

# LONDONDERRY TOWN LANTERN

FEBRUARY 2024

SPECIAL MARCH TOWN ELECTION ISSUE



Every February 2, we turn our eyes toward a very particular North American tradition: will Punxsutawney Phil, the world’s most famous groundhog, see his shadow? This year, Phil emerged from his burrow for the 138th time and didn’t see his shadow, predicting that sunny skies and spring showers lie right around the bend. I’m not sure about Phil’s qualifications as a weatherman, but I bet our world-class Department of Public Works appreciates this good news. Throughout a very snowy January, they have handled every flurry of snow and freezing road like the professionals they are. If you aren’t following their Facebook page for the best road updates in the state, you’re missing out.

February brings another transition here in Londonderry: the end of the Town and School budget processes. Since late summer, your Town and School employees and elected officials have worked hard to pull together a proposed budget for the next fiscal year that is calibrated to the needs of the residents of Londonderry. The deliberative sessions gave citizens a chance to speak up, ask questions, and weigh in on the proposed warrant articles. We encourage our residents to vote in the Town and School elections on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, held in the Londonderry High School gymnasium. This election usually has the lowest turnout of all, but arguably has the biggest impact on residents’ day to day lives. We’ve devoted part of this issue to explaining some of the trickier parts of the Town warrant to assist you in making informed decisions.

February also marks an important personal anniversary for me: two full years as your town manager. Like my first year, there have been good days, and tough days, but each and every day I have been privileged to come to work with the best staff for the betterment of the best community around. For that, I thank you all.

Mike Malaguti, Town Manager

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# PLAIN LANGUAGE WARRANT ARTICLES

The language on the ballot that citizens of Londonderry will receive at the polls in March is often determined by state law. Unfortunately, while the wording is legally clear, it can sometimes be difficult to understand everything about the article from the text alone. Here, we try to make clear exactly what each warrant article created by the Town Council accomplishes, so you can make an informed choice when you vote on March 12.



## ARTICLE NO. 1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This is the part of the ballot where you elect people to fill various elected offices. Terms of elected positions are staggered so a few will come up for election each year. The candidates for these offices are listed on page 5 of this newsletter.



## ARTICLE NO. 2: TREASURER CHARTER AMENDMENT

This article would change the way the Town treasurer is selected. Currently, the treasurer is elected to a three-year term. If this passes, the treasurer will be appointed by the Town Council upon recommendation of the Town Manager to a one-year term.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 4-1  
Budget Committee  
NO, 4-3



## ARTICLE NO. 3: HIGH RANGE ROAD WATER MAIN

This article would approve a loan of up to \$2,950,000 to help fund a water main down High Range road to bring Town water to more residents and help remediate PFAS issues. For more on this, please see pages 6 and 7.  
Est. tax impact for \$215,000: \$0.034 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



**Why only \$215,000 if the loan is for up to \$2,950,000?** \$215,000 is the first year's loan payment. After the first year, the loan payment will be included in the budget.



## ARTICLE NO. 4: TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

This article would approve the Town operating budget as put forward by Town Council of \$45,859,596. This pays for the operating expenses of the town.  
Est. tax impact for \$23,653,283: \$3.696 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



**Why only \$23,653,283 if the budget is \$45,859,596?** \$23,653,283 is the amount that will need to be raised through property taxes. The rest (\$22,206,313) comes from other revenue sources, like fees, interest, grants, and state funding.



**What happens if this does not pass?** The Town will instead adopt the default budget, which is higher: \$45,901,420.



**What is a default budget?** The default budget is the previous fiscal year's budget reduced or increased by debt service; contracts; salary and other related employee costs (like benefits and taxes); and other obligations or expenses mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenses in the operating budget.



**How will this money be spent?** A budget is a planning document. You can see how this money is planned to be spent - and has been spent in past years - at [londonderrynh.gov/finance](http://londonderrynh.gov/finance).




## ARTICLE NO. 5: EXPENDABLE MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND


This article would raise \$200,000 for the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, which is used to maintain and repair Town facilities. An example of how it was used recently was replacing the leaky Leach Library roof.

Est. tax impact for \$100,000: \$0.016 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0

 **Why only \$100,000 if the article is raises \$200,000?** \$100,000 is the amount that would be raised through property taxes. The rest would come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

 **Why don't you just include this in the operating budget?** The Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, unlike the operating budget, can carry a balance from year to year, which allows the Town to prepare for large expenses over multiple years to try to avoid a big tax jump in a certain year. Funds like this have very specific purposes that restrict how the money can be spent, and any money spent from a trust fund or capital reserve fund is approved in public at a Town Council meeting with the purpose verified by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.



## ARTICLE NO. 6: ROADWAY MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND

This article would raise \$650,000 for the Roadway Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, which is used to maintain, repair, and improve all the Town-owned roads in Londonderry (excluding private or state roads).

Est. tax impact for \$650,000: \$0.102 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



## ARTICLE NO. 7: CREATES STORM SEWER SYSTEM EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

This article would create a new trust fund to support stormwater management and put an initial \$100,000 into the account. The Town is legally required to put a stormwater management program in place.

Est. tax impact for \$100,000: \$0.016 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0




## ARTICLE NO. 8: PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE LEASE

This article would approve a lease agreement for up to 10 years for four vehicles for the Department of Public Works, at a total cost of \$685,000. The Town leases its vehicles to ensure they can be updated regularly.

Est. tax impact for \$90,000: \$0.014 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

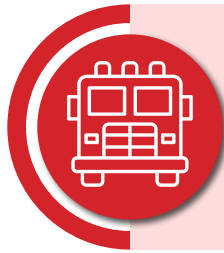
Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0

 **Why only \$90,000 if the lease is for up to \$685,000?** \$90,000 is the first year's lease payment. After the first year, the lease payment will be included in the budget.

## WHAT EXACTLY IS THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE?

The Town maintains Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) for cash flow and reserve purposes. The balance of the UFB not only assists in cash flow for the Town, but also provides additional interest revenue which goes towards the revenues offsetting the tax impact from the Town operating budget.

The Town can use UFB through voter approval. The use of UFB on a warrant article lowers the amount that needs to come from property taxes. That's because this funding source was received during previous years through revenues exceeding expectations or the Town underspending the operating budget.



### ARTICLE NO. 9: FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

This article would raise \$100,000 for the Fire Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund, which is used for the purchase and maintenance of emergency vehicles for the Londonderry Fire Department.

Est. tax impact for \$50,000: \$0.008 per thousand

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



*Why only \$50,000 if the article raises \$100,000?* \$50,000 is the amount that would be raised through property taxes. The rest would come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.



### ARTICLE NO. 10: FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

This article would raise \$75,000 for the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, which is used for purchasing things such as large medical equipment, safety equipment, and breathing gear.

Est. tax impact for \$37,500: \$0.006 per thousand

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



*Why only \$37,500 if the article raises \$75,000?* \$37,500 is the amount that would be raised through property taxes. The rest would come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.



### ARTICLE NO. 11: RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

This article would raise \$10,000 for the Recreation Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, which is used for the purchase, lease, repair, and maintenance of equipment and vehicles for the Recreation Department.

Est. tax impact for \$10,000: \$0.002 per thousand

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



### ARTICLE NO. 12: PILLSBURY CEMETERY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

This article would raise \$75,000 towards the fund that pays for the expansion costs of Pillsbury Cemetery on Hovey Road, the Town's only public cemetery that still has burial lots available for purchase.

Est. tax impact for \$50,000: \$0.008 per thousand

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



*Why only \$50,000 if the article raises \$75,000?* \$50,000 is the amount that would be raised through property taxes. The rest would come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.



### ARTICLE NO. 13: CABLE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

This article would raise \$32,500 for the Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, which is used for expenses related to the Access Center cable studio. This article has no tax impact because it is funded through our franchise agreement with Comcast.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



### ARTICLE NO. 14: ADDING A SECOND POLICE PROSECUTOR

This article would raise \$162,000 for the salary AND benefits of a second police prosecutor. This position would support the current Town prosecutor with the increasing caseload and improve victim outreach.

Est. tax impact for \$162,000: \$0.025 per thousand

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 6-1





# SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 12, 2024 MUNICIPAL TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Londonderry High School Gymnasium For complete election information,  
Polls will be open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. visit [londonderrynh.gov/vote](http://londonderrynh.gov/vote)



## ARTICLE NO. 15: ADDING ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

This article would raise \$495,000 for the salary AND benefits of additional firefighters. The firefighters would staff a vehicle called an Advanced Life Support car (already owned by the Town) for quicker responses to medical emergencies.

Est. tax impact for \$495,000: \$0.077 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 5-0  
Budget Committee  
YES, 7-0



*How will this be funded in the future?* For both Article 14 AND Article 15, if approved, the salaries will be included in the Town budget in future years.



## ARTICLE NO. 16: BUILD PICKLEBALL COURTS

This article would raise \$490,000 to build 6-10 public pickleball courts in Londonderry. The proposed location is near the soccer fields on West Road. If approved, the Town will also pursue grants and donations.

Est. tax impact for \$240,000: \$0.038 per thousand

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council  
YES, 4-1  
Budget Committee  
YES, 4-3



*Why only \$240,000 if the article raises \$490,000?* \$240,000 is the amount that would be raised through property taxes. The rest would come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

*\*Articles 17 through 22 are citizen petition warrant articles.*

For the full warrant, please visit [londonderrynh.gov/finance](http://londonderrynh.gov/finance).

# 2024 CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE

*Names appear in the order that they will on the ballot*

### TOWN COUNCIL

ONE open position  
3-year term

Shawn Faber  
Jim Butler

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

TWO open positions  
3-year term

Cynthia Peterson  
Moiria Ryan  
Maria Barud  
Nancy Hendricks  
Cheryl P. Isaak  
Christine Keenan  
Beth Marrocco  
Betsy McKinney

### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

ONE open position  
3-year term

Amy Landry Wheeler  
Karen Pied

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

TWO open positions  
3-year term

Kate Burbidge  
Jason Goldman  
Wendy Marini

### TOWN CLERK

ONE open position  
3-year term

Amanda Longo  
Sherry Farrell

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

ONE open position  
1-year term

Luke Veneri  
David Plaza

### TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

ONE open position  
3-year term

Bill Fanning  
Brian Patrick Crowley

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

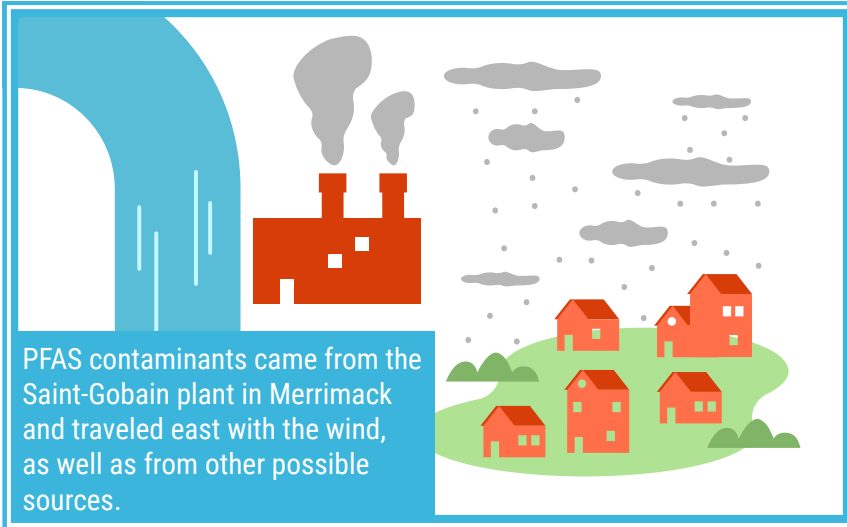
ONE open position  
6-year term

Janet Huttula  
Maureen Hardy

# WHAT DOES WARRANT ARTICLE #3 DO?

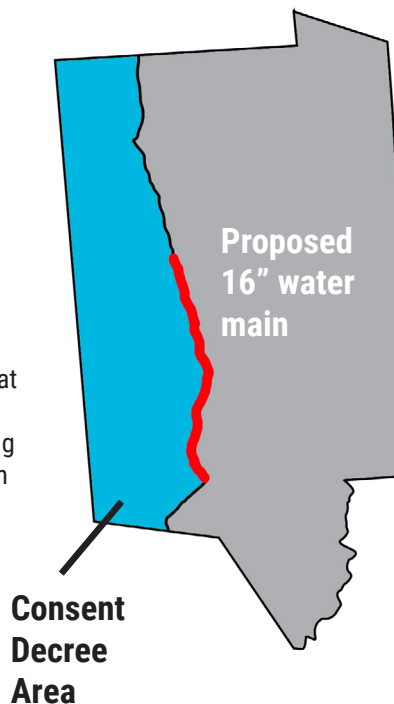
In 2016, PFAS contaminants from the Saint-Gobain plant in Merrimack were discovered in its tap water, leading to an investigation in surrounding communities. High PFAS levels were then found in many of Londonderry's wells, exposing residents to these potentially harmful toxins. Warrant Article #3 is designed to address this problem. Below, you will find information on PFAS in Londonderry, the financial breakdown of Warrant Article #3 and the water main project, and answers to some questions residents have already asked. This information is meant to help you decide how you want to vote on March 12.

## HOW DID THE PFAS GET HERE?



Multiple communities were affected by the contamination, including Bedford, Litchfield, Hudson, Manchester and Merrimack. Saint-Gobain is responsible for remediating the effects of PFAS within the **consent decree area**. The consent decree area is the area that the Superior Court ordered Saint-Gobain to address. In Londonderry, this area lies west of High Range and Harvey Roads, and north of Route 102.

Warrant Article #3 would fund a 16-inch water main running down High Range Road approximately from Alexander Road in the north to Route 102 in the south, then east to connect to another main. This size of pipe would allow more neighborhoods along that corridor to connect to municipal water, enabling more residents to switch off wells if they choose to do so. It also leverages the work that Saint-Gobain is willing to do in the area, which can reduce overall costs.



### PFAS STANDARD

For the maximum contaminant levels of PFAS in parts per trillion

**70** This was the initial State of New Hampshire standard for PFAS levels in water in 2016.

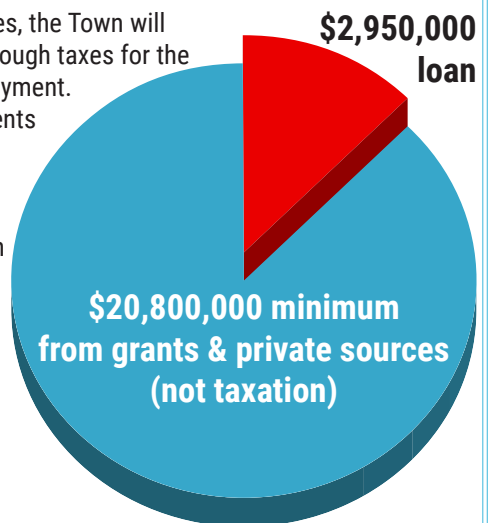
**12** This is the current State of New Hampshire standard for PFAS levels as of 2020. Any household testing above this level is now eligible for remediation either through the consent decree or rebate program.

**4** The standard is expected to drop to this in the near future, making more households eligible for remediation.

## WARRANT ARTICLE #3 RAISES \$23,750,000

If the article passes, the Town will raise \$215,000 through taxes for the first year's loan payment. Future loan payments will be part of the default budget.

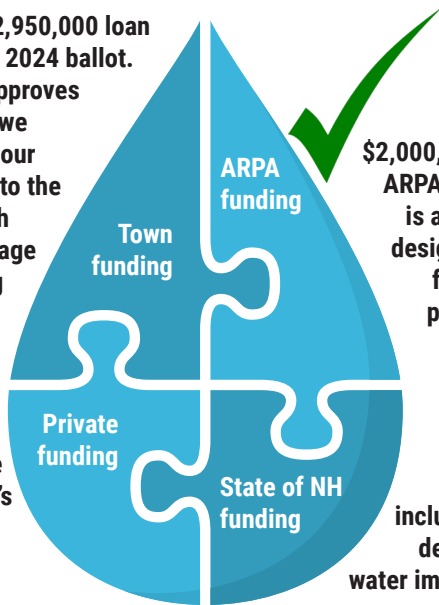
This is a loan from the state with an interest rate of 1% during construction, and 3.5% after that.



# PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

This is the \$2,950,000 loan on the March 2024 ballot. If the Town approves these funds, we demonstrate our commitment to the project, which could encourage other funding sources to commit.

Private funding could include Saint-Gobain's share of the project.



\$2,000,000 in ARPA funds is already designated for this project.

These are State funds, including grants, designated for water improvements.

## HOW MUCH WILL I PAY?

The tax impact of this warrant article is projected to be \$.034 in fiscal year 2025. Multiply this by the value of your home's assessed value in thousands.



\$300K



\$500K



\$700K

## WHAT ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN?

Within the consent decree area, Saint-Gobain can choose to provide EITHER a P.O.E.T. (point of entry treatment filtration) system to affected households until PFAS levels in the ground water drop below the threshold OR provide a hookup to Town water. This plan is intended to be attractive to Saint-Gobain, because it is a one-time expense for them. They won't have to maintain filtration systems for extended periods of time.

**A \$2-3 million loan could secure Londonderry an estimated \$23 million in funding from other sources**

## FAQs

### I live in this area - will I be required to hook up?

No. Nobody will be required to switch from a well to Town water. In fact, people can choose to hook up for their drinking water and keep their well for other things.

### Who will pay for me to hook up to the water main?

If you are in the consent decree area and have PFAS levels over the current standard, it is the responsibility of Saint-Gobain to cover the costs of a hookup or of a P.O.E.T. system. If you are on the east side of High Range Road, you may be eligible for grants of up to \$10,000 from the State to offset the costs.

### What is the benefit to me if I don't hook up?

Even if you are in the area and choose not to connect, you will benefit from increased fire protection (hydrants) which can lower homeowners insurance. Additionally, reducing concerns over drinking water quality by extending Town water helps to improve home values across Londonderry.

### What happens if this passes, but we don't get the grants or private funds?

If the Town votes to take out the loan, but does not get sufficient other funding, the Town is NOT obligated to take out the loan.

### Does the Town HAVE to borrow the full \$2.95 million?

No. This warrant article authorizes a loan UP TO \$2.95 million dollars. If the Town doesn't have to borrow the full amount, it won't. But the Town CAN'T go over the amount on the ballot, so we are being conservative in our estimate of outside funding.

### Why this project in this place now?

Long story short: water issues aren't going away. PFAS is not the only contaminant in Londonderry's groundwater. This would be a first step in creating a Town-wide water system. It deals with the area of Town with the most contaminated conditions first while keeping an eye toward future needs of the community.

# NEWS AROUND TOWN

## FAQ: WHY DOES THE DROP-OFF CENTER CLOSE IN THE WINTER?

By Bob Kerry, Environmental Engineer, Department of Engineering & Environmental Services

Over the past fifteen years at the Drop-Off Center, the Department of Engineering & Environmental Services has made improvements, added features, and fine-tuned procedures to convert what was formerly a one-day-only operation into a safe and efficient facility that effectively collects, manages, and transfers a variety of materials to appropriate and approved recycling and/or waste disposal destinations. The Department takes its assurances of resident safety, worker safety, and proper materials handling very seriously, as the Drop-Off Center is permitted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service (NHDES) Solid Waste Division. All personnel who work at the facility must be trained and annually certified by the NHDES as Solid Waste Operators. The Drop-Off Center is a three-season facility, which runs from early April until late November annually in a safe and cost-effective manner through efficient operating procedures.



On a number of occasions, the Department has considered the possibility of operating during the months of December through March, and each time the identified challenges have clearly indicated that it is simply not practical to operate during that period of time. These challenges include:

- » Assurances of resident and worker safety from injury or accident due to cold, slips, trips, and falls
- » Requirements for plowing, snow clearing, surface treatment, and snow disposal both during & after storms in preparation for operating days
- » Shorter and less predictable hours due to lack of daylight, storms, delays, and cancellations
- » Timely notification to residents of delays and cancellations
- » Additional snow removal and treatment to accommodate daily access for container emptying and servicing
- » Uncertain availability of Highway Department personnel and equipment whose presence is necessary for Drop-Off Center operation
- » Availability of part-time certified attendants whose presence is necessary for Drop-Off Center operation



A conservative cost estimate for attempting to operate the Drop-Off Center from December to March would be a tripling or quadrupling of the annual operations budget. Modifications to the existing facility would be required, including container covering; employee sheltering; cold-weather toilet facilities; prevention for slips, trips, and falls; permanent pavement for the entry road; permanent pavement for the area inside the fence; lighting; and additional permitting and design work. A conservative cost estimate for these capital improvements would be in the order of \$1,000,000.

If any resident has questions on disposal of particular items during the winter months, we encourage them to contact the Department of Engineering & Environmental Services at (603) 432-1100 x193, where we can discuss their needs and suggest suitable disposal methods.





# Sharps Disposal Has Moved

Sharps disposal is **NO LONGER** located on the second floor of the Londonderry Town Hall. It has been moved next door to the **front lobby of the Londonderry Police Station** immediately next to the prescription drug drop. Residents can now access sharps disposal 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please remember to put your sharps/needles into a thick-walled plastic container, tape it securely shut and label it as medical sharps. **Absolutely no loose sharps/needles should be put inside the bin.** Loose sharps/needles should NEVER be disposed of in your regular trash bin, as it poses a significant public health risk. For more information, please visit [londonderrynh.gov/sharps](http://londonderrynh.gov/sharps).

## ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MARCH 2024 ELECTION

Ballots will be mailed out to those requesting them when available. To learn more, or to download a ballot request form, please visit our website at [londonderrynh.gov/absentee](http://londonderrynh.gov/absentee).

For questions about elections or voting, please contact Town Clerk Sherry Farrell at (603) 432-1100 x199 or [sfarrell@londonderrynh.org](mailto:sfarrell@londonderrynh.org).

**For the Love of Music  
Jam Session**

**Londonderry Senior Center**  
535 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry NH 03053  
603-432-8554

**Sunday // March 3, 2024**  
**2-5pm**







*Get your blarney on and listen to some tunes*

Sponsored by the Londonderry Senior Center and Arts Council.  
Local musicians will be performing in a coffee house setting.

Members of the Senior Center and Londonderry residents over 55 are welcome to stop in, hang out or participate.

**BRING an Irish dish TO SHARE!**

Coffee, Tea and water will be provided.  
For questions please contact Ilona Arndt at the Senior Center, 603-432-8554.

## Assessing Update

### Deadline to file an abatement – March 1, 2024

An abatement may be filed with the Town of Londonderry Assessing office following the receipt of your final tax bill. The date of filing is the date the form is either hand delivered to the municipality, postmarked by the post office, or received by an overnight delivery service. Deadline to file is March 1st. Pursuant to BTLA tax rules, the applicant must sign the application.

### Deadline to apply for Exemptions and Tax Credits – April 15, 2024

The following exemptions and credits are available to those qualifying residents: blind exemption, disabled exemption, elderly exemption, solar and wind powered exemption, and Veterans' tax credits.

For more information on abatements, exemptions, and tax credits, please contact the Assessing Department at 603-432-1100 x135 or visit our website at [londonderrynh.gov/assessing](http://londonderrynh.gov/assessing).

# Senior Center Calendar

535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry  
[londonderrynh.gov/senior-affairs](http://londonderrynh.gov/senior-affairs)

February 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	09:00 Cards 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Bone Builder 11:00 MOW 12:15 Cribbage 12:00 Mah Jongg 12:30 Ceramics 12:30 Line Dancing	09:00 Cards 09:00 Yoga 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 MOW 12:15 Bingo	09:00 Cards 10:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 MOW 11:00 Acrylic Painting 12:15 Bingo	09:00 Cards 09:00 Yoga 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 MOW 12:15 Cribbage 12:30 Cornhole	09:00 Cards 10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Bone Builders 11:00 MOW 12:00 Diamond Art 12:30 Tai Chi	
28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb
4-Feb	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb
				10-12 Hearing Test Fyzical 10:30-11:30	9:30 Book Club	
11-Feb	12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb
					12:15 Greeting Card Class	
18-Feb	19-Feb	20-Feb	21-Feb	22-Feb	23-Feb	24-Feb
	Closed Presidents Day		10:00 Murder Mystery			
25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	29-Feb	1-Mar	2-Mar
			BIRTHDAY CAKE	Leap Year Hippy Day		

## Recreation Programs

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### SPRING/SUMMER 2024

##### DODGEBALL

Fridays, Mar 29 to May 31; grades K-8  
 Registration Deadline: March 27, 2024

##### OUTDOOR GYM CLASS HEROES

Mondays, Apr 15 to May 20; grades K-8  
 Registration Deadline: April 10, 2024

##### YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Sundays, Apr 14 to Jun 16; ages 5-17  
 Registration Deadline: April 10, 2024

##### INTRO TO TRACK/TRACK & FIELD

TBD, starts May 2024; ages 5-14  
 Registration Deadline: April 30, 2024

## ADULT PROGRAMS

#### SPRING/SUMMER 2024

##### PICKLEBALL

Fridays, Feb 16 to Jun 14  
 Registration Deadline: rolling until full

##### DANCE AEROBICS

Wednesdays, Apr 3 to Jun 5  
 Registration Deadline: April 1, 2024

##### ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Sundays, Apr 14 to Jun 16  
 Registration Deadline: April 8, 2024

##### KICKBALL

Fridays, Apr 19 to May 24  
 Registration Deadline: April 12, 2024

##### CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL

Saturdays, May 11 to Jun 29  
 Registration Deadline: May 1, 2024

For more information, or to sign up for a program, please visit  
[londonderrynh.gov/recreation](http://londonderrynh.gov/recreation) or [londonderrynh.myrec.com](http://londonderrynh.myrec.com)



# PUBLIC MEETINGS – FEBRUARY 2024

In accordance with RSA 91-A:2, you are hereby notified that the following boards, commissions, and committees will meet on the indicated days at the indicated times and locations.

<b>LHRA</b>	Monday, February 5	6:30 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
<b>Town Council</b>	Monday, February 5	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Utilities Committee</b>	Tuesday, February 6	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Leach Library Board of Trustees</b>	Wednesday, February 7	7:00 p.m.	Leach Library Community Room – 276 Mammoth Road
<b>Londonderry Arts Council</b>	Thursday, February 8	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Town Deliberative Session</b>	Saturday, February 10	9:00 a.m.	Londonderry High School Cafe
<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b>	Monday, February 12	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Town Clerk's Office
<b>Beautify Londonderry</b>	Monday, February 12	6:00 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
<b>Recreation Commission</b>	Monday, February 12	7:30 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Tuesday, February 13	7:30 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Planning Board</b>	Wednesday, February 14	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Senior Resources Committee</b>	Tuesday, February 20	6:00 p.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
<b>Town Council</b>	Tuesday, February 20	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	Wednesday, February 21	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Trustees of the Trust Funds</b>	Thursday, February 22	11:00 a.m.	Sunnycrest Conference Room
<b>Budget Committee</b>	Thursday, February 22	7:00 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Tuesday, February 27	7:30 p.m.	Moose Hill Council Chambers

*Please note that this list of meetings is not meant to be exhaustive. Other public meetings may be added as need dictates, and they will be individually noticed as required by NH RSA 91-A:2.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings take place at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.*



# SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

## LONDONDERRY RESIDENT ADVOCATES TO UPDATE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE FLAG



On January 22, 2024, Andrew Flockton of Londonderry came to the Town Council meeting to ask for their support in his efforts to update the New Hampshire state flag. Flockton, who describes himself as a vexillologist (someone who studies flags), wants to update the old “seal on a bedsheet” style flag to one that better represents New Hampshire today. He believes that the flag should incorporate the state’s most famous symbol, the Old Man of the Mountain, and our famous state motto, Live Free or Die. The Council, impressed by the young man’s initiative, expressed their enthusiastic backing for his

effort. Councilor and State Rep. Ron Dunn agreed to help Flockton get his ideas incorporated into a bill at the state level, where the change would need to be made. Flockton wore a sweatshirt featuring his proposed design so that all present could see his vision for the future of the state flag.

### WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOL ARTICLES & CANDIDATES?

Glad you asked! The school district puts together their own information on their ballot items, including the Moose Hill School expansion project. For more information, please see the following:

Londonderry School District website

[londonderry.org](http://londonderry.org)

Moose Hill Kindergarten Project website

[londonderry.org/community/moose-hill-school-project](http://londonderry.org/community/moose-hill-school-project)

Londonderry School District Facebook page

[facebook.com/LondonderryNHSchoolDistrict](https://facebook.com/LondonderryNHSchoolDistrict)

### Have a suggestion for a future issue?

Send ideas, suggestions, requests & feedback to Kirsten Hildonen at 603-432-1100 x153 or [khildonen@londonderrynh.org](mailto:khildonen@londonderrynh.org).

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