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## Pack 247: "Thank You, Loudon"

Pack 247 would like to say thank you to the Loudon community for all their support for the Annual Scouting for Food drive that occurred throughout the week of November 9th to the 14th. The Pack and Troop collected over 1,000 donations, which all went to the Loudon Food Pantry, along with over \$400 in monetary donations. The Pack had a camp out at the Loudon Recreational Fields on the night of November 13th with over 10 scouts attending. Families maintained social distancing in their own tents, while enjoying campfires and s'mores. The Pack earned four more frost points on their way to earning 100 degrees of frost award.

Pack 247 would also like to thank the American Legion for supporting the pack for over 40 years.

Pack 247 has been working on outdoor adventures including a hike in the Batchelder Town Forest, along with outdoor meetings at the recreational fields.

The Pack is looking forward to a great 2021! ■



## A Mural of Healing & Hope



For more information on Memorial Mural, see page 4.

## Mission Statement...

To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.



## Town of Loudon Office Hours

### Selectmen’s Office

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 1 • 798-4541 • [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
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Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 5 p.m.–9 p.m.  
Stanley Prescott II (*term expires 2021*) [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)  
Roger Maxfield (*term expires 2022*) [selectmansoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmansoffice@loudonnh.org)  
Jeffrey Miller (*term expires 2023*) [selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org](mailto:selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org)

### Town Clerk

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Mon.: 8 a.m.–2 p.m. • Tues.: 3 p.m.–8:45 p.m. • Wed.–Thur.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Planning/Zoning Board

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*The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Offices.*  
Mon. through Thurs.: 8 a.m.–Noon

### Tax Collector

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### Police Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 6 • 798-5521 (Admin only) •  
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Mon.–Thur.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Building/Code Enforcement

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[codeoffice@loudonfire.com](mailto:codeoffice@loudonfire.com) • Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 5 • 798-5612 • [chief@loudonfire.com](mailto:chief@loudonfire.com)  
*To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire Station at the Safety Complex on Cooper Street. Permits are available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7 days a week, unless we are out on an emergency or other Fire Department business. Permits can also be obtained online via the link on the Town’s website: [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org)→Fire Department→Links→Online Fire Permit.*

### Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400  
*The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location.*

### Transfer Station

55 So. Village Rd., Ste. 7 • 783-0170 • [roadagent@loudonnh.org](mailto:roadagent@loudonnh.org)  
**YEAR ROUND HOURS**  
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Thurs.: 10 a.m.–7 p.m. • Fri.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
*The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.*

### John O. Cate Memorial Van

Call 783-9502 at least a week in advance of your appointment to schedule a ride.  
The John O. Cate Van committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at their facility at the Transfer Station.

### Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon  
Feeding people in Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester, and Loudon, NH by appt. only on Tues., Weds., and Thurs. Office/Donation/Volunteer hours: Tues. 9–6; Weds. 9–1; Thurs. 9–4. Please call 724-9731 if you need to donate outside these hours.  
Closed Mondays and Fridays. For more information or to see if you qualify for services, go to [loudonfoodpantry.org](http://loudonfoodpantry.org) or email [info@loudonfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@loudonfoodpantry.org) or call Sue at 724-9731.

### Loudon Representatives

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State Rep. George Saunderson. (603) 783-4750. [George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:George.Saunderson@leg.state.nh.us)

#### REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT (DISTRICT 26)

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## Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

All groups, organizations, individuals, etc. are encouraged to submit articles to the *Loudon Ledger*. Special events, landmark anniversaries or birthdays, “attaboys,” etc. are all welcome.

Please note, however, that the *Ledger* will uphold its mission:

*To provide a comprehensive source of information and education about business, government, and community organizations within Loudon in order to facilitate and encourage informed citizen participation.*

We will also follow our *Articles of Agreement*, which are on file with the Secretary of State:

*The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any political party or candidate for public office, nor shall it sponsor or endorse any plan or proposition that does not facilitate or encourage informed citizen participation.*

In other words, any article submitted must present *all sides* of an issue in a factual, unbiased manner so that the reader may form his/her own opinion based on the information presented. To paraphrase Eric Severard: “You should elucidate but not advocate.”

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to [ledgerarticles@gmail.com](mailto:ledgerarticles@gmail.com). From there, they will be forwarded to the Council for review before they are inserted in the *Loudon Ledger*. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Mary Ann Steele, chairperson of the Council, 267-6509. ■

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April 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 3/13 Council Meeting: Mon. 3/16

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July 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 6/12 Council Meeting: Mon. 6/15

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September 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 8/14 Council Meeting: Mon. 8/17

October 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 9/21

November 2020 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 10/19

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January 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/18 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/21

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# Where to Worship in Loudon

## Faith Community Bible Church

Joshua Owens, Lead Pastor • Patrick Testerman, Associate Pastor  
334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • (603) 783-4045 • www.fcbcnh.org  
Office Hours: **Please check the website or call the office for hours.**  
*Worship Hour:* Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
*Junior Church and Nursery available.*  
*Youth Group for Grades 6–12 Sunday evenings at 6:00.*  
**(Subject to change. Please confirm on our website before planning to attend.)**  
FCBC also has ministries for Men, Women, and Seniors.



## Family Bible Church

*“Where Everybody is Somebody and You Can Find Hope”*  
Steve Ludwick, Lead Pastor

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577 or 267-8066  
www.familybiblechurchofloudon.org • Email: PastorSteve@familybiblechurchofloudon.org  
*Pre-Service Prayer Time:* Sunday 9–9:45 a.m.  
*Sunday Worship:* 10:00 a.m. A blend of hymns and contemporary songs.  
Fellowship time provided following the morning service.  
*Monday Evening:* Men’s Fellowship and Prayer Time 7–8:45 p.m.  
*Tuesday Morning:* Ladies’ Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.  
*Home Life Groups: Wednesday Morning* — Senior Ladies Group  
*Other adult groups meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings:* call or email for details  
*FREE Monthly Community Dinners:* 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday of every month, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



## Landmark Baptist Church

Independent, Biblical, Caring  
Pastor Paul J. Clow  
103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurchnh.info  
*Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages:* 9:30 a.m.  
*Sunday Morning Worship Service* (Jr. Church Provided): 10:30 a.m.  
*Sunday Evening Worship:* 6 p.m.  
*Wednesday Evening Service:* 7 p.m.  
(Nursery provided for all services.)  
*Please visit our website for more information!*



## Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Shirley Marcroft, Pastor  
433 Clough Hill Road. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7008, Loudon, NH 03307  
Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)  
*Sunday Worship Service:* 9:30 a.m.  
For more information, please contact Pastor Shirley Marcroft (603) 968-7251 or Cindy Merrill, Deacon, at (603) 848-8690.



## Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. Moe Cornier  
7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478  
info@loudoncongregational.org • www.loudoncongregational.org  
*Sunday Worship:* 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship Time  
*Tuesday Prayer Meeting:* 6:30 p.m.  
*Healing Prayer Service:* 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m.  
*Loudon Congregational is a member church of the*  
*Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (www.cccusa.org).*



## New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. David Shaw, Pastor • Rev. Lynn Shaw, Pastor  
Rev. Isabel Gillespie, Missional Outreach Pastor  
33 Staniels Rd., Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–3, Tues.–Fri.  
office.LNBnazarene@gmail.com • www.LBNnazarene.org  
*Sundays:*  
9:30 a.m. — Worship: In Person and YouTube Live Streaming  
We are unable to offer a Nursery or a Pre-School Church at this time,  
but our “Kids Korner” (K–5th Grade) is now being offered  
during the last half of the worship service.  
11:00 a.m. — Discipleship Hour. Classes offered live for ages 3–93.  
No livestream at this time, but Zoom for some classes.



To have your Church’s information added to this column,  
please email your information to ledgerarticles@gmail.com

# Loudon Native Launches Teaching Career in Agriculture



Caroline Crouch, a 2017 Merrimack Valley High School graduate and resident of Loudon, has begun her career as an agricultural education teacher and FFA Advisor at the Winnisquam Regional Agricultural Education Center in Tilton. Crouch, who took classes at the Ag Center while in high school, is excited about coming full circle and returning to teach in the program. “I attended the Winnisquam Ag Center when I was in high school and am excited to be back, this time as a teacher,” says Crouch. “I got to see firsthand the value that ag ed has to offer and now I can share that value with our students.”

As a student at MVHS, Crouch traveled to Winnisquam on a daily basis during her junior and senior years. Already interested in agriculture and active in 4H, she studied Plant and Animal Science at the Ag Center. Her activities there soon led her to develop a love for the National FFA Organization (Future Farmers of America). Crouch became very active in FFA, competing in events such as Agricultural Issues, Public Speaking, and Parliamentary Procedure.

In April of 2019, Crouch was elected as State Vice President of the Granite State Association of FFA. Her year of service included travelling to New Hampshire high schools to provide other students of agriculture with leadership development training. Crouch notes that “being in FFA really sparked an interest in me for advocating and teaching others about agriculture.”

After graduating from MVHS, Crouch enrolled at SUNY Cobleskill in Cobleskill, NY where she majored in Agribusiness. Her final semester of college was spent doing an internship at the Winnisquam Ag Center (similar to student teaching). By earning college credits while in high school, taking extra courses every semester and enrolling in summer classes, Crouch completed her Bachelor’s Degree in two and a half years, graduating in December 2019. She accepted the job of Animal and Plant Science teacher at Winnisquam this past August.

MVHS students are eligible to enroll in Crouch’s class or the Natural Resources pathway at Winnisquam. These classes provide students with a solid knowledge base for further study or a career in one of the many occupations in the agriculture industry. Perhaps more importantly, students become proficient in career-ready practices, enabling them to succeed in any profession. These practices include demonstrating such things as personal growth, social responsibility, leadership, tenacity, and self-motivation. “Agricultural education is an excellent opportunity for students of a variety of different backgrounds to find a place where they can blossom,” asserts Crouch. ■

# New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

COVID can’t stop the Light of Christmas from shining this Christmas Eve!  
We’re planning an in-person and livestream via YouTube Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:30 p.m.  
Please call the Church Office in advance at 603-224-1331, as we may need to limit/reserve seating, depending on the situation in our area that week. (And we may end up offering two time slots.) Regardless, EVERYONE can have a candle, whether in-person or at-home.  
If you plan to worship with us from home, call the Church Office and come by to pick up devotional candles/paper bobeches. ■



# A Memorial Mural of Healing and Hope

Alec J. White was a shy, active, sweet kid who, like so many, fought the demons of anxiety and depression. Despite the outpouring of love and support from his family and friends, Alec died by suicide on November 3, 2017. His suicide has left his family and numerous friends at a loss, but it has also inspired them to take action, to be a voice, to be there for others and create a movement for change. This brings me to my message of healing and hope in memory of Alec J. White, a young man who was known for his kindness, compassion towards others, his daring physical nature, good looks, and wit but most of all his warm heart.

The Loudon Skate Park was a happy place for Alec, a place he could be free. Speaking with many who have skated here over the last several years, I have come to realize it is a place for people of all ages to do just that — to be free, release the frustrations of the day, and do something they love. I will never forget our conversation about the skate park and his inquiry of what could he do to make it better. My answer in hindsight was probably overwhelming, so instead he took it upon himself to bring tools to the park to make what repairs he could.

Three years ago, the idea of the mural came to fruition, but it has been one that has needed to evolve carefully through the grief process. It has been a labor of love and an opportunity to grieve through the coordination of this endeavor. Many thanks go to the Loudon Selectman and the Loudon Recreation Committee for their support and patience with this project and understanding of the impact for all in this community project. Gratitude to the White family for their direction and efforts making this mural something for everyone who frequents the skatepark. And most of all to, Alec's sister, Joli White, who had a vision and was relentless on seeing it through. Despite her efforts of finding the right artists to capture her vision, she tapped into her own artistic abilities and expertise along with artist, Liz Stella Ford, and together created the most personal love letter to her brother and his community. And a special thanks to Diamond Signs and Graphics for their expert advice in hanging a 16' mural and the assistance of Russ Pearl, Road Agent and the NHMS in seeing the project through by completing the mounting of the sign at the Skate Park.

The community of Loudon has endured the afflictions left in the wake of suicide of too many of our beloved community members. This mural is dedicated to the families of those who have lost loved ones who have died by suicide in our community. All of them, their precious lives, remembered, cherished, and with the heaviest of hearts, missed. It is in our healing to bring a message of hope to the community of Loudon. May this memorial bring our community hope, peace, courage, kindness, fun, healing, connection, and change for a better world.

It takes a village! Reminder, this is a tribute to our community. There are cameras. Always be respectful, kind, and allow this amazing mural to bring our community joy!

**If you or someone you know is struggling emotionally, please reach out and get support:**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** — call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

**Veterans Crisis Line** — veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support



24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

**Crisis Text Line** — free, 24/7 support for those in crisis. Text 741741 from anywhere in the US to text with a trained Crisis Counselor.

**Trans Lifeline** — call 1-877-565-8860 for a hotline staffed by transgender people for transgender people.

Trans Lifeline volunteers are ready to respond to whatever support needs community members might have.

**Disaster Distress Helpline** — call 1-800-985-5990 for a 24/7 national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

**The Trevor Project** — a national 24-hour, toll free confidential suicide hotline for LGBTQ youth. If you are a young person in crisis, feeling suicidal, or in need of a safe and judgment-free place to talk, call 1-866-488-7386 to connect with a trained counselor.

**The LGBT National Help Center** — call 1-888-843-4564. Open to callers of all ages. Provides peer-counseling, information, and local resources.

**NAMI NH** — call 603-225-5359. An organization working to improve the lives of all people affected by mental illness and suicide through support, education, and advocacy. ■

*Submitted respectfully with heartfelt hope,  
Alicia Grimaldi  
Loudon Recreation Committee Member*

## A Glimpse into the Historical Society

by Liz LeBrun

It's December and as we think back on 2020, we mourn the loss of Peter Bartlett who was the first curator of the museum when it moved to Charlie's Barn. We are grateful for the time and talent he gave us. We also mourn the loss of some of our freedom to gather and celebrate the holidays. The Historical Society will still do its annual tree lighting, but without the public. We hope that during the month you will drive through and enjoy the lights.

Before we turn the calendar page to 2021, I am led to think about family holiday celebrations many years ago. I look at a black dress and hat in our collection and I imagine them being worn by the lady of the house to attend church on Christmas Eve. The dress is from the Albert Bachelder Estate and was sold at auction on September 24, 1988. It was donated to the Historical Society by Ronald and Marilyn Dubuc. The dress has long sleeves with lace-lined roll up cuffs. It also has a lace collar and front panel with pearl style buttons. The dress ties at the waist with a matching black belt. It is displayed with a hat that has black lace, feathers, and a rhinestone pin adorning the brim. It would be an elegant outfit for a cold December night. It makes me laugh to think about the popularity of ugly Christmas sweaters today and what our ancestors might say if one is left behind for them to marvel at 150 years from now.

Let's hope 2021 brings us together again so the museum can be opened and enjoyed. In the meantime, we at the Historical Society wish you a happy holiday season. ■



## Annual Tree Lighting Cancelled

The Loudon Historical Society will not be holding its annual tree lighting ceremony, due to COVID-19, but the tree will be lit for most of December. We hope to be able to continue with our fun ceremony and caroling in 2021! Happy New Year and stay safe! ■



# Gift of Lights Opens Thanksgiving Night

**The 10th annual Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil is open nightly Nov. 26, 2020 through Jan. 3, 2021 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway with one million new lights.**

The family holiday tradition of driving through 2.5 miles of dazzling Christmas light displays at New Hampshire Motor Speedway continues this year with the Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil. The 10th annual event is open every night from Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 26 – Sunday, Jan. 3.

This year, the 2.5-mile drive-thru light show is even brighter with 3.5 million lights and more than 520 displays and 80 different scenes. Over 650 hours go in to setting up the show including the Light Co. display with construction working elves, a cowboy Christmas, race cars, a military display plus the popular 12 Days of Christmas and the fan-favorite Tunnel of Lights, the 130-foot long infield entrance and exit tunnels made up of over 25,000 lights.

“Pack the kids up, bring some hot cocoa, turn up the Christmas music and escape to the winter wonderland that’s been created right here in Loudon, New Hampshire,” said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. “This event has always been a special way for families to spend time together, but this year, it’s the perfect way to keep your family safe without sacrificing an annual holiday tradition, and it helps those in need as well.”

Helping the community is a major part of what makes Gift of Lights so special. A portion of all admissions proceeds benefit the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities (SCCNH), which raises money for children in need throughout New England. As the official charity of the speedway, SCCNH has raised \$220,476 from the Gift of Lights since 2011 and has distributed over \$1.8 million supporting more than 808,000 children throughout New England since its inception in 2009.

Other local organizations that benefit from Gift of Lights are the Loudon Food Pantry and Loudon Firefighters Association, however, COVID-19 restrictions will prevent in-person donations this year. Monetary donations can be made to either organization following the instructions in the Help the Community section of the Gift of Lights page on the NHMS website.

Santa Claus may quarantine at the North Pole this year, preventing him from being on-site at Gift of Lights, but theme nights allow visitors to get in to the holiday spirit. Attendees can save \$10 per car at the gate with Christmas car decorations (Nov. 30), wearing cozy pajamas (Dec. 1), bringing the family pet (Dec. 7) and styling in crazy Christmas sweaters (Dec. 8).

## Tickets and Hours of Operation:

Admission is available for purchase online at <https://www.NHMS.com/Events/Gift-of-Lights/> or in-person at New Hampshire Motor Speedway for \$25 per car. Show hours are 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, depending on the weather. ■



## Loudon Police Department News

### BLOOD DRIVE:

On November 12, 2020, the Red Cross asked if we would be willing to sponsor a second blood drive as there was a dire need for donations.

The Fire & Police once again teamed up and secured 81 appointments. Unfortunately, there were some issues that were out of our control and they were only able to process 39 donors for a total of 41 units collected. This has a potential for helping 123 patients!!

We thank all who took the time to sign up for an appointment! We appreciate your participation in helping with this life saving event!

### WINTER WEATHER:

A reminder that winter weather is right around the corner. Give yourself extra time in getting to your desti-

nation. Please remember that you **MUST** remove snow/ice from your vehicle (Jessica’s Law NH RSA 265-79-b). This is a life saving measure!

### HOLIDAY SEASON:

As we enter into the holiday season, we remind you to please arrange for a designated driver if you plan on enjoying some “spirits.” We would like to have everyone arrive home safely and enjoy the season! ■

*From the members of the  
Loudon Police Department,  
we wish all of you a  
very happy and healthy  
holiday season!*

## 2020 Holiday Season Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is teaming up with law enforcement nationwide during the 2020 holiday season *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* high-visibility enforcement campaign, which runs from December 18, 2020, through January 1, 2021. The enforcement campaign coincides with the 2020 holiday season, which is one of the deadliest times of the year in terms of drunk-driving fatalities. With NHTSA’s support, state and local law enforcement agencies across the nation are stepping-up enforcement to put an end to drunk driving, showing zero tolerance for impaired driving to save lives.

### Sobering Statistics

- According to NHTSA, 839 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver during the month of December 2018.
- During the Christmas and New Year’s Day holiday periods in 2018 alone, there were more drunk-driving-related fatalities (285) than during any other holiday period that year.
- Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] at or above .08). In 2018, there were 10,511 people killed in drunk-driving crashes.
- Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, except in Utah, where the limit is .05 BAC.
- Of the traffic fatalities in 2018 among children 14 and younger, 22% (231) occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.
- Despite the fact that it’s illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2018, one person was killed every 50 minutes by a drunk driver on our nation’s roads.
- Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk in fatal crashes. In 2018, 21% of males were driving drunk in these crashes, compared to 14% of females.



- In 2018, motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes had higher percentages of alcohol impairment than any other type of motor vehicle driver (25% for motorcycle riders, 21% for passenger car drivers, 19% for light-truck drivers, and 3% for drivers of large trucks).

### The Cost of Drunk Driving

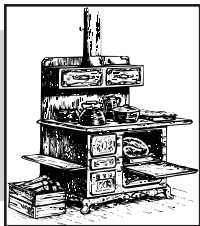
- On average, a DUI can set you back \$10,000 in attorney’s fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing, and more.
- The financial impact from impaired-driving crashes is devastating. Based on 2010 numbers (the most recent year for which cost data is available), impaired-driving crashes cost the United States \$44 billion annually.
- If you’re caught drinking and driving, you can face jail time. Imagine trying to explain that to your friends and family or your place of employment.
- Drinking and driving can cause you to lose your driver’s license and your vehicle. This could inhibit you from getting to work, resulting in lost wages and, potentially, job loss.

### Celebrate with a Plan

Always remember to plan ahead if you will be celebrating. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously and do not consume alcohol, not even one drink.

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you’ve had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely. ■





## What's Cookin'? Holiday Food, Food, and More Food!

By Letty Barton

December seems to be the month of food, food, and more food. For some it is making gifts. For others it is indulging at parties or family gatherings. We are offering recipes that range from appetizers to desserts. Enjoy!

### Creamy Stuffed Mushrooms

- 8 oz. fresh mushrooms, cleaned
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 T. Chopped parsley
- ½ tsp. onion salt
- ¼ tsp. garlic salt
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce

Paprika for garnish

Remove stems from mushrooms and chop. Mix all other ingredients and add chopped mushrooms. Spoon mixture into mushroom caps; sprinkle with paprika. (May be refrigerated at this point.) Place on baking sheet and bake until hot at 350°. Serve warm.

### Appetizer Meatballs

- 1 cup finely crushed saltines
- 2 eggs
- 1 lb. ground beef
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. salt, dash of pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 can Franco American beef gravy

Mix all ingredients except gravy together and form into small meatballs. (A small cookie scoop works well.) Bake at 350° 20–30 minutes. Cover with gravy and keep warm while serving.

### Eggnog Bread

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup fresh eggnog
- ½ cup butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2½ cups flour
- 2 tsp. Baking powder
- ¼ tsp. Nutmeg

Mix first five ingredients, beat well. Add dry ingredients until just moistened. DON'T over mix. Pour into greased loaf pan and bake 45 minutes at 350°. Freezes well and can be doubled.

### Scotch Nut Pound Cake

- 1½ cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2½ cups flour, sifted
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- 1 bottle maraschino cherries OR half red and half green for color
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 scant cup chopped walnuts

Cream butter and sugar well. Add eggs, unbeaten, one at a time. Beat all until well blended. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Add alternately with the milk. Leave a small amount of flour to coat nuts. Add nuts to batter and mix thoroughly. DO NOT use electric mixer. Grease loaf pan well and line with brown paper (parchment paper). Pour in batter and bake in 325° oven for about 1½ hours. Makes a great gift.

### Christmas Fudge

- 3 cups sugar
- ¼ tsp cream of tartar
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup light cream
- 1 T. butter
- 1½ tsp vanilla
- 1 orange rind grated
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- ¼ cup candied cherries, chopped fine.

Combine first four ingredients in saucepan. Mix well and bring to a boil slowly. Stir until sugar has dissolved. Without further stirring or lukewarm, boil until sugar mixture reaches 238° (end of soft ball stage). Remove from heat and add butter. DO NOT STIR. Cool to 115° or lukewarm. Add vanilla, nuts, cherries, and orange rind. Beat until mixture thickens and just begins to lose its gloss. Pour quickly into a greased 8x8 pan. Cool. When firm cut into squares.

### Candy Bar Sugar Cookies

- ½ cup shortening
- ¼ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1½ tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 2.1 oz. Butterfingers candy bars, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 375° Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Beat shortening and butter until light and fluffy. Gradually add brown sugar, beating until smooth. Add egg and vanilla and beat until well blended. Mix all dry ingredients; gradually add to creamed mixture until just blended. Stir in candy. Shape into balls and place on cookie sheet 3" apart. Bake 9-10 min. Cool and then place on racks.

### Graham Cracker Treats

- 2 sticks of butter
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- 1½ packages of honey graham crackers

On ungreased large cookie sheet lay out the graham crackers. Melt butter in saucepan and add sugar. Simmer 10 min. Pour over graham crackers and top with nuts. Bake 10–12 min at 350°. Cool in pan then break into pieces. Try eating just one! ■

## A Fun Cooking Project for School Vacation

The UNH Cooperative Extension web site has a number of fun activities for children that involve food and nutrition. They may be found at: <https://extension.unh.edu/tags/nutrition-activities-early-childhood>. And while you're there, take a look at all the other wonderful information that's available!

### What to Do

Tell the story of making bread, below. Tell the kids to move in the parts of the story where they can act out what's happening. (Show them what to do and how to move – use mixing and stirring as an example.)

#### Rising Bread

Today I am going to make a loaf of healthy wheat bread. First, I take a package of yeast and add it to some warm water. I stir it all around, mix it up, and dissolve the yeast.

*Children can turn around, weaving in and out, pretending to mix the yeast and water.*

Then I take a big mixing bowl and put these things in it: water, honey, a little bit of salt, some oil.

*Children can be each of the ingredients in the big mixing bowl, jump into the bowl, etc.*

Next, I stir in the whole-wheat flour and I mix it around and around and around.

*Children move around, mixing.*

Then I knead the dough and put it in a warm place to rise. Gradually, the yeast makes the dough rise higher and higher until it almost runs over the side of the bowl!

*Children can stretch, higher and higher.*

Then I push it down and shape the dough into nice little loaves.

*Children can fall to the floor and curl up in a little loaf.*

I bake the loaves and enjoy my tasty wheat bread! ■



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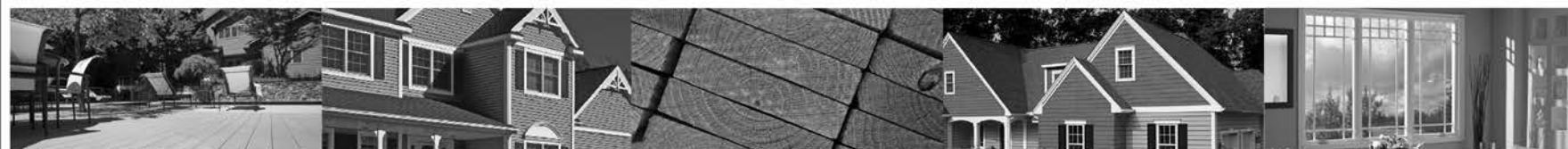


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# Bog-Bridging Work On The Lovejoy Trail In Loudon

By Martha Butterfield

*"I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order"*

— John Burroughs

On November 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Bob Lyon, a member of the Trails Sub-Committee under the Loudon Conservation Commission arrived at the edge of the Hunting Swamp to get an early start on planning the placement of some additional bog-bridging



along the main section of the Town of Loudon's Lovejoy Trails.

An experienced bog-bridge builder, Bob had earlier in the year cut and peeled the bark off spruce logs from trees grown on his property and had placed them along the trail during the summer. That was done in preparation for when the Trails Committee members would come together as a team to complete the boardwalk along areas of the trail that tended to be wet in the early spring or after heavy rains.

The Lovejoy Trails were created by the Trails Committee in 2019 on land that was granted to the Town of Loudon in 2005 by a developer who built a housing project on nearby Memory Lane. While most of the Town's 135.5 acre parcel consists of a large wetland to the east and north, known as the Hunting Swamp, the western portion lies on higher ground where the Trails members used existing logging trails and deer paths to create over two miles of hiking trails through the scenic forest. An abundance of stone walls exist there that once bordered open fields and were part of the old Lovejoy Farm, formerly the Batchelder Farm, dating from the late 1700's. A portion of the trails had to pass through the western edge of the Hunting Swamp, requiring several sections of bog-bridging along the way, but after being used for a year, it was evident that more bridging would be needed in some areas.

Bob was the first of several Trails Committee members to arrive there that morning, all of us retired volunteers from the Loudon community, and when I caught up with him, he was busy arranging the logs for the best placement on the uneven soil. We were soon joined by experienced trails builder Craig Mabie, who was also eager to learn the techniques of bog-bridging, followed by Denis Proulx, also experienced in bog-bridging. Rounding out our group were our Trails Sub-Committee founder and Chairperson Sandra Blanchard, Deb Eastman-Proulx, Nancy Huckins, Laura Vincent, and myself, Martha Butterfield.

Bog-bridging starts with a good plan of where to place it, as well as the right materials for its construction. In 2019 we thought carefully about where to locate the easiest

and safest crossing over the Pine Island Brook and its surrounding wetland. Once our plan was in place, we next determined what materials would be needed.

Sturdy, long-lasting spruce logs cut from Bob's woodlot formed the foundation of the bridging used by our group, topped by a generous supply of stained weather-proofed hemlock boards supplied by Sandy Blanchard.

Tools necessary for bog bridging that day included a chainsaw for cutting the materials to fit the marshy terrain, a sturdy pick mattock for digging into uneven soil, a long-handled sledge hammer for pounding logs, loppers for cutting roots, timber ties long enough to attach the hemlock boards to the logs, a battery-operated drill for starting the holes, and hammers for pounding in the nails.

The first of several new bog-bridging sections began at the point where the trail

descended to the edge of the Hunting Swamp and where we found that frequent walking the previous spring had produced a muddy section. Bob, Denis, and Craig assessed the area and determined where the logs should be placed on the uneven ground.

Whenever Bob Lyon felled a spruce tree, little was wasted, and he cut his logs the same length of about three feet. But the circumference of the log varied, allowing him to select smaller logs for that first section and larger one for areas further along the swampy trail where the stand of water tended to be deeper. The spacing between the two hemlock boards also needed to be about an inch and a half apart for ease of walking.

Denis Proulx had an eye for properly placing the logs. Once the logs were properly seated upon the soil, the boards also needed to be fitted properly so they would safely lead to the next section of bog-bridging to prevent tripping; thus, the ends sometimes needed to be trimmed slightly or as much as a few inches, depending on the required fit. The trimmings also occasionally served the purpose of helping to reinforce the bracing around a log to make it stabilized.

The boards were then attached to the logs using 6-inch galvanized steel spiral shank timber ties to keep them secure. Holes for the timber ties were pre-drilled first before Sandy Blanchard, Nancy Huckins, Deb Proulx and Craig Mabie took turns hammering them into place.

After aligning the newest section with the older section, we found that the unevenness of the ground still caused the new section to be wobbly when walking on it. To correct that problem, bracing from two cut pieces of board was added to stabilize that section.

Further along the trail, another section also needed to be added because of springtime muddy conditions. In that area, some roots were sticking up out of the ground and had to be cut out by Craig Mabie while Denis Proulx held the log out of the way. Thus far, two new sections had been added, and we still had more sections to include after we crossed over the Pine Island Brook.

Further along, a particularly awkward area existed where an old logging trail had cut deep ruts in the soil, creating a hazardous, mucky spot to cross over. That meant a different approach would be needed to diagonally cross over the rutted area and connect with a nearby banking that







led to an old ditch, dug long ago by the farmer at the Lovejoy Farm to drain excess water from his marshy field.

Soon we noticed an older gentleman walking along the trail who resided in a house that bordered the Town’s



property. Dave Ives enjoys taking daily walks on the Lovejoy Trails, and we were happy to meet him. Laura Vincent and I chatted with Dave while the others were at work, and Laura who has a great sense of history around that part of Loudon shared with Dave and me some interesting facts from years ago.

Nancy Huckins and Deb Eastman-Proulx had gone back over the bog-bridging to add some extra timber ties where they were needed; and when they returned, Dave Ives mentioned he’d seen a downed tree along the upper White Trail, so Nancy and Deb left the group and headed up the hill to clean up the fallen tree. Both women always paid close attention to details and were especially safety conscious.

Meanwhile, Denis, Bob, Sandy and Craig were working on the best way to arrange the bridging, and it took some time to place the logs where they wanted them to go. It required a couple of sections to make the job complete, and their hard work produced a nice connection to the banking along the dug ditch.

Our job was finished by around 11:30 am, and we headed back out to the parking lot near Lovejoy Road.



Before our group returned home, I led them on a short walk across from the Lovejoy Trails along a new trail I was cutting on my own land that also led to a neighbor’s logged wood lot. Not only did our group have a great day for completing our bog-bridging project, we also met a new neighbor and enjoyed a pleasant autumn walk together. ■

# Town of Loudon Office Hours & Contact Information

<b>Code Enforcement/Building Dept.</b> 603-798-5584 Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Located at the Fire Dept.)	<b>Police Dept. Admin. Office</b> Non-Emergency 603-798-5521 Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	<b>Transfer Station</b> 603-783-0170 <b>Closed Monday</b> Tuesday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM <b>Closed Wednesday</b> Thursday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM <b>Closed Friday</b> Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM <b>You must purchase Resident Stickers at the Transfer Station. The cost is \$5.00. See the attendant.</b>
<b>Fire Department</b> Non-Emergency 603-798-5612 Monday – Friday 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Call for a fire permit at the number above.	<b>Selectmen’s Office</b> 603-798-4541 Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesday Evening 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM <b>Closed Friday</b>	<b>Additional information:</b>  <b>Loudon Communications Council Web Site</b> <a href="http://www.loudonnh.org">www.loudonnh.org</a>  <b>Highway Department</b> 603-783-4568
<b>Maxfield Public Library</b> 603-798-5153 <b>Closed Sunday &amp; Monday</b> Tuesday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Wednesday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	<b>Tax Collector’s Office</b> 603-798-4543 <b>Closed Monday</b> Tuesday 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM <b>Closed Friday</b>	<b>J. O. Cate Memorial Van</b> 603-783-9502 Call to schedule an appointment
<b>Planning/Zoning Board</b> 603-798-4540 Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon <b>Closed Friday</b>	<b>Town Clerk’s Office</b> 603-798-4542 Monday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Tuesday 3:00 PM – <b>8:45 PM</b> Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM E-REG: <a href="http://www.loudonnh.org">www.loudonnh.org</a> <b>Closed Friday</b>	

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# How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask

CDC ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) recommends that people wear masks in public settings, like on public and mass transportation, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people.

## Overview

- Wear masks with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Masks should be worn by people two years and older
- Masks should NOT be worn by children younger than two, people who have trouble breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask without assistance
- Do NOT wear masks intended for healthcare workers, for example, N95 respirators
- CDC does not recommend the use of face shields alone. Evaluation of face shields is ongoing but effectiveness is unknown at this time.
- Evaluation of mask and gaiter materials and structure is ongoing.

## How to Select

When selecting a mask, there are many choices. Read further plus see next page for some do's and don'ts.

## How to Clean

- Masks should be washed regularly. Always remove masks correctly and wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.
- Include your mask with your regular laundry
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask
- Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry

For more information, visit our <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html> web page.

For more information, see our <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html> web site.

## Considerations for Wearing Masks

- People age 2 and older should wear masks in public settings and when around people who don't live in their household.
- Masks offer some protection to you and are also meant to protect those around you, in case you are unknowingly infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.
- A mask is NOT a substitute for social distancing. Masks should still be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol after touching or removing your mask.
- Masks may not be necessary when you are outside by yourself away from others, or with other people who live in your household. However, some localities may have mask mandates while out in public and these mandates should always be followed.
- CDC is still studying the effectiveness of different types of masks and will update our recommendations as new scientific evidence becomes available.

## Evidence for Effectiveness of Masks

### Your mask helps protect those around you

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets. Respiratory droplets travel into the air when you cough, sneeze, talk, shout, or sing. These droplets can then land in the mouths or noses of people who are near you or they may breathe these droplets in.

Masks are a simple barrier to help prevent your respiratory droplets from reaching others. Studies show that masks reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth.

You should wear a mask, even if you do not feel sick. This is because several studies have found that people with COVID-19 who never develop symptoms (asymptomatic) and those who are not yet showing symptoms (pre-symptomatic) can still spread the virus to other people. The main function of wearing a mask is to protect those around you, in case you are infected but not showing symptoms.

It is especially important to wear a mask when you are unable to stay at least 6 feet apart from others since COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

### Your mask offers some protection to you

A cloth mask offers some protection to you, too. How well it protects you from breathing in the virus likely depends on the fabrics used and how your mask is made (e.g. the type of fabric, the number of layers of fabric, how well the mask fits). CDC is currently studying these factors.

## Who should or should not wear a mask

### Who should wear a mask

Everyone 2 years of age and older should wear a mask in public settings and when they are around people who do not live in their household.

Wear a mask when caring for someone who is sick with COVID-19 (whether at home or in a non-healthcare setting). If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you may have COVID-19, wear a mask when you need to be around other people or animals, even in your own home.

CDC recognizes there are specific instances when wearing a mask may not be feasible. In these instances, consider adaptations and alternatives.

### Who should not wear a mask

Masks should not be worn by

- Children younger than 2 years old
- Anyone who has trouble breathing
- Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance
- Wearing masks may be difficult for some people with sensory, cognitive, or behavioral issues. If they are unable to wear a mask properly or cannot tolerate a mask, they should not wear one, and should be considered

## Types of masks

Some masks work better to help stop the spread of COVID-19 outside of healthcare settings. Medical masks and N-95 respirators should not be used because they should be conserved for healthcare workers.

### Recommended:

- Non-medical disposable masks
- Masks that fit properly (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face)
- Masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton)
- Masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)
- Masks with two or three layers
- Masks with inner filter pockets

### Cloth masks

The most effective fabrics for cloth masks are

- Tightly woven fabrics, such as cotton and cotton blends
- Breathable
- Two or three layers

Less effective fabrics for cloth masks are

- Loosely woven fabrics, such as loose knit fabrics
- Difficult to breathe through (like plastic or leather)
- Single layer

CDC is currently studying the effectiveness of various cloth mask materials. We will update this guidance as we learn more.

### Non-medical disposable masks

Disposable face masks are single-use masks. They are sold online and through large retail stores. These are not the same as surgical or other medical masks.

You may prefer using disposable masks in situations where your mask is likely to get wet or dirty. As with cloth masks, make sure your disposable mask fits close to your face without large side-gaps and completely covers your nose and mouth. Bring extra disposable masks with you in case you need to change out a dirty or wet mask.

### Not Recommended:


- Masks that do not fit properly
- Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through (such as plastic or leather)
- Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted, i.e., fabrics that let light pass through
- Masks with one layer
- Masks with exhalation valves or vents. CDC does not recommend using masks with exhalation valves or vents because this type of mask may not prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to others. The hole in the material may allow your respiratory droplets to escape and reach others. Research on the effectiveness of these types of masks is ongoing.
- Surgical masks and respirators. Do not use surgical masks and respirators that are meant for healthcare workers. Currently, surgical masks and respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders to prevent supply shortages.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:


<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#recent-studies>




DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric




Completely cover your nose and mouth




Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

For more information about masks and Covid-19 go to [CDC.gov](https://www.CDC.gov).


DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl




Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape




Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks


How NOT to wear a mask




Around your neck




On your forehead




Under your nose




Only on your nose



On your chin




Dangling from one ear




On your arm

How to take off a mask




1

Carefully, untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops




2

Handle only by the ear loops or ties




3

Fold outside corners together





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Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing




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# What Consumers Need to Know About Sanitizing and Germicidal Devices

**Due to the demand for sanitizing and germicidal capabilities in the face of COVID-19, many new products have reached the market. It's important to evaluate how safe they are.**

As the COVID-19 pandemic persists, communities around the world continue to demonstrate heightened interest in solutions that effectively disinfect. With options ranging from UV devices to disinfectants and sanitizers, it's important to consider the safety and proper usage of any of these products in addition to their ability to effectively kill pathogens.

First, it's important to note that products that sanitize, disinfect or have germicidal capabilities are classified as pesticides and regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). According to the EPA website, a pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended for:

- 1 preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest (including bacteria and viruses)
- 2 use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant
- 3 use as a nitrogen stabilizer

As a result, both disinfectants and sanitizers, which are designed to kill pathogens, fall under this classification. As pesticides, these products must be registered with the U.S. EPA and are subject to regulatory review and labeling guidelines prior to sale in the United States.

Proper labeling is essential both for compliance with EPA guidelines as well as for instructing users on the safe and effective usage of these products. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of cleaners and sanitizers of all types has surged. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 39% of adults have misused cleaning products when trying to combat COVID-19, and one quarter reported: "an adverse health effect that they believed was a result" of the products.

While disinfectant sprays and hand sanitizer misuse may present eye, skin and ingestion hazards, misuse of UV lighting equipment for sanitization may result in serious retinal damage. Innovative devices such as free-standing or wall-mounted units that spray a mist of disinfectant into the air may inadvertently harm vulnerable populations such as infants, people with allergies or the elderly with chronic medical conditions. These types of units may even present a fire hazard if flammable disinfectants come in contact with electrical appliances or a hot surface.

While mitigating the spread of COVID-19 is important, it's also critical to consider the health and safety risks associated with use of products designed to kill pathogens. Users can take several steps to mitigate risk.

- Check labels to verify that the substance is registered and approved for the prescribed usage.
- Select products with a reputable certification mark, such as UL on equipment or UL ECOLOGO on cleaning products or sanitizers for confidence that the product is in compliance and safe for recommended usage.
- Read labels carefully and follow instructions.

UL promotes a better understanding of the risks inherent with consumer-facing germicidal devices and products as a part of our commitment to helping achieve safe living and working environments. ■

## Cold Weather and Your Car

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- Make sure coolant and oil are adequate.
- Check your vehicle battery. Don't try to jump-start a frozen battery. If it tries to turn over then it is NOT frozen, just not enough cold cranking amps.
- Make sure you have a vehicle winter safety kit:
  - Flashlight
  - Flares
  - First aid kit
  - Blankets
  - Radio
  - Bag of sand or kitty litter for traction when you get stuck
  - Windshield washer fluid
  - Warm clothes & gloves
  - Brush or ice scraper
  - Radiator coolant

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# Let's Talk Christmas Turkey!

With Christmas around the corner, and adjusted family gatherings, your turkey knowledge might be tested. Make sure you are up to date with the essential "know-hows" such as pounds needed per person, how long to thaw, how to best prepare, and how long to cook. Whether this is your first year hosting Christmas dinner, or you are downsizing due to social distancing, our turkey tips have you covered.

**BUYING A TURKEY:** Buy one pound of turkey per person.

**THAWING:** There are different ways to safely thaw a turkey. Do not thaw a turkey at room temperature because bacteria will multiply quickly and make you sick.

- **Refrigeration:** The fridge temperature should be at or below 40°F. Keep the turkey in its original wrapping and place it in a large pan to prevent juices from getting on other foods. Plan ahead and allow approximately 24 hours thawing time for every 4–5 pounds of turkey.

- **Microwave:** Remove all wrapping before putting in the microwave. Cook immediately after it is thawed — do not put it back in the refrigerator.

- **Fast Thaw Method:** Keep turkey in original wrapping and put in an ice chest or in a clean sink (not the bathtub!). Cover with cold water. After it has thawed completely, refrigerate or cook.

**PREPARATION:** Remove wrapping, but do not wash thawed turkey. Wash your hands in warm soapy water for 20 seconds before and after touching raw turkey. Sanitize the area where you are preparing the turkey. Remove the turkey's insides (neck and giblets) from within the body cavity. The "pop-up" tool should be placed into the thickest part of the breast before going into the oven.

**COOKING & TEMPERATURE:** Don't roast below 325°F. Bacteria can survive at lower temperatures. Place on a clean tray or pan to catch the juices lost when cooking. The internal temperature must reach 165°F to be safe to eat. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the breast. The "pop-up" tool is not always accurate. The amount of time to cook the turkey depends on the size, and whether it's stuffed.

An 8–12 lb. unstuffed turkey will take 2–2.75 hours; 12–14 lbs = 3–3.75 hours; 14–18 lbs. = 3.75–4.25 hours; 18–20 lbs. = 4.25–4.5 hours; and 20–24 lbs. = 4.5–5 hours.

**STORING LEFTOVERS:** Any leftover turkey should be refrigerated within 2 hours of serving. Place into shallow containers to stop bacterial growth. All leftovers should be eaten within 3–4 days. The turkey can also be stored in the freezer for up to 2–6 months in sealed containers. ■

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# Loudon Fire Department December News

Two members of the department's call force were promoted to the command staff on November 9th. Firefighter/Paramedic Craig Clough was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief. Craig will primarily work under the direction of the Chief to further improve and enhance the capabilities and operations of emergency medical operations for the department. Craig is a resident of Loudon, along with his wife Holly, their two children, as well as the family's two dogs. AEMT Mathew LaDuke, who originally hails from Lancaster, NH and now resides in Penacook, was promoted to the position of EMS Lieutenant and will work under the direction of Captain Baldassare. Mathew will primarily focus on field training programs of new EMS members of the department as well as developing monthly continuing education and providing leadership during EMS incidents. We congratulate both members on their well-deserved promotions and look forward to the qualities and experience that they both bring to the department.

We also had career Firefighter/AEMT Richard Maltais resign from the department after five years of service to the Town of Loudon. Firefighter Maltais accepted a lateral transfer to the Hopkinton Fire Department. Firefighter Maltais was a valued employee who, besides responding to emergencies, was key in maintaining our fleet of emergency vehicles as a talented mechanic. We wish him well on his new adventure in Hopkinton.

We want to remind everyone as the Holidays approach that New Hampshire has suffered 8 fatal fires this year and all were in structures which did not have working smoke detectors installed according to the NH State Fire Marshal's Office. Please make sure that your home has working smoke detectors installed and that the batteries are new. When installing your holiday decorations please always consider proximity of your decorations to heating sources. Please minimize the use of extension cords and please do not locate extension cords

where someone could trip or under rugs. Remember another cause for extension cords and power strips to potentially cause a fire is circuit overloading. Candles can be another cause for fires to develop and should always be in a safe location away from any combustible materials and should never be left unattended.

Winter is around the corner and so is the first slippery driving days. Remember seatbelts save lives and should always be worn. Take time to check your tires and make sure they have the proper tread depth for winter driving conditions. Remove all snow from your vehicle to increase your visibility and remove the chance of snow or ice from your vehicle blowing off and hitting another. The other most important wintertime driving tip is to slow down and increase your following distance to twice of what it normally is.

The members of the Loudon Fire Department want to wish everyone a safe, happy, and joyful Holiday season. ■

## OBITUARY

### CHARLES H. VARNUM

Charles H. Varnum Jr., 76, of Loudon, passed away on November, 13, 2020 at Pleasant View Center in Concord.

He was born on December 17, 1943 in Portland, ME to the late Charles H. Varnum Sr. and Marjorie (Blake) and stepson of Bertha Varnum. He is the loving husband of Hazel (Frawley) Varnum of Loudon. The two were married on June 15, 1995.



Charles graduated from Concord High School and later attended the University of Connecticut. After college he went on to become a Pharmaceutical Technician working at The Prescription Center. Many may fondly remember Charles from his time at Sprague Electric, 14 years at Concord Litho and most recently Advance Auto Parts.

Charles enjoyed playing Bingo, cards, vacationing in Wells Beach Maine, animals, listening to country music and collecting Cribbage boards.


In addition to his parents, Charles was predeceased by his first wife, Judy Varnum, his stepson, Arthur (Pookie) LaBrecque Jr, and his beloved grandson Koty LaBrecque.

In addition to his wife Hazel, Charles is survived by stepdaughters, Terry Mullen and Kelley Smith of Loudon, his sister, Barbara Jolin and nephews Benjamin and Christopher Jolin with 3 great nephews and a grandniece and his grandchildren, Amanda Paveglio, Lindsey Mullen, Zachary LaBrecque.


In lieu of flowers, those who wish to make a memorial contribution can be made to the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County, 94 Silk Farm Rd, Concord NH 03301 and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. ■



## Christmas Tree Safety




As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.




### PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



### PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



### LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

### After Christmas


Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

### FACTS

- More than **one of every four** home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every four** of the fires.

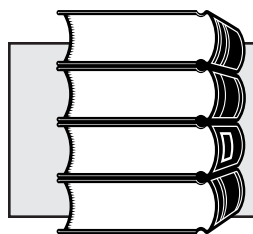


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## Maxfield Public Library News

### MAXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS A NEW YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN!

Welcome Christina Finemore! Christina is a graduate of Plymouth State University where she earned her Masters of Education with a concentration in Library Media Studies. She has extensive experience working with children of all ages and their families in both library and educational settings. She was a National Writing Project Fellow and, in the past, has facilitated Poetry Out Loud and Teaching Tolerance Workshops. We are so excited to have Christina join the Maxfield Public Library and the Loudon community, where she will provide programs and services for children from infancy to teens. If you get the opportunity, please stop by and say hello to her!

### BOOK REVIEWS ARE WELCOME!

We love getting book recommendations and reviews from our patrons. One patron, Barron Waltz, recently shared this review with us:

“*The Martian*, written by award-winning author Andy Weir, follows astronaut Mark Watney who was stranded on Mars after his crew was forced to abandon him. This book is a thrilling and fascinating read. Just as you think Watney can take it easy for a few days, a new dilemma hits him. This book, while fiction, is also very scientifically accurate. Weir was incredibly detailed in his writing. There’s even several passages explaining exactly what went wrong during one of the major events in the book. I highly recommend reading this novel, and watching the movie that it inspired, but I would also recommend having a dictionary handy while you do so.”

Andy Weir’s *The Martian* can be found at Maxfield Public Library in print or through the New Hampshire State Library as an e-book! Maxfield Public Library also has the movie starring Matt Damon.

### INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE!

Interlibrary loan services through the New Hampshire State Library have resumed. Is there a book or a movie that Maxfield Public Library doesn’t have in our collection? We can borrow it from another library for you! Call 798-5153 to submit an interlibrary loan request.

### CURBSIDE DELIVERY OPTIONS

If you are unable to come inside the Library for your books, audiobooks, and DVDs, we’ll bring them out to you! Materials can be reserved through our online catalog or by calling or emailing the Library directly. If you don’t have a particular title in mind, Library staff are happy to put together a bundle of recommendations for you! A staff member will then contact you when your materials are available for pickup. Patrons are limited to 10 items on reserve but may still have up to 30 items per account checked out at one time. When you arrive to pick up your items, call our desk at 798-5153 for curbside delivery.

### MUSEUM PASSES AVAILABLE

Please email Library Director Dena Norman at maxlib@comcast.net to reserve a pass no more than 2 weeks in advance. You must provide a specific date the pass will be used and coordinate with Library staff a time to pick up your reserved pass. Keep in mind that all museums’ visiting hours may have changed due to the Covid19 pandemic. We ask that you contact the museum directly and check their website to become familiar of each museum’s required safety and health recommendations.

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY HOURS

Maxfield Public Library will be open on Christmas Eve (Thursday) from 10–2 and will remain closed throughout the holiday weekend, reopening Tuesday, December 29 at 10 a.m. We will also be open on New Year’s Eve (Thursday) from 10–2 and will remain closed throughout the holiday weekend, reopening Tuesday, January 5 at 10 a.m.

Maxfield Public Library staff and trustees wish you a happy and safe holiday!

### TRUSTEES MEETING

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held Thursday, December 3rd at 4 p.m. Please reach out to Library Director Dena Norman at maxlib@comcast.net for information on how the meeting will be conducted. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some meetings have moved to an online format. ■



Barron Waltz has shared a review of “*The Martian*” by Andy Weir with Maxfield Public Library readers. If you’ve read a particularly good book lately — or not-so-good book — why not share your thoughts and recommendations with fellow library patrons. We’d love to share your thoughts on what you’ve been reading.

## Maxfield Public Library Passes!



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## Loudon Lions Club News

The Loudon Lions and five Loudon Legionnaires, collected 1,007 pounds of food items (over a half ton!) on November 7 along with \$150 in cash to deliver to Sue Houck at the Loudon Food Pantry to assist those in need as Thanksgiving approached. The collections took place at the Loudon American Legion Post #88 on South Village Road and at the Dollar General Store on Route 106. Thanks to all who contributed. The collections equate to 1,395 individual meals!



Loudon Food Pantry director Sue Houck received \$150 in donations along with over 1,000 pounds of food from Barry Boriss and Vince Giambalvo following the recent Lion food drive.

## Lions Host District Governor



Loudon District Governor Marie Hall was a special guest at the regular Loudon Lions Club meeting on Oct. 20, which was held at the Loudon American Legion building. Hall lauded the local chapter for its many efforts and she also updated attendees on Lion activities and opportunities. Pictured here with Loudon Lions Club president Vince Giambalvo, Hall also described her rewarding life journey as a Lion.

More information on the local Lions Club chapter may be obtained by contacting the club at [loudonlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:loudonlionsclub@gmail.com). ■





# Good News from Loudon Elementary School

## Celebrations

This year is full of changes but we are working hard to honor our traditions.

Though our annual Halloween parade had to be virtual, our students' costumes did not disappoint. As in years past, all enjoyed classroom parties.

## Turkey Trot Time

Students participated in this annual celebration of giving in November. Classrooms collected non-perishable items for donation to the Loudon Food Pantry. Students enjoyed some fresh air with our special guest bird, Dr. Worm. All contributed to a school wide bulletin board recognizing all that we have to be grateful for.

## Upcoming Events

- 12/3 Virtual PTA meeting at 6:30
- 12/11 First term report cards issued
- 12/14 MVSD School Board at MVHS, 7:15
- 12/22 Fully Remote Day (Cooling off day)
- 12/23–12/31 Holiday Recess



# Ten Tips For Eating Better on a Budget

Eating better on a budget is simpler, and more cost effective, than you might think. No longer do you have to sacrifice taste, flavor, and healthful foods when watching how much you spend. There are many tips and tricks that allow you to eat the foods you want — and need — without costing extra.

**1. Plan.** The number one step to not spending extra is plan for what you want, and need, to buy. Create a shopping list every time you go to the grocery store and try to include food from each food group. Including all food groups provides your body with essential nutrients you need to stay healthy. Do not forget to bring the list to the grocery store and to stick to it!

**2. Check for deals.** Look at the local newspaper, grocery store flyers, and deals online to ensure you are getting the best price. If you see a coupon for an item but do not typically buy it, this might seem like a deal at first, but in reality, you're actually spending more money than you normally would. Only clip coupons for items you need.

**3. Learn to Unit Price.** When shopping look for the unit price below each item. This tells you how much you are paying per pound or ounce. Use this to compare different brands and foods to save more on your grocery bill.

**4. Try canned or frozen.** Frozen and canned fruits and vegetables can be much cheaper than fresh produce, and still contain a good amount of nutrients. Check to make sure the fruit is not stored in heavy syrup or does not have added sugar and choose canned vegetables that are lower in sodium. A healthy option is to always rinse your canned fruits or vegetables to eliminate the extra sodium or added sugar. Canned and frozen vegetables are great to add to soups, stews, casseroles, pasta, and rice dishes. Frozen and canned fruit are great in smoothies, yogurt, oatmeal, or pies.

**5. Buy in season.** If fresh fruits and vegetables are available, they are less expensive when they are in season. You can even buy extra and freeze them to be used later in the year. To see how to freeze vegetables check out the UNH Cooperative Extension guide here <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/freezing-vegetables>.

**6. Buy in bulk.** Most foods are always cheaper when they are in bulk. Though make sure you can eat, or store the food, before it spoils or else you might be spending more than you are saving. Less expensive bulk items are usually meat, frozen vegetables, potatoes, and onions. Freeze leftover meats to be used later, and store vegetables like potatoes and onions in a cool dry place.

**7. Limit pre-made meals.** Convenience foods and pre-made meals are more expensive than if you make the meal yourself. They also are higher in sodium and tend to be less healthy than homemade meals. Limit purchasing these items and set some time each week to learn to make your own meal.

**8. Cook once, eat all week.** When taking the time to cook a meal, cook double or triple the amount so you have leftovers during the week. You can reinvent those leftovers by adding new spices, ingredients or even cooking it a different way. If you made roasted chicken and potatoes you could turn that into a burrito, casserole, stir fry, chicken salad or soup just by adding a few different ingredients.

**9. Vary your protein choices.** Although meat might be the typical protein choice it is usually more expensive. Save on money by switching to plant-based proteins such as beans and legumes. These include pinto, kidney, black, and garbanzo beans as well as lentils. They make a great addition to pastas, soups, salads or are delicious on their own with some seasoning.

**10. Limit eating out.** Eating at restaurants, even fast-food, can add up to more than you think. Limit restaurant, or away-from-home, meals to once to two times per week. This not only will cut down on costs but will also help you eat a little healthier. ■





## NEWS FROM RICHARD BROWN HOUSE

As I write this in early November, New England has been blessed with a spell of Indian Summer, which is so welcome following the blistering cold winds and snow squalls that preceded this calm. For seniors at Richard Brown House that means being able to sit outside in the daytime and enjoy fresh air again.

Halloween was different this year. A group of six hardy residents wanted to do something to acknowledge the tradition but we knew it had to be outside and we had to continue to take the Covid precautions we have all become very used to now. Halloween afternoon was one of those gorgeous October days when the air is bright, crisp, and cold. It meant wearing several layers to be outside for a few hours. We set up two long tables outside, a hot drinks station in the foyer inside, and discovered we had tons of candy as usual. We had tongs to pick up and drop the candy into children's bags. And we started early this year to align with the Fire Department's Trunk or Treating.

It was lovely to see the children in their costumes who came with their families and their dogs. We wished we had had dog biscuits too! By 6 p.m. the numbers had dropped off and we were cold, so we dismantled the tables and headed inside.

This past month some thanks are due to volunteers for getting in touch to offer donations. One was Sandi Foster, a volunteer from the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who arranged for some of their extra food donations to come to Richard Brown House. Another was Loudon neighbor Jo Ellen Barr, who offered beautiful quilting material to one of our residents. At this time of the pandemic there is less need for "things" and more need for gestures of thought and support. The cold weather means that any socializing outside will be almost impossible. That said, we do have one resident who would love to find a small electric piano or organ. This resident had one in her bedroom, but it was too large and a much smaller one would be welcome. As we all know music is good for emotional health and this year we have not been able to organize the usual gatherings where we did have music to enjoy.

This is the last "News from Richard Brown House" from service coordinator Lois Scribner. There will be a new Resident Service Coordinator, Torey Kortz, coming into that post during this month. So, for now, if anyone locally wishes to be in touch please call manager Lucie Bilodeau on 798-3190 or email her at [lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org](mailto:lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org). ■



Above: Waiting for Trick or Treaters to arrive. Below: The ghosts and goblins have arrived!



Right: Even M&Ms arrived for Halloween candy!

Below: It was warm enough in November to enjoy a picnic outside!



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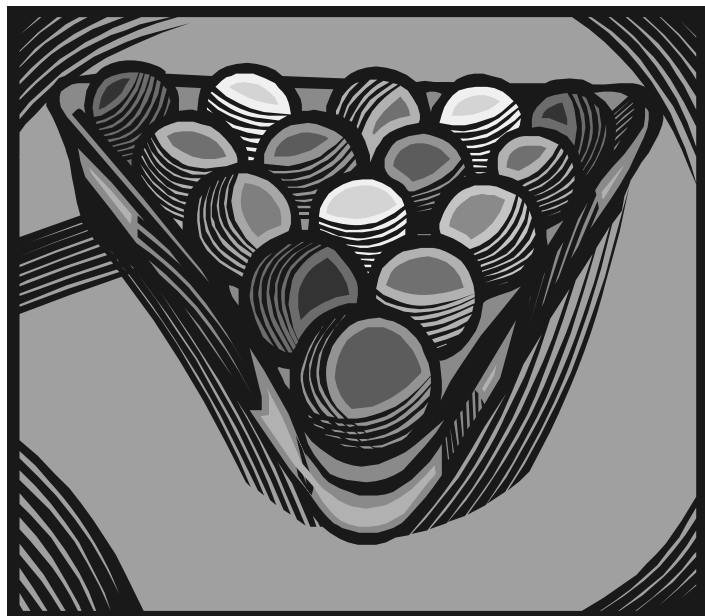
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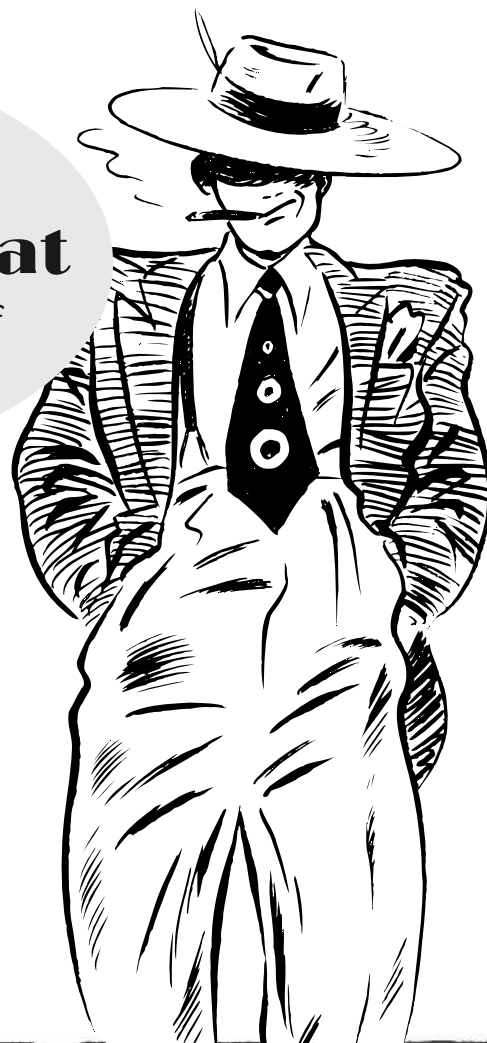
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# An Explanation of Storm Watch vs. Warning vs. Advisory

Winter weather related Warnings, Watches, and Advisories are issued based on a combination of weather thresholds and potential impacts associated with them. NWS Gray weather thresholds: [https://www.weather.gov/gyx/Warning\\_Criteria](https://www.weather.gov/gyx/Warning_Criteria)

## Watches: Be Prepared

- \* Blizzard Watches are issued when there is a potential for falling and/or blowing snow with strong winds and extremely poor visibilities.
- \* Winter Storm Watches are issued when conditions are favorable for a significant winter storm event (heavy sleet, heavy snow, ice storm, heavy snow and blowing snow or a combination of events.)
- \* Wind Chill Watches are issued when there is the potential for a combination of extremely cold air and strong winds to create dangerously low wind chill values.

## Warnings: Take Action

- \* Blizzard Warnings are issued for frequent gusts greater than or equal to 35 mph accompanied by falling and/or blowing snow, frequently reducing visibility to less than 1/4 mile for three hours or more.
- \* Winter Storm Warnings are issued for a significant winter weather event including snow, ice, sleet or blowing snow or a combination of these hazards.
- \* Ice Storm Warnings are usually issued for ice accumulation of around 1/2 inch or more.
- \* Wind Chill Warnings are issued for a combination of very cold air and strong winds that will create dangerously low wind chill values.

## Advisories: Be Aware

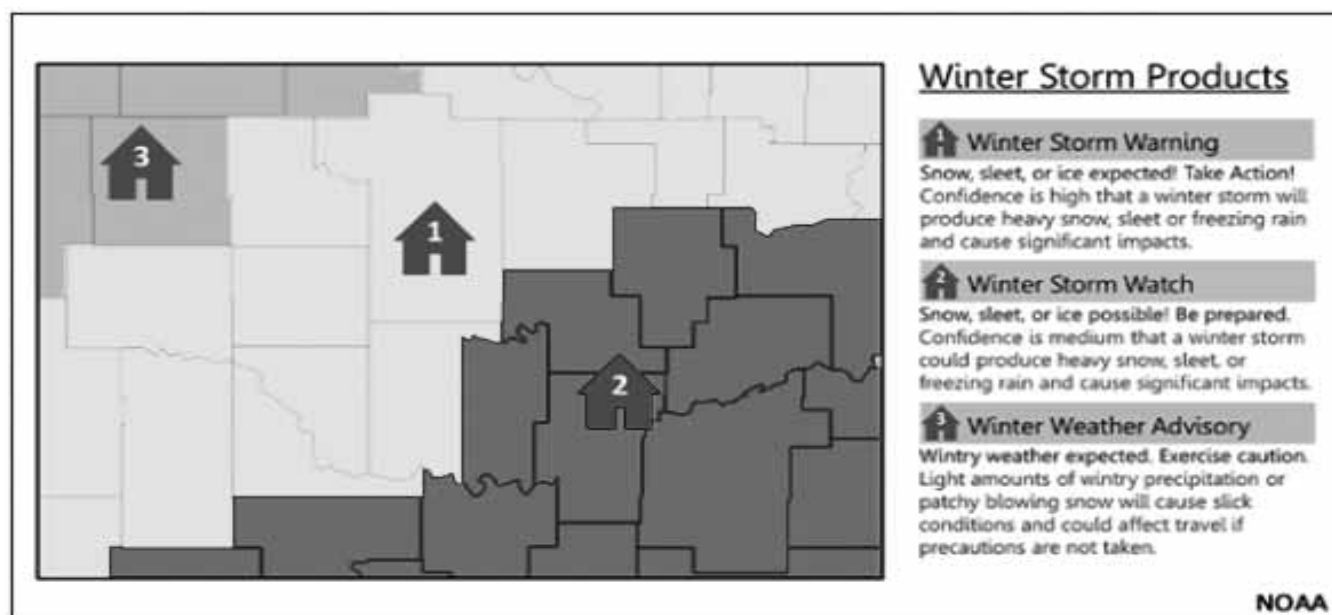
- \* Winter Weather Advisories are issued when snow, blowing snow,

ice, sleet, or a combination of these wintry elements is expected but conditions should not be hazardous enough to meet warning criteria.

- \* Wind Chill Advisories are issued when low wind chill temperatures are expected but will not reach warning criteria.

## Snow Squall Warnings:

Snow squall warnings are short-fused and focused on distinct areas (like tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings). These warnings provide critical, highly localized life-saving information. ■



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# Snow Squall Safety

- \* Stay alert for rapidly changing road conditions
- \* Have a way to get forecasts and warnings
- \* Avoid or delay motor travel until the squall passes
- \* Reduce your speed, turn on your low beam headlights and hazard lights
- \* Increase your following distance

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**Winter weather conditions can quickly change in New Hampshire.**

**Check weather reports before leaving home. A minor change in elevation can create a major change in driving conditions, as anyone who has driven through Franconia Notch can attest! And those who travel from Rte. 106 up to Loudon Ridge can also tell you stories of all-new weather conditions!**

**Keep extra cold weather gear in your car: coats, hats, mittens, blankets — and a shovel!**

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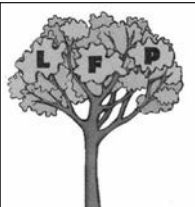
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### Contact Information

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**Service hours:** By appointment only. Tue. 10–6, Wed. 10–1, Thur. 10–4

**Website:** [www.loudonfoodpantry.org](http://www.loudonfoodpantry.org)

**Facebook:** LoudonFP

### October Meal Numbers

In October we gave out enough food to create 6,372 meals to 367 individuals. 150 of those were age 60 and older, 99 were age 18 or under, and 118 were in between those ages.

### Thanksgiving Boxes

This year we're handing out 55 Thanksgiving Boxes. Meadow Ledge Farm was kind enough to donate the apples. Many other donations came in that helped us complete the boxes. Thank you for all your contributions to making this Thanksgiving a success for so many! Also, a huge thanks goes out to all the volunteers that helped make this happen smoothly!

### Holiday Boxes

Holiday Boxes will be given out on Tuesday December 22. If you have signed up and need more information, please call the pantry.

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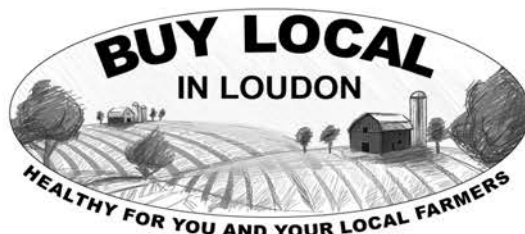
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## OBITUARIES

### BARBARA JEAN MERRILL

Barbara Jean Merrill, 83, of Loudon, passed away at the Epsom Healthcare Center on September 25, 2020 after a period of declining health.

Born in Concord, she was the daughter of the late Bessie Keyes. She was raised in Suncook and spent most of her life in the Pittsfield and Loudon area.

In earlier years, Barbara worked in the local shoe shop and during the summer months, she also worked in the canning factory and picked potatoes for Guy Clark in Barnstead.

Barbara was a 37-year volunteer for the Salvation Army and was active in the Ladies Group. She loved children and babysitting as well as gardening.

She was predeceased by her son, Chris "Shorty" Lawrence and her siblings: Katherine Saab and Eugene "Butch" Keyes.

Barbara is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 51 years, Paul W. Merrill of Loudon; her daughter, Linda Viens of Chichester; her son, Michael Lawrence of Concord; her two granddaughters, Nancy and Paula, and her three great grandchildren, Calvin, Michael, and Brandon.

At the request of the family, there will be no services at this time and a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Assisting the family with arrangements is the Still Oaks Funeral & Memorial Home in Epsom. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit [www.stilloaks.com](http://www.stilloaks.com). ■



### CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN SMYKIL

Christopher Stephen Smykil, 44 of Concord, passed away at his home early Wednesday morning after a prolonged battle with cancer. His final days were spent surrounded by the family and friends he loved most.

Born in 1976, to loving parents Keith and Joyce Smykil of Loudon, he was a 1994 graduate of Concord High School. Christopher spent most of his life living in Concord.



Christopher lived for his children and was happiest spending time with them. He cherished coaching his sons' baseball and basketball teams.

A 25-year employee of Bow Plumbing and Heating, he was a hard and dedicated worker. He held multiple licenses including that of a master plumber, HVAC technician, and gas fitter.

He was a zealous Patriots fan, loved Led Zeppelin, and celebrated Halloween every year with zeal.

He is survived by his two sons Keith and Aaron Smykil and their mother Paula (Fruin) Smykil, parents Keith and Joyce (née Mantovani) Smykil, brother Jeffrey (Caitlin) Smykil of Chicago, IL, mother in-law Andee Fruin, sister-in law Patricia (Paul) Fenton and their children all of Pensacola, FL and lifelong best friend Jonathan (Heather) White of Chichester.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Concord School District c/o Smykil Family Memorial Fund (#04852), 38 Liberty Street Concord, NH 03301. ■

### ROLAND BRONSON

Roland Bronson, age 92, of Lehan Road passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at CRVNA Hospice House.

He was born in Northumberland, NH the son of the late Bernard V. and Sarah L. (Ball) Bronson.

Roland retired from Nynex, and continued to work as a licensed Aircraft and Engine Mechanic and Aircraft Inspector, operating his own business called Roll-In Aero at the airport in Whitefield, NH, for over 20 years. He also had his private pilot license, and his true passion was flying. He enjoyed fishing and did this with his grandchildren. He served in the Korean War and continued to serve his country for over thirty years in the Army National Guard, retiring as a Major.

Roland loved life and lived life to its fullest. He was always ready with a helping hand to his family and friends. He had many skills to offer including mechanical, carpentry, painting, and contracting. Roland loved to bake cakes, breads, pies, and cookies



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for all those he knew and loved. His grandchildren especially appreciated how he always baked for them their favorite sweet treats, his heartfelt cards, and gifts for every occasion. Roland continued to be active tinkering on airplanes, helping friends with projects, and building things right up to the end of his life. He will be held closely in the hearts of many forever.

He is survived by his son, David Bronson and his wife Deb of Stratham and their daughter Caleigh; his daughter, Dodie Oakes and her husband Mike of Loudon and their son Jeremy; 3 sisters, Cora Bronson of Littleton, Catherine Webster of Lancaster, and Bethany Bronson of Berlin; and many nieces and nephews. He also had many close friends who he would share coffee with him in the mornings.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his brothers, Robert, Kenneth, and Vernard "Butch" Bronson; and his sister, Lucille McMahon.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Honor Flights of New England, PO Box 16287 Hooksett, NH 03106. ■

### H. PETER BARTLETT

Peter (Pete) Bartlett passed away Monday, October 19, 2020 after a long and courageous battle with cardiac and related diseases.

Peter was born in Concord NH to Harry and Letitia (George) Bartlett. He attended Concord schools and graduated from Pembroke Academy. Peter met the love of his life, Martha Seavey, in the eighth grade at the old Rundlett Junior High. They spent 66 wonderful years together through sickness and health. Peter and Martha had four children; Abby (Craig) Whitson of Concord, Michael (Pat) Bartlett of Berwick ME, Laura (Dave) Husson of Buzzards Bay MA, and an estranged daughter Sharon whom they deeply love and miss. Peter leaves eight grandchildren and four step grandchildren; Brianne (Rheal) St Germaine, Tyson (Heidi) Strole, Jess (Josh Ickes, Erin (Nick) Pope, Tom (Erika) Husson, Joe (Risa) Annicchiarico, Chris Husson and Kelly Davis, Nate (Sarah) Strole, Corey Heaward, Travis Heaward, Nicole (Jake) Stratton and Jenna (Ryan) Koloski, and twenty wonderful great grandchildren. Also a dear friend and mother of two of the great-grandchildren, Britney Heaward. Peter is also survived by a sister Eleanor Gowans of Montpelier VT and many nieces and nephews. Peter was pre-deceased by his brother David, his granddaughter Katy Bly and his grandson Daniel Husson.

Peter loved people and spent most of his working life in sales. The family spent some great years on their farm in Lee NH when Peter was Interim Manager of the UNH bookstore. The family moved to Niskayuna NY where Peter was manager of the Union College bookstore. Peter's favorite job was working for NH Records and Archives when he was in semi-retirement. He loved books, especially Concord and New Hampshire history. Peter collected books and Moxie paraphernalia. He did a lot of genealogies for people across the country. He was with the West Concord Troop 81 when his son was a Boy Scout and beyond. Peter and Martha made doll houses and furniture for their granddaughters and special ones for grown-ups that they sold around the country. Peter loved to renovate or restore the houses where the family lived. He was a Lay Reader for St Stephens Episcopal

Church in Schenectady NY, St Paul's Church in Concord and St Luke's Anglican Church in West Concord. In 1989 Peter and Martha moved to their retirement home in Loudon NH. Peter was the curator for the Loudon Historical Society until his health intervened. Peter was one of the group that founded Freedom Hill Cooperative and was on their Board of Directors for many years. One of his greatest thrills was having the new Maintenance Shed named after him.

Pete was a member of the Blazing Star Lodge No. 11 of Concord, the Masonic Anchor Club at Lake Winona in New Hampton NH, the New Hampshire Historical Society and the Loudon Historical Society.



There will be a service for Peter when there is no longer a danger from the COVID-19 virus. Donations, if one wishes, can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis TN 38105, or Concord Hospital Cardiology, Pleasant St., Concord NH 03301.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Bennett Funeral Home of Concord. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <https://www.BennettFuneral.com> for the family of Peter Bartlett. ■

### JAMES ARTHUR McNEIL

James Arthur McNeil passed away October 22, 2020 at the age of 49. Jim was born in Woburn Mass on December 9, 1970 to Arthur E and Suzanne (Rooney) McNeil, both predeceased. His family moved to NH where they lived in Loudon for 42 years. Loudon was his home, and he took an extreme amount of pride in his community.

Jim is survived by his wife of 26 years, Stacey (Hodakoski) McNeil and their two daughters, Brannigan McNeil and Kerragan McNeil. His girls were his world and although he felt he never spent enough time with them, everything he did was for them.

Jim's smile was the warmest, it made everything okay. He was always helping people in the community, people he knew and even people he didn't. There wasn't a day that he wasn't stopping in to check on someone or answering questions that people had with their own projects. He was everyone's go to person.

In addition to his wife and children, Jim is survived by his brother, William D McNeil and his three children, Hanna McNeil, Emma McNeil and his side kick and biggest fan, Merrick McNeil; his sister, Amy McNeil and her two children, Mary Marcellino and Raylyn Pszonowsky; many cousins, aunts, uncles and innumerable dear friends.

Jim was a firefighter for 20 years for the City of Manchester. His love for the fire service started when he was in his early teens on the City of Concord's Explorer Post. He then moved on to volunteering for the Loudon Fire Department and after 20 years finished his time there as a Captain. The fire service ran through his blood. Collecting fire memorabilia and restoring his American LaFrance ladder truck. He also had interest in History especially the different wars and although he never entered the military, he was a huge supporter of the armed services. Jim spent the small amounts of "down time" being on the lake with his boat, loving his cows, tinkering with his trucks, but most of all if he could get his three girls together to do something with him, he was at his happiest. He loved them more than anything.

We should all feel fortunate that we were able to spend what time we had with him as he is irreplaceable, and the loss is immeasurable. Everyone needs to take a piece of Jim and be that part. Call in and check on people, even if you are not close to them, share a smile, even if you don't feel like smiling and most importantly tell those you love, that you love them. Jim obviously went somewhere we don't understand in the end but that doesn't replace all of the many ways he touched everyone he came in contact with.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Jim's memory to Manchester Firemen's Relief Association, ATTN: Andrew Monnelly, 100 Merrimack St. Manchester, NH 03101, checks payable to: MFRA. ■

### DOROTHY F. CONNOR MULLIGAN

Dorothy F. Connor Mulligan died on October 30, 2020 after a brief illness, two days before her 96th birthday.

Born to Arthur and Angelina (Morin) Connor of Webster St., Suncook, NH she was the last of the five Connor siblings. Rita Courchesne, Dora Parenteau, Pauline Connor, and her brother Dr. Roger Connor who passed away recently at age 99. She was also predeceased by her son David Mulligan and husband, Jean Mulligan.



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She is survived by her daughters, JoAnn Mehron and husband James of Nashua, NH, Patricia Cooney and husband Thomas of Litchfield, NH, her special niece, Suzanne Belanger and husband Walter of Loudon, NH and many nieces and nephews.

She kept fit by working out with Jack Lalanne and in later years Gilead. She was able to do this late into her 90s. She enjoyed trips to Massachusetts to visit her brother Roger and his family. But her bi-weekly trips to the Puritan Backroom were the highlight of her week. Every Wednesday and Friday sometimes joined by Sue and Walter were what she looked forward to every week. ■

### MIKE BRUSA

We all rolled down the road together, but Mikey beat us to the finish line. Mike Brusa passed away peacefully after a long illness on October 24, 2020 in Florida.

He was born on November 22, 1959 in Concord, NH to Robert and June Brusa. Mike was a 1977 Concord High School graduate.

He was a boat and car mechanic in Florida. He had a love for cars, boats, speed boat racing, drag racing, his family, his dog, and his special friends from Florida and New Hampshire.

Mike is survived by his stepfather, Chuck Atkins of Loudon, his sister, Jody McHugh and her husband, Steve McHugh of Henniker, and his nephews, Mark McHugh of Portsmouth and Kyle McHugh of Pittsford, Vermont. Mike is predeceased by his father, Robert Brusa, his mother, June (Brusa) Atkins, who recently passed away on June 24, 2020, and his brother, Mark Brusa.

Mikey, we will miss you and someday we will meet you on the other side of the finish line, R.I.P. ■



### RANDY R. MOFFETT

Randy R. Moffett, 43, of Concord passed away unexpectedly due to a heart attack at Concord Hospital on October 30, 2020.

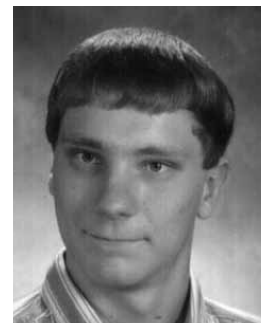
Born on February 28, 1977 in Concord, NH the son of Harold and Joan (Peabody) Moffett of Bow. He was a graduate of Concord High School class of 1995.

He had many friends and was always willing to help everyone. He loved building and running R.C. cars as a hobby. Randy was employed at Concord Toyota after graduation then had an R.C. car shop in Bow. At the time of his death he was employed as a mechanic and salesman at Rt. 3 Auto Sales in Concord for over 17 years.

He loved working on all cars loved animals especially his dog, Sammy who helped him through his open heart surgery 3 years ago.

Members of his family include his parents, Harold and Joan Moffett of Bow; sister, Wendy Hodder of Center Barnstead; brother, David and his wife, Vickie Moffett of Loudon; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and his girlfriend, Sara.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Randy's name to American Heart Association, PO Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241 or Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Rd Concord, NH 03301. ■



## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 13, 2020

### Present:

Chairman Prescott, Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Miller.

Also, present: Office Manager Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Road Agent Russ Pearl, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Planning Board Representative Katie Phelps and Zoning Board Chairman Ned Lizotte.

Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Chairman Prescott opened Board of Permit.

Chief Blanchette presented a Hawker and Peddler application for a raffle permit from the Loudon Fire Fighters Association for their annual heating raffle. Chief Blanchette said the Association is asking for the fee to be waived. There were no concerns from Zoning Board Chairman Ned Lizotte or Planning Board Representative Katie Phelps. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Loudon Fire Fighters Association to hold a home heating raffle between October and December 2020 and the application fee shall be waived. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chief Blanchette said Darlene Johnson presented a plan for the Trunk or Treat layout

that follows the plan discussed last week. Selectman Maxfield asked how many vehicles will be participating in the event. Mrs. Johnson said that there is a maximum of 30 and a minimum of 10. Mrs. Johnson said that if they do not get at least 10 vehicles to participate than they would not hold the event. Chief Blanchette said that all the CDC signage will be posted to encourage participants to maintain 6 feet of distance. The Board said that this would be great to bring back as much normalcy for the children as possible.

Chief Blanchette spoke about a rally Sports Car Club of New Hampshire would like to hold. Chief Blanchette said that it would be a timed rally and speeding would not be an issue. George Young said they would be traveling down Ricker Road, Chichester Road, Wales Bridge Road and a few others with it ending at his house on North Village Road. Mr. Young said that he only has 7 car entries currently but he is not expecting a huge turnout. The Board agreed Mr. Young was all set to hold the rally.

The Board spoke with Dennis Jakubowski. Mr. Jakubowski spoke about his request for the use of the rec field for Cub Scout Pack 247. Mr. Jakubowski said they did the camp

out and food drive last year and are looking for approval again. Mr. Jakubowski said that they are looking to use the gazebo for their pack meetings on Wednesday's while the weather allows it and an indoor option when the weather gets colder. The Board said that they could use the Old Town Hall up on Clough Hill Road. Mr. Jakubowski said he would reach out to the Selectmen's Office with a date and see if that is okay. Mr. Jakubowski spoke with Chief Blanchette about possibly using the Fire Station as a meeting place as well. The Board said they would not prefer to have a food donation box in the office building because it is a place of business but they believe there are plenty of local businesses who would allow the donation boxes to be present. The Board approved the Pack 247 camp out on November 13th and the use of the parking lot for their food donation drop off on November 14th.

Chairman Prescott closed Board of Permit at 6:37 PM.

*Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 6, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

Mr. Pearl said he received an email from Alicia Grimaldi of the Recreation Committee asking if the siding could be taken off the shed by the skate park so the mural in remembrance of Alec White could be installed. Mr. Pearl said he would prefer to see the mural attached over the existing siding to protect the structure from water damage. Mr. Pearl said he would have a discussion with the sign company.

Mr. Pearl said that on Friday the 9th he took a webinar with NHMA on *The Hard Road to Travel*. Mr. Pearl said that the webinar is recorded and he recommends setting up a training for other departments and boards to go over the information.

Mr. Pearl said that he reached out to another local tree guy with no response for the second time so the only Loudon Ridge Road tree cutting bid received is from Magoon Tree LLC. The Board approved the bid from Magoon Tree LLC for the removal of a large dead maple located at 393 Loudon Ridge Road in the amount of \$1,850.00.

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Mr. Pearl spoke to the Board about two trees on Old Shaker Road and one on Lovejoy Road that are dead and a hazard.

Mr. Pearl said that he read that roads should be lined if they have 3,000 cars or more traveled in one day. School Street's car count is in the high 2,000s. Mr. Pearl said he got a quote for the center lines for the length of School Street and it will cost approximately \$7,000. Mr. Pearl said that quote is from Industrial Traffic Lines, Inc. out of Londonderry. The Board asked Mr. Pearl to get two more quotes for the traffic lines.

The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette spoke about members of the Fire Department and their achievements and certifications.

Chief Blanchette said that last week they received the delivery of the Clorox 360 machine and will be submitting the reimbursement paperwork for it through the grant that was awarded.

Chief Blanchette said that they attempted to put the Deputy Fire Chief on ambulance shifts during the week to help save on the budget but the Code Enforcement office is too busy and they had to take him back off those shifts.

Chief Blanchette said that the delivery of the new forestry truck should be this Thursday or Friday.

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said he has two officers that are participating in the Beards for Bucks event in October which benefits Child Advocacy.

Chief Burgess said that they will be participating in a drug take back day on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Chief Burgess spoke about officers in the department and the re certification courses and classes they have completed.

Chief Burgess spoke about an incident on Dump Road and politician supporters standing at the entrance with their signs. Chief Burgess said there was an issue with them parking their cars and there not being room for two cars to pass through. Chief Burgess suggested some temporary no parking signs be installed. The Board asked Chief Burgess to inform his officers to instruct the supporters to park inside the transfer station to not obstruct traffic.

Chief Burgess spoke to the Board about traffic on South Village Road during the hours of trick or treating. The Board said to watch the town website for updates on traffic flow of South Village Road on Saturday, October 31.

Chief Burgess said that he received 15 applicants for the Sergeant position and he feels there are three viable candidates. The Board said they all have not had a chance to look at all the applications but they would get back to him when they have.

The Board reviewed a disciplinary letter from Chief Burgess to an officer of the department.

The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a letter from G. Graaskamp and J. Marcoux regarding the Berry Road boat ramp. Mr. Pearl said he had a meeting with the Clough Pond Association

and they said that the water from the town road is going down the boat ramp and eroding it. Mr. Pearl said there are areas of Berry Road that need attention and paving. The Board asked Mr. Pearl to get a few quotes to see what the cost would be so they can plan for the repairs in the future.

The Board reviewed an email from Alicia Grimaldi regarding the Ninja Warrior Program at a facility in Concord, NH. The Board said the Town of Loudon's Recreation committee would pay for any children of Loudon that would like to participate; they have no issue with it.

The Board reviewed a quote for the installation of an intercom system for the areas of refuge in the Town Office Building. Chairman Prescott said that they received a quote from ASAP Fire & Safety Corporation in the amount of \$7,000. The Board said they will try to get a few more quotes.

The Board reviewed the report and check from ESMI for their 2020 3rd quarter host community fee. Chairman Prescott said the check was in the amount of \$25,566.88.

The Board received the Northeast Resource Recovery Association's Annual Meeting notification.

The Board reviewed information for the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery grant.

The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

*Selectman Maxfield made a motion to have the Chairman of the Board sign an application for the Center of the Tech and Civic Life for the purpose to grant funds to be used exclusively for the planning and operationalizing save and secure election administration for the Town of Loudon 2020 in the amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the NH Department of Revenue Administration Municipal and Property Division auditor option schedule RSA 41:31-b which gives us the option to use the inventive public accountant option which is chosen named Paul Mercier at Mercier Group. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Prescott read the following reminders: On Thursday October 15, 2020 there is a CIP meeting at the Town Offices at 2 PM. On Thursday October 15, 2020 there is a Planning Board meeting at the Town Offices at 7 PM.

The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.

The Board recognized Dan Plourde of South Village Road in Loudon. Mr. Plourde spoke with the Board and Fire Chief Tom Blanchette about a letter he received from the Town of Loudon Health Officer.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 8:01 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Stanley H. Prescott II, Chairman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 20, 2020

### Present:

Chairman Prescott, Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Miller.

Also, present: Office Manager Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess, Planning Board Chairman Rodney Phillips and Zoning Board Chairman Ned Lizotte.

Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

*Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 13, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said that they have received 19 applications for the Police Sergeant position and he is recommending 7 of them for the Board to review. The Board said they would review the applications and get back to Chief Burgess to schedule interviews.

Chief Burgess said that Officer Beck who has recently left full time employment with the town would like to stay on as a part time officer. *Selectman Maxfield made a motion to appoint Officer Garrett L. Beck as a part time patrolman for the Town of Loudon effective this 20th day of October 2020. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Chief Burgess said that himself and Chief Blanchette sat in on a Law Enforcement conference call in the afternoon to go over information regarding the upcoming election.

Chief Burgess reminded the Board of the drug take back day taking place on Saturday October 24th. Chief Burgess said that they

will also be conducting Fire Arms Training and Taser Certifications on that day as well.

The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette introduced Kelly Dellovo to the Board. Chief Blanchette said that Ms. Dellovo would like to become a part time call member of the department and help cover shifts that they are currently having trouble filling. The Board welcomed Ms. Dellovo to the Town of Loudon.

Chief Blanchette presented a letter of resignation from department member Ashley Clement. Chief Blanchette said that Ms. Clement has taken full time employment with the Hampton Beach Fire Department.

Chief Blanchette said that Ossipee Mountain Electronics was approved to install the electronics, lights and sirens for the new forestry truck by Primex and he is hoping to get that in soon to begin the process.

Chief Blanchette said that at there was in issue at Station 2 where the water heater exploded and caused the ceiling to collapse. Chief Blanchette said that the catch cans and plumbing were not adequate enough for the leak in the water heater. Chief Blanchette said that the collapsed ceiling and water fell on top of the new copy machine they had received and destroyed the machine. Chief Blanchette said an insurance adjuster will be out to look at the damage.

The Board recognized Planning Board Chairman Rodney Phillips and Zoning Board Chairman Ned Lizotte. Mr. Phillips requested a nonpublic session with the Board. *Selectman*

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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — October 27, 2020

### Present:

Chairman Prescott and Selectman Miller.

Also, present: Office Manager Brenda Pearl, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. *Selectman Miller made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 20, 2020 as written. Seconded by Chairman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Prescott said that Selectman Maxfield was not present at the meeting tonight.*

The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

Chief Burgess said that all the officers are healthy and well.

Chief Burgess said they had a successful drug take back day on Saturday and they col-

lected 27.8 pounds of prescription medication. Chief Burgess said that he believes they beat the pounds collected the last time.

Chief Burgess said that they also had a department meeting this past Saturday followed by fire arms training, taser training and use of force training.

Chief Burgess said that they are holding oral boards for the Sergeant position next Thursday in the training room at the Fire Department starting at 3 P.M. Selectman Miller asked how long each candidate will be given. Chief Burgess said he is giving them 30 minutes each.

Chief Burgess spoke to the Board about updating the Police Department employment application. Selectman Miller said to check with Police Standards to see if there are any changes to the questions in the application.

Chief Burgess spoke to the Board about the Governors emergency order number 29 which has been extended and allows part time officers to work over their maximum 1300 hours throughout the entire pandemic.

Selectman Miller asked how the officers were doing with the events that transpired last week. Chief Burgess said that everyone is doing well and he has offered extended grief services if anyone is in need of them.

The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

Chief Blanchette gave the Board a letter of resignation from Fire Fighter Maltais who has accepted a position with the Hopkinton Fire Department.

Chief Blanchette spoke with the Board about getting a job posting out since it is a very competitive market right now.

Chief Blanchette said the department is doing well and supporting each other with the events that went on in town last week.

Chief Blanchette spoke to the Board about Engine 1 and some Fire Department Personnel participating in a local funeral.

Chief Blanchette said that an insurance adjuster from Primex came out and assessed the damage to the copy machine caused by the water heater incident and he is waiting to hear back from them.

Chief Blanchette spoke to the Board about a three-part training session the department had.

Chief Blanchette spoke to the Board about developing a feeder system to keep the younger generation coming to the department for internships. Chief Blanchette said they would be looking to host High School Juniors and Seniors.

Chief Blanchette said that all the proper steps have been taken to keep voters safe on election day. Chief Blanchette said it will be very important to keep the flow of voters moving and not allowing large crowds to linger.

The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

The Board received a thank you letter from Cheryl Ingerson.

The Board reviewed a letter from Code Enforcement to R. Dufour.

The Board received an email from Kevin Gagne regarding the Trail Dawgs Snowmobile Club. *Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the town the snowmobile permissions run by the NH Trail Dawgs. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board reviewed the Loudon Trails Committee meeting minutes of September 28, 2020.

The Board reviewed two quotes for panic buttons on the second floor in each safe haven area at the top of the stairwells of the Town Office building.

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to Chief Burgess.

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to Karen Hayes thanking her for her time as the Planning and Zoning Board Administrative Assistant.

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to C. Soule regarding Whitehouse Road.

The Board signed a yield tax warrant and certification for a timber cut on NH Route 106.

The Board signed an intent to cut for map 21, lot 23 on Bee Hold Road.

The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.

*Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Stanley H. Prescott II, Chairman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

### Selectmen — cont. from 28

*Maxfield made a motion to enter in to a non-public session at 6:27 PM under RSA 91-A: II (c). Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller — yes; Maxfield — yes; Prescott — yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to come out of non-public session at 7:14 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller — yes; Maxfield — yes; Prescott — yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes for 5 years. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller — yes; Maxfield — yes; Prescott — yes. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board discussed White House Road and a document that was found with information pertaining to it.

The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

The Board received a resignation letter from Karen Hayes effective October 29th, 2020.

The Board received a letter from Chief Burgess regarding the Police Departments overtime budget line.

The Board received a letter from HealthTrust regarding a medical and dental surplus.

The Board reviewed information from Northeast Resource Recovery Association regarding processed glass.

The Board reviewed information from Road Agent Russ Pearl about a flagger training by UNH that he would like to host at the Old Town Hall.

The Board received a thank you card from a scholarship recipient.

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to Chief Burgess.

The Board reviewed and signed a letter to a town employee.

The Board reviewed the towns second reimbursement request form for the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery fund in the amount of \$128,478.90. Chairman Prescott said that it is for the time period of September 1st thru October 15th and includes payroll and benefits.

The Board reviewed and signed a rental form for the Old Town Hall for a resident.

The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.

The Board reviewed an email from Janice Morin relative to the Loudon Helping Hands program. Chairman Prescott said that the program would help family's in need around the Holiday's. If a family is interested, they can request an application from the Police Department. Chairman Prescott said that anyone who would like to sponsor a family in need can come to the Police Department and select a star off the displayed wall tree with the basic information of the family and then return the items purchased to the Police Department. Chairman Prescott said that cash donations will not be accepted.

Chairman Prescott read the following reminders: On Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be having their monthly meeting.

The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Stanley H. Prescott II, Chairman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman  
Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

## Planning Board Meeting Minutes — October 15, 2020 — Draft

Chairman Rodney Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Roll Call Attendance:

Bob Phillips-Present, Danielle Bosco-Present, Dustin Bowles-Present, Stanley Prescott, Ex Officio-Present, Jeremy Minery-Present, Katie Phelps-Present, John Storrs-Present, Alice Tuson-Vice Chair-Present, Rodney Phillips Chairman-Present.

Chairman Phillips asked if there was anyone from the

Conservation Committee — No  
Fire Department — No  
Highway Department — No  
Police Department — No  
Selectmen — No  
Zoning — No

### Acceptance of Minutes:

*September 17, 2020, Regular Meeting-* Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes with the following changes, page 4 the list of conditions for Application #20-13 item number six the word utilizes s/b utilities. And page 6 under Application #20-17 the sentence says "The lot is 19-acres with a paved driveway" should say a paved apron. Jeremy Minery seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Danielle Bosco-Abstained, Dustin Bowles-Yes, Jeremy Minery-Yes, John Storrs-Abstained, Katie Phelps- Abstained, Stanley Prescott-Yes, Alice Tuson-Yes, Rodney Phillips-Yes.

**Discussion:**  
None

### Conceptual Discussion:

None

### Old Business:

**Application: #20-03 John C. Johnson Site Plan Review-Map 2, Lot 21.** Mr. Jeff Green is standing for John Johnson. Mr. Green asked the board to continue this application until next month's meeting as he is still working with the town engineer.

*Alice Tuson made a motion to continue application #20-03 John C. Johnson Site Plan Review until the November 19, 2020 meeting. Stanley Prescott seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Danielle Bosco-Yes, Dustin Bowles-Yes, Jeremy Minery-Yes, John Storrs-Yes, Katie Phelps-Yes, Stanley Prescott-Yes, Alice Tuson-Yes, Rodney Phillips-Yes.*

**Application #20-15-Haron Corporation-Map 49, Lot 123.** Jon Rokeh of Rokeh Consulting is standing for the owners. There are no abutters present in the audience. Mr. Rokeh presented to the board the changes that were discussed at last month's meeting for two buildings located within the Shaker Brook Industrial Park. One building will use the existing foundation for a garage. In addition to this building, the owners will construct a commercial use building. Each building would have paved parking. Mr. Rokeh noted on the updated plan that he has moved the second building forward to get the rear parking and storage out of the rear setback. Both buildings

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## Zoning Board Meeting Minutes — October 22, 2020 — Draft

Chairman Ned Lizotte called the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Peter Pitman-Present, Charlie Aznive-Present, Earl Tuson-Absent, Todd Phelps-Present, Alternate-Alvin See-Present, Alternate-Howard Pearl-Absent, Chairman, Ned Lizotte-Present

Chairman Lizotte appointed Alvin See as a voting member for the absent Earl Tuson.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

**September 24, 2020-Regular Hearing** — Peter Pitman made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Charlie Aznive seconded the motion. All in favor.

**September 30, 2020 Site Walk** — Todd Phelps made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Peter Pitman seconded the motion. All in favor.

### DISCUSSION(S):

None

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Application #Z20-13-Signature Homes-Special Exception-For reduced side setback**

**for a driveway. Map 31, Lot 2.** The driveway ascends a hill, 2 to 3 feet up the driveway takes a turn to the left about 8 feet from the property line, then turns right towards the where the garage and house are being constructed and no longer within the setback. Mr. Reggie Moreau stood before the board. Mr. Moreau reminded the board of the discussion that took place at the site walk on September 2, 2020 regarding the driveway location that was already in place when the lot was first cleared back in 2007. He noted that the distance from the property to the driveway was about 8 feet and so that is what he is asking for a special exception for a reduced side setback from 30-feet to 8-feet. Todd Phelps noticed that on the application it incorrectly identifies the section as 203.5, it should be 204.5 as the lot is in the RR district. Ian Gilosa and Jamie Dolan abutters to the property were in attendance. They are against this application and they are still waiting for the land surveyor come to survey their property to be sure of the property lines. Todd said to the applicant and the abutter that wherever the property line is, this approval would be 8-feet from that line.

Peter Pitman made a motion to accept the application with the correction. Todd Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Application #Z20-15-Nashcar Enterprises LLC-Special Exception-Map 40, Lot 9.** Jon Rokeh is standing for the owners. The application is a request for a special exception for an automotive repair garage on Currier Road. Jon Rokeh of Rokeh Consulting is standing for the applicants. The application is to construct a 2,100 square foot Quonset hut style commercial garage with 5 gravel spaces for parking on Currier Road. The lot is 19-acres with a paved apron. The garage is to be used for maintaining equipment for the owner's tree service company and in the future other people's equipment. There were no abutter's in the audience. There were no additional questions from the board members as they indicated that all their questions were answered during the site walk that was conducted on September 30, 2020. Todd Phelps made a motion to accept the application as written. Charlie Aznive seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Application #Z20-16-Perry & Anita Wise-Special Exception-Map 69, Lot 224.** Mrs. Janet Verville-Clough came before board to represent Perry & Anita Wise as they were called out of town for a family emergency. Janet handed the chairman a letter from Perry & Anita Wise authorizing her to speak on their behalf. A request for a special exception for a reduced side setback from 40-feet to 10-feet under article S204.5 In August 2019, as permitted by the Town of Loudon a 16 X 26 shed was constructed with a foundation on a property within the Freedom Hill Cooperative. In July, 2020 the Town of Loudon Selectmen sent a letter indicating that they had a citizen complaint that the shed extended onto the property of another landowner. That property owner was not willing to do a lot line adjustment and has requested the shed be removed from their land. The Wise's are moving the shed forward 15-feet, this would move the shed 12-feet from the other landowner's property. The shed was built on an angle, with one corner 12-feet and another corner 15-feet from the property line. The board discussed the situation regarding the best way to resolve the issue as the location of the shed is within a manufactured housing development and had reached out to legal council on whether the Zoning Board can rule on this type of situation as manufactured housing developments are their own entities. Legal council noted in part "Section 400.2 (B) 4(b) states 'Yards: Manufactured homes shall be placed at least ten feet from each space boundary. No manufactured home, vehicle or building shall be located within one hundred feet of any residential lot. The proposed shed would meet the broad definition of building, see Zoning Ordinance on page 111. If the Ive's lot is not a residential lot, then the special exception should be sought for the 30-foot side setback.'" Todd asked Janet as she is the President of Freedom Hill Cooperative, what is the process when someone wants to build a shed within the Cooperative?

Janet replied, the resident requests a building permit from the Cooperative, once it is approved by the Cooperative the resident is

required to get a building permit from the Town. Janet also noted that since this has happened the Cooperative has updated their guidelines regarding the building of any new sheds, that the Cooperative will make sure it is within property boundaries of the Cooperative. Todd Phelps noticed on the application that the article and section noted should be as article II section 204.5. And a rear setback is noted and should be side setback, also the lot # is 224 not 24. Todd amended the application for the applicant's representative.

Chairman Lizotte asked Todd Phelps if he would agree to step down from the board for this application to be the Wise's/Janet Verville-Clough's proxy. Todd agreed. Chairman Lizotte read the application questions and Todd replied by reading the answers from the application that was amended.

Todd returned to the board. He made a motion to accept the application as amended. Peter Pitman seconded the motion. Todd noted that the notice of decision should be worded as such "Application for a reduced side setback is approved for 10-feet instead of 30-feet as shown on the April 2020 Loudon Tax Map 69, Parcel 224 located at 173 Redwood Road." A vote was taken. All in favor.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Application #Z20-17-Harvey & Penelope Kingsbury-Special Exception-Reduced side setback from 30 to 25. Map 33, Lot 10.** Mr. Kingsbury came before the board to explain they were unaware of the side setback requirements and were notified by their mortgage company that the back edge of their house is within the 30-foot setback. The board members reviewed a mortgage plot plan submitted by the applicant showing the house that is currently under construction and the back right-hand corner of the house is within the 30-foot side setback. The applicant does not have a lot survey plan of his own. Chairman Lizotte asked the applicant how close to the property line is the house? Mrs. Kingsbury replied about 5-feet into the setback. The survey was done as part of the title search. Alvin asked the applicant do you know where any of the boundary markers or pins are? Mr. Kingsbury said no, and the mortgage company could not tell them. Todd noted that if the applicant amended the application to request a 20-foot setback that would allow for wiggle room until that have an exact property line. The applicant was agreeable to amend the application. Chairman Lizotte closed board discussion and opened to questions from the public. Abutter Mary Couzzen's asked does this reduced side setback apply to the entire right side of the property line? Todd Phelps replied no, this is just for the property line near the house. Any new buildings will still need to come before the board for consideration. No additional questions were asked.

Chairman Lizotte closed the meeting to the public and took this application to board discussion only. There was no additional board discussion. Peter Pitman made a motion to accept the amended application for a reduced side setback to 20-feet. Charlie Aznive seconded the motion.

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will have clapboard siding. Building one will have overhead utilities and building two will have underground utilities. Stanley Prescott asked Mr. Rokeh to add the utilities to the final plan.

Katie Phelps made a motion to approve the application with the condition mentioned by Stanley Prescott. Jeremy Minery seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Danielle Bosco-Yes, Jeremy Minery-Yes, John Storrs-Yes, Katie Phelps-Yes, Stanley Prescott-Yes, Alice Tuson-Yes, Rodney Phillips-Yes.

**Application #20-17 McGillis Enterprises LLC-Site Plan Review-Map 40, Lot 9.** Jon Rokeh of Rokeh Consulting is standing for the owners. To construct a 2,100 square foot Quonset hut style commercial garage with 5 gravel spaces for parking on Currier Road. The lot is 19-acres with a paved apron. The garage is to be used for maintaining equipment for the owner's tree service company.

The board reviewed the updated plan with the changes that were discussed at last month's meeting. The facade of the building will have vinyl siding with several windows, an overhead door, and an office door, with a painted black roof. The street facing side of the building will be clapboard. The outside lighting will be dark sky compliant lights on motion sensors. The business sign with be on posts with down cast lighting and a stone or brick base. Chairman Rodney Phillips noted the parking area on the plan should show that is it reclaimed asphalt millings.

Alice Tuson made a motion to approve the application with the condition mentioned by Rodney. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Minery. Roll call vote, Danielle Bosco-Yes, Jeremy Minery-Yes, John Storrs-Yes, Katie Phelps-Yes, Stanley Prescott-Yes, Alice Tuson-Yes, Rodney Phillips-Yes.

### New Business:

**Application 20-19-Haron Corporation-Amended Site Plan for a Lot Line Adjustment- Map 59, Lot 1 & 3.** Joseph Wichert a licensed land surveyor is standing for the owners A. Towne Realty and Haron Corporation. Abutter Clair Brewer was in the audience. The request is for a 90-day extension of the planning board approval that was subject to the approval of the variance application with the Zoning Board. A rehearing request is in front of the Zoning Board next week and there is also a letter of map amendment submitted to FEMA with an expected return within 2 weeks.

Alice Tuson made a motion to table Application #20-19 to next month's meeting on

November 19, 2020. Stanley Prescott seconded the motion. Roll call vote Danielle Bosco-Yes, Jeremy Minery-Yes, John Storrs-Yes, Katie Phelps-Yes, Stanley Prescott-Yes, Alice Tuson-Yes, Rodney Phillips-Yes.

And for 20-19 a motion was made and approved to extend the approval (90 days?) the original approval

### Board Discussion:

Chairman Phillips gave the board members a handout with the proposed language to be reviewed by the board regarding the formation of the TRC-Technical Review Committee. The board reviewed the document and Danielle Bosco made a motion to take the proposed language to a public hearing on November 19, 2020 at 6 pm. Katie Phelps seconded the motion. Roll call vote Danielle Bosco-Yes, Jeremy Minery-Yes, John Storrs-Yes, Katie Phelps-Yes, Stanley Prescott-Yes, Alice Tuson-Yes, Rodney Phillips-Yes.

### Report of ZBA:

**Application #Z20-13-Signature Homes-Special Exception-Reduced side setback for a driveway. Map 31, Lot 21.**

**Application #Z20-14-Nashcar Enterprises-Special Exception for an automotive repair garage for their own vehicles-Map 40, Lot 9.**

**Application #Z20-16-Perry & Anita Wise-Special Exception-Reduced side setback from 30 feet to 12 feet.**

**Application #Z20-17-Harvey & Penelope Kingsbury-Special Exception-Reduced side setback-Map 33, Lot 10**

**Application #Z20-18-Gretchen & Greg Tetreault-Special Exception-Reduced side setback for remaining wall and inground swimming pool. Map 11, Lot 84**

### Report of the Board of Permit:

Loudon Fire Fighters Association raffle.  
Trick or Treat at the Loudon Recreational field  
The Scouts camping/activities at the Town Hall  
Car Rally fund raiser

### Adjournment:

John Storrs made a motion to adjourn. Danielle Bosco seconded the motion. Chairman Phillips took a roll call vote. Dustin Bowles-Yes, Jeff Miller-Yes, Jeremy Minery-Yes, Alice Tuson-Yes, Rodney Phillips-Yes.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Karen Hayes, Administrative Assistant

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A roll call vote was taken. Peter Pitman-Yes, Charlie Aznive-Yes, Todd Phelps-Yes, Alvin See-Yes, Chairman Ned Lizotte-Yes. Approved.

**Application #Z20-18-Gretchen & Greg Tetreault-Special Exception-For a reduced side setback. Map 11, Lot 84.** Gretchen Tetreault came before the board to request a special exception for a reduced side setback to build a retaining wall and an in-ground pool with concrete decking. Todd Phelps said if the applicant could amend the application to say request is to allow for a reduced side setback from 30-feet to 10-feet, which is all that would be needed. The applicant was agreeable to amend the application. The plan is to build a 6-foot high stone retaining wall at the side property line. The plan is to put in an inground 16 X 40 fiberglass pool with concrete decking. And a 20 X 20 covered porch. The plan is to cut into the hill behind the house which is on the side setback and create a 100-foot long 3-feet wide retaining wall that goes from Welling Lane towards the back of the property. The board reviewed pictures of the property and areas in question provided by the applicant. There were no abutters in the audience. No additional questions from the board as the applicant was before the board last month for a discussion where a lot of the details were reviewed.

Peter made a motion to accept the amended application. Todd seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Alvin See-Yes, Charlie Aznive-Yes, Chairman, Ned Lizotte-Yes, Peter Pitman-Yes, Todd Phelps-Yes. Approved.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**Application #Z20-19-Haron Corporation Re-Hearing request-Map 59, Lot 3.** The board received a letter from Strang, Scott, Giroux & Young representing Haron Corporation & A.W. Towne Realty Trust requesting a rehearing of Application #Z20-12 on the grounds of:

The ZBA improperly applied the variance analysis in determining that the Application failed to meet criteria 1,2,3 and 5, and in particular that ZBA failed to consider the special conditions of the property that differentiate it from other properties in area, including but not limited to the presence of the river and wetlands as it affects the contiguous area requirement; the presence of sufficient but sloped area necessary to satisfy the contiguous area requirement; that there is no practical access to the rear acreage across the river, that the subject property is limited by Special Flood Hazard Area Zone A, with undefined base flood elevations, that the lot is 75 to 80 percent in the flood plain; and the impact of bringing the lot into conformity with the alleged contiguous acreage requirement on the neighboring property by regrading a sloped

area immediately adjacent to the neighboring property.

The ZBA relied upon improper considerations unrelated the statutory criteria to consider the merit of the Application, including but not limited to the ZBA's assertion of a perceived precedential value of a grant of the Application as it pertains to other potential applications and applicants; its reliance upon an undefined but allegedly precedent-based contiguous area requirement not contained in the Zoning Ordinance.

"Todd noted that he did notice that at the top of the page it says the table of dimensions is intended to be only a guide to be used (or quick reference. It is not a regulation per se, and it is not a substitute for the requirement of Article II of the Zoning Ordinance.

Todd also noted ordinance 204.4 does not mention the 1.5 contiguous buildable area, also that Haron might be sell the lot in question, rather than retain it;2 that Haron categorically could not subdivide a lot resulting in an allegedly non-conforming lot and then seek a variance from buildable area requirements under the Zoning Ordinance.'

The ZBA improperly asserted jurisdiction over the lot line adjustment request to the Planning Board and misinterpreted and misapplied its own regulations and those of the Planning Board as it pertains to the Application and the ZBA's jurisdiction to hear the Application.

That the ZBA improperly asserted jurisdiction and applied variance criteria against the Application, which did not present a request for relief from the Zoning Ordinance as a non-conforming lot because the lot conforms to the Zoning Ordinance as presented.

That the ZBA improperly reasoned that the lot line adjustment "created new lots" and increased density, when the Application sought an adjustment as to the lot line of two preexisting lots.

That the ZBA improperly found that Application would be contrary to the public interest, would not observe the spirit of the ordinance and would not promote substantial justice.

The board reviewed the letter and were unanimously in agreement to deny the request for a rehearing of Application #Z20-12 due to the fact that there was no new information presented to consider for the rehearing of the application.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Peter Pitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charlie Aznive seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by, Karen Hayes,  
Administrative Assistant

## December 2020 in Loudon

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| <b>1st Monday of the month</b><br>6pm•Conservation Commission @ Com. Bldg.   | 5pm•Economic Development Com. @ Town Office<br>7pm•LYAA @ Library  |
| <b>1st Tuesday of the month</b><br>7pm•Lions Club @ Library  | <b>4th Wednesday of the month</b><br>6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library   |
| <b>1st Wednesday of the month</b><br>1-3pm•Loudon Historical Society Open<br>5pm•Library Trustees @ Library. CALL FIRST. DAY MAY CHANGE.<br>6:30pm•Historical Society @ Museum Museum Open   | <b>4th Thursday of the month</b><br>7pm•Zoning Board @ Town Office   |
| <b>1st Thursday of the month</b><br>6:30•PTA @ LES   | <b>Every Tuesday</b><br>10am•Writers Group @ Library<br>10:30am•Music & Movement @ Library Story Time @ Library<br>5-7pm•It Takes 2 Game Time @ Library beginning Mar. 18<br>6pm•Selectmen @ Town Office<br>6:30pm•Prayer Mtg. @ Congregational Church   |
| <b>2nd Monday of the month</b><br>7:15pm•MVSD School Board   | <b>Every Wednesday</b><br>10:30am•Chair Yoga @ Library through March 25<br>2:00•Stitch 'n Chat @ Library<br>6:30pm•Cub Scouts @ LES  |
| <b>2nd Tuesday of the month</b><br>10:00am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg.   | <b>Every Friday</b><br>10:30am•Chair Yoga @ Library through March 20<br>2-4pm•Art In The Afternoon @ Library<br>2:30pm•Story Time @ Library  |
| <b>2nd Thursday of the month</b><br>6:30pm•Lion Pack @ Library   | <b>EVENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES</b>  |
| <b>2nd Saturday of the month</b><br>4:30-6:00pm•Family Bible Church Community Dinner   | <b>Dec. 3•4pm•Library Trustees Mtg.</b><br>6:30pm•Virtual PTA Meeting  |
| <b>3rd Monday of the month</b><br>6pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg.  | <b>Dec. 7•PEARL HARBOR DAY</b>   |
| <b>3rd Tuesday of the month</b><br>6:30pm•Recycling Com. @ Town Office. (Subject to change, 603-396-4950.)<br>7pm•Lions Club @ Library   | <b>Dec. 10•HANUKKAH BEGINS</b>   |
| <b>3rd Wednesday of the month</b><br>1-3pm•Loudon Historical Society Open<br>4:30pm•Alternative Energy Committee Meeting @ Com. Bldg.<br>6pm•Sit 'n Stitch @ Library<br>6:30pm•Gardeners Club @ Com. Bldg. (Subject to change, 603-396-4950.)<br>6:30-7:30pm•Scouts @ LES<br>7pm•Legion & Auxilliary @ Post 88 | <b>Dec. 14•7:15pm•MVSD School Board Mtg. @ MVHS</b>  |
| <b>3rd Thursday of the month</b><br>7pm•Planning Board @ Town Office   | <b>Dec. 18•JANUARY LEDGER DEADLINE</b>   |
| <b>3rd Sunday of the month</b><br>9:30am•Loudon Congregational Church Healing Prayer Time  | <b>Dec. 21•FIRST DAY OF WINTER</b><br>6pm•COUNCIL MTG. @ Com. Bldg.  |
| <b>4th Monday of the month</b><br>4pm•Trails Subcommittee @ Com. Bldg.   | <b>Dec. 22•Fully Remote School Day</b><br><b>Dec. 23-31•LES HOLIDAY RECESS</b><br><b>Dec. 24•Library Open 10-2</b><br><b>Dec. 25•CHRISTMAS DAY</b><br><b>Dec. 29•Library Reopens @ 10am</b><br><b>Dec. 31•Library Open 10-2</b><br>Reopens Jan. 5 @ 10am |

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