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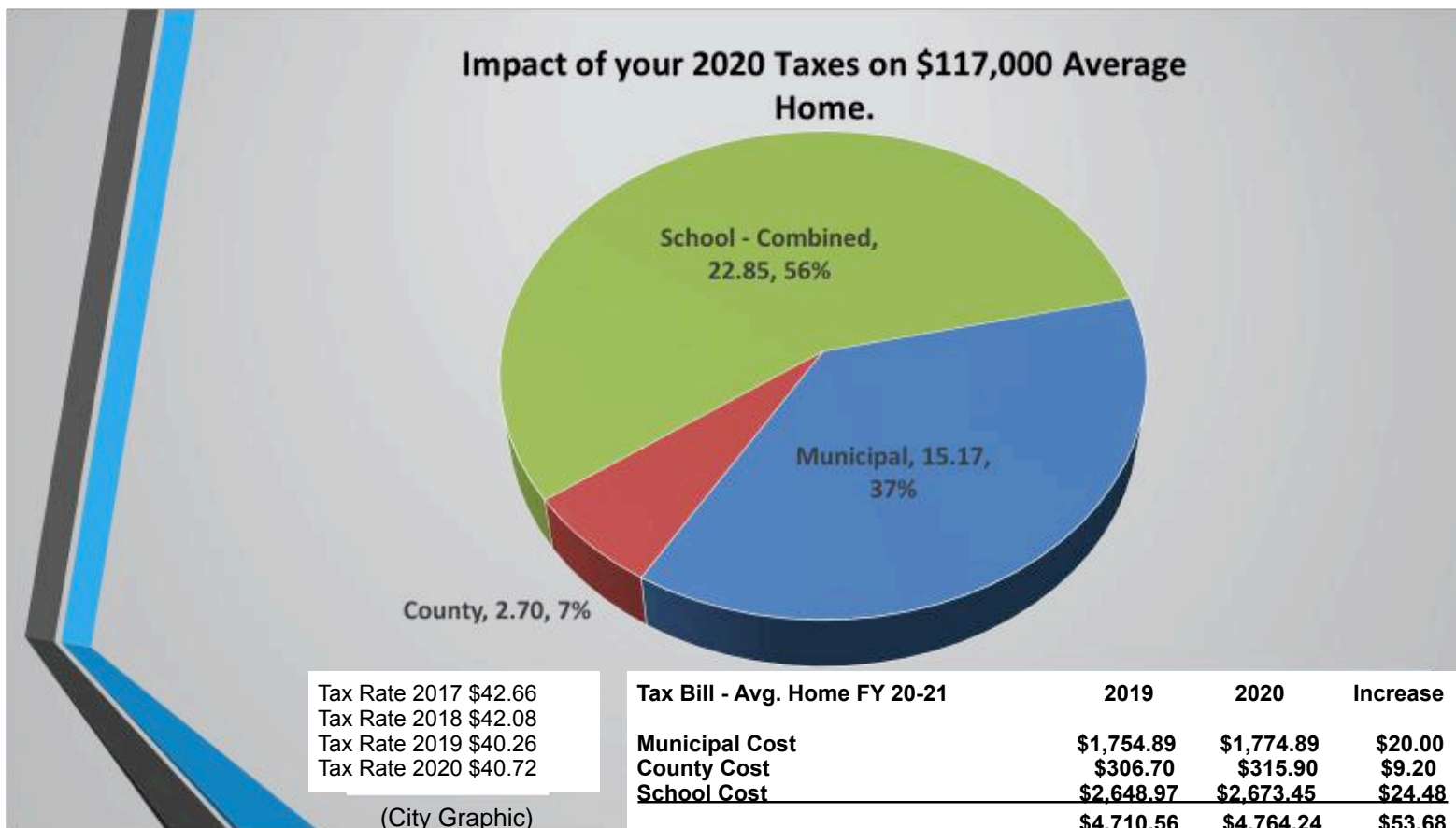
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2020 Claremont Tax Rate Increases 1.14%

CLAREMONT, NH—The 2020 Tax Rate for the City, School, and County has been set and bills should be in the mail by December 4th and will be due by January 4th, City officials announced on Nov. 24th. The new rate will be \$40.72, which is a 1.14% increase over the 2019 tax rate of \$40.26.

City Manager Ed Morris said that “the increase allowance for veterans credits from \$125 to \$500 resulted in the increase in the City’s portion of the tax rate. There was also a slight tax increase from the school district, and the City will be paying a larger apportionment of County taxes, which all contribute to the increase. Overall, the average homeowner of a home assessed at \$117,000 will see a \$53.68 increase.” That works out to “less than \$4.50 per month”, said the City.

The accompanying chart shows the breakdown in taxes on the average single-family home with \$117,000 in assessed property.



New Hampshire Launches New Support Programs for Military Families

CONCORD, NH—To honor the commitments of New Hampshire’s military families, the New Hampshire Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Military Task Force, in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Education and the New Hampshire National Guard, with special thanks to the N.H. Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services and several other civilian and state agencies, are announcing a package of initiatives designed to help New Hampshire’s military families cope

with the stresses of military life and to celebrate “National Veterans and Military Families Month”.

“We are taking this opportunity to not only recognize the contributions made by New Hampshire’s men and women in uniform, both past and present, but just as importantly their families. The families are frequently the unsung heroes who make equal sacrifices on behalf of our Nation,” said Major General David J. Mikolaities, Chairman of the Joint Mili-

tary Task Force and Adjutant General for the New Hampshire National Guard.

November was first declared “National Veterans and Military Families Month” in 1996. Every year since then, November has been presidentially proclaimed a time to acknowledge the sacrifices that military families make every day. According to the proclamation, family separations, deployments, and adjustments to living situations are a part of life for most

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military families, whether they are active duty, Reservists or National Guardsmen. Courage, personal strength, and resilience are attributes that are needed, not just by the military members, but by their family members as well.

"The Purple Star Initiative will help us support students and families of military personnel across New Hampshire," said Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "Deployments and relocations put extra stress on these families, and we should be looking for innovative ways to support those who serve our country."

This endeavor will initially be piloted in 25 schools across the state. Funding, materials, and training will be provided to those schools to help identify and recognize military youth, honor their contributions through year-round events and campaigns, and promote other protective factors that are known to build resilience. The support also provides training to specialty providers in those schools so that they may better understand the unique factors that contribute to issues within military families,

potentially enabling those providers to better assist New Hampshire's military youth.

Another initiative is the "Ask the Question" campaign that targets mental health providers directly, advocating for them to identify military personnel and veterans early in the assessment process, and educating them as to unique resources available to New Hampshire's military community.

Funding to support both these initiatives will be provided for at least one year.

"I know that I speak for all the members of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs when I say that we are pleased to make this important investment in supporting military members and their families, who do so much for us every day. Their many sacrifices can lead to stresses that we know this investment will help address," said Patrick Tufts, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

For more information, please contact Staff Sgt. Richard Frost, Vice Co-Chair of the NH Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Joint Military Task Force at (603) 892-5933 or at richard.d.frost.mil@mail.mil.

was occupied by three people, including two toddlers.

According to a statement released by the Charlestown Police, "As a result of the crash, Rebecca Higgins, 22, of Claremont, NH, was killed. [Ms] Higgins was driving the Volvo. The two toddlers, who were properly restrained in child restraint seats, sustained non life-threatening injuries."

The cause of the accident remains under investigation by Charlestown Police. No charges have been filed.

The CPD were assisted at the scene by the New Hampshire State Police, Walpole Police, Charlestown Fire Department, Walpole Fire Department, North Walpole Fire Department, Rockingham (VT) Fire Department, Bellows Falls (VT) Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 9 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Cornish Town Office. Participation will be available via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public. All are welcome. Zoom link: <https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/95386898824?pwd=Vmx2SVUrK28xSDZCS-GswOVZtRXhidz09#success>.

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Fatal Vehicular Accident Takes Life of Claremont Woman

CHARLESTOWN, NH—The Charlestown Police Department reported that on Nov. 23, at approximately 12:46 pm, the CPD was notified of a motor vehicle accident on Route 12 (Bellows Falls Rd) south of Langdon Road. Upon arrival, officers found a crash involving a 2000 Volvo and a 2015 International Tractor Trailer.

The Volvo

NH Lottery Numbers

11/28/2020

NH PowerBall

8 12 18 44 51 18

NH Mega Millions 11/27/2020

4 10 27 35 58 10

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4 11 14 20 31 3

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No One Is Naughty, Everyone's Nice

Claremont Hosts Santa's Visit — With a City-Wide Twist

Story and Photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Unthinkable!
Santa Claus won't visit Claremont in 2020 to turn on the holiday lights?

Jolly Old Saint Nick won't greet all the excited kids waiting to meet him?

The City's movers and shakers weren't about to let Christmas magic pass by, especially this year when bright spirits are much in need. The Parks and Recreation Department thought hard about how to safely keep its December traditions alive and sparkling and fun. Lights were strung up and displays set up in Broad Street Park. Santa got a call, and said that of course he'd land in Claremont, as usual, on the evening after Thanksgiving.

First responders welcomed Santa with colorfully lit vehicles. The Fire Department converted Ladder 1 into Santa's sleigh. The Police Department decorated two patrol cars. Golden Cross brightened up an ambulance. Parks and Rec strung its truck with festive lights.

At 6pm, Santa arrived at Broad Street Park, ho-ho-ho'd the gathered families and led a countdown that ended with a switch lighting up trees, displays, cannons



and a huge sleigh in the bandstand. Then the five-vehicle parade toured Claremont for the next two hours. Scores of people — from the littlest child to the most enthusiastic adult — on wide streets and narrow lanes — lined side-
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cluded, "This was so much fun. Thanks to all who made this happen." "This is one of the BEST things I have ever seen or heard in Claremont. Thanks to all who did this." "Two thumbs up for city organizers." "Great job!" "Beautiful!" "Awesome! Thank you to all who made that possible for our community! "Well done!" "Thank you for making all the kids smile." "Definitively the best!" "Great job city of Claremont, this was awesome and very much needed."

**Preparing Santa's Claremont "sleigh", in photos:
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walks, stood on porches, gathered in drive-ways to wave at, cheer and photograph Santa and their local heroes.

At the end of the parade, Santa was back in the firehouse. Exhausted but ever-cheerful, he returned to the North Pole for last-minute toy-making and gift-wrapping. Just before he left, he reminded the City, "Drop off your letters to me in the red mailbox at the bandstand. And those lights will be on every night for the next month. Thank you for your hospitality. And to all, many good nights!"

After the e-Ticker News posted photos of Santa's ride through town on its Facebook page as it was taking place, happy residents began posting enthusiastically positive comments. "What an awesome thing to do," wrote

one poster. "Driving Santa around so the kids could see him. My granddaughter was so excited when she told me she saw Santa on a fire truck." Other comments in-



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Letter to the Editor

North Pole, Nov. 28, 2020

Dear Citizens of Claremont!

I just wanted to say thank you to the City of Claremont for allowing me to visit your city yesterday!! It was a memory I will not forget!!

It all started when your Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Brislin, contacted me at the North Pole and asked if I would like to participate in the lighting of your beautiful park and to visit some neighborhoods. I had to oblige as it is my duty to make people smile and be merry!!

I arrived in your city a little early and was told I would be riding in a firetruck. I was excited as I don't get to ride in many firetrucks in my line of work.

Your firefighters dressed up the truck with lots of lights! Thank you, Claremont Fire Department for making this a beautiful display. I got to take a picture with Chief Bryan Burr! I was then introduced to firefighter Michael Snide, who would be my driver for the night! Great young man. Good family man too, as he talked about his two kids! Santa loves a proud Dad. Thank you for the great driving, Mr. Snide, as some of those neighborhoods were not that easy to go through.

We left the firehouse and were escorted by your Police Department with their cruisers all decked out in Christmas lights. Thank you, Chief Mark Chase and Officer Crystal Simonds, for doing this for your City. It was an awesome sight.

We were escorted around Broad Street Park, and parked and waved to the crowd and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. I got to do the countdown from 5, and all at once the park was covered in beautiful Christmas lights. Thank you, Parks and Recreation Department, and all the volunteers who put in all this time to make this beautiful display of lights, trees and all kinds of ornaments.

The next part of this journey was to be driven around a lot of neighborhoods, escorted by Chief Chase, Golden Cross Ambulance (thank you for all your lights), Parks and Rec (thank you for the music and all the lights), and then firefighter Snide and I in the big red firetruck, followed by another decorated police cruiser!! I was ecstatic as I got to use the PA system to yell HO HO HO and Merry Christmas to all!!!

We saw so many boys and girls, and I can only hope with all the help of all of your community efforts that we put a few smiles on all of the citizens of Claremont. When you see a police officer or a firefighter, a Parks and Rec or a Golden Cross employee, please say Thank You as they did an extraordinary job for you in this terrible time we are in.

Well, that was my trip to Claremont. From up here at the North Pole, it's exciting to remember the smiles on all the faces and the feel of community. Thank you to everyone who participated in putting this magnificent event together.

All of us up here want to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS. Thank you for letting this ole guy participate!!! HO HO HO!!

Sincerely,
Santa Claus

NH Delegation Calls for Additional COVID-19 Relief Package

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen and Representatives Annie Kuster and Chris Pappas are calling on Congressional leadership to move forward on an additional, comprehensive COVID-19 relief package that meets the needs that they have heard from Granite Staters.

"We write today calling for Congress to step up and deliver critical, comprehensive COVID-19 relief when we reconvene after Thanksgiving," wrote the NH Congressional Delegation. "As cases continue to surge in our state and across the country, our health care providers and communities need additional relief now to help save lives – and we must come together across party lines, as we did earlier this year, to swiftly deliver additional relief."

INVESTING TIPS

Managing Risk With Diversification

When you first considered investing, it probably seemed like a good idea to focus heavily on what worked best for you from the beginning. If stocks from a particular company brought you high yields, why not double up on your original investment? The answer is diversification.

It may seem counterintuitive, but diversification is a fundamental aspect of risk management, and plays a critical role in building an investment portfolio. Effective diversification requires more than just purchasing a random bundle of investments. Otherwise, your investment may all move in the same direction in both up and down markets. Instead, investors might want to consider selecting securities that do not all move in correlation to each other. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission advises investors to diversify¹ by asset category and within the asset category.

DIVERSIFY BY ASSET CATEGORIES

Asset allocation is the practice of dividing up your investment capital among different asset categories. This covers three main asset classes: stocks, bonds and cash. Some financial advisors consider this separate from diversification. Even so, the fundamental principle is the same and can be used in tandem with company-specific or industry-specific diversification.

While asset allocation may help to manage market risk, it does not provide a guarantee against



market losses. It seeks to provide a cushion against market volatility².

DIVERSIFY WITHIN ASSET CATEGORIES

When it comes to diversifying within asset categories, financial advisors focus on spreading out stock among different types of companies. There are also different types of bonds to consider.

Yes, the portfolio may, at times, yield lower returns than those from investors who decide to specialize.

PUTTING THESE CONCEPTS TO WORK

So, what steps can you follow to manage risk, especially as you draw closer to retirement? Here are a few tips to consider:

- 1. Choose Investment Style:** Investment styles further affect how you diversify your portfolios, so be sure to find one that works for you. Some of the most common options include small-cap versus large-cap, sector vs. industry, growth vs. value and domestic vs. foreign.
- 2. Determine Asset Allocation:** Deciding how much of your capital to invest in each category depends on a number of factors, such as your personal ability to tolerate risk and how soon you may need to liquidate investments. As an example, younger people may want more risk exposure, while people closer to retirement may want to err on the side of caution.

Overall, your general appetite for risk determines how best to diversify your investments. Contact LPL Financial for more information on how to strike the right portfolio balance.



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¹<https://www.investor.gov/additional-resources/general-resources/publications-research/info-sheets/beginners-guide-asset>

²<https://www.forbes.com/sites/wadepfau/2016/11/03/how-does-diversification-actually-work/#4b34efd37a4d>

³<https://www.bankrate.com/investing/diversification-is-important-in-investing/>



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.

NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – November 29, 2020

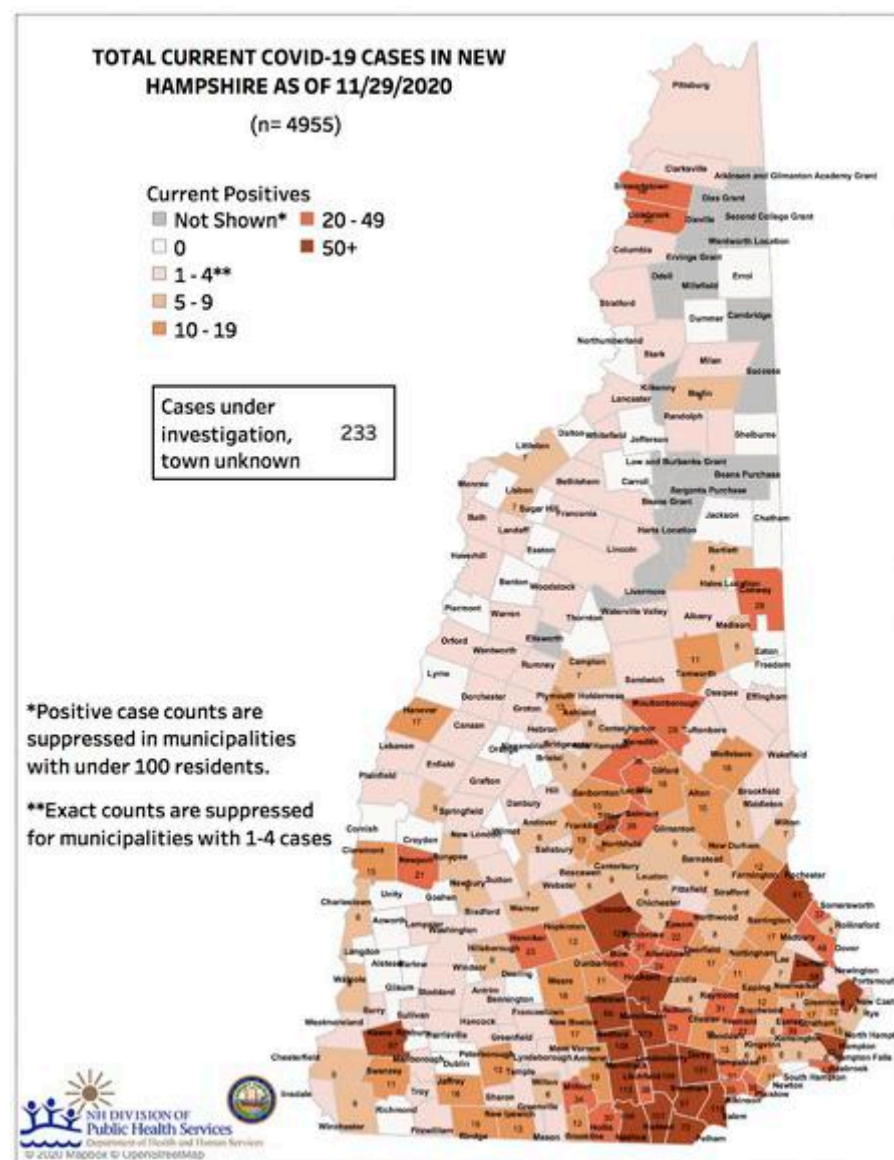
CONCORD, NH – On Sunday, November 29, 2020, DHHS announced 491 new positive test results for COVID-19, including 258 people who tested positive by PCR test and 233 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 4,995 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today, 259 new positive test results are from Friday, 11/27; the Friday cases announced today combined with those announced yesterday results in a daily PCR test positivity rate of 5.2%. Today's cases also include 232 new positive test results from Saturday, 11/28. Test results

received Saturday are still being processed and the total number of new positives for that day is not yet complete.

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 sixty-two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 47% being female and 53% being male.

The new cases reside in Rockingham (142), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (91), Merrimack (47), Strafford (28), Carroll (14), Cheshire (14), Belknap (13), Grafton (13), Sullivan (6), and Coos (5) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (54) and Nashua (41). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-three new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in



Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19		Infections		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
		Persons	% of T..	Persons	% of T..	Persons	% of To..
Belknap	Total	699	3.4%	17	2.0%	13	2.5%
Carroll	Total	375	1.8%	17	2.0%	2	0.4%
Cheshire	Total	539	2.6%	14	1.7%	3	0.6%
Coos	Total	308	1.5%	5	0.6%	7	1.3%
Grafton	Total	534	2.6%	12	1.4%	2	0.4%
Hillsborough	Manchester	3,776	18.4%	223	26.6%	136	25.9%
	Nashua	1,993	9.7%	93	11.1%	40	7.6%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	3,334	16.3%	156	18.6%	157	29.8%
	Total	9,103	44.4%	472	56.3%	333	63.3%
Merrimack	Total	1,810	8.8%	61	7.3%	35	6.7%
Rockingham	Total	4,919	24.0%	202	24.1%	110	20.9%
Strafford	Total	1,585	7.7%	31	3.7%	15	2.9%
Sullivan	Total	229	1.1%	6	0.7%	5	1.0%
Unknown	Total	379	1.9%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%
Grand Total		20,480	100.0%	839	100.0%	526	100.0%

Data as of: 11/29/2020

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 are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced three additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends:

- 1 male resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 146 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 20,480 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 839 (4%) of those having been hospitalized.

For those not familiar with our Facebook page, we post the DHHS daily COVID update every evening when it becomes available. That feed is also available on our website.

NH Wins Waiver for Afterschool Programs

21st Century Learning Center Funds Can Be Used During School Hours

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Department of Education has received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education to use afterschool programs to supplement school day virtual learning. The waiver under the Title IV, Part B, 21st Century Community Learning Center program will allow participating schools to use 21st CCLC funds to support remote instruction activities at any time during the day. The program is usually limited to non-school hours, but the shift by many schools to remote and hybrid instruction has disrupted the school day routine.

“These waivers will give our schools greater flexibility to use 21st Century Learning Center programs as part of their overall instruction plan,” said Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. “With students often learning on their own schedules, it makes sense to throw out the old definitions of when a school day starts and ends. I applaud our federal counterparts for recognizing the need to adapt in the face of this unique challenge.”

Across New Hampshire, 23 school districts use federal funds to operate 31 21st CCLC programs at 65 locations, including tutoring and mentoring programs, hands-on science and technology programs, community service opportunities, as well as music, arts, sports, and cultural activities.

“Educating and meeting the needs of the whole child has always been at the forefront of New Hampshire’s 21st CCLC program goals,” added Kathy Vestal, state director for the 21st CCLC program. “This waiver recognizes the importance of providing academic support, enrichment activities, and supporting the needs of families, even as the nature of a school day changes.”

Schools wishing to take advantage of this waiver must apply to the New Hampshire Department of Education. For more information and a list of 21st CCLC schools in New Hampshire, visit the New Hampshire Department of Education’s 21st CCLC page.

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Sunapee Property Taxes Due Dec. 7

Attention Sunapee Taxpayers: Just a friendly reminder property taxes are due on December 7, 2020. Please be advised the Sunapee Tax Kiosk for paying online is back in service.

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Arrowhead Outlines Plans for Upcoming Season as Uncertain Times Continue for the Country



Presented by the Arrowhead Recreation Club

As we gear up for the season, we are putting the finishing touches on the operating plan for the upcoming season. The next update should be around December 12th. We are looking at our to-do list and Arrowhead's weather crystal ball, but we are targeting a December 19th opening. To keep both our guests and staff safe during the year of COVID, we are working with guidance and requirements from CDC, OSHA, State and Ski industry. Here is a quick overview for the upcoming winter season.

- Season pass holders will not need a reservation for skiing, snowboarding, or tubing, provided season pass sales are in line with sales in past years. So purchase your season passes now at www.arrowheadnh.com web site on-line store.

- All guests will be asked to first complete a onetime release form and will be asked to check in at the main desk at every visit. This process will aid in the contact tracing processes if a COVID exposure were to occur.

- Masks are required at all times with the following exceptions: When eating or taking a break, where social distancing is possible (when not in tubing area or ski/snowboard lift areas). Mask usage exemption also applies to young children and guests or staff that have a medical condition. The state of NH has recently implemented a mask mandate requiring the use of a mask in locations that are open to the public for both inside and outside locations where social distancing cannot be reliably controlled

- We have added some more outdoor seating to help spread guests out when weather is good.

- We are in the process of looking into adding some outside heating locations, either fire pits or patio heating systems.

Lodge Related

- Plan to live out of your vehicle. The lodge is to be limited to bathroom use, and seating will be divided up for food service use, short term

tubing guests (2hr limit) and some all-day seating areas for skier and snowboarding. We are expecting that in more inclement weather and cold weather conditions, we are expecting fewer guests to be visiting the area and should not have capacity issues during these times.

- When purchasing tickets and food items, limit number in your party waiting in line to the person making the purchase.

- If in the lodge, pick a table location that fits your needs (up to 8 people per household at a table); we ask you to not rearrange tables or chairs. Please use the same table during your visit.

- Lodge access and seating will be on a first come, first serve seating.

- Lodge capacity will be limited to 64 guests on the main floor, plus the basement function room will be available with up to another 22 guest.

- Upstairs function room is limited to 31 guests. The basement function room will not be available for reservation this season.

- Food service menu has been streamlined to reduce wait time and excessive food handling during the preparation process. Hot food items will be packaged in To-Go packaging.

- Tables are to be disinfected between groups; we are planning to set up table markers to help indicate tables and chairs needing to be cleaned or are ready to use.

- Storage cubbies will not be available this year; again if you're not using items on the slopes, then leave them in your vehicle is the general rule of thumb.

Tubing

- Tubing sales will be limited to 50, plus allowances for season pass holders to a total capacity of 70.

- Reservations required (reservations will be taken one week in advance and cut off 5PM the day before session to be booked). We are still deciding if a nonrefundable deposit will be needed.

- Ticket sales will be limited to the purchase of full session cost of \$9 (NO discounts, full day, combo or last hour passes will be sold this season).

- New minimum age requirement of 3 or older, and weight limit of 300 lbs. or less (reminder 1 person per tube).

- No lift ticket reservations or equipment rentals at this time.

- Ski and snowboard lessons will require advance reservations to confirm availability of instructors.

Ice Skating Related

- Ice rink will be available for general use.

- Face masks and social distancing is expected.

- Ice skating equipment will not be available this season at Arrowhead.

- No team activities will be permitted.

On Hill Sledding

- On slope sledding and tubing will be prohibited during operating hours to reduce possibility of large gatherings during operations.

We have covered most of the guest side of the operations, we also have a variety of staff/volunteer guidance changes, to have a safe and enjoyable winter season.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 Annual Cornish Senior Christmas Luncheon

Sponsored by Claremont Savings Bank

Catered by Leo's Market

This year it will be a takeout meal.

Pick up 12:00-12:15

Town Hall side door

Menu: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans and pie for dessert.

As in the past, we will collect food for the Plainfield Food Pantry. Be sure to check "use by" dates.

RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE by Dec 8 as we need to give caterer the count.

Please email ajacquier@tds.net or call 469-3245.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Exploring Business Resources With The SBA (Free Virtual Learning)

12NOON

Are you part of a small business and want to learn more about resources available? Are you interested in starting a business or an entrepreneur in the exploration stage? Join us for a presentation from the U.S. Small Business Administration to learn about resources and tools to become better prepared. This event is free and presented via Zoom.

Visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/12/16/exploring-business-resources-with-the-sba>.

Billings Farm & Museum's 11th Annual Woodstock Vermont Film Series

Featuring Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and The Band, December 3-6 tells the story of guitarist/singer/songwriter Robbie Robertson's life with The Band, one of the leading Americana rock groups of the 1960's & 70's. Go to www.billingsfarm.org/filmseries or call 802-457-5303 for more information.

Comcast, WMUR Back in Talks Following Announcement Channel Would Be Dropped

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—A recent announcement from Comcast that it would be dropping WMUR from its lineup for Claremont subscribers was met with shock and in some cases, anger. Many viewers commented on a social media post about the decision, expressing their dismay and calls to contact both parties, congressional representatives and City officials to turn the decision around.

Comcast had posted on its Xfinity website that “On December 22, 2020, we may be removing some TV stations from neighboring markets. Our agreements with broadcasters expire from time to time. We're currently negotiating with the stations' owner to be able to continue carrying the signals of its stations.

“If we're not able to reach an agreement, there are ways for you to continue watching the programming you enjoy as this station offers much of the same content as the one in your local market.” An apparently updated statement seemed to tone down the rhetoric posted earlier that the decision to drop some stations was due to “...the owner of the station from the neighboring market is insisting we pay additional fees to continue to carry their station in your area. That station offers much of the same content as the one in your local market. In an effort to keep costs down for our customers, we didn't accept their proposal...”

According to the list of channels being removed, Claremont was listed as losing WCVB and WMUR, both ABC channels; the local channel listed for the area was WVNY, out of Burlington, VT. Viewers decried the projected loss of New Hampshire news, weather and sports available on WMUR. While the station can be livestreamed, such technology is not for everyone. Claremont City officials looked into the matter but were told it was a “done deal”. However, a short time later, the City manager's office reported that talks between Comcast and WMUR were back on and the station will not be cut on Dec. 22.

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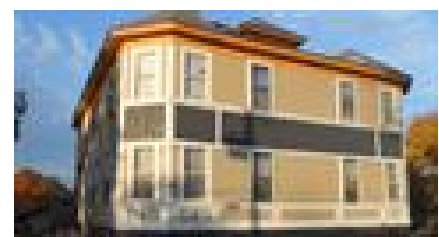
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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 6:00 PM

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being conducted via Zoom.*

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88225958084?pwd=WTdQYTZrTmxvaDZPWVW9MejMwSmZpUT09>
Passcode: 563414 By Phone: US: +1 646 558 8656
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Historic District Commission will hold a public meeting to consider a conceptual plan for changes to the windows at 131 Broad Street. Tax map 120, Lot 88. Zone: MU
David Messier, Chairperson

Virtual Instructors Wanted

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont MakerSpace is looking for people with a passion for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) subjects to offer virtual learning classes. Pay is \$36 per class hour. If interested, please contact Brendan at brendan@claremontmakerspace.org to learn more.

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UNITY—A sweet 3.5 acres tucked nicely off a well maintained road. Road frontage on Gilman Pond Rd and 2nd NH Turnpike. Enjoy Crescent Lake only a few minutes away, trails, and nature. Create your homestead. **\$42,000 (MLS#4830881)**



UNITY—Beautiful 5.65 acre lot in a peaceful country setting! This Camp is unfinished but is ready for you to apply all your finishing touches. Consider the building a blank slate with the perfect size lot, far enough from town to enjoy nature and all its amenities. Only a short 10 minute ride to Claremont and 15 minutes to I-91. Make this country Camp your country home in no time! **\$106,900 (MLS#4824528)**



CLAREMONT—Great Triplex with long time tenants! Great time for investment property with low interest rates available. Downstairs apts each have enclosed porch and open L-shaped porch. May be partnered with 62 Pearl Street for an even better deal! **\$110,000 (MLS#4825006)**



CLAREMONT—Pretty home in a nice quiet neighborhood located close to so many of Claremont's amenities! This house will need your TLC to make it your own and will not qualify for a VA loan. Spacious eat-in kitchen, great big yard, detached garage, and a large L-shaped porch. **\$125,000 (MLS#4834352)**



SPRINGFIELD, VT—4.5 beautiful, level, and subdividable acres on the Connecticut River with 550 feet of water frontage. Beautiful water views to the south and of Mount Ascutney to the north. The New Hampshire side is all flood plain and can never be built upon. Abundant fruit trees and berry bushes. State approved septic system plans in place and power is on site. Access to the 20' boat dock is already in place! **\$247,900 (MLS#4828504)**



CLAREMONT—Investment Opportunity! The location highlights these 2 side-by-side buildings with 5 units in each. 8 clean and large 2 bedroom apartments and 2 that are 1 bedroom apartments. Both buildings have new roofs, new doors, fresh paint inside and out, refinished hardwood floors, new vinyl siding, and new Claremont Fire Dept approved smoke detectors. Off-street parking is included for your tenants. Several units are ready for immediate occupancy. **\$349,900 (MLS#4837054)**



CHARLESTOWN—This property could possibly be turned into a multifamily or residential property or continue its long-standing history as a commercial property. It has been used as a convenience store, restaurant, thrift store, barber shop, and ice cream shop. The 1.5 acre lot offers a variety of possibilities for outdoor expansion, additional building, or potential subdivision. One side of the building has a walk-in cooler and a commercial kitchen. Expansive parking lot in front of and beside the building **\$114,995 (MLS#4829445)**



SPRINGFIELD — 2 bedroom Ranch on 9+/- acres, thoughtfully renovated with new vinyl siding, vaulted ceiling in the open-concept living area, new bath, flooring, kitchen, furnace, and so much more. Dedicated 1st floor laundry area, private rear deck, and upgraded electrical. This turn-key home offers a desirable country location just 10 minutes from I-89 for easy commuting. **\$229,900 (MLS#4837105)**



UNITY—6 room older Manufactured Home with addition. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new furnace, and an attached 2 car garage. Located on a nice country 3 acre lot with pond frontage. Open and level back yard and circular driveway. Seller currently has a dug well and will escrow \$10,000 for a new drilled well at closing. Some interior and exterior projects were started and not completed. **\$95,000 (MLS#4839675)**



CLAREMONT— Historic old Schoolhouse recently used as a religious facility. Ideal for daycare use, clubs, churches. Two new bathrooms, appliances kitchen (including 2 stoves and refrigerator), 2 furnaces, function hall, office, and meeting room. **\$189,900 (MLS#4831733)**



CLAREMONT— Gorgeous 3BR, 2 bath older home with formal dining room, inviting living room, and huge bedroom with walk-in-closet and bathroom complete with jetted tub and shower. Huge 15'x39'; x 34'x39'; family room below the heated 3-car garage/workshop comes with a fantastic bar and wine grotto where wine was made and stored. Wine & beer brewing area stays with the property. Lovely heated sun porch with deck overlooks your nicely landscaped in-ground pool area. **\$249,000 (MLS#4837580)**



CLAREMONT— This prime residential neighborhood features 2 adjacent building lots totaling 1.35 +/- acres. Great spot to build your dream home with views to the back of the lots. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac with city water and sewer. Can't beat the amenities! **\$50,000 (MLS#4733484)**



NEWPORT—4.6 acres Just minutes from downtown Newport, Sunapee, and I-89. This buildable lot has suitable areas for a home site and has power at road. Remnants of an older house foundation make this a very charming site. **\$40,000 (MLS#4820956)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on Monday, December 7, 2020 7:00 PM Via ZOOM

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being conducted via Zoom.

The public is invited to join the Zoom meeting on-line at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85082969963?pwd=SW4xc1kxTGJESkt2Zzh0MW5VWDFE-QT09>

Passcode: 203965 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York) Webinar ID: 850 8296 9963

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

A. (ZO 2020-00022) Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Inc., Newport NH – Application for a Special Exception to permit a change of use from a church to a function hall at 183 Plains Road. Tax Map 93, Lot 4. Zoning District R1 (Cont. from 11/2/2020)

B. (ZO 2020-00026) Katherine Pongratz, Elkins NH – Application for a variance from sect.

22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to reduce the maximum residential density from 5,000 SF to 3,920 SF to allow a second residential dwelling unit at 23 Stevens Street. Tax Map 107, Lot 113. Zoning District: CR-2.

C. (ZO 2020-00027) Jonathan Nelson & Berkley Heath, 31 Myrtle Street – Application for a variance from sect. 22-389 of the Claremont Zoning Ordinance to reduce the maximum residential density from 5,000 SF to 2,468 SF to allow a third residential dwelling unit at 31 Myrtle Street. Tax Map 119, Lot 289. Zoning District: CR-2.

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

Comments about these applications may be submitted by any of the following methods:
In person at the hearing, or
In writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at cityplanner@claremontnh.com.

Michael Hurd,
Chair

History of CAD - Free Virtual Learning

CLAREMONT, NH—Computer-Aided Design has helped transform our World. Join Claremont MakerSpace for a fun and informative event where we will take a look at how CAD was developed (MIT) and why it has rapidly evolved into a powerful tool that nearly every Designer and Engineer uses today.

John Nolin, Senior Applications Engineer for SolidXperts, with his 35 years of CAD experience, will leave you with a much greater appreciation of the CAD tools available today. He is also the Chairman for ASME/NNE and routinely presents on Additive Manufacturing, Model Based Engineering, and related topics.

For more information, please go here: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2020/12/8/history-of-cad>.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1:00pm.

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e-Ticker Business News

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Joins Top U.S. Health Systems to Encourage Everyone to #MaskUp

LEBANON, NH—Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) has launched two major new public advocacy campaigns – one regional, and one national – in its continuing effort to promote mask wearing as one of the keys to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 11.5 million Americans have tested positive for the virus – including an additional one million in just the past week – leading to more than 250,000 deaths. Recent increases in infection rates and hospitalizations in New Hampshire prompted Governor Chris Sununu to implement a statewide mask mandate beginning Friday, November 20, 2020.

On November 18, D-HH launched “Stay Strong. Masks On” through public service announcements, advertising, and digital messaging throughout the region, focusing on the importance of mask wearing and resilience in facing down the pandemic. And on November 19, D-HH joined nearly 100 of the nation’s largest and best known health systems in “Mask Up,” an urgent call to all Americans to work to slow the current surge of COVID-19.

“As we have emphasized from the onset of the pandemic, wearing a mask is a public health imperative. We are pleased to see Governor Sununu heed the advice of scientists and health professionals and implement this common-sense step to slow the spread of this deadly pandemic,” said Joanne M. Conroy, MD, CEO and president of Dartmouth-Hitch-

cock and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health. “We are also proud to join with other top health systems across the country to continue to emphasize the importance of mask-wearing. Americans – especially Northern New Englanders – are resilient and have the drive and determination to handle just about anything. The COVID-19 pandemic has and will continue to test our willpower – but we have what it takes to get through this.”

Last week, D-HH took the latest step in its public awareness effort with the launch of “Stay Strong. Masks On.” – an integrated campaign highlighting the will and determination of Northern New Englanders and their ability to get through just about anything. The first ad, titled “Easier Than Chopping Wood,” features Granite Staters and Vermonters chopping and stacking wood in preparation for winter juxtaposed with a person wearing a mask. The narrator says, “If you can handle this, well you can handle this, too.”

On November 19, D-HH joined 100 of the nation’s top health systems in issuing a public service message that ran in The New York Times, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times. This national public service effort also includes messages on digital platforms, social media, online information, links to vital health resources and more. Combining resources demonstrates that

these health care organizations are working together, will accomplish this today and will get through this together.

D-HH has been calling on the public to wear masks since the early days of the pandemic. It published an open letter advocating for mask-wearing in August signed by Dr. Conroy and the Presidents and CEOs of Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, Cheshire Medical Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, New London Hospital and the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire. D-HH also ran a series of television and digital ads throughout the fall on the importance of mask-wearing featuring Dr. Conroy.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention points to recent studies that have shown face masks successfully limit spread of the COVID-19 virus. Wearing face masks protect in key ways; by protecting the wearer against inhalation of harmful pathogens and particulates and by preventing exposure of those around the wearer.

In addition to masking, the CDC suggests that everyone minimize the number of non-household contacts, maintain a physical distance of at least six feet, and limit the amount of time spent around others, especially while indoors and in poorly ventilated areas.



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3,225 Meals and Counting

Student-Led Donation, Chamber-Sponsored Drive Help Battle Food Insecurity

Text and Photos by Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Members of the Stevens High School Key Club had to get creative in order to raise money — for the 26th year — to donate Thanksgiving turkeys to Claremont Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry. With many of their typical fundraisers impossible to hold this year due to COVID-19, they instead sold paper turkeys and dipped into their own account. Their efforts resulted in their purchase of 2,281 lbs. of the gobblers from the Claremont Hannaford.

But the virus suddenly made another tradition impossible. Because of the just-diagnosed positive cases of some SHS students, Key Club members couldn't deliver the turkeys to CSK. The solution? Members of Claremont Elks Lodge 879 stepped up to offload the turkeys from a truck into CSK's basement. And there the birds wait until they become as many as 2,350 meals.

The Key Club delivery was stored along with the food that was collected last Saturday at the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce drive. The combination of the GCCC's food, cash and Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger donations translates into 875 meals.

Taking a well-deserved rest after unloading 2,281 lbs. of turkeys at the Claremont Soup Kitchen are (from left) Cindy Stevens, CSK executive director; Emily Stevens, Stevens High School student; Courtney Porter, Elks member and Kiwanis Key Club Liaison to Stevens High School; Elks members Alex Herzog and Erica Abbey; and Aryanna Jarvis, Stevens High School student. Not pictured: Elks members Tom Wilson and Chenoa Wilson. Elks member Bob Mann donated the use of the truck.





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1991

LSRVNA became certified by Medicare as a hospice provider

2019

12,000+ visits were made by our interdisciplinary caregiving team to support hospice patients and their families

For information about our 2020 Hospice Month activities:

LakeSunapeeVNA.org/hospicemonth or contact Cathy Raymond at 603-526-4077 x231 or craymond@lakesunapeevna.org

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Managing Your Retirement Plan Under a New Employer

Your employer-sponsored retirement plan is a valuable asset. But sometimes things happen that can affect the status of your plan. So, for example, if you work for a hospital that changes ownership, and you have been participating in a 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) retirement plan, what should you do with it now?

Basically, you have four options:

- **Cash out your plan.** You can simply cash out your plan and take the money, but you'll have to pay taxes on it, and possibly penalties as well. So, unless you really need the funds and you have no other alternative, you may want to avoid liquidating your account.

- **Roll your account into your new employer's plan.** If it's allowed, you can roll over your old 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) plan into your new employer's plan. Before making this move, you'll want to look at the new plan's investment options (which should be numerous) and fees (which should be low). If you move the money directly to the new plan, you won't be taxed at the time of the transfer, and your funds can continue to grow tax-deferred.

- **Leave your plan with your old employer.** If your account balance is above a certain level, you may be able to leave your plan with your old employer's plan administrator. You won't be able to contribute any more money to the plan, but if you like the investment options you've chosen, keeping the money in your old plan might be a viable choice.

- **Move your account into a traditional IRA.** One possible advantage to moving your 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) into a traditional IRA is you'll open up a world of new investment options, because you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of vehicle, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and exchange-traded funds. And if you already have a traditional IRA, you can combine the new funds with the old ones, making it easier to track your holdings. As is the case with leaving your money in your old employer's plan or transferring it to a new plan, you'll continue to benefit from tax-deferred growth. Keep in mind, though, that IRAs have costs, too, possibly including transaction costs to buy or sell new investments. (One more thing to keep in mind: When you want to move a retirement plan to an IRA, you may want to make a direct rollover, so the old plan's administrator moves the money directly into the IRA, allowing you to avoid immediate taxes. If you were to make an indirect rollover, you'd get the money yourself, but your old employer would have to deduct 20% for federal taxes, and you'd have to deposit the entire balance, including the withholding, into your IRA within 60 days.)

Which of these choices is best for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. You'll want to consider all the options and possibly consult with your tax advisor and financial professional. But do all you can to protect your retirement plan – you've worked hard to build it, and you'll need to rely on it to help you pay for your years as a retiree.

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A Sullivan County Palette

Bill Wilmot, of Newport, saw the western sky explode into color. There was nothing he could do — except capture the autumnal beauty.

The date: Nov. 12, 2020. The time: 4:27pm. The site: Sanctuary Hill, Newport. The view: Unity Mountain. The effect: breathtaking.



OUR TURN:

A Day in the Life of a Crisis Center

It's 3:30 AM on a Tuesday when the first call comes to Turning Points Network, the crisis center for Sullivan County, followed by two more emergency calls logged in before the offices open at 9:00 AM.

On this particular day, 416 calls, emails and texts are received, answered and initiated that range in intensity from impending homelessness to help with filing a court order to questions about domestic violence and safety planning, legal options and resources available to survivors.

Rachel begins her day advocating for a mom and her young daughter who are coping with the trauma of the daughter's sexual abuse, needing help with court paperwork and finding a therapist for support. She later accompanies another survivor to her court hearing.

A young woman requires help from Advocate Lynn with her divorce filing and how to access resources for food insecurity for herself and her children. There is also a car registration issue that needs resolution before an additional survivor will be able to seek employment. Along with answering the crisis line for half the day, Advocate Julia spends four hours on the phone assisting eight domestic and sexual abuse survivors with financial empowerment training, upcoming court hearings, transitional housing and peer support. That same evening she co-leads a community workshop on healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Senior Advocate Michelle follows up with a survivor whose restraining order has been denied, helps with fuel and electric utility assistance applications, speaks with a landlord

on the renter's behalf and counsels another survivor on how to take care of herself, emotionally.

These interactions are but a few of the human relationship and legal complexities that get sorted out at Turning Points Network every day for the approximately 1000 women, children and men who contact us each year for information, support and services.

Office Manager Beth directs calls and incoming emails while distributing mail, compiling time slips, addressing invoices and general inquiries, and filing the documentation of each survivor assist.

Executive Director Deb checks in with Sam, the manager of Changes Boutique and Thrift, a wholly-owned subsidiary of TPN which helps support our survivor services; Deb finishes an Our Turn column and meets with the architect for our Broad Street building, a gift from the Pierzchala family, which we are raising funds to renovate for new offices. She also works on financial reports for the Payroll Protection Plan, speaks with two major donors and assists a survivor as well as meeting with Accounting Manager Danielle about the annual audit.

AmeriCorps VISTA member Caitlin works on a marketing project while Violence Prevention Educator Kerry presents two age-appropriate versions of 10 Signs of Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships at a local school. Kerry will also co-lead a community workshop on the same topic that evening via Zoom.

Programs Director Amanda is preparing for the county-wide monthly Sexual Assault Resource Team meeting that TPN co-chairs, she picks up a donation of several pieces of furniture for our emergency shelter, updates the weekly shelter schedule and makes arrangements for the professional cleaning of an apartment that a shelter guest will be moving into shortly.

Advocate Alesha spends half her day providing support for shelter guests while cleaning the meeting space, and organizing and restocking the shelter refrigerator, the pantry and the linens; and the other half in our Claremont office addressing case management and preparing for a weekly support group of incarcerated individuals at the Sullivan County House of Corrections.

Throughout all of this day's activity – which deals with the most intense of human emotions as well as the myriad details that comprise effective support – a sense of calm and purpose prevails and when survivors and their

children knock on our door or call or text, they are welcomed into a warm space with a safe place to tell their story and where their needs, however individual and diverse, will be met and supported.

OUR TURN is a public service series by Turning Points Network (TPN) serving all of Sullivan County with offices in Claremont and Newport. We provide wraparound supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking and we present violence-prevention education programs in our schools. For more than 40 years, TPN has helped people of all ages move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope.

For information contact 1.800.639.3130 or www.turningpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

Calendar Of Events

Need Some Extra Space for Your Next Project/Business/Creative Experiment?

CLAREMONT, NH—Need some extra space for your next project/business/creative experiment?

The Claremont Makerspace has Personal Studio Spaces that provide personal work areas for dedicated users to call their own. Personal studio spaces are made up of 48" dividers and come in sizes of 60 sq/ft and 100 sq/ft, with each studio including 2 power outlets and an Ethernet jack.

Learn more about CMS Personal Studio Spaces at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/studio-space/>.

As well, they are currently offering tours of CMS. Tours are scheduled in advance and participants must follow our COVID-19 policies. To schedule a tour, please email info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.

Exploring Business Resources With The SBA

CLAREMONT, NH—Are you part of a small business and want to learn more about re-

sources available? Are you interested in starting a business or an entrepreneur in the exploration stage? Join us at MakerSpace for a presentation from the U.S. Small Business Administration to learn about resources and tools to become better prepared.

This event is free and presented via Zoom. Upon registration you will receive the connection link.

Visit: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/12/16/exploring-business-resources-with-the-sba>.

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16, at noon.

Make A Coptic Notebook (Free Virtual Learning)

CLAREMONT, NH—With help from Claremont MakerSpace, create a notebook as adventurous as you. This traveler's notebook uses the Coptic binding method. This unique binding method is one of the oldest in human history, dating back as early as the second century. It allows the book to lay flat when opened to any page, making it great for sketchbooks. Notebook measures 5.75" x 8.75" when done. You can have a name or phrase laser etched on the cover. Follow along virtually as you construct the notebook!

Skill level: Super Beginner!

This class will be presented virtually via Zoom and class connection information will be sent out prior to the class.

Upon registration, you will be asked for the line of text which you would like to have personalized on the book as well as a font selection from a select number of choices. You must purchase supplies for this class (supply list can be found here: <https://wunder-kammer.com/class-supplies/>)

CMS members can take this class in person for free, as long as they use CMS tools and are on site the night of the class.

Recommended age range: 10 & up (Adult Supervision Suggested)

This class is presented free & registration is required.

Registration closes 12/5/2020. Class takes place on Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:00 p.m.

Visit: <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/12/10/make-a-coptic-notebook-free-virtual-learning>.

Holiday Wreaths

Plainfield Elementary School 8th Grade Class Fundraiser

The 8th grade class will once again be selling holiday wreaths.

If you would like to order a wreath reach out to any Plainfield School 8th grader or email the class at pesclass2021@gmail.com.

Wreaths are 22" and double sided balsam. Wreaths can be plain for \$15 or fully decorated with your choice of ribbon, pinecone & berries for \$20.

Our Stuff Our Stories (Free Virtual Class)

CLAREMONT, NH—Remember show & tell from elementary school? Whether it was your favorite day or not.... Let's experience it again in a warm and welcoming community.

What's your favorite photo or object? Why do you keep it? How did it come into your life? What story does it tell?

Let's gather together to share the stories of the things we keep. Each week in this Claremont MakerSpace class, you'll be asked to bring a photo or object related to different themes. This is not a writing workshop but your stories will be recorded (with your permission) & you can use them to map out a mini memoir...aka My Stuff, My Stories. We'll be inspiring each other by sharing the stories of our things, and providing motivation to continue to share your stories with the world. Our 3rd session will focus on different ways to keep these stories going & growing.

This class is free and will be presented via Zoom. You will receive the connection information after registration.

This class will run December 9, 16 and 23rd at 2 PM. Register for each event separately.

For more information, please visit <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2020/12/9/our-stuff-our-stories>.

December 5

The Area Choir Christmas Concerts of past years will be televised at 7:30 PM on Comcast 21 and 713 (HD), TDS TV 13 and 1013 (HD), "over the air" on Channel 2.1, and on the web at <https://ycnnow.com/category/specials/>. Now in their 67th year, this ecumenical choir of over 60 singers from more than 20 New Hampshire and Vermont towns and cities meets annually in Newport, NH to rehearse and perform a series of concerts as their gift to area communities. Due to COVID-

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December 6

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Gallery of Gifts: Handmade for the Holidays Through Dec. 23

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Library Arts Center

58 N. Main St.

Newport, NH 03773

Admission: Free

This annual favorite show features the work of more than 100 artists and crafters from the region, and is a perfect place to find unique handmade gifts like pottery, woodworking, artisan baskets, metalworking, stained glass, wool applique, soaps, ornaments, and so much more. The show is open for in-person shopping in the gallery with health safeguards in place. **Please note that a limited number of shoppers will be allowed in the gallery at a time, and masks are required inside the Arts Center at all times.

No appointments are necessary any time during the normal gallery hours.

Individual private shopping appointments are available after the opening for anyone who is considered vulnerable or at-risk, or who would feel more comfortable with a little more space when shopping. See libraryartscenter.org for more details, or for updates throughout the duration of the show.

Virtual Grief Support Available Through Lake Sunapee VNA

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA is now offering two virtual grief support groups, since its in-person support groups are still on hold. To help anyone grieving during this pandemic and time of social distancing, a Virtual Bereavement Check-in is available on Wednesdays every three weeks from 4:00-5:00pm.

In addition, a Virtual Widow to Widow group is held on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Anyone interested in participating in these free groups should email their contact information to Lori O'Connor at loconnor@lakesunapeevna.org and a member of the bereavement team will call with further details.

Charlestown VFW Bingo Holiday Schedule

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo will be back for fun and games in December on the 2nd, 9th, and 16th before taking two weeks off for Christmas. At this moment in time we plan on bingo as usual in 2021. If plans change, we will update you here in the e-Ticker and through our Facebook page. To all our patrons, thank you for your patronage and we wish you a happy, safe holiday season.

Tom St.Pierre, Commander, Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

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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.

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.

St. Mary Parish Fundraiser Raffle

CLAREMONT, NH—St. Mary Parish is holding a fundraiser raffle to benefit its fuel fund.

Grand prize \$1,500
 Heating fuel: \$300
 Additional prizes announced on day of drawing; \$5.00/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

Drawings to be held live on parish Facebook on Dec. 12, at 6:00 pm. Please contact St. Mary Rectory for tickets at (603) 542-9518 or stmarysclaremont@comcast.net.

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 for curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

Claremont Senior Center News

Claremont Senior Center, week of 11.30.20. The Center is open. Masks are mandatory and social distancing observed. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-3pm, and Tuesday game night, 6pm-9pm.



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Everyone must sign in for CDC tracking, answer COVID questions and sign a form before participating in any activity. We are now closed on Wednesdays.

Are you a senior? Please come in for pool, cards, puzzles, computer use, library, visiting, knitting or just to watch TV.

Bingo has gone on a hiatus. During this hiatus we will be looking for more volunteers to work bingo. As we see the daily numbers rise, we are concerned for the health and safety of our players. The board will evaluate and decide to reopen when we have enough workers, and it is safe for everyone.

Keep your eye on this space for future Center dinners.

VNA foot clinic: December 9, 16 and 23. Call for an appointment, 603-526-4077.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday, December 21, 2020, 12 – 5pm. Appointments online or call 1- 800-RED CROSS.

Weekly drive-up meals:
Tuesday (1) Soup, Hamburger with lettuce, Tomato, Onion, French Fries, Dessert
Thursday (3) Chicken Fricassee w/Dumplings, Veggie, Dessert

Call 543-5998 to reserve your meal by 10:30AM. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5.

Takeout meals only:
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required. Pick-up-11:45AM-12:15PM.

The Penny Sale, May 8, 2021, is no longer taking items.

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

Thought for the week: You must be the change you wish to see in the world. (Mahatma Gandhi).

Claremont Fire Dept. Log

Sunday, 11/22/20

1209- Engine 3 responded to Tyler St. for a transformer explosion
1729- Engine 3 responded on Spring St. for a medical call
2232- Engine 3 responded on Pleasant St. for a medical call

Monday, 11/23/20

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Tuesday, 11/24/20

1318- Engine 3 responded on Broad St. for a motor vehicle accident
1501- Engine 3 responded on Trinity St. for a well-being check

Wednesday, 11/25/20

1928- Engine 3 responded to Heritage Dr. for a medical call

Thursday, 11/26/20

0429- Engine 3 responded to Heritage Dr. for a medical call
0629- Engine 3 responded on Veterans Park Rd. for a medical call
1708- Engine 3 responded on Lincoln Hts. For a medical call

Friday, 11/27/20

0944- Engine 3 responded on South St. for a medical call
1031- Engine 3, Engine 1 responded on North St. to assist the ambulance
1342- Engine 3 responded on Bellevue Ave. for a medical call
1444- Engine 3 responded on Mann Ct. for an alarm sounding

Saturday, 11/28/20

1520- Engine 3 responded on Rachael Pl. for a medical call
1713- Engine 3 responded on Woodland St. for an odor investigation
2147- Engine 3 responded on Hanover St. for an alarm sounding
2318- Engine 3, Engine 1 responded on River Rd. for a bathroom fire

4-H Youth Leadership Team - Food Drive Through December 13th

Collection Boxes will be at:
Plainfield Country Store
Meriden Deli Mart
12% Solution
Items Most Popular Include:
Crackers
Canned Baked Beans
Canned Beef Ravioli
Granola Bars
Ramen Noodles
Knorr Side Dishes Package Mixes
Any non-perishable food items accepted

Plumbers' License Renewal

CLAREMONT, NH—The next class for the Plumbers' License Renewal is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in Claremont. Class size is limited due to COVID. Register now at: <https://rvcc.coursestorm.com/course/plumbers-license-renewal>.



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	Fridays	10am-2
	Saturdays	3-5pm

Visit our website for additional locations where tickets can be purchased.

sullivancountyhumanesociety.org

Drawing to be held on

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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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Bernard Shaban, 89

Bernard Shaban, 89, a long-time resident of Windsor, VT, passed away November 13, 2020, after a short period of declining health while at Cedar Hill. Bernard was preceded by his wife Denise. He was a veteran of the US Army.

He is survived by his three children: Christopher Shaban of Claremont, NH; Mitchell Shaban of Clermont, FL; and Stephanie Hubert of Newport, NH. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Kyle and Courtney Shaban, Jackson and Cooper Shaban, Hannah, TJ, Nicholas and Sophie Hubert and relatives from NH and CA.

His ashes will be interred privately with his family. A special thank you goes out to the White River Junction VA staff for their years of compassion and dedication to his well-being and to Mr. & Mrs. Carroll, his neighbors, for watching over him the last nine years.

You are invited to share a memory of Bernard 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.

Jon S. Auten, 80

Jon S. Auten, 80, died unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, November 21, 2020. He is survived by a brother, Hanford L. Auten

of S. Acworth and a sister, Mary Auten of Cornish.

There will be no services. Donations may be made in his memory to the Cornish Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 235, Cornish, NH 03746.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Monette, 90

Donald "Muggs" Monette, 90, of Cornish, NH, died at the VA Medical Center, White River Junction, VT, on November 20, 2020 of natural causes.

Donald was born May 14, 1930, to Louis and Edith Monette in Windsor, VT. He married his high school sweetheart, Pauline "Polly" Tierney, in 1951 going on to have six sons: Steven, David, Michael, Peter, Joseph "Joe" and William "Billy".

A 1948 graduate of Windsor High School, Donald joined the Vermont National Guard in 1947 and worked at Goodyear until he was called to active duty during the Korean War and served overseas for two years. After returning, he served in the Guard full-time until

retiring in 1981 as a Sergeant First Class. He then worked at F. W. Webb Plumbing and was a member of the Cornish Zoning Board of Adjustment and Cornish Conservation Commission.

Donald enjoyed hunting and fishing and sharing these pastimes with his family and friends. He was a lifetime member of the Windsor American Legion and VFW. After retiring, he enjoyed genealogy, tracing his family back to 1700s France, and he followed many different high school sports.

Donald was predeceased by his wife, Polly, and his son, Joe.

He is survived by his sons Steven, of Enfield, NH, David and his wife Maria, Michael and his wife Robin, Peter and Billy, of Cornish, NH, and grandchildren Christopher, Joshua, Daniel and Montgomery Monette and Shaylee Briggs as well as three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date when the warm weather he loved has returned.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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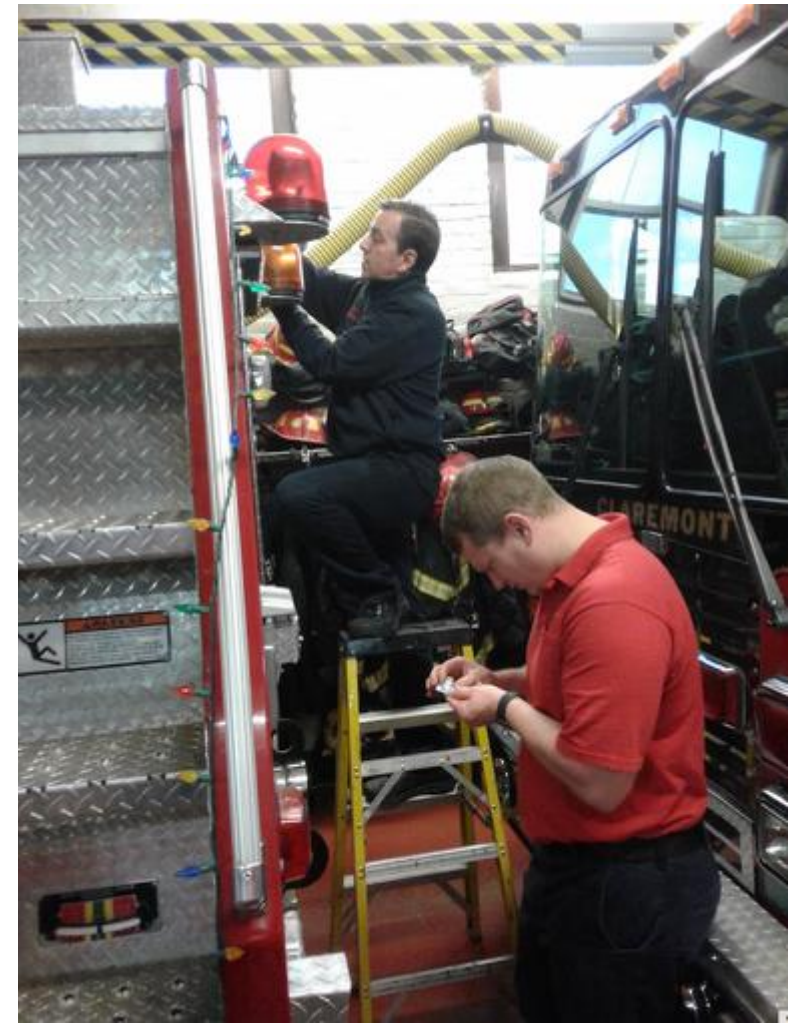
2020 has been a difficult year for performing arts organizations but we are thankful to still be in business. We are fortunate our fixed costs are low, allowing us to sustain with minimal CARES Act funding. Although our calendar was not full and weather did not cooperate, we took a “go local” approach to support local musicians, youth theatre and arts groups - and we will continue down this path until we can safely reopen to full capacity.

Our Board of Directors is taking advantage of this quiet time to focus on a number of priority initiatives that cover maintenance projects, website upgrade, new ticketing system and new staff that will result in expanded programming. We are truly planning a COH renaissance for 2021, however, we need your support to make this happen.

GivingTuesday is a global day of generosity that will take place on December 1st. As this day approaches, please consider making a donation to the historic Claremont Opera House. Your donation of just \$10 can help us achieve our 2021 goals and our mission of entertainment, education and enrichment. See www.claremontoperahouse.org for details.

We wish everyone a wonderful and healthy holiday season! Be well.





Preparing Santa's Sleigh...

Members of the Claremont Fire Department doubled as temporary elves as they worked to turn Claremont Ladder 1 into a sleigh for Santa's Claremont visit Friday night, adding the strings of lights and a festive wreath (Photos courtesy of the CFD).

