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Sununu Allocates \$7 Million for VLACS

Supports Remote Instruction for NH Students

CONCORD, NH—On Thursday, Governor Chris Sununu announced a transfer of \$7 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) to support the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS). VLACS is a public charter school that provides online virtual instruction to elementary, middle, and high school students. The Department estimates that these funds will allow New Hampshire students to earn competencies in 14,000 courses through the end of this year.

"One of the reasons New Hampshire did so well in our switch to remote instruction this spring was because of the experience we had with VLACS," said Sununu. "As we return to school, VLACS is helping us provide education to every child in New Hampshire, whether it's in class, a hybrid model, or remotely."

The lack of VLACS openings for many local families and the high demand for those classes has made the challenges of remote learning that much harder, say parents trying to cope in this age of remote education.

Demand for VLACS courses has nearly tripled over the summer, with nearly 6,000 students requesting enrollment in 18,800 courses. VLACS currently serves 3,300 students, with 2,500 students on a waitlist for courses when available. VLACS has already hired an additional 73 teachers for this academic year, and plans to hire 30 more. Through its charter school funding system, the State provides \$493.44 for each student who achieves com-

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The Claremont Fire Dept. paid tribute to 9/11 with its trucks parked at attention, the flag on the station at half staff and its 20 x 38 flag flying from Ladder 2 (Eric Zengota photo).

‘Where Were You on 9/11?’

Claremont Firefighters Reflect on a Tragedy, Honor the Fallen

By Eric Zengota
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CLAREMONT, NH—The passage of 19 years has not dimmed the memories or erased the emotions of September 11, 2001.

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petency in a half-credit course. This innovative funding model has given New Hampshire families a way to supplement course offerings at their local schools. During the COVID-19 pandemic, VLACS has been crucial in helping New Hampshire schools meet the needs of students who cannot attend class in person.

"I am pleased that we have been able to enable VLACS to scale up to meet the needs of New Hampshire students," added Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "With these funds in place, more New Hampshire schools and families will be able to use VLACS to access remote instruction to their students. This is a great example of New Hampshire working together to serve students."

The State Board of Education Thursday morning voted unanimously to increase VLACS' authorized enrollment in order to meet the increased demand from New Hampshire families and schools during the pandemic.

In August, seacoastonline.com reported that "With enrollment requests up almost 150 per-

cent from this same time last year, the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School is considering a temporary pause on accepting new students, but administrators say they are working to help as many students as they can while informing families of its waitlist policy.

"From July 1 to Aug. 9 of 2019, VLACS had 1,375 requests for enrollment in its public charter school, compared to 3,430 from the same period this year, a jump of nearly 150%, according to [Steve Kossakoski, chief executive officer of VLACS]. Requests for enrollment may not end up with students enrolled but are the first step to apply to the statewide virtual charter school, which has administrative offices in Exeter."

Seacoastonline also reported that "Elementary enrollments at VLACS have skyrocketed, with 1,114 requests for enrollment and a waiting list of 3,800 students. VLACS Human Resources Director Tony Baldasaro has hired 60 new teachers since July 1, and the school expects to increase from 230 employees to 300 this school year."

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Public Cidery Opens This Month**

From the Sullivan Co. Conservation District: The Public Cidery is set to open on Monday, September 14th, and run until the season is over (possibly end of October).

The Cidery will be open by appointment only. You can make an appointment by contacting Cathy at publiccidery@sullivancountynh.gov.

You may also book an appointment by using this link:
<http://sullivancountynh.gov/1226/Public-Cidery>

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Hannaford Reusable Bag Program to Benefit Arrowhead

CLAREMONT, NH—For the month of September at the Hannaford store, located at 220 Washington Street in Claremont, the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program will be focused on supporting the Arrowhead Recreation Club. Every time you purchase a blue Hannaford Helps Community Reusable bag for \$2.50, a donation of \$1 will be made to Arrowhead. The more bags purchased, the more the Arrowhead site benefits.

Now that you can use reusable bags at Hannaford, it's time to get some new ones. For new first time bag purchases associates will bag your groceries, if you bring in your own bag, you will have to bag them yourself.

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09/12/2020

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Governors of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Call on President Trump To Reverse U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Aluminum

CONCORD, NH - Maine Governor Janet Mills, New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu and Vermont Governor Phil Scott are calling on President Donald Trump to reverse the re-imposition of a 10% tariff on imports of non-alloyed unwrought aluminum from Canada, citing the negative impact on manufacturers and supply chain businesses in northern New England.

“Businesses, big and small, have built complex, integrated supply chains in aerospace, information technology, construction materials, food systems and more,” the governors said in their letter. “We strongly believe that this stance regarding Canadian aluminum will only hurt American manufacturers. It is time to look at solutions to elevate commerce on both sides of the border and not penalize key industries.”

In a letter sent to the President Tuesday, the governors highlighted the longstanding bilateral trade relationship between New England and Canada, which was strengthened by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) that went into effect this summer. About half of all trade for Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine companies is conducted with Canada.

The tariff will drastically raise costs and reduce competitiveness for aluminum-consuming industries in New England, disrupting manufacturing and technical production supply chains. Ultimately, artificially inflated costs will be passed on to consumers who are already struggling with the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Canada and New England share more than just a border, we are allies, business partners, colleagues and family,” the governors added. “The important trade that we have shared throughout our history has formed co-dependent and mutually beneficial bonds that need to stay intact for us to all succeed in this partnership.”

Warren, Hassan, Reed Urge President Trump to Reverse Relocation of POW/MIA Flag at the White House

WASHINGTON, DC - United States Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), and Ranking Member of SASC Jack Reed (D-R.I.) urged President Donald Trump to reverse the relocation of the POW/MIA Flag from atop the White House to an area not visible to the public. This decision by the White House appears inconsistent with the law the lawmakers passed last year to require the POW/MIA Flag be displayed whenever the American Flag is displayed on prominent federal properties to honor the more than 81,000 Americans who are listed as Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), or otherwise unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and conflicts.

"It has come to our attention that this decision to abruptly move the POW/MIA Flag from atop the White House to an area that is apparently not visible to the public may violate federal law and does not appropriately honor the service and sacrifices of American prisoners of war, missing servicemembers, and their families," wrote the senators.

On November 7, 2019, Trump signed into law a bipartisan bill authored by the senators requiring the POW/MIA Flag to be displayed whenever the U.S. Flag is displayed, effectively ensuring that both flags are displayed concurrently and every day at federal locations already designated under existing law, including the White House. The law states: "Display of the POW/MIA flag pursuant to this section shall be in a manner designed to ensure visibility to the public."

But in June of this year, the White House appears to have moved the POW/MIA Flag from the top of the White House, just under the American Flag, to a pole on the White House grounds. The senators urged him and the White House to follow the letter and spirit of current U.S. law and display the POW/MIA Flag consistently and prominently in order to ensure that our country never forgets those servicemembers who have not returned home.

Warren has established a record honoring America's Prisoners of War and missing servicemembers. In 2016, Senator Warren and her colleagues worked to pass into law the National POW/MIA Remembrance Act, which established a POW/MIA commemorative chair on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. In 2017, Senator Warren delivered remarks at a bipartisan, bicameral ceremony unveiling this chair of honor.

9/11, from A1

For more than 10 years, members of the Claremont Fire Department have paid tribute to their 343 firefighter colleagues who perished at the World Trade Center. On September 11, they park their gleaming red trucks in front of the station, display empty gear and boots to remember their heroes, and fly a huge flag from the top of Ladder 1's 100-foot reach.



Most of all, they recall where they were when they heard the tragic news. Fire chief Bryan Burr was a firefighter back then, working in dispatch. "A colleague phoned in and asked if we had the television on. I told him no, we don't watch TV while on duty. But when he told me about the plane, we turned on the TV, just in time to see the second plane hit."

The horror of that morning still haunts many Claremont citizens. "In fact," said Burr at 1pm last Friday, "I was getting calls from people asking where's the big flag? We'd tried flying it earlier this morning, but the wind was too strong. We didn't want it to tear or get detached and fly down the street." But the afternoon wind calmed down, the flag went up — and immediately passing drivers slowed down, tapped out a tribute and drove on.

The horn taps continued for the rest of the day, which gave the men on duty a sense of solemn satisfaction. Lieutenant Scott Kenniston, who was working as a machinist at Bond Optics in Lebanon that day, recalled, "When the news came on the radio, everybody thought it was a random accident. But then the second plane hit, and we knew there was a major problem."

Captain Andrew Stevens, a third-generation firefighter, had similar memories. "I was working as a shop machinist but was also a member of the Swanzey volunteer fire department. My sister called me, and I saw the second plane hit as well." As he helped raise the flag on Friday, Stevens noted, "The flag has be-

come a tradition here in Claremont. People expect it to be flying."

As dusk approached, the ladder's blue lights came on, giving the scene an aura that was both melancholy and uplifting. Captain Jim Chamberlain and his uncle, retired lieutenant Andy Chamberlain, arrived at the station.

Jim Chamberlain clearly remembered that fatal day. "I was a junior in high school, geology class to be exact. News came across the PA system. We all broke from class, and I went home and watched the live coverage on TV. September 11, 2001, is my generation's date that will 'live in infamy.'"

Andy Chamberlain was working the night shift right after the attacks. "We all knew what had happened that day. Firefighters are a closely knit family, so it was a very somber time for us."

The Chamberlains had come to play the bagpipes, the department's traditional ending of its 9/11 tribute. In front of the trucks, under the blue ladder lights, under the flag now flap-



ping gently in the evening breeze, they played a bittersweet farewell to the colleagues who were lost that sad day.

Below: Andy Chamberlain (left) and Jim Chamberlain played five songs to honor the fallen firefighters of 9/11. Their last song was "Amazing Grace."

Photos by Eric Zengota



A Reminder to Granite Staters: The Minimum Age to Purchase Tobacco is Now 21

CONCORD, NH – NH DHHS Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) reminds businesses and consumers that state laws now prohibit the sale and possession of tobacco products for anyone under the age of 21. New Hampshire joins 32 other states in raising the tobacco age to 21.

On July 29, 2020, Governor Chris Sununu signed House Bill 1245 which increased the age from 19 to 21 to purchase, sell or possess tobacco products. Electronic vapor products, including e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, and hookah pens, are also considered tobacco products under the law.

According to Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation, more than 95% of all smokers started before the age of 21. In the 2019 New Hampshire Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 34% percent of New Hampshire high-school aged youth reported using an electronic vapor product at least once during the last 30 days. Unfortunately, New Hampshire's rate of electronic vapor product use among youth remains among the highest in the nation.

"Teenage vaping continues to be a large concern among public health professionals in the State. By raising the smoking age to 21, we have the potential to reduce the risk for tobacco-use addiction for a whole new generation," said Dr. Sai Cherala, DPHS Bureau Chief of Population Health and Community Services. "Any amount of tobacco use is unsafe for youth and young adults and can harm their developing brains."

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services offers My Life, My Quit, a tobacco cessation service for teens who want to quit using any tobacco product. My Life, My Quit provides free and confidential services to youth to help them quit. Participants can enroll online at mylifemyquit.com or by calling or texting "Start My Quit" to 1 (855) 891-9989.

The DHHS Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program is available to provide resources and education on tobacco products. For more information, contact the NH Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program at TPCP@dhs.s.nh.gov or (603) 271-6891.

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Learn How to Laser Cut A Box (Free Virtual Learning)

CLAREMONT, NH—In this free MakerSpace virtual learning class, learn how to use a laser cutter to cut a small wooden box. We will look at a variety of resources and watch the Claremont Makerspace laser cutter in action and

give a demo of Corel Draw. This will be a great overview for anyone who has not laser cut before or is looking for some possible new tricks. Please register; a link to the Zoom connection information will be sent to your email:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/event/2020/9/16/learn-to-how-laser-cut-a-box>.

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Council Considers Reopening Meetings to Public

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—At its Wednesday meeting, The City Council discussed and supported the concept of reopening Council Chambers so that members of the public could attend meetings once again. A majority of councilors supported the concept. However, Councilor James Contois did not. In an email he had sent to City manager Ed Morris, Contois noted the governor's Executive Order permitting and encouraging electronic meetings, that a number of communities have Zoom meetings and mask mandates, that Emergency Order #66 on Aug. 31 extends all orders and that it is "safer to stay at home by direction of the governor." Contois said that being 72 and taking health issues into consideration, he would not be able to attend meetings in person.

Councilor Erica Sweetser said she supported hybrid meetings and was not suggesting forcing every city councilor to come to meetings, but to continue using Zoom instead to "attend" from home as they have been doing. She favored opening meetings up to the public as an option that would come with rules. Councilor Deb Matteau said, "As long as there is a Zoom platform for us to participate, and we put a laptop at the podium so people can speak, I don't have a problem with that at all."

City manager Ed Morris said they have added TVs, new microphones and other equipment to Council Chambers to solve feedback and echo problems that had arisen in the past when they tried to conduct remote meetings from the room. "We haven't tested it yet, but it's something we can move forward with. We do have to follow the governor's guidance on social distancing and we should be wearing masks." He said the one problem is that it opens up the question of placing a limit on the number of people who can be allowed into Council Chambers, a problem that has stopped other communities from moving from Zoom to public meetings. He did add that he did not think it would be a big problem since most meetings draw very few attendees; Matteau agreed with that premise and said she would like to see a test run done before they

go live with a council meeting. Councilor Abigail Kier said that while our numbers may still be low, "they are continuing. D-H just had a small outbreak due to a party at Tuck." Councilor Nick Koloski said that he thought "proper precautions can be in place" and that he is frequently hearing from people asking "when are we are going back into public session."

By a show of hands, most of the councilors favored moving forward with a hybrid model. Mayor Charlene Lovett asked Morris if he could take the steps necessary to try to get things ready for the next council meeting this month. He indicated he would work on it and reminded them that everyone in the room should wear a mask. He said they would also have to configure how many people could be allowed into the room based on social distancing spacing requirements. Councilor Jonathan Stone asked about doing temperature checks and asking the standard COVID questions typically done in public settings. Morris said it wasn't clear at this point who would do those things.

Larger than Usual Voter Turnout in Claremont for Primary

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH—Some 2,171 Claremont voters turned out for last week's NH primary, compared to 21% in 2018. This year's rate equates to a 34% turnout. There were 60 same-day registrations. There was a large increase in the number of people voting absentee ballot, and those who voted in person were greeted by an array of safety precautions put into place due to COVID-19.

On the Democratic ballot, Claremont voted for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andru Volinsky over Dan Feltes, 641-373; however, Feltes took the state, 72,240-65,382.

Senator Jeanne Shaheen easily beat two lesser known candidates, with 1,032 votes. Rep. Ann Kuster beat challenger Joseph Mirzoeff, 984-121. In the State Senate District 5 race, Suzanne Prentiss beat Beatriz Pastor, 700-365 in Claremont; overall, that race was very close, with Prentiss squeaking out a 4,124-4,056 win. The remaining positions on the ballot ran unopposed.

On the Republic ballot in Claremont, Gov. Chris Sununu won handily over two challengers, one running by the name of Nobody, who got 13 votes to Sununu's 873. For US Senator, Corky Messner beat out three other challengers and took the state as well. Steven Negrón received the most votes in the Congressional race and will face Kuster. Joseph Kenney beat Kim Strathdee in the Executive Councilor District 1 race on the Republican side; he will face incumbent Democrat Mike Cryans. The remaining races of those appearing on the ballot were uncontested.

In the write-in campaigns for the District 1 County Commissioner seat, Joe Osgood (R) received 515 votes countywide on the Republican ballot; on the Democratic side, Ray Gagnon received 393 votes while Osgood collected 40 votes countywide as a write-in on the Democratic ballot.

More election results may be found on the Current Issue tab on our website



Voting in Claremont Tuesday was busier than usual for a primary, reported poll workers. A higher number of voters have used absentee ballots this year as well. Safety setups due to COVID-19 were in place in the three wards, and instructions on voting safely in the age of the coronavirus were provided (Eric Zengota photo).



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.

Sununu Orders Face Coverings for Gatherings of 100 or More

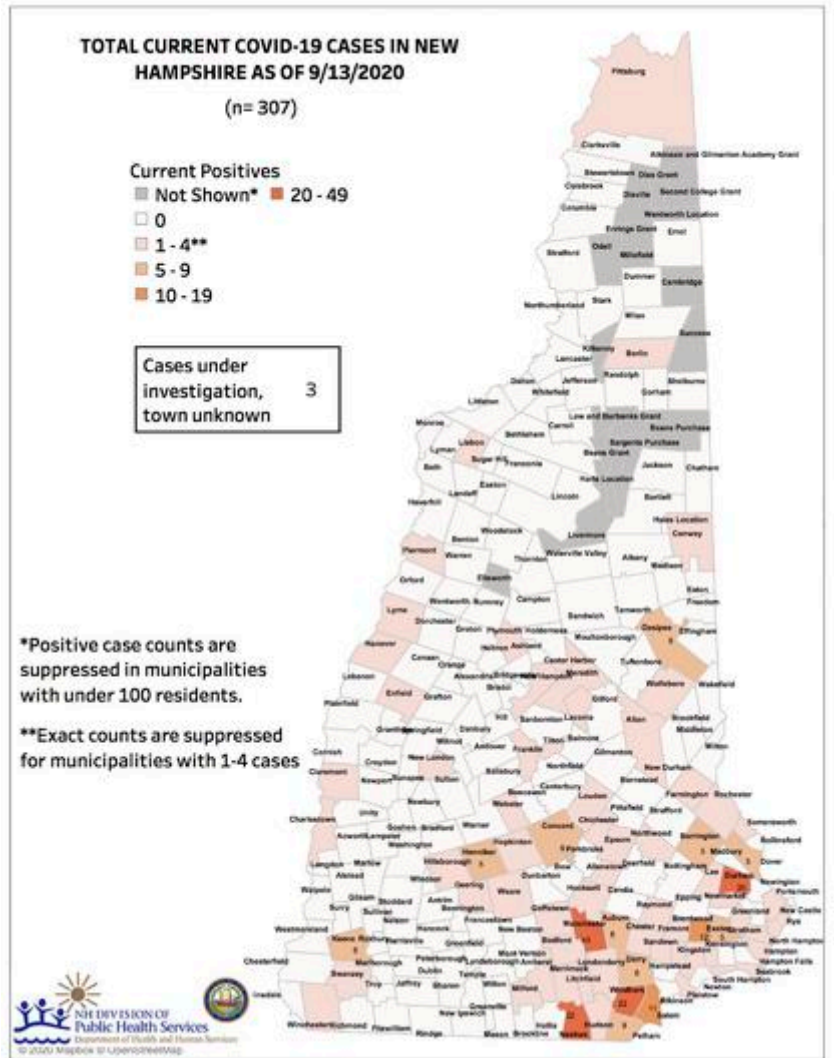
CONCORD, NH—Recently, Gov. Sununu issued Emergency Order #63, an order requiring face coverings for scheduled gatherings of 100 or more individuals attending social, spiritual and recreational activities. At his press conference, he said videos of the recent motorcycle rally in Sturgis showing large crowds of people not wearing masks as well as a planned tent revival scheduled for New Ipswich last week prompted the new order. Or-

ganizers of the tent revival had said they did not plan to enforce physical distancing or other measures used to help prevent the spread of the virus; some 200-500 people were expected to attend and would likely be a mix of both local individuals as well as people from out of state. The order goes into effect immediately. Fines or penalties may be issued to those who willfully disobey the order, said the state.

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – September 13, 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, September 13, 2020, DHHS announced 44 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 7,696 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hamp-



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	133	1.7%	14	1.9%	4	0.9%
Carroll	Total	116	1.5%	13	1.8%	2	0.5%
Cheshire	Total	141	1.8%	12	1.7%	3	0.7%
Coos	Total	21	0.3%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Grafton	Total	127	1.7%	8	1.1%	1	0.2%
Hillsborough	Manchester	1,987	25.8%	208	28.8%	115	26.4%
	Nashua	844	11.0%	78	10.8%	38	8.7%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	1,365	17.7%	144	20.0%	135	31.0%
	Total	4,196	54.5%	430	59.6%	288	66.1%
Merrimack	Total	534	6.9%	42	5.8%	23	5.3%
Rockingham	Total	1,919	24.9%	172	23.9%	101	23.2%
Strafford	Total	457	5.9%	25	3.5%	13	3.0%
Sullivan	Total	49	0.6%	4	0.6%	1	0.2%
Unknown	Total	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total		7,696	100.0%	721	100.0%	436	100.0%

Data as of: 9/13/2020

shire. 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 49% being female and 51% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (14), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (4), Strafford (4), Belknap (3), Merrimack (2), Cheshire (1), Coos (1), and Grafton (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (7) and Nashua (5). The county of residence is being determined for two new cases.

No new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 721 (9%) of 7,696 cases. Five of the new cases had no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or have recently traveled.

DHHS has also announced one additional death related to COVID-19: 1 female resident of Carroll County, 60 years of age and older

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PUBLIC NOTICE Conservation Commission MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2020 6:00 PM
Gary Dickerman, Chair

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

Join Zoom Meeting

Online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83409744531?pwd=ZVU3QWpOdGdKSXVqS-zlKYjhyWUptQT09>

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CLAREMONT Energy Advisory Committee PUBLIC Meeting Monday, September 21, 2020 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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PUBLIC NOTICE Claremont Development Authority Full Board Meeting Thursday, September 24, 2020 7:30 AM

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 PLUMBERS' LICENSE RENEWAL AT RVCC

The next class for the Plumbers' License Renewal is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 6:00 p.m. Register now at: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/course/plumbers-license-renewal>.

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Join the Zoom Webinar Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81940802793?pwd=eWt3Mjl5VGZvSmJEWGFoYjdY-WEJIdz09>

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

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

- A. **PL 2020-00011) 168 Charlestown Road LLC, 168 Charlestown Road** – Application to amend site plan #PL2019-00008 to reflect changes made during construction of the project. Tax Map 165, Lot 16. Zoning District B2.
- B. **Master Plan Public Hearing**—Public hearing to take public comment on amending the 2017 Master Plan to incorporate the Whitewater Reservoir Source Protection Plan into the Natural Resources chapter.

Interested parties may review the above-referenced materials at the Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person during the public hearings, or in writing prior to the hearings at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

Classified Ads

Fall Activities at Billings Farm

WOODSTOCK, VT—The public is invited to enjoy the colors of a Vermont autumn with a visit to Billings Farm & Museum in October. See farm animals in the pastures with the colorful foliage as a backdrop, enjoy a walk along the Ottauquechee River Trail, visit the apple orchard and see the many different apple varieties, and learn about 19th century harvest activities on the farm.

Each weekend throughout October, guests can enjoy harvest-themed activities, demonstrations, and crafts. Learn about drying herbs, and preserving apples, pumpkins, and squashes. See traditional methods of cider pressing, hand threshing of grain, corn husking and bean shelling.

Families can Find the Hidden Pumpkins in the Farm Life Exhibits and take a "Sheep Trick or Treat" Story Walk. Family-friendly activities and crafts will include pumpkin bowling, leaf rubbings, finger knitting, and wax paper pressed leaves.

Harvest demonstrations, activities and crafts will vary each weekend. Find daily schedules at billingsfarm.org detailing which programs will be offered.

Autumn is also the time for a special treat – cider and doughnuts! Available daily at the Dairy Bar along with Vermont-based Wilcox ice cream and Billings Farm cheese.

Note that as of July 1, the Billings Farm & Museum site is limited to a maximum capacity of 225 people at one time, per State of Vermont guidance, and face coverings must be worn by all guests over the age of 2 everywhere on the site, including the outdoors. For more about visiting Billings Farm safely, updates on our site capacity, and to learn which spaces are open, visit billingsfarm.org/safety/.

The Farm & Museum is open Thursdays-Tuesdays, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm or online anytime at billingsfarm.org/billings-farm-at-home/.

The site is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution.

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Claremont Community Television Incorporated ("CCTV")

Seeking an Executive Director ("ED") with video/ media technology experience who values community-based public access communications. The ED administers all operations: financial, administrative, educational and technical. Responsible for educating volunteers and supervising staff, the ED will also support and advise community producers and submitters of programming. Working with a Board of Directors, the ED will develop and implement short and long term capital and operating budgets and act as a liaison to local government, schools and other non-profits in the community.

Required is Bachelor's degree in a related field or experience in digital media production. Needed are strong written and oral communications skills and experience with training youth and adults. Prior experiences in public access media a plus. Availability on weekends / evenings and driver's license and vehicle needed. Candidates may be asked to provide a 5-10 minute demo reel demonstrating their video production skills.

Submit a cover letter that reflects how your previous experience qualifies you to for the position and also a resume. Email as a PDF to: clarcctvjob@gmail.com

Claremont Community Television Inc. provides media production resources and education to individuals and organizations. An independent non-profit 501(c)(3e) entity, CCTV operates two cable television channels, several broadcast origination locations and a video-on-demand website. CCTV strives to serve the community while upholding the First Amendment of the US Constitution.



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Juried Regional Exhibit 2020 Virtual Exhibit Library Arts Center Through October 31

View the online anytime at libraryartscenter.org.

The Library Arts Center is pleased to present the annual favorite Juried Regional Exhibition. This exhibit highlights the diverse and creative talent from regional artists residing in New Hampshire and Vermont. Painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography and mixed media are all featured. Works were selected by the 2020 juror, Robert J. O'Brien AWS NWS.

View the online exhibit at: <https://libraryartscenter.org/exhibits/juriedregional2020/>.

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FINANCIAL TIPS

Year-End Planning to Help You Lower Your Tax Bill

Consider taking losses before gains, since unused losses may be carried forward for use in future years, while gains must be taken in the year they are realized.

As the end of the year draws near, the last thing anyone wants to think about is taxes. But if you are looking for ways to minimize your tax bill, there's no better time for tax planning than before year-end. That's because there are a number of tax-smart strategies you can implement now that could, potentially, reduce your tax bill come April. And with higher rates, being tax efficient is more important than ever.

PUT LOSSES TO WORK

If you expect to realize either short- or long-term capital gains, the IRS allows you to offset these gains with realized capital losses. Short-term gains (gains on assets held less than a year) are taxed at ordinary rates, which range from 10% to 37%, and can be offset with short-term losses. Long-term gains (gains on assets held longer than a year) are taxed at a top rate of 20% and can be reduced by long-term capital losses.¹ To the extent that losses exceed gains, you can deduct up to \$3,000 in capital losses against ordinary income on that year's tax return and carry forward any unused losses for future years.

Given these rules, there are several actions you might consider:

- Avoid short-term gains when possible, as these are taxed at higher ordinary rates. Unless you have short-term losses to offset them, try holding the assets for at least one year.
- Take a good look at your portfolio before year-end and estimate your gains and losses. Some investments, such as mutual funds,

incur trading gains or losses that must be reported on your tax return and are difficult to predict. But most capital gains and losses will be triggered by the sale of the asset, which you usually control. Are there some winners that have enjoyed a run and are ripe for selling? Are there losers you would be better off liquidating? The important point is to cover as much of the gains with losses as you can, thereby minimizing your capital gains tax.

- Consider taking losses before gains, since unused losses may be carried forward for use in future years, while gains are taxed in the year they are realized.

UNEARNED INCOME TAX

A 3.8% tax on "unearned" income for high-income taxpayers effectively increases the top rate on most long-term capital gains to 23.8%. The tax applies to "net investment income," which includes interest, dividends, royalties, annuities, rents, and other passive activity income, among other items. Importantly, net investment income does not include distributions from IRAs or qualified retirement plans, annuity payouts, or income from tax-exempt municipal bonds. In general, the tax applies to single taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) of \$200,000 or more and to those who are married and filing jointly with a MAGI of \$250,000 or more.

WHAT'S TO COME?

While there are currently no scheduled changes in federal tax rules, there are many steps you can take today to help lighten your tax burden. Work with a financial professional and tax advisor to see what you can do now to potentially reduce your tax bill in April.



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This female ruby-throated hummingbird shows off her delicate beauty in the summer sun. It's time now for these beloved annual visitors to make their long flight south where they will winter in warmer climates.

Photo by Phyllis A. Muzeroll

e-Ticker Business News



Rethink Pleasant Street Public Input Session Sept. 15

CLAREMONT, NH—The first of two public meetings to gather input on the Pleasant Street project will be held on Sept. 15th at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Options on sidewalk materials, trees, and site furniture will be presented with a survey function and chat responses to get feedback from members of the community. For more information on the project, please see rethinkpleasantstreet.com. Call in by dialing (646) 558-8656 or log-in at Zoom.us and use the following meeting ID and Passcode: Webinar ID: 893 1476 1238 Passcode: 966095

Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center Announces Online Rehabilitation Reunion Starting Sept. 16

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that it will hold a virtual Rehabilitation Reunion at mtascutneyhospital.org/reunion, starting September 16. The Hospital's annual event brings together former patients and caregivers of the Rehabilitation Center at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center to reconnect and share their stories of success.

Starting on September 16, former and current patients are invited to visit the Hospital's

web page to see a video created just for them. The Hospital recognizes that current and former patients look forward to the annual in-person event. MAHHC wanted to find a way to mark National Rehabilitation Week and to be sure its patients know they are remembered, even though the in-person outdoor event is cancelled for this year. Instead, patients will hear from staff and patients on the

video. They will also be able to join a dedicated online group that will be open through the end of September to let them engage with Hospital staff and share their stories.

According to Belinda Needham-Shropshire, Director of Rehabilitation Services, "the Rehabilitation Reunion is a highlight of the year for all of us. The people we work with mean the world to us, and it's a delight to see them every year, living their lives." She adds, "We also know that reconnecting with us is an important part of their journey, because physical and emotional healing keeps happening long after people leave us. Caregivers and patients do intense work together, and you don't forget the people who have been through that with you. While safety protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic mean we can't meet face

to face as a group this year, we're making every effort to maintain these important connections, until we can celebrate again as a group next year." She points out that instead of a single afternoon get-together, this year's reunion is happening over a period of weeks, from September 16 to September 30, letting former and current patients engage at their own convenience.

The Rehabilitation Center is accredited by CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, a non-profit organization that evaluates and accredits more than 50,000 programs and services at 25,000 locations worldwide. CARF bestows accreditation on rehabilitation programs that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to quality improvement, a focus on patients, and continual monitoring of results.

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This fall, the Sullivan County Conservation District is pleased to offer a very special collection of heirloom cider apple trees to the public. Grown by the Allens in Westminster, VT, these grafted trees come in 7-gallon pots and are ready to plant. Supplies are very limited and it's first-come, first-served.

All trees are just \$35 each. There are 14 varieties to choose from, but stocks are very limited. Pickup will be at the Sullivan County Public Cidery on the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 25th:

Order Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd.

Pick up: Friday, Sept. 25th

Online Catalog:

<https://www.sccdnh.org/shop>

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Payment

You can pay at pick-up with cash or check, made out to "SCCD". If you would like to pay beforehand, please send a check to SCCD 95 County Rd. Unity, NH 03743.

CORNISH CEMETERY NOTICE

All Town of Cornish Cemeteries must have live or non-live items removed from the cemeteries no later than September 30th. Any items left after September 30th, will be removed by the Cemetery Crew. This includes, but is not limited to, hanging baskets, containers, lights, etc.

Town of Cornish, Cemetery Trustees

CORNISH LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING

The next George Stowell Library Trustee meeting is Monday, Sept. 14th, 6 pm via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6762794413?pwd=cGkzWGVXTmtRQmxDbmpENDNpc-E9YZz09#success>; meeting ID: 676 279 4413; Passcode: 03745. Call 603-543-1488 if you have connection problems that day.



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Missing Grandfather, Grandson Found; Fatal Accident Claims Both Lives

NEWPORT, NH—On September 8, the Newport Police Department issued a press release seeking assistance from the public in locating two missing adults: Jerry Proper, age 69, Newport, NH, and Cody Pillsbury, age 22, also of Newport, NH.

According to Newport Police Chief Brent Wilmot, the grandfather and grandson had left Newport on a motorcycle ride on September 7 at approximately 2:00pm, and had not returned as expected. Investigators received a massive response from the public, including both information and offers of assistance in the search. Newport Police also partnered with the following other agencies during the investigation, said Wilmot: New Hampshire State Police (Aviation Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit), New Hampshire Fish and Game, United States Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Claremont Police Department, New London Police Department, Andover Police Department, Danbury Police Department, Alexandria Police Department, Boscawen Police Department and Merrimack County Sheriff's Department. Extensive air and ground searches were conducted by state and local law enforcement agencies, as well as civilian volunteers.

Late in the afternoon of September 10, investigators received sophisticated cellular tower data analysis provided by the Civil Air Patrol's National Cell Phone Forensics Team, which focused the search on an area of Route 4 in Salisbury and Boscawen, NH. At approximately 5:00pm, Newport Police Detectives and the Andover Police Chief located a motor vehicle crash scene in a heavily wooded area off Route 4 in Boscawen. The bodies of two adult males believed to be Proper and Pillsbury were discovered at the scene. However, official identification is pending examination by the New Hampshire Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, said Wilmot on Friday.

Initial investigation at the scene of the collision indicates that Proper and Pillsbury were riding southbound on Route 4 in Boscawen, when they struck a deer in the roadway. Their motorcycle left the roadway and came to final rest in a dense swamp. However, a final determination as to the cause of the collision is pending a full joint investigation by the Boscawen Police Department and New Hampshire State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit.

"The Newport Police Department would like to thank all of our law enforcement partners and all of the members of the public that provided assistance in bringing closure to this investigation," said Wilmot. Anyone with further information is encouraged to contact Newport Police Detective Stephen A. Lee at (603) 863-3232 or slee@newportnh.gov.



Cody Pillsbury and Jerry Proper



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then, 17 other Claremont women have been elected to the NH House.
 In 1950, Marion L. Phillips would become the first woman to serve on the Claremont City Council. She would later serve as assistant mayor and Claremont's first female mayor, as well as at the statehouse. After her, 17 other women would also serve on the

Council. However, it would not be until 2004 before more than one woman served on the City Council at a given time.
 Today, Claremont's state delegation is comprised of one female senator and four male representatives, but this might change with the upcoming election. There are currently three
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A Woman's Right to Vote

This year, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, securing a woman's right to vote. Today, we may not fully realize how difficult this was to achieve or the price that was paid. Yet, we are the beneficiaries of those who rallied and fought tirelessly to give women a voice in shaping their communities and their nation.

In the introduction of *The Woman's Hour*, a book written by Elaine Weiss, she describes the effort that it took to achieve this amendment. She writes, "Winning the vote required seventy-two years of ceaseless agitation by three generations of dedicated, fearless suffragists, who sought to overturn centuries of law and millennia of tradition concerning gender roles. The women who launched the movement were dead by the time it was completed; the women who secured its final success weren't born when it began. It took more than nine hundred local, state, and national campaigns, involving tens of thousands of grassroots volunteers, financed by millions of dollars of mostly small (and a few large) donations by women across the country."

Prior to the passage of the 19th amendment, NH women could serve on school committees as early as 1871. Seven years later, they earned the right to vote in school elections only. At the turn of the 20th century, there were efforts to amend the State Constitution to remove the word "male" from the voter qualification clause, but the suffragists were unsuccessful. Not until 1920, did women have the right to vote in municipal, state or national elections.

Having won the right to voice how one is to be governed, it would be quite some time before women were elected to seats of government. In 1939, nineteen years after winning the right to vote, Perl Hutchins would become the first Claremont woman to serve in the NH House of Representatives. Since

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women serving on the Claremont School Board and four on the City Council. Such a transformation in government is the direct result of the passage of the 19th amendment. Beyond the right to vote, women are now active participants in governing bodies across the nation.

The magnitude of the change wrought by the 19th amendment may not be fully realized or appreciated today. We may not know the names of the suffragist leaders or the men who supported their efforts. We may not know the ridicule they experienced for daring to defy societal norms or the despair they might have felt when success eluded them. We may not know the depth of their joy when victory was finally achieved in 1920 after 72 years of struggle.

Yet, this is what we do know. Because of them, our mothers, sisters and daughters have a voice at the polls. Because of them, the idea of women serving in government is not a wishful dream. Because of them, women are creating and shaping policy that will impact generations to come. What is left for us to do? Protect and exercise that right.

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

Sullivan County Nursing Home Project Input Needed

NEWPORT, NH—State Rep. Steven D. Smith of Charlestown has called for public feedback on the proposed Sullivan County Home project pending before the county. The Sullivan County Delegation will convene on Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 PM, at the Sullivan County Administration Building, 14 Main Street – 3rd Floor Probate Courtroom, Newport to hold a public hearing. This meeting will also be held via Zoom. Limited seating is available and the public is encouraged to join the Zoom webinar. You may access the conference using:

Zoom Phone: 1 312 626 6799

Webinar ID: 999 0892 6489

Password: 799639

“The nursing home complex needs a major renovation. The cost for this project has been escalating, and it is time to make a decision,”

said Smith. The county delegation has a number of options it can consider: Maintain the existing building: This will still cost money due to existing needed repairs, and potentially having issues receiving Medicaid funding in the future; cut the scope of the project to hit a set dollar amount; proceed with current design of \$50M and a large tax increase; build a new facility at an estimated cost today of around

\$50M—it is likely to rise through the planning phase; close the facility with all the associated costs of shutting it down while paying to relocate residents and losing the county’s biggest source of revenue.

Learn more at <https://www.sullivancountynh.gov/1220/SCHC-Renovation>. Contact members of the delegation at <https://www.sullivancountynh.gov/207/Delegation>.

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Open Enrollment Choices Can Have Big Financial Impact

It's that time of year again, where, if you work for a medium-to-large employer, you've got some decisions to make because it's open enrollment time. Of course, depending on your situation, you may have been working remotely for a while, but, even so, you will likely have the opportunity to review your benefits package and make changes. And you'll want to make the right moves, because your choices can have a big financial impact on your life.

So, take a close look at these key areas of your benefits program:

- **Health insurance** – Think about your health care needs over the coming year – will you or someone in your family be coping with a chronic illness or facing a surgery? Will you need to at least consider testing and possible treatment for COVID-19? In any case, make sure you're choosing the right plan for your needs. And pay close attention to any changes in your health insurance, such as whether the plan's provider networks have changed – you may want to make sure your own doctor is still in-network. Also, check to see if you can reduce your health care premiums by taking part in a wellness program or health-risk assessment.

- **Life insurance** – Your employer may offer a group life insurance policy for free, or for a small amount. It's probably worth your while to take this coverage, but it may not be enough for your needs. If you only had this group policy, but your family situation has recently changed through marriage or the addition of a new child, you may well need to add some private insurance.

- **Disability insurance** – In addition to offering group life insurance, your employer may provide short-term disability insurance as an employee benefit. Like group insurance, this disability coverage may not cost you anything, but it may not be adequate – typically, short-term disability only replaces part of your income for three to six months. And while you may never need to miss work for an extended period of time, you never can tell – after all, more than one in four 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration. You may want to consider purchasing your own long-term disability policy on top of the coverage offered by your employer.

- **Retirement plan** – You can probably make changes to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan at any time, but why not look at it now, when you're reviewing all your benefits? If you can afford to increase your contributions, you probably should, because a 401(k), with its tax advantages and ease of contribution through paycheck deductions, is a great way to save for retirement. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match. You'll also want to review your 401(k)'s investment mix. Is it still providing you with significant growth potential within the context of your individual risk tolerance? Over time, you may need to make some adjustments, either because an investment is underperforming or because you're getting close to retirement and you need to reduce your risk exposure. In any case, it's a good idea to check up on your 401(k)'s investments at least once a year.

Your employee benefits are an important part of your overall financial picture – so do what you can to get the most from them.

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By Priscilla Hull

On Friday, September 11, 2020, the sky was the same "New Hampshire Blue" that it was 19 years ago. There were beautiful puffy white clouds in the sky, just as there were 19 years ago. It was a little cooler in 2020 and I was in a different place. In 2001, I was in Colebrook, NH, and left early morning for a long ride to a meeting near Plymouth. Someone else was driving so I just sat back and enjoyed the ride. When we got to The Notch we remarked together about the perfect conditions for a picture of The Old Man, and looked up to enjoy the uniqueness of his profile against the blue sky. Never got tired of looking at him in those days.

Upon arrival in Plymouth, we greeted others and soon the meeting started. I have no idea what was said because 15 minutes into the meeting a late arrival came in and said that a plane had flown into the World Trade Center! Then he said that maybe two had hit the Trade Center! I had heard the saying, "my blood ran cold". I had never experienced it until that moment. My desire was to head south to my family, but my job said, to go north to my church. I couldn't get there quickly enough, but cars are slow and we didn't get back until about 4!

It was a different world. Suddenly, people were more patient, more understanding, kinder, friendly. Flags flew proudly from porches, towers, cars, buses and in New York City from the back of fire trucks. National pride was at an all time high. We were together, unified in love and respect for our country. It didn't matter, red, brown, yellow, black or white. Every life mattered because on September 11, 2001, each person was connected by one love. Love of country; love of the heroes who gave their lives, love of the innocents who never again saw a beloved, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister. On that day and in days to come, respect and love were rampant. On that day and days to come, people greeted one another with genuine respect.

What has happened? We are the same people. We love the flag which represents our country. We are still citizens of the United States of America. Have we forgotten that once we were so intensely *United*? Have we forgotten that once the sun rose on a beautiful blue sky, riddled with pretty white clouds, and that suddenly we were under attack and so we hugged strangers, we saluted the flag, we mourned for people we didn't know, but who gave their lives for us? How could we forget this?

Earlier on Friday, I saw the fire trucks in a row outside of the local fire department, but I was sad not to see the huge flag which for the past 17 years has flown from the ladder. I drove by later and there it was, waving boldly in the breeze. At that time I felt a sense of sadness. Can we renew the pride which is threatening to fade to disinterest?

Let us work to renew the spirit of country so that red, brown, yellow, black or white we will love our neighbor. We will not fear. We will not turn away. We will not hesitate to love. It can happen again, God willing, and without a tragedy of such great magnitude, but because we can love. Then the red, white and blue of "Old Glory" will again wave with the blue sky of a united people as the background! Peace and Glory!

"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."
Psalm 147:3

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



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Calendar Of Events

River Valley Animal Protection League Yard Sale

CHARLESTOWN, NH—The River Valley Animal Protection League will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the shelter at 60 Cummings Ave in Charlestown.

The event will also include a couple of raffles, and they will accept cans/bottles for VT redemption.

Lake Sunapee VNA Foot and Flu Clinic Update

NEW LONDON, NH – Many community members have come to rely on Lake Sunapee VNA for its regular Foot Care Clinics and annual Flu Clinics held throughout the area. Though the pandemic has created challenges to operating these clinics, things are looking up.

Foot Clinics, all of which were closed down in March, are slowly beginning to re-open with appointments now available at COA Chapin Senior Center (call 526-6368) and Claremont Senior Center (call 526-4077).

Lake Sunapee VNA does plan to offer Flu Clinics this year, but there will be fewer than usual, and they may look quite different. For more information, visit lakesunapeevna.org/calendar.

The World at Home: Stillness, Inspiration, and Change

CORNISH, NH—Saint-Gaudens Memorial and Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park are pleased to announce this adapted season for 2020. We are sad that we will not be together in the Little Studio this summer, but the distance will make our return together all the sweeter. For this 2020 Season we are proud to partner with our friends at the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts for three of our

presentations, highlighting our mutual passions of creation, exploration, and innovation.

Concerts will be broadcast at 2pm on YouTube (Saint-Gaudens Memorial channel) and Facebook (Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Page).

The park grounds and trails are open for your enjoyment.

Visit us at saint-gaudens.org and wcc-ma.org.

Sept. 20 - Creations for a New Day and Reflections on Home - new works and arrangements for few musicians - with Layale Chaker, Kinan Azmeh, and Dinuk Wijeratne. This program is a presentation by Saint-Gaudens Memorial and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts.

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.

Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 is back in operation with a few changes to the schedule of games. We listened to feedback from our patrons and have

added a 50/50 game to the line-up (averaging about \$255 payout) as well as some variation to the last game of the night, a caller's choice, one of four different games each week (pays \$150). We still have the winner take all (average \$375), and the carry over coverall which if won in 50 #'s or less is up over \$9,000, after 50 pays \$150.

Bingo is held each Wednesday night at the Post Hall at 365 Lovers Lane Rd, Charlestown. Early Birds start at 5:00 and regular bingo at 6:30. Food and refreshments available. No one under 18 allowed during bingo. It is highly recommended to wear masks, practice social distancing, and frequent hand washing / sanitizing, but there may be those who don't. If you are sick, then please don't attend until you're feeling better.

A Message from ServiceLink

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tancing 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.

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In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online. Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 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 EVERY-DAY 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.

Road To Independence and Aurora Bakery Volunteer Open House

Saturday, September 19, 2020 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity?

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heavily on the generous donation of time people give. Please join us for a volunteer open house on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Join us at the bakery for a tour to learn about our programming and enjoy a treat. After your bakery tour, please join us at the farm to meet our therapy donkeys, learn about our non-riding equine therapy and agricultural programs. With concerns regarding the COVID 19 Pandemic, we will be social distancing, wearing masks, and maintaining small groups at both the bakery and farm.

Volunteer opportunities at the farm include grooming our equine partners, cleaning tack, field and stall cleaning, grounds and fence maintenance, and assisting in our vegetable gardens to name a few. Volunteer tasks at the bakery include counter help, cashier, packaging baked goods, and dishwashing. Also needed are volunteers to assist in our many Community Outreach events such as the Newport Farmers Market, local parades, visits to local residential care facilities, and other community events. Additionally, we can always use help with grant writing, fundraising events and administrative assistance.

Please contact us if you would like us to send you a Volunteer Application, or to set up a private appointment to learn more about our programs offering empowering opportunities to our differently abled neighbors.

The Aurora Bakery is located at 29 Main St., Newport, NH, 603-454-8368; Road to Independence, Chakola's Place, Goshen, NH, 603-454-6102.

Claremont Senior Center Updates

This is a reminder that we are closed until further notice except for Miracle Ear, VNA Foot clinics, Blood Drives, drive through meals and special events. When we reopen in September, we hope to see everyone there with their favorite mask on. Masks are mandatory during the pandemic. The board meets on Sept. 14. At that time, the board will decide on a reopening date, days open and hours. The membership business meeting will take place on Sept. 15 at 1:00pm.

The turkey dinners will resume in October and not September as previously announced. We are sorry for the confusion. It is planned as a drive through.

A Flu Clinic provided by the VNA will take place on Oct. 2 from 10-12. You must have a reservation. Call the VNA office at 603-748-1731. Please print and fill out the registration form prior to arriving and bring it to the center when you come for your vaccine. Forms will be available prior to Oct. 2 at the center. Ask for one when you go to the lunch drive through or when you stop by after we reopen later this month or print it from home by going to this site: LakeSunapeeVNA.org

The Lake Sunapee VNA foot clinic is now open for business. The current schedule is for September 16 and September 23. Unless there are further changes the schedule will be monthly on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays. Call for an appointment, 526-4077.

Blood Drive, Monday, October 19, 2020, 12 – 5pm. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Are you ready for Wednesday afternoon Bingo? Get your dabbers ready and get your reservation. Make your reservation at cateringken@gmail.com Please do not call the center as only Ken is making the reservations. Masks must be worn while at the center and social distancing will be enforced. Four players to a table MAX. The first month of playing will be for members only. Just until we get off the ground. Doors open at 11:00 am. Sales start at 12:15 and end at 12:45 on the dot. There is a limit of 50, including players and workers.

Do not forget our weekly meals, even when the center is closed, we have drive-up meals, check it out, our food is great:
Tuesday (15) Homemade Chicken Croquettes, Mashed Potato, Veggie, Dessert
Thursday (17) Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Veggie, Birthday Cake

Call 543-5998 to reserve your meal by 10:30AM. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5. Takeout meals only: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required. Pickup-11: 45AM-12:15PM.

The Penny Sale, May 8, 2021, is still in need of items. They can be delivered to the reception area but call ahead as we are closed.

Do not forget to schedule Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, for our Winter Craft Fair. We will have a great variety of handmade items on hand. If you wish to join us with your beautiful wares, call 543-5998 or 542-5798 for an application.

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Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, September 6th

2125 E3 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

Monday, September 7th

0449 E3 responded to Sullivan St for a motor vehicle accident.

1238 E3 responded to Washington St for a box alarm.

Tuesday, September 8th

0702 E3 responded to a medical call on Sullivan St.

1826 E3 responded to a medical call on Maple Ave.

Wednesday, September 9th

1156 E3 responded to South St for a motor vehicle accident.

1738 E3 responded to a medical call on Prospect St.

1927 E3 responded to a medical call on Broad St.

2014 E3 responded to a medical call on Broad St.

2119 E3 responded to Byrd Ave for a fuel leak.

Thursday, September 10th

0025 E3 responded to Stewart Ave.
1011 E3 responded to Pearl St for a lift assist.

1139 E3 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

1146 E3 responded to Chestnut St for an alarm sounding.

1957 E3 responded to Maple Ave for a water problem.

2124 E3 responded to a medical call on Pleasant St.

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Friday, September 11th

0645 E3 responded to a medical call on Prospect St.

1814 E3 responded to Broad St for a motor vehicle accident.

Saturday, September 12th

1841 L1 responded mutual aid to Newport.

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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Bradley Baker, 45

Brad (Bradley) Baker, 45, of Charlestown, NH, died unexpectedly Friday, September 4, 2020, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Charlestown.

He was born in Springfield, VT, on May 19, 1975, to Raymond and Gail (Smith) Baker. Brad was a lifelong resident of Charlestown. He graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, NH, where he played Varsity Soccer, and Track. He also played Hockey for Pleasant Valley Hockey Association. After high school he attended Plymouth State College. Brad started off his lifelong career in machining at his Father's shop, Raymond Baker Precision Inc., in Springfield, VT, working side by side in the family business with his father and brother. He spent the bulk of his career at Latva Machine Inc., in Newport, VT, where he again would work alongside his father and brother. Brad also worked for a brief time at Green Mountain Metals in Claremont, NH. More recently, Brad took a job at Concepts Nrec in White River Junction, VT. He was brilliant with numbers and calculations. He put his pride into every job, every part he produced. He was always willing to share his knowledge with his peers. Brad also tended bar at the Sumner House in Charlestown, NH, on Sundays, where patrons were greeted with a friendly “How we doin’?”. He truly loved his Sumner family, on either side of the bar.

Brad loved sports, especially the Boston Red Sox and the Detroit Lions. Briefly he owned a sports card shop in Claremont, NH. He will be remembered by so many from playing softball behind Mal Tool in Claremont, NH, coaching hockey at PVA in Saxtons River, VT, being the athletic trainer at Fall Mountain Regional High School. There are so many ways in which Brad touched people's lives. He had such a passion for life and in everything he did. He was an avid fisherman by land, boat or kayak. He took great pride in the landscaping around his home. He was a devoted father, son, big brother and Papa. A mentor, a protector, an “Enforcer”. He always found the time to help a neighbor with mowing or snow removal or just to shoot some hoops with the kids next door. Brad is survived by his wife and soulmate Jamie (Hayes) Baker of 13 years. His son Zackery Baker and his daughter Chelsea Baker along with their mother Tammy Vartuli, all of Lebanon, NH, his son Aidan Hayes and his fiancée Sarah Briggs, his daughters Taryn Rivard, Tyra Olmstead all of Charlestown. His grandchildren he loved so dearly: Charlotte, Kendall, Maddox, Elliott, Benjamin, Samuel

and Aspyn. His father Raymond Baker and his wife Michele of Charlestown. His mother Gail (Smith) Baker of Claremont. His brother Nathan Baker of Charlestown and sister Allyson and her husband Troy Dominiak of Claremont. His Mother in Law Barbara Hayes and Father in Law William Page and his wife Vickie all of Charlestown.

He was predeceased by his Paternal Grandparents Charles and Irma (Braun) Baker. His Maternal Grandparents Phil and Phyllis Smith. His Uncle Charles “Dan” Baker, Michael Smith and his Aunt Bonnie (Smith) Raabe as well as his son Timothy Olmstead.

Graveside services were held Friday, September 11th, at Pine Crest Cemetery in at his Charlestown followed by a Celebration of Life.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sherrie Bulkeley-Pierce, 59

Sherrie Bulkeley-Pierce (née Sherrie Morse), 59, of Cornish, NH, died peacefully Thursday, September 3rd, 2020, at her home in Cornish surrounded by family after a long battle with

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terminal cancer. A natural optimist, she never once complained about her illness and fought long after her diagnosis. Her sense of humor never wavered and she was still making her family laugh until her passing.

Sherrie was born June 12th, 1961 in Claremont, NH, to Marilyn Kniffin and Harold Morse. She is survived by her three children: Sarah Bulkeley-Fielder and her husband David Fielder of Cornish, NH; Ben Bulkeley, wife Nicole Lyons, and daughter Louise Bulkeley of Freeport, ME; and Emily Bulkeley of Cambridge, MA; stepson Greg and Amanda Pierce; her siblings Harold "Skipper" Morse of Claremont, NH; Marilyn Morse of Enfield, NH; James Morse of Windsor; Carolyn Holling of Windsor; Jason Lemere of Texas; and Jody Farnsworth of Springfield, VT; and half-brother Randy Barton of Keene, NH. She is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, and grandnieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward Pierce II, of Cornish, NH, in 2017, and her first husband Jonathan "Bob" Adams Bulkeley of Cornish, NH in 2019.

Sherrie was a lifelong lover and advocate for animals; she adopted and fostered countless pets. She loved her horses Star and Waldo, her numerous cats, including Sweet Jane and Miss Susie, and her beloved Anatolian Shepherd, Teddy.

Usually equipped with a metal detector, geocache, or list of yard sales, Sherrie was an avid treasure hunter and antiques-seeker. She was happiest when she was able to find a unique and thoughtful item to gift to friends or family. She also took great comfort from being near water – whether it was the coast of Maine, or Lake Sunapee, and especially Mill Brook, which ran behind her house and soothed her with its lazy babbling.

Sherrie was a familiar face to all in Cornish as she ran the swap shop at the Cornish Recycling Center, and was a long time member of the Cornish Fair board. She also volunteered at the Cornish Library and worked previously with students with disabilities after acquiring her associate's degree in early childhood devel-

opment from Keene State College. She was also fluent in American Sign Language. She worked for Mt. Ascutney Hospital for almost 30 years as a SNF Clinical Secretary, where her effortless generosity, natural inclination to help others, and Yankee-flavored sense of humor helped her develop lasting friendships with the residents.

At the time of her passing Sherrie had achieved more than six years of sobriety and was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Additionally, Sherrie was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 25.

There will be a celebration of life in Summer 2021. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the town of Cornish, NH for the Rescue Squad. Mailing Address, Town of Cornish, ATTN: Rescue Squad, 488 Town House Road, Cornish NH 03745.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carleen A. Suojanen, 71

Carleen A. Suojanen, 71, of Sand Hill Road in Newport, NH, died Friday (September 4, 2020) at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Concord, NH, following a period of

ing health.

She was born in Newport, NH, on October 14, 1948, the daughter of Carlton and Marguerita (Stevens) LaFountain and had been a lifetime area resident. She was a graduate of Stevens High School and later attended River Valley Community College. Carleen had been employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Newport Hospital and later worked for Elm Terrace assisting disadvantaged Clients. She enjoyed sewing and used to help her friend Ruth L'Heureux with alterations in her spare time.

Members of her family include her husband, Thomas Suojanen, Newport, NH; a son, Briand Suojanen and his wife Alison, Brambleton, VA; a granddaughter, Lillian Powers-Suojanen and a sister, Sandra Smith, Claremont, NH.

Due to the recent pandemic, there will be no services at this time. Once the pandemic restrictions are lifted, the family will plan a Celebration of Life.

You are invited to share a memory of Carleen with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

REMINDER

to all Owners of property in Claremont

**– your 2nd quarter
property tax bill is
due by October 1st**

**This bill should be
the same amount
that was due in
July.**



The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84879761685?pwd=YlJsOFVWR0YwM3VtT1g0SXV6VDVOZz09>

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AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. MAYOR'S NOTES
A. National Recovery Month Proclamation
- 6:40 PM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:45 PM 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23))
7. OLD BUSINESS
- 7:00 PM A. Ordinance 576 Amend Merit Plan – Second Reading
- 7:10 PM B. LSR-Welfare Costs, No Residency Requirement
- 7:20 PM C. LSR-Requirement for Communities to Pay into NH Retirement System
- 7:30 PM D. Community Power Aggregation Presentation
8. NEW BUSINESS
- 7:50 PM A. COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Application – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- BREAK
- 8:15 PM B. Resolution 2021-16 Airport Obstruction Removal Project – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:25 PM C. Resolution 2021-17 Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project – Public Hearing (City Manager)
- 8:35 PM D. Ordinance 577 Property Tax Credit for Veterans – First Reading (City Manager)
- 8:50 PM E. Ordinance 578 Property Tax Exemptions for Elderly – First Reading (City Manager)
- 9:05 PM F. Discussion of Purchasing and Donation Policy Recommendations (Finance/Policy Committee)
- 9:15 PM 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:20 PM 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:25 PM 11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

THE PLAINFIELD PUMPKIN PEOPLE

TODAY'S NEWS

Come September 26th the Pumpkin People start to arrive. The residents scratch their heads and make a plan to join in the fun putting up a pumpkin person. Slowly, house by house you will find the Pumpkin People will arrive. On October 10th the show really starts to ramp up with businesses handing out paper maps of routes where you can find the Pumpkin People. But, if you want to go it alone there is a mapping site that will also help you see where to look. You can find that at <https://pumpkinpeople.org/> which is provided by www.bfccomputing.com

