr. to assist the ambulance

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes of May 30, June 10, 17, and 24, 2020, City Council Meetings
- 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
- 7:00 PM 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23))
9. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:10 PM A. Legislative Update
- 7:15 PM B. Holiday Display Policy Discussion
- 7:25 PM C. Pleasant Street Presentation
- 7:55 PM D. Comcast Agreement
- BREAK
10. NEW BUSINESS
- 8:15 PM A. CDBG Public Facility, Emergency and/or CDBG-CV Grant Application (City Manager)
The City proposes to submit an application for funding titled Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facility, Emergency and/or CDBG-CV Grant for up to \$500,000 from its application authority for 2020 to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for improvements to the Southwest Community Service's Emergency Shelter, 45 Central Street, in Claremont. The city to retain up to \$25,000 for administration costs and subgrant the remainder to Southwest Community Services, to make improvements to the facility.
1. Application for Grant – Public Hearing
2. Review and Adopt or Re-adopt City's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan – Public Hearing
- 8:30 PM B. Airport Easement Project (City Manager)
- 8:50 PM C. Resolution 2021-6 Condemning Police Brutality and Supporting Racial Justice – Public Hearing (Councilor Kier)
- 9:05 PM D. Board of Assessors Membership Discussion (City Manager)
- 9:20 PM E. Abatement Update (City Manager)
- 9:30 PM 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 9:35 PM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:40 PM 13. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:45 PM 14. ADJOURNMENT
- PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined.