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City Center Color in full bloom in Claremont's Opera House Square adds a splash of beauty downtown (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

Lebanon Police Department's K9 Briggs To Get Body Armor

LEBANON, NH--Lebanon Police Department's K9 Briggs will receive a bullet and stab protective vest, thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Briggs' vest is sponsored by an anonymous donor and will be embroidered with the sentiment "This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc."

Delivery is expected within eight to 10 weeks. Officer Tracy has been a police officer with the Lebanon Police Department since 2003 and began handling K9 Briggs, a male German Shepherd, in July of 2013. Tracy and K9 Briggs recently received a Commendation Bar for Lifesaving after a January, 2016, track of a motor vehicle accident occupant who had the left the scene. The occupant was found after a track over difficult terrain and in snow covered and dark conditions. The occupant was suffering from the onset of hypothermia and due to this team's dedication and determination, a life was saved. In October of this year, Tracy and K9 Briggs will also receive the

New Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Award in the "Dedication and Professionalism" category for this lifesaving track.

"We are proud of Officer Tracy and K9 Briggs and are thankful K9 Briggs will now have a protective vest from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.," said Lebanon Police Chief Richard Mello.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA, whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 2,000 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost



Officer Tracy and K9 Briggs (Courtesy photo).

of over \$1.7 million. All vests are custom made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$1,050.00. Each vest has a value between \$1,795 – \$2,234 and a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

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CAHS Announces That It Will Cease Transportation Services

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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NEWPORT, NH--The Community Alliance for Human Services, Inc. (CAHS) has announced that it "will regrettably cease operation of its Sullivan County rural public transportation service as of the close of business on September 9, 2016. CAHS and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) are working together to secure another provider for bus and volunteer driver services in Sullivan County."

In a press release, the CAHS said that "Over the last several years, CAHS has experienced ongoing challenges to meet local match required to access committed Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for rural public transportation (Section 5311), which funds the local bus service, and for seniors and individuals with disabilities (Section 5310), which funds the Volunteer Driver Program. In an effort to develop adequate sustainable local funding and assure delivery of the most efficient and cost-effective public and specialized transportation service to Sullivan County, CAHS applied for and received two planning grants. For the past year, CAHS has been working with National Rural Transit Assistance Program (NRTAP) and the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) to develop a viable plan for sustainable transportation services for the residents of Sullivan County. Due to the difficulty in securing local match over the last several years, CAHS now finds that it is unable to sustain current operations after September 9, 2016."

CAHS and the NHDOT are currently in discussions with several entities to maintain services. CAHS and NHDOT are committed to identifying a new provider of Sullivan County public transportation services as quickly as possible, said Valerie Bailey, Interim Executive Director of the Alliance.

"It is with deep regret that this difficult decision to cease transportation services is made. The Community Alliance for Human Services will do all that it can to support the ongoing effort to secure a new transportation provider as soon as possible," said Bailey.

Bailey told the *e-Ticker News* that approximately 300 people in Sullivan County utilize



Financial challenges are forcing the Community Alliance for Human Services to shut down its transportation services (File photo).

both the bus service, and an average of 30-50 people per month receive rides through CAHS volunteer drivers. Service has been available in Claremont, Newport and Charlestown.

At Wednesday night's City Council meeting, it was announced that the Alliance was not in a position to sponsor the "Reach The Peak" sporting event as it had done in the past as a fundraiser, scheduled for Aug. 27, and that the Claremont Parks and Rec Dept. would be taking over the event. There was no mention of cutting services Wednesday night. Costs associated with the event will be offset by revenue brought in by participant registration and vendor fees.

In addition to running the transportation service, CAHS has been the management agency for Maple Manor in Newport. Maple Manor is a smoke-free independent housing complex providing housing options for qualifying low income elderly and disabled persons. "The agreement is also ending, and the Maple Manor board is in the process of securing a new management agency," Bailey told the *e-Ticker News*.

Fugitive Of The Week

Mark Stadtmiller, Jr.

DOB 12/27/84
Last Known Address: 16 Union St., Claremont, NH
White male, 6'1".
WGT 190, blue eyes, blond hair.

On July 23, 2016, Stadtmiller was ordered by the Claremont District Court to report to the Sullivan County House of Corrections to start a sentence. Stadtmiller failed to report to the Sullivan County House of Corrections.

On August 3, 2016, a warrant was issued for Stadtmiller, charging him with a Class B Felony Offense of Escape.



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Letter To The Editor

Find Alternative Tax That Is Fair, Equitable And Rational

To The Editor:

In the thousands of articles and posts on NH politics, the divisiveness, the issue distractions, etc., not one has covered the issue of abusive tax structure in this state nor the fact that both the Democratic and Republican "No New Tax Pledge" lemmings have forced thousands of seniors, young professionals, middle income earners out of their homes and made it difficult for many to reach their dreams of home ownership. How a state's governor and legislative branches can ignore multiple State Supreme Court rulings that education funding is a state responsibility is beyond irrational and borders on selfishness. I say this because most of the state's politicians that are income secure and pander to the wealthy are ignoring the challenges of our lower income life-long, young and blue collar residents that can't afford a home because of this. We almost had a bi-partisan shift in 1999 that wanted to do the right thing, but the Democratic Governor squashed what surely would have been the right decision.

Listen to me, Governor and State Legislature, obey the Supreme Court ruling as you are entrusted to do through our NH Constitution. Be smart, honorable and help the hundreds of thousands of NH citizens that are struggling to pay their abusive property taxes and stop pandering to the small percentage of wealthy in this state! You put 70% of the State's administrative tax burden on the backs of a minority class, when that burden should be spread across all classes! A more rational tax would cut abusive property tax rates in half and legislation could prevent property taxes from ever being unreasonable. Find an alternative that is fair, equitable and rational and get over this artificial "Tax Pledge" nonsense. Just a thought!

In response to my thoughts on this, Mark Fernald had this to say:

I think taxes should be fair. And it's not just me. It's right in the New Hampshire Bill of Rights. "Every member of the community has a right to be protected by it, in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property; he is therefore bound to contribute his share in the expense of such protection."

NH Constitution, Part First, Article 12

New Hampshire relies on the property tax more than any other state. Over two-thirds of all state and local tax revenue comes from the property tax. As a result, some people are not paying their share of the cost of government, while others are paying far more than their share.

The property tax in New Hampshire is unfair, particularly to retired homeowners. It is common to find retirees who are paying 10%, 15% or even 20% of their income in property taxes. Retired homeowners in New Hampshire pay more in state and local taxes than retirees in any other state.

The property tax divides our communities, pitting retirees against young families who want good schools for their children. The property tax keeps our poorer towns poor, and disadvantages their children.

We need a governor and legislature that will tackle our unfair tax system, not hide behind pledges and pretend there is no problem.

Some will argue that we can't fix our property tax problem, than any solution will make things worse. But for every state that has done a poor job handling its finances, there are states with low property taxes and good public services. For example, in Delaware they have an income tax, while the property taxes on a typical home are less than half the property taxes on a similar home in New Hampshire. Moreover, middle class families in Delaware have a lower overall tax burden than similar families in New Hampshire.

Over the past fifteen years, the total property tax bill in New Hampshire has doubled. Very few people have seen their incomes double. Taking "the Pledge" just means that the property tax problem will get worse. It is time for solutions, not empty 'anti-tax' rhetoric that perpetuates a system that everyone knows is unfair.

Bill Kennedy
Claremont, NH

Editor's Note: NH Rep. John Cloutier is taking a summer break from his weekly column.

Maple Ave. School Teacher Fundraising For Document Camera For Class

CLAREMONT, NH--A first grade teacher at Maple Avenue School has launched a fundraiser to get a document camera for her class.

"My students need a document camera," said Amy Murray. "Overhead projectors are very outdated, but we still need a tool so the kids can see as a whole group up on the board. My students love technology but are limited on what they have access to. Every young child learns through play and they love to play! We play all kinds of games in the classroom and they love to beat the teacher.

In my classroom, I will use the document camera mostly to introduce new games that the students will play in centers/stations independently, once they have learned them. I will introduce the games as a whole group on the camera where everyone will be able to see the materials needed for the games and the process/rules as we play the game for the first time. By using the document camera, the students will be able to see the games as they will look when they are on their own and will then be more successful when attempting the game without my presence.

"I will also use the document camera to display books I read aloud so the students can follow along while I read, and to model the writing process daily when I write to the kids," said Murray.

Anyone who would like to donate can visit https://www.donorschoose.org/project/document-camera-more-games-and-more-le/2101591/?rf=link-siteshare-2016-08-teacher-teacher_3175721&challengeid=20658393.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Buffet In Cornish

CORNISH, NH--An All You Can Eat Spaghetti Buffet, Aug. 19-20, will be served at the United Church of Cornish Vestry on Center road in Cornish from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adults \$ 8.00, children \$ 6.00 preschool free. Take outs available. Air conditioned dining room.

To order your special pie, call Rev. Dale at 1-603-542-8546.

MRI Releases Proposed Plan For City Manager Search

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), the consulting company hired by the City to help with the city manager search, has released a proposed process and timeline; copies of the plan were available at Wednesday night's council meeting. In the plan, the Meredith, NH, company said that it would be creating an Ideal Candidate Profile & Challenge Statement for the position and was looking to "understand the specific challenges the next city manager will face and get a good feel for the specific characteristics and strengths that the City desires in its next city manager." To accomplish those goals, MRI said in its experience the best way to accomplish that is through one-on-one phone interviews with each city councilor, interview with the mayor, interview with current city manager Guy Santagate, have listening sessions with department heads and establish an email address for community input. It also suggested allowing "some specified amount of time during each council meeting to receive input from residents."

About seven weeks into the process, the Screening Committee/Interview Panel will review the submittals of the top 12-15 candidates, said MRI. The MRI recruitment manager will then meet with the Screening Committee/Interview Panel to assist in selecting the five to six candidates that will be invited to interviews with the panel. The council will then interview the top three finalists.

The Screening Committee/Interview Panel should be no larger than nine individuals who represent different sectors of the community, said MRI.

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Sept 14	4:00 - 6:00 pm	South Newbury Union Church, Newbury
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Sept 16	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Lyon Brook, New London
Sept 16	2:00 - 4:00 pm	First Baptist Church, New London
Sept 19	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Sutton Town Hall, Sutton
Sept 20	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Danbury Community Center, Danbury
Sept 20	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Kearsarge COA, New London
Sept 21	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Claremont Senior Center, Claremont
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Sept 22	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Springfield Town Hall, Springfield
Sept 23	1:00 - 3:00 pm	St. Andrews Church, New London
Sept 23	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Washington Town Hall, Washington
Sept 26	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Sunapee Seniors, Methodist Church, Sunapee
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Sept 27	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Marion Phillips, Claremont
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Council, School Board Hold Joint Meeting To Collaborate On Moving City Forward

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
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CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont City Council and School Board held a joint meeting Tuesday evening to find ways to collaborate in addressing local issues and help to move the community forward. By the end of the two hour-plus meeting, both boards had agreed to create several new subcommittees to find better ways to market the City and schools, address poverty and enhance vocational ed training.

Mayor Charlene Lovett said that "We should be proud that we have some of the leading companies in the country right here." In particular, she was referencing Canam, which she said has a backlog of work until 2021. She said that the plant is only working at half capacity because it cannot find the qualified workers it is seeking. "Fortunately...we have the Tech Center and two colleges in the City to create the workforce we need. Some of that is happening, but there is room to do better."

Lovett also said that the City lost \$110 million in value due to the reval two years ago and that helped to shoot up the tax rate "overnight." There are two ways to increase the valuation of the City she said, adding to the grand list and increasing market value. The sunsetting of the River Road TIF added about \$11 million of market value, but she said the City needs to focus on maintaining the infrastructure that impacts the desirability of neighborhoods so as to attract new residents and home buyers. "We have jobs, we have good-paying jobs, but not enough workers with the skill sets companies need."

Labor stats show that the population of Claremont peaked in 1980, declined in the 90s/2000s and has seen only marginal growth since then. Lovett said the City needs to attract new residents and businesses by leveraging and promoting its assets while interrupting the cycle of generational poverty. Infrastructure-wise, the City can support a bigger population.

Another issue impacting the community is early childhood development, which affects the school side of things, and requires enough child care in the City so that people can work.

School Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin told the joint meeting that they are partners, with neither side being able to go forward

without the other. "The reality is, we have families in crisis, not a majority, but a critical group." Using a PowerPoint presentation, McGoodwin reviewed the impact on families that an inadequate education can have, citing, for example, the wealth gap between those with a college degree and those with a high school or less level education. There is also a correlation between education levels and the rate of births to unmarried mothers, with those with a lower level having the higher unmarried mother birth rate. They also tend to have children at a younger age.

While McGoodwin said that a school district can't "fix" poor students, "We can confront our mindset as a school. Students in poverty must overcome inequalities to learn." Such strategies would include eliminating low expectations for low income students and adjusting class biases that affect interactions with, and expectations for, students. "If we lower expectations for that child, we become 'gatekeepers' for that child," said McGoodwin. In answering the question of what schools can do, he said that schools can help in areas of health and nutrition, effort and energy, mindset and the quality of relationships between students and teachers.

In studies from April of 2014, 44% of Kindergarten students were below or well below benchmark in reading as measured by DIBELS assessments. By January of this year, 72% of Kindergarten students met the benchmark in reading as measured by the same assessment. Full-day Kindergarten is addressing the challenges of early childhood education for Claremont children, said McGoodwin. On the high school level, the district recently received the report of PSAT scores from the fall 2015 test date. Based on the class of 2018 test takers, the school's mean score was 1074, higher than both the state (1029) and national (1009) mean score, positive news that the administration admitted it had done a poor job of getting out to the community.

As the discussion evolved, those attending honed in on concentrating on the three areas of vocational education training, poverty and marketing as key to growing the City and attracting more business and residents.

School Board Vice Chair Chris Irish said, "This is the 3rd time in 16 years these two boards have met. The first two times bore no

fruit." He called for a different outcome this time. "People stopped caring and started believing their own perceptions," he said. "We need to set the bar. The boards need to change their attitudes; we need to be our own best cheerleaders, not the worst."

Councilor Carolyn Towle said she wanted to know what could be done to improve the education-job link as well as wanting to know more about poverty in the area. Councilor Scott Pope said that having good infrastructure, good-paying jobs and other things didn't matter if "your community attitude drives people away." School Board Chair Brian Rapp said the welding program at the Tech Center in Newport is being "under utilized" and he wondered if it could be taught at the Claremont Tech Center as well. Irish called for creating a Tech Center subcommittee whose members would include business reps from area companies. "I think subcommittees are a great tool," said Lovett. Pope called for including a Tech Center instructor on the committee.

Assistant Mayor Vic Bergeron said that a key issue was that the community doesn't "push enough of the good things that are happening. Both organizations don't take the time to do it." Lovett asked McGoodwin if the district had a strategic marketing plan; he said it did not but that they would like to learn more about what the City is doing. Lovett added, "We have a lot to celebrate" but said not enough of it is being talked about.

Councilor Nick Koloski called for a "task force on poverty...it needs to be established first and foremost." He also said that it's difficult to "get marketing out for the jobs that are being offered." Lovett said the City should provide "welcome" packets to those coming or looking here, but others suggested directing interest to the City website. Irish wondered why the district and City each needed their own sites and suggested combining them. Board member Becky Ferland said that during budget time they should look at the issue of sharing a Public Information Officer again. "(That) issue goes back three years," said McGoodwin. "The timing is right."

By the end of the meeting, the two boards had agreed on creating subcommittees to look at tech education, poverty and marketing. The boards hope to meet again in November to follow up on the efforts made during Tuesday night's meeting.

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Claremont American Band Concerts

CLAREMONT, NH--Claremont American Band concerts are being presented weekly at Broad St. Park (weather permitting). Music includes Sousa and R.B. Hall Marches, Military Marches, and favorite classic tunes. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy this free family friendly concert Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. through Aug. 18.

The Claremont American Band is a community band with a long history of 129 years. It is led by Director Ed Evensen and is a Claremont Parks and Recreation's program. The group is made up of students, amateurs and professional musicians. New members are welcome, for info contact Ed Evensen, eevensen@sau60.org, 603-543-0312.

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The fourth annual New Hampshire Permaculture Day takes place on August 20th in nearby Alstead (Courtesy photo).

NH Permaculture Day Is August 20

ALSTEAD, NH--The fourth annual New Hampshire Permaculture Day takes place on August 20th in nearby Alstead. The Day is a public gathering that brings together permaculture enthusiasts, teachers and interested newcomers from across New Hampshire and the NH border lands. Permaculture, or "permanent culture", is a system of agricultural and social design principles developed from patterns and features found in natural systems.

The day will be filled with hands-on workshops, demonstrations, talks, walks and knowledge sharing on topics related to food production, edible and medicinal landscape design, climate change, sustainable energy, natural building, homesteading, foraging and more. Whether you are curious about permaculture or a seasoned practitioner, there will be something for everyone. The Day features workshops from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., a vendor marketplace with local goods and crafts, and a local, organic, farm-to-table lunch. Bring the family; there will also be supervised activities for kids.

This year's event is hosted by the Orchard Hill Community in East Alstead, NH, which is home to Orchard Hill Breadworks, The Orchard School, Orchard Hill Farm and Village Roots Permaculture. Orchard Hill is located on Old Settlers Road, just a few miles from NH Routes 123 and 10.

Admission is \$35 with student, senior and family discounts available. For more information and tickets go to <http://www.nhpermacultureday.org/2016-Event>, or check out the Facebook page.

Cornish School District/SAU #100 Transition Meeting

CORNISH, NH--A Cornish School District/SAU #100 Transition Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 3:15 p.m., at the Cornish Elementary School.

Lake Sunapee VNA Announces New Venue For Summer Fundraiser

NEW LONDON, NH--Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) will hold its 2016 summer fundraiser – A Time To Care – in the beautiful and newly renovated Draper Room at the Center at Eastman in Grantham on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and proceeds benefit the vital home care and hospice services provided by LSRVNA, a locally-based non-profit organization serving the community since 1970. Sponsorships at a variety of levels are also available and are very important to the event's success.

"We are delighted to be able to celebrate in such a lovely location and hope community members who have not yet seen the new Center will take this opportunity to do so. We also look forward to welcoming guests from throughout our service area, which spans the Lake Sunapee, Upper Valley and Connecticut Valley regions of NH," said Cathy Raymond, LSRVNA Development Officer.

The event features wonderful food samplings from area restaurants, East Bay Jazz Ensemble and a special presentation. For tickets and information, contact Cathy Raymond at 603-526-4077 or craymond@lakesunapeevna.org.

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Patient Family Advisory Council Volunteers Needed At Valley Regional Hospital

CLAREMONT, NH--The Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC) at Valley Regional Healthcare (VRH) was created to integrate the patient and family perspective into the planning, delivery and assessment of all services. The council is autonomous and self-governed, supported by VRH senior management. Its mission is to provide input that can improve outcomes and overall patient experience.

PFAC members may also participate on various VRH committees, including Safety, Governance, and Quality. Council members can help drive strategic projects, providing the voice of VRH "consumers"; they are a valuable resource to the management team. Examples of past PFAC contributions include user-friendly changes to outpatient services, better signage, a new palliative care program, and systems improvements (such as comment cards) aimed at increasing patient satisfaction.

VRH is currently recruiting new members for the Patient Family Advisory Council. A prospective PFAC member must have had a personal or family member experience at VRH – inpatient or outpatient, clinics, Urgent Care, Emergency Department, or primary care – within the last two years. Interested individuals will be asked to complete the volunteer application process, and should be able to commit to one meeting per month.

Jenkins Dance & Gymnastics Center

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We are excited to be adding Piano Instruction to our list of offerings this year and would like to welcome David Chaves to our program.

Private Piano Lessons with David Chaves

David Chaves has been giving private piano lessons for 30 years in the Upper Valley. He is the Music Director of the Area Choir of Newport, and is a faculty member of the Upper Valley Music Center in Lebanon, and is the Accompanist for the West Claremont Center for Music and Arts. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music Theory and Composition from Long Island University.

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Cynthia Ashe Named Mt. Ascutney Hospital Employee Of The Month

WINDSOR, VT – Cynthia Ashe has been named Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC)

Employee of the Month for June.

Ashe, who has worked as a secretary in the Surgical Specialties office since 2012, was cited for her excellent job performance and outstanding patient service.



Cynthia Ashe

According to Hannah Houghton, Surgical Specialties Practice Manager at MAHHC, “Cindy is level headed and calm, always cheery and professional, the epitome of what a secretary should be. She goes above and beyond for every patient and every co-worker. She consistently helps co-workers brainstorm situations and her customer service is phenomenal.”

Ashe lives in Claremont, NH.

WorkReadyNH Program To Be Offered at RVCC

CLAREMONT, NH--The WorkReadyNH program will be offered at River Valley Community College Claremont campus beginning August 29th.

It is quick and easy to sign up. Email workreadyrvcc@ccsnh.edu or call call Martha at 603-603-543-4585.

For more information, please go to www.ccsnh.edu/workreadynh or see WorkReadyNH on Facebook.

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- * WorkReadyNH Certificate from the Community College System of NH

The course will run: August 29th - September 19th, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Gittell ReAppointed Chancellor Of NH Community College System

CONCORD, NH--Dr. Ross Gittell will remain at the helm of the Community College System of NH, the CCSNH board of trustees announced following a unanimous vote to reappoint him to the position he has held since February 2012. The new appointment is for a 5 year term.

Paul Holloway, CCSNH board chair, said “We are pleased to extend Dr. Gittell’s service as chancellor of the community college system. Under his leadership, the system has made important steps forward and navigated through challenging waters. He has focused on student success in

college and in the 21st century economy, and on ensuring affordable access to higher education and training here in New Hampshire in support of NH’s evolving economic and workforce needs and opportunities.”

Holloway cited CCSNH’s increased partnerships with NH employers and enhanced pathways for NH residents to high-skill, high-demand careers in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields. He noted CCSNH’s leading role in creating NH’s “65 by 25” goal of having 65 percent of NH’s working age population with a postsecondary credential by 2025, aligned with future workforce needs, which has been embraced by numerous stakeholders in New

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Gittell, from A15

Hampshire including the Business and Industry Association and the Coalition for Business and Education, to support a strong economy and future quality of life in the state.

Over the past four years, CCSNH stabilized tuition, holding it flat since 2012 and even reducing tuition by 5 percent in 2014 with dedicated support from the state.

Holloway also highlighted new transfer pathways for community college students, including Dual Admission with the University System, that show promise to expand access to affordable in-state college education for more NH residents. "Under Chancellor Gittell's leadership, the Community College System of New Hampshire has been nationally recognized for the value our community colleges provide to their students as it continues to lead in modernizing and innovating in higher education," Governor Hassan said. "Chancellor Gittell is also leading in other efforts to ensure that we are preparing our young people for success in the innovation economy, collaborating with the university system, chairing the STEM Task Force to help modernize STEM education at our K-12 schools, and supporting competency-based education and the state's workforce initiatives. He has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to education in the Granite State, and I look forward to continue working with him to build an even stronger, more innovative New Hampshire where all of our students have the opportunity to grow and to thrive."



Gala...

The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce held its annual fundraising Auction Gala on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Claremont Airport. The rainy evening didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the approximately 150 Chamber members and others who had showed up to bid on the many great items up for auction. As the auction goes checked out the items for the silent auction, the ticket drop auction and the items for the live auction held at 8:00 p.m., they enjoyed music by "The Moores", hors d'oeuvres and desserts By ABC Catering and beverage services by Sweet Fire BBQ. Left: Robert Lovett checks out some of the silent auction items; right: The inside of the hangar was decorated with clouds and planes (Bill Binder photos).

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Shaheen Visits North Country Smokehouse

By Bill Binder
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--On Tuesday, Aug. 9, Senator Jeanne Shaheen visited the North Country Smokehouse facility on Sullivan St. She met with Mike Satzow to tour the 15,000-square-foot facility and discuss the plans for the new 66,000-square-foot plant now being built in the Syd Clarke Industrial Park.

Satzow told Shaheen the expansion will provide more space for the current 50 employees and will provide space for 20 more employees as production increases.

Satzow is the fourth generation to run the family business which has been producing artisanal meats and cheeses since 1912. He recently sold the business to the Canadian Company Les Specialties Prodal, headed by Julien Breton, that makes meat pies, bacon and pasta sauces.

Satzow mentioned that North Country Smokehouse plans to be the first U.S. producer of European style ham and that the company has hired a German sausage maker to teach employees how to make authentic



Mike Satzow shows Sen. Jeanne Shaheen where the hot dogs are waiting to be packaged (Bill Binder photo).

sausage products. He told Shaheen how the company maintained strict quality control procedures, including the use of a "bacteriophage" to control for listeria, a possible source of

bacteria. He added that the company is the largest producer of biotic-free meats in the country.

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SummerFest Concert Rescheduled

CLAREMONT, NH--Due to scattered severe storms on Saturday, the Draw the Line concert on August 13th at Arrowhead was cancelled and rescheduled for next month. The event is part of the Summerfest benefit series for Arrowhead.

The show has been rescheduled, same time, for Saturday, September 10th, at the Visitor Center Green in Claremont. All tickets already purchased will be honored for the rain date.

Draw The Line, hailing from Boston, is an Aerosmith Tribute Band, the only officially endorsed Aerosmith tribute band. Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler singled out Draw The Line as the best of the Aerosmith tribute bands. There are two local opening bands for Draw the Line, starting at 3:00 p.m.

First up is Flew-Z, out of Newport, NH. This high energy, hard driving, classic rock cover band offers a focus on Van Halen, Aerosmith and more. Following Flew-Z is Roadhouse. This a rock band that will make you smile, said organizers. This is an assembly of musicians that are up there on stage rockin' the house simply because they love to do it.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/CCGSUMMERFEST2016/?fref=ts>.



The Claremont City Council will hold a Special public meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:40 PM 4. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 22))
- 5. NEW BUSINESS
- 6:50 PM A. Motion to Authorize City Manager Compensation Range
- 7:30 PM 6. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



**Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center
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Free Access to Preschool!

The Claremont Preschool Center, located at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, is now offering free access to preschool for all children ages 3-5 years old residing in Claremont, NH, for the 2016-17 school year. All three-year-olds will be provided with two days a week, 9:00-11:30 and four year olds will be provided with three days a week, 12:30-3:00. Classes will be in operation on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Preschool is due to begin on September 13, 2016, and will follow the Claremont School District calendar for attendance throughout the school year unless otherwise noted. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in participating in this exciting new opportunity, please contact Genine Mattice, Preschool Coordinator at 543-4294 x254 or gmattice@sau6.org.

What Can Investors Learn From Roller Coaster Rides?

If you have an interest in looking up obscure holidays and celebrations, you will find that August 16th is National Roller Coaster Day. As you know, a roller coaster is used as a metaphor for many areas of life – including the financial markets. As an investor, what can you learn from this thrill ride?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Don't jump off. This is pretty standard advice for all roller coaster riders – but it's also a good recommendation for investors. Specifically, you don't want to exit the financial markets when they turn volatile. It can be tempting to do so, because the markets do indeed experience dizzying drops from time to time. But if you jump out of the markets when they're down, you may be on the outside when they start their climb, potentially missing out on gains.
- Protect yourself. When you're on a roller coaster, you are typically advised to keep your arms and legs inside the car to protect your extremities from dangerous contact with the track and other cars. As an investor, you also need to protect yourself from dangers such as a market downturn. If you owned just one type of asset, such as aggressive growth stocks, and a downturn occurred, you'd likely take a big hit. One of the best ways to help avoid this possibility is to diversify your holdings among stocks, bonds and other investments. Although diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against losses, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.
- Keep looking forward. When you're on a roller coaster, you don't want to look backward. Not only could you strain your neck, but you'll also be unprepared for the ups, downs, twists and turns that await you. When you invest, you want to keep looking forward as well. By keeping your eyes, and your focus, on your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you can be better prepared to follow a consistent strategy designed to help get you to your destination.
- Don't bring extra baggage. For obvious reasons, it's not a good idea to bring any loose or extra baggage inside a roller coaster car that may have you going upside down at 90 or so miles per hour. As an investor, you don't want to be saddled with any extra "baggage," either – and one of the biggest sources of this baggage is unrealistic expectations. If you think you will earn double-digit returns every year, you will likely be disappointed – and your disappointment could lead you to make unwise decisions, such as constantly buying and selling investments to improve your performance. This type of activity is expensive, time-consuming and usually futile. So, when you invest, maintain realistic expectations – it can help you stay on track toward your goals.

By following these basic guidelines for roller coasters, you'll enjoy a safer ride. And by observing similar rules for investing, you can help make your investment "journey" smoother – and less scary.

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Cornish Democratic Candidate Meet And Greet Pizza Party

CORNISH, NH--A Cornish Democratic Candidate Meet And Greet Pizza Party, sponsored by the Cornish Democratic Committee, will be held on Monday, Aug. 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Cornish Town Office Building Meeting Room, 488 Town House Road, Cornish. The candidates include: State Legislature House District 1, Representative Lee Oxenham, Representative Andrew Schmidt; House District 9, Linda Tanner; State Senate, Martha Hennessey.

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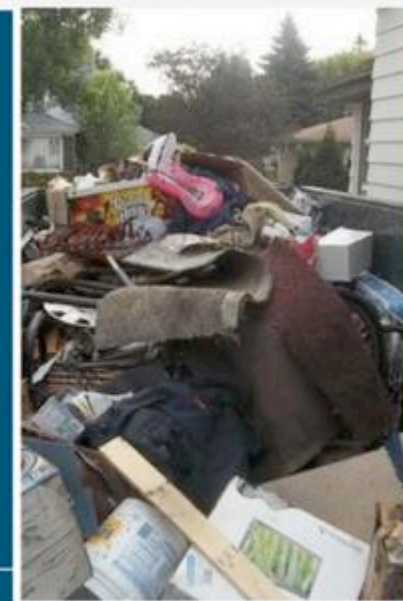
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Absentee Ballots Available In Sunapee

SUNAPEE, NH--Absentee ballots for the State Primary are now available at the Sunapee Town Clerk's Office.



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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Variations

My wife announced that she was going to some function and had to bring "finger food".
Me: OK. Have a good time.
Wife: This is what I am bringing.
She shows me a picture.
Me: Let me know how it turns out.
Wife: She is bringing it, but I am making it.
Looking at the picture, this concerns me.
So, the recipe below is what I made. Don't go attempting this without reading my comments below the recipe first.

Cucumber Crab Cups (AKA Crab Dainties)

6 oz Imitation Crabmeat flaked or chopped (I chopped)
2 tbsp lite mayonnaise
2 tbsp finely chopped onion
2 to 3 tsp chopped FRESH dill
8 to 10 drops hot sauce (a place to start)
4 to 5 large cucumbers ends trimmed
16 small dill sprigs

In a small bowl combine crabmeat, mayo, onion, dill, hot sauce and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well and cover and refrigerate until serving. May be made up to 1 day in advance. Slice cucumbers into 16 rounds 1 to 1 ½ inches thick. (First red flag)

To create a "cup", using a small spoon or melon baller scoop out the center of each round about three quarters of the way through (a little tricky).

Spoon crab mixture into each cup.

Garnish each cup with 1 dill sprig and serve. Alarms going off in my head.

First, a slice of cucumber 1 to 1 ½ inches thick is too thick for the average human mouth. I made my slices about ½ inch maybe less. It made scoping out the center tricky but do-able. Second, a large slice as recommended will overpower the crab mix. Sticking a small dill sprig into the crab on the cucumber is probably slightly less tedious than counting grains of sand on a beach. Don't even consider this if you aren't prepared with an adult beverage in a LARGE container.

If you really want to go this route, use those tiny sub-miniature cocktail shrimp. Easier on the low back and lower frustration level.

In defense of this recipe, the mix is very good and worth putting together. Serve this as a dip or on crackers. If you do the crackers, go with the shrimp garnish.

Oh, the cucumber things went over very well, but that's the last bunch anyone will see coming out of my kitchen. I'll use the crab mix in many other ways. I am thankful for this recipe but will pass on the underdone pickles.

Smoker sweet paprika rocks deviled eggs and egg salad. Big hit and major points scored. Play with your food. All the best cooks do.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.



Lollipop Carnival Fun!

Photos By Bill Binder

It was a hot and steamy day Friday for the annual Lollipop Carnival, but the popular annual event put on by the Claremont Parks & Rec Department avoided storms that had been a concern. This year's event was held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., rather than from mid-morning to mid-afternoon as had been the past schedule to allow for more families to attend after work. Hundreds of kids bought their lollipops (10 for \$1.00) and used them to win prizes and play games on the Midway. It cost one to five lollipops depending on the game and the prizes. In addition to the games, Dylan Tenney gave magic shows, and there were cake walks and pie eating contests. The "Big Splash" (top right) was especially popular on such a hot day. At 7:45 p.m., the King and Queen of the Carnival were chosen: King, Zacharia Sanborn; Queen, Vaida DeRosa (top left photo).



Mayoral Notes

By
Charlene Lovett



Operation "Get the Lead Out"

Last Friday, personnel from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) visited Claremont to update city administration, the Assistant Mayor and me on anticipated regulatory changes and revised best practices with regard to lead in community water systems. Since 1992, the City has tested its water in accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), created by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water. Minimization of these elements in the drinking water is primarily accomplished through corrosion control, a process that coats the pipes to prevent lead and copper leaching into the water. Though Claremont is currently in compliance with the state and federal lead in drinking water regulations and, when last tested, our water was below EPA limits for lead, recent events around the country have demonstrated that the best course of action is the elimination rather than the minimization of lead in community water systems.

Lead can be found just about everywhere in our environment. It is in lead-based paint, soil, household dust, food, tap water and some types of pottery, porcelain and pewter. However, if too much enters the body, lead can pose a health risk. Most cases of lead poisoning are due to contact with peeling lead paint

and lead paint dust. While lead in drinking water is rarely the single cause of lead poisoning, it can increase a person's total lead exposure. Those at greatest risk are pregnant women, infants and children under six. Reducing people's total exposure to lead by eliminating lead in the water system is the purpose of Claremont's operation "Get the Lead Out."

Though Claremont water mains contain no lead components, services lines connecting property owners to the water main may contain lead. City ordinance states that the property owner is responsible for these services lines; however, the City has been replacing the lines from the water main to the property owner's curb in an effort to accelerate the lead removal process. In the last 18 months, the City has replaced approximately 150 lines. This does not ensure that the service line from the curb to the property owner's building or the plumbing inside the building is lead free. Because the City has kept excellent records of its water infrastructure, we know that currently about 200 of the 3600 service lines, installed primarily between 1912 and 1934, contain lead-lined, iron pipe. The Water Department will be notifying these property owners and testing at representative locations to ensure corrosion control continues to minimize lead in our drinking water.

Developing a plan to help property owners determine the presence of lead and/or the removal of lead in their plumbing was one of the topics of discussion at Friday's meeting, and will be an agenda item at the Council meeting on September 14th. In the meantime, if you are concerned about whether there is lead in your

water, there are several steps that you can take:

- If you haven't used your water for several hours, run a kitchen or bathroom faucet for several minutes, and always flush the water from a faucet for 30 seconds when using it for drinking or cooking.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula as lead dissolves more readily in hot water.
- Purchase a water filter that is approved to reduce lead.

For more information on this topic, please visit the NH DES website at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/lead-drinking-water.htm>. There you will find several documents pertaining to lead in public water systems. You can also go to the City's Department of Public Works web page to get more information on operation "Get the Lead Out." Having a lead-free community water system is the new goal, and it will take all of us working together to achieve it.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at char_lovett@hotmail.com.

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Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



A Definite Need

We all have needs. We need food and water to survive, for sure. We also need the appropriate financial means to pay our bills. No escape.

Unless, of course, we want to die or live a life of homelessness and poverty. But those are wants, not needs.

The dictionary will let you know a want is to have a desire to possess or do something, to wish for; A need, however, requires something because it is essential or very important. Needs are distinguished from wants in that, in the case of a need, a deficiency causes a clear adverse outcome, a dysfunction or death.

Many local residents can be heard on the city streets bad-mouthing how Claremont has gone downhill over the years, seemingly drowning out those (like me) who tend to look at the bright side of things and advertise all the positive things that make Claremont a great place to reside and, when approached by the naysayers, attempt to unite and work to solve the problem at hand instead of stand around and do nothing but gripe about it.

This past week sent us a lightning bolt of bad news when it was learned the buses often seen around town may be a thing of the past once September 9 rolls around. In less than four weeks, 10 employees, which includes six bus drivers, of the Community Alliance Transportation Services will no longer enter the front door of their 940 John Stark Highway headquarters.

I was going to write "because their services are no longer needed", but that would be a crucial misstatement. Their services ARE greatly needed. But you can't continue to push a 300-pound boulder up a steep incline with your two bare hands and expect to reach the top of the hill. It just isn't possible.

When Val Bailey, interim Executive Director at CATS, called her staff for a meeting August 10 to relay the information that CATS will no longer provide Rural Public Transit Service effective the ninth of September, it was then that

large and heavy boulder won out coming to a crashing final destination.

CATS board member Carol Vivian exclaimed at the meeting, "Nobody wants to see us close, but we need to pay the bills."

Bailey praised her staff for not letting the cat out of the bag, so to speak, as employees had been notified on July 25 such an outcome was a possibility in the weeks ahead, but that works were in progress for a much happier outcome and it may not reach that end. "We haven't had one phone call in the last two weeks in regards to our closing, so I know you all have done a great job in keeping things secret, and I thank you for that," Bailey stated. "I will tell you," Bailey continued, "the Department of Transportation is on top of this. In fact, this has gone all the way to the Governor's desk."

As well it should. If there is one thing Claremont does not need, it is the shutting down of its local transportation buses. Talk about a domino effect! Perhaps I wouldn't be feeling the way I do but, you see, I have a first-hand view of the matter at hand. I am one of those six bus drivers who daily transport those in need. It isn't about me losing a job. I am retired. I can always find something else to occupy my time. It is about those less fortunate who rely, who count on, who NEED to get around to various establishments.

Take, for example, N.H., who will be 85 years of age the end of this month. He lives at Sugar River Mills at 7 Heritage Drive and every single day takes the bus the Adult Day Out Program at the Connecticut Valley Home Care complex in Newport. "I feel pretty good right now," he told me over the phone this past weekend, "but I won't feel good September 9. I'll probably have to walk all the way."

That won't happen. He uses a walker wherever he goes, so the five or six mile trip to the Day Out facility will have to come from his social worker or by a family member, if possible, he finally relented on saying. He knows all the drivers by their first names and counts on getting out for the day, each and every day.

R. T., age 49, a resident of Winter Street Commons (formerly Claremont Arms), takes the bus twice a week to Day Out and three days a week to the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. "I won't be too happy," she reported about the possible shutting down of the buses. "I help the nurses and the staff at Day Out." She uses a cane to get around and has been taking the bus so long she can't recall when she didn't take it.

H.B. at 67 Maple Avenue, otherwise known as The Bourdon Center, said, "I think it is terrible. I am going to miss it. I need the bus to get to the hospital so they can take my blood twice a month. I need it to take me to the doctor's, to the Senior Center, and to Market Basket. I know the buses used to always be full and they are not now, but I need it. All the drivers are nice and accommodating."

D.W., also a Bourdon Center resident, went on record as saying. "I think a lot of people are going to be in hot doo-doo!" He takes the bus mostly to go to the Claremont Savings Bank. A medical condition prohibits him from having his own vehicle. He has been taking the bus five years and walks with a cane. "I guess I now will have to walk up Charlestown Road," he finished. It should be noted there are no sidewalks most of the way to the CSB branch on the Charlestown Road.

D.K., who lives on Pleasant Street but is soon moving to Walnut Street, uses the bus to get to Pathways and now admits that is going to be a problem with no bus service.

I could go on and on. I can not tell you how many take the bus to Walmart, Market Basket, Hannaford, to Valley Regional Hospital, to West Central Behavior Services, to doctors and dentists, to Rite-Aid and CVS, to the banks, to the Department of Motor Vehicles, to work or to just getting out of the apartment or house for the day. The total is amazing. Yes, the domino effect is in play. Also, it is not just senior citizens who are at risk here. Students take the bus to River Valley Community College, and parents take their little ones to preschool and pay to take CATS buses to elementary school rather than the local school bus.

Claremont does not stand alone in this latest obstacle. Newport and Charlestown are also a part of the CATS jurisdiction. Those towns, too, will be affected. The buses are equipped with two bicycle racks and all have wheelchair lifts with each bus driver properly trained in assisting those riders safely on and off the bus. To be sure, the NEED is there. Let's all hope and pray a viable new agency can step in and provide the transportation service so vitally important to Claremont and its surrounding communities.

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Put together a team of three people, and run (or walk or stroll!!) to complete 10 challenges in the downtown Charlestown area. The first three teams to complete all 10 and get back to the starting point win prizes.

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For more information, contact: RVAPL 60 Cummings Ave, PO Box 860
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See website form for participation details (or stop by the shelter).
This is an “Amazing Race” type event. This is a footrace.
Pre-registration is required.



A fiery sky in Claremont Friday night (Bill Binder photo).

TwinState MakerSpace Membership Drive Starts

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--TwinState MakerSpace, Inc., announced this Monday morning that it has completed the purchase of the historic Sullivan Machine Foundry Building, commonly known as the Sawtooth Mill Building, located at 46 Main Street in Claremont, for use as the Claremont MakerSpace and will start accepting memberships.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have this opportunity to put this beautiful historic building back into service as a creative space for the next generation of innovators," said Steve Goldsmith, President of the Board of Directors of TwinState MakerSpace.

The Claremont MakerSpace will be a community-oriented creative hub, designed to help its users put shape to their ideas. It will offer

affordable, membership-based access to specialty and hi-tech tools, education, room to work, and a community of like-minded creative people. It will build on the City's long history of making and will be located in an iconic mill building right on Main Street, in downtown Claremont.

"As we take the next steps toward making the Claremont MakerSpace a reality, we are announcing the availability of pre-opening membership subscriptions," said Goldsmith. "For a very limited time, makers, crafters, tinkers and other members of the creative community can sign up for membership to the Claremont MakerSpace and receive a 20% discount. Information on membership packages can be found on our website, www.claremontmakerspace.org.

"While working toward building a physical home for the Claremont MakerSpace, we've

held more than two-dozen events, classes and activities. Programming highlights have included classes on 3d printing, CNC sewing, bookbinding, figure drawing and painting, LED Origami, Arduino, computer programming, an Entrepreneurship Series, a Bike Maintenance Workshop, Scribble Bots, and a six-week intensive Web Design class, just to name a few," said Goldsmith. "We've been delighted to have had the opportunity to offer these classes and activities throughout the area, and we are looking forward to having our own space so that we can expand our programming, offer more hands-on classes, provide access to specialty tools to enable people to turn their ideas into reality and build the Claremont MakerSpace as the Upper Valley's creative hub."

For more information, please contact the organization at info@twinstatemakerspaces.org.