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**October 15, 2018**

## *Airport Honor...*



City officials, airplane owners and family gathered on Sunday, Oct. 14, to honor longtime Claremont Municipal Airport fixed-base operator Roger Hamel by naming the new Community Hangar after him. He has been one of the fixed base operators for decades and still works 50-60 hours a week. Hamel, 92, can be found at the airport every day, greeting pilots, selling fuel, maintaining the grounds and repairing equipment and taking care of all aspects of running the airport. City Manager Ryan McNutt welcomed the crowd and presented Hamel with the honor (Bill Binder photos).



## **EPA Marks Cleanup Milestone at Former Synergy Site in Claremont**

CLAREMONT, NH—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Tuesday announced that the former Synergy manufactured gas facility in Claremont is now suitable for reuse and redevelopment after a successful hazardous waste cleanup at the site. EPA and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services oversaw the cleanup, which began in 2015 and concluded in July 2018. On October 11, AmeriGas transferred ownership of the property to the City of Claremont.

"Today's milestone is a testament to how strategic partnerships can clean up pollution while creating opportunity for local communities," said EPA New England Regional Administrator Alexandra Dunn said on Tuesday at a press conference at the former Synergy manufactured gas plant near the Sugar River. "This outcome exemplifies EPA's commitment to working with cities like Claremont to put once-contaminated land back to use while ensuring public health safeguards are in place."

Commissioner of the NH Department of Environmental Services, Bob Scott, said that "NHDES is very pleased to mark the formal completion of this important project which restored a high-visibility former industrial parcel to conditions that will allow any number of beneficial re-uses under the leadership of the City of Claremont, consistent with the on-going revitalization of Claremont's City-Center District."

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## SCUW Sponsors Coats for the Community

NEWPORT, NH—United Way of Sullivan County is pleased to be collecting warm clothing again this year for area residents. There are currently drop off locations throughout Newport, Claremont and Sunapee. They include: Claremont Savings Bank, Broad St. and Washington St. locations; Bar Harbor Bank and Sugar River Bank, Newport and Sunapee locations; Valley Regional Hospital; Sullivan County Homecare; and Sturm Ruger. Hubert's Department Store will be participating by donating new clothing again this year. Steve Smith, WCNL, will be doing a live broadcast at each location of Free Coat Friday. Those wishing to donate can also call the SCUW office at 543-0121 and arrange drop off at its office at 169 Main St. in Claremont. "We find the greatest need is for children's clothing, from newborn through grade school age, and larger adult coats and sweaters,"

Dawn Ranney, Executive Director, said. "This is a community service that SCUW has been pleased to offer those in need of coats, boots, hats, mittens and blankets during the cold winter months."

Free Coat Friday will be held in Newport on the Town Common, Friday, October 19th, and in Claremont at Claremont Savings Bank, Broad St. parking lot on Friday, October 26th, from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Donations will also be accepted at Free Coat Fridays.

## Halloween 2018 Candy Drive in Sunapee

SUNAPEE, NH—Once again this year, there will be a candy drive to support the residents of Central Street who generously provide a safe and fun location for Sunapee families to enjoy the Halloween tradition. The Sunapee Police Department is sponsoring the candy drive this year. Please help us support our Central Street homeowners by donating wrapped and/or packaged candy. Candy donations can be dropped off at the Sunapee Police Department and/or at the Sunapee Town Hall no later than Saturday, October 27th as the police department plans to deliver all donations on Sunday, October 28th.

Halloween in Sunapee will be celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 31st, between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. Central Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic during that time to provide a safe location for Sunapee's Trick or Treaters to enjoy the holiday.

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**and click on “Who Is My Legislator”**

## Hassan Joins in Introducing Legislation to Expand Workforce, Boost Economic Growth in the Granite State

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Maggie Hassan joined colleagues yesterday in introducing the Invest in America Act, legislation that will create competitive grant programs to expand the workforce, modernize training tools, and promote job creation. Senator Hassan introduced the bill with Senators Angus King (I-ME), Bob Casey (D-PA), and Martin Heinrich (D-NM).

Organizations that wish to apply for these grants would first apply for a planning grant to help prepare an Invest in America plan that identifies industries and occupations to be targeted as part of the implementation phase of a project. Planning grant recipients would then apply for an implementation grant to put their Invest in America plan into action to support targeted economic expansion and resilience, job creation, and associated workforce development and re-employment opportunities.

“Everywhere I go in New Hampshire, I continue to hear from our innovative businesses about the need for more workers with the tools and thinking necessary for success in the 21st century economy,” Hassan said. “The Invest in America Act would encourage long-term job creation and boost economic growth in the Granite State by investing in workforce development in industries and communities that need it the most.”

“The Invest in America Act can be a valuable resource to support workforce and economic development in rural areas, where earnings and educational attainment levels lag metro areas,” said Dr. Ross Gittell, Chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire. “This effort aligns with the statewide mission of NH’s community colleges to provide opportunities for economic advancement that are accessible to all New Hampshire residents.”

Specifically, the Invest in America Act will:

- Target assistance to rural high-need communities. Grant amounts will be determined according to factors including long-term economic growth rates, prevalence of skill mismatches between employers and potential employees, long-term unemployment and underemployment, poverty and persistent poverty rates, and the number and percent of workers and employers impacted by economic shifts related to trade, regulation, or technological change.

- Award Grants to local or regional economic development agencies, local workforce development boards, Native American tribes, career and technical education centers, and post-secondary educational institutions. These grants will support economic and workforce development initiatives such as: career and technical education, broadband access, support systems (e.g., drug treatment, child care) for members of low-income families seeking employment, business incubators, transitional jobs for low-income workers, and adult education with occupational training.

## Kuster Receives Granite Stater of the Year Award

BOSTON, MA—Thursday night at the Seaport Hotel in Boston, Congresswoman Annie Kuster (NH-02) was presented with the New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC) Granite Stater of the Year Award at the 14th annual New Hampshire Reception, hosted by NHCUC. The reception was held prior to the New England Council’s Annual Dinner, which brings together elected officials and business, non-profit, and academic leaders to honor and celebrate the contributions the New England Council and individuals are making to the New England region.

“Congresswoman Kuster has been a steadfast supporter of New Hampshire’s public and private colleges and universities throughout her career,” said Mike Vlacich, President of the New Hampshire College and University Council. “We are grateful for her commitment in Washington to building the workforce New Hampshire’s economy needs to succeed and recognizing the critical role our schools play in accomplishing this.”

“From fighting to protect Pell Grants and keep student loan interest rates low, to advocating for industry partnerships and apprenticeship opportunities, Representative Annie Kuster has been a tremendous advocate for students and institutions alike,” said James T. Brett, President and CEO of the New England Council. “New Hampshire and indeed the entire New England region are fortunate to have such an effective champion for higher education in Congress.”

## NH Delegation Announces \$5.8M to Respond to Severe Weather Events

### Sullivan County included in Aid Package

WASHINGTON, DC—Friday, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Congresswomen Carol Shea-Porter (NH-01) and Annie Kuster (NH-02) announced \$5,786,070 in federal Public Assistance grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). These grants include \$1,687,439 to Belknap and Carroll counties, \$1,417,542 to Coos and Grafton counties, \$1,942,460 to Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, and Sullivan counties, and \$738,628 to Carroll, Rockingham, and Strafford counties to assist response efforts after severe flooding and winter storms last year.

“With harsh winters and major storms, New Hampshire faces extreme weather throughout the year that can harm our communities and infrastructure,” said Shaheen. “I am very pleased to see the federal funding responding to last year’s storms matches their scale and severity, allowing us to repair communities and buildings throughout New Hampshire. Granite Staters deserve relief after facing such devastating weather events, and I will work to ensure that this substantial federal funding is appropriately and efficiently implemented in our communities.”

“New Hampshire has seen its fair share of extreme weather events over the last two years, including severe flooding and winter storms,” said Hassan. “We must ensure that the areas hardest hit by these storms have the resources they need to fully recover. I am pleased to announce these critical grants from FEMA, totaling nearly \$5.8 million, which will help eight counties in our state receive the necessary federal assistance to support recovery efforts.”

“I am pleased to announce that FEMA will be providing nearly \$5.8 million in disaster assistance funding to New Hampshire to help our communities recover from the devastating storms that impacted our state earlier this year and throughout 2017,” said Shea-Porter. “Helping communities rebuild after disasters is one of the fundamental responsibilities of the federal government, and FEMA must keep working to ensure that all our communities receive the funding they need to recover.”

“When a severe weather event inflicts substantial damage onto a community, the people in that community shouldn’t be left to fend for themselves,” said Kuster. “These grants provide the support and funding Granite Staters need to repair, rebuild and move forward with their lives after storms and flooding. I want to thank FEMA for assisting New Hampshire communities, and I remain committed to fighting for important federal resources to help Granite Staters recover from disasters.”

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## Lack of New Contract Draws Protest in Front of City Hall

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Members and supporters of Local 1348 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) gathered at the Claremont City Council meeting Wednesday night regarding the lack of a new contract affecting DPW and clerical staff workers. According to members, Local 1348 has been working without a contract since December 31, 2017. Local 1348 represents 42 municipal employees across the City of Claremont. Members rallied for an hour near City Hall prior to the 6:30 p.m. start time of the city council meeting. AFSCME Council 93 is a union of 45,000 public and private sector employees in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The lack of a new contract was raised before the Council during Citizen's Forum.

Local 1348 has been working without a contract since the end of December 2017. "Our members have been going to work day in and day out to serve the residents of Claremont," said Local President John Lynch in a statement released on Wednesday. "We just want to be treated fairly..."

Claremont City Manager Ryan McNutt said in a phone call that the last contract had been a one-year one that ran out in December. While union members have characterized the situation as being at an "impasse", McNutt said that "impasse does not mean an end of negotiations..."

Among the points of contention between employees and the City are costs related to health care plans and a "fitness for duty" clause. The City, said McNutt, calculates what the healthcare costs will be and based on what they are, looks at various options, based on those costs and what the City can afford to offer. What has been offered to employees does have a higher cost to the workers. He said they offered higher pay but the union turned it down. Reportedly, deductibles would rise to \$3,000.

Regarding the fitness for duty language, McNutt said that the provision benefits both



**Members and supporters of Local 1348 of the AFSCME gathered near City Hall Wednesday and later attended the Claremont City Council meeting regarding the lack of a new contract affecting DPW and clerical staff workers, which a Local 1348 representative raised during Citizen's Forum (Bill Binder photos).**

the City and employees as it could help prevent situations "that might become a liability on the job site," helping to prevent an accident, for example. He said the City Council had asked

him to work in the fitness for duty clause.

"I want them to understand how much we appreciate them, but we also answer to the taxpayers," he said.

**EPA, From A1**

"This collaborative clean-up effort has not only protected the quality of one of the City's drinking water sources, but also reclaimed valuable land that runs along the Sugar River for future economic development in the heart of the community," said Claremont Mayor Charlene Lovett.

"Sites that are historically impacted by pollutants reside in many communities in America and remediating brownfield sites is challenging work," said Claremont City Manager Ryan McNutt. "Returning this site's potential for future use is only possible because of our Community Development team and their partnership with NHDES, the EPA, and AmeriGas."

In 2015, in coordination with New Hampshire DES, EPA and AmeriGas Propane LP began a cleanup project to address pollution at the former Synergy site in Claremont. AmeriGas is legally responsible for addressing the environmental conditions at the Synergy site. The site was contaminated with coal tar, an oil-like substance that was a byproduct of industrial processes that made gas to illuminate two local towns from 1859 to 1946. Coal tar contains several chemicals that are hazardous to human health, like benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylene and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. The contamination impacted sediment in the Sugar River and soil at the Synergy site and on an adjacent property.




**Alexandra Dunn of the EPA addresses the crowd. To her immediate left and right are City Manager Ryan McNutt and Mayor Charlene Lovett respectively (Bill Binder photo).**

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**Below: The site now includes a public educational display (Bill Binder photo).**





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The cleanup included removing soil, sludge and sediment contaminated with coal tar, installing a sewer line, monitoring groundwater for residual coal tar, stabilizing an area of river bank and demolishing several dilapidated buildings.



Steve Kossuth, VP of Operations for Amerigas, hands the deed for the property over to Mayor Charlene Lovett (Bill Binder photo).

**Program on Draft Power Set for Oct. 26**

LEMPSTER, NH—On Friday, Oct. 26, there will be a program on “Draft Power in the Lincoln Woods”, a talk and slide show about using draft horse-power on the farm, presented by Ed Thayer of East Washington, NH. The program will be held at the Lempster History Hall, corner of Rt. 10 and 2nd NH Tpk. and begins at 7:00 p.m. with the discussion centered on the work of two Belgian draft horses, Ozzie and Tucker, and the work they do on the farm from spreading manure to gardening and logging operations.

There is an admission fee of \$5. Light refreshments will be available.

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I've retired my railroad consulting and insurance business in 2017, so now I've full-time to work for us in Concord and am all-in for legislative service!

I am running on the Republican ticket but I can and will work with everyone, regardless of party affiliation. We're all in this together and our common community interests are a true incentive for cooperation.

In visiting neighborhoods, I've heard from you and about your concerns -- especially about taxes! I too am a residential home owner, so I feel the angst! That's indeed a prime focus! Keeping Claremont growing and prosperous is one of the ways to increase our overall city value and lessen the burden for each taxpayer.

Safe Schools and Quality Education are essentials, and that begs to resolve the educational funding crisis which has gone on for decades without satisfactory resolution. We need to fix that!

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Victor St. Pierre  
Assistant Director of Public Works

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Victor St. Pierre  
Assistant Director of Public Works

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SPRINGFIELD, VT—The Springfield Police Department has announced that the winter time parking ban takes effect November 1, 2018 and ends on April 15, 2019.

The winter time parking ban prohibits any vehicle from being parked on a street or highway in the town of Springfield between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Any vehicle found to be in violation of the parking ban will be ticketed and towed if necessary.



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# e-Ticker Business News

## Rehabilitation Center at Mt. Ascutney Hospital Hosts 26th Annual Rehabilitation Reunion

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) welcomed back former patients and their families to the 26th annual Rehabilitation Reunion held in the courtyard of the hospital's Rehabilitation Center on Wednesday, September 20. The gathering was part of MAHHC's celebration of National Rehabilitation Awareness Week, from September 16-22.

Dozens returned for the afternoon event, which each year reunites Rehabilitation Center alumni with each other and staff members who aided them in the recovery of strength, coordination, and mobility following injuries, surgery, or illness. MAHHC hospital staff were present for the gathering, and food and refreshments were served.

The event was opened by Director of Rehabilitation Services Belinda Needham-Shropshire, who introduced the day's theme of resilience. She described resilience as the heart of rehabilitation care and affirmed that the Hospital would continue to support patients beyond their acute stay, throughout their lives. "Whatever happened to you," she said, "you have to decide to get back up, and not be beaten down by that event." She also pointed to the resilience of the staff, who meet challenges with optimism and ingenuity every day. "This is a day for staff, patients, and family members to realize that we travel this journey together. The journey of life is challenging, and resilience is something we need to remember every day." She pointed out that in attendance at the event were four physiatrists and rehabilitation physicians, which she called "four more than most hospitals could count in big cities," let alone Vermont.

Other speakers included Dr. Maria Padin, Chief Medical Officer of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), who oversees coordination of care across the system, which includes DHMC, MAHHC, Alice Peck Day Hospital, Visiting Nurse Alliance, New London Hospital, and Cheshire Medical Center. In her remarks, Dr. Padin congratulated the Center for

its success on behalf of the senior leadership of Dartmouth-Hitchcock. "We want to thank you for choosing us as partners in your care," she said to the attendees, calling the Rehabilitation Center "a place of choice for many of our patients when they need rehab services. Today we celebrate with you, we honor your perseverance, and the dedication you have had to overcoming the suffering of the unexpected." She connected the Center's focus on quality and compassion with her own personal experience with rehabilitation following a traumatic brain injury experienced by her husband. "It changes your life forever," she said, "but it is the work of the team of care providers, and the support of family that moves us in a different direction."

The day's keynote address was given by John Fenley, a former patient who rehabilitated at the Center following multiple brain surgeries. He said, "this is really a beautiful place to heal in. We've all been through a lot, and we're all recovering. I feel blessed to see all the faces of the people who helped me get up and walk again." These remarks were followed by group sharing, with a microphone passed around for people to relate their experiences.

The Rehabilitation Center at Mt. Ascutney Hospital is the only acute rehabilitation program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) in Northern New England, and one of only two acute rehabilitation programs in Vermont, offering advanced, patient-centered services in an accessible facility designed for comfort, with 10 private patient rooms. Remodeled in 2015, the Rehabilitation Center is a 14,800

square foot facility that includes state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment tools, a fully equipped rehabilitation gym, and a dedicated dining space. The Center also includes a transitional suite and a therapeutic workshop where patients can practice the necessary skills of daily living before returning home.

## Group Calls for Hyundai, Kia Recall

The AP reported Friday that a "nonprofit auto safety group is demanding Hyundai and Kia recall 2.9 million cars and SUVs in the U.S. due to consumer complaints that they can catch fire. The Center For Auto Safety said Friday that there have been more than 220 complaints to the U.S. government since 2010 about fires and another 200 complaints about melted wires as well as smoke and burning odors. The complaints involve the 2011 through 2014 Kia Sorento and Optima and the Hyundai Sonata and Santa Fe. Also included is the 2010 through 2015 Kia Soul."

The advertisement for Jozach Jewelers features a woman with long, wavy hair looking thoughtfully to the side. She is wearing a necklace with three concentric circles and matching earrings. The background is dark with a subtle moon and star pattern. The text reads: "JOZACH JEWELERS FINE DIAMONDS AND GIFTS" and "GOLDEN MOON". At the bottom, it provides the address "1 Pleasant St. Suite #101 • Claremont, NH 03743", phone number "603-542-2953", and website "www.JozachJewelers.net". Logos for GIA (Gemological Institute of America), Instagram, and Facebook are also present.

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On October 10th, the Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities presented Stacey Allen, of Allen Brothers Farm Market, with the 2018 Spirit of the ADA Award. Awards are given to employers who reflect the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act in their employment practices, such as Recruitment outreach and equal accessibility in the application, interviewing, and hiring procedures for people with disabilities; use of on-the-job accommodations; accessible physical structures, buildings, work stations and equipment, and services; and support for the employment of a person(s) with a disability as an overall employment strategy. Left to right: Matthew Trieber (Windham 3 Representative), Donna Curtin (GCEPD Presenter), Jennifer Parker-Williams (Creative Workforce Solutions, nominator of Allen Brothers Farm Market), Stacey Allen (Owner, Award Recipient), Mason & Hanson Muzzy (previous employees being recognized and assisting in awarding the business), Jeanette White (State Senator, Windham County). (Courtesy photo).



## Fall Business Leaders Housing Breakfast Set for October 26

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT – Join business leaders from across the region at the Fall Business Leaders Housing Breakfast on October 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon.

This fall's event will explore the regional nature of our housing challenge and current possibilities for change with Dartmouth College geographer Garrett Dash Nelson. We'll also hear the latest on the Upper Valley housing market from local Realtors Buff McLaughry of Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty and Lynne LaBombard of Housing Solutions Real Estate.

Business leaders and community members can register online for this free event at [VitalCommunities.org/Housing](http://VitalCommunities.org/Housing).

Hosted by the regional nonprofit organizations Vital Communities and Twin Pines Housing, the breakfast brings leaders together each spring and fall to better understand the Upper Valley's housing market, the role of workforce housing in vibrant local economies and communities, and potential solutions to the housing challenges we face.

"The Upper Valley faces a critical shortage of housing that working families can afford near their jobs, schools, and services," said Vital Communities Executive Director Tom Roberts. "Local business and community leaders are committed to finding creative solutions to this challenge while maintaining the essential character of this region we love." The breakfast is sponsored by Bar Harbor Bank & Trust and the Vermont Housing Finance Agency. Registered attendees are encouraged to make a \$10 minimum contribution at the door to support Vital Communities' housing program.

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## Mayoral Notes

by  
Charlene Lovett



### Understanding the Abatement Process

In last week's article, I wrote about the process utilized to assess the value of properties, and how that affects the total valuation of the City and the amount that property owners pay in taxes. This week's article is focused on the abatement process. This is the process utilized when a property owner believes his or her property has not been correctly valued. Each year, once the taxes are calculated in the Fall, property owners can request an abatement of a portion of the taxes if they believe the assessed value is too much. The focus is not the amount of taxes owed, but the amount that the property has been valued. Because the amount of taxes owed is based on the result of the property value times the tax rate, correctly assessing the value impacts the amount of taxes to be paid.

To apply for an abatement, the property owner files an application with the Assessor's Office. The deadline for the application is March 1st. The assessor reviews the application and supporting documentation, and compares that to the assessed value of the property. If the assessor determines that the application has merit and that the property has been over assessed, the value of the property is lowered. The amount of taxes owed on the portion of the assessed value that was eliminated is then abated.

The assessor has until July 1st to respond to the applicant's request. If the property owner receives no response, this is automatically considered a denial. If the applicant disagrees with the assessor's decision (i.e. denial, value not lowered

enough), he or she can appeal that decision with either the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) or the NH Superior Court. For further information about the BTLA, please visit their website at <https://www.nh.gov/btla/>

If the property owner chooses the BTLA option, the BTLA will require the assessor and property owner to meet and try to negotiate a settlement before scheduling a hearing. During the negotiation process, the assessor may consider other factors in determining the value (i.e. municipality not wanting ownership, quality of data supporting the assessor's opinion of value). Should a settlement not be possible, the applicant will receive a hearing at the BTLA. The BTLA may decide to uphold the assessor's decision, modify the assessor's decision or decide in favor of the applicant. Prior to 2014, applicants could only file for an abatement of taxes in the year in which they filed. In 2014, the Legislature voted to give assessors the authority to abate taxes for years prior to the application. The statute that

outlines the abatement process is captured in RSA 76:16.

To contact the Claremont Assessing office, please call 603-542-7004 or visit their webpage at <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/assessor/default.aspx> for further information.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to [clovett.c@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.c@gmail.com).*

### SHS Alumni Meeting in New Space

CLAREMONT, NH—The Stevens Alumni monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 17th, at 5:30 p.m. Please note: The association's new location is 50 West Pleasant St. Come and see the new office space.



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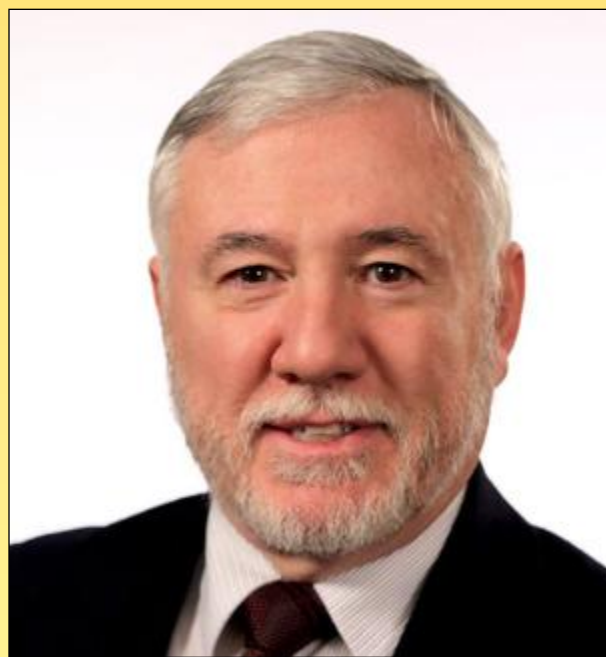
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## Retirement Security Week -- Take Steps to Boost Your Retirement Security

To raise awareness about the importance of saving for retirement, Congress has dedicated Oct. 21-27 as National Retirement Security Week. And the evidence shows that increasing this awareness is indeed important. Consider this: Some 50 percent of households are considered at risk of not having enough money to maintain their living standards in retirement, according to the National Retirement Risk Index, produced by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

What can you do to help yourself stay out of the "at risk" category? Here are a few suggestions:

Define what retirement security means to you. Everyone has different ideas about what a secure retirement looks like. You might feel that true security means being able to remain in your current home and live independently throughout your life. Or you might only feel secure if you know you can afford to travel or help your grown children or grandchildren financially. Once you've identified your own vision of retirement security, you should be able to determine the financial resources you'll need to reach your desired outcome.

Create an appropriate financial strategy. To achieve your idea of a secure retirement, you can't just hope for the best – you need to create a comprehensive financial strategy, accounting for your various sources of retirement income: Social Security, pensions, employer-sponsored retirement plans, your investment portfolio and so on. You need to know how much you can expect from these sources, and how you can strengthen them.

Be diligent in your retirement savings. You could spend two or three decades as a retiree, so you'll want to accumulate as many resources as you possibly can – and that means you'll need to save and invest diligently during your working years. Put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan – and every time your salary goes up, try to increase your annual contributions. But you can also go beyond your employer-backed plan and contribute to an IRA. In all your retirement accounts, you'll want to include a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments, within the limits of your personal risk tolerance.

Establish an appropriate withdrawal strategy. Your retirement security isn't just based on how much you've built up before you retire – it also depends on how you manage your assets and investment income during retirement. As you begin to take out money from your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts, you need to establish a withdrawal rate appropriate for your age, retirement lifestyle and asset level. If you take out too much each year, you risk outliving your resources, but if you withdraw too little, you might be short-changing yourself on your quality of life. You may want to work with a financial professional, who can review your entire situation – income, expenses and so on – and recommend an appropriate annual withdrawal figure.

These aren't the only keys to attaining retirement security – but they can still help you move toward that goal. Keep them in mind as the years go by.

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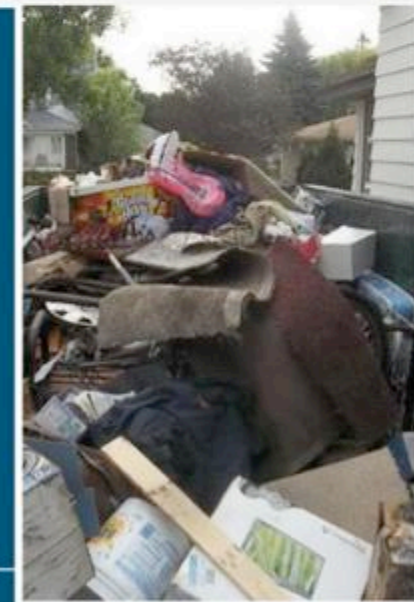
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The workshop will be held in the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center Board Room in Windsor on Oct. 17, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m., and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop is co-sponsored by Efficiency Vermont in partnership with Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center.

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## It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



### Fall Things

It's definitely not summer. Fall brings on hearty meals, hot apple cider, hot chocolate and spiced cider. There is definitely something to be said about the feeling after raking leaves. Warm up that cider and let's have some donuts.

If you haven't used your slow cooker since last March, now is the time to get it out. There are so many meals that can be done in a cooker it's almost criminal not to use it at least four times a week. And those few of you who haven't used yours at all....shame on you. You know who you are. They will not burn your house down while you are out. Try it some weekend when you are going to be around. If they were dangerous they would have banned them decades ago. Some of you got one as a wedding gift and have never opened the box. Your first born is a college sophomore so don't you think it's about time? Besides, you won't have to keep worrying that Aunt Harriet will find out and be insulted. That is if you even remember who gave it to you.

This recipe does everything in one pot. Prep time is minimal, and clean up is a breeze. This is one you will have requests for.

#### Barbecued Pork Chop Supper

- 6 small red potatoes cut into quarters
- 6 medium carrots cut into one inch pieces
- 8 bone in pork loin or rib chops
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 28 oz. bottle barbecue sauce
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup cola
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Place potatoes and carrots in a 5 quart slow cooker  
Top with the pork chops  
Sprinkle with the salt and pepper  
Combine the barbecue sauce, ketchup, cola and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over the pork chops  
Cover and cook on low for 8 to 9 hours. Serve.

Entree and starch and veggies are all done together. If you find yourself running late, an extra hour in the cooker is no big deal. An extra two hours will make everything soggy, but then you have a wonderful stew.

This is great for Sunday Night Football or the 4:30 game on Sunday. It will be ready at half-time.


I recently read somewhere that if your brown sugar gets hard, you can microwave it for a few seconds. Watch it carefully because it will melt if you aren't careful.

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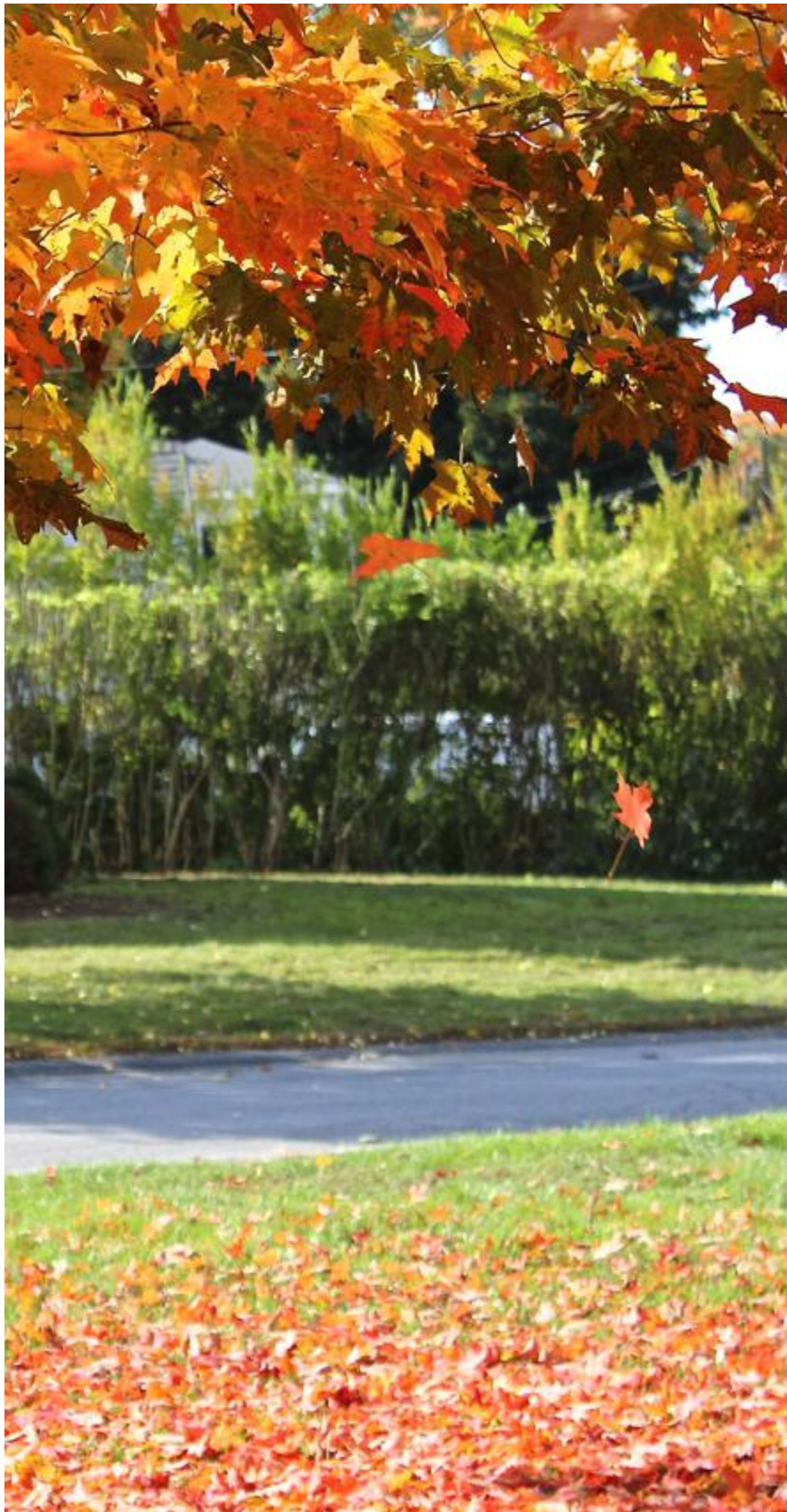
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For an up-to-date schedule of future walk-in clinics, go to [MtAscutneyHospital.org/flushots](http://MtAscutneyHospital.org/flushots).



## Nature's Art Show...

Autumn colors were really popping last week, Mother Nature putting on her spectacular show of oranges, reds and yellows. Here, the sunshine highlighted a beautiful tree as leaves fell gracefully to the ground (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photos).

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## Brake for Moose – It Could Save Your Life!

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department reminds motorists to be extra cautious while admiring the autumn foliage from Granite State roadways because moose are on the move. Kristine Rines, Fish and Game's long-time Moose Project Leader, says that drivers should be prepared to see and react quickly to moose on or near the road. While moose/vehicle collisions can happen at all times of the year, fall is a time of increased activity and accidents. In 2017, 108 moose were killed by vehicles in New Hampshire. Rines urges drivers to slow down and stay alert – and not just at “moose crossing” signs.



To avoid a moose collision:  
 Drive no faster than 55 miles per hour – especially at night, dusk, and dawn  
 Use high beams when possible  
 Be able to stop within the zone of your headlights  
 Scan the sides of the roads as you drive  
 If you see a moose on the side of the road, expect it to run in front of you so SLOW down.  
 For more information on avoiding moose collisions, visit  
[www.wildnh.com/wildlife/brake-for-moose.html](http://www.wildnh.com/wildlife/brake-for-moose.html).

[www.etickernewssofclaremont.com](http://www.etickernewssofclaremont.com)

## Catholic Daughters Business Meeting, Installation of Officers

CLAREMONT, NH—Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Ct. Virgil H. Barber #892 will hold their Monthly Business Meeting and Installation of Officers on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Church Hall on Elm St. in Claremont.

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## Race-The-Cop Event

Claremont Christian Academy would like to thank Claremont and Charlestown police officers who came out to support its students in its recent annual Race-The-Cop event. As an incentive, students were given the opportunity to race with police officers at its annual Jog-a-thon Fundraiser if they raised a certain amount donations. "Thank you, business sponsors! We appreciate your generous support," said a school spokesperson. CCA offers a Family Tuition Discount Program and fundraisers like these make this program possible. a special congratulations to Elijah Haynes who ran faster than the police officers! (Top photo). A celebration party at the CSB Community Center on November 17th. For more information: [www.claremontchristianacademy.com](http://www.claremontchristianacademy.com) (Amanda Archibald photos).



## PetSmart Teams Up with CHaD, Local Firefighter to Collect Toys

LEBANON, NH—PetSmart of 248 N. Plainfield Road, West Lebanon, NH, is partnering with the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) in Lebanon in their annual Chance and Lucky program that allows visiting Pet Parents an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life. Any Pet Parent who purchases one of four different stuffed animals named Chance, Lucky, Dream, and Hope for \$5 can donate this stuffed animal to CHaD to be distributed to the children associated with CHaD. Also with the purchase of each stuffed animal, PetSmart will donate 10% of the proceeds will help fund programs for PetSmart Charities which is responsible for one out of 10 pet adoptions in North America. PetSmart Charities is in the top 1% of all charities in the US as rated by Charity Navigator.

Ray Spooner, the Store Manager for PetSmart, is working closely with Amy Marsh of CHaD and Claremont Call Firefighter Nicholas Koloski who is an avid supporter of the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. Several times a year Koloski supports ChaD through his firefighting stipend and has used these funds himself to supply toys to the children at the hospital. He himself was a patient to their pre-



decessor, Mary Hitchcock Memorial, where he underwent surgery and was once blind himself. He says he remembers the comfort the toy room provided him as a child and has vowed to continue to assist in providing the same comfort for hospitalized children. Spooner was touched by this story as he himself has a daughter that was helped by the Saint Peters Children's Hospital in Brunswick, NJ, by the Cranial Facial Team in correcting a

childhood speech impairment through the miracle of surgery that has allowed her to overcome many challenges herself.

With Pet Smart driving this program through its PetParents, the partners are hoping to donate over 1,000 stuffed animals to the Children's Hospital of Dartmouth, bringing smiles and hope to these children's lives this holiday season.



Thanks to a donation from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, an American Heart Association CPR-in Schools kit was given to Stevens High School to train the next generation of lifesavers. Close to 500 students and faculty will be led through a hands-only CPR training and given the opportunity to practice chest compressions on mannequins. Representatives from the American Heart Association, volunteers from sponsor Dartmouth-Hitchcock (shown), local EMS providers and volunteers whose lives have been saved through CPR worked teaching the students and faculty the hands-only CPR training (Bill Binder photo).



Claremont Middle School's new principal, Frank Romeo, is a die-hard Yankees fan. During the all school assembly on Friday, Romeo wore a Red Sox hat and sweatshirt to help demonstrate the importance of respect amongst each other even when you don't agree. The entire school saying "Sweet Caroline" as a way of welcoming him into Red Sox Nation (Courtesy photo).

## Claremont School District Faces \$32,800 School Lunch Debt

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll, e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School Board is looking at policy changes and possibly other action as it faces a \$32,800-plus debt from unpaid school lunches for the 2017-18 school year. One account owes more than \$600, the student having eaten "two meals a day every single day," said Mike O'Neill, Business Administrator for the district, "and never paid a dime". There are some 452 accounts that are involved; O'Neill said that he is willing to write off those that are under \$20—since it would likely cost more than it's worth to collect the money—and for those students who have transferred out or graduated. There are 52 accounts that owe less than \$20.

At the last board meeting, Board member Jason Benware wondered if one problem was that some families would qualify for the free or reduced lunch but hadn't or couldn't fill out the necessary paperwork to apply. The administration said it does all it can to encourage people to sign up but cannot make people do it. "Some people don't want to reveal their income as it could impact other things," said Interim Superintendent Keith Pfeifer.

Statements get sent home, and those who owe money have been sent letters, but to no avail. "Where do I go from sending letters and emails?" O'Neill asked the board. "Do I go to small claims, collection agency?" Regulations require that children are fed, whether they pay or not, and also requires that they receive the full meal and not a modified one, said Pfeifer. According to current policy, a request for payment can only come from as high as the superintendent; legal counsel cannot do so on behalf of the district. Some school board members wondered if in some cases students are given cash by their parents to purchase meals but pocket the money instead. Monies for meals is owed by families who should be paying the full amount for lunch or breakfast and are not participating in the free or reduced lunch program. POS (point of sale) transactions, which are recorded immediately, came into play when the district contracted with a private food service, said O'Neill, adding that the efficiency of that system shed better light on the problem. He also said that there are "staff that owe significant money," a fact that did not sit well with him or the board. After hearing about the problem, a number of people in the community reportedly have offered donations to help pay off the debt, said the district. The board held a retreat on Sunday at the CSBCC to go over budget issues and also discussed the lunch debt; it decided to pick up the issue again at the SUA 6 board meeting with Unity set for Thursday. Unity also has a lunch program debt, of nearly \$1,000.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Boards, Committees and Commissions Vacancies

*The City of Claremont is inviting citizens to apply for vacancies which exist on the following volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions:*

<b>Board of Appeals</b>	<b>5 Vacant Seats 3 Vacant Alternate Seats</b>
<b>Claremont Community Television Board</b>	<b>3 Vacant Seats</b>
<b>Claremont Housing Authority</b>	<b>1 Vacant Seat</b>
<b>Claremont Planning Board</b>	<b>3 Vacant Seats 2 Vacant Alternate Seats</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>2 Vacant Seats 5 Vacant Alternate Seats</b>
<b>Energy Advisory Committee</b>	<b>No Vacant Seats</b>
<b>Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees</b>	<b>1 Vacant Alternate Seat</b>
<b>Frances Tolles Home Board</b>	<b>No Vacant Seats</b>
<b>Historic District Commission</b>	<b>1 Vacant Seat 3 Vacant Alternate Seats</b>
<b>MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of the CT River Joint Commission</b>	<b>2 Vacant Seats 2 Vacant Alternate Seats</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commission</b>	<b>3 Vacant Seats 4 Vacant Alternate Seats</b>
<b>Personnel Advisory Board</b>	<b>No Vacant Seats</b>
<b>Policy Committee</b>	<b>1 Vacant Citizen Member Seat</b>
<b>TIF Downtown Advisory Board</b>	<b>5 Vacant Seats</b>
<b>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission</b>	<b>1 Vacant Seat</b>
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>1 Vacant Alternate Seat</b>

*Seats for Future Availability:*

<b>Energy Advisory Committee</b>	<b>1 seat expires 12/31/2018</b>
<b>Claremont Community Television Board</b>	<b>1 seat expires 12/31/2018</b>
<b>Trustees of Trust Funds</b>	<b>1 seat expires 10/31/2018</b>

Call deForest Bearse at 504-0341 or stop by the Visitor Center at 14 North Street to find out how you can volunteer, or go online to [www.claremontnh.com/government/boards-and-committees](http://www.claremontnh.com/government/boards-and-committees). 10/8/2018



The Claremont Fire Department held its 133rd Annual Firefighter's Parade on Friday, Oc. 12. Over 66 pieces of fire apparatus traveled the parade route with sirens screaming and emergency lights flashing. Crowds of people turned out to support their firefighters along the parade route, waving and clapping as the apparatus passed by. It was a nice fall night and the parade was a great success again this year. After the parade all the firefighters gathered at the Fire Station for a meal of hot dogs, chili or beans and sodas, which were served up by the Stevens Girl's Soccer team, while they waited to see who would take home a trophy. Clockwise: Sunapee's oldest motorized apparatus, Smokey Bear catches a ride, a contingent of NH Firefighters on motorcycles joined the parade this year, lining up for food following the parade (Bill Binder photos).

Winners of trophies—

- Farthest Distance Traveled—Troy, NH, Fire Dept.
- Oldest Motorized Apparatus—Sunapee Fire Dept.
- Oldest Hand Drawn Apparatus—Sunapee Fire Dept.
- Oldest Apparatus still in service—Sullivan, NH, Fire Dept.
- Newest Apparatus in service—Unity Fire Dept.—Brush 1
- Best Marching unit—Newport Fire Dept.
- Best Appearing Apparatus—Weston, VT

