

LONDONDERRY TOWN LANTERN

MAY 7, 2024



As your Town Manager, the safety and well-being of our community is always my first priority. In our residents' time of need, it's the swift and selfless actions of our first responders – the brave men and women of the police, fire, and public works departments – that ensure our protection and security. Their dedication deserves our utmost gratitude and respect, but ultimately, our community's safety is a responsibility we all share.

In this edition, we emphasize the significance of safety in our daily lives. Inside, you will find valuable information and resources aimed at keeping all residents and visitors safe. You'll find tips to help keep our youngest and oldest residents safe, as well as information on roadway safety and trail etiquette. Our goal is to equip you with the knowledge and tools necessary to take advantage of the full range of services Londonderry offers to keep us all safe, healthy, and secure.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the invaluable contributions of Londonderry ALERT, a community group dedicated to enhancing communication and safety awareness in our town. Through their diligent efforts and collaboration with local authorities, Londonderry ALERT plays a crucial role in keeping our community informed and prepared for any emergencies or significant events. I encourage all residents to explore their website at londonderryalert.org and consider joining this vital initiative.

Together, let us prioritize safety as a community responsibility and continue to work collaboratively to ensure a secure environment for all.

Mike Malaguti, Town Manager

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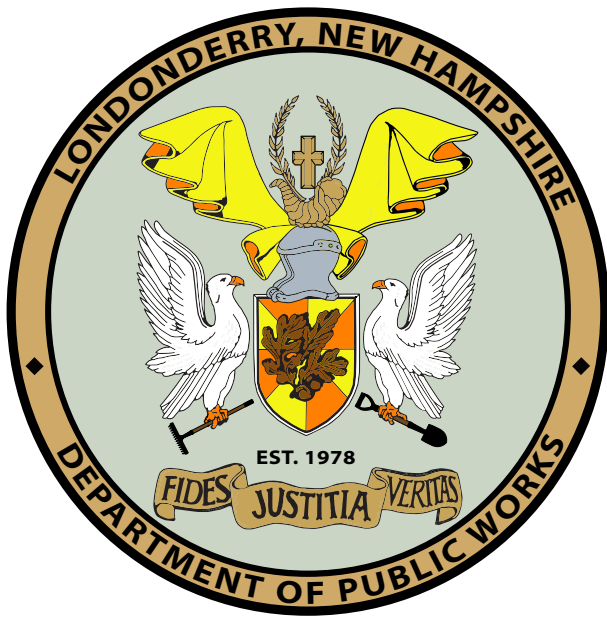
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PUBLIC WORKS DEBUTS NEW SEAL



The Town of Londonderry Department of Public Works is proud to debut its new seal, based on the Town of Londonderry seal. Public Works was the only one of the Town's Big Three first responder organizations without a custom seal related to their mission and function. Like the Londonderry Police Department and the Londonderry Fire Department, the new Public Works seal contains elements of the Town Seal, but it also pays homage to the work that Public Works performs, with the inclusion of a rake, shovel and safety colors. The Public Works seal will appear on department trucks, uniforms, and other materials beginning in the near future.



BLUE and **RED**
follow **YELLOW**



SPRING SAFETY

Public works departments are often the unsung heroes of emergencies, swooping in to keep everything running smoothly. When you see those orange cones and signs indicating road work, it's vital to take it seriously. Road work is inherently dangerous, due to heavy machinery and the proximity of cars. Think about it: those areas are full of potential hazards like bumpy roads and heavy machinery. By slowing down and staying alert, you're not just protecting yourself, but also the people working hard to fix up the roads. So next time you pass through a work zone, give it the attention it deserves and help keep everyone safe on the road. Here are some tips to keep everyone safe:

FOR ROAD WORK

- ◆ Be alert when driving at all times
- ◆ Yield to trucks with flashing yellow lights and use caution when passing trucks parked on the shoulder
- ◆ Observe and obey all advance warning construction signage
- ◆ Follow instructions of all flaggers or police details at a work site
- ◆ Be aware of cones and barricades marking future road maintenance sites and do not move or interfere with them
- ◆ Check the Department of Public Works website or Facebook page for the most updated road work information

For road hazards presenting an immediate danger, call LPD dispatch at 603-432-1118. For other issues, please call the DPW office during normal work hours at 603-432-1100 x193.



EMERGENCY SERVICES: DID YOU KNOW...

...you can provide LFD dispatch with emergency access to your house?

If emergency services need to gain access to your home, forced entry can be life-saving but costly to repair. To avoid this expense, there are multiple ways you can provide the Londonderry Fire Department dispatch with emergency access to your home:

- » If you have a code lock on your door or garage, you can have the access code linked to your address in LFD's dispatch system.
- » If you have a hidden key, you can link the location to your address in LFD's dispatch system.
- » For extra security, you can purchase a Knox Box (knoxbox.com), a special key box that can only be accessed by a designated emergency service department.

Access information can ONLY be accessed by the Londonderry Telecommunications Officers and ONLY in an emergency. To add your information, call 603-432-1124 or email Deputy Chief Philip LeBlanc at pleblanc@londonderrynhfire.gov.

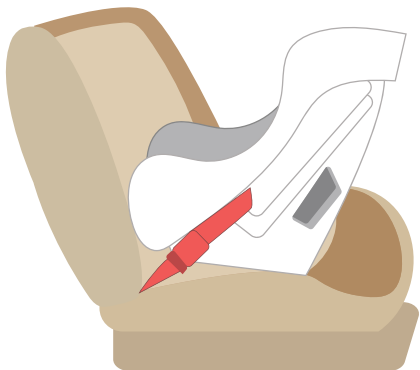
LONDONDERRY CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM

The amazing folks at the Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program, aka "The Car Seat People," have some great news for 2024. It is now required that any child under two (2) years of age not only be properly restrained in a child restraint while riding in a motor vehicle, but they are also required to be REAR FACING in their car seat. While we safety professionals — and the American Academy of Pediatrics — have been promoting this for years, the State of New Hampshire made it law beginning on January 1, 2024. We continue to encourage caregivers to keep their children rear facing as long as possible. Most convertible seats on the market have higher weight and height limits that allow a child to be rear facing up to three or four years old.



Now in our twenty-third year, the Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program continues to provide information on car seat safety and inspect car seat installations for proper use free of charge. Have a question? Want to make an appointment to get your car seat(s) checked? You can contact the program hotline at 603-432-1124 x4623 or email us at cps@londonderrynhfire.gov.

**Rear Facing
Age 0-2**



NH RSA 265:107-a

What is the Child Passenger Safety Program?

A collaborative effort of...

- Londonderry Fire Rescue
- Londonderry Police Department
- New Hampshire Child Passenger Safety Program
- And our wonderful volunteers!

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

103 High Range Road, Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053
Child Passenger Safety Hotline: 603-432-1124 x4623
cps@londonderrynhfire.gov

A State of New Hampshire Registered Charitable Organization

ENHANCING SAFETY AND COMFORT: The AARP HomeFit Program for Seniors



As the population ages, ensuring the safety and comfort of seniors within their homes becomes increasingly important. Did you know that Londonderry has one of the highest percentage of 55+ residents in the state of New Hampshire? More than 8,000 seniors make their homes in Londonderry in senior communities, in single-family homes, and with extended family.

The AARP HomeFit program offers valuable resources and guidance to assist seniors and their families in making their living spaces more accessible and secure. This program is especially beneficial for those Londonderry residents aging in place who seek to maintain independence while safeguarding against potential hazards.

The AARP HomeFit program provides tailored recommendations and solutions to address common challenges faced by aging individuals within their homes. By implementing simple modifications and adjustments, seniors can significantly enhance their quality of life and reduce the risk of accidents or injuries. Here are five actionable steps seniors can take to make their homes safer:



Is This Home HomeFit?

Read the questions and check any box for which the answer is no. The responses will help identify what a home needs to become more 'HomeFit.'

<input type="checkbox"/> Is there at least one step-free entrance into the home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there task lighting above the sink, stove and other work areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Do the exterior doors have secure locks that won't accidentally lock someone out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Does the shower have a step-free entry?
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the home's address number clearly visible?	<input type="checkbox"/> Does the stove or cooktop have controls near the front of the device?	<input type="checkbox"/> Does the entrance door have a peephole, viewing panel or security technology for seeing who is outside?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are there nonslip strips or nonslip mats in the bathtub and/or shower?
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the exterior walkways and entrances well lit?	<input type="checkbox"/> If a step stool is used, does it have nonslip surfaces and a grip handle?	<input type="checkbox"/> Do all area rugs have nonslip strips to prevent tripping and slipping?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are the bathroom cabinets and shelves easy to reach and use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the exterior walkways safe and free of tripping hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are there secure handrails on both sides of the stairs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the carpeting on the stairs secure and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Does the bathroom have a lever-, touch- or sensor-style faucet?
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the exterior door thresholds flat and easy to see?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a tote bag or basket with a handle at the top and bottom of the staircase for safely carrying items up or down the stairs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are there switches at both the top and bottom of the stairs to control the stairway light fixtures?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are the toilets a comfortable height?
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a bedroom, full bathroom and kitchen on the main level?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are the hallways well lighted? (i.e., Can people see what's in front of them and on the floor?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are electrical cords located where they aren't a tripping hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are the electrical outlets and switches near water equipped with a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the doorways and hallways at least 32" wide?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are the staircases well lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there "blocking" (e.g., a wood stud or other solid surface) behind the bathroom walls so grab or assist bars can be securely installed in the bathtub, shower and toilet areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each level of the home?
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the kitchen have a work surface that can be used while seated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Does the entrance door have a secure side latch, or a chain latch, so the door can be opened enough for speaking with someone on the other side without having to fully unlock and open the door?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the hot water heater set at or below 120°F?	<input type="checkbox"/> Can the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors be heard in every bedroom?
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a fire extinguisher within reach of the oven and stove?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the entrance door easy to lock, unlock, open and close?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are the sink, shower and tub faucets pressure balanced and/or equipped with a thermostatic valve?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are there telephones accessible and available in different parts of the home?
<input type="checkbox"/> Are the kitchen cabinets and shelves easy to reach and use?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the cabinets and drawers have easy-to-grasp, D-shaped handles?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Does the kitchen have a lever-, touch- or sensor-style faucet?			

This worksheet is a supplement to the AARP HomeFit Guide. Visit www.aarp.org/homefit for more information, to order or download the free guide, or to find more worksheets. Copyright ©2020-2021 AARP

- 1
Improve Lighting: Ensure that all areas of the home are well-lit to prevent trips and falls, especially in hallways, staircases, and entryways. Install brighter bulbs, motion sensor lights, and nightlights to illuminate pathways during nighttime.
- 2
Reduce Clutter: Declutter living spaces to minimize the risk of tripping over objects. Keep walkways clear of obstacles, and organize belongings in accessible storage solutions such as shelves or cabinets.
- 3
Install Grab Bars and Handrails: Install sturdy grab bars and handrails in key areas such as bathrooms and staircases to provide support and stability. These fixtures assist seniors in navigating slippery surfaces and ascending or descending stairs safely.
- 4
Enhance Bathroom Safety: Make bathrooms more accessible by installing non-slip mats, raised toilet seats, and shower benches. Consider adding grab bars near the toilet and in the shower or tub to prevent slips and falls.
- 5
Modify Entryways: Ensure that entryways are easily accessible by installing ramps or handrails for individuals with mobility challenges. Consider widening doorways to accommodate mobility aids such as wheelchairs or walkers.

By implementing these proactive measures, seniors can create a safer and more comfortable living environment that promotes independence and well-being. The AARP HomeFit program serves as a valuable resource in empowering seniors to age in place with confidence and security.

For more information on AARP HomeFit, or do download worksheets, a brochure, or order a physical HomeFit booklet, please visit www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2020/homefit-guide.html

Londonderry Top Ten:



Rail Trail Etiquette

Londonderry's Rail Trail offers a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends and family, get some exercise, and enjoy the beauty of nature. Following some basic etiquette guidelines ensures everyone's enjoyment and safety. Here's our top ten tips for a smooth ride (or walk!):

1. **Share the Path:** The trail is for everyone—pedestrians, cyclists, and dog walkers alike. Be courteous and share the space.
2. **Stay to the Right:** Keep to the right side of the trail, allowing faster users to pass safely on the left.
3. **Mind Your Speed:** Cyclists should maintain a safe speed, especially around pedestrians and children.
4. **Keep Pets Leashed:** If you bring your furry friend, keep them on a leash and clean up after them to maintain cleanliness.
5. **Respect Wildlife:** Observe wildlife from a distance and avoid disturbing their habitat.
6. **Pack It Out:** Whatever you bring with you, take it back. Leave no trace on the trail.
7. **Use Headphones:** If you're listening to music or podcasts, use headphones at a reasonable volume to respect others' peace and quiet.
8. **Signal Your Intentions:** Cyclists should use audible signals when passing others, such as a bell or saying "on your left."
9. **Be Courteous at Crossings:** Yield to traffic at road crossings and use caution when crossing.
10. **Stay Informed:** Keep updated on trail rules and any specific guidelines provided by Londonderry Trailways at londonderrytrails.com or [facebook.com/LondonderryTrails](https://www.facebook.com/LondonderryTrails)

COUNCIL RECOGNIZES MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

The week of May 5 through May 11, 2024 is the annual observance of Municipal Clerk's Week, celebrating the services that these individuals provide to the community. Londonderry's clerks are the first point of contact with the Town administration for most residents of Londonderry and they pride themselves on the high standards that they hold themselves to when they interact with visitors to Town Hall. If you haven't done so yet, stop by to say hello.

At the May 6 Town Council meeting, the Councilors acknowledged the week by reading a proclamation by New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu. Town Clerk Sherry Farrell and Assistant Clerks Deb Desrochers and Carol Murphy were in attendance.



COUNCIL APPROVES NEW BALLOT TABULATORS

During the September 2024 State Primary and November 2024 General Elections, Londonderry will be using the VotingWorks VxSuite 3.1 Electronic Ballot Counting Device to tabulate Londonderry's elections.

At the May 6 Town Council meeting, Town Moderator Jonathan Kipp advocated for the Council to approve the rental of the VotingWorks devices in place of the previously approved Dominion machines. Kipp stated that the Dominion machines were taking longer than anticipated to be certified by the state, and would not be available for the Town's use for this fall's two elections. After a successful piloting program in 2023, the VotingWorks machines were used in March elections in five New Hampshire municipalities.

The Council voted 5-0 in favor of Kipp's plan. Londonderry will be the largest municipality to adopt the VotingWorks machine to date. After the November election, the Town will make a final determination of which machine to use moving forward.



Unraveling the Web of Financial Crimes: A Detective's Perspective on Scams, Frauds, and Vulnerabilities

Not all crimes investigated by the Londonderry Police Department cause physical harm or damage. Financial crimes are increasing in frequency and intensity as we spend more of our lives in a virtual space. Detective Sergeant Chris Olson shares his knowledge based upon his years of investigating and prosecuting these sort of crimes.

As a law enforcement officer with over 17 years of experience, including nine years as a detective and my current role as Detective Sergeant, I have seen financial crimes go from simple scams all the way up to the intricate, multi-level, international crimes that are being perpetrated today. Throughout my career, I have given presentations to regarding how to recognize a scam, how to prevent a scam, and what steps to take if you have fallen victim to a scam. Some of the most common things I hear during those presentations are “how could someone fall for that,” “they won’t target me; I have no money,” or “I am too smart to fall for a scam.” Far too often, a few months later, my division is working on a case where these same people are the victim of a financial crime. These criminals try to target our most vulnerable citizens, which are often times young adults and senior citizens.

So, what is a financial crime? That is not a simple question to answer. Financial crime has many different faces, and you can fall victim to it in many ways. Let’s review some different forms of financial crimes:

- » **Identity Theft:** This involves someone stealing your personal information, such as social security number, bank account information, credit card information, or personal information to create false accounts.
- » **Credit Card Fraud:** This can involve the actual theft of credit cards, theft of credit card information, or using your personal information to create fake credit cards.
- » **Investment Fraud:** This is where criminals entice you into a Ponzi or pyramid scheme where they request money with the promise of high returns, only to be paid back by other victims’ money.
- » **Insurance Fraud:** Criminals perpetrating this crime will file false insurance claims in your name in order to obtain money from your insurance company.
- » **Wire Fraud:** This is where the criminal will contact you, requesting funds be sent electronically or by telephone, requesting funds or personal information be sent to them with no legitimate purpose.
- » **Tax Fraud:** The criminal will file a tax return using your personal information without you knowing in order to collect your tax return.
- » **Embezzlement:** This is when a person trusted with your personal or business finances, such as a financial advisor, accountant, or treasurer, steals or misappropriates funds.
- » **Counterfeiting:** This is where the criminal fakes currency, checks, or other financial instruments to deceive the victim.
- » **Forgery:** This includes the altering or creating of false documents, to include signatures, for financial gain.
- » **Scams:** This is a broad area that includes common scams that have come about with the popularity of social media. Some of the common ones are the “grandparent scam,” “soldier-in-need scam,” “Nigerian prince scam,” and romantic connections from strangers online.
- » **Cryptocurrency Fraud:** This is a relatively new crime where the criminal is using Bitcoin, Dogecoin, Litecoin, and other cryptocurrency to get your money with the promise of a high return. This crime is currently very difficult to investigate due to the intricate nature of the crypto-world.

All the above-mentioned crimes have happened to residents of Londonderry. We have seen these crimes have a wide range of financial impacts on people or businesses. There have been reports where the victim has simply been contacted by a scammer and suffered no loss, all the way up to a person losing their entire retirement, hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings, or even losing an entire sports memorabilia collection worth tens of thousands of dollars.

While we do everything we can to solve every one of these crimes and get the victim their lost funds or items back, we are not successful 100% of the time. There are certain circumstances where, based on the crime and how information or funds were obtained, we simply cannot retrieve the lost money. For example, if you have personally provided the criminal with your information or financial information and you lose money, the financial institution is

unlikely to refund you because they will consider you as being at fault. In this situation, the detective assigned to the case would have to find a suspect, make an arrest, and if the suspect is found guilty, have the court order restitution be paid to the victim by the suspect. Often, the suspect has no means to pay the restitution and the victim is never reimbursed. If the victim is at a financial loss through no fault of their own, the financial institution will, in most cases, take responsibility for the lost funds and fully reimburse the victim, but it takes time.



One of the biggest problems we face when investigating these cases is the delay in time from when the crime happens to when the victim discovers it or reports it. This delay results in loss of evidence such as video availability and phone records, due to suspect phones being disconnected. ***I strongly advise you to report any suspected financial crime or scam to the police without delay.*** By doing this, we have the ability to work quickly with financial institutions to stop payment on fraudulent transactions or freeze transactions before they go through. Do not be hesitant or embarrassed to report what you believe was a scam or financial crime. A useful tool to assist in the freezing of these transactions is to report it right away to the government website www.IC3.gov. This website immediately alerts federal law enforcement to the crime, and they can assist you. Even if you report it to this website, I still encourage you to report it to your local law enforcement.

There are several ways you can protect yourself from being a victim of a scam or a financial crime or at least recognize that you have been a victim:

- » Stay informed and be cautious. Stay educated on common scams and fraud tactics. Understanding the warning signs is your first line of defense.
- » Safeguard your personal information such as social security numbers, passwords, and account information. Avoid unnecessary sharing, particularly online and over the phone.
- » Change your passwords regularly and ensure they are unique and strong.
- » Be wary of unsolicited emails and phone calls and verify the identity of anyone you are communicating with.
- » Criminals will often be able to use an email address that is nearly identical to the actual company or financial institution that they are trying to impersonate. Pay attention to every detail of an email address and verify it with the company or financial institution.
- » With modern technology, a criminal can make it appear that they are calling from a real phone number associated with a company or financial institution. If there is ever a doubt about the legitimacy of a phone call, hang up immediately and call a number you know is associated with that particular company or financial institution. (HINT: The IRS will **NEVER** call you on the phone or email you — they do everything through traditional mail.)
- » It is strongly recommended that you use two-factor authentication as a security measure for online accounts. The most common form of a two-factor authentication is having a code sent to your cell phone before you can log in. Most major companies have this as an option and can assist you in setting this up.
- » Avoid using public Wi-Fi for any financial transaction. Public Wi-Fi connections are not secure and can easily be hacked and monitored by the criminal sitting in the corner of the coffee shop while you are making an online purchase from your cell phone and enjoying a cup of coffee.

I hope that this information helps you protect yourself against scams and financial crimes or at least opens your eyes to just how easy it is to fall victim. I also hope that it encourages you to report any suspected instances of these crimes right away and to talk with family and friends about ways they can protect themselves.



RESOURCES

- » fdic.gov/resources/consumers/consumer-news
- » consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam
- » fraud.org/prevention-tips
- » ic3.gov
- » consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/fraud

LONDONDERRY'S SENIOR EXPO RETURNS FOR THIRD YEAR



It's back! The Londonderry Senior Expo is returning to provide a day full of information, demonstrations, and experiences for Londonderry's senior population. The **Third Annual Senior Expo** will take place on **Saturday, September 21, 2024** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm** at the **Londonderry Middle School**.

The Expo is a joint effort between the Londonderry Senior Center and the Londonderry Senior Resources Committee. Each year, the Expo grows in size and scope. Any vendor or organization who provides a product or service to seniors in Londonderry or surrounding towns is encouraged to register for a table. There is no cost to participate as a vendor or to attend.

Vendors are encouraged to provide handouts, giveaways, raffles, prizes, or demos to attending seniors and their families.

Interested vendors can register or learn more by reaching out to Senior Affairs Director Ilona Arndt at 603-432-8554 or iarndt@londonderrynh.org.

The Londonderry Senior Resource Committee is pleased to announce

SAVE THE DATE

GIVEAWAYS  **FREE**

LONDONDERRY SENIORS INFORMATIONAL EXPO

3rd Annual

Saturday, September 21, 2024 / 10am-2pm

At the Londonderry Middle School

313 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry NH 03053

"You have two hands, one to help yourself, and one to help others."

We are looking for qualified vendors who provide services, resources or a helping hand to senior citizens in Londonderry N.H. and surrounding towns. Vendors may register or request additional information by contacting:

Ilona Arndt // 603-432-8554
 Londonderry Senior Affairs Director
 535 Mammoth Road – Londonderry NH 03053
 Or via Email to: iarndt@londonderrynh.org

No vendor fees or admission costs to participants and guests.



ACCESS CENTER SPOTLIGHT:

DOSE OF GOOD PODCAST

The Dose of Good podcast makes excellent use of the Londonderry Access Center's podcasting equipment to promote the organizations that make a difference in the community. The program is the creation of LAC Training Coordinator Erin Rowe. Erin interviews "good people and good organizations doing good things" to raise community awareness and connect residents with the resources available to them. In the first batch of episodes, Erin spoke to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, the American Heart Association, Swirls Around the World, and Families in Transition. You can listen and subscribe to the podcast on Apple or Spotify. If you prefer to watch the YouTube recording, please visit youtube.com/@DoseOfGoodPodcast. New episodes are coming this spring! Want to reach out to Erin about the show? Please send an email to doseofgoodpodcast@gmail.com.



LEACH LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Bird of Prey Demonstration with Monadnock Falconry

Join the Leach Library staff on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at McDermott Field for a live bird of prey demonstration with Master Falconer Henry Walters from Monadnock Falconry!

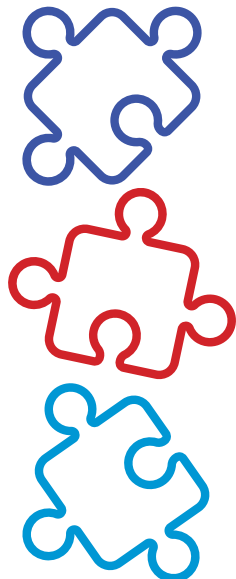


Henry earned his falconry license in Massachusetts before eventually moving to New Hampshire, where he worked as a seasonal raptor biologist for New Hampshire Audubon and co-founded the New Hampshire Young Birders Club. As a teacher, naturalist, and writer, Henry has found ways to make environmental education a creative endeavor.



Monadnock Falconry offers the chance for nature enthusiasts of all ages to imagine life as a bird of prey. The hour-long program gives the opportunity to meet a Harris's Hawk and see it on the wing, while answering all your questions about their life histories and relation to their human handlers. This program has a rain date of Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.

McDermott Field is located within the LAFA Complex at 17 Sargent Road in Londonderry. This program is open to the public, and registration is not required. For more information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.



PUZZLE & BOARD GAME EXCHANGE



MONDAY, MAY 20
10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

Collecting puzzles and games
Monday, May 13 - Saturday, May 18

Back by popular demand and now including board games!

From Monday, May 13 through Saturday, May 18, drop off your jigsaw puzzle and board game donations at the main circulation desk during library operating hours. The library will accept gently-used jigsaw puzzles and board games for any age. In exchange, the library staff will provide a voucher indicating how many puzzles and games you contributed.

On Monday, May 20, return to the library with your voucher between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to select your new puzzles and games! For further information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

AROUND TOWN HALL

Town of Londonderry Employment Opportunities

The Town of Londonderry is seeking applicants for the following positions:



Field Maintenance Worker/Laborer
Recreation Department
Part Time (seasonal)



Truck Driver/Laborer
Department of Public Works & Engineering
Full Time



Town Planner
Planning & Economic Development
Full Time



Solid Waste Attendant
Department of Public Works & Engineering
Part Time

For full job descriptions and more information on how to apply, please visit londonderrynh.gov/human-resources.



Certified Police Officers
For info, contact Sgt. Justin Hallock at:
jhallock@londonderrynhpd.gov or (603) 425-5916
Apply at www.policeapp.com

**The Town Clerk/Tax Collector
office will be
CLOSED
all day on
Wednesday,
May 15.**



**Please plan your visit
accordingly. Thank you!**



**ALZHEIMER'S AND
DEMENTIA EDUCATION
YOU CAN TRUST**

Londonderry Senior Center

535 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry NH 03053

Thursday, May 16, 2024 // 12:00pm

Please join us to learn about the warning signs of Alzheimer's Disease and the importance of an early diagnosis. A review of lifestyle choices that impact the aging process such as nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement will also be covered.

The 10 Warning signs of Alzheimer's

This education program will help you recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others, and includes next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor

Healthy Living for your Brain and Body

Lifestyle choices impact the aging process. Learn about important research into diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Use hands-on tools to develop a plan for healthy aging.

Londonderry Senior Center Members and Londonderry Seniors are welcome to attend. Please contact 603-432-8554 to sign up.

AN ITALIAN LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

seating is limited // \$3.00

Presented by AARP

Smart DriverTEK

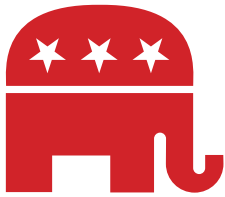
FREE AARP SMART DRIVERTeK WORKSHOP

Londonderry Senior Center

535 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry NH 03053

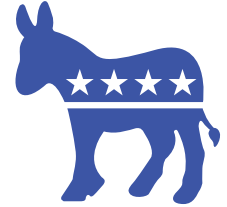
Cars are becoming more technologically advanced every day and show no sign of slowing down. At the FREE AARP Smart DriverTEK Workshop drivers you will hear how new car safety technology can make driving safer and more enjoyable. Local senior citizens may join the next workshop at Londonderry Senior Center on **Thursday May 23 at 10:30 am**. Space is limited, so register now at the Senior Center (603-432-8554) or www.aarp.org/sdtekinperson or call 1-877-805-4115.





LAST DAY FOR PARTY CHANGES BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARY IS JUNE 4, 2024.

Change your party in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours or attend the Supervisors of the Checklist session on Tuesday, June 4 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit londonderrynh.gov/vote.



"Artists Sketching in the White Mountains," Winslow Homer (Wikimedia Commons)

Paint "En Plein Air" with the Londonderry Arts Council

The Londonderry Arts Council, in collaboration with the New Hampshire Art Association Plein Air Group, is thrilled to announce a Plein Air Painting Event. This event will take place in the picturesque town of Londonderry, NH, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The painting session will be followed by a communal potluck picnic on the Town Common.

Plein Air Painting, a practice of painting landscapes outdoors to capture the natural world's beauty directly and authentically, will be the event's focus. Artists of all skill levels, from established to aspiring, are warmly invited to participate.

Painting locations will include the Londonderry Town Common, featuring a Veterans Memorial, Bandstand, views of a circa 1837 Church, historic Grange Hall, and access to the Kent Allen Forest; the restored house and farm buildings of the Londonderry Historical Society; the iconic Mack's Apples farm; and the tranquil Glenwood Cemetery, a quiet spot to paint apple trees, blossoms, and stone walls.

Artists will meet at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053, at 8:00 AM. From there, they will receive directions to various venues. At 12:00 noon, artists and community members are invited to gather on the Town Common for a potluck picnic meet-up, where artists can share their morning's artwork. Attendees are kindly asked to bring a dish to share.

To register for this free event, please visit the New Hampshire Art Association Special Interest Groups website at www.nhartassociation.org/special-interest-groups-copy, scroll down to the Plein Air section, and select "Click Here" to access the sign-up form. Alternatively, you can contact the Londonderry Arts Council at londonderryartscouncil.org by completing the "Get in Touch" form at the bottom of the page. Please include "Plein Air event" in the subject line.



RECREATION SPOTLIGHT

For more information, or to sign up for a program, please visit londonderrynh.gov/recreation



YOUTH 5-WEEK FLAG FOOTBALL CLINIC

Wednesdays,
Jul 17 to Aug 14;
5:30-7 p.m.
West Road Fields
Ages 6-14; \$75 resident, \$85 non
Registration Deadline: July 7

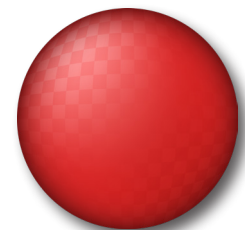


ADULT PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays,
Jun 18 to Aug 6;
6-9 p.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas,
26 Crystal Ave, Derry
18+; \$60 resident, \$70 non
Registration Deadline: June 10

ADULT KICKBALL

Mondays, Jun 17 to Jul 29;
6-7 p.m.
Matthew Thornton Field
18+; \$24 resident, \$34 non
Registration Deadline: June 10



Senior Center Calendar

535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry
londonderrynh.gov/senior-affairs

May 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	09:00 Cards/Games 10:00 Chair Exercise	09:00 Cards/Games 09:00 Yoga	09:00 Cards/Games 10:00 Knit/Crochet/Crafts	09:00 Cards/Games 09:00 Yoga	09:00 Cards/Games 10:00 Chair Exercise	
	11:00 Bone Builder 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Cribbage 12:00 Mah Jongg 12:30 Ceramics 12:30 Line Dancing	10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Bingo	10:00 Chair Exercise 10:30 Walking Club 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Bingo	10:00 Chair Exercise 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:15 Cribbage 12:30 Cornhole	11:00 Bone Builders 11:00 Meals on Wheels 12:00 Diamond Art 12:30 Tai Chi	
28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May	2-May	3-May	4-May
				Visiting Angels Presentation 11am-12pm		
5-May	6-May	7-May	8-May	9-May	10-May	11-May
				10-12 Hearing Test	9:30 Book Club	
12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May	18-May
Mother's Day			10:00 Murder Mystery	Alzheimer's Presentation and Luncheon 12pm-1pm	12:15 Greeting Card Class	
19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May
				AARP Smart Tech Presentation 10:30am		
26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May	1-Jun
	Closed Memorial Day		BIRTHDAY CAKE	Off Our Rockers 11:30am		

Leach Library Calendar

May 2024

Register for events at londonderrynh.gov/leach-library

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Program Key: Children Young Adult Adult * Registration Required		1 7:00pm: Board of Trustees Meeting	2 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help	3	4 All Day: Free Comic Book Day & Star Wars Day 10:00am: Ewok Catapults*
6 6:00pm: Londonderry's Historical Houses with Dr. David Ellis*	7 9:00am: Little Sprouts* 10:30am: Wiggle Worms*	8 10:30am: Wiggle Worms* 4:00pm: Crafternoon	9 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help	10	11 12:00pm: Family Yoga with Lauren Young*
13 Puzzle & Board Game Collection Begins 1:00pm: Friends of the Library Meeting 4:30pm: Craft Time*	14 9:00am: Little Sprouts* 10:30am: Wiggle Worms* 3:30pm: Apple Byte Open Play*	15 10:30am: Wiggle Worms*	16 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help 6:00pm: Bird of Prey Demo with Monadnock Falconry @ McDermott Field	17	18 Puzzle & Board Game Collection Ends
20 10-7: Puzzle & Board Game Exchange	21 9:00am: Little Sprouts* 10:30am: Wiggle Worms*	22 10:30am: Wiggle Worms* 11:30am: Mystery Lovers Book Discussion*	23 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help 10:00am: Duplo* 4:30pm: Lego*	24	25 10:00am: Tinker Time
27 Library Closed	28	29 4:00pm: Block by Block Coding Club and Maker Lab*	30 10-12: Drop-In Tech Help 6:00pm: Monadnock Falconry (rain date)	31	



PUBLIC MEETINGS – MAY 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.

Planning Board	Wednesday, May 1	WATCH: https://bit.ly/PB_05012024
Leach Library Board of Trustees	Wednesday, May 1	MINUTES: https://bit.ly/LTmin_05012024
LHRA	Monday, May 6	6:30 p.m. Sunnycrest Conference Room
Town Council	Monday, May 6	WATCH: https://bit.ly/TC_05062024
Supervisors of the Checklist	Tuesday, May 7	MINUTES: https://bit.ly/SoCmin_05072024
Utilities Committee	Tuesday, May 7	WATCH: https://bit.ly/UC_05072024
Planning Board	Wednesday, May 8	7:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers
Planning Board – Special Meeting	Thursday, May 9	7:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers
Londonderry Arts Council	Thursday, May 9	7:00 p.m. Sunnycrest Conference Room
Recreation Commission	Monday, May 13	7:30 p.m. Sunnycrest Conference Room
Conservation Commission	Tuesday, May 14	7:30 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Wednesday, May 15	7:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers
Budget Committee	Thursday, May 16	6:30 p.m. Sunnycrest Conference Room
Old Home Day Committee	Thursday, May 16	6:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers
Beautify Londonderry	Monday, May 20	6:00 p.m. Sunnycrest Conference Room
Town Council	Monday, May 20	7:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers
Senior Resources Committee	Tuesday, May 21	6:00 p.m. Sunnycrest Conference Room
Trustees of the Trust Fund	Thursday, May 23	11:00 a.m. Sunnycrest Conference Room
Heritage Commission	Thursday, May 23	7:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers
Conservation Commission	Tuesday, May 28	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 Grange #44 Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 11
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

For Sale: Hanging flower planters, annuals and perennials. Sun- and shade-loving plants. Herbs and heirloom tomato plants.

BEAUTIFY LONDONDERRY SPRINGS INTO ACTION TO CLEAN UP STREETS



On Saturday, May 4, more than 100 people turned out for Beautify Londonderry's annual Spring Cleanup. Volunteers traveled Londonderry's roads, picking up trash to the community recover from the winter's trash sprawl. Participants included families, individuals, and groups like the LHS varsity softball team and Brownie troop 62053.

We'd like to thank WIN Waste Innovations for their help picking up the gathered trash and Colbie's Cones at Sunnycrest Farm for donating a free ice cream to each volunteer. We would also like to

thank our Sponsor-a-Road groups, who take responsibility for their designated area year-round: Bosch Home, WIN Waste Innovations, Trend Moving & Storage, and Admix.

Interested in sponsoring a road or support for scheduling a cleanup? Reach out to chair Joy Muller at jmuller@tolboards.org.



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Would you like us to write about your event or organization? Have a photo for us to use? We'd love to hear from you!

Have a suggestion for a future issue? Send ideas, suggestions, requests & feedback to Kirsten Hildonen at 603-432-1100 x153 or khildonen@londonderrynh.org.