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## Kier Chosen as New City Councilor

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH--The City Council held a special meeting Thursday evening to interview candidates and vote for a new at-large councilor to fill the space created when Vic Bergeron retired recently. Two City residents applied for the position, Abigail Kier and David Pacetti. Both were asked a series of questions by the various council members during the interview process. Kier, a resident for three years, is currently serving on a number of boards and committees. She said she feels that there is a lot of room for improvement in the City and that it is important to get more people involved in the process. She believes there are better ways to do things and added that "some policies haven't been updated in 70 years." Pacetti is a lifelong resident who was involved with the JSL for 15 years, having served as the Vice Chair. He would like to see the facility reopened, he said, saying young people need a place to go.

When asked what motivated them to apply for the seat, Kier said she hoped to bring some new and/or innovative ideas to the council, while Pacetti cited his experience in the manufacturing sector as an asset to perhaps draw new interest in the City. He also said he thought "process" could be improved and would look at what was working and what wasn't. While Kier said it can be hard to get nine people on the same page as preconceived ideas can get in the way on a board, Pacetti said he thought time management was an issue with the council.

Councilors said they were impressed with both candidates and that both would bring new energy, ideas and backgrounds. In the end, Kier was selected, 6-1, with Councilor Scott Pope voting for Pacetti due to his manufacturing background. Both indicated they will be running for council in November when all nine seats open for re-election. Councilor Bruce Temple was unable to attend the Thursday meeting. The council took a break between the questioning and the vote to attend a gathering at the Trinity Church which was hosting an event to continue the discussion about racism; the mayor was asked to say a few words before council members returned to City Hall to vote for the new councilor.



**City Clerk Gwen Melcher, left, swears in new councilor Abigail Kier Thursday night (Courtesy photo).**

## Kuster Discusses Workforce Development Investment Act with Business & Education Leaders

CLAREMONT, NH--Thursday, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) joined business and education leaders and students at Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center (SRVRTC) to discuss the Workforce Development Investment Act of 2017. The bill, introduced by Kuster earlier this year, would create tax incentives to encourage companies and educators to train workers in the skills they need for the 21st century economy.

"The 21st century economy is continuing to

change and evolve, and it is essential that we make sure workers are able to access training for the skills they need to pursue careers in the high-demand jobs of the future," said Kuster. "This is exactly the mission of Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, River Valley Community College and the employers here today. My legislation will help expand these types of training programs and encourage companies to train people for jobs right in their local communities. It's a win for employers,

win for workers, and a win for our economy."

Kuster was joined by Joel Schneid, Director/Administrator of Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center; Ali Rafieymehr, President of River Valley Community College; Dr. Deborah Schmitt, Vice President of Academic Affairs at River Valley Community College; Elyse Crossman, Executive Director of the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce; John Nicholas, Director of Federal Sales Operations

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**Workforce, from A1**

at Red River Computers; and Dakota Aldridge, a student at Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, among others.

“The key to the economic success of Sullivan county is an educated and skilled workforce,” said Schneid. “Congresswoman Kuster’s sponsorship of the Workforce Development Investment Act will do much to help our students continue their education and training once they leave high school. It will help Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center strengthen our partnerships with local employers and help us to forge new ones. It will provide financial assistance to local employers who we can work more closely with to keep our curricula current, and provide internships, Co-ops, and job shadow experiences for our students. The proposed tax credits for employers will provide great incentives to make direct connections between school and work and help those who need to be retrained as well as those who have just graduated.

“This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center,”

Schneid continued. “We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve so many of the region’s students, businesses and citizens. We look forward to continuing to do so while contributing to the economy of the region.”

The Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, along with Stevens High School, prepares students with the technical, academic, and workplace readiness skills to begin employment or continue with post-secondary education. Students who complete programs receive industry-recognized credentials, advanced college placement or credits towards their Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree. They attend classes in an environment that is similar to the workplace and build strong relationships with their instructors, which resemble a mentoring or coaching model. Local employers participate in the program advisory committees to ensure that students receive instruction in contemporary business and industry practices and develop skills in the technology and equipment that they would encounter on the job or in college.



**Congresswoman Annie Kuster speaks with Tech Center instructor Scott Pope during her tour of the facility on Thursday (Courtesy photo).**

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## Letter to the Editor

### HB356 Study Committee Continues Work on Education Funding Issue

#### To The Editor:

Anne Edwards, an attorney with the state Department of Justice, appeared before the study committee for HB356 on September 18, 2017. The HB356 study committee is researching study materials to write new education law, primarily concerning state funding of education, beginning in November, 2019. Attorney Edwards did a vital service for Claremont when she schooled the committee on six court cases involving the Claremont Decision. She gave the committee legal advice and will be returning throughout the meetings so she can keep the legislators out of legal difficulties over the Claremont Decision.

Several educational hot buttons were discussed. One was the stabilization grant. I asked the committee if stabilization is going away permanently or if it will be incorporated within the new educational framework being created. They answered that it's not off the table. The committee is very aware of, and sensitive to, the bill on the stabilization freeze that I and the representative from Franklin presented. That bill has been retained within this committee.

The monthly study committee meetings will continue until November, 2019. The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2017. I informed the city about this committee, and I have been keeping the city and the public abreast of what's been happening. However, no one from the Claremont city council, school board, or SAU 6 administration attended this meeting, even though they've acknowledged in public meetings the importance of this committee. I was the only legislator from the Claremont delegation who attended.

School administrators from around the state have testified, and will continue to testify, before the study committee. It is vitally important for people from Claremont to testify as well. The result of the HB356 study committee meetings could have a significant impact on our property tax. The City of Claremont has an opportunity to help steer this committee in its research and study prior to legislation being written. Please do not let the city squander this vital opportunity.

**Representative Francis Gauthier**  
**Sullivan District 3 (Claremont Ward 1)**

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### Sununu Statement on Graham-Cassidy; Cites Loss of \$1 Billion in Funding

CONCORD, NH – On Sept. 18, Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement regarding the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill:

"While I continue to strongly believe that Obamacare must be reformed, it must be replaced with something that works for New Hampshire. The Graham-Cassidy healthcare plan has some laudable aspects, including offering more flexibility to states in managing Medicaid.

"Unfortunately, under this plan, New Hampshire could possibly lose over a \$1 billion in Medicaid funding between 2020-2026. While innovative, consumer-driven programs that eliminate waste and provide flexibility is the direction our nation's health care must go, it is not practical for New Hampshire to craft a system with over \$1 billion in cuts to federal funding. New Hampshire is proud of its tradition of not having an income tax or sales tax and remains vigilant against downshifting of costs onto states that become general fund liabilities.

"As such, I cannot support this plan as it is currently drafted. It is my hope that Congress will continue to improve this plan to earn New Hampshire's support. If given the opportunity, we stand ready to roll up our sleeves and craft a fiscally responsible system that works for all Granite Staters and does not ask us to subsidize the health care costs of other states."

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## MakerSpace Workshop: 3D Modeling with Fusion 360

CLAREMONT, NH--MakerSpace Workshop: 3D Modeling with Fusion 360 is an introduction to 3D modeling with Autodesk's Fusion 360 software – a very intuitive, 3D CAD (computer aided design), CAM (computer aided manufacturing), and CAE (computer aided engineering) tool.

3D Modeling with Fusion 360 will cover the fundamentals of solid modeling and get students comfortable with creating simple shapes in a CAD environment. Further exploration of the tools will have students starting to model more complex parts and putting them together into virtual assemblies. This will be a very hands-on workshop allowing students to move at their own pace.

Participants will need to bring a laptop to this workshop. If you'd love to take 3D Modeling with Fusion 360, but don't have your own laptop, send us an email ([info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org)) and we'll see if we can track one down for you. Space is limited. Please RSVP by Sept. 27. Saturday, Sept. 30th, 10:00 a.m. - noon; 31 Pleasant Street, Claremont RSVP, (required by Sept. 27) at: [www.claremontmakerspace.org/events](http://www.claremontmakerspace.org/events).

Contact:  
[info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org).

## Fall Foliage Hike Through Claremont and Cornish Trails

A Scenic Fall Foliage Hike Through Claremont and Cornish Trails has been planned for Oct. 7. This moderately difficult hike will include several stops in the Lipfert and Cornish Town Forests, including:

- the 1940s King Elm Farm sugar house
- John Hammond's Suffolk draft horses
- Town Forest Overlook, with views to Killington and beyond
- the Town Line stone monument
- a new Cornish Town Forest welcome kiosk and map
- Lipfert Forest conservation easements (funded in part by the Conservation Commission and the Upper Valley Land Trust)
- Abundant historic features, including old

stone walls, cellar holes...even an intact chimney!

- Recent timber harvest and timberstand improvement projects

Date: Saturday, October 7

Time: 1:00–5:00 p.m. (approx. end time)

This event is free. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Meet at the Cornish/Claremont Town

Line on NH Route 12A (across from 448 Windsor Road in Claremont).

In case of heavy rain, hike will be rescheduled for Sunday, October 8.

Cosponsored by the Cornish Conservation Commission and Cornish Town Forest Committee. Questions? Call 603-675-9110.

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## Governor Signs Executive Order Addressing Wild Goose Site

CONCORD, NH--On Tuesday, Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement after signing an executive order establishing the Lake Sunapee Public Boat Access Development Commission, which will research and evaluate both potential alternative opportunities for development of the Wild Goose Property and potential alternative opportunities for expansion of public boat access at Lake Sunapee:

"Trying to salvage a flawed and controversial idea that has not gone anywhere in over twenty years and that was left without funding by the legislature is not a viable plan to increase public access on Lake Sunapee. My priority remains bringing forward a real proposal that will actually allow Granite Staters greater access to our Lake Sunapee. Today's executive order is the first step in what will be a collaborative process to get the job done."

## New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles to Close Offices for Two Days During Software Upgrade

CONCORD, NH--The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement a new driver licensing system in October to replace the current system originally implemented in the 1980s. Implementation of the new system will require the closure of all DMV offices on Monday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 10th and will temporarily limit some services.

"Although temporarily closing DMV offices is required during this transition time, we are aware of how the closure will impact our customers," said DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki. "Hopefully, by providing advanced notice, we will minimize the inconvenience this closure will cause."

**During the transition:  
Town/City Municipal clerks will not be able to process the state portion of vehicle registrations from Friday, October 6, through Tuesday, October 10.**

Online services, including Online Driver Li-

cense Renewal and Online Ticket Pay, will not be available from Wednesday, October 4, through Wednesday, October 11.

Ticket pay by phone will not be available on Monday, October 9, and Tuesday, October 10. To pay a ticket by phone on another day during normal business hours, please call 1-800-272-0036.

Customers are encouraged to complete DMV transactions regarding driver licenses and registrations in advance of expiration dates if they expire during the transition period. In the days following implementation of the new system, customers may experience longer than usual wait times and are asked to plan their visit accordingly.

## Polish American Heritage Month Events

CLAREMONT, NH--For over 30 years, the parishioners of St. Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, have celebrated Polish American Heritage Month during the month of October with a series of cultural events. The public is invited to attend these special events.

Wed. Oct 4, 6:30 p.m., Polish Cooking Class: St Joseph Church Hall, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, in celebration of Polish American Heritage Month; demonstration of several recipes followed by food tasting; suggested donation \$6 to cover cost of food; please call ahead to reserve a place, 603-542-5933 or 603-542-6454 or reply to this email

Sunday, Oct. 8, at 11:00 a.m.; "Ancient Grandeur in Poland," St. Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, an introduction to art and architecture of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth by Stevens High School graduate, Adam Staszkiwicz, who studied art history and economics at the New School, Manhattan, New York, and Utrecht University, The Netherlands. He currently lives in New York City and works as an antique dealer specializing in 17th-18th century English and European furniture. The program is free and open to the public. It will be held in St. Joseph Church Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend. No registration required.

Saturday, Oct. 21, Dozynki, Polish Harvest Festival, St Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, beginning around 6:00 p.m, following the regular 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. This

will feature a dinner of stuffed cabbage, pierogi, kielbasa and other traditional Polish dishes. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and will be available at the door or in advance at Polish Month events earlier in the month or by calling 603-542-5933 or 603-542-6454 or going to the Facebook page at PolishAmericanHeritageClaremontNH.

Sunday, Oct. 29, Coffee Hour, 11:00 a.m., following the regular 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont; Mass will feature hymns sung in Polish (music and words provided so you can sing along!) traditional Polish and American sweet treats served in the church hall following Mass; free and open to the public; no registration necessary.

## Recycled Percussion to Make Appearance at Stevens High School

CLAREMONT, NH--Recycled Percussion, a Manchester, NH-based band, will be making a special appearance at Stevens High School on Tuesday. The group was originally formed in Goffstown in 1994 at their high school talent show. Recycled Percussion's first performance gave birth to the style of music now known as "junk rock". During every show, the band mixes their gritty assault on buckets, power tools or anything else they can get their sticks on. The group has gone on to find major success in Las Vegas.

The band is also now famous for its TV show, "Chaos and Kindness" project, helping or surprising people in various ways.

Claremont was recently chosen in a contest looking to select a school in which to film their next episode of "Chaos and Kindness". The contest drew more than 5,000 submissions, said the group in a Facebook post.

The event will be held at Stevens for the student body where the group will film the next episode and perform for the students, highlighting some "compelling stories" of students and staff, said Superintendent Middleton McGoodwin; the event is not open to the public, however, due to the band being on a very tight schedule and time limits, he said.

---Phyllis A. Muzeroll

## Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments

NEWPORT, NH--The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments last week. They included:

Kayla Hanson, 23, Claremont, NH, indicted for Simple Assault, Sept. 6, 2017; Resisting Arrest or Detention, Sept. 6, 2017; Simple Assault, Sept. 6, 2017; Resisting Arrest or Detention, Sept. 6, 2017; Simple Arrest, Sept. 6, 2017.

Jessica Ellis, County Farm Road, Unity, NH, 29, indicted for Assault by Prisoner, Aug. 23, 2017; Assault by Prisoner, Aug. 23, 2017; Assault by Prisoner, Aug. 26, 2017.

Michael Polcari, 29, Langdon, NH, indicted for Reckless Conduct Deadly Weapon, Aug. 5, 2017; Criminal Mischief, Aug. 5, 2017; Taking without Owners Consent, Aug. 5, 2017; Second Degree Assault-Domestic Violence, Aug. 5, 2017.

Charles Nourse, 40, Springfield, VT, indicted for Felon in Possession of Metallic Knuckles, June 29, 2017.

Jesse LaFlam, 45, Springfield, VT, indicted for Bail Jumping, Possession of heroin (Subsequent Offense), April 21, 2017.

Michael Tyrance, 27, Newport, NH, indicted for heroin, July 21, 2017.

Robert Cappiallo, 33, Windsor, VT, indicted for Operating After Being Declared an Habitual Offender, Sept. 5, 2017.

Deandrew White, 32, Brooklyn, NY, indicted for Identity Fraud, May 31, 2017; Theft by Deception, May 31, 2017.

Torin Michael Cain Ruggeri, 25, Perkinsville, VT, indicted for Bail Jumping, Sept. 13, 2017.

Todd Ash, 47, Acworth, NH, indicted for Operating after Cert. as Habitual Offender, Sept. 15, 2017; Driving While Intoxicated Fourth or Subsequent, Sept. 15, 2017.

Corey Hankins, 23, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping,

July 6, 2017.

James Merchant, 32, Concord, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Receiving Stolen Property, between or about Jan. 25, 2017, and Feb. 10, 2017.

### Correction

In last week's page 1 photo, we misidentified Nick Koloski as a member of the Kiwanis; he was representing the City Council during the Kiwanis' check

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# Claremont Churches Plan Open House Weekend

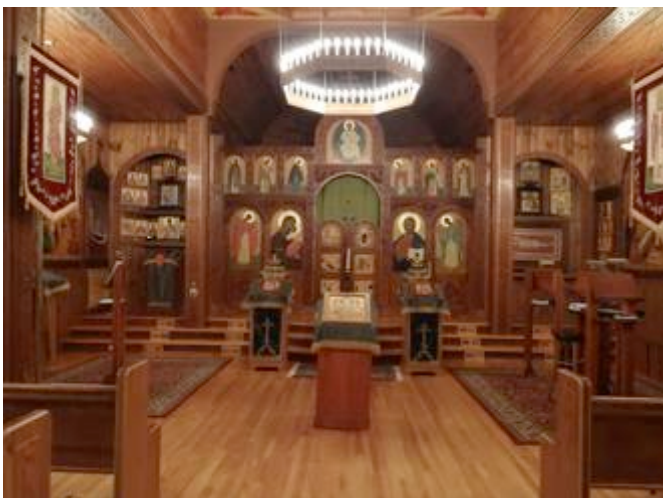
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CLAREMONT, NH--The Claremont Historical Society, in conjunction with Claremont churches, is planning an Open House the



**Trinity Episcopal Church**

weekend of Saturday, Sept. 30th, and October 1st. Claremont has a wealth of architectural beauty inside and out. We are fortunate to have the oldest still standing Episcopal Church in New Hampshire. Many of our churches are over a 100 years old and pictures can be found on Facebook. The Universalist Church which has been closed for many years was built in 1932. Although it is in need of some renovations, it still has some nice features, having recently been sold; we just may see some renovations taking place in the future. These and other facts are part of what this Open House is all about.



**Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church**

## Saturday, Sept. 30th, Open House

**Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church**, corner of Union and Sullivan Streets, Rev. Andrew Tregubov welcomes you to attend their open house, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. You are also welcome to stay for their services at 5:00 p.m. The Church was built in 1941 and the architectural style is in traditional Russian Style with seven onion shaped cupolas surmounted by crosses.

## Sunday October 1st Open House

**The First Congregational Church**, 72 Pleasant Street. Rev. John Johnson welcomes you to attend their church service at 10:00 a.m.; open house will include light refresh-



**Grace River Church**

ments to be served at 11:30 a.m.

**Grace River** (formerly, First Baptist Church) 56 Main Street, opens their doors at 9:30 a.m. for the open house; light refreshments will be served in their Cafe. You are welcome to attend the 8:30 a.m. traditional service, or 10:30 a.m. for a contemporary service.



**Riverstone Church**

**Riverstone Church**, 739 Main Street, is having an open house on Sunday afternoon between 4:00-5:00 p.m. Riverstone Church has been in Claremont for nine years. The Riverstone Church is not old in comparison with most of the other Claremont churches; it is a beautiful church.

**The Trinity Episcopal Church**, 120 Broad Street, welcomes you to their Open House Tour 10:45 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Judy Hayward, a historic preservationist, will be assisting the tour. Light refreshments will be served.

The **Union Episcopal Church**, Old Church Road, invites to an open house. Come try our service, learn about our history, and/or view our beautiful historic facility built in 1773. Sunday Eucharist will be held at 9:00 a.m. with Father John Adams. Coffee hour with light refreshments will be at 10:00 a.m. following the service. The church buildings and grounds will remain open until 12:00 p.m. for visitors. Please visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org> if you want to learn more about the Episcopal Church.

We are extremely happy that these churches are opening their doors to the public and sharing their history with us. Watch CCTV in the coming months to view a slideshow with a voiceover description which will showcase these beautiful churches and the magnificent architectural designs of these old buildings and stained glass windows; they are truly works of art!



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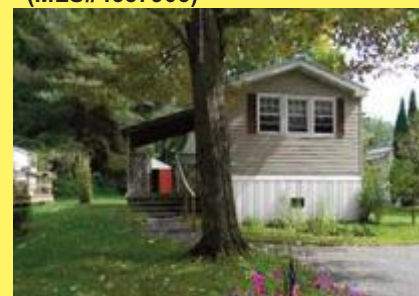
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## Seeking Local Craft Fair Vendors for Nov. 11 Event

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Date: Saturday, Nov. 11th

Location: Ballroom at Mount Ascutney Resort

Fee:

- \$15 per vendor if you provide your own table
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Details:

- All vendors will handle their own point of sale
- The Climb Fitness Center will market the event
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## Time to Register for Fall Festival Fun

CLAREMONT, NH--Calling all chefs, bakers and runners! The registration period to sign up for the Chili Cook-Off and the 5K Road Race, part of the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 7th, has now opened and is accepting applicants for both events.



**Residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations** are invited to participate in the Annual Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department. Register online at [www.claremontparks.com](http://www.claremontparks.com) or call the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department to enter your favorite chili. The deadline to register your chili both online and through the office is Thursday, October 5th. If you like good chili, come tease your taste buds and cast your vote for the best chili at the Fall Festival! Cook-Off tasting fees: \$5.00 adults; \$3.00 children; no fee for chili chefs. The chili tasting begins at 10:30 AM and will end at 2:30 PM, followed by awards.

Once again, this event will be held at the Visitor's Center Green.

If you feel you need to work up an appetite in order to consume all that wonderful chili, then sign up for the popular Chili Cook-Off 5K Road Race. Runners will receive a complimentary ticket to the cook off. Pre-registration is available until October 6th at 12:00 PM for \$15.00. Same day registration begins at 7:30 AM and is \$20.00. Kids' Race begins at 8:30 AM followed by the Chili Cook Off 5K Road Race. The race begins on Water Street at 9:00 AM. The race course can be viewed on [www.Mapmyrun.com](http://www.Mapmyrun.com).

For further information about the Chili Cook-Off and 5K Road Race, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 603-542-7019.

## Continued Investment in the Grid is Boosting Reliability for Customers, says Eversource

MANCHESTER, NH-- The number of Eversource customers who experienced power interruptions in New Hampshire decreased by more than 25 percent this spring and summer compared to the same period in 2016, said the company in a recent release. The improvement is credited in large part to the energy company's enhanced tree trimming and the company's investment in new equipment that

has strengthened the state's power delivery system.

Historically, the leading cause of power outages in New Hampshire is damage to equipment resulting from trees and limbs falling onto power lines. "That's why Eversource continues to implement robust vegetation management programs, investing \$41 million in tree trimming throughout the state in 2017 to remove hazards to the energy system," said a spokesman. "Since the start of 2017, Eversource tree crews have completed trimming along more than 1,550 miles of overhead

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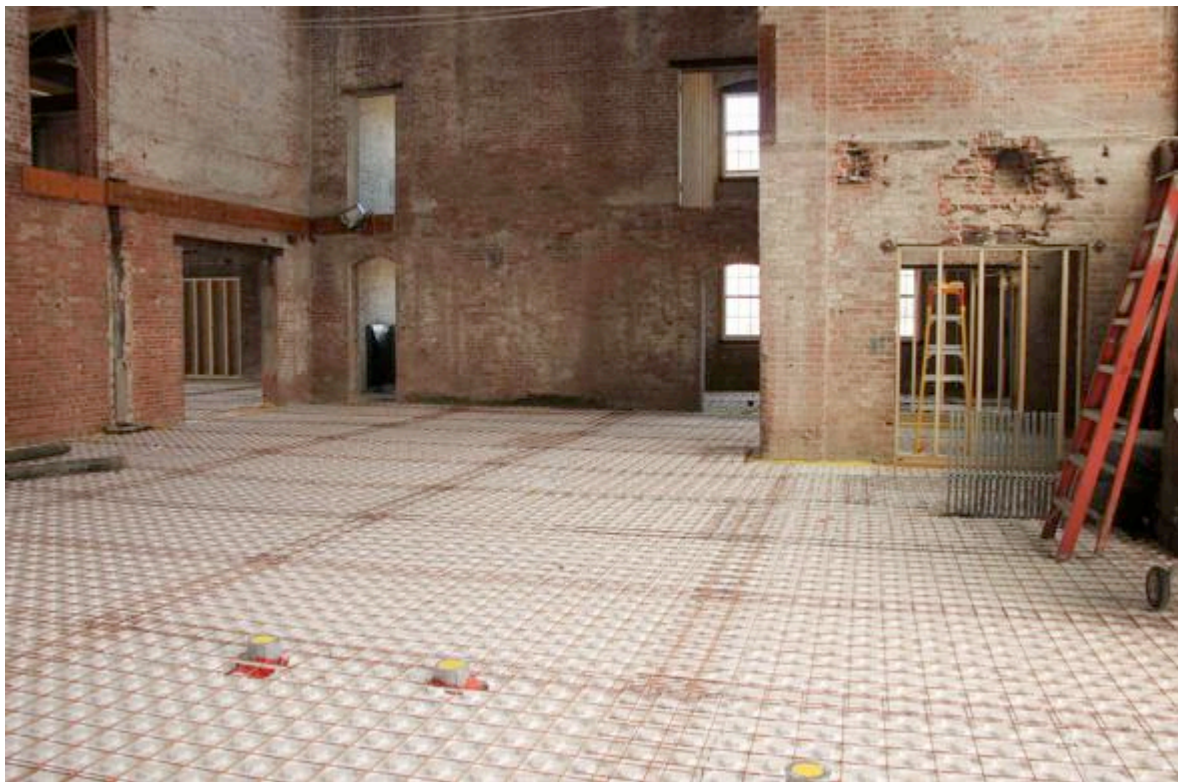
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Work is progressing on getting the floor done inside the MakerSpace (Sawtooth) building in Claremont. All the wiring and piping has been installed, and the space is now waiting for the cement to be poured, work which is expected to be done this week (Bill Binder photos).





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## Eversource, from A13


power lines in New Hampshire, and the company plans to complete about 2,800 additional miles of trimming before the end of the year. In addition to tree trimming, Eversource continues to invest in modernizing and hardening

the energy grid. This year, Eversource is investing more than \$250 million on upgrades that make New Hampshire's transmission and distribution system smarter and more resilient when severe weather strikes.



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## Mayoral Notes

By  
Charlene Lovett



### The First of Many Steps

While shying away from the issues that portray us in a negative light is always an option, it is evident that Claremont is taking a different approach. On September 21st, people in the community met to begin the process of understanding what may contribute to the existence of violence, racism and discrimination in our community. It is the first step in a long process of an honest discussion of who we are and what we aspire to become.

During a break from our Council meeting next door, the Council and I attended briefly. I was asked to say a few words, and would like to share them with you:

“What happened to Quincy has both shocked and saddened us. Having grown up in Claremont, it was hard for me to believe that it could happen here. Yet, it did. As difficult as this has been for those directly impacted and for the community, it is also a catalyst for self-examination and growth.

Some of us have never have been the target of violence, racism or discrimination in Claremont. Some of us have. If we are going to be a community in which all people are treated with respect, we must be willing to consider that our own experiences may differ from those of our neighbor’s. We must be willing to acknowledge these differences and learn from each other.

This will not be an easy process, and it will take time. It will require honesty, patience, reflection and listening to one another. However, I know this community is up to the task. I have seen people from all walks of life come together to help one another in times of need and in times of uncertainty.

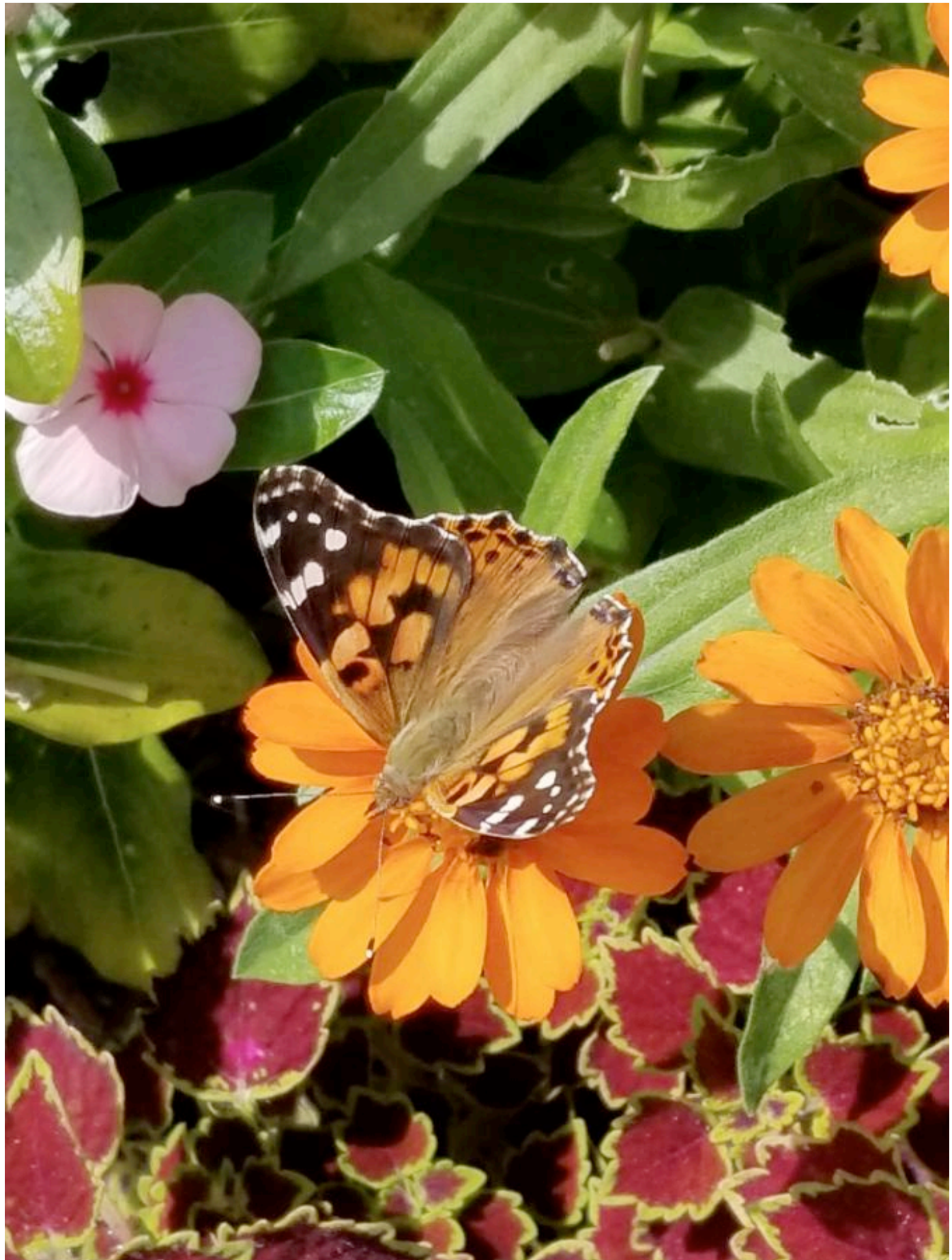
What happened to Quincy was horrific and should never be forgotten. However, let us choose, as a community, not to be defined by this event. Rather let us choose to be defined by the actions that we take. Together, we can cultivate a culture in which violence, racism or discrimination is not tolerated, and all people are treated with respect.”

I look forward to taking the next step with you.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email*

*questions, comments or concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

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## Grand Opening of New Hiking Trail

UNITY, NH--Looking for something to do on Columbus Day weekend? The Grand Opening of Sullivan County's New Hiking Trail will take place on Saturday, October 7.

The Sullivan County Natural Resources department has been constructing a four-mile hiking trail, built entirely on County lands in the Town of Unity. With grant support from the NH Trails Bureau, this effort is being coordinated by Natural Resources Field Technician Sam Sprague, with assistance from Student Conservation Association trail crews, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, the Unity Elementary School, and the Sullivan County Conservation District.

The new hiking trail showcases the varied cultural and natural histories of Sullivan County. From its western end at the Sullivan County Complex, the trail climbs steadily past a small pond before crossing the Second New Hampshire Turnpike. It then continues gradually upward, along the flanks of Unity Mountain, before dropping down and following the shore of Marshall Pond. The trail's eastern end is located at Mica Mine Road, opposite the historic Marshall family cemetery. A scenic overlook near the summit of Unity Mountain affords hikers a spectacular view. Numerous bird and other wildlife species are routinely spotted in diverse habitats along the trail. Grand Opening walk begins at

the Sullivan County Health Care Employee parking lot at 9:00 a.m., trail name/kiosk unveiling at DOT salt shed at 10:00 a.m.; following the rest of the walk, bus shuttle will take hikers back to the complex parking lot around noon. Leashed dogs welcomed.

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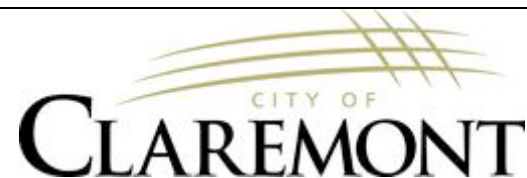
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Filings for these positions will close at 5:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2017.

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# Claremont Confidential

By Les St.Pierre



## No Easy Way Out

“Location! Location! Location!”

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“Education! Education! Education!”

Those words readily roll off the tongue of Claremont Adult Education Director Amy Hood when pointing out how critical her role is in developing the minds of would-be career-minded individuals.

Citing the key roles predecessors Heidi Kuttner and Joan Gallagher provided prior to her existing role, Hood, in a sit-down interview at her South Street office in the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, mentioned it was Gallagher, especially, who paved the way for her opportunity to take on the task of getting Claremont's best kept secret out into the open and gain the respect it sorely needed.

“It was Joan, the previous director, who actually evolved this program,” Hood explained. “God bless her. She saw that I was doing way too much,” Hood added, noting she had been teaching in the language arts and math departments along with testing under Gallagher's reign. Hood had originally applied for the director's job when Kuttner was head honcho but

admitted she did not have enough grant writing experience at the time. After a few years at the Unity Elementary School she picked up valued experience and applied again when Gallagher left. Hood was granted the position and has been holding her title now for the last four years.

“It is very different than what people think,” Hood said of Claremont's Adult Education program. “I think people see it as the easy way out of getting out of school. It's not that way at all. I don't know what people thought in the past, to tell the truth, but it has never been the easy way out since I've been here.”

Hood has been involved in adult education the last 10 years, first as a teacher, then as the director. Her climb to her present position all began when she, born and raised in Claremont, graduated from Stevens High School in 1995 and went on to spend one year at Syracuse University before transferring to the University of New Hampshire graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Management and Policy with a minor in

Medical Laboratory Science. She went back to the same school to earn her Masters Degree in Elementary Education. Hood's first teaching jobs took place in Raymond and Allentown before winding up at Unity Elementary while doing night school in Claremont as a teacher in the adult basic education program.

“I think once you make parents and students understand it's not all bad people who come in here, it's an easy sell,” Hood stated. “The mentality is that the people who come to adult ed are the bad apples and it's not, absolutely not. We have such a variety of people that come here for a variety of reasons. It may be the fact they just don't fit the niche for 100 reasons. Some don't fit the niche in high school be-

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**Adult Ed, from A17**

cause they are almost too smart and they need to move faster. We have a phenomenal girl here now. She moves too quickly for the classes. I almost can't keep up with her. Do we have some students who need more time? Absolutely! That's what's great about this. We have those who need the whole 15 weeks to finish a course in the traditional way, and we have those who can get it done, possibly on-line, in three weeks."

Hood has a cast of many who help her get the job done. Teachers currently in the system include Kevin Fay, student service coordinator during the day at Maple Avenue Elementary School; Michael Richmond, a paraprofessional at Stevens during the day; Jean Fahey, ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher; Pat McCabe, who works at the Sullivan County House of Corrections; Dave Burden, a paraprofessional at the Claremont Middle School; Terri Herzog, who facilitates college transitions and prepares resumes and cover letters, etc; Jackie Hall, tester.

Pauline Pelletier is the administrative assistant and lauds the work Hood is doing. "Amy is very flexible," Pelletier emphasized. "She is the most flexible director we have ever had and the kids appreciate it and they get a lot out of it. They are willing to work for her."

Hood can be found in her office from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, officially, but, as is often the case, she will be found there with extended hours in a non-official capacity. "I love it!" Hood said of her job "I can't believe I am going into my fourth year. It has been so quick!"

A total of 32 adult diplomas were handed out last year, the most since Hood has taken over the director's position. Current enrollment is 43 Adult Basic Education students and 34 Adult Diploma students with enrollment on-going. "We're up and running!" Hood smiled.



Claremont Adult Education Director Amy Hood (Les St.Pierre photo).

**REMINDER****to all Owners of property in Claremont**

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

This bill should be the same amount that was due on July 1st.



## Here's Your Retirement Countdown

If you want to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle, you don't need to have been born rich or even to have earned scads of money during your working years. But you do need to make the right moves at the right time – which means you might want to start a “retirement countdown” well before you draw your final paycheck.

What might such a countdown look like? Here are a few ideas:

- Ten years before retirement – At this stage of your career, you might be at, or at least near, your peak earning capacity. At the same time, your kids may have grown and left the home, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. All these factors, taken together, may mean that you can afford to “max out” on your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And that's exactly what you should do, if you can, because these retirement accounts offer tax benefits and the opportunity to spread your dollars around a variety of investments.
- Five years before retirement – Review your Social Security statement to see how much you can expect to receive each month at various ages. You can typically start collecting benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be significantly larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age, which will likely be 66 (and a few months) or 67. Your payments will be bigger still if you can afford to wait until 70, at which point your benefits reach their ceiling. In any case, you'll need to weigh several factors – your health, your family history of longevity, your other sources of retirement income – before deciding on when to start taking Social Security.
- One to three years before retirement – To help increase your income stream during retirement, you may want to convert some – but likely not all – of your growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based vehicles, into income-producing ones, such as bonds. Keep in mind, though, that even during your retirement years, you'll still likely need your portfolio to provide you with some growth potential to help keep you ahead of inflation.
- One year before retirement – Evaluate your retirement income and expenses. It's particularly important that you assess your health-care costs. Depending on your age at retirement, you may be eligible for Medicare, but you will likely need to pay for some supplemental coverage as well, so you will need to budget for this.

Also, as you get closer to your actual retirement date, you will need to determine an appropriate withdrawal rate for your investments. How much should you take each year from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts? The answer depends on many factors: the size of these accounts, your retirement lifestyle, your projected longevity, whether you've started taking Social Security, whether your spouse is still working, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine an appropriate withdrawal rate.

These aren't the only steps you need to take before retirement, nor do they need to be taken in the precise order described above. But they can be useful as guidelines for a retirement countdown that can help ease your transition to the next phase of your life.

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The Capitol Steps have elevated political satire to an art form. The troupe is coming to Bellows Falls on Friday, Sept. 29th, with a new show of musical and political comedy. It doesn't matter if you're a Republican or Democrat, a snowflake or a deplorable: neither side is safe from the group that puts the "MOCK" in Democracy!

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By Johnny Navillus



### Fall

Chicken and paprika go so well together. Here is a recipe for chicken with smoked paprika and potatoes. You could probably use regular paprika, but you would miss out on a depth of flavor that is amazing to say the least. I think I'm going to try this in the slow cooker sometime but in the meantime, it is easy and I had fun with it.

#### Chicken With Smoked Paprika and Potatoes

1/3 cup zesty Italian Dressing  
3 cloves garlic minced  
1 tsp smoked paprika  
1 ½ lbs new red potatoes cut in half  
1 broiler/fryer chicken cut up  
or whatever pieces/parts you desire  
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley  
Pre heat oven to 450°

Mix dressing, garlic and paprika until blended. Place potatoes in large bowl. Add 2 tbsp of the dressing mixture and mix lightly.

Spread into single layer around edges of foil-covered, rimmed baking sheet. Brush remaining mixture onto outside and under skin of the chicken. Place in center of baking sheet.

Bake 30 minutes or until chicken is done and potatoes are tender, turning chicken after 20 minutes.

Use a slotted spoon to transfer potatoes to medium serving bowl add parsley, toss to evenly coat. Serve with chicken.

If you are going to use just chicken breasts, use bone-in so the meat stays in one piece. I guess that if you were using a slow cooker this would also apply, but I don't think so.

I'm not a huge fan of parsley mainly because I can't really taste it. I use it because it looks good. Presentation is everything.

Serve this with a fruity white wine and be a hero.

Have you ever read the label on the ketchup bottle? They say they use red ripe tomatoes. Some say rich red ripe tomatoes. Three adjectives for one noun? Anyway that phrase really get to me. It make my mouth water. The thought of rich, red, ripe tomatoes just gets me going. It's almost like it should be all one word. "richriperedtomatoes". It says it all about tomatoes for me. If they just said tomatoes it wouldn't have the emotional impact. Are there any other ingredients that are listed with two or more adjectives?

Play with your food. Earn points. Cash them in later.

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## NECA to Hold Open House Tuesday

CLAREMONT, NH--For families and students seeking a challenging and classical education, that focuses on building character as well as wisdom, New England Classical Academy in Claremont is holding a Fall Open House for families of students in preschool through twelfth grade on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. The school is located at 18 Central St., across from St. Mary's Church.

New England Classical Academy (NECA) is entering its tenth year as an independent school that seeks to educate young people in the traditional understanding of education as "the pursuit of wisdom," said Heidi Fagan, Headmaster.

This approach to education is more than just learning facts but critical thinking skills that teach the students how to use their education wisely."

NECA's curriculum offers an integrated sequence of courses, starting in preschool and continuing through twelfth grade and while the school follows a classical Catholic tradition of education, it is not affiliated with the Diocese, and half of the student body is Catholic. The curriculum is rich with subjects including math, science, history, humanities, art, music, drama, Latin (beginning in third grade), penmanship and recitation. Like many classical schools on the rise across the country, NECA follows the medieval tradition of the quadrivium; arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, music.

From seventh through twelfth grade, students study latin, mathematics, logic (formal and informal) and rhetoric. Humanities seminars focus on classic texts by such writers as Dante, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Chaucer and St. Augustine, that engage and invite students to join a conversation that has been going on for over two thousand years. Music, art and drama enrich and deepen the academic dialogue, further illuminating the classical curriculum. This challenging and rewarding curriculum has served graduates well, earning acceptances into highly ranked colleges.

The Open House will not only offer an opportunity to meet the faculty and staff, but also provide demonstrations of NECA students of different classes, from poetry recitation to drama games and science experiments. Guests are welcome from 3:30 to 6:00 PM and more information is available at [www.newenglandclassicalacademy.com](http://www.newenglandclassicalacademy.com) or on the FB page New England Classical Academy.

## Calling all Former Newport High School Band Members

NEWPORT, NH--The Newport High School Homecoming is Friday, Sept. 29 and 30. The Newport High School Band is now under the

direction of Jessica Kilpatrick, a new band instructor for the Middle and High School. The School is inviting all former NMHS Band members to join the current band during the Homecoming Football game on Saturday, Sept. 30. Alumni are invited to bring instruments, wear your Newport pride gear and come play. There will be a brief meeting in the Band Room (near the cafeteria in the high school) where music and lyres will be distributed.

The Newport Tigers will face Fall Mountain, with the game starting at 1:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Jessica Kilpatrick at [jkilpatrick@sau43.org](mailto:jkilpatrick@sau43.org) if you plan on joining the former and current band members.

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### CLAREMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The fall paving will begin as follows:

**Main Street** - from the Eversky Bridge to its intersection with North Street. This paving project will commence on September 28, 2017 through October 4, 2017.

**Washington Street** - two travel lanes from the area of the Market Basket Plaza to the area of the Big Lots Plaza. This paving project will commence during the middle of October, 2017.

The traveling public should expect delays and if possible, seek alternate routes during these construction phases.

Construction is based on weather conditions.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Scott W. Sweet  
Director of Public Works

## Double Fatal Accident in Croydon

CROYDON, NH--On Friday, September 22, at approximately 11:15 p.m., the Croydon Police Department was notified and responded to a multiple motor vehicle crash located on NH Route 10 (just south of River Road) in the Town of Croydon, NH.

Upon arrival, the at-scene investigation revealed a tan 2006 Hyundai Sonata operated by Kristine Lake, age 22, of Sharon, VT, was traveling northbound on NH Route 10. Simultaneously a dark blue 2001 Volvo S80 was traveling southbound on NH Route 10 operated by Michelle J. Fenimore, age 20, of Brownington, VT, carrying passenger Nicholas Carpenter, age 18, of Coventry, VT.

The tan 2006 Hyundai Sonata drifted into the southbound lane where the operator of the dark blue 2001 Volvo S80 attempted to avoid the oncoming vehicle but was unable to. Both vehicles collided in a head-on fashion.

As a result of this collision, both the operator and passenger of the dark blue 2001 Volvo S80 suffered life-threatening injuries and succumbed to those injuries, and were pronounced deceased by the office of the chief medical examiner at the scene.

The operator of the tan 2006 Hyundai Sonata operated by Kristine LAKE suffered minor injuries and was subsequently arrested for two counts of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, and Negligent Homicide. She was released on \$50,000.00 personal recognizance to be arraigned on the aforementioned charges in the Newport District Court on October 3 at 8:15 a.m.

Assisting on scene were members of the NH State Police Troop C Barracks, Croydon/ Newport Police Departments, Croydon / Newport Fire & Rescue, and EMS Crews.

Some local Claremont firefighters wanted to do something for the young go kart racer, Mason Prouty, whose racing kart and trailer with all his tools and racing equipment were stolen earlier this year. Knowing how much Prouty loves all racing, the firefighters gave him and his family Pit Passes to the Nascar race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, enabling them to spend the race in the infield area near the race car garages (Bill Binder photo).



A head-on collision occurred on Washington St. in Claremont Saturday afternoon near the Old Newport Road. The accident included entrapment, and emergency responders asked that DHART be dispatched to the Valley Regional Hospital landing zone. Reportedly, both vehicles had significant front end damage as a result of the collision. Here, the DHART crew can be seen setting up equipment for patient care once the injured party was transported to VRH from the scene (Bill Binder photo).





## Claremont Couple on TLC's "90 Day Fiancé"

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH--The TLC program, "90 Day Fiancé", returns to the air on Oct. 8 at 9:00 p.m. and will include the story of Evelyn Cormier, 18, of Claremont, and David Vazquez, 27, from Granada, Spain. They met when he came across her social media page--Cormier is an aspiring singer--and they began messaging. After they met, their encounter began a "fairy-tale romance, according to the TLC promotion. Tune in to find out, as they say, to see how the young couple is doing!



**Evelyn Cormier and David Vazquez**

A film crew was in town a few weeks ago filming at different downtown locations for the piece.

According to promotional material, "90 Day Fiancé" is an American documentary series on TLC that debuted January 12, 2014. The series follows couples who have 90 days to decide to marry before their 90-day K-1 visas (available uniquely to foreign fiancés of American citizens) expire.

"I found out about the show through my best friend, Mikayla, and she told me they were casting," Cormier told the *e-Ticker News*. "So I sent a small email telling them about my story with my fiancé, David, from Spain, and they



**Filming for the TLC show, "90 Day Fiancé", included shooting in the bullpen in Opera House Square in Claremont a few weeks ago (Bill Binder photo).**

got back to me within an hour! Everything moved quickly and next thing you know, we were signing contracts. We are still filming because we are on the whole season. It's really exciting for me especially because I'm a musician and this is excellent publicity for my music. I also thought this would be a cool chance to highlight Claremont, my hometown, in a positive light on national TV."

Cormier has released music on iTunes, Spotify and "all over the internet, and I'm currently about to release a new single called 'Lost'," Cormier said. Her fans and followers are local, national and now international as well. Locally, she has performed at Remix and Taverne on the Square and keeps busy recording and writing music.

According to a review of her album, "Ghost", "Weaving melancholy into music, Evelyn Cormier is a singer/songwriter who is gifted at taking what life gives and giving it back in magical madness. Her voice is deep, rich and wild. People are bewitched by its power, the maturity of her lyrics and how the combination creates a wave of emotion that sweeps them away to another time and place."

Vazquez is keeping busy as well. On the K1 visa, you can't work until you get married and apply for the working visa, Cormier said. "He

just graduated college last summer with a double major in International Business and Languages." Right now he's a volunteer at Claremont Christian Academy as the Spanish Teacher and PE teacher.

### A Night of Stand Up Comedy

CLAREMONT, NH--Sullivan County Humane Society is bringing "Raise the Woof" to Claremont. Join them at Time Out Americana Grill for a night of laughter and fun on Friday, October 6. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15/each or 2 for \$25 and can be purchased in advance at the shelter, Time Out Americana Grill or any of the humane society events or at the door. Visit <http://www.woofraise.com/> for more information about the performance. You may also call 542-3277 for more details.

Raise The Woof is a stand up comedy event that works with animal shelters and rescue groups to get much needed fundraising. Its goal is always to create a sustainable annual event that can become a steady revenue stream for our benefactors. Raise The Woof was created by comedian and producer James Uloth who has raised over \$1,000,000 for various charities.

## Claremont Parks & Recreation Swim Lesson Schedule October – December 2017



### Swim Lessons with Ivy

#### Fast Track with Ivy

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>

October 9<sup>th</sup>-October 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30pm-6:00pm-Parent and Child

### Tiger Sharks Swim Team

Try a practice November 1<sup>st</sup> 5:15 PM

Season starts:

November 6<sup>th</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>

Practices: Mon, Wed, Thursday

Beginner: 5:15pm-6pm

Intermediate/Advanced 5:15pm-6:30pm

### Swim Lessons with Rick

Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> - November 21<sup>st</sup>

4:30pm-5:00pm: Preschool Swim Lessons

5:00pm-5:30pm: Level I

5:30pm-6:00pm: Level IV

Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>- November 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:30pm-5:00pm: Level II

5:00pm-5:30pm: Level III

5:30pm-6:00pm: Level V

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>

No class Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm-5:00pm: Parent and Child

5:00pm-5:30pm: Adult Swim Lessons

### Swim Lessons with Abbey

#### Continued

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>- Saturday

November 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am-9:00am- Level II

9:00am-9:30am- Level I

9:30am-10:00am- Preschool

**\* Fast Track Lessons are two weeks of lessons Monday-Thursday.**

**\*\* All Other lessons are once a week for 8 weeks.**

**Fees:** \$32 for CSBCC members

\$64 for nonmembers

**Adult lessons:** \$45 for CSBCC members

\$90 for nonmembers



For more information, call (603)-542-7019 or visit [www.claremontparks.com](http://www.claremontparks.com) .

## 18th Annual RiverSweep of Black River Held

SPRINGFIELD, VT--From tires to tin cans, flip flops to fast food cups, the Black River Action Team hauled it all. Recently, the group conducted their 18th Annual RiverSweep, a large-scale cleanup of the bed and banks of the Black River and areas that lead to the water. Whether diving for tires mid-stream or wrangling weed-bound junk on shore, the intrepid BRATs kept bringing the action.

This year's volunteer count was lower than usual, but the haul was impressive -- people of all ages worked from boat and from shore, gathering trash from the mouth of the river (where the Black meets the Connecticut) up to the North Springfield Lake, where the Army

Corps of Engineers coordinated Sweepers in kayaks and canoes.

Sixteen students from Cavendish Elementary School and a handful of adults (including the town manager) ventured out a couple of days after the official Sweep to collect trash from a stretch of the river near their school, netting six bags of trash, a very rusty folding chair, and a variety of sports balls.

All in all, some 41 adults and 26 kids donated their time and elbow-grease to shaping up the Black River. Trash totals are included in the Source-to-Sea cleanup tally through the Connecticut River Conservancy each year, to gain a sense of the Black River in the larger

scale of the watershed or drainage basin.

The Black River Action Team is entirely volunteer-driven and funded by private donations as well as the occasional grant. A full-service watershed organization founded in 2000, the BRAT conducts a wide variety of hands-on projects and programs ranging from water quality monitoring to interpretive paddling trips, from stream bank stabilization planting to native tree and plant workshops, and from dragonfly discovery days to river bug educational programs.

Learn more about BRAT by logging on to the website at [www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org](http://www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org) or by leaving contact info at (802) 738-0456.



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