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## Claremont Ponders \$4.5 Million Upgrade for Pleasant St.

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CLAREMONT, NH—Members of the community had the opportunity Wednesday night to learn more about a proposed upgrade for Pleasant St. that would make substantial changes to the road and downtown shopping area; it would come with a price tag of around \$4,550,000, although changes to currently proposed ideas would affect the cost, either up or down.

Wednesday's forum was not the first public event dedicated to the project; Brian Colburn, of the engineering firm McFarland Johnson helping the City with the proposal, said that the project kicked off with a meeting in January of 2019. A public listening session was held on January 30, 2019, and focus  
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VIEW OF PLEASANT STREET FROM OPERA HOUSE SQUARE

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| 1 BUMP-OUT WITH GRANITE PAVERS                      | 4 ANGLED HEAD IN PARKING STALL                  | 7 WAYFINDING SIGNAGE & CUSTOM SEATING |
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CLAREMONT STREETSCAPE: CONCEPT #2

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## Whelen Announces Elimination of 246 Jobs at Chester, CT, Charlestown, NH, Facilities

CHESTER, CT—In a press release on Thursday, Whelen Engineering said that it will eliminate 246 jobs at its Chester, CT, and Charlestown, NH, facilities in response to the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. One hundred forty-eight jobs at their New Hampshire facility and 98 jobs at their Connecticut facility have been eliminated, said the company.

In a statement to all employees on Thursday, Whelen President and CEO George W. Whe-

len V said, "COVID-19 has created significant financial constraints and has resulted in a reduction in our product demand. To preserve our ability to rebuild when this recession is over, we have been forced to make the difficult but unavoidable decision to reduce our workforce."

Whelen currently has a workforce of 493 in Connecticut and 981 in New Hampshire. Whelen's job eliminations come as the company re-examines all operations in order to

streamline and drive long-term growth in the post-coronavirus world, said company officials, adding, "Whelen is laying the foundation for a reconstructive phase, enabling them to accelerate the transformation of their business by strengthening their ability to rapidly innovate, open new markets, and adopt more efficient working practices."

"This strategy positions Whelen for the future to drive long-term growth within a globally  
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## DHHS Identifies First Jamestown Canyon Virus Case of the 2020 Arboviral Season in NH

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced that an adult from Loudon, NH, tested positive for Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV). The person was hospitalized with neurological symptoms, has since been discharged and is recovering at home. This is the first detection of a mosquito-borne disease in the State this year. JCV is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. There are no vaccines to prevent JCV and treatment consists of supportive care.

The arboviral risk level for Loudon has been increased to high. The arboviral risk level indicates the risk of transmission of these infections to people from mosquitoes. The surrounding towns of Gilmanton, Chichester, Canterbury, Barnstead, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Concord, Northfield, and Belmont will increase to moderate.

"In addition to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there are other infectious disease

threats to New Hampshire residents, including from mosquito and tick bites. Jamestown Canyon Virus is one of the infections that is able to be transmitted by mosquito bites in New Hampshire," said Dr. Benjamin Chan, State Epidemiologist. "When people are out of their homes, they should continue to take steps to not only protect themselves and others from COVID-19, but also protect themselves from mosquito and tick bites."

Jamestown Canyon virus is a mosquito-borne pathogen that circulates widely in North America primarily between deer and mosquitoes but can also infect humans. Reports in humans have been increasing over the last several years as recognition and testing for this virus has increased. This is New Hampshire's tenth case of JCV since the first report of the disease in the State in 2013. Many illnesses caused by JCV are mild, but moderate-to-severe central nervous system involvement requiring hospitalization have been reported, including fatal infections.

In addition to JCV, risk for infection in NH by Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) will continue to increase through the summer and fall until mosquitoes are no longer biting. Residents of and visitors to New Hampshire should continue to protect themselves and their family members.

People can be infected and not develop any symptoms, or only develop very mild symptoms for all mosquito-borne diseases present in New Hampshire. Early symptoms can include flu-like illness including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. People infected with JCV, EEE, and WNV can develop

central nervous system disease, including meningitis or encephalitis. If you or someone you know is experiencing flu-like symptoms, including fever and headache, contact your local medical provider.

Anyone with questions about vector-borne illnesses can call the DHHS Division of Public Health Services' Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. More information can also be found online at [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

### Town of Cornish Looking for Planning Board Volunteers

CORNISH, NH—The Town of Cornish is looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Board. If you are interested or would like to know more about it, please contact the Selectmen during their regular meeting hours.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier



### A Look at the County's Revenues and Expenses

For this week's column, I will describe a few more highlights of Sullivan County's new budget as well as other action taken by the County Delegation at its June 29 Meeting.

Starting with the revenue side, I wrote last week that that SCHC (Sullivan County Health Care), also known as the "county nursing home", is projected to bring in the highest amount of revenue for the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget at approximately \$15,241,900. This amount was listed in the slideshow presentation done June 29 by Acworth Rep. Judy Aron, who is Vice Chair of the Delegation's Executive Finance Committee or "EFC" for short. In the EFC presentation, Rep. Aron continued to break out the projected revenue sources for the new budget. In diminishing order, the projected sources are as follows: First, about \$6,990,993 and \$2,044,150 are expected to come respectively from Medicaid and Medicaid Assessments for SCHC residents, qualifying by income. This revenue will come from New Hampshire State Government. Next, roughly \$2,000,000 is slated to be received in Proshare Funds—a complicated program for helping to fund nursing homes from the federal and state governments. Then approximately \$1,698,180 is expected in private payments for SCHC services for residents, who have enough money to pay for such services out of their own pockets.

Other projected revenue continuing in diminishing order include the following. Approximately, \$1,642,500 and \$423,077 respectively are scheduled to be garnered from Medicare, Parts A and B. These fees will be room and board as well as rehabilitative services such as occupational, physical and speech therapy county citizens, who temporarily come to SCHC after suffering a major illness, or recovering from hospital surgery. Then roughly \$360,000 is slated to come in as a reimbursement from the Sullivan County DOC (Dept. of Corrections) for all meals the SCHC Kitchen prepares for DOC inmates and staff. Next, about \$70,000 will be received from private health insurers as reimbursement for services not covered by Medicaid or Medicare, and \$28,000 in miscellaneous income. Additional funds in the amount of approximately \$26,000 are expected to be received from SCHC employees who purchase food in the employee cafeteria. Rounding out Fiscal Year 2021's revenue is roughly \$5,600 from the SCHC Store in which residents may buy small personal items as well as \$4,000 in Respite Care for eligible county citizens, who temporarily stay at SCHC because their caregivers need a break.

As for the expense side of the new budget, I wrote last week that it included a total of \$273,500 in county grants for 14 human service or-

ganizations serving Sullivan County residents. These grants include the following amounts of money again in diminishing order to the listed non-profit entities. Turning Points Network (\$65,000), Southwestern Community Services for public transportation services (\$50,000), TLC Family Resources Center (\$35,000), and Claremont Soup Kitchen (\$25,000). Next, \$20,000 will be allocated for Workforce Development Night Classes at both the Claremont and Newport campuses of the Sugar River Valley Technical Center. Other grants include Fall Mountain Food Shelf (\$15,000), Lake Sunapee Area Mediation (\$10,000), West Central Behavioral Health (\$10,000), Creative Placemaking Team Project (\$10,000), Baby Steps (\$7,000), Headrest (\$5,000), and Lake Sunapee VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) and Hospice, and Got Lunch! (\$4,000).

The EFC's June 29 slideshow presentation given by Rep. Aron emphasized two key points about the new county spending plan. First, that Fiscal Year 2021 Budget grew by \$700,000 or approximately two percent. Much of the two percent growth was from increased personnel costs for Sullivan County employees, especially SCHC employees, costs that comprise 77 percent of the total budget. These personnel costs include \$300,000 in higher wages, \$60,000 for higher health insurance costs, \$110,000 for a new Assistant Director of Nursing Position at SCHC, and \$35,000 for increased pay stipends for Sheriff's Dept. deputies working as court bailiffs in Newport's Woodhull County Building. But thanks to a lower inmate census at Unity's House of Corrections, which resulted in the elimination of one corrections officer at this facility, some of the personnel costs were reduced. In conclusion, the EFC slideshow also noted that over the past 11 years county property taxes have increased a total of 2.2 percent from \$13,310,658 in 2010 to \$13,605,228 this year as mentioned last week. In contrast, the rate of inflation has risen approximately 14 percent during the same 11 years. I believe this relatively low rate of property tax increases is a remarkable achievement in light of the fact that personnel costs for all New Hampshire counties have increased, and that our state government is very frugal when it comes to helping fund our county nursing homes and houses of corrections. A remarkable achievement that I credit to the great teamwork among Sullivan County employees, the county's elected officials, and the Delegation, great teamwork in a bipartisan manner that has helped to keep county expenses down, found other innovative ways, besides taxes, to garner necessary revenue for county services, while still providing such services for our citizens at a high quality.

Speaking of bipartisan teamwork, after approval of the new budget, the Delegation quickly approved the rest of the items on the June 29 Meeting Agenda with no debate, and unanimous votes of the 12 representatives present. Most of the items were fairly routine matters including past meeting minutes, authorizing the Commissioners to accept unanticipated federal, state, and private funds for county operations during Fiscal Year 2021, as well as protocol for county departments wishing to transfer surplus expense funds to other budget items needing extra funds during the fiscal year.

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## **Rep. Cloutier, from A4**

Finally, the Delegation unanimously agreed to send and sign on to a letter to Gov. Christopher Sununu requesting that the Governor support allocating some extra federal and state money to help Sullivan County with two important projects. The first project would be for the new transitional or recovery housing facility to be built at 19 Sullivan St. in Claremont for individuals who are graduates of the TRAILS (Transitional Re-Entry & Inmate Life Skills) Program. Approved by the Delegation on Feb. 18 of this year, the facility is intended to help TRAILS graduates move forward with their lives-in other words not becoming re-addicted and getting in trouble with the criminal justice system again. The second project would be for funds to help purchase equipment for broadband internet connectivity within all of Sullivan County. The equipment is needed by broadband vendors to provide such connectivity to all county residents and businesses in our relatively rural county that currently has poor or no such connectivity in many sections. The June 29 letter stated that the Coronavirus Pandemic has “demonstrated” that New Hampshire citizens can “participate in new learning methods and healthcare when they have access to adequate broadband internet.” The letter then declared, “We feel strongly that the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security) Act should be extended to make this happen, and are interested in working with you and New Hampshire’s Congressional Delegation to explore this possibility.” **Email: [jocloutier@comcast.net](mailto:jocloutier@comcast.net)**

## **NH Delegation Announce \$360K in AmeriCorps Funding to Expand Community Service in NH, Support Granite State Programs**

MANCHESTER, NH—Friday, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) announced that New Hampshire has received \$360,109 in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering and service programs. The funds were awarded through CNCS’ Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) to Volunteer NH, the organization that administers AmeriCorps programs in the state, and will be used to conduct a campaign to expand the number of volunteers and volunteer opportunities available, as well as support the important work organizations are performing in communities throughout New Hampshire.

“Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Granite Staters have not hesitated to step up and help their communities tackle the pressing challenges they face,” said Senator Shaheen. “These funds are an important investment in our state and will help bolster Volunteer NH’s recruitment and volunteer training efforts, as well as support the ongoing work of Granite State organizations on the frontlines of this crisis. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of these resources and will continue to be a strong advocate for federal funding for national service programs.”

“Volunteer NH embodies the Granite State ‘all-hands-on-deck’ approach – and this federal grant will help expand their important work,” Senator Hassan said. “As communities across New Hampshire struggle from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers are more important than ever to help address communities’ greatest needs. I will keep working to secure additional federal dollars to help support New Hampshire’s recovery efforts as we all work to contain the spread of this deadly virus and help our economy recover.”

Volunteering and community service are long-cherished and important traditions in New Hampshire,” said Congresswoman Kuster. “I’m proud to join my colleagues in announcing this funding for Volunteer NH – a meaningful investment in our community – which will help strengthen and expand volunteer recruitment and opportunities, benefiting our state and making it an even better place to live. I will continue working to ensure Granite State communities have the funds and resources they need to thrive.”

“Over the last several months we have seen exactly how important Granite State volunteers are in lifting up our communities and helping the most vulnerable among us,” said Congressman Pappas. “I am pleased our state is receiving this federal assistance to recruit and support our state’s finest so they can continue to play an important role in helping us weather this pandemic.”

## Public Urged to Wear Masks

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – July 12, 2020

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

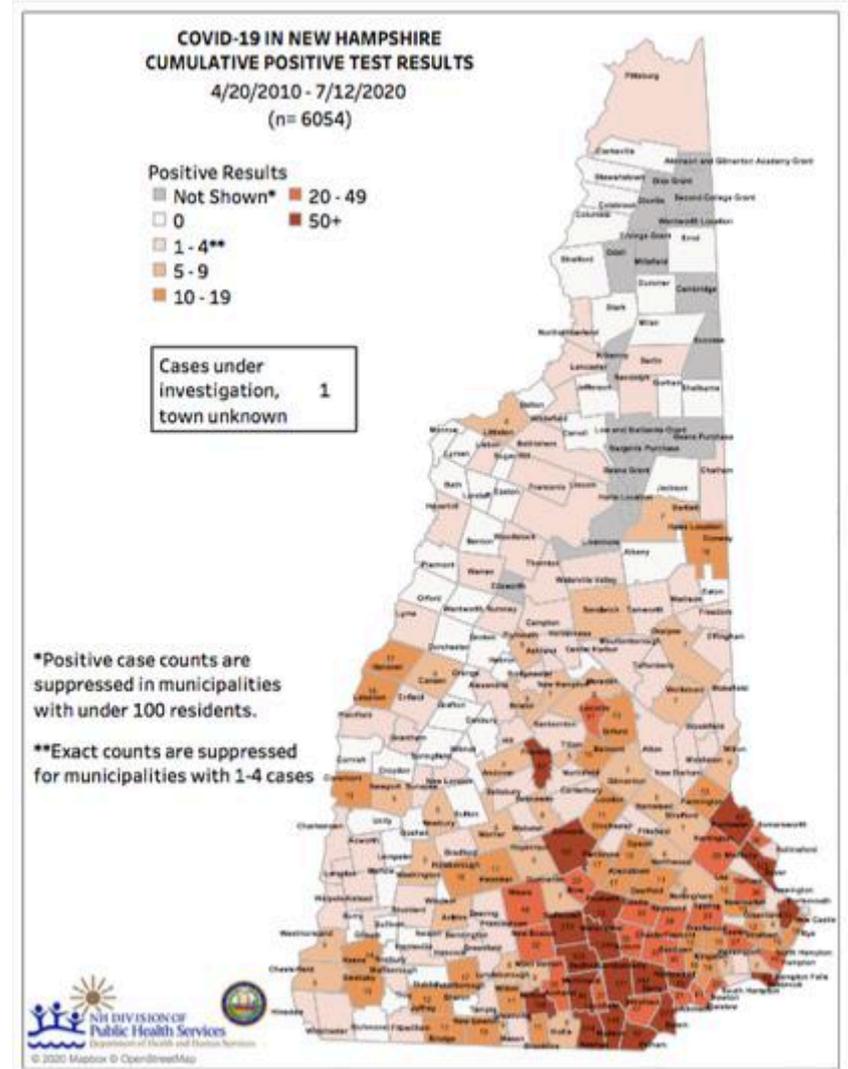
On Sunday, July 12, 2020, DHHS announced 31 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 6,054 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are six individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 58% being female and 42% being male. The new cases reside in

Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (8), Rockingham (3), Merrimack (2), Strafford (2), Carroll (1), and Cheshire (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (8) and Manchester (1). The county of residence is being determined for five new cases.

No new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 589 (10%) of 6,054 cases. Eight of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, recently traveled, or are associated with an outbreak setting.

## COVID-19 Hotline

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.



## NH COVID-19 Guidelines for Activities, Businesses

For complete details on New Hampshire guidelines for what's opening and requirements that are in place, please visit <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>.

### What are coronaviruses?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, but only several types are known to commonly cause infections in people, with these common human coronaviruses usually causing mild to moderate respiratory illness (like the common cold). Newer human coronaviruses, like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and the COVID-19 can cause more severe symptoms. The COVID-19 is originally thought to have spread from animals to humans, but now person-to-person spread is occurring.

| Geographic Distribution* of COVID-19 |                               | Infections   |               | Hospitalizations |               | Deaths     |               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                                      |                               | Persons      | % of Total    | Persons          | % of Total    | Persons    | % of Total    |
| Belknap                              | Total                         | 90           | 1.5%          | 11               | 1.9%          | 3          | 0.8%          |
| Carroll                              | Total                         | 67           | 1.1%          | 8                | 1.4%          | 0          | 0.0%          |
| Cheshire                             | Total                         | 76           | 1.3%          | 10               | 1.7%          | 2          | 0.5%          |
| Coos                                 | Total                         | 11           | 0.2%          | 0                | 0.0%          | 0          | 0.0%          |
| Grafton                              | Total                         | 91           | 1.5%          | 8                | 1.4%          | 1          | 0.3%          |
| Hillsborough                         | Manchester                    | 1,594        | 26.3%         | 161              | 27.3%         | 99         | 25.3%         |
|                                      | Nashua                        | 674          | 11.1%         | 59               | 10.0%         | 37         | 9.5%          |
|                                      | Outside Manchester and Nashua | 1,159        | 19.1%         | 115              | 19.5%         | 124        | 31.7%         |
|                                      | Total                         | 3,427        | 56.6%         | 335              | 56.9%         | 260        | 66.5%         |
| Merrimack                            | Total                         | 427          | 7.1%          | 40               | 6.8%          | 19         | 4.9%          |
| Rockingham                           | Total                         | 1,523        | 25.2%         | 153              | 26.0%         | 92         | 23.5%         |
| Strafford                            | Total                         | 301          | 5.0%          | 20               | 3.4%          | 13         | 3.3%          |
| Sullivan                             | Total                         | 35           | 0.6%          | 4                | 0.7%          | 1          | 0.3%          |
| Unknown                              | Total                         | 6            | 0.1%          | 0                | 0.0%          | 0          | 0.0%          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   |                               | <b>6,054</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>589</b>       | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>391</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Data as of: 7/12/2020

**Pleasant St., from A1**

groups reviewing three different designs were held over several months in 2019. Topics included what Pleasant St. should look like and what improvements were needed. With that information process, Colburn said they were ready to present what they had learned from the focus groups and how to move forward on improving the roadway, changing it from a place of “simply moving cars through Claremont to attracting people and becoming a destination”, making it pedestrian friendly, widening sidewalks with a goal of facilitating economic development, new housing and new businesses in the downtown area. Other issues that were brought up included downtown parking areas and redirecting truck traffic.

McFarland worked up three alternatives that were presented Wednesday night. The first maintains the current traffic flow and parallel parking; there would be 42 on-street parking spaces or five fewer than what is presently available; sidewalks would have a width of 9’ 6”, with some bump outs to help with pedestrian traffic. Seventy percent of the space would be dedicated to vehicles with the remaining going to pedestrian traffic.

Alternative #2 would make Pleasant St. one-way traffic southbound, adding angled parking on the east side of the road. There would be 38 on-street parking spaces, nine fewer, and sidewalks would be 16’ 6” or seven feet wider than existing on both sides. The balance between vehicular and pedestrian use would be 50%-50%. The wider pedestrian space would increase opportunities for outdoor dining as well as trees, benches and public art.

Number 3 keeps the concept of the one-way southbound traffic but only provides for parallel parking on one side. It would allow for 23 on-street parking spaces, or 24 less, and include sidewalk widths of 21’; 35% of the space would be dedicated to vehicles and 65% to pedestrians. Focus groups and others have indicated a preference for alternative #2.

Although Pleasant St. is also a state road, Colburn said the City does have a “lot of control over it” because it’s part of the Urban Compact. He said they have been coordinating the proposal with reps of NHDOT.

If the project were to move forward and Pleasant St. were turned into one-way traffic, such a change would impact traffic on Glidden and Broad Sts., necessitating other changes. Those would include revising traffic flow, making Glidden one-way eastbound, which would

## PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES

| PROJECT COMPONENT              | DESIGN \$        | CONSTRUCTION       |                  |                  |                  | TOTAL PROJECT \$   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                                |                  | ROADWAY \$         | WATER \$         | SEWER \$         | STREET SCAPE \$  |                    |
| PLEASANT STREET REVITALIZATION | \$100,000        | \$2,000,000        | \$360,000        | \$290,000        | \$650,000        | \$3,400,000        |
| PARKING IMPROVEMENTS           | \$20,000         | \$600,000          | -                | -                | -                | \$620,000          |
| GLIDDEN & BROAD INTERSECTION   | \$30,000         | \$500,000          | -                | -                | -                | \$530,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$150,000</b> | <b>\$3,100,000</b> | <b>\$360,000</b> | <b>\$290,000</b> | <b>\$650,000</b> | <b>\$4,550,000</b> |





increase traffic to the intersection of Glidden and Broad. With such an increase, Colburn said just a stop sign would not work and added that a round-about wouldn’t be a good fit. Their solution would be to add a traffic signal at the intersection with two lanes southbound on Broad, then merging into one lane before the school. Broad St. northbound would split to two lanes by the signal; after the signal, those two lanes would be kept going all the way to the split at City Hall. Signage would be added for Glidden and Broad to help guide drivers.

To get trucks off Pleasant St., those units coming from Charlestown would come up Charlestown Rd., take a right onto Pleasant, onto South and then make the left onto Broad. Southbound trucks: Starting at North St., and taking that down to the intersection at Main, they would take a left, take Main St. back into town, make a right on Union up to Sullivan and Mulberry, and use Mulberry heading south until it meets back up with Pleasant. Colburn said some of the intersections would need changes to implement the proposed truck route. Local businesses needing truck deliveries would still get service as they do now.

Landscape architect Jonathan Law of IBI provided a number of renderings of what the renovated area might look like with wider sidewalks, more trees and other amenities such as outside seating for dining, benches, art displays and planters. Materials used would

include granite and brick to match the downtown architecture, and the entire street would be ADA compliant. Currently, he said, there is “not a lot going on visually other than the architecture.” He even included charging stations for electric cars as a way to make the area up-to-date for the future. Trees that are drought and salt tolerant with less canopy would be selected.

The council received a similar, albeit, shorter presentation at its meeting Wednesday night, and while there is no consensus yet as to whether to fund the project, there will be future presentations on the proposal, including how to fund it and what would be involved with maintenance of the space. The City is considering bonding the project, citing that three current bonds are about to be paid off, so bonding for this shouldn’t add to the tax rate. While grants is another way to go, Colburn said that federal grants can add at least a year to a project due to review processes and other requirements. If a bond were approved, the project could begin next year, taking about a year to complete. City manager Ed Morris said that presently, interest and construction rates are down, making this an attractive time to bond. He also said that any bond would include funding for a regional emergency dispatch center that he would like to see come to fruition.

## IRS, US Attorney Remind Taxpayers of Upcoming Tax Filing Deadline

### Urge Taxpayers to Remain Vigilant of Scams

NEW HAMPSHIRE—The Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation division and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire reminded taxpayers of the July 15 filing and payment deadline and warned against an increase in tax and COVID-19 scams.

Due to COVID-19, the original filing deadline and tax payment due date for 2019 was postponed from April 15 to July 15. Taxpayers filing Form 1040 series returns must file Form 4868 by July 15 to obtain the automatic extension to Oct. 15.

"Although the extension provides additional time to file the tax return – it is not an extension to pay any taxes due," said Kristina O'Connell, Special Agent in Charge of the IRS Criminal Investigation division in New England. "For people facing hardships who cannot pay in full, including those affected by COVID-19, the IRS has several options available to help. The IRS encourages taxpayers to visit IRS.gov as soon as possible to explore these options and avoid accruing interest and penalties after the July 15 deadline."

As the filing deadline approaches, taxpayers should beware of tax and COVID-19 related scams. "Criminals use the tax filing deadline as an opportunity to steal personal and financial information", said U.S. Attorney Scott W. Murray for the District of New Hampshire. "Taxpayers should remain vigilant and know that the IRS will not initiate contact with them via phone, email or social media to request personal or financial information."

In the last few months, the IRS Criminal Investigation division (CI) has continued to see a tremendous increase in a variety of Economic Impact Payment scams and other financial schemes. CI continues to work with its law enforcement partners to put a stop to these schemes and bring criminals to justice.

Taxpayers can report COVID-19 scams to the National Center for Disaster Fraud.

Taxpayers can also report fraud or theft of their Economic Impact Payments to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). Unsolicited (phishing) e-mails that appear to be from the IRS should be forwarded to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

For the most up-to-date information about the tax filing deadline and IRS impersonation scams, taxpayers can visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

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## Community Rallies to Participate in Virtual Prouty Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

### Dollars raised support cancer research and patient family supportive services

HANOVER, NH—More than 2,500 participants came together virtually between June 1 and July 11 to raise \$2,800,000 for Norris Cotton Cancer Center. The funds raised provide funding for important initiatives such as pilot projects in cancer research; equipment for research laboratories and clinical trials; and patient and family supportive services providing arts therapy, yoga, tai chi and mindfulness classes, and transportation and grocery assistance. All these services have been offered on-line since the advent of COVID-19.

"We are truly humbled by the outpouring of support our community has shown us during this global pandemic," said Steven Leach, MD, director Norris Cotton Cancer Center. "The money raised allows us to provide the incredible patient-centered care for which we are known. It also allows us to make a global impact on cancer research by supporting many of our dedicated researchers. We would not be able to do that without the participation of our friends and supporters near and far – it is an example of a community supporting a community in the best of ways, during the most challenging of times."

In addition to the traditional Prouty exercises including cycling, running or walking, and golf, participants from as far away as Thailand and Alaska took part in the Virtual Prouty through activities ranging from archery, fishing, unicycling and tracking squirrels! All were encouraged to be creative while staying in family units, in their home neighborhoods.

Jean Brown, Prouty event director and Executive Director of the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center, notes, "This has been a challenging year in so many ways, but the support of our community for The Prouty is a true bright spot. The needs of cancer patients continue unabated, and the funds raised by the 2020 Virtual Prouty make a real difference in lives every day."

## Two Men Arrested in Nighttime Burglary Case After Being Released on Bail the Previous Day

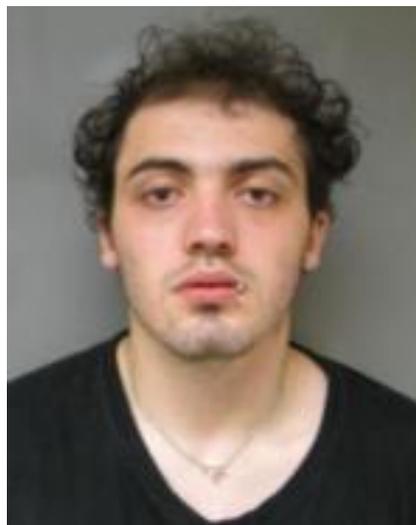
LEBANON, NH—On July 8, at approximately 12:43AM, the Lebanon Police Department received a report of a burglary in progress at a residence in a West Lebanon neighborhood. According to the Lebanon Police Department, "It was reported that two males entered a resident's garage and vehicle, and then left on foot. The resident was able to describe one of the suspects that was seen inside the garage."

A K9 track was conducted from the residence and led to two male subjects hiding in the woods, one of whom matched the description of the suspect in the garage. The investigation determined that the two subjects located were allegedly involved in the burglary.

The males were identified as Jordan Smith, age 21, of Laconia, NH, and Aaron Akers, age 22, of Windsor, VT. Smith and Akers were both previously arrested on Monday, July 6. At that time, Smith had been charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Receiving Stolen Property with two prior convictions, and Identity Fraud, all Felonies, then transported to the Grafton County House of Corrections and was subsequently released with bail conditions dur-



**Jordan Smith**



**Aaron Akers**

ing a July 7th arraignment. Akers was released after his arrest on the 6th on Personal Recognizance bail.

Smith and Akers were taken into custody on the burglary. Akers was charged with Burglary, a Class A Felony. Smith was charged with Burglary, a Class A Felony, and Contempt, a Class A Misdemeanor, for violating his recent bail conditions. Smith and Akers were held in preventative detention and were brought to the Grafton County House of Corrections, pending Grafton County Superior Court arraignments on July 9. The Lebanon Police Department recommended to the Grafton County Attorney that both subjects be held after arraignment on preventative detention.

### Story Walks on CREA

Looking for a healthy and educational activity? Two new Story Walks have been installed on CREA trails.

If you are unfamiliar with CREA, it is the Cornish Recreation and Education Area. Its varied habitats and trails are frequently used by the students at the Cornish School for their Four Winds Nature Institute's activities.

This school year's theme was Structure and Function. The last two lessons of the year were "Feathering the Nest" and "Frogs and Toads". The story walks reinforce those lessons.

Even an Ostrich Needs a Nest starts on Rickey's Trail directly across Townhouse Road from the school and ends along the edge of the baseball field back at Townhouse Road.

From Tadpole to Frog starts across Townhouse Road from the old Town Hall on Mike's Trail, continues along the edge of the field by the barn and ends at the viewing area on the edge of the wetland.

### Road Named After Road Agent

SUNAPEE, NH—Next time you are traveling on Route 11 and pass the road accessing the Sunapee Highway Department, be sure and notice the road sign. "J.A. Bergeron Rd" is now the name of that roadway and it is Sunapee's way of thanking retired Road Agent, Tony Bergeron, for his years of service to the town. He served as Road Agent for 29 years and before that, as Sunapee's Fire Chief. At the Friday unveiling of the sign, Selectman Josh Trow thanked Bergeron for his years of service and he, in turn, thanked the town for the "job of a lifetime".

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Sullivan County Transportation  
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## *The Sounds of Music*

*Every Sunday in the summer of 2019, hundreds of music-lovers crowded the grounds of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Park in Cornish to enjoy live concerts. In 2020, the concerts have gone digital. Undaunted, a few Sundays ago, a lone couple picnicked on the lawn and made their own music.*



*Eric Zengota*

For more on the new Saint-Gaudens digital concerts, see page A23

# INVESTING TIPS

## >> I'm Changing Jobs. What Should I Do With the Money in My Plan?

**After deciding to switch jobs, your next move is to determine what to do with the money in your former employer's retirement plan.**

Changing jobs is an important decision -- one that many of us are making more often. Once you've decided to switch jobs, your next move is to determine what to do with the money in your former employer's retirement plan.

### FOUR COMMON OPTIONS

Generally, you have four options for handling the money in your account:

#### OPTION #1: KEEP THE MONEY IN YOUR FORMER EMPLOYER'S PLAN

If your former employer permits, leaving your money where it is may be an attractive option because it allows you to continue enjoying the potential benefits of tax-deferred compounding. If you are happy with the plan's investment options, this maybe a good choice. On the downside, there may be special conditions or fees associated with your continued participation, and you may have withdrawal restrictions in the future.



#### OPTION #2: ROLL THE MONEY INTO YOUR NEW EMPLOYER'S PLAN

This option also has its advantages -- continued tax-deferred growth of your investment and the convenience of having all of your retirement assets in one place. But because every employer has its own rules governing rollover money, review your new employer's plan and possible eligibility restrictions carefully before choosing this option.

#### OPTION #3: TAKE THE MONEY IN CASH

While this option may seem appealing because it gives you immediate access to your money, Uncle Sam is the real winner here. Cash distributions are

subject to a mandatory 20% federal withholding in addition to regular income tax. Furthermore, if you are under age 59½, your distribution would also be subject to a 10% additional federal tax. Finally, if state or local taxes apply, they could claim an even bigger portion of your account.

#### OPTION #4: ROLL THE MONEY DIRECTLY INTO AN IRA

This final option allows you to roll all or a portion of your money into an individual retirement account (IRA). To avoid withholding taxes and potential penalties, arrange for a direct rollover of the entire amount into an IRA. An IRA offers the same potential benefits of tax-deferred investing

for retirement and typically provides a wider range of investment options to choose from. However, additional fees or commissions may apply.

The money you accumulate through an employer's plan may become a primary source of income after you

retire, so how you manage it today could have a big effect on your financial situation in the future.

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## CMS COVID-19 Economic Hardship Scholarship Program

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont MakerSpace is a creative hub and community workspace, designed to help our members put shape to their ideas. We offer membership-based access to specialty tools for woodworking, jewelry making, electronics, metalworking, fiber arts and more, as well as education, room to work, and a community of like-minded creative people.

If you are suffering economic hardship as a result of loss of employment, reduction in wages or other economic hardship as a result of COVID-19, you may apply for the CMS COVID-19 Economic Hardship Scholarship Program. This program offers a 75% discount on Claremont MakerSpace membership to approved applicants for a period of up to six months. The Program is supported by a generous grant from the Oleonda Jameson Trust. The continued availability of this program is contingent on available funding and program renewal. Please direct questions to: [info@twinstatemakerspaces.org](mailto:info@twinstatemakerspaces.org)

To apply, please complete the online application.

More information may be found at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/special-programs/>.

### Sullivan County Gubernatorial Primary Debate Forum Monday, July 20, 7:00 PM

Candidates:

**Andru Volinsky**, Concord, NH; attorney and current NH Executive Councilor representing District 2.

**Dan Feltes**, Concord, NH; attorney and current NH State Senator representing District 15. He is the Senate Majority Leader.  
Moderator: Steve Taylor, Plainfield, NH, former NH Agricultural Commissioner and former Plainfield Moderator.

Forum Chair: Judith Kaufman, Cornish, NH, Sullivan County and Cornish Democratic Chair, Community Economic Development Specialist.

Forum Zoom Host: John Streeter, Charlestown, NH. Sullivan County Democratic Vice Chair Charlestown Selectman, IT Specialist.

RSVP Judith Kaufman at [sullivancountymoderators@gmail.com](mailto:sullivancountymoderators@gmail.com) to participate via Zoom.

## Free Green Activity Program for Students

For the month of July, the Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission in Lebanon is having a free green activity program for elementary students. Once signed up, registrants will have access to the Green July Website including past recorded activities. They will find a daily activity Monday through Friday for the entire month. These short activities will engage young children with their surroundings during these unprecedented times.

Guest artist, Marek Bennett, will join us for weekly classes in "Loon Cartooning," where we'll create our own "Loony" characters to star in original comic books and posters! Special thanks to our creative intern, Molly Seibel for developing this project. Please share this information with any educational professional or program.

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## Whelen, from A1

competitive market.”

Employees affected by the reduction in workforce will receive severance pay and several tools designed to educate and aid in next steps. Affected employees’ last day of work was July 10th.

The company said that “The pandemic has greatly impacted the global economy, including our suppliers, customers and ultimately, our business. As a direct result we have seen a consistent reduction in product demand over the past few months.

“This was a difficult, but unavoidable decision and a last resort. Since May we have rescheduled shift patterns, cancelled the contracts for most of our temporary workers, implemented a freeze on merit increases and implemented a short production furlough. Unfortunately, this was not enough.

“Employees were informed at the beginning of their shift on July 9th that a reduction in workforce would be necessary, at which point they were allowed to return home with a full day’s pay and reassurances that those affected would receive severance and tools to help with the transition to their next jobs. The notifications themselves were delivered by UPS on Friday July 10th. We chose this method for several reasons:

First, it allowed for social distancing during the notification process. The health and safety of our employees will always be our top priority.

Second, it meant everyone would be in the comfort and privacy of their homes.

Third, we were able to notify people relatively quickly, rather than drawing out the process.”

Whelen said that as well as severance pay, “we have contracted with Lee Hecht Harrison to provide career transition assistance. Additional counseling through Whelen’s Employee Assistance

Program will be offered through the duration of the severance period.”

The reduction was spread across almost all functions including, but not limited to, production, engineering, finance and sales, said the company.

## TLC Announces New Executive Director

CLAREMONT, NH—TLC Family Resource Center is pleased to welcome their new executive director to the Upper Valley.

Stephanie Slayton will take the position effective July 13th. Slayton and her family have returned to the Upper Valley after a 20 year stint in Colorado. She most recently worked for the Loveland, CO, housing authority and was the Executive Director of their Aspire 3D program, helping to improve the lives of residents living in public housing communities. She will take her new position following the retirement of the current director, Maggie Monroe-Cassel.



Stephanie Slayton

Monroe-Cassel said she was “encouraged by this appointment in the midst of COVID-19 when meeting in person was not possible.”

She has been the Executive Director of TLC Family Resource Center since February 2015 and now plans to spend more time with her family, including her infant granddaughter, and do some consulting on the side.

“TLC Family Resource Center is known for its resilience and ability to deliver its service to all families, even in these challenging times. It is not easy to hire in this uncertain environment so we were thrilled to see Stephanie’s interest several months ago.”

Monroe-Cassel said she was also pleased that the board supports her staying on another four weeks in order to help with the leadership transition.

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## TLC, from A14

Slayton said, "I am looking forward to joining the TLC Family Resource Center team and putting my passion, energy, and ingenuity to work building upon the strong foundation of this exceptional organization. As a leader, I believe that the people we work with are experts in their own lives. As a service organization, our role is to partner with them to clear a path that leads to their personal goals, and to support them in discovering their unique strengths and talents."

She said that she is also committed to building collaborative relationships with other agencies in order to effectively change the systems that keep children and families in poverty, homelessness, hunger, and isolation. She added, "As a Native Vermonter, I know that our communities are resilient and with a little bit of grit and a lot of determination, we will successfully navigate the new landscape created by current events."

There will be a public/virtual hybrid event in August with details to be announced to officially welcome Slayton and say good-bye to Monroe-Cassel.

The mission of TLC Family Resource Center is to promote the optimal health and development of children, youth, and families in Sullivan and Lower Grafton Counties. TLC strengthens and supports all families with a wide range of free programs, support groups, education, and events.

## Blackinton Appointed to Senior Vice President at Claremont Savings Bank

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Savings Bank is proud to announce the appointment of Brandy Blackinton to Senior Vice President.

"Brandy joined the Bank in 2013 as Vice President – Retail Lending Manager," said Reggie Greene, Claremont Savings Bank President and CEO. "In February, she was promoted and now manages our entire retail lending department, including originations, loans purchased and sold, and the credit ad-

ministration function, which includes underwriting and processing," continued Greene. "She does a great job for the Bank in her area of responsibility and will be a key member of the senior management team."

"I am thrilled to join the Senior Management team at Claremont Savings Bank," said Blackinton. "I look forward to the engagement with the team as we move the Bank towards continued growth and outstanding customer service."

Founded in 1907 in Claremont, New Hampshire, Claremont Savings Bank is a full-service financial partner offering a variety of retail deposit products and specialized lending solutions. The Bank has branches located in Claremont and Charlestown, New Hampshire, and Springfield, Vermont, as well as a Loan Production Office located in West Lebanon, New Hampshire.

The bank also offers access to investment and insurance services provided through Claremont Financial Services, a division of Claremont Savings Bank.

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**Brandy Blackinton**

## VNH Announces Five New Board of Trustees Members

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT— Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) announces the appointment of five new members to its Board of Trustees.

Joining the VNH Board of Trustees are Catherine Eills, Paul Handley, Katherine Milligan, Rebecca O'Berry, and Kathleen Vasconcelos. "All five of our newest Board members embody the spirit of community and bring an immense amount of talent, expertise, and energy to the table," said VNH President and CEO Johanna Beliveau. "We are fortunate to have them by our side to support VNH's mission to provide the best home-based care for patients and their families in our communities."

Catherine Eills is Vice President/Controller at Mascoma Bank in Lebanon, New Hampshire. She holds a Master of Business Administration from Plymouth State University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of New Hampshire. Resident of Orange, NH.

Paul Handley was most recently a Global Operations Controller at Analog Devices Inc. in Norwood, Massachusetts. He holds a Master

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## VNA, from A15

of Business Administration from Suffolk University and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Salem State University. Resident of Grantham, NH.

Katherine Milligan is Program Director of the Master of Health Care Delivery Science at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. She holds a Ph.D. and a Master of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College. Resident of Thetford, VT.

Rebecca O'Berry is Vice President of Operations at Gifford Health Care in Randolph, Vermont. She holds a Master of Science in Management and Health Care Administration from New England College, a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Management, and a Professional Coder Certificate from the American Academy of Professional Coders. Resident of Brookfield, VT.

Kathleen Vasconcelos is Executive Director at Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. in Lebanon, NH. She holds a Master of Science in Nonprofit and Association Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Resident of Woodsville, New Hampshire.

All VNH Board of Trustees members for 2020 are listed below.

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## New Hampshire Self Employed Livelihood Fund (SELF) Announced

CONCORD, NH – Last week, the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR), in conjunction with the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES), announced the opening of the New Hampshire Self Employed Livelihood Fund (SELF) application period. The New Hampshire SELF program builds off the Main Street Relief Fund. It is part of the State's overall strategy to ensure the self-employed, a critical part of the backbone of New Hampshire's economy, can better tackle the economic challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, said the governor's office.

"Self-employed Granite Staters and their businesses are an important part of what makes the 603 such a special place to live, work, and raise a family," said Governor Chris Sununu. "After reviewing the data from the Main Street Relief Fund, we acted quickly to ensure that self-employed individuals are provided the opportunity to apply for these relief funds, providing further support following our expansion of unemployment benefits in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"We were able to utilize the data collected during the Main Street Relief Fund, to create the New Hampshire SELF program," added Executive Director Jerry Little. "We are confident this approach will ensure it addresses the economic challenges self-employed individuals face due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Granite Staters seeking to apply, can now do so by visiting our department's website at [revenue.nh.gov](http://revenue.nh.gov)

until July 17th at 4 PM," said Commissioner Lindsey Stepp. "Additionally, DRA staff will be available in the call center to answer any questions or assist in filling out the application."

For a self-employed business to qualify for a SELF Grant, it must:

Be a "self-employed" business.

For purposes of the SELF Program, a "self-employed" business is a business that does not have any employees except owners at any time during the year, including any furloughed, laid-off, or seasonal employees. The business may be a sole proprietorship, partnership, or limited liability company (LLC). If one or more non-owner employees typically work for a business at any time during the year, including any furloughed, laid-off, or seasonal employees, the business is not a "self-employed" business. Independent contractors are not employees; an independent contractor has a "self-employed" business.

Be a for-profit business;

Have its principal place of business in NH;

Have been in operation for at least one year before July 17, 2020;

Anticipate a loss of gross receipts from 2019 to 2020 due to COVID-19;

Have total 2019 gross receipts of less than \$1,000,000;

Not be currently in bankruptcy;

Not have permanently ceased operations; and

Not have been awarded a Main Street Relief Fund Grant.

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## Protect Yourself Against Financial Scammers

It's unfortunate, but true: During this period of economic uncertainty, one of the busiest "industries" has been financial scamming. But it goes on even during normal times, too, so you'll want to know what to look for, and how to defend yourself.

For starters, just how widespread is financial fraud? Consider this: In 2019, more than 3.2 million fraud cases were reported to the Federal Trade Commission, with identity theft being the most common type of fraud, accounting for about one-fifth of the overall cases. And fraudulent new accounts (mortgages, student loans, car loans and credit cards) amounted to about \$3.4 billion in 2018, according to a study by Javelin Strategy & Research.

To help yourself from being victimized, consider the following suggestions. They are certainly not an exhaustive list, but they should prove useful.

- *Watch out for unsecure websites.* Make sure a website is secure before entering any payment or personal information. Look for sites that start with HTTPS, rather than those with just HTTP, which are not secure and can be hacked. But even a site with HTTPS can still be used by scammers, so, if you don't recognize the name of the company or group that's requesting your information, do some research to make sure it's legitimate.

- *Review your credit reports.* As mentioned above, the fraudulent opening of new accounts is a big source of financial scams. To be sure nobody has opened new accounts under your name, try to review your credit reports at least once a year. You can get them for free at [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com).

- *Follow up on fraud.* If you've already been victimized by having new accounts opened in your name, contact one of the three major credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax or TransUnion) and place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit file. You might also want to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, print it out and file it with your local law enforcement agency. And it's also a good idea to contact the fraud department of the financial companies where the thief has opened a fraudulent account in your name.

- *Be alert for suspicious links.* "Phishers" have gotten quite good at sending out messages that look like they're from reputable businesses. But if you examine these messages carefully, you can usually determine if there's something off about them. For example, no legitimate business will tell you, via this type of message, that you have to "correct your account" by providing additional information. And if you do hit the link provided, and it takes you to a third-party site, you can be pretty sure it's bogus.

- *Resist "act now" offers.* If you get an offer, via phone or online, urging you to "act immediately" on an investment opportunity, discontinue the communication. No reputable financial advisor will ever try to force you to take such swift action, and if an investment is legitimate, it will be available tomorrow, next week and next year.

- *Use your shredder.* You probably have the option to "go paperless" with all your banks and financial services providers, but, if you still do receive paper documents, be sure to shred them when they're no longer needed.

You save and invest for years to help achieve your long-term goals. Don't let any of your efforts be undone by financial fraudsters.

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# e-Ticker Sports

## Dartmouth Announces Changes to Varsity Athletics Program

HANOVER, NH—To better balance the makeup of incoming undergraduate classes and help ease a budget deficit made worse by the pandemic, Dartmouth announced Thursday changes to its varsity athletics program.

The changes, which will eliminate five varsity athletic teams and a number of staff positions, will give Dartmouth more flexibility in admissions, reducing the number of recruited athletes in incoming classes by 10%, said the school. The move also contributes to the steps Dartmouth is taking to address budget challenges, including a projected \$150 million financial deficit brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The teams to be eliminated, effective immediately, are men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's golf, and men's lightweight rowing, dropping to 30 the number of varsity teams. A total of about 110 student-athletes participate on these five teams.

In addition, Dartmouth is permanently closing the Hanover Country Club—which is owned by Dartmouth and operated at the College-owned golf course—after years of the club's running in the red, with deficits expected to swell to \$1 million a year.

"I can assure you that these decisions were made with great care and with the long-term interests of the learning experience provided by Dartmouth Athletics front and center," President Philip J. Hanlon '77 said in an email today to faculty, students, staff, and all undergraduate families.

Hanlon's decision came after extensive consultation with Harry Sheehy, director of athletics and recreation, and Sheehy's leadership team.

"Harry and I realize that on top of what has already been a uniquely challenging year, this is deeply disappointing news," he wrote. "I remain fully committed to Dartmouth Athletics and am confident that the steps outlined here will make it a leaner but stronger program." Harry's leadership team, in consultation with the Dartmouth Athletic Advisory Board, "reluctantly concluded that the best path forward"

was to reduce the number of varsity teams, and Dartmouth's Board of Trustees also accepted the plan, Hanlon wrote.

The pandemic and the resulting financial challenges hastened the athletics decision, with the department—and all departments, divisions, and schools at Dartmouth—facing financial cutbacks to reduce the projected deficit by the end of the new fiscal year, in June 2021, said the school in its announcement. Elimination of the teams, closing the country club, and an administrative restructuring underway in athletics are projected to save more than \$2 million.

The teams will be suspended immediately and jobs for 15 staff, including eight coaching positions, will end. The country club has been closed since this past fall. Dartmouth has no plans to sell the property and will explore how to keep it open for community recreational use. Hanlon wrote that "with 35 varsity teams and the smallest enrollment within the Ivy League, athletic recruitment at Dartmouth has begun to impact our ability to achieve the right balance between applicants who are accomplished in athletics and applicants who excel in other pursuits. To achieve greater flexibility in shaping the incoming class, I asked Harry to reduce the number of recruited athletes in each entering class by 10%."

Having fewer recruits will provide increased flexibility for Dartmouth's admissions. In the past five years there have been more applicants and an increase in the percentage of admitted students who enroll at Dartmouth. "In short, we are able to admit a much smaller fraction of those who apply than we did even a few years ago and need to broaden opportuni-

ties for the increasing number of applicants who excel in a wide range of areas," Hanlon wrote.

Over the past several months, Sheehy and his colleagues considered the ways to meet Hanlon's directive to reduce the number of student-athletes and decided to cut teams

rather than make across-the-board cuts in each of Dartmouth's varsity teams.

"This will maintain the strength of varsity athletics into the future, instead of diluting the talent and competitive experience of all teams. While the elimination of teams is the most

painful option, I agree that this approach is in the best long-term interest of both athletics and Dartmouth," wrote Hanlon.

In deciding which teams to eliminate, Sheehy's team reviewed a series of factors in assessing the experiences of student-athletes and the contributions teams make to the community. These included the ability to provide a high-quality student-athlete experience; community-building power; history and tradition of success and the potential for future success; the quality of facilities in relation to Dartmouth's peers; national participation at high-school and college levels; Dartmouth's geography and climate; and the level of investment required to ensure future competitive success in sports in which Dartmouth is not now experiencing success.

Hanlon said he and Sheehy hope that incoming athletes and current students on the eliminated teams will stay at Dartmouth. However, if they chose to pursue athletic careers elsewhere, Dartmouth "will do everything we can to support and advise them of their options," the president wrote.





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# Inspiration

## Why We Love Our Flowers

By Priscilla Hull

In this time of unrest and disease what we need is more beauty. Here it is. The Day Lillies, Black Eyed Susans, Daisies and Lupine that grace the sides of the highways and byways of New Hampshire are something special to behold. Someone had the forethought to plant these flowers and more in the medians of our major highways and along the edges of many roads throughout our state. So no matter where you're traveling in this state, there are flowers by the bucket load. Of course these beautiful flowers aren't just eye candy, but they also are vital to our bee population.

It has always seemed to me that we in the northern climes of New England, in particular, go out of our way to surround ourselves with lots of flowers. Oh, other people further south grow borders of Zinnia, Calendula, Bee Balm and more to attract butterflies and bees, but looking around our neighborhoods, I see more flowers around here. I see gardens, like the end of South Street, or just around the corner on Pleasant Street, large planters full of flowers. All are so beautiful and all these make our world so colorful after a long gray winter.

I think people up here look forward to flower gardens with a riot of color because we are for so long just gray. It certainly brightens up the world we live in. There is so much more that these colorful flowers do for us. Yes, they lighten our spirits, they make the world pretty, but they also provide sustenance to bees and butterflies. Of course, bees provide us with honey which make a delightful addition to many of our foods and drinks. Bees and butterflies do something ever greater than provide honey or give us something pretty to watch. Bees and butterflies, of course, pollinate flowers and more so that we will be assured growth of plants in the future. We would be in a sorry state of affairs if we didn't have plant growth and we can thank the bees and butterflies for that.

It amazes me how all things work together for the good of the earth. We have such beauty at our fingertips. We have such a complex and wonderful world sitting right in our yards. There is so much good and we have no control over it! We can, however, appreciate that good. We can enjoy the goodness that has been given to us. We can let the grass grow a little longer so that clover and those other little flowers that grow in the lawn have a chance to grow. Then as we drive along the highways, see the flowers, relax and enjoy their beauty.

*"God saw what he had done and it was good."*

Genesis 1:31

*Priscilla Hull is the Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church in Claremont, NH.*



## Calendar Of Events

### The World at Home: Stillness, Inspiration, and Change

CORNISH, NH—Saint-Gaudens Memorial and Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park are pleased to announce this adapted season for 2020. We are sad that we will not be together in the Little Studio this summer, but the distance will make our return together all the sweeter. For this 2020 Season we are proud to partner with our friends at the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts for three of our presentations, highlighting our mutual passions of creation, exploration, and innovation.

Concerts will be broadcast at 2pm on YouTube (Saint-Gaudens Memorial channel) and Facebook (Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Page), with the exception of the July 26th presentation (see website for full details when released). Visit us at [saint-gaudens.org](http://saint-gaudens.org) and [wcc-ma.org](http://wcc-ma.org).

**July 19** - Artists' inspiration: At Home - Join us at SGNHP and in the homes of our artists as we listen to music and view works of art that inspire and comfort us. Music performed by past performers: Jose Lezcano, Jeanne Kierman Fischer, Norman Fischer, Kyle Sanna, Lisa Ferrigno, Andrew Jennings, Gail Jennings, Bassel and the Supernaturals.

**July 26** - Classical music in a groundbreaking new medium. Details will be released soon. This program is a presentation by Saint-Gaudens Memorial and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts.

**Aug 9** - Women Composers of New England with Virginia Eskin piano, and guests Melissa Richmond, flute, and Angela Biggs, soprano. Works by Beach, Bauer, and Crawford.

**Aug 23** - 15th Annual Rosamond Edmondson Concert - Great Piano Repertoire performed by Sally Pinkas, with guest Melissa Richmond, flute. Works by Brahms, Schumann, Reinecke, Molina, Santiago, Chopin, Paterno, and Piazzolla.

**Sept 6** - Family Picnic at Home Day: Dance and Drum! - Visit drummers and dancers in the traditions of Japan, Egypt, and West Africa with Karim Nagi, Theo Martey, and Burlington

Taiko Group. This program is a presentation by Saint-Gaudens Memorial and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts.

**Sept 20** - Creations for a New Day and Reflections on Home - new works and arrangements for few musicians - with Layale Chaker, Kinan Azmeh, and Dinuk Wijeratne. This program is a presentation by Saint-Gaudens Memorial and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts.

### Watch Bugs Bunny and Michael Jordan Battle Evil Aliens!!!

#### Parks & Rec Reschedules 'Space Jam' for This Friday's Drive-In Movie Night

CLAREMONT, NH—The threat of summer storms last Friday evening forced the Claremont Parks & Recreation Department to reschedule its second drive-in movie night.

No problem. The animated/live action combo film will be shown this Friday evening, July 17, on the jumbo screen in the Grace River Church lot on Maple Avenue. Admission is free.

Parks & Rec has posted the following guidelines:

Attendance is limited to 125 vehicles.

Parking/gates open at 8pm.

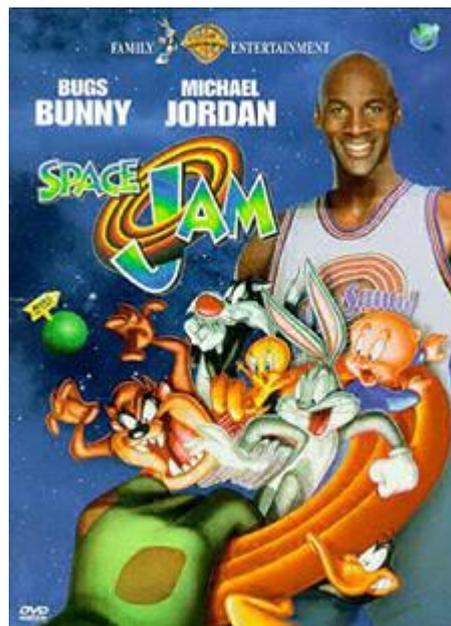
Your vehicle will be directed to a designated parking area.

Bring chairs and your own snacks.

Practice social distancing throughout the event.

The movie starts at dusk.

Watch the movie from your own vehicle or in the space assigned to you.



The third — and last — 2020 movie night is planned as another drive-in. The feature on August 7 will be 'Dolittle.'

### Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Returns

The Croydon Ladies Auxiliary Bingo has reopened. Reservations only at this time because of limited seats. Please call 603-543-7118 to reserve your seat. Once full, that is it for that week. We will be doing a temp check at the door. If you are sick, please don't come. Masks are recommended but can't be wore by all because of medical issues. Masks will be available if you need one. Hand sanitizer available throughout hall. Only prepackaged snacks and drinks at this time. There are changes in the hall because of social distancing, and no one will have the same seat that they usually had. There is a totally new floor plan. We can't guarantee that you are 100% safe from catching COVID-19 or any other virus.

If you do not feel comfortable attending, then don't attend at this time. If you have questions, please call Sandy at 603-543-7118.

### Unity Historical Society Meeting

UNITY, NH—The Unity Historical Society will be meeting at the town office at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 14. We have received the Veteran's Memorial and need to plan for placement and work to be done for setting it up. We would appreciate any help that you could give this project.

### READING AREA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Please make an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>, Zip Code 05037 Wednesday, July 15, 1:00PM to 6:00PM Mt Ascutney Holiday Inn and Resort (closed to the public; opening for blood drive only), Brownsville, VT 05037

Screening for COVID-19 virus and special distancing precautions will be in place; please stand apart and wear masks, thank you for your courtesy. There is already a great response; blood reserves are low; thank you for your support and commitment!

For questions, call 1-800-RED-CROS. For assistance with making an appointment, email [lanie@sbfvt.org](mailto:lanie@sbfvt.org).

## Contact Info For Help for Vets

For those Veterans who live out in the Keene, Claremont, and Western part of NH, the Veteran Services Officer who usually works that area will be unable to assist you for a while. Until he returns, we are asking that you reach out to Cynthia Fisher (NH Division of Veterans Services Admin) at (603) 624-9230, Ext. 301 and she will get you an appointment with another Service Officer who can assist you in the interim.

## Mid-Summer Farmers Market in Sunapee at MRA

SUNAPEE, NH—There will be a new Farmers Market this summer at Mount Royal Academy, Seven Hearths Lane in Sunapee. It will take place on four consecutive Saturday mornings: July 18th and 25th, August 1st and 8th, and will run from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be live music, coffee, baked goods, local produce, and goods for all. There will be plenty of parking available for vendors and shoppers in the MRA parking lot, as well as on the lower soccer field.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this Farmers Market as a vendor, please email [farmersmarket@mountroyalacademy.com](mailto:farmersmarket@mountroyalacademy.com), or call Alex at (603)748-2683 for more details. There is no fee to set up a booth if you provide your own tent and table. Contact for further information.

## Claremont Parks & Rec Outdoor Classes

CLAREMONT, NH—Claremont Parks and Recreation has announced it is offering outdoor fitness classes and that “As per the governor's direction we are limiting our classes to 10 people max., we are asking that all individuals maintain the 6 ft social distancing practice before and after classes, and 8 - 10 ft. during classes, we are also encouraging all participants to wear a mask to and from class and to bring your own mat and water. We thank you for helping us make these classes successful.”

For details on classes, please go to [claremontparks.com](http://claremontparks.com) and click on online program registration. You can also find information at <https://www.facebook.com/ClaremontParks/> or call 603 542-7019.

## What's Happening at the Plainfield Libraries

### Preschool Storytime on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am

Join us for stories and songs at <https://www.facebook.com/plainfieldpubliclibraries/live/>.

## RVAPL Potluck Dinner

CHARLESTOWN, NH—River Valley Animal Protection League Potluck Dinner Fundraiser is planned in the near future. Please come out and support the shelter at this fun event that includes raffles, cake auction, door prizes and games.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Where: Held at the VFW on Lovers Lane in Charlestown NH. Everyone welcome! Call for more info: 603-826-3061.

## Paint Nite! Unleash Your Inner Artist

Support the River Valley Animal Protection League by joining us at the Sumner House Restaurant in Charlestown NH.

When: **POSTPONED, NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

When you buy a \$45 ticket, \$15 will be donated to the shelter!

Register at <https://www.yaymaker.com/events/10163512>.

## Bingo at Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 is happy to announce that Bingo has returned Wednesdays to the Post Hall at 365 Lover's Lane Road, Charlestown, NH. Early Birds at 5:00 p.m. and regular Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

The Post recommends anyone wishing to attend conduct a self determination as to whether or not you are in good health, i.e., no high temperature, no dry cough, etc. If you aren't healthy – stay home! The next recommendation is that if you can't maintain 6 feet social distancing at an indoor facility, then you should wear a face mask / covering, wash your hands frequently and / or use hand sanitizer.

Gaming laws prohibit anyone under 18 from playing bingo.

## Area Grocery Store Hours Reserved for High Risk Population

HANNAFORD - Most stores reserve 7 AM – 8 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In Massachusetts, those special hours are 7 AM – 8 AM daily

MARKET BASKET 6 AM - 7 AM EVERY DAY Claremont

CO-OP FOOD STORES 7AM - 8 AM EVERY-DAY WRJCT, Lebanon & Hanover

PRICE CHOPPER 6AM - 7AM EVERYDAY-Windsor & West Lebanon

SHAWS 7AM - 9AM TUES & THURS West Lebanon

WALMART 6 AM - 7 AM TUESDAYS ONLY-Claremont & West Lebanon

PLAINFIELD COUNTRY STORE Call ahead with curb side pickup, 709-7055. Prepared meals, grocery items.

## Saint-Gaudens Memorial Programming Update

CORNISH, NH—Due to COVID-19, the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, in collaboration with the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park, has canceled or substantively altered programming for the 2020 season. Please check Concerts, Exhibitions, and Sculpture Workshops pages for additional details.

The park grounds and trails are open for your enjoyment.

To learn more about the history and programs of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial and its partnership with the SGNHP, please visit our website at <https://saint-gaudens.org/>.

## Summer Parking in Sunapee Harbor

Parking in Sunapee Harbor during the busy summer months can be a challenge if you are not familiar with our designated parking areas and restrictions. Our "Parking in Sunapee Harbor" video shows you where to park your

vehicle and where you can park a boat trailer. Go to the police department's webpage at <https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/police> and you'll see our video listed in the left sidebar. Always feel free to call the Police Department at 763-5555 for parking and any other questions you may have.

## A Message from ServiceLink

NH ServiceLink offices across the state are open via phone and email during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this time of social distancing it's easy to feel alone and isolated. ServiceLink is a phone call away! Trained, nationally and state certified staff is available via phone during normal working hours.

ServiceLink staff is here to listen, answer questions, problem solve, and link you to resources and services.

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. We are, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online link. Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website. If you reach our voice mail box, please leave a message.

Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

## RVCC Programs

Our WriterSpace is now meeting online Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9am. For the weekly link, more questions, and to learn about WriterSpace Kids, send an email to: [RVCCWriterSpace@ccsnh.edu](mailto:RVCCWriterSpace@ccsnh.edu).

RVCC is open for Fall registrations. Also, the next Plumbers' License Renewal class is scheduled for July 15th. Tel: (603) 542-7744 or [rivervalley@ccsnh.edu](mailto:rivervalley@ccsnh.edu) for more information.

## Now through October: Livestream from Saint-Gaudens

Need something to do during your lunch hour? Tune into a livestream with Saint-Gaudens NHP Sculptor-in-Residence.

Watch and engage with Saint-Gaudens NHP's Sculptor-in-Residence, Zoe Dufour, virtually via Facebook Wednesdays-Sundays, 12-1PM through October.

Even if you're not on Facebook, you can watch the livestream here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintGaudensNPS/>

**Socially Distanced Outdoor YOGA**  
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NEW! Socially Distanced Outdoor -All Levels  
Yoga – Fridays, 8:30-9:30 am Now Meeting



# Youth CAN Logo Contest

Youth CAN is a group of organizations and individuals from the Claremont and Newport region working to increase positive opportunities for youth

**ALL WE NEED IS A LOGO.**

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Send your logo clearly featuring Youth CAN to:  
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Questions? Email us.

Mission: Decrease youth substance use by increasing positive opportunities

OUTDOORS on the Newport, NH Town Common

This socially distanced class will adhere to all current regulations for in-person yoga classes during COVID-19. This class is designed for any student looking to practice yoga. Movement will be linked with breath (as offered by the Hatha and Kripalu traditions of yoga), as well as focus on alignment, and attention paid to honoring your own organic movement.

Students can expect to practice both seated and standing poses as well as focus on balance and breath. Please bring your own mat and any props you would like, as sharing supplies is discouraged at this point. Scholarships available. Drop-ins welcome.

Find out more at [libraryartscenter.org/yoga/](http://libraryartscenter.org/yoga/).

## VeggieVanGo will have 2 pickups in July and 2 pickups in August

Veggie Van Go has been temporarily relocated to Windsor High School, State Street entrance, Lower Level, July 14, 27 & August 4, 11 from 10 -11am.

VeggieVanGo™ is a program of the Vermont Food Bank (VFB) to provide fresh produce, perishable products and shelf stable food to Vermonters facing hunger. Several Vermont hospitals including Mt. Ascutney Hospital work in partnership with the VFB to promote better health for Vermont families. The aim of the program is to provide produce at no cost to people who cannot afford to buy enough fruit and vegetables to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

## School District Summer Meal Program Continues

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School District has announced the continuation of its meal program through the Summer. Breakfast and lunch meals will be available for pick-up daily at each school from 9am-12pm. Friday's meal service will also provide meals for Saturday and Sunday.

These meals are available at no cost for anyone 18 and under.

## CORNISH LIBRARY REOPENINGS

The Cornish Library is opening 2 days a week, Wednesdays 3-6 PM and Saturdays 9

AM-noon, you may come in to take out books, Mondays and Fridays we are still offering curbside service.

Please look at the Library website for information on what is expected and how it will be managed by visiting [cornishnh.net](http://cornishnh.net) under Local Organizations.

Face coverings are required and provided if you do not bring your own. Distancing is very important and if necessary, we will limit the number of people allowed in at one time.

Brenda Freeland, MS

George H. Stowell Library

[stowelllibrary@comcast.net](mailto:stowelllibrary@comcast.net).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PLANNING BOARD HEARING

Monday, July 13, 2020 7:00 PM

\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Join the Zoom Webinar

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82281416340?pwd=OEtZK29vaXRHTlZkV2Z4ZHpZY2tPQT09>

Password: 590961 By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York)

If there is a problem getting through to this number, please call 603-504-0341.

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held concerning the following:

**A. (PL 2020-00005) Lisa Portelli & Sheila Butler, 299 Hanover Street** – Application for subdivision approval for the subdivision of parcel 84-7 into two lots at 299 Hanover Street. Zoning District: R1 & AR.

**B. (PL 2020-00006) Peter & Cheryl Ferland, 101 Paddy Hollow Road** – Application for subdivision approval for the subdivision and annexation of parcels 46-16 and 57-24 and conversion of a driveway to a private road at 73 and 101 Paddy Hollow Road. Zoning District: RR

**C. Planning Board Rules of Procedure** – The Board will review and take public comments on multiple amendments to the Planning Board Rules of procedure to reflect changes in the Board's makeup and the method of appointing members.

Interested parties may review the applications at the City of Claremont's Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearing, or in writing at 14 North Street, Claremont NH 03743, or by email at [cityplanner@claremontnh.com](mailto:cityplanner@claremontnh.com).

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

## Claremont Senior Center Updates

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Claremont Senior Center Board has voted to adopt a mandatory mask policy. Masks will be worn upon entering the Center until leaving. On Game Night, those not wishing to wear masks will have a separate room to play. A mask must be worn when leaving that room for restrooms or any other reason. Those who wish to wear a mask and play in the unmasked room may do so. Distancing is also recommended. We thank you for your cooperation and patience on the matter.

The concert with the Firehouse Six for Saturday, July 11th, was canceled due to inclement weather. But!! We have rescheduled this great group for Saturday, July 18th. We will catch you then.

On the happy side, the kitchen volunteers have done it again. This weeks menu is fabulous. Here are the offerings for Tuesday and Thursday:

Tuesday, July 14th-Ken's Traditional Tourtiere (Pork Pie), Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Dessert. Thursday, July 16th-Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Summer Squash, Birthday Cake.

Call 543-5998 to reserve your meal by 10:30AM. Members-\$4, non-members-\$5.

Pick-up-11:45AM-12:15PM. Come and get it!!

Blood Drive. We will be having a blood drive on Monday, July 27th, from noon-5PM. Please give if you can. Thank you.

Quick Notes: The Penny Sale on Saturday, May 8th, is still in need of items. They can be brought on Tuesdays and Fridays. Someone will treat them kindly and find them a good home.

On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we will be presenting our Winter Craft Fair (yet to be named). We have a great variety of handmade crafts coming. If you wish to join us with your beautiful wares, call 543-5998 or 542-5798 for an application.

We hope you understand the reason we decided to make masks mandatory. We considered our older population and wanted to keep them safe.

Thought for the week: Smiles are free so

share them. Sometimes that's the best thing that has happened to that person that day.

Laughter and Lively Conversation always welcome here. And a lot of smiles !

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights, Claremont, NH. (603) 543-5998. Smoke Free. Open Tuesdays-9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM for Game Night. Fridays-9AM-3PM. Take outs available on Tuesdays and Thursdays-11:45AM – 12:15 PM. Reservations required.

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### **Sunday, July 5th 2020**

19:12 Responded with E-1 to Front St. for a smoke investigation

### **Monday, July 6th**

22:21 Responded with E-1 to Plains Rd. for a medical call

### **Tuesday, July 7th**

00:34 Responded with E-1 to Hanover St. for a medical call

12:32 Responded with E-1 to Red Water Brook Rd. for a medical call

17:13 Responded with L-2 and E-1 to South St. for a possible roof fire

23:24 Responded with E-1 to Stewart Ave for a medical call

### **Wednesday, July 8th**

12:20 Responded with E-1 to Cottage St. for an illegal burn

### **Thursday, July 9th**

20:38 Responded with E-1 to Summer St. for a detector sounding

21:01 Responded with E-1 to Thrasher Rd. for a tree on wires

### **Friday, July 10th**

10:12 Responded with E-1 to Union St. for a medical call

11:12 Responded with E-1 to Main St. for a Box Alarm

12:04 Responded with E-1 to Pleasant St. for a lock out

18:49 Responded with E-1 to Washington St. for a mulch fire

### **Saturday, July 11th**

05:38 Responded with E-1 to Fern St. for a medical call

Remembering Loved Ones...

## Life Tributes

### **Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website**

**We post obituaries on our website to make them available in "real time," as they are released by funeral homes. We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.**

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

### **James R. Conant, 78**

James R. Conant, 78, of Main Street in Claremont, NH, died at his home with his family by his side on Thursday (July 9, 2020). He was born in Rutland, VT, on May 12, 1942, the son of Ray and Dorothy (Winship) Conant. He graduated from Rutland High School, Class of 1960. James had been employed by Jones & Lamson in Springfield, VT, Mal Tool in Charlestown, NH, and Letter Press in New Mexico.

Members of his family include his wife, Mary (Cheney) Conant, Claremont, NH; Melissa Conant (Chuck Strobel) Claremont, NH; Kristine Thatcher (David) Lempster, NH; James Conant (Po) Thailand; Grace Wirkkala (Arnie, Jr.) Claremont, NH; David Conant (Sandra) Perkinsville, VT; 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, one niece, one nephew.

He was predeceased by a son Mark Conant.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no visiting hours or services.

You are invited to share a memory of James with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the Roy Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

### **John Goodrich**

John Goodrich was a veteran of the US

Army and served as an officer in the adjutant general corps. John initially worked for Sears, Roebuck & Company serving as a manager in St. Albans, VT, and Rumford, ME. In 1962, he was employed as a teacher of the Marketing Program at Stevens High School and the ski coach. He served in those positions until 1971, when he became Director of Vocational Education. John was one of the original Vocational Directors in NH and spent much of his career in the development of regional vocational education centers for secondary students. He was responsible for the development of the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont.

He retired in 1993. He was active in many civic and professional organizations. A partial listing includes the Claremont Rotary Club, the NH Advisory Board for Vocational Technical Education, and the State & National Associations for Vocational Technical Education. John was also involved in the development of summer youth programs, which were designed to provide vocational training for disadvantaged youths. In 1986 he received a Presidential Award for the development and operation of a summer job program, entitled Project Solve. John retired from education in June 1993 after 32 years of service. Following his retirement, John worked part-time as a member of the Construction Management Presentation Team for Baybutt Construction, Keene, NH for four years.

In 1997, John fully retired and enjoyed winters in Ft. Myers, FL, and also spent time traveling, golfing, fishing, and enjoying his family. He also remained active by serving as a member of the Board of Directors at the condominium associations in both locations.

John was predeceased by his wife of 51 years Joanne (Doten) Goodrich and his sister Jean Ebgert.

The surviving family includes his wife, Ernestine (Ostenson) Goodrich of Ft. Myers, FL; two daughters, Karen Goodrich and her partner Michael Higgins of Meriden, NH; Kathryn Hanson and her husband Peter f Goshen, NH; his grandchildren, Amanda Bevilacqua, Jeffrey Hanson and his wife Krystal, Lauren (Maiola) Maynard and her husband Trevor and Ryan Maiola; five great grandchildren, Chloe and Sophia Hanson and Quinn Carter of Rochester, NH and Chase and Avery Bevilacqua of Goshen, NH along with nieces, nephews and cousins.

There are no visiting hours and a private

graveside service will be held at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Tammie M. Bean, 56

Tammie Marie Bean, 56, of Cornish Flat, NH, passed away unexpectedly on July 4, 2020, at her home.

She was born on February 27, 1964 in Hanover, NH, the daughter of David Bean and Nancy (Magoon) Carver.

Tammie was a graduate of Stevens High School in the class of 1982. She also graduated from NH Community College.

She worked for ProCut in West Lebanon. Tammie enjoyed living in Cornish and her neighbors. She loved her dogs, Lillie and Becca.

She is survived by her mother, Nancy Carver and her husband, David; her father, David Bean; her sisters, Pamela Johnson and husband, Todd of Claremont and Samantha Bean of Oregon; half-brother, Martin Bean; one niece, one nephew and step-children, Alex and Joe Dodge and Emily Rogers; also aunts, uncles and cousins.

Walk-through visiting hours were held at Stringer Funeral Home, on Monday, July 13th; a graveside service followed at in Edminster Cemetery in Cornish with Rev. Dale Nicholas officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to any animal shelter or humane society of one's choice.

### Thelma Shulins, 88

Thelma Shulins, a longtime Claremont, NH, resident and business owner, passed away on Saturday, July 4, following a long illness, with her loving husband of 70 years by her side. She was 88.

With Arnold Shulins she co-owned Shulins Inc., a wholesale business and retail fabric and dry goods store that was a Claremont institution for more than 30 years. She also managed a local dental practice and worked as an antiques dealer. She entered college in middle age and earned a degree cum laude in Women's Studies from Keene State.

Shulins was an active volunteer who gave her time to Girl Scouts of America, the American Cancer Society, the Goodwin Community Center, Claremont Opera House, and Women's Supportive Services.

Her contributions to these and other charitable causes were recognized by the Claremont Business & Professional Women's Organization, which honored her with its 1987 Achievement Award.

Shulins was an avid golfer who belonged to several country clubs, including Crown Point in Springfield, VT, and The Country Club of Naples in Naples, FL. She enjoyed painting, and her oils and watercolors hang on the walls in her and her daughters' homes. She also had a lifelong love affair with dogs – her own, and everyone else's – and was a generous supporter of the Upper Valley Humane Society.

Shulins was born in Woonsocket, RI, on Aug. 22, 1931, to Louis and Edythe Sadwin. She had five older brothers who predeceased her. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Debra Shulins of Los Angeles, CA, and Nancy Shulins of Norwalk, CT; a son-in-law, Mark Berns, of Norwalk, CT, two grandchildren, Ben Braverman and Zoe Braverman, both of Los Angeles, and several nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19, her funeral will be private. There will be a memorial service at a later

date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Bayada Hospice in Norwich, VT., and the Upper Valley Humane Society in Enfield, NH.

The Stringer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### THURSDAY, JULY 23

#### Plainfield Drive-Through Senior Social Luncheon

Christ Community Church Parking Lot, 1259 Route 12A, Plainfield.

Thursday, July 23, 11-11:30 a.m.

Free --No reservations needed.

Just pull up for your meal to go.

Stephanie M. Schell

Director of Community Resources

Town of Plainfield, NH

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**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

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### AGENDA

- 6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL
- 6:34 PM 3. AGENDA CHANGES
- 6:35 PM 4. MAYOR'S NOTES
- 6:40 PM 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
  - A. COVID-19 Update
- 6:45 PM 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Comments on Non-agenda Items Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker (Council Rule 23))
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
  - 6:55 PM A. Legislative Update
  - 7:00 PM B. Pleasant Street Update
  - 7:20 PM C. Twin State Properties Tax Deed
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
  - 7:35 PM A. Stevens Brook Conservation Easement Access (City Manager)
  - 7:45 PM B. Sweetwater Hydro PILOT Agreement – Public Hearing (City Manager)
  - BREAK
  - 8:10 PM C. Sullivan House PILOT Agreement – Public Hearing (City Manager)
  - 8:25 PM D. Review of Fund Balance Policy (City Manager)
  - 8:35 PM E. Re-Approve Identity Theft Prevention Policy (City Manager)
  - 8:45 PM F. Comcast Agreement (City Manager)
  - 8:55 PM G. Resolution 2021-7 Establish Capital Reserve (Finance Committee)
- 9:05 PM 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DIRECTIVES
- 9:10 PM 10. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
- 9:15 PM 11. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.