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City Participating in FEMA GET ALARMED Program

By Bill Binder e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Dept. was recently chosen as one of 21 NH communities to benefit from FEMA's GET ALARMED NEW HAMPSHIRE Fire Prevention and Safety Grant. This program provides free carbon monoxide and smoke alarms throughout owner-occupied homes where children and senior citizens reside.

The detectors are wireless, interconnected (if one goes into alarm, they all will sound) with a 10-year battery.

Fire Chief Bryan Burr said that there are certain criteria to the program to qualify: To be eligible, houses must be owner-occupied single family homes with residents who fit one of the following requirements—age 60 or older, age 6 or under, deaf or hard of hearing, disabled.

If you qualify, members of the Fire Department will come and make a survey of your house to find out how many detectors are needed. They will then make an appointment to install the detectors.

To participate, communities need to provide a commitment to participate and market the program, have volunteers to install supplied equipment and educational materials and complete the required paperwork.

For more information on this program, you can either stop by the Fire Station or contact the Fire Prevention Division at 542-7012.



Captain Jim Chamberlain (L) and Firefighter Kenny Smith display the free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Bill Binder photo).

Case Involves Cornish Man

Possible "Abuse and Neglect" Being Investigated in Mentally III Inmate's Death at NH Prison

By Nancy West InDepthNH.org

CONCORD, NH—A federal judge has ordered the speedy release of records to the Disability Rights Center for its investigation into the death of a mentally ill inmate at the Residential Treatment Unit at the state prison for men.

The Disability Rights Center is investigating the possible role of abuse and neglect in inmate Phillip Borcuk's death on Dec. 6, 2017, according to DRC attorney Andrew Milne. The DRC investigation is also focusing on

questions about the adequacy of staffing on the unit and staff use of force and restraint, Milne said.

The investigation also involves the adequacy of mental health treatment at the Residential Treatment Unit, the appropriateness of staff

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Springfield, VT, Woman in Fatal Accident

Car Strikes Large Tree Stump in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Police Department released a statement Thursday regarding a fatal accident in Claremont early Thursday morning.

On April 19, at approximately 6:12 a.m., the Claremont Police Department, Claremont Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance responded to Chestnut St. nearly the Unity town line for a single motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival at the scene, medical personnel provided emergency care and transported the operator to Valley Regional Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.

According to Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase, police investigators identified the operator of the vehicle as Danuta Antosiewicz, 61, of Springfield, VT. Preliminary investiga-

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tion at the scene revealed that Antosiewicz was driving a 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee eastbound on Chestnut St.; the vehicle left the eastbound side of the road before striking a large tree stump. There were no passengers in the car, and no other vehicles were identified as being involved.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation at this time, said Chase. However, speed and alcohol do not initially appear to be factors, he said. Anyone with information about the collision is asked to contact Claremont Police Detective Capt. Stephen A. Lee at 603-542-7010 or slee@claremontnh.com.

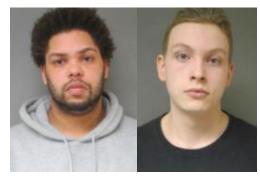
Newport Man One of Two Arrested in Drug Investigation

On April 13th, members of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and officers from Lebanon Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence on Elm Street West in West Lebanon, based upon an ongoing drug investigation.

During the search, officers allegedly located multiple gallon sized bags and large jars full of marijuana, said Lebanon Police Chief Richard Mello in a statement. Allegedly, a large brick of "hash" and a large jar of "honey butane oil" along with homemade THC infused gummy bears and THC infused gummy worms, that appear to be packaged for retail, were also seized, said the police. The amount of marijuana and marijuana products seized have a street value of approximately \$10,000. In addition to the drugs seized, over \$5,000 in cash and a .380 semiauto handgun were also seized, said Mello.

Kristian Karumba, age 28, of Elm Street W in West

Lebanon, was arrested and charged with four counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug with



K. Karumba

J. Boucher

the Intent to Distribute, all Class B Felony charges. Karumba could be facing additional charges or charge enhancements for being in possession of a firearm while committing the crime of Drug Sales, said Mello. Jordan Boucher, age 22, Newport, NH, was also arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Drug with the Intent to Distribute, a Class B Felony.

Karumba was later released on \$5,000 Personal Recognizance Bail, and Boucher on \$2,000 Personal Recognizance Bail. Both will be arraigned in the Grafton County Superior Court on April 30. Bail on both subjects was set by a Bail Commissioner from the 2nd Circuit Court, Lebanon District.

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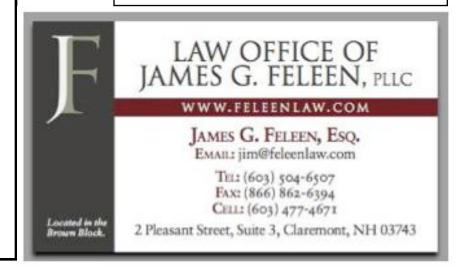
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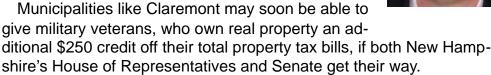


Commentary

NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

Bill Would Increase Property Tax Credit for Veterans



On April 19 the House, by simple voice vote, approved Senate Bill 503, which would increase the optional veterans' property tax credit from its current maximum of \$500 to \$750. The bill was approved after representatives had overturned by a 185-147 roll call vote a recommendation by a majority of the House Municipal & County Government Committee to reject it. The somewhat surprising overturn vote came after a spirited floor debate. Somewhat surprising because similar legislation to raise the optional veterans tax credit from \$500 to \$1,000 was defeated last year after a majority of the same committee had also recommended rejection.

Senate Bill 503 proponents, including Conway Rep. Frank McCarthy, a Republican, stated that the bill was simply "enabling legislation" that would permit municipalities to raise the current \$500 maximum, last increased in 2003, to \$750, if they so desired. For cities such as Claremont, it would likely mean that the City Council could vote to hike the maximum tax credit. For most towns, it would likely mean that a majority of voters by a ballot or in a town meeting could hike the credit. In conclusion, Rep. McCarthy declared that municipalities "should be afforded the opportunity to make a final judgment," on the issue of the tax credit.

However, Senate Bill 503 opponents like Derry Rep. Richard Tripp, another Republican, declared that the \$500 maximum optional tax credit is "a fair and equitable tax credit." Rep. Tripp added that the \$500 maximum was just revised in 2016 by the New Hampshire Legislature to include a broader group of qualifying veterans, who would be eligible, a broader group which includes non-combat as well as combat veterans. Finally, he said, the bill would not help the approximately 30 percent of veterans he estimates are renters because they do not pay property taxes.

Senate Bill 503, which would retroactively take effect on April 1, 2018, now goes to Gov. Christopher Sununu for his consideration. In other words, Gov. Sununu can either sign the bill into law, veto the bill, or let it become law without his signature five days after he receives it. The bill is sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of 17 legislators led by Sandown Sen. William Gannon, a Republican, and including Hanover Sen. Martha Hennessey, a Democrat, who is Claremont's senator. It had been earlier approved by the Senate by unanimous roll call vote Feb. 22.

For the record, I did vote for Senate Bill 503. But I wish to caution



readers that even if this bill becomes law that is not a panacea to Claremont's high property taxes. Please remember that the measure is enabling legislation, meaning that the Claremont City Council would have to raise the veterans' property tax credit up to its maximum of \$750 per property owner. Frankly, I'm not sure what Claremont now allows for the maximum tax credit, which could be anywhere from the current minimum of \$51 to the \$500 maximum earlier mentioned. Also raising the tax credit would not help non-veteran property owners. On the other hand, many Claremont veterans and their families have sacrificed a lot for our nation, so a little extra break on their taxes, if the City Council agrees, could be worthwhile.

Furthermore, on April 19 the House by another simple voice vote adopted an amended version of Senate Bill 556. This bill revises the procedures for the granting of bail to defendants charged with various crimes, changes the procedure for annulment or erasure of violations and Class B Misdemeanors depending on the date of an individual's conviction for such crimes, and revises the requirements for demonstrating indigency or poverty for the purposes of annulling a criminal record. The bill was approved with little floor debate, and after the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, which had examined it, recommended it by an overwhelming 17-2 roll call vote.

Senate Bill 556 supporters, among them the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, said that by revising New Hampshire's present bail laws, the measure would help ensure that individuals are not automatically jailed before their trials simply because they are too poor to afford bail. Additionally, the measure would make our state's communities safer by keeping those defendants who are identified as dangerous to themselves or to others off the streets. Also, it would save counties like Sullivan money as county correctional facilities would no longer incarcerate individuals who are neither dangerous, nor a flight risk. Finally, it should prevent some of the economic, personal, and social hardships on individuals and their families normally resulting from the incarceration of such individuals, if they are neither a flight risk or dangerous.

Senate Bill 556 now returns to the Senate for consideration of two amendments added by the Criminal Justice Committee, and Hampton Rep. David Welch, who is the Criminal Justice Chair, amendments which will either be concurred with by the Senate or result in a House-Senate Committee of Conference that would attempt to iron out a compromise version. The bill was earlier approved by the Senate on March 8, also by voice vote. It is sponsored by a coalition of 14 lawmakers led by Concord Sen. Dan Feltes, and including Sen. Hennessey, both Democrats.

For readers' information, I voted for Senate Bill 556. I did so because its revisions to our state's bail laws would make them fairer, and should save Sullivan County's taxpayers a little money because our County House of Corrections probably wouldn't have to jail as many individuals awaiting trial as it does now, individuals who cost our counties an average of \$110 per day, excluding medical costs, according to the Civil Liberties Union.

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Letter to the Editor

Why We Walk for TPN

To The Editor:

This year will mark the third time our congregation has had a team participating in the Steppin' Up to End Violence Walk in support of Turning Points Network and their mission to end violence in our region.

My family and I first attended the Steppin' Up Walk the year before that, invited and inspired by members of our congregation who had been active in supporting TPN for many years. When I heard the stories they told of this remarkable event, I knew I wanted to experience it for myself.

I will admit that, even with that introduction, walking up to the starting line that first year, I had WAY underestimated the energy, power, and importance of this faithful gathering of dedicated and determined souls. It was inspiring. So many people coming together from all walks of life, willing to say, "No more"—No more domestic violence, no more physical or emotional abuse, no more violence of any kind. So many people working to support the work TPN does all year long—work that I knew was important already, but that I could tell listening to the stories and the gratitude shared by the speakers at the starting rally was more than important, it was life-saving, over and over again.

By the time the walk began that first year, I knew that we needed to find a way to bring more people from our congregation to the next year's event, and as much support as we could muster to contribute to TPN. A few conversations and commitments later, the Hartland UU "sUUper TrU-Uper" team was born.

Last year 29 members and friends from our congregation participated in the walk, with ages represented from all of the decades from single digits to folks in their 80s, and I understand that we were among the leaders of funds raised by teams—I'm proud of all those statistics, and hope we'll do even better this year. But I'm more proud that we have a chance to be connected to Turning Points Network, and to support in whatever way we can the life-changing, life-saving work that goes on there.

I'm grateful that I and members of our congregation get to be a part of the "No More Violence!" exclamation point that the Steppin' Up Walk brings to Claremont that annual morning in Spring, and I'm grateful as well for the inspiration you bring to our team and our community to join in the work of ending violence everywhere, all the time—just as all the amazing folks at TPN do with all the dedication of their hands and hearts and minds and souls, every day.

Thank you for your work. Thank you for sharing your inspiration with us. Thank you for all you do to help heal us all, our community, and our world.

Rev. Paul Sawyer

Minister, Unitarian Universalist Society of Hartland, VT

Senators Hassan, Portman Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Help Train More New Doctors to Prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment

WASHINGTON, DC-Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Rob Portman (R-OH) Thursday introduced the bipartisan Enhancing Access to Addiction Treatment Act of 2018 to help train more new doctors to prescribe medication-assisted treatment to help combat the fentanyl, heroin, and opioid epidemic and saves lives.

The bipartisan bill would support medical schools and residency programs in training students and residents in addiction medicine in order to allow more new doctors to prescribe medication-assisted treatment. The legislation would also streamline the process for getting a waiver to prescribe medication-assisted treatment to ensure that students or residents who receive training can apply to prescribe medication-assisted treatment as soon as they graduate medical school, get licensed to practice medicine, and get a DEA number – the same time they are allowed to start prescribing opioids.

Case, from A1

training and how the staff responds to individuals in mental health crisis, Milne said.

"These are questions we are reviewing. We have not made any conclusions because we are still in the midst of our investigation," Milne said. "It should go smoothly now with the court's order to make the department turn over records within days, not weeks or months."

The DRC sued Department of Corrections Commissioner Helen Hanks in federal court claiming state prison authorities failed to produce requested documents about Borcuk's death in a timely manner.

On Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Landya McCafferty ruled in favor of the Disability Rights Center saying in fact the Department of Corrections' delays caused irreparable harm. McCafferty laid out time frames ranging from two to 10 days for the department to turn over documents.

Milne said: "Because of the delays, our right to investigate and the effectiveness of our investigation have been compromised." He added that the investigation may never get a full picture of what happened to Borcuk because of the delays.

Borcuk, 34, of Cornish, was admitted from Sullivan County Superior Court into Department of Correction custody in 2012 for charges of operating after being certified as a habitual offender, theft by unauthorized taking and assault by prisoner, according to the department.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Rebecca Ross, who represents the Department of Corrections said, "We had already provided substantial documents to the Disability Rights Center and although we do not believe an injunction was necessary, the state intends to full comply with the court's order."

After Borcuk's death, the department issued a news release stating that he was alone in his cell and died due to "self-injurious behavior."

His parole eligibility date was Dec. 5, 2018, with a maximum release date of Dec. 5, 2019.

The Department of Corrections had primarily claimed that it didn't have the staff to provide the documents in a timely manner and also make sure staff and residents were safe and secure, Milne said.

"Our response was that they need to be able to operate their facility ensuring staff and resident safety and comply with our federally authorized investigation," Milne said. The Disability Rights Center is a statewide non-profit organization that is federally authorized to investigate possible violations of the



Phillip Borcuk

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act.

The PAIMI Act authorizes DRC to investigate suspected abuse and neglect of individuals with mental illness and obligates facilities such as prisons to cooperate by promptly producing requested records.

For now, the DRC investigation involves only the death of Borcuk, but depending on what is found could be expanded to include other residents of the Residential Treatment Unit and the Secure Psychiatric Unit who may be at risk of abuse or neglect, Milne said.

The Residential Treatment Unit is a specialized unit for inmates with mental illness who are unable to function in the general inmate population. The Secure Psychiatric Unit houses mentally ill inmates and patients who haven't been convicted of a crime, but are considered too dangerous to be housed at the New Hampshire Hospital, the state's psychiatric hospital.

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Newport Schools to Hold Spring Expo

NEWPORT, NH – Newport Middle School, High School, and Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center are inviting the community to come roar with them.

All three schools will join together to hold a spring expo on Thursday, May 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

"This is a great way for us to get to know not only current students families, but those families who may be transitioning into our district next school year," said Newport Middle and High Schools principal, Shannon Martin. "We plan to show them the wide range of school and community resources we have to offer."

Not only will faculty and staff have tables set up demonstrating what they do, but there will be examples of student work and talents. In addition there will be fun activities, prizes, tasty treats, and demonstrations. Attendees who visit the many booths will be entered into a raffle in which a Chromebook is offered as one of the prizes.

"We very much want this not only to be an informative night for families, but also one that is fun," Martin said. "There will be plenty of activities that will keep the entire family engaged."

In addition to what is offered educationally, many local organizations are scheduled to participate. Included among those local groups are Granite State Independent Living, Newport Food Pantry, Pathways of the River Valley, Road to Independence, and West Central Behavioral Health Services, just to name a few that are scheduled to participate.

"This is a great opportunity for families to access the many services our area provides," Martin said. "Pairing educational opportunities with community services allows families to get a lot of information in one place."

Martin is grateful for the efforts of the faculty and staff at Newport Middle and High Schools and the SRVRTC.

"It is quite a collaborative effort among the staff and faculty to make this event happen," Martin said. "They've gone above and beyond to make sure that it is going to be a success."

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School District Implementing New Online Student Registration System

CLAREMONT, NH—Superintendent of Schools Middleton McGoodwin provided information last week to staff and Claremont School District parents announcing that the district is implementing an online student registration/data validation system for the upcoming school year, powered by InfoSnap.

"The system is a secure and green process, which allows the district to verify all student demographic, emergency and medical information for students prior to the start of the new school year," said McGoodwin. "The system will also allow families to electronically sign the annual permission forms. In short, this online process replaces most of the hard copy student registration and permission forms that students bring home on the first day of school.

"When it is time for families to fill out the online form, they will receive a letter/email from the Claremont School District with instructions on how to access the system for their student. The email will contain the PowerSchool Parent Portal link and how the families can create an account if they have not already done so. This allows the system to automatically connect the system to their student's information."

McGoodwin added, "As part of this transition, we will begin using InfoSnap's online administrative tools. We know this will represent a change in our process, and that we will see an initial learning curve. However, everyone will soon see that these tools provide new efficiencies for our district, minimizes data entry, and streamlines data management."

In addition, he told staff that "InfoSnap provides administrative technical support, with documentation and tutorial videos. A training plan has been developed to ensure you understand your roles and responsibilities with this transition. We are looking forward to reducing prior years of paperwork, and staff labor associated with student registration."

Parents were also told that they will be using the account each year for this process, submitting a form for each student in their families. To make the process easier for families with multiple students, they will have the option to copy all generic family information to all other students in their families.

He added, "We will be opening the schools on specific dates and times before school opens in August to give parents the opportunity to complete the online registration. These dates and times will be sent out to all parents and will be posted on the district's website as well."

Parents are encouraged to reach out to their schools if they need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account if they do not yet have one, or if they have questions regarding the online registration.

----Phyllis A.Muzeroll





OUR TURN

More Than Just a Law

April serves as a reminder to celebrate the strength of survivors and the importance of advocacy as it marks the beginning of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

Staff at Turning Points Network have been busy making a difference for survivors in New Hampshire. Particularly by advocating for the passage of CACR 22, an amendment known as Marsy's Law, which seeks to amend New Hampshire's state constitution to strengthen the rights of victims.

Marsy's Law could have major consequences for survivors and their families. Specifically, the law enumerates their basic rights. Including that they receive timely notice of legal proceedings, are heard in the proceedings implicating them, receive reasonable protection from the accused, and receive full and timely restitution.

Originating in California, Marsy's Law received its name from Marsalee (Marsy)
Nicholas, a college student who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend. A week after her death, Marsy's mother and brother were at the grocery store when they were confronted by their loved-one's killer—they had no idea he was out on bail. Unfortunately, Marsy's story is not unique, but underscores an underlying gap in victims' rights.

States across the U.S. have already adopted the constitutional amendment. North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana most recently passed Marsy's Law. For survivors of domestic or sexual violence or stalking, Marsy's Law could help minimize the trauma they face while working with the judicial system.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides the perfect opportunity to celebrate survivors, while also ensuring their legal protection under New Hampshire law.

OUR TURN is a public service series by Turning Points Network (TPN) serving all of Sullivan County with offices in Claremont and Newport. We provide wraparound supports for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking and we present violence-prevention education programs in our schools. For more than 40 years, TPN has helped people of all ages move from the darkness of abuse toward the light of respect, healing and hope. For information contact 1.800.639.3130 or www.turninqpointsnetwork.org or find us on Facebook.

Nursing Scholarship Offered in Memory of Springfield Hospital Nurse

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Applications are being accepted for the 13th annual Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship of \$1,000. This scholarship is open to any student who has been accepted into a nursing program of study. Applicants will be judged on interest in and commitment to the field of nursing. Determination will be based on merit and need.

Application forms are available in high school guidance offices and from the Development Office of Springfield Hospital. Deadline is May 25. For information, contact Larry Kraft at 885-7644 or lkraft@springfieldmed.org.

Eileen Austin Neal was a registered nurse at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, retiring in 2005. She was the first recipient of the Hospital's Community Health Award in 2003. In 2004, the Hospital established the Spirit of Nursing Award in recognition of her many years of dedicated service.

Upon her death in February 2006, at the request of Neal's family, Springfield Hospital established a nursing scholarship fund in her name with the gifts received in her memory.

"Springfield Hospital is a better place for Eileen having worked here," said Kraft. "This scholarship continues her positive influence on both nursing and the community."

Tiny House Program at Plainfield Library

PLAINFIELD, NH—Have you ever wondered what the Tiny House movement is all about? The George H. Stowell Library in Cornish and the Plainfield Libraries have joined forces to present a program on Tiny Houses.

Isa Bauer will be at the Plainfield Library at 6:30 p.m. on April 26th to talk about Tiny Houses and the lifestyle they represent, the challenges and the benefits. Bauer has lived in a Tiny House since she was 19 and is Project Manager and lead designer for Tiny House Northeast.

Cornish Moth-Style Story Hour

The next story hour event will be April 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Meeting House in Cornish Flat. Come tell a true story in 5 to 10 minutes, or just come listen to your neighbors tell stories. The prompt this time is "Swimming". Could be about learning to swim, or a close escape from a swimming adventure gone bad. But if you have another story about a different topic, that's okay, too. call Henry Homeyer at 543-1307 to pitch your story idea and to get on the agenda.



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Sunapee Awards Presented

Sunapee Fire Chief Dan Ruggles and the Sunapee Board of Fire Engineers announced the recent awarding of the Sunapee Fire Department Association's Firefighter of the Year and Citizen of the Year Awards to Firefighter Richard Hamm (left photo) and Sunapee resident Shaun Carroll, Jr. (right photo) Both received their recognitions in surprise presentations at the annual Sunapee Fireman's Dinner on April 14.

Hamm has served with the Sunapee Fire Department for 10 years as a member of Georges Mills Engine Company 3, now combined with Sunapee Engine Company 1. He has served for many years as the Vice-President of the Sunapee Fire Department Association. He assumed President duties last year upon the retirement of the Association President and was recently nominated by the members to serve as the elected President. Hamm owns a landscaping company and lives in Sunapee with his wife, daughter and son, who along with family members from out of State, attended the dinner and award ceremony.

Carroll was recognized for his long service to the Town of Sunapee as a 19-year member of the School Board. He retired from this Board earlier this year where he was the sitting Chairman. Carroll has volunteered in many other capacities for the benefit of the community schools. Through his business, Carroll Concrete, he has donated many goods and services for projects around Sunapee and the region. Carroll is also a Sunapee resident,

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living with his wife, son and daughter, who also joined him at the dinner.

The Sunapee Fire Department is accepting applications for members for firefighter and EMTs. Learn about the Sunapee Fire Department at the Town of Sunapee web site.





Registration Information Provided for Upcoming Solar Forum

CLAREMONT, NH—Please join us at the Residential Solar Forum to learn about clean, renewable solar energy for your home.

The City of Claremont and the Action Collaborative for Transition to Sustainability Now (ACTS Now) are collaborating to offer a solar education program for residents. This program is the Residential Solar Forum, on the evening of Thursday, May 3rd, at the Goodrich Community Room in the Sugar River Valley Technical Center, 111 South St, in Claremont from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The program will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. The educational program will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end about 8:00 p.m. There will be solar contractors tabling before and after the program. The evening will end at 8:30 p.m.

This program is designed to help area residents learn more about the big picture and basics of solar energy and about what they can do if they are interested in home-based renewable solar energy to augment or replace their fossil fuel consumption.

The Residential Solar Forum will have a panel of experts who will provide guidance about finding a good site, financing a solar installation, share information about community solar and how to purchase solar energy credits if a home site is not solar-ready, and give residents the opportunity to meet local contractors who specializes in this work.

These programs are funded by a New England Grassroots Environment Fund Grow Grant.

Admission is free with registration either through Eventbrite at: (click on this link) https://www.eventbrite.com/e/residential-solar-forum-tickets-45115911907 or by calling 603-504-2851 and leaving your name(s) and how many will be coming to the Forum. All participants must register by April 27th to insure we have food for all who come for the light meal at 5:30 p.m.

ACTS Now is a monthly book group that focuses on empowering citizens to create resilient and socially just communities.

For more information about the Residential Solar Forum or ACTS Now contact Mike McCrory at mmccrory@claremontnh.com or call 603-504-0374; or Rebecca MacKenzie at reb178@myfairpoint.net or call 603-504-2851.

April Break Activities at the Fiske Free Library

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FRIDAY APRIL 27 - 12:00 PM PICNIC AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your lunch and picnic at the library while listening to stories. The library will provide dessert and drink.

During other times every day there will be board games, puzzles and many other creative playthings and books to enjoy at the library during vacation week.

All programs are free and open to the public.

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WorkReadyNH at RVCC Strengthens NH's Workforce

CLAREMONT, NH—Ask any employer what skills they want their employees to have and consistently you will hear that they want people who have a good attendance record, can communicate well, resolve conflict and work as a team. In response to business roundtables in 2011, WorkReadyNH was started in NH's Community College System in an effort to strengthen NH's workforce. Since then, over 3,500 NH residents with varying levels of education from no high school diploma to Ph.D.'s, no work experience to those with 50 + years of experience, ages 18 - 80 years old, have graduated.

WorkReadyNH includes 60 hours of professional level soft skills training that addresses the skills that employers want and need in the workplace including Communication, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Conflict Resolution, Employer Expectations, Team Building, Ethics and more. Upon completion, participants receive a WorkReadyNH Certificate from the Community College System of New Hampshire and ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate(r) that assesses and documents workplace reading, math and graphic literacy skills.

Sign up now for the upcoming class that runs May 7th - 25th, Monday - Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at RVCC in Claremont: workreadyrvcc@ccsnh.edu; Martha Mott, 603-543-4585.



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Building a Stronger Claremont Roundtable Discussion

CLAREMONT, NH—You're invited to take part in an important discussion about the future of the community. What is your experience of living or working in the Claremont area? What would you like to see change? This event is hosted by Rights & Democracy NH and will be held at the Fiske Free Library on Thursday, April 26th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to consider these topics. The discussion is being called "Building a Stronger Community," and organizers hope it will spark some ideas about how people can create positive changes in the region.

For more information, please visit https://www.facebook.com/ events/1423349264437752/.

Boardman Named as CSB Trustee

CLAREMONT, NH-Claremont Savings Bank is pleased to announce that Brian J. Boardman has been elected a Trustee of the Bank. He has served as a Corporator of CSB since 2013. Brian is a Claremont native and a graduate of Stevens High School, class of 1987. He became a Master Electrician in 1993, just before joining Whelen Engineering.



Brian J. Boardman

He became Director of Facilities in 1998, General Manager in 2009 and Vice President of Operations in 2015. He oversees the operations of five divisions in Charlestown, New Hampshire.

Boardman has worked with many Greater Claremont community organizations, including the Regional Economic Profile Committee, River Valley Community College Presidential Search Committee, and Business and Industry Association. Brian resides in Claremont with his wife, Tawna Boardman.

"We are delighted to welcome Brian to our Board of Trustees," said Thomas Connair, CSB Chairman of the Board. "As a Claremont native and Vice President of Whelen Engineering, Brian's experience, talent and business savvy will be an added resource to our Board in carrying out our mission to best serve the community," continued Connair. "We look forward to his participation."

Long-Standing Stewards of the Greater Upper Valley to be Honored at 7th Annual Heroes & Leaders Celebration

Mike Satzow among Honorees

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT—Vital Communities will honor 12 longstanding stewards of the greater Upper Valley region at the seventh annual Heroes & Leaders Celebration on Thursday, May 3, at the Quechee Club in Quechee, VT. The annual dinner, which benefits the Leadership Upper Valley (Continued on page A14)





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Celebration, from A13

program of Vital Communities, honors community members who have made significant positive impacts in the region.

"We are so pleased to celebrate people and institutions who model the best in community engagement and stewardship," said Rob Schultz, Leadership Upper Valley manager. "They've shown a deep, sustained, often multigenerational commitment to making their communities healthy, prosperous, engaged, and vital."

This year's Heroes & Leaders honorees are:

William Boyle, MD, Boyle Community Pediatrics Program, CHaD

Co-op Food Stores, Edward W. Fox, General Manager

Robin Dow Parker and John Dow, Canaan Hardware & Supply

The Family Place, Nancy Bloomfield, Executive Director and Posie Taylor, Board Chair

Dan Fraser, Dan & Whit's General Store **Laurie Harding**, RN, Upper Valley Community Nursing Project, Headrest **Rob Howe**, Howvale Farm and Tunbridge

Jill Lord, RN, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center

Mike Satzow, North Country Smokehouse Janet and Tim Taylor, Crossroad Farm Steve Taylor, Taylor Brothers Farm The Tuck School of Business, Matthew Slaughter, Dean

Kevin Peterson of the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority will offer the evening's keynote address.

Tickets and more information are available at VitalCommunities.org/Heroesand-Leaders.

Leadership Upper Valley is supported in part by program sponsor Mascoma Bank. The Heroes & Leaders celebration is sponsored by Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Additional table sponsors for the evening include Canaan Hardware & Supply, Claremont Chamber of Commerce, Claremont Sav-

ings Bank, Frazer Insurance Group, "Friends of The Family Place," Ledyard National Bank, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, The Tuck School of Business, and Leadership Upper Valley alumni.

Proceeds from the event benefit Vital Communities' Leadership Upper Valley program, a 10-month professional and personal development program that inspires, educates, and engages community members to better serve the greater Upper Valley by building their networks and their knowledge of the region's challenges, opportunities, and resources. Apply by

April 30 for the 2018-19 session at VitalCommunities.org/LeadershipUpperValley.

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Former Ford Dealership Facilities to be Auctioned Off

CLAREMONT, NH—A sign has been posted at the former Ford dealership on Washington Street announcing (two) foreclosure sales at public auction. The auction will be held on May 8 at 11:00 a.m. The event is being advertised as "Automotive Sales & Service Facilities on Busy Route 11/103 Tuesday, May 8 At 11:00 AM, 364 & 366 Washington Street, Claremont, NH. Former auto dealership and adjacent auto repair facility located along the heavily traveled Route 11/103 corridor in the Business 2 Zoning District. Average daily traffic count of 20,000. These Light Industrial buildings total 15,400± SF GBA on 3.55± combined acres with 330± feet of high visibility frontage on Route 11/103. 150± parking spaces. Full complement of public utilities."

According to the event brochure, the real estate taxes for both properties are paid in full, and the auction is being handled by James R. St. Jean, auctioneers; the company has been in business for over 30 years and is a licensed, professional auction company centrally located in Epping, NH.

The former dealership closed down a couple of years ago after state financial regulators brought action against the business for failure to pay off loans on customers' trade-in vehicles.

Meanwhile, a new Ford dealership is currently under construction on the Charlestown Road in Claremont. The business received the goahead last year.

—Phyllis A.Muzeroll

The former Ford dealership facilities will be offered at public auction on May 8 (Bill Binder photo).

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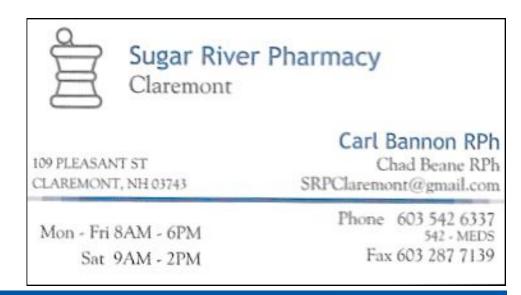
CLAREMONT, NH—The new Claremont Farmers' Market is open for business. Organizers are actively searching for vendors for the following: Farmers with fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, flowers, baked goods, homemade crafts, and food trucks. They are also looking for entertainment. The market will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Visitors Center Green beginning May 26th and running each Saturday through September 8th.

Please visit the market website at: http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/parks-and-recreation/farmers-market.aspx to download a vendor application or for more information.

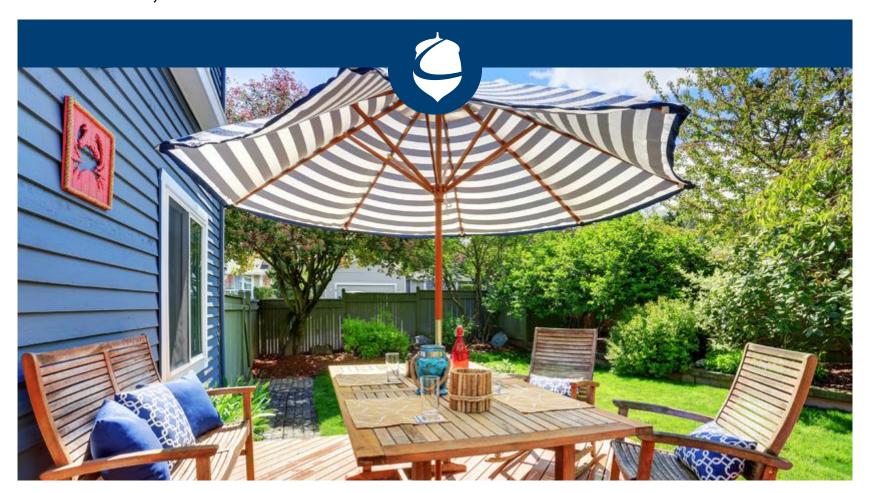


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Take Steps to Control Your Investment Taxes

Tax Season is finally over. Of course, how much you pay in taxes depends on a variety of factors, many of which you can't control. But you might give some thought to how you can manage your investment-related taxes.

Here are some suggestions to consider:

Contribute to your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b), contribute as much as you can afford. The more pre-tax dollars you put in to your retirement plan, the lower your taxable income. Your employer also may offer a Roth 401(k) option, under which you invest after-tax dollars, so your annual income won't be lowered and your withdrawals will be tax-free.

Contribute to an IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA. With a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income level; with a Roth IRA, contributions are not deductible, but your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're $59\frac{1}{2}$.

Follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy. You can't control the price movements of your investments, but if you do achieve gains, you can decide when to take them – and this timing can make a substantial difference in your tax situation. If you sell

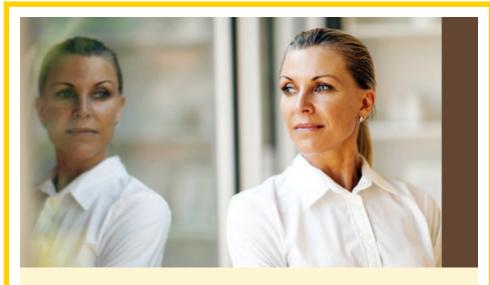
investments that you've owned for one year or less and their value has increased, you may need to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in 2018, could be as high as 37 percent. But if you hold investments for more than one year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which is 0, 15 or 20 percent, or a combination of those rates.

Consider municipal bonds. If you're in one of the higher tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is typically free of federal taxes, and possibly even state and local taxes. Interest from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). However, because of the new tax laws, the AMT exemption amounts were increased significantly.

You might be wondering what these new laws mean to investors. In terms of your regular investment activities, the effect might not be that significant. The tax brackets for qualified dividends and capital gains – such as those realized when you sell stocks – will remain about the same. This means that most investors will continue to pay 15% to 20% on long-term capital gains and dividends. Consequently, the new tax laws shouldn't really affect you much in terms of your decisions on buying and selling stocks or investing in companies that may pay dividends. Of course, it's still a good idea to consult with your tax advisor on how the totality of the new laws will affect you.

Ultimately, your investment decisions shouldn't be driven only by tax implications – nonetheless, it doesn't hurt to take steps to become a tax-smart investor.

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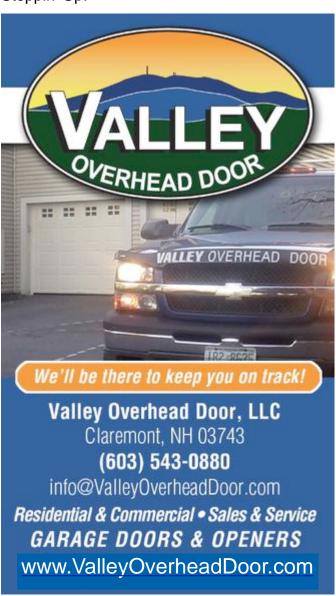
Arrowhead Meeting April 24

CLAREMONT, NH—The next Arrowhead meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m. at Arrowhead. Arrowhead work sessions will be held most Saturdays starting at 9:30 a.m. The site will have some off-season projects where operators will need people, materials and equipment. As events and project scopes become known the club will send out notices. They are looking for new members, officers and board members as well; membership numbers are low do to various reasons.

Email: arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com.

Eat at Salt hil Pub, Support TPN

NEWPORT, NH—Enjoy dinner at Salt hill Pub in Newport on Wednesday, April 25, and Salt hill Pub will con- tribute 10% of all proceeds that evening, in addition to their sponsorship of TPN's Steppin' Up to End Violence Walk and Fun Run, to Turning Points Network. Be sure to tell your server you are there for Steppin' Up.



It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Out of Nowhere

This recipe appeared out of nowhere and landed on my kitchen counter. I got the hint. It takes a bit of time, but nothing in this is overwhelming. Average skill level but be careful of any offers of "help". Make sure your helper has also read the recipe. It calls for the chicken to be grilled or broiled. Then cut into one-inch pieces. I was presented with the raw chicken already cut up. Couldn't grill or broil. So I smiled and sauted it in sesame oil. That worked. Unfortunately, the chicken was cut up on a large glass plate. Now I have a dull French chef's knife I have to sharpen. My helper was sent off to check the Weather Channel.

Grilled Asian Chicken Pasta Salad

3/4 cup lime juice

- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 Tbsp sesame oil
- 3 Tbsp reduced sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp minced fresh ginger root (powder ginger works, too)
- 3 garlic cloves minced
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 1/2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 12 oz uncooked angel hair pasta broken
- 1 large sweet yellow pepper chopped
- 1 large sweet red pepper chopped
- 1 medium cucumber peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley
- 2 green onions sliced
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

Combine the first 7 ingredients.

Pour 1/4 cup of this marinade into a shallow dish reserving the rest.

Add the chicken and turn it to coat.

Refrigerate 30 minutes.

Drain chicken, discard this marinade.

Grill the chicken on an oiled grill rack on medium heat 5 to 7 minutes per side.

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and rinse in cold water.

Combine remaining ingredients with reserved marinade.

Cut chicken into 1 inch slices (if someone has not already done so)

Add pasta and chicken to vegetable mixture and toss to coat.

Refrigerate until serving.

The most time is spent in prep. Cut up the veggies the night before and assemble the ingredients.

This is an excellent marinade for chicken in general. Play with your food. It pays off.

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Exhibit of past Apple Blossom Queens and gowns at Springfield Health Center (Courtesy photos).

Apple Blossom Cotillion on Display

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Portraits of past Apple Blossom Queens along with a collection of gowns worn in past Cotillions are on display at Springfield Health Center in the 100 River Street building. The portraits include the formal portraits of Apple Blossom queens since 1977 and several private portraits donated by queens from 1957 to 1976. The portrait of the 2017 Apple Blossom queen, Katherine Moulton, is on display in the lobby of Springfield Hospital and will be at this year's Cotillion.

The exhibit is located on the third floor of Springfield Health Center and will run until the week after this year's Cotillion. In addition to the historical portraits and gowns, also on display are photographs of the contestants, escorts, and elementary school participants in this year's event.

The 62nd Apple Blossom Queen will be crowned on Saturday, May 5, at Riverside Gymnasium in Springfield. "The Apple Blossom Cotillion is both a community tradition and a fundraising event," said Larry Kraft, Director of Development for Springfield Hospital, which presents the event. Proceeds are used for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career Award and to support local health care services.

Tickets for the Friday, May 4, performance cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets

for the Saturday, May 5, performance cost \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Tina's Hallmark Store and at Boccaccio's salons.

For information, call Larry Kraft, 885-7644 or lkraft@springfieldmed.org.

Time to Meet For Breakfast in Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—Door prizes will add to a Claremont tradition: The Spring Breakfast.

"Our start to the day has been a great way for people in Claremont to meet friends and associates in an informal setting. The meal is really a social event," said breakfast organizer Doree Russell.

"Door prizes will be given every 15 minutes and entry is included in the ticket for breakfast," Russell added. "That really contributes to the early morning fun," she said.

The 108th Spring Breakfast at the First Congregational Church will be Saturday, April 28, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. There will be a buffet style service for food and beverages. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, doughnuts, muffins, juice, coffee and tea are on the menu. The meats are from North Country Smokehouse of Claremont.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years and it is free for children two years and younger.

Takeout breakfasts will be available.
Proceeds will benefit the church, located at 72 Pleasant Street.

"The Zombie Musical" Auditions Announced

CLAREMONT, NH—Auditions open Friday, May 11, 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., for adults and teens (13 and up) for the Repertory Theatre Company's summer "Zombie Musical". It's a Zombie Outbreak on the Claremont Opera House Stage August 10th and August 11th.

There are some strange stirrings at the local cemetery. This production is a parody tribute to "Night of the Living Dead" meets "Disco Inferno" with a unique nod to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". An unusual space/time anomaly has allowed this group of zombies to roam the earth for one more evening of fun and to see if a zombie can find true love with the living. Will zombie lips fall off on that first kiss?

These and other questions will be answered in this original scripted production for The Repertory Theatre Company with classic music hits from the '70's and beyond.

Please be prepared to read from the script. For singing parts, please prepare an uptempo song from the '70's. Bring backup music with you.

For additional information, please email: office@claremontoperahouse.org.

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Under the Clock Tower: COH Director's Lounge Filled With Artistic Treasures

Text and Photos by Eric Zengota

CLAREMONT, NH—Patrons and guests at major events at the Claremont Opera House now have extra room in which to stretch their legs during intermission. Halfway between the orchestra and the balcony, the former Ladies Lounge has been transformed into the Director's Lounge, where beer, wine and bottled water are sold. What's more, the intimate space contains a treasure trove of artifacts from the City's visual and performing arts history.

Jason Farrell, Artistry Partners Volunteer, has worked with volunteers to create a space that resembles both an antiques shop and a theater museum. The team has collected, bought and borrowed a wide range of items.

A poster signed by Claremont-born actress Dorothy Loudon (most notably the original Miss Hannigan in "Annie") joins others picturing entertainers who have performed here. A large painting of the nymph Calypso of Telemaque dominates one corner; a bronze Faun With Flute was donated by Barbara Eaton Armstrong.

Atop a pedestal is an alabaster reproduction of Antonio Canova's Cupid and Psyche (marble original in the Louvre). It was given to the Claremont Historical Society by Harriet Rossiter Lewis and subsequently loaned to COH.

Late Victorian and Art Deco lamps provide period lighting effects, enhancing the wooden gleam of tables and display cases.

The Director's Lounge opened last Saturday during Kashmir, the Live Led Zeppelin tribute. Many of the concert-goers enjoyed the Lounge's artistic intimacy. And to the delight of Opera House staff, several donation items were offered to the collection.

Farrell promises a "changing show" featuring items rotated out of

storage. That said, he's still on the lookout for donations of any artifacts that illustrate the diverse regional history of Claremont. Of special interest: music/theater/entertainment-themed materials relating to Loudon, the singing Paulette Sisters and the Roseland Ballroom.

Interested donors can contact Farrell at 603-542-0064 or artistrypartners@aol.-com. COH is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit on the National Register of Historic Places. Taxpayer Identification Number available upon request.









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:

Airport Advisory Board	1 Vacancy (City Council Rep)
Board of Appeals	5 Vacant Seats
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Claremont Community Television Board	3 Vacant Seats
Claremont Planning Board	1 Vacant Seat (City Staff Representative)
	2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Conservation Commission	1 Vacant Seat (City Council Rep)
	5 Vacant Alternate Seats
Energy Advisory Committee	4 Vacant Seats
	2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Fiske Free Library Board of Trustees	2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Historic District Commission	1 Vacant Seats
	3 Vacant Alternate Seats
MT Ascutney Region River Subcommittee of	2 Vacant Seats
the CT River Joint Commission	2 Vacant Alternate Seats
Parks & Recreation Commission	2 Vacant Seats
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Personnel Advisory Board	1 Vacant Seat
Policy Committee	2 Vacant Citizen Member Seats
TIF Downtown Advisory Board	1 Vacant Seat
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Zoning Board of Adjustment	1 Vacant Alternate Seat
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Seats for Future Availability:

Claremont Community Television Board	2 seats expire 5/31/2018
Claremont Housing Authority	1 seat expires 5/29/2018
Parks & Recreation Commission	6 seats expire 5/31/2018

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. 4/20/2018





Cleaning Up...

To kick off the Community-wide Clean Up campaign, the Claremont Conservation Commission chose to clean up the Ashley Ferry boat landing on Saturday, April 21. Volunteers gathered and collected over 10 large bags of trash and junk. The City of Claremont also held another tire drop-off day at the Transfer Station on Saturday. Tires under 20" could be dropped off free of charge. Over 650 tires were collected, which was about half of what was collected last year. Photos: Conservation Commission member Gary Dickerman (L), his wife Marianne (C) and volunteer DeForest Bearse gather their equipment to begin cleaning up the Ferry Landing. Brian Morway (L) and Caleb Silver stack tires at the Transfer Station (Bill Binder photos). More Clean-Up Day photos on page A28.



Valley Regional Hospital held its annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, April 18. The volunteers were treated to a special lunch and all received a small gift in recognition of the many hours they put in volunteering at the hospital. Volunteers put in over 6,900 hours over the last year. Many thanks to all those who volunteer to help make the hospital patients' stay a better one (Bill Binder photos).







As part of the City-wide Cleanup campaign and to recognize Earth Day in Claremont, volunteers worked cleaning up several areas of the City. Councilor Jon Stone and his son Nick, joined by Councilor Jeremy Zullo and his group of young volunteers cleaned up Paddy Hollow Road and Hewitt Road. Mayor Charlene Lovett and Councilor Scott Pope, along with volunteers from The Claremont Rotary Club, cleaned up Grissom Lane. Photos: Top left: Nick Stone (L) and Councilor Jon Stone worked on Paddy Hollow Road; top right: Rear L-R Dylan Zullo, Councilor Jeremy Zullo—Front L-R Chloe Zullo, Amira Welch cleaned up Hewitt Road; bottom: L-R—Councilor Scott Pope, Mayor Charlene Lovett and Rotarians Jennifer Nelson, Josh Nelson, Lynn Girard and Liza McSwain picked up Grissom Lane (Bill Binder photos).





CITY OF CLAREMONT – SPRING CLEANUP

THE SPRING CLEANUP PROJECT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018, THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018.

LEAVES AND GRASS RAKINGS MUST BE LEFT AT THE CURBSIDE IN **PAPER COMPOSTABLE LEAF BAGS.**

PER CITY COUNCIL POLICY ADOPTED ON 05/12/04, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT OR PICK UP LEAVES THAT ARE NOT IN PAPER, BIODEGRADABLE BAGS. THESE 30 GALLON BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS LOCAL HARDWARE, GROCERY AND DEPARTMENT STORES.

ALL COMPOSTABLE, PAPER BAGGED LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018.

NO GARBAGE, BRUSH OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP. ALL AREAS WILL BE COVERED ONLY ONCE.

Scott W. Sweet Director of Public Works



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