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Jeffrey Epstein Associate Arrested in Bradford, NH

Ghislaine Maxwell Wanted in Major Criminal Sexual Activity Case

On Thursday, Audrey Strauss, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, William F. Sweeney Jr., the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and Dermot Shea, Commissioner of the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"), announced that Ghislaine Maxwell, 58, was arrested this morning and charged with enticing a minor to travel to engage in criminal sexual activity, transporting a minor with the intent to engage in criminal sexual activity, conspiracy to commit both of those offenses, and perjury in connection with a sworn deposition. The indictment unsealed on Thursday alleges that between at least in or about 1994 through 1997, Maxwell and co-conspirator Jeffrey Epstein exploited girls as young as 14, including by enticing them to travel and transporting them for the purpose of engaging in illegal sex acts. As alleged, knowing that Epstein had a preference for young girls, Maxwell played a critical role in the grooming and abuse of minor victims that took place in locations including New York, Florida, and New Mexico. In addition, as alleged, Maxwell made several false statements in sworn depositions in 2016.

According to the FBI, Maxwell was arrested in Bradford, NH, and taken into custody without incident about 8:30 a.m. She was presented Thursday afternoon in federal court

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Claremont was decked out for the July 4th holiday with flags in the downtown area, under the watchful eye of the Clock Tower (Eric Zengota photo).



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in New Hampshire, clearing her transfer to New York where she will be held.

Epstein, 66, was found dead in his jail cell in August 2019, just over a month after his arrest on sex trafficking charges. The convicted sex offender's death was ruled a suicide, though his lawyers and others disputed that ruling. Maxwell has been described as a longtime companion of Epstein.

Strauss said: "As alleged, Ghislaine Maxwell facilitated, aided, and participated in acts of sexual abuse of minors. Maxwell enticed minor girls, got them to trust her, and then delivered them into the trap that she and Jeffrey Epstein had set. She pretended to be a woman they could trust. All the while, she was setting them up to be abused sexually by Epstein and, in some cases, Maxwell herself. Today, after many years, Ghislaine Maxwell finally stands charged for her role in these crimes."

FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. said: "Preserving the innocence of children is



Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell (photo included as part of indictment)

among the most important responsibilities we carry as adults. Like Epstein, Ms. Maxwell chose to blatantly disregard the law and her responsibility as an adult, using whatever means she had at her disposal to [allegedly] lure vulnerable youth into behavior they should never have been exposed to, creating the potential for lasting harm. We know the quest for justice has been met with great disappointment for the victims, and that reliving these events is traumatic. The example set by the women involved has been a powerful one. They persevered against the rich and connected, and they did so without a badge, a gun, or a subpoena - and they stood together. I have no doubt the bravery exhibited by the women involved here has empowered others to speak up about the crimes of which they've

been sub-

jected."

According to the indictment that was unsealed Thursday in Manhattan federal court: From at least 1994 through at least 1997, Ghislaine Maxwell allegedly assisted, facilitated, and participated in Jeffrey Epstein's abuse of minor girls by, among other things, helping Jeffrey Epstein to recruit, groom, and ultimately abuse victims known to Maxwell and Epstein to be under the age of 18. The victims were as young as 14 years old when they were allegedly groomed and abused by Maxwell and Epstein, both of whom knew that their victims were in fact minors. As a part and in furtherance of their scheme to abuse minor victims, Maxwell and Epstein allegedly enticed and caused minor victims to travel to Epstein's residences in different states, which Maxwell knew and intended would result in their grooming for and subjection to sexual abuse.

Additionally, in 2016, while testifying under oath in a civil proceeding, Maxwell allegedly repeatedly made false statements, including about certain specific acts and events alleged in the indictment.

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Springfield Police Release Reports on Two Fatal Accidents

SPRINGFIELD, VT—On July 1, at approximately 1916 hours, Springfield officers were dispatched to River Street near Eaton Avenue for a report of a single motor vehicle into a retaining wall. It was advised that there was heavy damage, the vehicle was smoking and the operator was trapped in the vehicle. While responding, Springfield Dispatch advised that the operator of the vehicle was unresponsive.

A maroon Mercury Grand Marquis with heavy front end damage was found sitting in the roadway. There were several bystanders around attempting to open the driver side door.

As Springfield Ambulance and Springfield Rescue arrived with police to begin the extraction efforts, an officer began interviewing witnesses.

Speed and Operation per witness statements are believed factors in this crash which resulted in the vehicle traveling southbound on River Street, entering the northbound lane while still traveling southbound and straight into the retaining wall.

Springfield Fire Department removed the operator of the vehicle and announced the individual, identified as William Verboncoeur, 62, was deceased.

This fatal crash is still under investigation and the police ask that anyone having seen this crash contact Springfield Police Department to speak with Cpl. Neily at 802- 885–2113.

On July 1, at approximately 1702 hours, Springfield Officers were dispatched to the area of 297 Charlestown Rd., also known as Vermont Route 11, for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving three vehicles. Upon arrival, officers found a tan Chevrolet Cruze facing westbound in the lane closest to the yellow line with extensive rear end damage. A silver Dodge Caravan was off the south side of the roadway facing eastbound, and there was also a black Toyota in the eastbound breakdown lane facing eastbound that was later found to have been struck by the Dodge Caravan.

Officers checked on the occupants of all vehicles noting injuries and pain associated with this crash.

Traffic was shut down for scene safety and investigation. Vehicles were removed by Hillside Towing and the roadway was opened up.

Debbie Baker, 66, was airlifted to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center; however, the subject was later pronounced as deceased believed due to the crash-related injuries. All other subjects involved were transported to Springfield hospital for evaluation. This fatal crash is still under investigation and the police ask that anyone having seen this crash contact Springfield Police Department to speak with Cpl. Neily at 802–885–2113.

The Science of COVID-19 Virtual Learning Series

Join The Claremont Makerspace & The New Hampshire Academy of Science for this virtual learning series on the Science of COVID-19. Find out how scientists are studying and developing vaccines to combat this disease and how technology is being used in the process; Tuesdays in July (7th, 14th, 21st & 28th) from 7 - 8 PM. There will be a Q&A at the end of each session.

Feel free to attend one or all, by signing up for each individual session.

This virtual series is presented free of charge.

A Zoom conference link will be emailed to participants after signing up for the class.

For more information and to register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/7/7/the-science-of-covid-19-intro-to-sars-cov-2-covid-19-and-pcr-testing>

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Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

New County Budget Approved

Sullivan County has a new county budget in place that is slightly less than the previous budget, and one that doesn't increase property taxes.

On June 29 by a unanimous 12-0 roll call vote, the Sullivan County Delegation to New Hampshire's House of Representatives approved the new Fiscal Year 2021 County Budget totaling \$33,695,139. This budget is lower than the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget of \$33,906,168 that was adopted last year by \$211,029 or approximately 0.62 percent. Approval came after a Delegation Meeting which lasted a little over an hour, and was held in the Sullivan County Probate Courtroom, which is located on the third floor of Newport's Remington Woodhull County Building.

Six of the Delegation's representatives, including Charlestown's Steven Smith and Thomas Laware, Newport's Skip Rollins, Acworth's Judy Aron, Unity's John Callum, as well as myself, were in the courtroom for the meeting. Claremont's Andrew O'Hearne, Gary Merchant, and Walter Stapleton, Sunapee's Linda Tanner, Plainfield's Lee Oxenham, as well as Grantham's Brian Sullivan participated via the ZOOM virtual platform as is presently permitted for governmental meetings under Gov. Christopher Sununu's State of Emergency Orders issued in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Only one Delegation representative—Sunapee's Gates Lucas—was absent.

Furthermore, approval of the new county budget, which took effect July 1, and runs thru June 30, 2021, came after no real debate. The budget had been recommended for approval by a unanimous 5-0 vote of the Delegation's EFC (Executive Finance Committee). But while there was no debate at the June 29 meeting, Rep. Aron, who is the EFC's Vice Chair, gave a slideshow presentation on the new budget that included some of Sullivan County Government's accomplishments during the past fiscal year. Among these accomplishments was the completion by the County Registry of Deeds Office of the microfilming of all its records from the county's establishment in 1827 thru 2019. Next, SCHC (Sullivan County Health Care), more popularly known as the "county nursing home", achieved another deficiency-free inspection from state government for the fourth straight year in a row. Additionally, our county debuted its own Facebook Page, completed a land management plan, and launched a public cider press. Finally, all county government, especially SCHC and the House of Corrections in Unity, adapted to life with the coronavirus pandemic, which started to impact operations in February.

During the slideshow presentation, Rep. Aron stated that the "dominant theme" faced by both the Sullivan County Commissioners and



EFC in drafting the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget was the "uncertainty" of how the pandemic will affect county operations, including revenue and property taxes for the next few years. Consequently, because of this uncertainty, both the Commissioners and Delegation decided to keep the amount of money to be raised by taxes the same in Fiscal Year 2021 as the amount raised in Fiscal Year 2020, an amount totaling \$13,605,228 as had been mentioned earlier. This decision means that Sullivan County taxpayers should see no increase in the county's share of their property taxes, depending on their municipality's property assessment and valuation situation.

Furthermore, the slideshow indicated the highest amount of projected revenue for the new budget will come from services provided by SCHC—a total of \$15,241,900. This is followed by the projected property tax revenue of \$13,605,228. Next, \$2,445,491 and \$528,000 in budget revenue will come from county government's "Fund Balance", which is similar to state government's "Rainy Day Fund", in other words, surplus money that both the Commissioners and Delegation decided should be utilized in an effort to keep property taxes level. Smaller amounts of revenue are expected to come from a variety of sources, including \$411,506 in service charges from the County Sheriff's Office as well as \$340,000 in fees levied by the Registry of Deeds Office. Yet smaller amounts of revenue will likely come from the Capital Reserve Fund (\$300,000) and SCHC Reserve Fund (\$300,000). In continuous dwindling amounts, other revenues include \$175,742 in rent from our state government for leasing space in the Woodhull Building for the Sullivan County Circuit and Probate Courts as well as \$80,000 in T-REC (Thermal Renewal Energy Credits) which come from the use of Biomass Plant at the County Complex in Unity. Also an estimated \$55,000 will come from fees charged by the DOC (Dept. of Corrections) to its inmates, and \$44,264 for services provided by the Natural Resources Dept. Finally, about \$3,600 is expected to come from state, federal, or private grants received by the county.

Meanwhile on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget's expense side, the same slideshow projected that the highest amount or approximately \$14,965,522 of the county's financial plan will be spent on SCHC operations. The second projected highest amount, \$5,291,064, is slated to be spent on Human Services for Sullivan County residents living or receiving treatment for various medical problems at other public or private nursing homes besides SCHC. The third highest item, or \$4,811,090, is likely to be spent by the DOC for its inmates, both inside Unity's House of Corrections as well as rehabilitated offenders working or living on the outside under supervision. Fourth highest expenditure at \$1,623,175, should be for maintenance of all county buildings and land.

The new budget's projected expenses continue in diminishing order as follows. For the County Sheriff's Office (\$1,327,823), the County Attorney's Office (\$1,080,703), Human Resources Dept. (\$617,737), and County Administration (\$552,236). For readers' information, the Human Resources Dept. is responsible for hiring, training, and retain-

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Guest Commentary

A Pledge Worth Taking: Reduce the Property Tax

By Andru Volinsky

Granite Staters, in the midst of the COVID pandemic and economic crisis, now face their biggest tax bill of the year, their property tax bill. For homeowners in Sullivan County suffering some of the highest tax rates in the state, this is a particularly burdensome time. To come out of the pandemic and economic crisis, New Hampshire needs a strong economy, good schools, a serviceable transportation system and broadband to every home. What we don’t need are politicians chained to the past by a failed tax pledge created by the Union Leader a half century ago that has resulted in our state having consistently and crushingly high property taxes, hampering the growth and prosperity of Sullivan County. As the lead lawyer in the 1997 Claremont School funding case, I’ve been fighting this broken system now for 30 years.

New Hampshire can’t accomplish our goals if we continue to rely more heavily than any other state on the most archaic and unfair tax system possible. If elected governor, I pledge to reduce property taxes for the majority of New Hampshire residents. During Chris Sununu’s term in office, property taxes have gone up by \$320 million, more than the increase during the three years following the 2008 recession, and his inaction will cause it to go up even more. Does he even care? Tellingly, Sununu is unwilling to devote any of the \$1.25 billion in federal CARES Act money to property tax relief. While the governor obsesses on the largest three percent of businesses in our state, he ignores the local property taxpayer.

Here is how I will approach the problem. First, we need to call it out—New Hampshire ranks first in the nation for relying too heavily on the local property tax and that reliance prevents us from doing what is needed for our fellow citizens. Second, we must set a goal of creating a fair revenue system that results in a reduction in property taxes for the majority of state residents, not just the wealthy. Third, we must put all options on the table. Taking a pledge to veto any reasonable means to pay for important services like education isn’t leadership. Fourth, I’ll explore new options. Unlike Sununu, I’ll legalize marijuana sales, just like every other New England state. With property taxes due next week, we need to focus on how we can move forward. As your governor, that is exactly what I’ll do.

The property tax is like a second mortgage that everyone pays and that always goes up. Homeowners pay it directly, renters indirectly. New Hampshire businesses pay twice as much in property taxes as they do in business taxes. The property tax is also extraordinarily unfair. Wealthy people who can afford homes on a lake or near a ski resort enjoy low taxes. Mitt Romney with his \$10 million Wolfeboro mansion pays a property tax rate that is one third that paid by a worker between jobs in Claremont.

Property taxes keep going up because politicians repeatedly shift state responsibilities to local communities and gobble up local revenues, often by reneging on promises not to do so. In the Claremont School Funding Case, the New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled that every child is entitled to a state-funded public education, but 25 years later the state pays less than a quarter of the cost. The rest is paid by local school districts with widely varying abilities to pay. The owner of a \$200,000 home in Moultonborough pays \$1,446 a year in property taxes. In Claremont, it’s an outrageous \$8,434. This is the tax system the Claremont case labelled unconstitutional for the arbitrary tax rates depending on where you live.

As governor, I’ll prioritize tax fairness for every Granite Stater, ensure the state lives up to its responsibilities, and lower property taxes while funding our schools fairly. In the four years I’ve served on the Executive Council, my constituents have shared their anxieties about the ever-increasing property tax burden forcing them to choose between food and medicine or paying their property taxes. I have heard from young people and working people that affordable hous-

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ing simply is not available. Towns with high tax communities like Newport can't draw in small businesses. Retirees are forced to leave their homes.

Let's plan ahead. The status quo cannot stand. This is the job of courageous leadership. New Hampshire desperately needs that leadership now.

Andru Volinsky led the team that won the Claremont School funding case before the NH Supreme Court in 1997. He is currently the Executive Councilor for District 2 and running for Governor.

Letters to the Editor

Supports Moving Forward on Pleasant St. Project

To The Editor:

I write this letter with great hope and enthusiasm addressing the members of the Claremont City Council and community concerning the proposed changes to Pleasant Street. Five years ago a group I led, the Claremont Citizens Group, worked very hard making several presentations to the City Council and residents of Claremont concerning the data collected from all stake holders. We identified then the need for better communication between the City Government and the people of Claremont, increased parking, enforcement of existing ordinances and laws for property owners and Beautification with planting and maintenance, benches on the street landscaping and the like.

It was clear then as it is now that changing Pleasant Street will bring small businesses to the Downtown, will allow existing businesses to thrive, will increase parking, will increase foot traffic and increase a much better experience for residents and visitor's both. It was identified that a community pride, community growth and community participation would be brought forth. There is no logical or cost reason not to move forward on this.

The funds needed for this is a simple increase of .03 cents on the tax bill for a property owner. Seems like a reasonable rise for a new water and sewer replacement, new one-way street, sidewalks, lighting, benches, planting of shrubs, trees, rerouting large trucks

away from downtown, additional parking, more foot traffic and business. The 4.8 million is nothing more than a continuation of the bonding happening now, +.03 cents. Why wouldn't we do this?

On July 8th the City Council will be presenting and deliberating the project via ZOOM (click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83141985670?pwd=Z1MyTGVSVD0NKaDREWF3Y3haZWpXdz09>.

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Please encourage the Council to move forward on this project and let's do this! We, Claremont need to continue to invest in us, Claremont to draw people to live and participate in our community!

**Michael Charest
Claremont, NH**

Town of Goshen Extends Gratitude

To The Editor:

The Town of Goshen is thankful for the hard work of Department of Corrections in helping beautify our town. On Thursday, June 25th, four inmates from the House of Corrections, with the supervision of their officer, worked alongside the Goshen Highway Department, and a member of the Goshen Selectboard at Williamson Park located at Gunnison Lake. Years of undergrowth had overtaken the once clean park area. In the matter of half a day, the entire area was restored to its previous beauty, with much of the undergrowth removed, dead and broken branches discarded, stonewalls cleaned, ground raked, and trash removed.

Gunnison Lake is a beautiful location for a picnic with family, hiking with friends, or a place for tranquility. It is our hope that people will enjoy the open space returned, pitch a portable hammock to relax, bring a blanket and escape the hot sun, or just have a new area to explore.

Without the help of the Department of Corrections, this project would not have gotten off the ground. The Town thanks the DOC for their workforce, dedication to this project, and appreciation of the picturesque setting we are very lucky to have.

**Town of Goshen
Office of Selectmen**

Rep. Cloutier, from A4

ing county employees, and County Administration includes expenses for the County Commissioners Office in Newport as well as the full-time County Manager who is hired by the three part-time Commissioners, is accountable to all three, and supervises the day-to-day operations of county government.

Other projected expenses in diminishing order include \$334,306 for the Registry of Deeds Office, and \$283,369 for UNH's (University of New Hampshire) Cooperative Extension Service, a valuable agency for many Sullivan County residents, and not just farmers. Next, \$283,000 is scheduled for capital projects, which include building repairs as well as purchase of heavy equipment. Also, \$273,500 will be set aside for 14 small county grants to various human service organizations that help our county's citizens as well as \$226,148 to pay interest and principal on bonded debt for a few past capital projects in which the county had to borrow money. Finally, \$190,564 is appropriated for the Natural Resources Dept., a department that I believe is doing an excellent job of managing our county's lands for the benefit of all our residents.

In conclusion, for my next column, I plan to provide more information about the new county budget as well as briefly write about the other accomplishments of the June 29 Delegation Meeting, in which I was pleased to participate.

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Hassan, Shaheen Introduce Resolution Defending Postal Service

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen joined colleagues in introducing a resolution about the importance of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and urging increased funding in the next COVID-19 relief package to help it offset losses incurred due to the pandemic. The resolution also makes clear that the USPS should not be forced to reduce its services, close post office facilities, or excessively raise rates, said the Senators.

The resolution was led by Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) as well as Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Gary Peters (D-MI).

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 – July 5, 2020

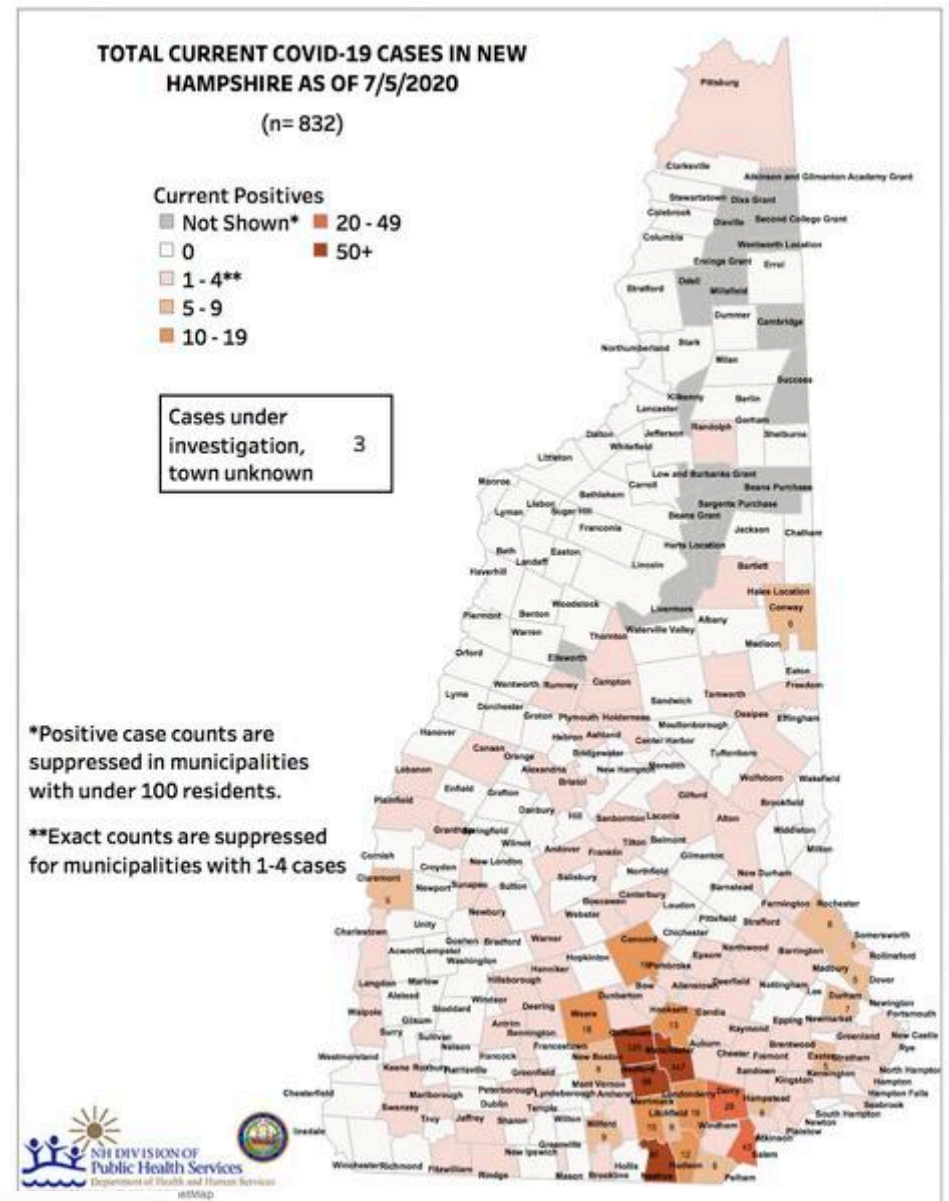
CONCORD, NH – – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, July 5, 2020, DHHS announced 43 new positive test results for COVID-19 identified since Friday, July 3. There have now been 5,897 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 seven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (5), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (4), Belknap (1), Cheshire (1), Grafton (1), Merrimack (1), Strafford (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (14) and Manchester (11). The county of residence is being determined for three new cases.

One new hospitalized case was identified for a total of 570 (10%) of 5,897 cases. Twelve of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all coun-



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	82	1.4%	10	1.8%	2	0.5%
Carroll	Total	60	1.0%	9	1.6%	0	0.0%
Cheshire	Total	73	1.2%	10	1.8%	2	0.5%
Coos	Total	7	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grafton	Total	88	1.5%	9	1.6%	1	0.3%
Hillsborough	Manchester	1,568	26.6%	157	27.5%	98	25.7%
	Nashua	645	10.9%	55	9.6%	34	8.9%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	1,128	19.1%	107	18.8%	121	31.8%
	Total	3,341	56.7%	319	56.0%	253	66.4%
Merrimack	Total	418	7.1%	40	7.0%	18	4.7%
Rockingham	Total	1,494	25.3%	149	26.1%	91	23.9%
Strafford	Total	295	5.0%	20	3.5%	13	3.4%
Sullivan	Total	35	0.6%	4	0.7%	1	0.3%
Unknown	Total	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total		5,897	100.0%	570	100.0%	381	100.0%

Data as of: 7/5/2020

ties. Most of the remaining cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, recently traveled, or are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced five additional deaths related to COVID-19 since Friday. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends: 2 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older; 2 male residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older; 1 male resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older.

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/>.

OUR TURN Turning Points Network

Supporting Survivors in the LGBTQIA Community

With Pride Month having come to a close, we wanted to put out one final message that stands every month.

Domestic and sexual violence affect all populations, but it affects the LGBTQIA community at much higher rates. We believe everyone has the right to safety and respect in their relationships. Our services are for everyone, no matter how they identify or whom they are in a relationship with.

Love is love but...abuse is abuse. It is important to recognize the parallels between abuse in heterosexual relationships and abuse in LGBTQIA relationships. Those signs of abuse can include jealousy, controlling behaviors, use of force or violence, threats, mood swings and more.

One example is verbal abuse, attacking a survivor's identity by claiming they are too "gay" or too "hetero". Another example is an abuser may restrict a transgender survivor's access to gender affirming treatments like hormone replacement therapy (HRT) or chest binders, or repeatedly call them the wrong name/pronouns to misgender them.

LGBTQIA+ survivors of abuse may also face additional challenges. Fear of threats, bullying, discrimination, being outed and a lack of community support can stop someone from reaching out for help when they need it.

If you are feeling alone and unsure, call or text us. You will be heard. If you have questions, you will find safety and respect as you explore your options. From peer counseling to court advocacy and emergency housing, know that TPN is here for you.

We join with you in celebrating PRIDE month. And during PRIDE month—and every month—we are here to support survivors and allies who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Our judgment-free services are free and confidential. You can reach us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-639-3130. To learn more or to chat live with an advocate, you may also visit us on the web at www.turningpointsnetwork.org.

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Mayoral Notes

by
Charlene Lovett



Freedom is Everyone's Job

Freedom is Everyone's Job was the theme that preceded and followed the Freedom Train as it traveled across the United States from September 1947 to January 1949. Carrying 132 historical documents, the train's mission was to give Americans a chance to view artifacts traditionally housed in the National Archives that told of American's struggles and sacrifices for freedom. Stopping at 300 cities and towns throughout 48 states, people could look upon George Washington's handwriting or read a copy of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address. They could see the signatures of the generals and admirals that had become household names during WWII. By the end of its run, 40 million Americans had visited the Freedom Train. Though its mission ended over 70 years ago, the theme still rings true today.

As children, we learn the Pledge of Allegiance and without thought recite the words "liberty and justice for all." What that means to us individually is shaped by our life experiences. As adults these words may invoke a sense of patriotism or feelings of anger. Acknowledging these differences is critical if we are to do the job of securing freedom for all.

Just as it was true during the birth of our nation, freedom and justice do not occur without struggle and sacrifice. The human condition makes achieving such ideals a challenging endeavor. However, we have

a responsibility as a nation to continue the pursuit of those ideals upon which this country was founded.

Our history is riddled with evidence of failed ideals. People suffered and continue to suffer at the hands of injustice. Our history is also steeped in the victories of those who fought to make these ideals a reality. As a nation, we have benefitted from their efforts and we must continue to build upon them.

This past Independence Day marked 244 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The pursuit of freedom and justice is as real today as it was then. There is much to celebrate and much more work to do.

Having just marked this important holiday, please continue to consider the sacrifices made and the blood shed to bring forth a nation built upon such ideals. Please consider those who have suffered when freedom and justice were absent. Please consider what you

can do to further the pursuit of these ideals. After all, freedom is everyone's job and we all have a role to play.

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

School District Summer Meal Program Continues

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School District has announced the continuation of its meal program through the Summer. Breakfast and lunch meals will be available for pick-up daily at each school from 9am-12pm. Friday's meal service will also provide meals for Saturday and Sunday.

These meals are available at no cost for anyone 18 and under.



Aspet, the home of sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, was dressed up for the July 4th holiday (Eric Zengota photo).

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CORNISH LIBRARY REOPENINGS

The Cornish Library is opening 2 days a week, 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 by visiting cornishnh.net under Local Organizations.

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

A. (PL 2020-00005) Lisa Portelli & Sheila Butler, 299 Hanover Street – Application for subdivision approval for the subdivision of parcel 84-7 into two lots at 299 Hanover Street. Zoning District: R1 & AR.

B. (PL 2020-00006) Peter & Cheryl Ferland, 101 Paddy Hollow Road – Application for subdivision approval for the subdivision and annexation of parcels 46-16 and 57-24 and conversion of a driveway to a private road at 73 and 101 Paddy Hollow Road. Zoning District: RR

C. Planning Board Rules of Procedure – The Board will review and take public comments on multiple amendments to the Planning Board Rules of procedure to reflect changes in the Board's makeup and the method of appointing members.

Interested parties may review the applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

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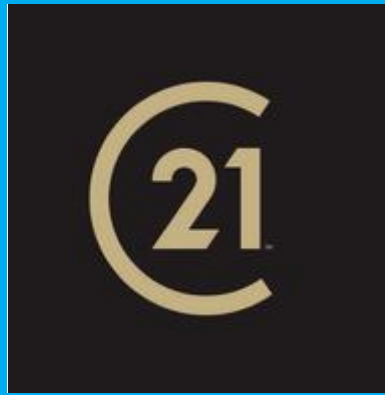
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CLAREMONT—3 unit building with potential of earning \$34,000 per year. 2 one bedroom apartments and 1 two bedroom apartment. This conveniently located lot offers off-street parking. This building was being remodeled but will not be finished. Some updating will be needed. \$60,000 (MLS#4810540)



CLAREMONT—This three bedroom, two full bath Maple Avenue Ranch has a beautiful garden tub & shower off the master bedroom and a lovely open living, dining/kitchen area! All windows are energy efficient, dual pane tilt-outs. Living room has a sunny view of perennial gardens and trees while the kitchen and dining windows overlook the spacious backyard that is just waiting to be turned into your oasis! \$164,900 (MLS#4804744)



HAVERTHILL—This home offers one level living at its best. Open L-shaped living/dining/kitchen, two nicely sized bedrooms, 1 and ½ baths, plenty of storage, a mud room from the oversized carport, and an enclosed porch that offers views to the CT river and the hillside beyond. \$117,900 (MLS#4804987)



CHARLESTOWN—Located in Twin Valley Estates is this 1 bedroom bright and sunny Manufactured Home. Front deck, enclosed screened-in porch, and a shed. Bright spacious kitchen opens into living room. Metal roof for years of service! \$21,000 (MLS#4811064)



UNITY—This wonderful secluded Cottage sits on a beautiful 10+ acre lot! This 2BR plus 1 bonus room home has incredible potential to be a primary or secondary residence. Features include a cozy eat-in kitchen with large pantry or washer/dryer room. The lot has fruit trees and gardens sprawled all over the land just waiting for your years of enjoyment. \$94,900 (MLS#4805792)



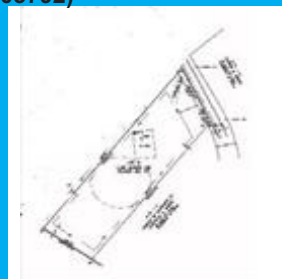
CHARLESTOWN— A new home with a full year manufacturer warranty. Everything is new. Eat in kitchen opens to the living room with vaulted ceilings. Great colors. Your shades and window blinds are all done for you. Laundry hook up down the hall near the bedrooms and bath. Situated in a nice park environment. \$59,900 (MLS#4812440)



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CLAREMONT— 5 unit Townhouse style apartment complex and right next door a 5 unit multi-family home. Next to that multi is an additional vacant 0.31 acre lot. All for this one price. An excellent re-hab project. Property is being sold as is and as seen. \$175,000 (MLS#4812469)



CLAREMONT—Nice and quiet 1.82 acre lot for building on a town maintained road just minutes from town. Manufactured housing is not allowed. Perc tests were done years ago. This lot is priced to move—priced \$26,000 below what the current owners paid years ago!! Make this your new home-site. Don't wait! \$10,000 (MLS#4814211)



CLAREMONT—This downtown building offers two updated apartments and a large office or retail opportunity on the first floor. There is also storage rental and a long term additional income from small area of the basement. Basement offers storage and more work space with 2 exits including a double door stairway \$125,000 (MLS#4799848)



CLAREMONT—First time on the market. Well maintained 3 family home with a nice yard, play area for children, garden space, and off street parking. Each unit pays its own heat and electric. Seller occupies the smaller apartment. \$149,000 (MLS#4814768)



CLAREMONT— Claremont Estate. Tastefully restored treasure, a beautiful 11 room, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath 1900's era home! Property includes a 2 bedroom Ranch w/garage for rental or guest house and a magnificent 3 level garage with special lighted show room, elevator/lift from basement to 3rd floor, an appliance party room, exercise room, and heated basement workshop. Property is on a total of a 3.97 beautifully landscaped acres and abuts the golf course on 2 sides. \$435,000 (MLS#4811992)

What Changes Would You Like to See on Pleasant Street?

CLAREMONT, NH—The City of Claremont will be hosting a Community Forum on Wednesday, July 8th, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM to gather public input on the Pleasant Street Revitalization project. The city is interested in citizen feedback on the concept design and changes to the truck route, which will be presented by engineers from McFarland-Johnson. We welcome your comments, questions and ideas.

If you do not have access to ZOOM, you will be able to participate by phone. Following is the information you need to enter the conversation by either computer or phone:

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CMS COVID-19 Economic Hardship Scholarship Program

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont MakerSpace is a creative hub and community workspace, designed to help our members put shape to their ideas. We offer membership-based access to specialty tools for woodworking, jewelry making, electronics, metalworking, fiber arts and more, as well as education, room to work, and a community of like-minded creative people.

If you are suffering economic hardship as a result of loss of employment, reduction in wages or other economic hardship as a result of COVID-19, you may apply for the CMS COVID-19 Economic Hardship Scholarship Program. This program offers a 75% discount on Claremont MakerSpace membership to approved applicants for a period of up to six months. You may be able to apply for an extension at the end of the scholarship period, contingent upon available program funding.

The CMS COVID-19 Economic Hardship Scholarship Program is supported by a generous grant from the Oleonda Jameson Trust. The continued availability of this program is contingent on available funding and program renewal.

Please direct questions to:

info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

To apply for the CMS COVID-19 Economic Hardship Scholarship Program, please complete the online application.

More information may be found at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/special-programs/>.





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New Chair, Officers and Directors elected at NH Bankers Annual Meeting

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Bankers Association (NH Bankers) elected Officers and Directors for the coming fiscal year during its Annual Meeting held virtually on June 19. The meeting was well attended, with over 150 members of the New Hampshire Banking industry.

NH Banker members voted to elect Richard Wallis, President and CEO of Piscataqua Savings Bank, as Chairman of the Board for the coming year. Mr. Wallis, who previously served as Vice-Chairman, is succeeding Steven Webb, Regional President – Southern New England & Upstate New York of TD Bank.

Also elected to the NH Bankers Executive Committee were **Reginald Greene, Jr., President and CEO, Claremont Savings Bank**, as Vice Chairman; Ronald Magoon, President and CEO, Franklin Savings Bank as Treasurer; and Linda Lorden, President, Merrimack County Savings Bank, as Secretary.

NH Bankers welcomes a new member to its Board with this election. Gary Barr, Market President-NH, TD Bank, who will complete the unexpired term of Steven Webb. Re-elected to the NH Bankers Board for 2-year terms were Reginald Greene, Jr., President and CEO, Claremont



Reginald Greene, Jr.

Savings Bank and Linda Lorden, President, Merrimack County Savings Bank. Richard Wallis was re-elected to a special 1-year term to complete his service as an officer of the Corporation.

With an abbreviated virtual agenda, attendees heard from several esteemed speakers at the event. Emelia Galdieri, Deputy Bank Commissioner, provided an update from the State Banking Department; Jason Hwang, Vice President and Director for Planning and Research at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, provided an economic update. Lastly, we were pleased to have Kathleen Kraninger, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), speak about the challenges the CFPB has faced during COVID, regulatory changes, consumer protections and what to expect in the near future.

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Board Moves to Create a New Broadband Entity

PLYMOUTH, NH The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC) Board of Directors has voted unanimously to take the necessary steps to create a new separate entity to pursue funding opportunities and further the goal of providing high speed internet access to its members.

Creating this new entity is the next step in NHEC's efforts to expand high speed internet access, and will allow for greater focus and

speed on developing broadband opportunities. The entity will be charged with pursuing federal, state and local funding opportunities, and developing strategic partnerships with the singular goal of bringing high speed internet access to NHEC's members.

Last week NHEC concluded its annual director election. This year NHEC members petitioned to add a ballot question adding "facilitating access to broadband internet for members" as one of the purposes for which the Co-op was formed. While the ballot question fell just short of achieving the two-thirds necessary for adoption, the strong support it received demonstrated member desire for NHEC to more aggressively pursue broadband.

The Board also agreed to fund the new entity with up to \$1 million in initial capital to support the initiative, and appointed Jeff Morrill, Vice

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NHEC, from A15

Chair of NHEC's Board of Directors to spearhead the effort. In addition to his service with NHEC, Morrill leads business development and strategy for C Space, a Customer Agency. In this role, he helps companies find new ways to grow by collaborating with their customers. Morrill is an experienced manager with a track record of driving innovation and profitable growth at fortune 100 companies and new ventures.

"The Board heard our members clearly: they want their electric cooperative to do more to bring them broadband," said Tom Mongeon, Chair of NHEC's Board of Directors. "This important vote is the next step in moving forward to bring high speed internet to the communities NHEC serves. Jeff's diverse and entrepreneurial skill set uniquely qualifies him to move this exciting initiative forward."

Steve Camerino, president and CEO of NHEC said that "meeting our members' needs is NHEC's only focus, and the ability to access fast, reliable internet service is a critical need, now more than ever. In pursuing this initiative, we remain mindful that we must balance that need with our members' reliance on NHEC as their electric service provider."

"We have started on a journey and it will take several years to achieve our goal, but this is an important step," said Jeff Morrill, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and leader of the effort to create the new entity. "There is a lot of

work to be done in a short amount of time, deadlines for the Connecting New Hampshire Emergency Broadband Expansion Program and the Rural Digital Opportunity Funds are quickly approaching and NHEC wants to make sure our members are well positioned to access any funding opportunities."

One Credit Union Named Best-In-State Credit Union by Forbes

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Forbes announced that One Credit Union has been named Best-In-State Credit Union for Vermont. Forbes partnered with market research firm Statista to produce its third annual look at the Best Credit Unions In Each State. Consumers were asked 20 questions about their financial dealings. Credit Unions were rated on overall recommendations and satisfaction, as well as five subdimensions (trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services and financial advice).

With the economy in turmoil after the outbreak of the coronavirus, credit unions across the country have been forced to step up their game. Credit unions are mainstays in American life, offering low-cost financial products and personalized customer service.

CEO Brett Smith

was delighted with the news, "I share this award with the entire team. They shine so bright every day – even throughout these crazy pandemic days – always working in the member's best interest. At One CU "Together, We're One" is much more than a tagline. It is our way of life. We're honored and humbled."

For more information for these listings, visit <https://www.forbes.com/best-in-state-credit-unions/#5762bdcf6167>.

Tallman Joins Ford of Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—Ford of Claremont has announced that Kevin "Coach" Tallman has joined its Sales Team.

Tallman said, "I encourage you to browse our online inventory, schedule a test drive and investigate financing options. You can also request more information about a vehicle using our online form or by contacting me at (603) 542-9800 x227 or coach@fordofclaremont.com."

Tallman said he is "a long-time resident, educator and coach in the Connecticut Valley Region. I have years of experience as a Sales Consultant with the goal and passion to find you the right vehicle to fit your lifestyle and budget."

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Summer Water Safety Tips from the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock

LEBANON, NH— With summer finally here and temperatures climbing, families are heading outdoors to enjoy activities like swimming and boating. While most parents know that it's important to put sunscreen on their child, how many know what to do if their child's heart has stopped from being submerged under water? Knowing how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), can save their life.

"The single most effective strategy to improve outcomes of childhood drowning is to start CPR as soon as a child is rescued from the water—even before emergency medical services arrive," said Megan McMahon, MSN, APRN, at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). "CPR must begin within minutes of drowning to prevent brain injury and death. Children are more likely to survive if bystanders initiate rescue breathing, chest compressions and call 911 right away. The best preparation is for parents, caregivers and older siblings to learn CPR and be ready to use those skills in an emergency."

Drowning is a leading cause of death from unintentional injury in children. Each year, approximately 1,000 children fatally drown, with the majority happening from May through August. Children from 0 to 4 years of age have the highest rates and children with seizure disorders, heart conditions and autism are at a higher risk.

Now more than ever, with COVID-19 keeping families at home, summer camps and public pools closed, and swimming lessons canceled, it's important that parents and other caregivers are vigilant about water safety.

The Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock offers these safe-water tips:

- Teach kids how to swim in both pools and open water. Learning to swim helps children feel more comfortable and safe around water. Also, swimming in open water is different than swimming in pools given the currents, cold temperature, unknown depth and limited visibility.

- Choose to swim in public places that have a lifeguard on duty at all times.

- There should always be a designated "watcher" who is engaged and alert. Avoid distractions such as paying attention to your phone. For younger children, an adult should stay close enough to quickly pull a child above the water.

- Make sure that all children on watercraft (boat, Jet Ski, kayak, canoe, or paddleboard) are fitted with a lifejacket no matter how confident you are in their swimming skills.
- Families with backyard pools are encour-

aged to have four-sided fences around the pool to prevent children from entering without an adult knowing.

- Take a CPR class. Having this skill can help in a drowning emergency.

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First of all, you need to establish a proper withdrawal rate – the percentage of your portfolio's value needed for one year's worth of retirement expenses. Ideally, if you were to stick with this rate, your portfolio would last as long as you do. Your withdrawal rate should be based on a number of factors, including your age, amount of assets, portfolio mix and retirement lifestyle. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's right for you, but it's important to understand that this rate is a starting point since you will want to review your withdrawals each year to ensure they are still appropriate.

If the financial markets performed smoothly and predictably, year in and year out, any adjustments you make would likely be more modest. But, as you know, and as we've all been reminded the last several months, the markets are neither smooth nor predictable. Rather than constantly trying to change your withdrawal rate and spending in response to movements in the markets – which may be challenging if you have grown accustomed to a certain standard of living – you might be better off adopting a more conservative rate at the beginning of your retirement. For example, if you are in your mid-60s, you could start at a withdrawal rate of about 4%, which also assumes an increase in withdrawals (a "raise") of approximately 3% each year to incorporate inflation. By starting at a more modest withdrawal rate, you would have some flexibility for those years in which the market drops significantly. And you could increase your chances of extending the lifetime of your portfolio.

But even if you started out with a conservative rate, you may need to review it during periods of extreme market movements. If, for instance, your portfolio were to fall 20% in one year, the 4% you had planned to withdraw would actually become 5% because you're taking out the amount you had planned, but now it's from a smaller pool of money. If this happens, should you consider making an adjustment?

There's no easy answer. The amount you withdraw from your portfolio has a major impact on how long your money lasts. You'll improve your likelihood of success if you are able to be flexible and make some spending adjustments – spending less on some of your discretionary items, for example, or not taking a "raise" until your portfolio recovers. Importantly, your financial advisor can help run different scenarios to determine if adjustments need to be made to ensure you remain on track.

In any case, think carefully about your withdrawal rate. By managing it carefully, and reviewing it over time, you can take greater control over your retirement income.

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e-Ticker Sports

Fisher Cats, MiLB Will Not Play 2020 Season

2020 ticket holders to receive a 125% credit on their deposit for the 2021 season

MANCHESTER, NH—Minor League Baseball (MiLB) and Major League Baseball (MLB) have announced the cancellation of the 2020 MiLB season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fisher Cats season was originally scheduled to begin on April 9, but was postponed indefinitely based on state and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19.

"These are unprecedented times for our country and our organization as this is the first time in our history that we've had a summer without Minor League Baseball played," said Minor League Baseball President & CEO Pat O'Conner. "While this is a sad day for many, this announcement removes the uncertainty surrounding the 2020 season and allows our teams to begin planning for an exciting 2021 season of affordable family entertainment." Minor League Baseball, which began as the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, was founded on Sept. 5, 1901.

Season ticket holders, mini-plan holders, and fans who booked groups, suites, and other hospitality nights in 2020 will automatically receive a 125% credit on their deposit to be used toward the 2021 season. Single game tickets from the 2020 season can be redeemed for any Fisher Cats home game in 2021.

"We've remained optimistic throughout this process and done everything we can to prepare for the 2020 season, so today's news is difficult to hear," said Fisher Cats President Mike Ramshaw. "But fan safety is our top priority, and we've already begun hosting safe, socially distanced events to make Delta Dental Stadium available to our community this summer. As we get through these difficult times together, I'm confident Fisher Cats baseball will be back and better than ever in 2021."

This will be New Hampshire's first season without Fisher Cats baseball in 17 years, dur-

ing which time the team has won three Eastern League Championships, sent 125 players to the major leagues, hosted over 5 million fans, and generated nearly \$6 million in monetary and in-kind donations to local charities.

The Fisher Cats front office is currently closed to the public, but staff members are working to contact fans about their current ticket packages.

Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Cancelled for 2020

The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Board of Governors met the evening of June 30 to discuss the 67th Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl. "After much heart felt discussion it was decided in the best interest of all parties involved to cancel the game for 2020," said the board in an announcement on Facebook. "We will be discussing ways to honor everyone in two weeks. We will keep everyone informed on what will be taking place along with when and where. [This is not the] news that everyone was hoping to hear."

This is the first time in its history that the game has been cancelled; while fans expressed disappointment at reading the post, they also supported the decision that was made due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis.

The fundraising game, which has been held at Castleton University for the last several years, raises money for several Shriners facilities that provide medical treatment for children. This year's event had been scheduled for Aug. 1st.

Be Aware, Prepared, and Responsible When Hiking in New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH – The summer hiking season in New Hampshire is in full swing. In the wake of the COVID-19 public health emergency, many Granite Staters have spent this spring exploring their back yards and local trails and learning more about what their im-

mediate surroundings have to offer for recreational opportunities. Being engaged with the outdoors is important for people's physical and mental health.

While this summer represents a renewed natural connection for many, all outdoor enthusiasts must be aware that recreation this summer requires personal awareness, preparation, and responsibility for oneself and toward others while continuing to practice the recommended social distancing of six feet on all trails, at all trailheads, and in common areas such as parking lots. Face coverings are advised when social distancing cannot be maintained.

"This summer, people hiking must be aware of safe social distancing, their physical limitations, weather conditions, and they must know when to turn back," said Fish and Game Law Enforcement Chief Colonel Kevin Jordan. "This is not the time for challenging hikes or dangerous backcountry adventures in ever-changing weather conditions. It is imperative that people enjoying New Hampshire's natural resources exercise a high degree of caution. Unsafe and irresponsible behavior puts first responders at extreme risk of injury and potential exposure to COVID-19 because social distancing becomes very difficult to manage in search and rescue situations."

Jordan also strongly recommends that hikers be prepared and carry with them the top essentials for New Hampshire's changeable weather conditions and for unanticipated emergencies:

- Map
- Compass
- Warm Clothing:
 - Sweater or Fleece Jacket
 - Long Pants (wool or synthetic)
 - Hat (wool)
 - Extra Food and Water
 - Flashlight or Headlamp
 - Matches/Firestarters
 - First Aid Kit/Repair Kit
 - Whistle
 - Rain/Wind Jacket and Pants
 - Pocket Knife

Read more at www.wildnh.com/outdoor-recreation/hiking-safety.html.



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Inspiration

Simple Things

By Priscilla Hull

I am a lover of cross stitchery. It calms me, it grounds me and it makes me happy. It is a comfort when I'm unhappy or discouraged. It keeps my mind going when I'm bored. It challenges me and gives me something positive to focus on when the world gets too challenging. No wonder I've been producing more X-stitch in the past three months.

I love the challenge of a complex sampler with three or four different forms of stitches. I've been known to rip out an area two or three times before I get it right. People ask if I get fed up when it doesn't come out right and I have to rip out a part. The answer is, no! That's the challenge to get it right!

Right now I have two samplers going which are a real challenge. One has five different stitches worked into the pattern. (No, X-stitch is not just little x's as the work pictured; there's the Queen Stitch, Algerian eye, Montenegrin, long arm and more). The other piece is a complexity of color which looks like nothing right now, but hopefully will have the correct form when finished.

In working on these projects, I felt a fatigue that said, "let go of these for a week and do something simple." So I found a pattern and agreed. I'm amazed at the fun I'm having with it. Stitches in a row. One section based on the other. Simple colors. Little counting after the first few stitches. All of this adds up to simple pleasure!

Isn't this true of life? Sometimes we work to make our lives too complex. We live to have the most complex, elegant things in life. We spend so much time working on complicated ideology that we miss the beauty of a simply daisy or Black-Eyed Susan along the side of the road. In no way am I saying that we should not attempt the more intense, complex challenges of life. We need those challenges. We are awed at the beauty of a quilt, a flower garden, a sampler. We are challenged to make these things more beautiful, but now and then we need to return to simplicity. We need to see simple colors and simple stitched. Guaranteed when I go back to those challenging projects, I'll have renewed interest and energy. For now, simple buildings, a stylized tree and a horse and buggy are just what I need to renew my fervor for this pastime. It's fun. It's simple, it calms my soul.

Find simplicity! Find fun! Be at peace!

*"He leads me beside the still waters.
"He restores my soul."*

Psalm 23:2b-3a

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



Calendar Of Events

Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Returns

The Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo is planning on opening back up on Thursday, July 9. Reservations only at this time because of limited seats. Please call 603-543-7118 to reserve your seat. Once full, that is it for that week. We will be doing a temp check at the door. If you are sick, please don't come.

Masks are recommended but can't be wore by all because of medical issues. Masks will be available if you need one. Hand sanitizer available throughout hall. Only prepackaged snacks and drinks at this time. There are changes in the hall because of social distancing, and no one will have the same seat that they usually had. There is a totally new floor plan. We can't guarantee that you are 100% safe from catching COVID-19 or any other virus.

If you do not feel comfortable attending, then don't attend at this time. If you have questions, please call Sandy at 603-543-7118.

Unity Historical Society Meeting

UNITY, NH—The Unity Historical Society will be meeting at the town office at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 14. We have received the Veteran's Memorial and need to plan for placement and work to be done for setting it up. We would appreciate any help that you would be interested in helping with.

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 re-

sponse; 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.

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/>.

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>.

Bingo to Resume at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 is happy to announce that Bingo has returned to 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.

The Post recommends anyone wishing to attend conduct a self determination as to whether or not you are in good health, i.e., no

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Adult Beverages for sale with proper ID / Refreshments available

Tickets at claremontoperahouse.org

NOTE: NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED / Wearing a mask as you enter is required

By attending this event you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the City of Claremont, Claremont Opera House Inc. or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

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.

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

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

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY

DAY Claremont

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

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

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

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

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

Saint-Gaudens Memorial Programming Update

CORNISH, NH—Due to COVID-19, the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, in collaboration with the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park, has canceled or substantively altered programming for the 2020 season. Please check Concerts, Exhibitions, and Sculpture Workshops pages for additional details.

The park grounds and trails are open for your enjoyment.

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/>.

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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 addresses 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/>

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

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/.

Remembering Loved Ones...

Life Tributes

Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

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

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Blakely Grace Nash

Blakely Grace Nash passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 27, 2020. Blakely Grace was born November 5, 2019, at 12:50 p.m. at 6 lbs. 2 oz. and 18 inches long.

Blakely is the daughter of Krysten Patrick and Jeramia Nash. She is celebrated by her maternal grandparents Trish and George Patrick and paternal grandparents Roy Nash and Brenda Pierson; maternal great grandparents, Paul and Deborah Beaudry; paternal great great grandmother, Kay Pierson; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was welcomed into heaven by her great great grandparents, Pauline and George Patrick, Gerard and Ethel Beaudry, Patricia and William Hinds, great uncle Georgfrey Patrick, and uncle Jacobb Nash.

In baby B's short 4 and a half months on earth, she touched the hearts of everyone she came in contact with. She brought smiles to all, her chubby cheeks, and big gummy smile made anyone smile. Her laugh was contagious and you knew her heart was pure. B is very missed and will forever be in our hearts.

Graveside committal services will be held July 11 at 1PM at St. Catherine Cemetery in Charlestown, NH, where she will be laid to rest.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Claremont Senior Center Updates

You know-there are times when as much as you try to do everything right, sometimes it still isn't enough. We are sure you all have been in the same situation. We at the Senior Center are going through that now. These are difficult times for all of us. So, as much as we want to do fundraisers right, it is out of the question. We value the safety of all people, especially our seniors. Please find below a letter from the Committee of the Claremont Senior Center Car Show:

To our valued and dedicated Car Show volunteers, spectators and car show enthusiasts.

Due to the Corona Virus, the Claremont Senior Center Car Show Committee has unanimously voted to cancel the 9th Annual Car Show for 2020.

The committee volunteers and staff are determined to double down and bring back a more amazing car show venue for 2021.

We look forward to seeing all of you next

year!

Be safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Claremont Senior Center Car Show Committee

As the Car Show revamps for next year on Aug. 29th, we find another fundraiser having to reschedule. The Gigantic Penny Sale committee has decided to postpone the event until May 21st. We are, however, still accepting your new or lightly used items. We look forward to seeing you next year in May.

As we continue to accommodate our seniors, we will be having a membership meeting on Tues. July 7th. We will be distancing in the Owens Hall. Masks are strongly urged. Election will be held with the results announced before the meeting's end. Please attend if you can. The board will be meeting on July 6th to discuss quite a few things. This important information will be presented at the membership meeting.

So far, we are open Tuesdays-9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM Game Night and Fridays-9AM-3PM. As always, masks are strongly urged. We

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will be discussing opening other days depending on the guidelines and the circumstances. We are taking this one safe step by one safe step.

Of course, the kitchen volunteers are still offering delicious take-outs. Here is the menu for Tuesday and Thursday.

Tues. July 7th-Baked Haddock, Roasted Potatoes, Veggie and Dessert

Thurs. July 9th- Mongolian Chicken, Rice, Veggie and Dessert.

Members-\$4, non-members-\$5. Call 543-5998 before 10:30AM to reserve your meals. Pick up-11:45AM-12:15PM.

We will be having an outside concert on Sat., July 11th, 6:30PM-8PM. The band will be the Firehouse Six. Social distancing will be observed. Masks are strongly urged and must be worn to order and pick up food. This concert is free and open to the public. Bring your chair and enjoy the great upbeat music.

We wish to thank Ed Small for framing the shield for the reception desk. He did a fantastic job. Thanks, Ed!!

So we have had our disappointments this week. As for the fundraisers, we researched the guidelines and ran through several scenarios. We finally came to the conclusion that we could not provide total safety of all working and attending the events. We know this situation will pass. Next year will be even better.

Please call your older family members and friends. And don't forget the grandchildren. It is so easy to feel alone and depressed. Your weekly call will offer a feeling of comfort that they are thought of and not alone.

Thought of the Week: Take your time, play the long game. Embrace the difficulties though uncomfortable. Success will happen.

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 for Game Night. Fridays-9AM-3PM. Take outs available on Tuesdays and Thursdays-11:45AM-12:15 PM.

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday 6/28/2020

1344- Engine 1 responded on Pleasant St. for an alarm sounding
1402- Engine 1 responded on Maple Ave. for person stuck in elevator
1416- Engine 1 responded on Thrasher Rd. for possible water main break
1748- Car 2 responded on Pleasant St. for an elevator problem
2355- Engine 1 responded on Elm St. for a transformer problem

Monday 6/29/2020

1320- Utility 1 responded on Wayne Ave. for a public assist
1508- Engine 1 responded on Bonmark Dr. for an illegal burn

Tuesday 6/30/2020

0055- Engine 1 responded on Sugar River Dr. for a medical call
1316- Engine 1 responded on Central St. for a medical call
1423- Engine 1 responded on Centennial St. for tree and wires down
2005- Engine 1 responded on broad St. for smoke investigation
2201- Engine 1 responded on Davis St. for a medical call

Wednesday 7/1/2020

1705- Engine 1 responded on Ainsworth Rd. for a medical call

Thursday 7/2/2020

0822- Engine 1 responded on Deerfield Ct. for a fire alarm issue
1104- Engine 1 responded on Charlestown Rd. for a fire alarm sounding
1528- Engine 1 responded on Windsor Rd. for a smoke investigation
1744- Engine 1 responded on Manor Dr. for a medical call
1952- Engine 1 responded on Bellic St. for a medical call
2210- Engine 1 responded on Bailey Ave. for a medical call

Friday 7/3/2020

0228- Ladder 1 responded mutual aid to Weathersfield, VT for a 2nd alarm building fire
1113- Engine 1 responded on Goyette Ave. for a fire alarm sounding
1441- Engine 1 responded on Cook Pl. for a low hanging wire
2137- Engine 1 responded on Beau regard St. for a medical call

Saturday 7/4/2020

1524- Engine 1 responded on Schmitt St. for a medical call
1758- Engine 1 responded on Sims St. for a medical call

What changes would you like to see on Pleasant Street?

JOIN THE CITY OF CLAREMONT FOR AN INTERACTIVE FORUM ON ZOOM

JULY 8 5:00pm - 6:00 pm

The City is interested in citizen feedback on the concept design and changes to the truck route, which will be presented by engineers from McFarland-Johnson. We welcome your comments, questions and ideas.

Join online:

1. Go to this website: www.zoom.us
2. Choose "Join Meeting"
3. Enter MEETING ID: 831 4198 5670
4. Password Code: 554716

Call in - you can listen and share!

1. Dial (646)558 - 8656
2. Enter Meeting ID: 831 4198 5670
3. Password: 554716

The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To join the meeting, online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82453647887?pwd=YkdpbFYycndCNndZRWlXZ3B6ZW9SZz09>, Password: 136740

Or Telephone: 1-646-558-8656; Webinar ID: 824 5364 7887; Password: 136740

AGENDA (Revised)

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
 6:35 PM 4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
 Minutes of May 30, June 10, 17, and 24, 2020, City Council Meetings
 6:37 PM 5. MAYOR'S NOTES
 • *Mayor's Challenge*
 6:42 PM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
 A. COVID-19 Update
 6:55 PM 7. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
 • *Allen Damren – CCTV Board of Directors*
 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. *Ordinance 575 Water Rates – First Reading*

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.



Flags and bunting were not the only items showing the red, white and blue of the holiday weekend. This year's Independence Day celebrations were largely muted due to the pandemic, with the usual community-sponsored events cancelled throughout the region. Most people said they were staying home this year, some hosting small BBQs for a few family members and friends or not doing anything special at all. Others said they were going to go to restaurants offering outside dining while some people said they were working on the 4th. Backyard fireworks could be heard being set off throughout the evening hours into the night, replacing the usual community displays.

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