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## Community Service Day...

This panoramic shot shows Stevens High School students on the common of the Fort at Number 4 in Charlestown Friday. They were participating in the All School Community Service Day. "Our buildings have never been so ready so fast. It was great having them here," Fort Executive Director Wendy Baker told the *e-Ticker News*. Between 300 and 350 students picked up trash, cut brush and other tasks at Moody Park, Monadnock Park, CMS, Arrowhead, Bluff School, downtown, the skate park, the Fort and St. Gaudens in Cornish. (Photo credit: Ed Murphy). Right: Luke Come and Max Salls show off the tires they pulled out of the ravine at Moody Park (Bill Binder photo). More photos on page A6.



## Council Passes Resolution To Bring Live Cable Feeds To CSBCC, Visitors Center

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont City Council passed a resolution Wednesday night authorizing the administration to pursue plans to bring live origination cable feed installation to the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and the Claremont Visitors Center. To

broadcast live remotely currently, there are connections at Claremont City Hall, Stevens High School and the Tech Center. With both the Community Center and Visitors Center hosting more and more events and meetings, there was strong support from the council and residents to increase live broadcasts. Programming is available on Comcast channels 8 and 10.

The installation of equipment by Comcast to enable live broadcast and internet streaming through the Claremont Community Television system is not an expense included in the City's franchise agreement with Comcast, and options for paying the installation costs of around \$14,000 included a small fee charged to Comcast customers or taking the funds from the

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## Stay, Work, Play, Give Nonprofit Fair

CLAREMONT, NH--The Sullivan County Young Professionals network is teaming up with Stay Work Play New Hampshire to host the second annual Stay Work Play Give nonprofit fair on Wednesday, April 20th, at the Common Man, 21 Water Street, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Join the Sullivan County Young Professionals and the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce at the Common Man to learn about exciting opportunities with nonprofits from all over the Claremont region.

Stay Work Play Give is a partnership between Stay Work Play and young professionals organizations from around the state to host local nonprofit fairs in different parts of NH all on one day. The idea behind this is to encourage NH young professionals to get civically engaged in their communities through volunteering with local nonprofits.

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## Poet To Read At River Vally Community College

CLAREMONT, NH--Jennifer Militello, a professor and director of the Creative Writing program at River Valley Community College, will be reading from her new book, *A Camouflage of Specimens and Garments*, at the College's Puksta Library in Claremont on Wednesday, April 20, at 12:30 p.m. The reading is free and open to the public.



**Jennifer Militello**

In her third full-length collection, Militello weaves together fragments of letter and voice, assembling threads of illness and struggle into the fabric of poetry, manufacturing shelter from a world that cannot be controlled. Ventriloquizing heroes from myth, long-dead composers, ancient goddesses and murdered girls, Militello composes layered "dictionaries" that readers may use as magical cloaks or tutelary amulets. As the poet explores all manner of disguises, *A Camouflage of Specimens and Garments* (Tupelo Press, 2016) casts a smokescreen of selves.

Militello is also the author of *Body Thesaurus*, named one of the top ten books of 2013 by Best American Poetry as well as a finalist for the Poetry Society of America's Alice Fay Di Castagnola Award, and *Flinch of Song*, winner of the Tupelo Press First Book Award. Her work has been anthologized in *Best New*

Poets  
and the

*Academy of American Poets Poem-a-Day: 365 Poems for Every Occasion*, and awarded grants and fellowships from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, the Barbara Deming Memorial Fund, Writers at Work, and the Millay Colony for the Arts.

## Sunapee Patrol Boat Gets Upgrade

SUNAPEE, NH--The Sunapee Police Department's patrol boat has received a major upgrade. The patrol boat had been powered by a 13-yea-old, 90 horsepower Mercury motor which has been replaced with a new, 150 horsepower Mercury motor, an upgrade that will greatly improve the performance of the patrol boat and enable a better response time to emergency situations, said the department.

The upgrade was made possible by a donation from the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association; the donation, following a public hearing, was accepted by the Sunapee Board of Selectmen.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



### Bill Would End Unlimited Free Admission To State Parks For Seniors

Unlimited free admission to the Granite State's parks for residents age 65 and over may soon come to an end, if legislation now on its way to Gov. Maggie Hassan becomes law.

On April 6 New Hampshire's House of Representatives, by a narrow 171-158 roll call vote, approved Senate Bill 441. This bill would allow the New Hampshire Division of Parks & Recreation to charge state residents 65 years of age and older admission to our parks, historic sites, beaches, and one state ski area in certain circumstances. Free admission would continue on weekdays, though. Furthermore, these residents could be charged up to two-thirds of the current fee for using the "uphill devices" (I assume this means ski tows) at Cannon Mountain, the one state ski area, on weekends and up to one-third of the same fee for using the "uphill devices" on weekdays. Finally, the bill would repeal the present requirement that the Parks & Recreation Division issue discount coupon books for state parks in the summer months to all residents.

Senate Bill 441 was approved after some debate on the House floor, and a unanimous 17-0 recommendation to adopt the measure by the House Resources, Recreation, & Development Committee. The bill is sponsored by a bi-partisan group of lawmakers led by Hampton Sen. Nancy Stiles, and including Weare Sen. Jerry Little, who is the state senator for 11 out of Sullivan County's 15 communities. It had been earlier approved by the New Hampshire Senate on March 3. By the way, Sen. Little was confirmed as the state's new Banking Commissioner by the Executive Council on April 6, and will be resigning his Senate seat on June 2 to take up his new duties.

Senate Bill 441 proponents like Middleton Rep. John Mullen stated that the legislation would resolve a conflict between two current state laws, which pertain to the operation of state parks. Rep. Mullen said that the first law, RSA 218:5-c, gives free admission to the parks for residents age 65 and over in most circumstances. But according to him the second, RSA 216-A:3, instructs the Parks & Recreation Division to charge park fees which are "comparable with fees for use of similarly privately-owned ski and campground facilities and should be based on market conditions." Additionally, he said such fees are to be used to "offset expenses to maintain," state parks, and be adjusted to market conditions. Finally, he declared that under the bill the New Hampshire Legislature's Fiscal Committee would have to approve any proposed new admission fees or fee increases for the affected residents. The Fiscal Committee is a specially-appointed group of both representatives and senators that makes expense and revenue decisions after each bi-

ennial state operating budget becomes law.

Nevertheless, Senate Bill 441 opponents, including Portsmouth Rep. Jacqueline Cali-Pitts, decried legislation which they stated would likely result in our state's elderly citizens having to pay to use state parks for the first time, a consequence that they likened to an unfair tax increase on residents who are generally retired, and earning less money than the rest of the state's population.

For readers' information, I voted against Senate Bill 441. I agree with the bill's proponents that our state parks are an asset and need more revenue. But I am not sure whether charging New Hampshire's senior citizens, who are often on fixed incomes and financially struggling, to use our state parks is the best way to go. Frankly, I would rather get more money from our state's General Fund revenues to help pay for our parks and other recreational areas, even if getting more money results in higher taxes for our state's more financially-secure individuals.

On April 6 the House, by a 174-156 roll call vote, adopted an amended version of Senate Bill 545, which would require the governor every year to proclaim the month of February as Cancer Prevention Month in New Hampshire. The amended bill would also require the state's chief executive to proclaim every Feb. 4 as Cancer Prevention Day, and every August as Cure All Cancer Month. The two designated months and one date would be in honor of the many individuals who have lost their lives to cancer, or who are battling cancer. Finally, the bill would include a special dedication to Tierra Brewster VanCise, who lost her battle to lung cancer in October 2010.

Senate Bill 545's original version had earlier passed the Senate on Feb. 18 and was sponsored by a bi-partisan trio of senators led by Salem Sen. Chuck Morse, who is also the Senate President. It was recommended for adoption in the House by a 9-8 majority of the House Executive Departments & Administration Committee. Supporters of the measure, led by Claremont Rep. Raymond Gagnon, declared that the bill would serve as "a tool in raising the public's attention in combating cancer." It would also reinforce the idea that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Rep. Gagnon backed up his declaration by saying testimony at the bill's House public hearing indicated that enhanced awareness of cancer could reduce the dreaded disease by 50 percent.

However, Senate Bill 545 opponents, including Dunbarton Rep. J.R. Hoell stated that they were concerned about setting aside two different and one specific date for cancer awareness. Rep. Hoell said that he and his fellow opponents had no objections to "promoting cancer awareness." But he added that they believe the bill as written would "not yield the intended results," because it designated two months and one day for such awareness.

For readers' information, I voted for Senate Bill 545. I believe whatever we can do prevent and cure cancer is worthwhile, even if cancer awareness is done over two months, and one special date. I have lost a number of relatives and friends to this dreaded disease, including my father, Robert Cloutier, who succumbed to pancreatic cancer in 1993. Ironically, his birthday was Feb. 4, which will become Cancer Prevention Day, if this bill becomes law.

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and click on “Who Is My Legislator”

## Letter To The Editor

### Thank You To Salt Hill Pub For Benefit To Support TPN

#### To The Editor:

The Board of Directors and staff at Turning Points Network would like to thank Joe Tuohy at Salt Hill Pub and everyone who had dinner at Salt Hill Pub Newport last Thursday to benefit Turning Points Network’s Steppin’ Up to End Violence 5K Walk and Fun Run. A special thanks to Dianne Rochford for organizing the dinner!

Proceeds will boost the community’s efforts to raise \$100,000 through Steppin’ Up for Turning Points Network’s programs and services. THANK YOU!

**Deborah J. Mozden**  
Executive Director  
Turning Points Network



## *Goshen Man Honored*

A ceremony took place on Friday, April 8, at American Legion Sweeney Post 2 in Manchester to honor two veterans who received their medals they earned in service to our country. One of the veterans who was honored was Fredric Smith, Petty Officer, 3rd Class, U.S. Navy (retired) of Goshen, NH. Smith served our county with honor during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1972, after which he returned to New Hampshire. For service honorably rendered to the United States Navy during the Vietnam and Cold Wars, Smith, assigned to the USS Oak Ridge (\*ARDM1) and the PBR Mobile Base II, was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal (with three bronze stars) and Honorable Discharge Button. Smith contacted Senator Kelly Ayotte’s office to ask if he had earned a military medal during his service, and Ayotte and her staff were able to retrieve the medals for him. Left to right: Senator Kelly Ayotte, Fredric Smith, Christine Smith, Dave Kenney, Commander, U.S. Navy (retired). Courtesy photo.



**SHS  
Community  
Service Day**

Left: Cleaning up at Arrowhead—L-R—student teacher Kaian Wilkes, Rachael Dansereau, Hannah Costa, Ashley Woodward. Center: The group at Bluff School (Bill Binder photos).

Amanda Shaw, Guidance Counselor at Stevens worked with Hannah Putnam, a local Vista volunteer, to set up the day and find places for the students to work at. The time spent would also go to the students 48-hour community service requirement to graduate. It was also a good way to teach the students the importance of giving back to their community.



Freshman Emma Mattice girdles a Norway Maple at Moody Park. Girdling is the complete removal of a strip of bark; the process will result in the death of a tree, and in this case, an invasive species at the park (Les St.Pierre photo).



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Comcast Franchise Fee, the latter of which the council chose to pay for the project.

There will be no impact on the tax rate. Finance Director Mary Walter said they didn't yet know when the work would be completed since scheduling would be determined by Comcast.

Other issues at Wednesday night's meeting included an update by Claremont Police Chief Alex Scott on 25 Chestnut Street, another property that has fallen into disrepair and which the City is now trying to remediate. The owner lives out of state and much like the cases at 39 Central Street and 157 Pleasant Street, little cooperation has been forthcoming dealing with the deteriorating property. A For Sale By Owner sign sits in the front yard, and there is a large, abandoned storage container in the backyard. A notice of violation letter was sent to the owner in April of last year, and a certified letter, which was signed for, was sent in May of last year. Since there was no response to the first remediation efforts, the City followed up with a process to try to get the owner into court by a summons. In January of this year, the judge ruled in favor of the City and gave the homeowner until June 1st to meet the code enforcement order or face three fines of \$275 apiece. Scott that in the past such warnings about fines have been successful in getting the property owner to take action, but he did not think that would work in this case. He has asked the court to bypass the fine and asked that the City be allowed to take corrective action on the three areas of code violation. A lien against the property would then be sought, and if sold, the City could recover its costs of the repairs. He said he expects that the property will be added to the next tax-deeding list.



**Caution tape has been put up on a portion of 25 Chestnut Street (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).**

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Angela Esslinger, Volunteer Coordinator at Valley Regional Hospital, held a cupcake competition at VRH on Wednesday, April 13. The competition proceeds will benefit Turning Points Network. 12 VRH staff volunteered to bake cupcakes and the 12 dozen cupcakes were judged on "Best Presentation" and "Best Tasting". "Best Presentation" was awarded to Terri Smith for her "Breakfast Party in the Mouth" entry and the "Best Tasting" award went to Denise Ensley for her "Irish Delight" cupcakes. A fun time, and they raised \$171.00 for TPN (Bill Binder photos).

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Visitor Center, 14 North Street

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
  - a. March 15, 2016
- IV. Business
  - a. Community survey
  - b. Subcommittees/Schedule
- V. Correspondence
  - a. Post forum communication
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjournment

## Phone Scam Reported By Hanover Police

HANOVER, NH--On April 14, the Hanover Communications Center began fielding phone calls from concerned residents over threatening messages left on their answering machines. The caller, who identified himself as "Officer Sean White," stated he has important information for the homeowners. He provided a return phone number of 325-400-8607.

Hanover Police investigators quickly determined that "Officer Sean White" does not exist and that he and his conspirators are engaging in a typical scam designed to elicit cash payments from unsuspecting residents.

Hanover Police applauds those residents who identified the calls as fraudulent, and encourages all members of the community to contact any member of the department or its communications center at (603) 643-2222 if they suspect they have received a fraudulent call or have fallen victim to a scam.



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CONCORD, NH--The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announced that work was expected to begin mid-April on the rehabilitation of the bridge carrying NH Route 11 over the Connecticut River between Charlestown, NH, and Springfield, VT.

This bridge expansion, joint replacement work will initially require daytime lane closures and one-way alternating traffic. Two-way traffic will be restored at the close of work daily. At the completion of the concrete structural work, the bridge will be paved in its entirety. This will require the bridge to be closed to traffic for five days. Advance notice will be given prior to this work.

Miller Construction, of Windsor, VT, is the contractor for the \$695,000 project, which has a final completion date of August 26, 2016.

## Events In Lempster: Rabies Clinic, Lasagna Dinner Saturday, April 23

A Rabies Clinic will be held at the Lempster Town Office, Rt. 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The price is \$12 per animal with Dr. Jolyon Johnson attending. The town clerk will be available to issue dog licenses. Sponsored by the Friends of the Miner Memorial Library. Contact 863-5023.

A lasagna dinner followed by Penny Social will be held at History Hall, corner of Rt. 10 and 2nd NH TPK., at 5:00 p.m. Bring an item to be raffled at the Social. Raffle tickets sold at the Social for a penny each. Dinner tickets sold in advance by Society members. Sponsored by the Lempster Historical Society. Contact 863-8180.

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As the weather improves this Spring, the Vermont State Police and Department of Public Safety would like to remind those heading out onto Vermont's hiking trails of the ever changing conditions a hiker may encounter this time of year, especially at higher elevations. As you follow trails into the mountains you can find yourself hiking in snow and ice again despite warm weather and green grass at the trailhead. Spring showers at lower elevations can turn into an all-too-familiar wintry mix of snow, sleet and rain in the hills. The long-lasting snowpack at higher elevation keeps the air temperatures cool, soaks your boots, and can make the trails difficult to follow.

If hiking at higher elevations, it's important that spring hikers continue to be prepared for winter conditions. Waterproof boots (not sneakers) with traction devices, extra layers of warm clothes, a headlamp, map and compass may become necessary for a safe and successful hike. Consider turning around when you hit icy or snow covered trails if you are not properly equipped or if travel and route finding becomes more difficult.

A rescue April 14-15 in Fayston, VT, highlighted these concerns when hikers called 911 reporting that they had become stuck in extremely icy conditions while trying to hike the Long Trail from Lincoln Gap to Appalachian Gap. Fortunately, the hikers were able to provide first responders with GPS coordinates, but it took several hours for rescuers to reach them and guide them safely down out of the mountains.



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## Lebanon Shooting Incident Leads To Arrests For Drugs And Reckless Conduct

LEBANON, NH--On the morning of April 13, the Lebanon Police were called to 139 Heater Rd when a first floor resident found a bullet lodged in their dining room floor, which appeared to have come from the upstairs apartment. The complainant told Police she had heard a loud noise in the middle of the night but did not realize what had occurred until the morning. Concerned that there could potentially be a gunshot victim in the upstairs apartment, Lebanon Officers made entry into the apartment after not receiving a response at the door. Upon entering, officers found a male subject asleep inside a bedroom. During the investigation, officers also observed a significant amount of marijuana along with drug paraphernalia and evidence of drug distribution.



**Shaun Carey**

**Ryan Dionne**

Officers then secured the apartment and contacted the Detective Division. Detectives subsequently applied for, and were granted, a search warrant for the apartment.

While executing the search warrant, Lebanon Police, assisted by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), located more than one pound of Marijuana, PCP, Bath Salts, LSD, Hashish, Amphetamine pills and Butane Honey Oil. They also located evidence the drugs were being sold from the residence. Also seized were 7 handguns, 3 shotguns, 4 assault rifles and several hundred rounds of ammunition along with more than \$1,000 in cash.

Ryan Dionne, age 22, was arrested and charged with 3 counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, 1 count of Possession of a Controlled/Narcotic Drug with Intent to Sell and 1 count of Reckless Conduct for discharging a firearm within the apartment. All of the charges are Felony level offenses. Dionne is being held at the Grafton County House of Correction on \$50,000 cash bail.

Shaun Carey, age 25, was arrested and charged with 2 counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, one A Misdemeanor and one B Felony, and 1 Count of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs with Intent to Sell, a Class A Felony. Carey is being held at the Grafton County House of Corrections on \$10,000 cash bail. Both defendants were arraigned the following morning.

Both Dionne and Carey reside in the second floor apartment at 139 Heater Road. The gunshot was still being investigated, and there were no injuries reported as a result of the .45 caliber projectile entering the 1st floor apartment.

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## SHS Alumni Meeting Wednesday

CLAREMONT, NH--The monthly Stevens alumni meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, 5:30 p.m., at the Claremont Savings Bank, downstairs. Agenda items include guest speaker, Zach Williams, of the Claremont Planning and Development office, parade update, cookbook status, newsletter status and nominating committee update.

All SHS alumni are invited to attend.

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## Program On Drug Crisis, Effect On County, April 20

NEWPORT, NH--A special event addressing the drug crisis, Heroin & Prescription Opiates & its effects on Sullivan County, will be held Wednesday, April 20th, at 9:00 a.m. at Salt Hill Pub, 58 Main Street, Newport, in the 3rd floor Function Room.

"I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Sullivan County Sheriff John Simons and Jim Burroughs, Chief of Police of Newport, NH, for making this all possible," said Alice Beaudry Halleck, who organized the program. "I also want to extend my thanks to my friend Joe Tuohy for opening his doors at 9:00 a.m. to make this all possible. I presented to them an idea of what I would like to do, a mother, first and foremost, but a concerned citizen also. They gave me the go ahead and provided me with the names of all the Chiefs of Police in Sullivan County; Troop C out of Keene; Sullivan County District Attorney, Marc Hathaway; Superintendent of Sullivan County House Of Corrections, Dave Barry; Governor Maggie Hassan, etc. I proceeded to call each and everyone of them. A special meeting for April was set up, as opposed to their meeting slated for May of 2016. They hold meetings normally every three months, and I truly appreciate the exception made for me and this event."

Halleck added, "If you're interested in attending, please enter from the rear of the building, handicap ramp entrance. This event will be open to the public, if you have a story you would like to share, then I look forward to seeing you there. Please let me know ahead of time if you would like to speak, as we have several speakers.

"I am passionate and compassionate about this subject and we, as members of this community and county, have shared in the sadness of losing many we know and may not know to overdoses. We can't afford to lose a whole generation."

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## Open House At TLC Family Resource Center April 20

CLAREMONT, NH--The public is invited to an Open House to learn more about the mission of TLC Family Resource Center on April 20, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Representatives from the board and the staff will be available to show visitors around the building and to answer questions about the work the agency does with families in Sullivan and Lower Grafton Counties.

"We changed our name from Good Beginnings of Sullivan County to TLC Family Resource Center last fall and this is the first chance we have had to invite in the public for an open house since then," said Executive Director Maggie Monroe-Cassel.

In addition to the open house, 2nd Beginnings Children's Thrift Store which is a fund-raising effort of TLC Family Resource Center will be having a sale on April 20 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Everything on the store will be on sale for great prices.

TLC Family Resource Center provides a spectrum of services to families in the region. The services include home visiting family support and parent education for families with new babies. The agency works primarily with families struggling with stressors including poverty, raising child as a single parent or a grandparent, drug misuse, domestic violence or mental illness. The agency also provides support services for families with children of any age. TLC also sponsors the SHINE program designed to prevent teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. The Claremont La Leche League meets in the building and provides information and support for breast feeding.

TLC welcomes the public to learn about the current programs and make suggestions for future programming.

For more information visit [www.tlcfamilyrc.org](http://www.tlcfamilyrc.org) or call 603-542-1848. No reservations necessary for the open house. TLC Family Resource Center and 2nd Begin-

nings Thrift Store are located at 109 Pleasant St., Claremont, NH.

## EPA Recognizes New Hampshire's Electric Utilities With 2016 Energy Star Award

MANCHESTER, NH--The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized New Hampshire's electric & gas utilities with a 2016 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award for their continued leadership in protecting our environment through superior energy efficiency achievements. The accomplishments of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Unitil were recognized in Washington, DC, on April 13.

"Eversource truly values our partnership with ENERGY STAR," said Penni Conner, Chief Customer Officer and Senior Vice President of Customer Care for Eversource Energy. "It's exciting to see the impact we've made through our various programs for homes and businesses, We'll continue to support and engage our customers to help them become more energy efficient, and we remain committed to continuing our work to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the environment."

Since its inception in 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped prevent a total of more than 2.4 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. In 2014 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners provided more than \$11 billion in societal benefits due to reducing damages from climate change.

"By continued collaboration with ENERGY STAR, New Hampshire's electric utilities are helping Americans save money, save energy, and to do their part to reduce our nation's green-

house gas emissions that exacerbate climate change," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "I'm proud to recognize the Granite State's CORE utilities with the highest form of ENERGY STAR recognition, as the winner of the 2016 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award. They have demonstrated a strong commitment to energy efficiency and to preserving a healthy planet for future generations."

The 2016 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Awards are given to a variety of organizations to recognize their contributions to reducing harmful carbon pollution through superior energy efficiency efforts. These awards recognize ongoing leadership across the ENERGY STAR program, including energy-efficient products, services, new homes, and buildings in the commercial, industrial, and public sectors.

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## Home Expo...

The Claremont Savings Bank held its annual Spring Home Expo at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center on Saturday, April 16. Twenty-three vendors were on hand to answer any questions that homeowners had. Attorneys, building suppliers and contractors, insurance companies, an electrician, land surveyor, movers and storage and real estate agencies were set up and supplied information about their products and services (Bill Binder photo).



## Open Hands Mission, Soup Kitchen To Merge

CLAREMONT, NH--Open Hands Mission of Claremont and the Claremont Soup Kitchen are working toward a merger. "This will allow meals to be served at one location seven days a week. The two groups are working together to better serve those in Claremont who are in need of meals," Priscilla Hull of OHM told the *e-Ticker News* last week.

More information regarding the merger released in the near future.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

## GM Million Truck Recall

A seat belt defect has triggered a recall of more than one million General Motors pickup trucks. GM said Friday that it would issue a recall for 2014 and 2015 model-year Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra 1500 pickup trucks, reported *USA Today*.

The company said it was not aware of any crashes, injuries or deaths connected to the defect.

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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: A Theme for Investors?

On April 22, we observe Earth Day. Like many people, you might participate in some activities to help the health of our planet. But you can also do some things to improve your personal investment environment. In fact, you might want to follow a key environmental theme: reduce, reuse, recycle. How can these elements be applied to investing? Here are some ideas:

- **Reduce** —You don't want to waste time, effort and money on investment decisions that will ultimately not benefit you much, if at all. For example, if you are constantly buying and selling investments, you may be hurting yourself in a few different ways. First, by not holding investments for at least a year before selling them, you may have to pay taxes on short-term capital gains at a rate that's probably going to be higher than the long-term rate, which would apply if you held the investments at least a year before selling. Second, by always buying and selling, you could pay more in trading costs. Third, some investments simply need to be held for the long term before they will show positive results. And finally, excessive buying and selling can make it hard for you to follow a consistent, long-term investment strategy. So if you do trade frequently, consider reducing your activity.

- **Reuse** – You don't have to look hard to find all sorts of investment techniques being promoted by someone. Many of these strategies have exotic-sounding names, such as "Dogs of the Dow" or "Range Trading." These techniques may have some validity, but, unfortunately, some investors zigzag from one to another, hoping to eventually find that "sure ticket" to investment success. You need to develop, and reuse year after year, an investment strategy created just for you, based on your individual needs, goals, comfort with risk and investing time horizon. Of course, you may well need to adjust this strategy over time to reflect changes in your life — but "adjusting" isn't the same as "abandoning." Sticking with a long-term, personalized strategy is an effective — and less stressful — way of pursuing your financial objectives.

- **Recycle** – When you put money in some investments, you don't just make a one-time payment and then hope to eventually make a profit when you sell — you can actually "recycle" your investment earnings and put them to good use. To illustrate: If you invest in dividend-paying stocks, you can typically sign up for a dividend-reinvestment plan and, as the name suggests, reinvest the dividends back into the stock. This is an easy and efficient way to increase your share ownership — and increasing ownership in any investment can be an important ingredient for successful investing. You can recycle investment dollars in other ways, too. If you own bonds or other fixed-income vehicles that provide you with regular interest payments, you can place this money in a different investment — perhaps one that can help you fill any gaps that may exist in your portfolio.

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# Sunapee Fire Department Presents And Receives Several Awards

SUNAPEE, NH--At the 2016 Annual Sunapee Fire Department dinner, Captain Richard Osborne, Captain of the Tanker Company, was presented with Firefighter of the Year Award. The Selection Committee chose Capt. Osborne because of his years of dedicated service and devotion to the Sunapee Fire Department. Osborne has worked his way up through the ranks of the department, and is currently Captain of the Tanker Company, a position held by his father, Artie, until his passing.

Captain/EMT-I Steven Marshall was awarded a pin and certificate for 20 years of service on the Department.

The Committee also selected Rhonda Gurney as the Sunapee Citizen of the Year. Gurney was nominated and selected due to her long term service to the Town where she serves on the Recreation Committee. In that role she was instrumental in establishing the Sunapee Green-Up Day, as well as the Magic in the Harbor activities.

The Department has also been notified by the NH Police, Fire & EMS Foundation ([www.nhpfef.com](http://www.nhpfef.com)) that two members have been selected to receive recognition awards at the annual banquet on April 20 at the Radisson in Manchester.

Firefighter/EMT Darryl Sencabaugh will be receiving the Lifesaving Award:

On the evening of January 18, 2016, he responded to an unconscious male at the Sunapee High School. The patient, a longtime school teacher and coach at the Sunapee High School, was about to give one of his students a ride home. This young student witnessed his coach go into full cardiac arrest and had the where-with-all to activate the 911 system, which also helped save the patient's life.

First on scene was Firefighter/EMT Darryl Sencabaugh who immediately initiated CPR and continued care as others members of the EMS Company, police department and New London Ambulance arrived on scene. Through his efforts, and the efforts of all the emergency personnel on site, the outcome of the patient was a positive one and is on the road to recovery.

Captain/EMT-I Steven Marshall will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award:

As noted on the award certificate from the foundation, on the evening of January 18, 2016, he responded to an unconscious male at the Sunapee High School. The patient, a longtime school teacher and coach at the Sunapee High School, was about to give one of his students a ride home. This young student witnessed his coach go into full cardiac arrest and had the where-with-all to activate the 911 system, which also helped save the patient's life.

On scene were Firefighter/EMT Darryl Sencabaugh and Fire Captain/ EMT-I Steven Marshall, who started CPR on the patient.

Through their efforts, along with other members of the EMS Company, and continuing chain of care providers, the outcome of the patient was a positive one and he is on the road to recovery.

Fire Captain/EMT-I Marshall is the Police Chief for the Town of Washington and retired at the end of March after 33 years of service in NH.

Fire Captain/EMT-I Steven Marshall has been an extensive proponent of Emergency Medical Services and has been a volunteer with the Sunapee Fire and Rescue Department for over 20 years. He is also the Sunapee Company Clerk, Web Site Administrator, Cold Water Rescue Trainer, MAXX/ATV Operator and member of the Board of Directors for the Sunapee Fire Department Association.

Fire Captain/EMT-I Marshall has served as a ski patroller at Mt. Sunapee Resort for 15 years, has been a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and assistant EMS instructor for over 20 years. Fire Captain/EMT-I Marshall spent many summers mentoring cadets in the NH Police Academy Summer cadet program. He was instrumental in the grant writing for Washington and Sunapee to obtain necessary equipment.

## SHS Senior To Receive CCSNH Scholarship

CLAREMONT, NH--Jake LaPointe, a senior at Stevens High School, and student at Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, is a Skills USA Champion. Now, LaPointe has received word that he will receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Community College System of New Hampshire. He will use these funds to further his post-secondary studies in PHVAC (plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning).

LaPointe participated in the Skills USA New Hampshire Plumbing Competition that was held at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont on Wednesday, March 16 and was awarded the gold medal for his efforts in the daylong contest to build the piping for a half-bath sink and drain. The students had to follow blueprints and instructions to build the units to industry standards.

## Volunteers Sought To Help Plan Sunapee 250th

SUNAPEE, NH--The Sunapee Selectmen will be creating and appointing committees to plan, prepare and deliver a celebration for the Town of Sunapee in commemoration of the 250th year since its settlement. The celebration is to take place in 2018. If interested in being on the planning committee or if you have a special interest and would like to be on a sub-committee, please fill out a volunteer form and submit to the Selectmen's Office. Any questions, please call 763-2212. The volunteer form can be found at:

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# 10th Annual Steppin' Up To End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run

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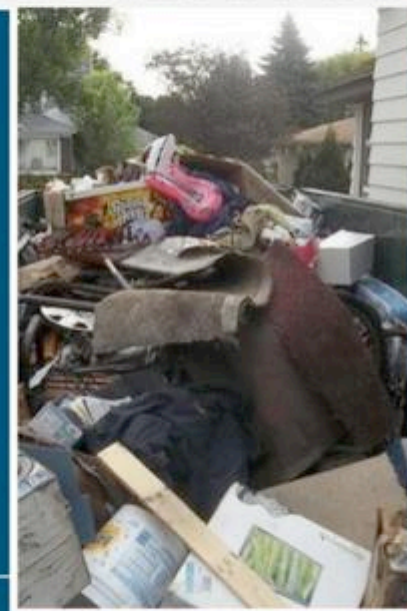
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New this year is the Kids' Dirty Dash, RRCF's version of a muddy, messy obstacle course for kids 12 and under. There will be mud, tires, balance beams, hay bales and more.

This event, put on by the Red River Charitable Foundation, will support part of its mission of supporting veterans in our local community.

Join Red River for a day of fun as they raise money for local veterans. If you have camo, don't forget to ROCK IT!

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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Changes

Over the years we have seen many changes in our cuisine. Margarine has disappeared. Eggs are now OK to eat. More pre-packaged salads are available. Chocolate, at least the dark, is becoming almost medicinal. Forget the "almost" for our house. It IS medicinal.

Something came into my awareness recently. I don't know how long it has been going on. Maybe it's just starting. Bacon has become an option in Club Sandwiches in some places. How can you NOT have bacon in a Club sandwich? It's like having a sandwich without bread.

All my life a Club sandwich has been roast beef or ham, sliced turkey, BACON, lettuce, tomato and mayo. It is assembled on toast with a third slice of bread or toast in the middle. Then it is cut into quarters and served with fries or chips. I don't know what you have without the bacon but it is definitely not a Club Sandwich.

I even looked up the recipe for a Club Sandwich and found in every treatment of this classic bacon is consistently present.

I've been in three different places in three different areas where the bacon is an add-on for an additional \$1.50 to \$1.99. The waitresses say it's because people are eating "lighter". They don't charge extra for the bacon on a BLT so why on the Club? I guess without the B in the BLT you have a mini salad on toast.

I always advocate playing with the food you cook. Playing means changing some flavors or substituting one herb or spice for another. I DO NOT advocate changing the main ingredients. A pot roast requires a cut of beef. Roast turkey requires a turkey be present. Smoked salmon requires salmon. Do what you want to these but at least get the main ingredient in there.

I suggest that the Club Sandwich be offered in tact and let the customer ask to have the bacon removed. Then reduce the price. Don't make the bacon an "add on". It belongs there. It is an integral part of the whole experience. No one should have to pay extra for the steering wheel of a car.

I'll put the soap box away for now.

Play Time.

Take a pork tenderloin, either plain or flavored, and cut it into circles about ¼ inch thick. Size doesn't matter. Heat up the pan.

Add some oil.

Stir fry the pork medallions.

De-glaze with apple ale, plum wine or any fruity wine or ale or even beer. Mike likes Bourbon to de-glaze with.

Let some of that burn off.

Add some cooked rice, some mixed vegetables, cooked.

Add some soy sauce and whatever cooking sauce you have around.

No cooking sauce? Use Bar-b-cue sauce, sweetened with maple syrup, if desired.

No rice? You could throw in some broth or stock. Pork likes chicken or beef broth. Let that heat up and add some sour cream. Serve over noodles.

The point here is that anything goes but you can't leave out the pork.

Play with your food. The best cooks do.

Write to Johnny at [etickernews@gmail.com](mailto:etickernews@gmail.com).

**MEMBER NOTICE  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**The 57th Annual Meeting of the NH Community Federal Credit Union will be held at the credit union office on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

**There will be light refreshments from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**The public is welcome to attend. This meeting allows members to vote for members seeking election to the board of directors and to ask questions about their credit union.**

**Members running for a board of director position and wanting to be included on the ballot must submit an application, to the attention of the C.E.O., no later than Tuesday, April 12th before 5:00 p.m.  
Applications are available at the office.**

**After the meeting there will be a special drawing for those in attendance.**

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*Applications will be accepted through midnight, April 29, 2016*



## Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



### Bus Service In Sullivan County

Claremont Alliance Transportation Service (CATS) has just undergone a change in management as Corey Gagnon recently resigned as Executive Director. Stepping up to the plate is Val Bailey. Bailey has just completed her first week as Interim Executive Director.

"We are rural," Bailey stated in a recent interview in her new office in the back of the CATS building just over the Claremont boundary into Newport. "We don't have buses at every corner. Just in the short amount of time I have been here one of the things I do have is a greater appreciation of the mission of this organization and the service we are providing. I hear how many times the phone rings. People are really reliant on our service and also with the volunteer driver program. When I see the statistics on how many rides we are providing over the course of the year it just makes you understand and demonstrates the criticality of the demands of the service we provide in Sullivan County."

Bailey went on to report in fiscal year 2015, that is, from July 1 of 2014 to June 30 of 2015 the volunteer driver program (VDP) logged 136,997 miles. Between both programs, the volunteer and the daily service provided by the Service's main line of bus transportation among the three Sullivan County communities of Charlestown, Claremont, and Newport, over 254,000 rides had been provided in that time-span.

"That, in itself, is an impressive number," Bailey pointed out, "and we want to improve on that."

Currently, there are six bus drivers maintaining morning and afternoon runs to and from the three-mentioned communities and another driver is out on medical leave and it is not known whether or not he will return. Most are retired, not in it for the money, but more so for the reward of getting their riders to where they need to be, safely and timely, whether it is to a doctor's appointment, to the grocery store, or to their place of business. The handicapped,

too, are dependent upon these driver's, who are able to handle wheelchair personnel, those with walkers, and just about any other challenging aspect thrown at them. Having a commercial driver's license is not required, but is, of course, a plus. The amount of time served driving a bus for CATS among the current driver's ranges from eighteen and one-half years down to the newest driver, coming on board last October.

"We do need to recruit more drivers," Bailey emphasized, knowing full well summer vacations are on the horizon. "We know we are not filling all the requirements thrown at us. We need to build that portfolio of volunteer drivers and make sure we are reaching out to every community in the county. We absolutely need more drivers on the bus side, quickly as possible, to get the backup slate filled."

How is it Bailey was able to slide into the open position when Gagnon resigned? Well, if you follow her history, it is easy to see why the Board of Directors wasted little time in choosing her to nail down the slot. Bailey is a local woman, growing up in Charlestown. She is a graduate of Fall Mountain Regional High School and has raised three children along the way, all also having graduated from the Langdon school. She received an associates degree "later in life". In 1978 she went to work for the Student Conservation Agency in North Charlestown as a three-month temporary clerical associate.

"I stayed 37 years, acting on two different occasions as a senior executive, once when a CEO took a sabbatical and once when a CEO left and I was the lead executive for just about a year," Bailey explained. "I had reached a point in life where I knew it was time to step away from the organization and hand the baton over to someone else. Thirty-seven years is a long time and I was really blessed to be there. I really became sort of a non-profit lover and I appreciate so much what the non-profit community does at large and in our own backyard. When I did resign I knew I wanted to take a break. I had been working hard since I was a young person. I was fortunate enough to take a few months off always knowing I was ready to get back into the work force because I was not quite at retirement age. I knew what I

wanted to do and still want to do and that is to provide a non-profit service to the non-profit sector. One of the ways to do that is to act as an interim executive director. I had just begun to actually promote myself to the community and our backyard as someone with that skill. I was looking for an opportunity to help a non-profit that was in transition because I enjoy that. This opportunity came to me and it is fun to be here."

To say Bailey will go with the flow, to maintain things as they are, to stand pat and keep everyday operations on an even keel would be to choke her longings for a better establishment, to curtail her dream of running a top-notch company, to smother her aim to be the

best she can be. She has an outlook directed at improvement, gain, and efficiency.

"The first thing is to be able to come in and make sure we are working in the most efficient way possible," Bailey stated., "that we are paying attention to all our constituents, that we are meeting our obligations in a friendly manner. Right now my time is making sure all that is in place. I have ideas how

we might make things different, like providing a survey instrument to our patrons so we can have timely feedback to how we are doing, everything from customer service, to how we answer the phone, to how the bus drivers are greeting people, to the condition of the buses. I know all of that has been done in the past. It is worthwhile to bring it back."

To date Bailey has set about to bring in a full-time dispatcher, perhaps one with a CDL that could fill in driving bus if the need were to arise. She has thoughts on how CATS can better serve Claremont's Amtrak riders, and perhaps, even, partaking of a venture along route 120 to Lebanon.

"That is down the road and it probably won't come in my time here," Bailey said of the route 120 dream. "It is a big opportunity, but it comes with a big price tag."

Bailey has applied for a grant for money in support of both the bus transportation and the volunteer driver program.

All this in just one week's time? Looks like the future of CATS is promising! (pun intended).



Val Bailey (Les St.Pierre photo)



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**Presents the following FREE events:**

EVENT: **CALM:**  
**Counseling on Access to Lethal Means**  
 DATE: Thursday, May 12, 2016=  
 TIME: 5:30PM – 7:30PM  
 WHERE: New London Fire Department  
 237 Main St, New London, NH 03257

For more information and registration:  
 NAME: Melody Actouka, Training Coordinator  
 EMAIL: [island-melody@hotmail.com](mailto:island-melody@hotmail.com)

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 24 in New Hampshire. Preventing these suicides is complex and requires all of us to work collaboratively. One method that has proven effective is the reduction of access to lethal means – particularly firearms and medications.

This interactive workshop addresses why and how to accomplish restricting access to lethal means. CALM is recognized on the Suicide Prevention Resource Center and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Best Practice Registry, Section III.

**DATE & LOCATION CHANGE**

EVENT: **Suicide Postvention Training**  
 DATE: Saturday, June 4, 2016  
 TIME: 9:00AM – 3:00PM  
 WHERE: Episcopal Church-The Epiphany  
 65 Park St, Newport, NH 03773

For more information and registration:  
 NAME: Melody Actouka, Training Coordinator  
 EMAIL: [island-melody@hotmail.com](mailto:island-melody@hotmail.com)

Postvention training helps service providers respond in a coordinated and comprehensive way in the aftermath of a suicide or any sudden death. We have great speakers and specialists who will guide you in what the correct response is to handling a suicide which can affect an entire community.

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## Bobcat Season Proposal Withdrawn

CONCORD, NH--The NH Fish and Game Department, in consultation with the NH Fish and Game Commission, has withdrawn the proposed administrative rule regarding a limited bobcat season.

On April 1, 2016, the NH Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) entered a "Preliminary Objection" to the text of the proposed administrative rule regarding a "Limited Bobcat Season" (proceeding #2015-206).

### The Process

The N.H. Fish and Game Commission voted in October of 2015 in favor of initiating rule-making for a bobcat hunting and trapping season, to include the issuance of 50 permits (for NH residents only) via a lottery system. In December of 2015, the Commission approved a final draft season proposal presented by the Department, opening the way for the rule-making process to begin. The formal solicitation of public comment included collection of written input, email correspondence and comments at a two-session public hearing.

On February 17, 2016, the NH Fish and Game Commission voted 5 to 4 to move forward on a proposal to establish a bobcat hunting and trapping season in New Hampshire.

### Background

Following completion of Fish and Game's collaborative bobcat research study with the University of New Hampshire, the Commission asked the Department if the state's bobcat population could sustain harvest. The Department concluded that the population could sustain modest harvest (a conservatively estimated 77 cats).



**The Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity garden bed project got underway on Saturday with the delivery of 12 raised garden beds to the neighborhood between Mulberry, Pleasant, Prospect and Central Streets in Claremont. The garden beds were built by Sugar River Vo-Tech students and were delivered and set up by volunteers from the Claremont 4-H Jaguars, a group from the Hartland Congregational Church and other local volunteers. Drainage rock and soil were provided by Ben Merriam Property Management. This project is one of many that is planned by the Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity to encourage growth and make our neighborhoods a better place to live. Top: loading up the beds; bottom: Setting up one of the garden beds (Bill Binder photos).**

## Sunday Brunch At South Congregational Church

NEWPORT, NH--On Sunday, May 1st, 11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m., the Dave and Jane Heald Sweetheart Brunch at South Congregational Church will be held featuring Dave's famous chowder, ham, quiche and salads, sweet rolls, breads and dessert.

Tickets are \$12 for adults \$6 for children and tots are free. For reservations, call 863-3729. Proceeds to benefit the Sanctuary Drapery Fund. Sponsored by the Heald family.



## Valley Regional Wine Gala

To benefit access to primary care

### Did you know:

There are **236 homeless school-age children** in Sullivan County with **no primary care provider?**

We want to **keep those children healthy** and we need your help.

Our staff is coordinating with local agencies such as the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Geisel School of Medicine Medical Students to identify and provide care for these children in our family practice. Our wine gala will raise funds for access to primary care.

### Here is how you can get involved:

- ✓ Become an event sponsor (*Please see sponsorship page for details.*)
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La Belle Vineyards and Winery, Amherst NH  
Farnum Hill Ciders at Poverty Lane Orchards, Lebanon NH  
Newfound Lake Winery, Bristol NH

For questions or to sign up, please contact:

**Kyle Ranney, Community Liaison**

**Email [Kyle.Ranney@vrh.org](mailto:Kyle.Ranney@vrh.org) or call 543-5601**



# Valley Regional Healthcare

## Wine Gala

Our staff is coordinating with local agencies such as the Claremont Soup Kitchen and Geisel School of Medicine Medical Students to identify and provide access to care for homeless children in our family practice. Our wine gala will raise funds for access to primary care.



**May 1, 2016**

**4:00 PM—6:00 PM**

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## Mayoral Notes

By  
Charlene Lovett



### A Busy Second Quarter

At the Council's first meeting in January, I reviewed all of the items that we had to attend to over the next two years. It was quite an extensive list and prioritization was necessary if we were to stay on task and get things done. During the overview it became evident that 2016 was destined to be a challenging year and that much would be asked of Councilors in terms of their time. In addition to the annual budget discussions, the Council would need to consider the charter amendment process, hire a company to guide the community through the search for a new city manager, update policies, and meet with the Claremont School Board. With the approach of April, we are now into the 2nd quarter and, perhaps, into the busiest part of the year.

At our next Council meeting, members will decide upon the schedule for budget discussions which will begin in May and end no later than June 30th. In considering the schedule, the Council agreed that meeting on week-nights is preferable to meeting on Saturdays. Members also agreed that multiple, shorter meetings were more productive than one or two long budget meetings. This will ensure that Councilors are at their best to approve a budget that will meet the needs of the City and the community it serves. Given that the first, regularly scheduled meetings in both May and June will be allocated for business not associated with the budget, it is most likely that the Council will be meeting nearly every week until the budget is finalized.

On April 27th, Dave Scanlan of the Secretary of State's office will review the charter amendment process with the Council. Currently, the City is out of compliance with the charter in two areas. When the City changed its fiscal year to July 1st through June 30th, we fell out of synch with the budget timelines outlined in the charter. In addition, the charter requires a residency requirement for the Fire and Police Chiefs and the DPW Director. The constitutionality of this requirement has come into



**The Claremont Fire Department will put its new Kubota RTV X1120D rough terrain vehicle into service during the spring brush fire season. The X1120D has been retrofitted for the fire service. The rig holds a 450-foot supply line, 300 feet of forestry hose and an onboard pump powered by a gas engine. A "Stokes rescue basket" can be added for patient transport at off road rescues if needed. The Kubota is outfitted with emergency lights, is registered and can be driven on the road as well as almost anywhere off-road (Bill Binder photo).**

question, and recent feedback from the Attorney General's office states that we would have to have a very compelling reason to make residency a requirement. Since a few things

have changed recently with the law regarding charter amendment changes, having Mr. Scan-

**(Continued on page A32)**

### REQUEST FOR PURCHASE

**Vacant parcel, Providence Avenue, Tax Map 118, Lot 29  
Proposal Due Date: May 11, 2016**

The City of Claremont invites responses to a Request for Purchase of a vacant +/- .23 acre parcel located on Providence Avenue, Tax Map 118, Lot 29. Responses are to be received in a sealed envelope no later than Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The address is City of Claremont, City Manager's Office, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743. Statements must be clearly marked Providence Avenue Tax Map 118, Lot 29. Specifications are available in the Planning and Development office at 504-0340, or by email at [newbiz@claremontnh.com](mailto:newbiz@claremontnh.com); specifications are also available on the Bids page at the city website [www.claremontnh.com](http://www.claremontnh.com). All responders are encouraged to meet with the Planning and Development staff and to visit the site. This parcel is located in the flood zone and will have building restrictions. The City of Claremont reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

## Mayoral Notes, from A31

I can walk us through the process will ensure that we proceed with any proposed amendments in an accurate manner.

In preparation for the search of a new city manager, the Council agreed in March that issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was necessary in order to attract highly qualified companies successful in executive searches. At the next meeting (Apr 27), the Council will decide upon the company related criteria that will be included in the RFQ. Once the RFQ is issued, respondents will be interviewed and a selection will be made. The company hired will then begin the search and residents will have ample opportunity to participate in the process.

Early in the year, the Council established a Policy Committee in order to update many of the ordinances that hadn't been reviewed in quite some time. Since the charter requires that ordinances be reviewed on the 5th anniversary of their creation and every five years thereafter, achieving compliance could only be done with the focused effort of a committee. Assistant Mayor Bergeron is the chair of the committee which is a mix of councilors and residents. Currently, the committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month, but this may change to twice a month once the budget season is over.

In order to better serve the residents of the Claremont, both the School Board and the Council agree that joint meetings are necessary on a periodic basis. The school board has designated the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays as potential meeting dates, and the Council is considering June 28th as a possible date for the first joint meeting. Given the above, there is no doubt that the demand on Councilors' time will be significant this quarter.

On a final note, Friday is Earth Day and an opportunity to help improve your neighborhood and city. Please consider what you can do in recognition of the day, and remember that free tire disposal will be offered for one day only at the Transfer Station this Saturday (April 23rd). Residents, with Claremont Transfer Station decals, may dispose of unwanted or abandoned tires up to 20" (with or without rims) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at [char\\_lovett@hotmail.com](mailto:char_lovett@hotmail.com)*

## Public Forum Set For Sculpture Proposal For Bullpen

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The public will finally have a say on a proposal to build a sculpture in the center of Opera House Square, an idea put forth by local sculptor Ernest Montenegro but which has evoked a strong response from many residents, especially on social media sites where posts have been mostly opposed. Some have indicated that while they like the idea of a new art piece, the bullpen is not the place for such a work and have suggested other locations.

"Since there have been several iterations on the design, the Council asked the City Manager in March to set up a public forum to give people an opportunity to learn about the design and ask questions," Mayor Charlene Lovett told the *e-Ticker News*. "The City Manager coordinated with Mr. Montenegro for May 3rd at the Community Center. I have heard people on both sides of the issue and will be very interested to see how the forum goes."

The public forum has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Montenegro's first design removed the parking from the bullpen to make a public space with flowers and trees. Downtown business owners and residents were opposed to losing the 11 parking spaces. Montenegro said he would come back with a new design, which he did, one which incorporated building a sculpture with two large arches and "water curtains". Concerns about visibility, plowing snow, snow and ice falling from the large structures and hitting cars and people and long-term maintenance were raised, both by residents and members of the City Council. Montenegro recently went before the council with a third concept, one which replaced the water curtains with two small fountains and the solid arches with a lattice design. However, the same concerns about visibility, long-term costs, people climbing the structures and the other issues remain, leading the council to decide to hold a public forum.

## Arrest On A Warrant Made In Georges Mills

In a press release issued by the Claremont Police Department late this morning, it was reported that on April 15, 2016, at around 9:45 p.m. Travis Bunnell, age 34, was arrested by the New Hampshire State Police on a warrant that had been issued by Claremont Police Department for the charges of Aggravated Felonies Sexual Assault and Indecent Exposure and Lewdness, both felony level offenses. The warrant was applied for and granted after an investigation of an allegation involving a child. During the investigation it was determined that the child was known to Bunnell. The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Bunnell was taken into custody without incident in Georges Mills. He was processed at the Claremont Police Department and held at the Sullivan County Department of Corrections. He was scheduled to be arraigned at 1:00 p.m. today, Monday.

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Travis Bunnell

## Solar Q&A with Solaflect Energy

A Solar Q&A with Solaflect Energy will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Philip Read Memorial Library, downstairs on Wednesday, April 27. Learn about going solar, and about the Solaflect PV Tracker. Locally engineered and manufactured, the Tracker moves throughout the day to face the sun. The result is increased energy production and value. Contact Jonathan: 802-649-3700 or [jte@solaflect.com](mailto:jte@solaflect.com).





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