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On Saturday, January 16, the American Legion hosted the packing party for my Eagle Scout Project. About 15 people from Loudon -from the Legion, Troop 247 (Scouts, Leaders, and family members), and my family -- participated at different times. It was a big success; we packed 20 packages. With the help of all kinds of donations from many people,



the contents contained supplies for about 80 troops. About 2/3 of the boxes will go to two locations in Afghanistan, and the other 1/3 will go to Somalia. I am very happy that we were able to do this, and I am proud and grateful that the Loudon community helped out. This is a great community of people.

Sincerely, Charlie Truesdale



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 S. Village Rd., Ste.1 * 798-4541 * selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6PM at the Town Offices Mon-Thurs: 8AM–4PM * Tues. evenings: 5–9PM Stanley Prescott II (*term expires 2021*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org Roger Maxfield (*term expires 2022*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org Jeffery Miller (*term expires 2023*) selectmensoffice@loudonnh.org

Town Clerk 55 S. Village Rd., Ste.2 * 798-4542 * townclerk@loudonnh.org Mon: 8AM–2PM * Tues: 3PM-8:45PM * Wed.-Thur.: 9AM-4PM

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55 S. Village Rd., Ste.4 *798-4540 * planning-zoning@loudonnh.org The Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM at the town offices Mon.-Thurs.: 9AM-1PM

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Police Department – Emergencies: 911

55 S. Village Rd. Ste.6 * 798-5521 (administrative only) 24-hour Dispatch: 228-1631 Mon.-Thur.:8AM-4PM

Building/Code Enforcement 55 S. Village Rd., Ste.5 * 798-5584 * 8 Cooper St. Fire Dept. codeoffice@loudonnh.org * Mon.-Fri.: 8AM-4PM

Fire Department – Emergencies: 911 55 S. Village Rd. Ste.5 * 798-5612 * <u>chief@loudonfire.com</u> To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the Fire station at the Safety Complex on Cooper St. Permits are available between the hours of 6AM-6PM, 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 <u>www.loudonnh.org</u> Departments ~ Fire Permit Information

Loudon Elementary School 7039 School St * 783-4400 The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15PM Call the Superintendent's Office for meeting location

Transfer Station 55 S. Village Rd. Ste.7 * 783-0170 * <u>roadagent@loudonnh.org</u> YEAR-ROUND HOURS Tues: 9AM-5PM ~ Thurs: 10AM-6PM, ~ Sat: 8AM-5PM Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$5.00. See the attendant

Highway Department 55 S. Village Rd. Ste.7 * 783-4568 * <u>roadagent@loudonnh.org</u> Mon.-Fri.: 7AM-3:30PM

Maxfield Public Library Library Director: Dena Norman * 798-5153 * <u>maxlib@comcast.net</u> Sun./Mon.: Closed * Tues.: 10AM-7PM * Wed.: 10AM-5PM Thurs.: 10AM-7PM * Fri.: 10AM-5PM * Sat.: 10AM-2PM The Library Trustees meet at 5PM on the first Monday of the month

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State Sen. John Reagan (603) 463-5945 john.reagan111@gmail.com

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Representative to the General Court (District 26) State Rep. Howard Pearl (603) 231-1482 hpearlpsf@aol.com

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 educate 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. 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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September 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 8/13	Council Meeting	Mon 8/16
October 2021 Ad & Copy Deadline	Fri 9/17	Council Meeting	Mon 9/20
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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: 2nd 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.ccccusa.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.LNBnazarene.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

RICHARD BROWN HOUSE February 2021

The emphasis for January and February is on health and wellness at Richard Brown House. Residents and staff received the Covid-19 vaccine in late January with the second dose scheduled for mid-February. We are lucky to be able to have an on-site vaccine clinic scheduled through Volunteers of America and their pharmacy partner, Walgreens. We have been focusing on educational materials to learn as much as we can to make informed decisions about getting the vaccine.

In January, the residents enjoyed a submarine sandwich lunch delivered to their units, received craft kits to make creative snowflake crafts for their doors, and signed thank you cards for Cole Gardens who donated beautiful poinsettia plants for all in time for Christmas. We also celebrated the winners of the "Find the Elf" activity that took place in December. With the Christmas decorations taken down and put away, Gary Morrissette, our Maintenance Specialist, will be busy painting to freshen up the interior of our complex and thanks to an anonymous donation of an Amazon Echo, we can now play music in the common areas. For February, with Valentine's Day approaching, the heart is the focus at the Richard Brown House. Activities include heart healthy tips, a heart-friendly recipe, and some fun activities such as guessing how many conversation hearts are in a jar and participating in a trivia challenge of love songs from the past. Some residents and community members have been connected through our Pen Pal Club and have started corresponding to alleviate the social isolation experienced by our seniors this winter. Residents also started participating in Tech Tuesdays, which offers oneon-one computer training to learn new technology skills such as email, finding information on the internet, online shopping, avoiding computer fraud & scams, and online banking. How Can the Community Help? ...

If you are looking for a way to make a difference for our seniors at Richard Brown House, we would love some donations of Gift Cards from local businesses to be used as prizes so we can offer more contests and games to keep the residents engaged. The amounts of the gift cards do not have to be large, even a small prize will brighten the days of the folks living here. Donations of Gift Cards can be sent to: Torey Kortz, RSC Richard Brown House 142 South Village Rd. Box 2 Loudon, NH 03307.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime with guestions, ideas, or support for our residents. Torey.kortz@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 202. Our Property Manager, Lucie Bilodeau, can be reached at lucie.bilodeau@voanne.org 603-798-3190 ext. 203.



February 2021



Contact Information

Address: Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. Phone: (603) 724-9731 Donation, Office and Volunteer times: Tue. 10 - 6, Wed. 10 - 1, Thu. 10 - 4Service hours: By appointment only. Tue. 10 - 6, Wed. 10 - 1, Thur. 10 - 4Website: www.loudonfoodpantry.org

Facebook: LoudonFP

December 2020 Meal Numbers

In December 2020 we gave out enough food to create 9,105 meals to 350 individuals. 127 of those were age 60 and older, 114 were age 18 or under and 119 were in between those ages.

2020 and Beyond

In 2019, we provided enough food to 1,755 households to create 67,614 meals. In 2020, we provided enough food to 1,983 households to create 85,403 meals.

During this crisis, USDA provided monthly allotments of USDA food (about 3,000 lbs.) and Capital Region Food Program provided us with twenty cases of food per month and handled the Holiday Boxes. Because of financial donations, we were able to purchase food at the New Hampshire Food Bank (they charge a small



maintenance fee and do not charge for produce) and purchase from stores that offer food pantry discounts. Food donations that we receive provide the variety which we are not able to purchase. Thank you to everyone and to every agency for your continued support!

In 2021, until it is safe again, we will continue to mask and glove up and service households by running lists out to their vehicles, pick and pack their choices then bring out their food. Currently, because of the upswing in cases, we are also feeding households double their allotments. This provides a safety net in case the pantry has to shut down from a COVID outbreak.

Food Pantries and Food Stamps (SNAP)

It is important that people understand that food pantries do not use the same guidelines as Food Stamps when determining who qualifies to receive services.

Because Food Stamps is a government agency their guidelines are stricter. Whereas food pantries are usually locally operated and have a little more leeway in their guidelines.

If you are do not qualify for Food Stamps, check with your local food pantry to see if you would be eligible to receive food from them. Go to www.loudonfoodpantry.org, click on the Need Help? tab to see what our pantry's guidelines are.

Do you live in Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester, or Loudon NH and need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment!

Loudon Economic Development Committee Cell Phone and Broadband Internet Service Survey

The Loudon Economic Development Committee has developed a survey in an effort to better identify areas in Town that have less than adequate cell phone or broadband internet service.

To fill out the survey please go to https://www.loudonnh.org/ economic-development-committee.



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A Glimpse into the Historical Society By Liz LeBrun

Perhaps February makes you think about Valentine's Day and you wonder what you will do to express love for those you care about. Looking around the Historical Society Museum doesn't immediately evoke thoughts of love until you use a little imagination. Our small collection of inkwells could have been used to hastily dip a pen and write a love note. Using even more imagination, we could think that perhaps a young man sitting at his school desk "flirted" with a



young girl by dipping her pigtails into an inkwell.

An inkwell is a container that held ink for a brush, a quill or a dip pen before pens came with their individual ink supplies built in. Inkwells were first used by the Ancient Egyptians who carved holes in the center of small stone pieces. Inkwells then evolved into being made from animal horns. It was during the Middle Ages that inkwells became decorative as well as functional as gold and silver began to be used in their creation. Today a collector may find inkwells made of glass, gold, silver, porcelain, brass, pewter, shell and even wood. Inkwells are found in all kinds or shapes and sizes and range widely in value. With the invention of the typewriter in 1870 and the patent of the fountain pen in 1884, inkwells fell out of use in the early part of the 20th century.

The Historical Society has four glass inkwells. One of the inkwells is a beautiful blue glass. The other three are clear glass. Three are missing the typical covers that protected the ink from contamination or allowed it to be transported without spilling. The fourth has a cover that indicates it was filled with Rawleigh Ideal Writing Fluid. William Thomas Rawleigh began selling ink to schoolmates and local shops in 1879. The story is that as a boy he made, bottled, and labelled the ink in the family's farm kitchen. Today the company is still in business selling health-related products.

Old school desks had round holes for inkwells and those inkwells were kept filled by a student designated as ink monitor. Ink monitor was a coveted job and perhaps a good way for a young man to impress that young lady he had his eye on to be his valentine. You may contact the Historical Society anytime at (603) 798-4541 or e-mail us at Loudonhistory@gmail.com. The next Historical Society meeting will be February 3 at 6:30 pm at the museum. All are invited to attend.





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Maxfield Public Library

Trustee's meeting Dec 3, 2020

In attendance: Trustees, Naquisha Bourget, LeeAnn Childress, Diane Miller

Library Director: Dena Norman

At 4:01 pm Diane called the meeting to order.

• Nov. Meeting Minutes - Diane moved to accept the Nov 5th, 2020 meeting minutes as corrected. LeeAnn 2nd – all approved

Library Director Report – Dena reported on:

o Christmas gifts cards for the staff. Nikki will follow up on this.o Curbside service due to the new pandemic shutdown is

going well.
o Library collection maintenance will start by weeding nonfiction and additional materials in the children's library. Staff will work on upkeep and neatness of the shelves.

One of the purposes of weeding out the books is to create an inventory for a possible book sale in the spring if the conditions are safe.

o Review of upcoming holiday hours

 \Box Christmas – the library will close at 2:00pm on the 24th and will be closed on the 25th and 26th.

 $\hfill\square$ New Years – the library will close at 2:00 pm on the 31st and will be closed on Jan 1st and 2nd 2021

o Fundraiser

Dena has been in contact with Schwaab Inc. regarding

creating promotional materials using the newly designed MPL logo. o Policy review schedule – we all reviewed the list of policies and determined which months in 2021 we will review and update (if needed).

Discussion on a possible Pet Policy will be tabled until March.

Dena will work on a Donation Policy.

Dena will work on a Patron Conduct Policy to be distributed when accounts are created for new patrons.

• Financial Report – we reviewed the budget expenses for Nov. Nikki will keep track of monthly reports to help better track our budget expenses. We're waiting to receive more information on some accounts. Diane moved to accept the financial report. LeeAnn 2nd – all approved.

• Library credit card –Nikki will follow up with Citizens Bank regarding a credit card or a debit card for the library.

• Voice Recorder – LeeAnn shared some information on some voice recorders for our meeting minutes. She'll expand her research to find one that records at least 2 hours.

Next meeting will be January 7, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

Submitted – LeeAnn Childress

MAXFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

IN-PERSON LIBRARY SERVICES HAVE RESUMED! Beginning Tuesday, January 26, a maximum of 5 patrons may be on the main library floor at one time to browse our materials. However, the children's library may only be accessed by appointment. Families may reserve 30 minutes to browse the children's library. The children's library is closed on Wednesdays. Face coverings MUST BE WORN in all areas of the library by patrons age 5 and older. The Library will provide face coverings for patrons who do not have one. Hand sanitizer will be provided in all areas within of the Library. Staff will also ensure that social distancing measures are being followed.

Our hours have also expanded to include Tuesday evenings and every Saturday:

Tuesday: 10-7 Wednesday: 10-5 (children's library is closed) Thursday: 10-7 Friday: 10-5 Saturday: 10-2 Curbside pick up is still available!

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these unprecedented times. Please continue to follow us on Facebook, visit our website at www.maxfieldlibrary.com, or check the Town of Loudon website at www.loudonnh.org for updated Library announcements.

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

With the holiday season over we have some craft kits and activities that will allow you to be cozy, restful, and creative!

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT KITS! Our January Early Literacy packets were a hit and we're making more for February! Please email us at maxfieldlibya@gmail.com and send us your completed crafts so we can share them on our Facebook page! In January, we celebrated National Squirrel Appreciation Day by providing patrons with the tools to make their very own squirrel hats! I would tell a joke about what Squirrels eat...but I am afraid it would be an acorn-y joke! :)

THEMED BOOK BUNDLES: Want to read some new books but do not know where to start? Let us help you! Email at maxfieldlibya@ gmail.com and we can put a customized bundle of books together for you based on your interests! Winter! Mysteries! Fantasy! World War II! These are just some examples of possible bundles you could request. The possibilities are endless! Request your book bundle today!

TEEN TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS: Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information about teen take and make craft kits! Create at home, on your own, or join us virtually! Chat about books, crafting, and more!

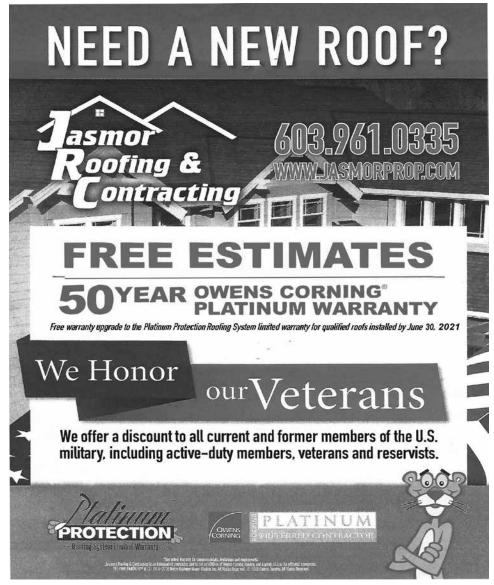
VIRTUAL STORY TIME! In addition to craft packs, we have also created a series of Virtual Story Time videos that will continue to be posted every Thursday at 10:30 am. The videos are read-aloud stories, sing and dance-along rhymes, and more! Take a dance break! Take some time to be silly!

Loudon Fire Department News

Loudon Fire Department Article February Loudon Ledger

The Loudon Fire Department has started the year with a lot of training by many members of the department. Currently we have Firefighter Hayden Gardner, Firefighter Sara Frenette, and Firefighter / Student Peter Sargent enrolled at the NH Fire Academy in the Firefighter Level 1 program. Firefighter Lucas Hardy, Firefighter Maddison Hebert, and Firefighter Ryan Collard are enrolled at the NH Fire Academy in the Firefighter Level II program. Assistant Chief / Paramedic Craig Clough and Captain Tim Baldassare have both just completed their intensive Paramedic refresher program at Concord Hospital. Many of our EMS providers are currently completing their National Continued Competency Program administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. This program must be completed and audited in order to maintain a NH EMS Providers license on a bi-annual basis. The department wishes to thank Concord Hospital for all of their support in assisting with the educational opportunities which assist us in keeping costs down so we can meet these required educational competencies. Chief Blanchette and Deputy Chief Lake continue to participate in the monthly training provided by the Division of Health and Human Services for Health Officers as well as the code enforcement training which is presented monthly by the NH Building Officials Association.

In January, the Loudon Firefighters Association purchased,



through donations and their fundraising efforts, a \$5,000.00 set of tracks which were installed on the John Deere Gator which they purchased last year. This vehicle is now very well equipped to assist in off road emergencies during all four seasons here in Loudon and the surrounding communities if they request mutual aid. We wish to thank the members of the association for all of their hard work and the great support of the community in order to obtain this valuable equipment. In total the association has raised over \$28,000.00 for that project and the final phase of fundraising is now under way to obtain an enclosed utility trailer to transport the equipment. In January members of the department participated in a training session to learn how to best navigate terrain and utilize the associated rescue equipment.

We have been working closely with many businesses and organizations in town to make sure that they are conducting their annual inspections on their fire alarm and sprinkler systems as well as scheduling their Place of Assembly inspections in order to ensure fire detection, notification, and suppression systems are working properly and will not cause unnecessary false alarms. Systems are required to be inspected annually and inspection reports submitted to the fire department. Many insurance companies and financial institutions require this information annually also. This winter the National Fire Protection Association has a campaign called "Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires" It is important to realize that 1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involve heating equipment. Therefore, it is important to have chimneys inspected, and maintained regularly. Plug only one heat producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source. Please use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. Finally, when cleaning your wood stove, fireplace, or pellet stove ash out remove hot ash and coals from the house in a metal container with a cover and always either completely extinguish that material or leave it in

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www.loudonnh.org

Loudon Elementary School/MVHS School District https://sites.google.com/a/mvsdpride.org/district/home

Maxfield Public Library: www.maxfieldlibray.com

Loudon Food Pantry: www.loudonfoodpantry.org

the closed container at least 25 feet from any structure. We also want to remind everyone that you can burn brush during the winter months without a permit if the ground is covered in snow (meaning you cannot see vegetation through the snow) for 100 feet around your brush pile. If these conditions do not exist, you are required to obtain a fire permit. Please make sure you are not burning non permissible items such as building debris, and wood greater than 5 inches in diameter. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at 603-798-5612.

900 Loudon Police News

LOUDON POLICE NEWS

Happy New Year! We are encouraged that there is renewed hope that normalcy might return this year. Until then, we ask that you follow the Governor's orders which are listed on the town website.

BLOOD DRIVE:

We have just scheduled our 3rd Annual Loudon Fire & Police Battle of the Badges Blood Drive for Thursday, April 29, 2021. Stay tuned for more details!

WINTER WEATHER:

As winter weather is here, we remind you of a few things:

*Give yourself extra time in getting to your destination.

*You MUST remove snow/ice from your vehicle (Jessica's Law NH RSA 265-79-b).

*Please put your cell phone away while driving – even hands free we encourage you to let that call wait so you can concentrate on safe driving. Absolutely NO texting while driving!

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Over the last several months you may have seen some new faces at Loudon Police. Please welcome Sergeant Dana Flanders, Officer Tyler Phair and Officer Justin Swift. We are actively in the process of hiring another officer to fill our last vacant position to bring us full staff.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

'If you see something, say something'

Please don't hesitate to call us with any activity you see out of the ordinary. Whether it be a suspicious vehicle, person or activity, our officers are on duty 24/7. On more than one occasion, we've received a call regarding something suspicious in nature which the caller was hesitant in reporting, only to find out it was a piece of an investigation that helped us. Our dispatch is available 24/7 at 228-1631. If you have information to share and wish to remain anonymous, you can also call the Concord Crimeline at 226-3100.

'If you see something, say something'

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TOWN OF LOUDON OFFICE HOURS

Code Enforcement/Building Dept. 603-798-5584 Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Located at the Fire Dept.)

Fire Department

Non-Emergency 603-798-5612 Monday – Friday 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Call for a fire permit at the number above.

Maxfield Public Library 603-798-5153

Closed Sunday & Monday 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

Planning/Zoning Board 603-798-4540 Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Closed Friday Police Dept. Admin. Office Non-Emergency 603-798-5521 Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Selectmen's Office 603-798-4541 Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesday Evening 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Closed Friday

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Town Clerk's Office 603-798-4542 Monday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Tuesday 3:00 PM – **8:45 PM** Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM E-REG: <u>www.loudonnh.org</u> Closed Friday Transfer Station 603-783-0170 Closed Monday Tuesday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Closed Wednesday Thursday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Closed Friday Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM You must purchase Resident Stickers at the Transfer Station. The cost is \$5.00. See the attendant.

Additional information:

Loudon Communications Council Web Site www.loudonnh.org

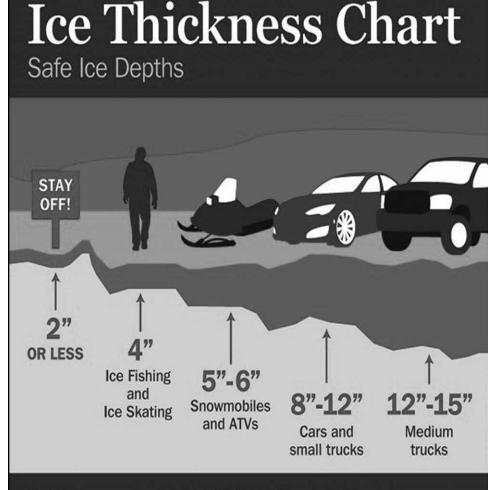
Highway Department 603-783-4568

J. O. Cate Memorial Van 603-783-9502 Call to schedule an appointment LPD continued from Page 9 INFORMATION SHARING:

Remember if we have information to share with the general public, we will post it on the website at www.loudonnh.org (click on Police Department). You can also go on the website and get notified when news is posted (click on subscribe to e-alerts on the main page).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!





Note: These are rough guidelines for clear ice only.

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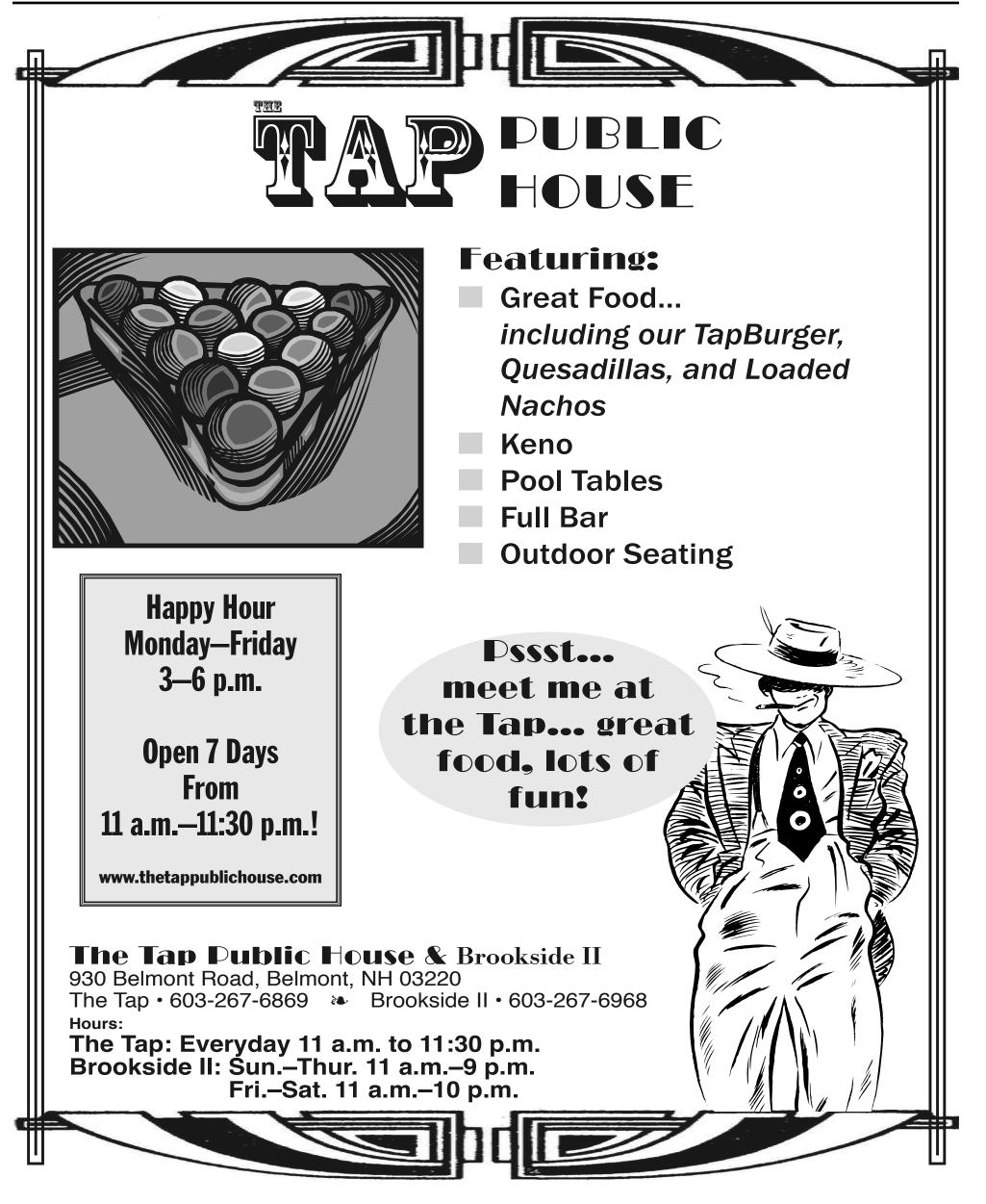


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Food, Food and More Food!

by Letty Barton



February What's Cooking

Sometimes it is fun- or the occasion calls for it- to create a special breakfast. Perhaps it is someone's birthday, or you have something to celebrate. Add a fruit bowl and a bread to any of the following and you have a meal "fit for a king."

Shirred Harvarti Eggs

Thanks to the Jefferson Inn in Jefferson, NH for this recipe. You will probably want two per person you are serving.

1 egg

1 tbsp. Half and Half

 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp butter

1 tbsp. grated Havarti cheese

foil cupcake holders (1 for each egg)

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place foil cupcake holders in muffin pan. Melt butter if foil. Add half and half. Break egg into cup. Top with cheese and sprinkle on a little dill. Bake for about 12 minutes. Remove when they still jiggle in the cup.

Sausage and Egg Casserole

12 oz. bulk sausage

1 tsp. salt

6 eggs

6 slices white bread, cubed

2 cups milk

4 oz. shredded Cheddar cheese

1 tsp. dry mustard

Brown and drain sausage. In a large bowl beat eggs, add milk, mustard, and salt. Add sausage and bread. Stir well, cover, and refrigerate overnight. Bake in a greased 9x 13 pan at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Baked French Toast

4 eggs 1 tsp vanilla 2 tsp. sugar 2/3 cup milk 8 slices challah bread 1/3 cups berries (your choice) 1/3 cup low fat vanilla yogurt 1 tbsp. honey or maple syrup

Coat a 9x5 loaf pan with cooking spray. Whisk together eggs, milk, and vanilla in a shallow bowl. Dip bread in egg mixture one slice at a time. Arrange them in the pan standing up. Sprinkle 1 cup berries in between slices and then sprinkle with the sugar. Bake until golden brown and set in the center - 25-30 minutes. Top with remaining berries and yogurt; drizzle with honey or maple syrup.

Bacon and Tomato Cups

8 slices bacon 3 oz. shredded Swiss cheese 1 tomato, seeded and chopped $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise

 $\frac{1}{2}$ onion, chopped fine

1 tsp. dried basil

1 16 oz. can refrigerated buttermilk biscuits - regular size Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a mini muffin pan. Cook bacon until crisp. Drain and crumble into a medium bowl.

Mix with tomato, onion, cheese mayonnaise and basil. Separate biscuits into halves horizontally. Press each into prepared muffin pan. Fill with bacon mixture and bake for 10 - 12 minutes or until golden. Repeat with remaining biscuits.

Overnight Cinnamon Apple Baked French Toast

1 lb. loaf Sourdough or French bread ¹∕₂ cup sugar 3 cups chopped apples 1/4 cup It. brown sugar 8 large eggs 2 tsp. vanilla 2 cups milk ¹/₂ tsp cinnamon $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream Streusel Topping 3/4 cup flour 1 1tsp. cinnamon $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp apple pie spice ³/₄ cup brown sugar (pack firm) 1/2 cup salted butter, cut into pieces Grease a 9x13 casserole dish. Combine the bread chunks and

apples. Layer in pan. In large bowl whisk together the remaining ingredients, (minus the streusel) and pour over bread. Cover and store in frig overnight.

When ready to bake casserole, preheat oven to 350 degrees and bake for 35-40 min. While casserole bakes, combine the dry ingredients for streusel. Add the butter and mash into the dry ingredients until it forms a crumbly mixture. Remove the casserole and crumble the streusel over the top. Bake another 5 min or so until the topping is melted. Serve warm with N.H. maple syrup. Makes about 12 servings.

Ziploc Omelet

This is a fun dish to do when you have kids joining you or even for a crowd of adults.

1-quart Ziploc bag for each person

2 eggs per person

Assorted add ins like cheeses, chopped ham, onion, green pepper, tomatoes, or hash browns.

Set a large pot of water on to boil. For large crowd use two pots. Have each person write their name on a Ziploc bag in permanent marker. Crack 2 eggs in each bag. Add prepared ingredients according to one's tastes. Get all the air out and zip up the bag. Place the bags into rolling, boiling water for exactly 13 min. Do 6-8 omelets to a pot. Open the bags and the omelet will roll out easily.





Loudon Elementary School





2/8/21 School Board meeting@7:15

> 2/18 Author visit

2/22-2/26

Winter Recess



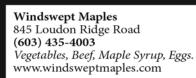
Winter Fun We have had a lot of fun with lots of outside time this year. Some of the big snowfalls provided lots of fluffy fun for our students.

<u>A Family Affair</u> What's better than one Murray?

Three Murrays! This year we have the pleasure of welcoming Shannon and Amanda Murray to our LES family.

They are daughters of the fabulous Mrs.

Murray, our guidance counselor.



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February 2021

Obituaries

Donna Sweeney



Donna Sweeney, age 84, of Dudley Drive, passed away on December 15 due to complications during heart surgery.

She was born in Concord, NH the daughter of the late Mario Cozzi Sr., and Jane (Bourque) Cozzi.

Donna was a graduate of St. John's High School class of 1954. She was a loving homemaker. Donna loved cooking and her recipes. She famous meatballs for all of us. Most of

especially loved making her famous meatballs for all of us. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years John Sweeney of Concord, her son Jay Sweeney and his wife Debbie of Lyman, ME; her daughter, Sarah Bean of Concord; two grandchildren, Susan Gelinas and her husband Ben of Loudon and Stephen Bean and his wife Suzy of Loudon; 6 great grandchildren, Christopher, Haleigh, and Nicolas Gelinas, and Charlie, Stevie and Blake Bean; her sister in law Jean Sweeney of Manchester, and her nephew Peter Amatuzzo of Florida.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother

Mario Cozzi Jr., her sister Maxine Lamarre, and her brother in law William Lamarre; and her beloved Aunt Helen Cozzi whom she loved dearly as she was like a mother to her.

Due to COVID Visiting Hours will not be held and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held privately.

Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery Concord.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Donna's memory to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Audio Visual Fund, 180 Loudon Road, Concord, NH 03301

Janice (Drewry) Locke



On December 24, 2020, Janice (Drewry) Locke passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Dover, NH at the age of 85.

Janice is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Wendi and Michael Servetas of Dover, Leah and Joseph Flanagan of Candia and Sheila and David Charland of Hooksett; as well as her seven grandchildren, Stephanie and Eric Servetas, Talia, Ean and Keegan Flanagan and Samantha and Danielle Charland; her four great

grandchildren and by her sister Constance Ives of Loudon, along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Christina (Marland) Drewry, her brother John Drewry and former spouse James H. Locke.

Calling all Loudon residents: We want to hear from you!

The Loudon Conservation Commission is developing a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) and is looking for <u>your</u> feedback to determine future conservation priorities.

Visit **www.loudonnh.org** to complete survey <u>or</u> find paper copies and deposit boxes at the following locations:

- Loudon Town Offices
- The Eggshell
- Just Wash It Laundromat
- me Eggsnen
- Loudon Village Country Store
- Brookside Pizza

Please complete surveys by

February 28th, 2021



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No funeral or memorial services are immediately planned a celebration of life to be held in spring. The family asked that in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to the Cornerstone VNA in Rochester.

Malcom W. Swain, Sr. (Gus)



It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Malcolm W. Swain Sr., (Gus), 91, a beloved son, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at the Merrimack County Nursing Home.

Malcolm was born on December 22, 1928, in Laconia the son of Raymond and Mildred (Terrell) Swain. He grew up in Belmont, marrying Theresa L. Runnals, the love of his life in 1950 until her death in 2014 after 63 years together.

Gus was owner and operator of Swain's Market, while also working as an Arborist of 35 years, for Batchelder Tree Service. After raising his family and retiring, Gus and his wife moved to Weare, where he went on to work for his children's business at Capital Well Clean Water Center, as a Maintenance Manager for many years. Also dedicating his love for the outdoors, caring for his Christmas tree farm for 20 years, where he looked forward to seeing the same happy customers return year after year.

Malcolm provided a loving and welcoming home, nothing brought more joy than spending time with his family and friends, leaving us with many wonderful memories. He had a great passion for fishing where he spent many "happy" hours on the water with his buddies, Normand, Lucky, and Nelson. He took great pride in his flower gardens and immaculate lawns. Gus also had a love of animals. He looked forward to the springtime arrival of his baby chicks, finding pleasure in sharing their eggs with EVERYONE. He leaves behind his bird OJ and his cat Pumpkin who has been lovingly adopted by his caring friend and neighbor Michael Cook.

Malcolm is survived by his eight children; Malcolm Swain Jr. and wife Teresa Aguirre of Plymouth, Caron Beard and husband Barry of Pownal, ME, Charon Duranleau of Sunapee, Terry Swain and wife Catherine of Pittsburg, Liberte Dragon and husband Michael of Warner, Jonathan Swain and wife Ruth of Loudon, Laura Pillsbury and husband Shane of Springfield and Jerry Baron and wife Rachel of North Berwick, ME; 19 grandchildren, Tricia Hurd, Cristy Wisell, Molly McCutcheon, Abigail Beard, Jeff Paine, Sarah Paine, Elizabeth Swain Rempfer, MD, Adam Dragon, Joseph Dragon, Greg Dragon, Robert Sprague, Nichole Swain, Megan Cormier, Paige Hargis, Katlyn Wyatt, Connor Pillsbury, Jeremy Baron, Eric Baron, Tonya Thomas; 34 great-grandchildren; his sister Marjorie Kania, brother-in-law Noel Runnals Jr, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wife he was predeceased by his brother-in-law Frederick Kania Sr., his nephew James Kania, his sister-in-law Dorothy Runnals his daughters-in-law Sandra Swain and Tammy Baron and in-laws Noel and Rose Runnals, nephew Jeffery Kania and a niece Noeleen Runnals. The family wishes to express a special thanks to Merrimack County Nursing Home and their staff during these tough times of pandemic isolation, for their wonderful care and love they provided to our father.

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic a Graveside Ceremony will be held in the spring of 2021 at the family lot South Road Cemetery, Belmont

In lieu of flowers donation can be made to Meals on Wheels America, 1550 Crystal Drive, Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22202, or online at <u>mealsonwheelsamerica.org</u> or St Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN or online at <u>www.</u> <u>stjude.org</u>.

William Forst



William Forst, 75, a lifelong Loudon resident passed away on January 11, 2021 after suffering a medical emergency. Bill loved spending time with family and friends and always had a joke to share when meeting new people.

Known as "Wild Bill" he loved teaching and competing in Country Western dancing. He found fulfillment in bringing new life to old objects, and he never saw things as disposable which led to his love of flea markets. Bill saw

the value in everyone and everything around him. He took pride in his mechanical engineering degree and in having been a member of Mensa.

Bill leaves behind many wonderful friends including Ed with whom he shared many cups of coffee. He was a man with very strong opinions and a big heart to go with them.

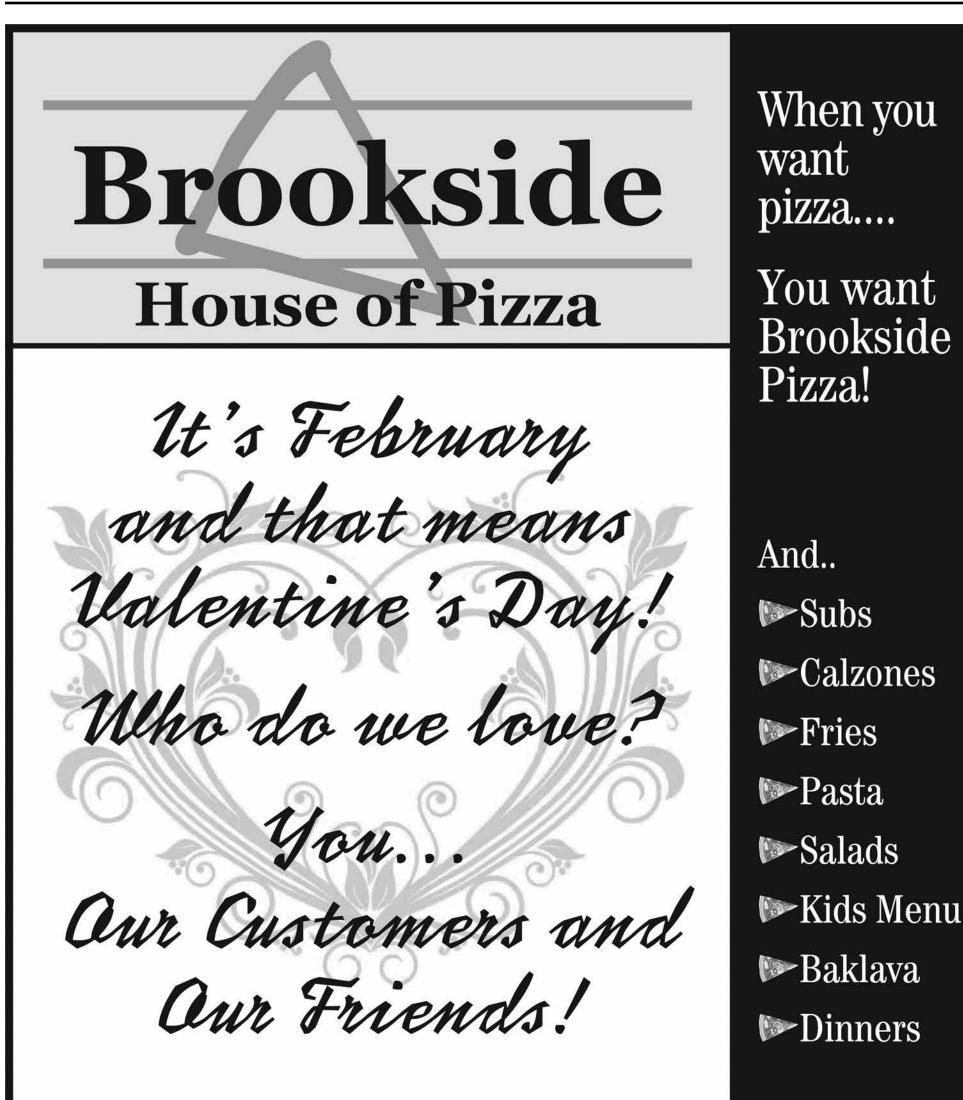
Members of his family include his brother, Kenneth Forst; cousins, Richard Melvin and Winnifred Laime; what he referred to as his greatest accomplishments, his four daughters, Heather and her husband, Scott Hoffacker, Darlene Forst, Johanna Forst and her fiancé, John Hamilton and Evelyn and her husband, Aaron Allen; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, John and Ruth (Melvin) Forst and sister, Pauline Forst.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 10:00am to 12:30pm at Bennett Funeral Home, 209 N. Main Street, Concord, NH.

Funeral Services will be private. Burial will be in the family lot at Blossom Hill Cemetery.





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LIBRARY NEWS

THIS MONTH WE SAID GOODBYE...Longtime library employee Florence Omar resigned in early January after many years of working at the Maxfield Public Library. We will miss Florence very much and wish her the best!

WINTER READING BINGO! If you love to read and you love a challenge, we encourage you to sign up for our Winter Reading Bingo challenge at Maxfield Public Library! Until March 19, adult, teen, and child readers can sign up to receive a bingo card. Each age group will receive a card with different activities on it such as: reading while drinking hot chocolate, reading to a stuffed animal, reading a memoir, or manga! When you get a bingo, submit your card for a chance to win a \$50.00 gift card to Gibson's Bookstore in Concord. Bingo cards must be returned to the Library no later than March 19 to be entered. Only one card per patron, please!

INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE! Interlibrary loan services through the New Hampshire State Library have continued since September. 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 or email maxlib@comcast.net to submit an interlibrary loan request.

CURBSIDE DELIVERY & PICKUP OPTIONS: When 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 or ring the doorbell and we'll bring your items to the door.



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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.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will be held Thursday, February 11th, 2021 at 4pm. 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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LIBRARY TRUSTEE? The Library board of trustees has one seat opening soon. It is an elected position that serves a 3-year term. Library Trustees serve on the governing board that oversees the library and its function in the Loudon community. For more information, please reach out to Library Director Dena Norman at maxlib@comcast.net or visit https://www.nhlta.org/



Loudon Old Home Day News

2021 Loudon Old Home Day planning is about to get underway. We will be scheduling our first meeting and picking this year's theme, all are Welcome! It will definitely be BIGGER and BETTER this year!

The Committee members would like to thank ALL the individual supporter's and advertisers that made contributions to the 2020 Loudon Old Home Day event during these trying times. Without you there would be no Loudon Old Home Day. Your continued general support helps us keep the tradition alive. As always, we are profoundly grateful for all who support Loudon Old Home Day.

All information regarding the Old Home Day can be found on the Town website (loudonnh.org), LOHD website (loudonoldhomeday. com) and in the Loudon Ledger.

If you have ideas or would just like to help with any aspect of planning, please join us. If you would just like to send us a message, please email us at loudonoldhomeday@gmail.com or like us on our Facebook page and send us a message.

Mark your calendars..... Loudon Old Home Day Saturday August 14, 2021



Obituaries

Shirley I. (Burley) Wells

LOUDON, Shirley I. (Burley) Wells, 84, passed away with her daughter at her side on Monday December 21, in the Concord Hospital. She was born in Bow in June of 1936 to Ralph and Nettie (Lord) Burley. She grew up in Boscawen attending the local schools.

Shirley married and moved to Loudon in 1955 and raised her family and became a machine operator when she and her husband Edward opened E&S Machine Service which they operated for over 35 years until 2006. Shirley was passionate about sewing and loved to travel and camp with her family spending many summers camping at York Beach in Maine.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Edward in 2006; three of her sisters Marjorie Hill, May Huckins, and Edna Champagne; and her two brothers Fredrick Burley and Harold Burley. Shirley is survived by her daughter Mary Mills and her husband Mark of Newbury; her son Warren Wells and his wife Paula of Loudon; her grandchildren Greg Wells, Kevin Wells, TJ Wells, Matthew Mills and Marc Mills; her great-grandchildren Oliver Mills, Julia Mills, and Nathan Mills; two sisters Irene Noyes of Canterbury and Lola Jones of Boscawen; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

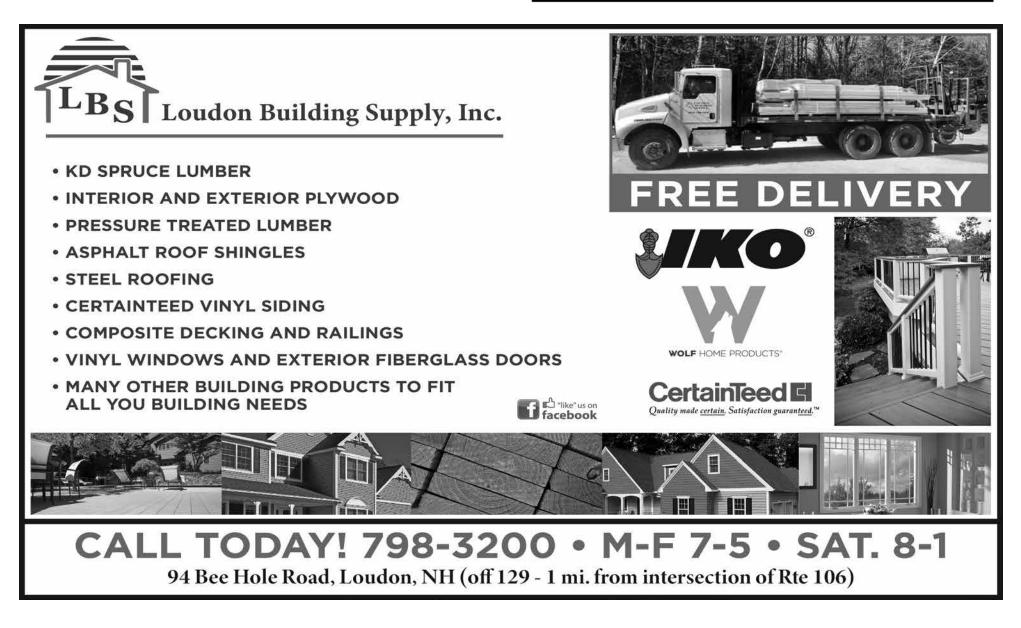
There will be no Funeral Services at this time, a graveside funeral service will take place in the spring at Moore Cemetery in Loudon where she will be buried with her husband Edward.

Sudoku Puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

Answers to this month's puzzle are on page 28

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means: We are utilizing the UberConference platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 802-210-4419 or by clicking on the following website address: UberConference.com/townofloudon

b. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting: We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the town at: loudonnh.org

c. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access: If anybody has a problem, please call 798-5612 or email at: bpearl@loudonnh. org.

d. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting: In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to- Know law.

Roll call attendance: Selectman Maxfield – present at home and alone; Selectman Miller – present at home with his wife; Road Agent Russ Pearl – at home and alone.; Chairman Prescott – present at the EOC with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Office Manager Brenda Pearl.

II. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 29, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

a. Mr. Pearl said that everything is going great and his crew is keeping up with each weather event. The Board thanked Mr. Pearl and his crew for all the long hours they spend taking care of the town roads.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.

a. Chief Blanchette said that the Loudon Fire Fighters Association purchased tracks for the departments UTV. Chief Blanchette said that Ben Carter spent the time to install them and they now have that to use for places where the larger apparatus cannot fit to respond to calls. Chief Blanchette said that the tracks cost \$5,000 and were donated to the town.

b. Chief Blanchette said that they have done some general maintenance to some of the apparatus this week and car two and forestry two are currently awaiting a diagnosis.

c. Chief Blanchette said they have three members of the department that are starting their level 1 training at the Fire Academy.

d. The Board thanked the Fire Fighters Association for their running of fundraisers that benefit the town.

V. The Board met with Jodie Russell of Creekwater Lane. Mrs. Russell asked what the update was on the town road acceptance of Creekwater Lane. Chairman Prescott said that they have reached out to the town attorney but they are still waiting on Mr. Merullo to bring in updated information on the road bond. Chairman Prescott said they need the final inspection report to be done but the engineer will not begin that process without payment. Mrs. Russell asked how long it would take the engineer to get the final inspection report done once payment is received. Chairman Prescott said they do not have the answer but they could ask the company. Mrs. Russell asked if the deed and as built plan had been sent to the town attorney yet. Chairman Prescott said they have not because the town is waiting for the bond information as well to send with the other information. Chairman Prescott said the bond information is important because if the road meets town specs the bond amount would be reduced to a maintenance bond in place for 5 years. Mrs. Russell said that with the residents of Creekwater Lane having to hire a plowing company for each storm there is a sense of urgency to petition the town to take over the road. Chairman Prescott said the Board understands and is working diligently to get the information and payment from Mr. Merullo that is required for the process.

VI. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.

a. The Board reviewed a letter from a resident of Chichester Road regarding traffic safety concerns at Route 106 and Chichester Road intersection. Chairman Prescott said that this intersection is in the 10-year plan with the Department of Transportation. Chairman Prescott said that the best advice he can give is to be in contact with NHDOT and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission with concerns since they review the plan and make suggestions on what projects should be moved up. The Board said they would send a letter supporting the intersection being moved to a priority in the 10-year plan.

b. The Board reviewed a copy of a letter that went to the Quality Inn from the Fire Department.

c. The Board reviewed a copy of a letter that went to a resident on Lower Ridge Road from Code Enforcement.

d. The Board reviewed an application for employment with the Fire Department from a CRTC student.

e. The Board reviewed copies of invoices sent to NHMS for detail expenses during the Gift of Lights.

f. The Board reviewed a check received from Loudon

VOANNE as part of the pilot agreement for payment in leu of taxes. g. The Board reviewed the Trail Committee meeting minutes of November 23, 2020.

h. The Board reviewed a notice of decision from the Zoning Board for map 21, lot 16, an approval for a day care.

i. The Board reviewed a notice of decision from the Zoning Board for map 58, lot 6, an approval of a single-family home with an

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accessory dwelling unit.

j. The Board reviewed a regional impact notice from the Town of Chichester regarding a multi-family development. Chairman Prescott said that if anyone is interested in this, they can visit chichesternh.org/planningboard for more information

k. The Board reviewed a copy of the agreement between the Fire Department and Concord Hospital relative to medical services and training.

I. The Board reviewed thank you letters from scholarship recipients.

m. The Board reviewed a wage increase form.

n. The Board reviewed and signed employee time off request forms.

VII. The Board said there will be two public hearings next Tuesday the 12th one for the acceptance of unanticipated funds at 6:00 PM and the other for review of the proposed budget and warrant articles at 6:30 PM.

VIII. The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.

IX. Chairman Prescott asked if there was anyone on the call with public input.

a. The Board spoke with Melissa Bishop of Creekwater Lane.Ms. Bishop spoke with the Board about the road bond reduction process for Creekwater Lane.

X. Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 6:42 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

- I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:
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Roll call attendance: Selectman Maxfield – present at home and alone; Selectman Miller – present at home and with his wife Diane Miller; Chairman Prescott – present at the EOC with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Office Manager Brenda Pearl; Police Chief Kris Burgess – present at home and alone; Road Agent Russ Pearl – present at home and alone.

- II. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 8, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Prescott. Roll call vote: Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Budget Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2020 as written. Seconded by Chairman Prescott. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes; Prescott yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Prescott said that Selectman Miller did not vote in this motion because he was not present at the December 11th budget meeting.

IV. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

- a. Chief Burgess said that they have one employee still out in quarantine.
- b. Chief Burgess said they received the parts they ordered for the 2020 cruisers with the incentive money from the original vehicle purchases. Chief Burgess said they are hoping this will save on the cruiser maintenance budget line.
- c. Chief Burgess said that himself and Chairman Prescott met with Dave McGrath and Matt Goslant of NHMS and discussed the traffic issue on Route 106 for the Gift of Lights event. Chief Burgess said he feels it was a positive meeting and NHMS will be adding additional signage and adjusting their traffic pattern.
- d. Chief Burgess said that Officer Phair will be graduating from the Academy on Friday December 18th via Zoom.
- e. Chief Burgess thanked Leonard Plumbing and Heating for coming out and fixing some plumbing issues they had at the Police Department.
- f. Chief Burgess said he will be advertising for the last full-time position available within the Police Department.
- g. The Board thanked Chief Burgess for meeting with the track to resolve the traffic issue. Selectman Miller said that no one could have foreseen this issue happening. Chief Burgess said that the track has plowed an additional 1.5 miles on their fivelane road all the way up to the water tower which should help alleviate the traffic issue on Route 106.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl.

- a. Mr. Pearl said that they are ready and prepared for the winter storm coming in on Wednesday night.
- b. Chairman Prescott said he hopes that the other Selectman will have a chance to review the bridge bids and be able to speak

with Mr. Pearl next week.

- c. Selectman Maxfield spoke with Mr. Pearl about the front door of the Town Hall not latching properly. Mr. Pearl said he would take a look at it to see if it needs adjusting.
- VI. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.
 - a. Chief Blanchette said that the John O. Cate van has been very busy costing about 24 to 36 hours a week to have one Fire Department employee to keep it rolling. Chief Blanchette said that they have had to turn a few people away because they have had to respond to emergency calls and were unable to man the van to bring residents to appointments.
 - b. Chief Blanchette said that they had one member of the department test positive for COVID-19. The employee has finished quarantine, fully recovered and back to work. Chief Blanchette said there are still currently 5 members in quarantine, two of which will come out tomorrow. Chief Blanchette said that the members that are currently in quarantine tested negative for COVID-19.
 - c. Chief Blanchette spoke with the Board about the FROST program that members of the Fire Department and Police Department signed up to participate in which is weekly rapid COVID 19 testing for those participants.
 - d. Chief Blanchette said that they have a hiring process in place for the full-time vacancy within the Fire Department. Chief Blanchette said that on Friday they will be conducting interviews and a peer review.
 - e. Chief Blanchette said that the noon call on Wednesday with the Department of Homeland Security is expected to be a two-hour call and directly focused on the vaccination plan for the State of New Hampshire.
 - f. Chief Blanchette said that during the departments monthly meeting it was discussed that because of the types of calls they have had the past two years and the stress everyone is feeling caused by the pandemic, it would be good to have a Fire Department Chaplin. Chief Blanchette said they have put together a job description and will be reaching out to the local churches to see if anyone would like to participate as the Chaplin.
 - g. Chief Blanchette gave the Board a letter of resignation from part time/per diem member Sydney Rollins who is furthering her education in the medical field.
 - h. Chief Blanchette spoke with the Board about spending the CARES act ambulance grant money the town received on uniform jackets for the department that have a bloodborne pathogen membrane. Chief Blanchette said that after the discussion with the Board last week it was determined that the grant money could be spent on personal protective equipment. Chief Blanchette said they currently do not offer any uniform jacket for their members other than what they bring from home. Chief Blanchette said the jackets cost \$180 each and they are looking to purchase 25 of them for a total of \$4,500. The Board agreed to the expenditure and said its important that they protect their employees the best they can.
 - i. The Board spoke with Chief Blanchette about making sure they use the John O. Cate Van budget line for anything pertaining to the running of the van itself. Chairman Prescott said he hopes that the John O. Cate van members will meet with the Fire Department to discuss the future of the service since at times it is a burden on the Fire Department to run. The Board said that the budget for the van is not enough to have the Fire Department run it because it has been historically run by volunteers and they will have to look at the budget line for the coming

fiscal year.

- VII. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.
 - a. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to adopt the Meeting and Audio Recording policy as written with the effective date of December 15, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maxfield – yes; Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Board reviewed a draft deed for Creekwater Lane. The Board said they would send the draft deed off to the town attorney for review.
 - c. Selectman Miller made a motion to adopt the Leave of Absence Without Pay policy as written with an effective date of December 15, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Miller said that this policy will allow town employees to take a leave without any penalty to their job. Roll call vote: Maxfield – yes; Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Selectman Miller made a motion to adopt the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Under COVID-19 policy with an effective date of December 15, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Miller said this policy allows town employees a certain amount of sick time based on their weekly hours they can use if they are forced to be out of work due to COVID-19. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. The Board reviewed the 2020 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certification. Chairman Prescott said it has been signed by himself and Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Miller said he will be down on Thursday to sign the certification.
 - f. The Board reviewed three letters to residents on Greenview Drive relative to address corrections. Chairman Prescott said there was a glitch with the numbering of some of the houses and they need to be corrected. Chairman Prescott said the letters have been signed by himself and Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Miller said he will be down on Thursday to sign the letters.
 - g. The Board reviewed two letters for junk yard renewals. The letters were signed by Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Prescott and will be signed by Selectman Miller later in the week.
 - h. A Conservation Commission Volunteer Liability Form for C. Sargent was signed by Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Prescott and will be signed by Selectman Miller later in the week.
- VIII. Chairman Prescott read the following dates and reminders: On Thursday December 17 at 6:00 PM there is a Planning Board public hearing for the TRC and the Planning Board will have their regular meeting as well.
- IX. Selectman Maxfield asked what the status was on the area of refuge panic button installation. Office Manager Brenda Pearl said she has heard from Capitol Alarm; they are putting together the contract.
- X. Selectman Miller asked if there was any news on the pilot contract. Chairman Prescott said no but he will be having a discussion with town council tomorrow to see where that stands.
- XI. The Board thanked Office Manager Brenda Pearl for providing the documents for the Selectmen's meeting electronically. The Board also Thanked Mrs. Pearl and the other office staff for keeping every-thing open and going during the COVID-19 pandemic. Selectman Maxfield said that the Town of Loudon is one of only a few town

offices that has stayed open since the beginning of the pandemic.

- XII. Selectman Miller asked how the search for the Planning and Zoning Administrative Assistant is going. Office Manager Brenda Pearl said they have two interviews scheduled for Thursday afternoon.
- XIII. The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.
- XIV. The Board asked if there were any comments or issues from the public to address with the Board. There were no comments or issues.
- XV. Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 6:48 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

- I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:
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Roll call attendance: Selectman Maxfield – present at home and alone; Selectman Miller – present at home and with his wife Diane Miller; Chairman Prescott – present at the EOC with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Office Manager Brenda Pearl.

II. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's

meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 15, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maxfield – yes; Miller – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.
 - a. Chief Blanchette said that they had one member of the department test positive for COVID-19 and is in quarantine until at least the new year. Chief Blanchette said there is one additional member in quarantine as well.
 - b. Chief Blanchette said they put a new set of tires on ambulance #2 and that vehicle is nearing 100,000 miles.
 - c. Chief Blanchette said that all the hydrants and cisterns have been plowed and shoveled and unfortunately there was some damage done to the one on Pittsfield road which will hopefully have repairs done next week. Chief Blanchette said that the cistern is still in service.
 - d. Chief Blanchette said the department had a virtual training last night on the new emergency reporting software with 28 members in attendance.
 - e. Chief Blanchette said they did conduct interviews for the fulltime vacancy within the department and out of the six applicants only one candidate accepted an interview with the department. Chief Blanchette gave the Board a copy of a draft offer of employment and a copy of the candidate's full application for them to review.
 - f. Chief Blanchette said they did receive final payment for the Justice Department COVID-19 grant and will be submitted to the treasurer tomorrow which will close out that grant.
 - g. Chief Blanchette said he would like to remind residents to make sure exhausts and heating devices are cleared of snow to prevent potential carbon monoxide poisoning during the snowy winter months. Chief Blanchette said he wants to remind residents to clear any snow build up off roofs or gutters since there is 2 inches of rain expected Christmas Eve in to Christmas Morning.
 - h. Selectman Maxfield asked Chief Blanchette what the total number of COVID-19 cases in town were. Chief Blanchette said that the totals are not 100% accurate due to the delay in test results but there are a total of 61 active cases in the community.
 - i. The Board thanked Chief Blanchette and Road Agent Russ Pearl for their participation in the Santa Claus ride around town this past Saturday. The Board said there was a lot of positive feedback from the community.
- IV. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board reviewed a memo from Chief Burgess regarding his part-time wage budget line.
 - b. The Board reviewed an invoice from Leonard's Plumbing and Heating and thanked them for their donation of repairs to the Police Department.
 - c. The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.
- V. The Board discussed old business.
 - a. Chairman Prescott said that each member of the Board has had time to review the ESMI contract and it has been sent back to the town attorney who will reach out to their attorney and hopefully get it finalized.
 - b. Chairman Prescott said that the New England Solar Garden pilot agreement was revised and sent back to New England Solar Gardens for their review.
 - c. The Board discussed the scoring and erosion on the abutments at the Lower Ridge Road bridge. The Board said that the only company to address those issues in their bid was

Hoyle & Tanner. The Board decided to contact all three companies that bid on the project with the scoring and erosion information to see if they wanted to adjust their bids so everyone will have an equal and fair bid.

- d. The Board discussed the traffic congestion during the Gift of Lights event. Selectman Miller said that for the third week in a row there was traffic backed up all the way to Clough Pond Road. Selectman Miller said that the traffic would not let residents out of their roads or onto their roads and he feels there should be a police presence with a minimum of three detail officers. Selectman Miller said that the extra message board agreed upon was not set up and the track needs to do whatever it takes to get the congestion off of 106. Chairman Prescott said he spent about two hours driving around observing different spots of 106 and it is definitely a problem. Chairman Prescott said that maybe if the track lined the brake down lane with cones that would help encourage people to move over into that lane and not stop the flow of traffic. Chairman Prescott said that the Loudon Police Department is short staffed currently so maybe they should reach out to the Sheriff's Department and see if they can send some officers out and bill the track. Chief Blanchette said that they have had to hire people in at Station 2 to cover the engine there because they were worried about the response time if there was in incident with that much traffic or if something happened on the track property with that many cars. Chief Blanchette said there is concerns on whether they would be able to get an engine inside track property. Chief Blanchette said that the Board should talk with the DOT District 3 Engineer to see if there are any regulations for cones being placed at night during the winter.
- VI. The Board discussed new business.
 - a. Selectman Maxfield said the Board received the test run for the GIS system from CAI Technologies and everything looks great and is user friendly. Selectman Miller said that one great option of the system is it will generate the surrounding abutters without having to be hand pulled which will greatly benefit the Planning and Zoning Offices.
 - The Board discussed the issue of the developer of Creekwater b. Lane notifying the homeowners that he will not be maintaining their road any longer. Chairman Prescott said that once they receive the \$2,800 for the escrow account so NOBIS can finish their review and the developer presents a deed that satisfies town council they can set a public hearing and make a decision on whether to accept the road. Selectman Miller said that it is the developer's obligation to fulfill all the requirements set by the Planning and Zoning Boards on that development. Selectman Miller said that he feels that it is not the responsibility of the homeowners of Creekwater Lane to fulfill the developer's obligation. Selectman Maxfield said there is not much the town can do with it being a private road. The Board recognized Jodie Russell of Creekwater Lane. Ms. Russell said that Tony Merullo has adamantly stated he will not pay the \$2,800 to NOBIS and he has asked the homeowners of Creekwater Lane to review their private road agreements. Ms. Russell said that they are very concerned about their road being plowed for any emergency vehicles that need to enter and they don't know where to go from here. Ms. Russell said that if Mr. Merullo does not come up with the money to continue the petition to accept their road the residents of Creekwater Lane are willing to do what's necessary to finish the process. The Board said that they are waiting to hear back from the town attorney about

this situation and will be able to provide better information to the homeowners of Creekwater at that time. The Board said that Mr. Merullo has supplied the draft deed and the As-Built plan to the town and the deed is being reviewed by the town attorney. Chairman Prescott said that once they received the \$2,800 they can move forward with the process. Melissa Bishop of Creekwater Lane said that she appreciates the patience shown by the town with all of their questions. Ms. Russell and Ms. Bishop said that they will pass on any information received to the other homeowners.

- VII. The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.
- VIII. The Board asked if there were any other comments or issues from the public to address with the Board. There were no comments or issues.
- IX. Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 6:53 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

- I. Chairman Prescott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Prescott read the following notice: As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:
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be done by roll call vote. Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to- Know law. Roll call attendance: Selectman Maxfield – present at home and alone; Selectman Miller – present at home with his wife; Police Chief Kris Burgess – at home with his wife. Road Agent Russ Pearl – at home and alone.; Chairman Prescott – present at the EOC with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette and Office Manager Brenda Pearl.

- II. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 22, 2020 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Chairman Prescott said there was supposed to be a public hearing for unanticipated funds but it has been rescheduled until Tuesday, January 12, 2021.
- IV. The Board met with Road Agent Russ Pearl
 - a. Mr. Pearl said they had a few events take place on Christmas day with the rain and the snow melt. Mr. Pearl said there was a pretty good washout on Gilmanton Road. The swamp at Old Shaker Road flooded over the road because of beavers that had blocked the culvert. Mr. Pearl said they have made two attempts to clear the culvert out but there is still a small blockage they are trying to remove with the help of Dave Moody and his log truck. Mr. Pearl said there was a pretty big washout on Loudon Ridge Road as well but most of the issues were taken care of today.
 - b. The Board thanked Mr. Pearl and his crew for being out in these storms and making sure people can get where they need to be safely.
- V. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette.
 - a. Chief Blanchette thanked Mr. Pearl for keeping them updated on road conditions during storms.
 - b. Chief Blanchette said they currently have two members in quarantine, one of which comes out tomorrow and the other on Saturday.
 - c. Chief Blanchette said they have started administering the first round of vaccinations to the members that signed up for it. Chief Blanchette said that so far there has been no ill effects with any of the members that received it; they will need to receive a second round of the vaccine in a few weeks.
 - d. Chief Blanchette said that they have been busy responding to carbon monoxide calls with readings that could be fatal within minutes. Chief Blanchette said he urges residents to make sure there are working carbon monoxide detectors in their houses.
 - e. Chief Blanchette said that they have been busy with accidents on 106 and he is hoping everyone will slow down and take their time on the roads.
 - f. Selectman Miller asked if the Fire Department is using the Envo Mask. Chief Blanchette said that they received enough to provide one to all of the EMS workers but didn't have enough to supply one to every member of the department. Selectman Miller asked if they have seen any issues with the masks or the gelatin letting go. Chief Blanchette said they have not seen any issues but he does know of other agencies where leaving the masks in their vehicles over night or on dashboards near defrosters does cause an issue. Chief Blanchette said that they have a few Envo Masks in reserve but they are currently not on the list of items they can order from the state.
 - g. The Board thanked the Fire Department for the extra hours they have been putting in and appreciate their service to the town.

- a. Chief Burgess said that all the officers are well with no current COVID-19 cases.
- b. Chief Burgess said that cruiser #2 is back at Grappone getting the water pump replaced which come to find out is a common repair for the Taurus'.
- c. Chief Burgess said that he received an email regarding the Timber Man Triathlon that normally takes place in August. Chief Burgess said that the company is looking to bring it back next year.
- d. Chief Burgess congratulated Tyler Phair on his graduation from the Police Academy. Chief Burgess said Officer Phair has begun his FTO process for a minimum of 12 weeks.
- e. Chief Burgess said that they had three detail officers at the Gift of Lights this past Saturday with a total of 1,100 cars in attendance which did not cause any back up on to 106. The Board asked that there be detail officers on site again for this Saturday and if the officers are well into their detail and there are no traffic backups to use his discretion on ending the shifts early.
- f. Chief Burgess said that they have posted the last open full-time position within the department and the closing date for applications is Monday, January 4, 2021.
- g. The Board spoke with Chief Burgess about the detail billing for NHMS for the Gift of Lights. The Board said that the deal made back in January for the track was \$60 an hour for details which should be honored. Chief Burgess said that he thought charging the full \$75 an hour made sense because the officers had to have cruisers on site. Chief Burgess said that there were two Loudon officers on detail and one Chichester officer and Chichester said they would be billing the track directly because of the service of their cruiser. The Board and Chief Burgess were in agreement to revise the invoice and charge the agreed upon \$60 an hour.
- h. Selectman Miller asked if the Police Department was using the Envo Masks. Chief Burgess said that they have not received any Envo Masks to use as of yet but would definitely utilize them since they would offer better protection than what they currently use.
- VII. The Board met with Kevin Barton. Mr. Barton said that he has done a lot of work and has laid the foundation for his house and is getting ready for the build. Mr. Barton said that he is looking to get an extension for another year to live in his camper on his property while he builds his house. The Board asked that Mr. Barton continue to provide pump slips for his gray/black water tank monthly. Mr. Barton said that he did have his well water tested and provided a report to the Health Officer. Mr. Barton said that he has been using the manufacturer propane tanks which is working well. The Board asked Mr. Barton to continue to leave the ends of the tent over his camper open for his own safety. The Board asked how Mr. Barton felt about finishing the build within the year. Mr. Barton said that the bank that is financing the project only allows up to a year to finish the construction so he doesn't see that being an issue. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to grant an extension to Kevin Barton for one year to continue to live in his camper while he completes the construction of his house. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott - yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- VIII. The Board reviewed weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board reviewed a check received from the CARES Act in the amount of \$7,385.33 for the Primary Election.
 - b. The Board reviewed a letter from Eversource regarding tree

trimming.

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- c. The Board reviewed employee time off request forms.
- IX. The Board discussed old business.
 - a. Chairman Prescott asked if Road Agent Russ Pearl has heard anything from the engineer working on the Transfer Station.
 Mr. Pearl said that the last he heard from Josif Bicja
 - b. was that they were working on getting everything together and start biding the project out at the first of the year. Chairman Prescott said that he would give him a call to see where things sit.
 - c. Selectman Miller asked if there were any updates from the town attorney regarding Creekwater Lane. Chairman Prescott said that there are no updates but that they are hoping to have more information when they meet with Jodie Russell next Tuesday night.
- X. The Board reviewed weekly bills and payroll.
- XI. Chairman Prescott asked if there was anyone on the call with public input.
 - a. Planning Board Chairman Rodney Phillips spoke to the Board about the sale of some gravel properties belonging to Greg Fillmore to Benevento Aggregates. Mr. Phillips said that with the change of ownership Benevento will need to apply for excavation permits through the Planning Board for those properties. Selectman Maxfield said that a lot of the properties are in current use and with the expansion of excavated areas there would be a penalty for removing land from current use. Mr. Phillips said he is waiting for a call back from the State and will keep the Board updated when he receives new information.
 - b. Jodie Russell of Creekwater Lane thanked the Board for their cooperation during this situation with their road and she looks forward to speaking with the Board next Tuesday.
- XII. Selectman Miller moved to adjourn at 6:54 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Roll call vote: Miller – yes; Maxfield – yes; Prescott – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.



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TOWN OF LOUDON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING MINUTES OF December 21, 2020

Chairman Ned Lizotte called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Todd Phelps – present, Chairman Ned Lizotte – present, Earl Tuson – present, Charlie Aznive – present & Alvin See – present. Chairman Lizotte said that Alvin See is being appointed a voting member with the absence of Peter Pitman.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

<u>November 23, 2020 –</u> Earl Tuson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Alvin See. Roll call vote: Todd Phelps – yes; Ned Lizotte – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Earl Tuson – yes; Alvin See – yes. All in favor. Approved.

<u>December 1, 2020 – Site Walk Minutes</u> – Todd Phelps made a motion to approve the site walk minutes with the following change; "but could not ascertain any other information" be replaced with "No further information could be obtained" in paragraph 6. Seconded by Earl Tuson. Roll call vote: Todd Phelps – yes; Ned Lizotte – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Earl Tuson – yes; Alvin See – yes. All in favor. Approved.

DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Application #Z20-20 – Tim & Alicen Twardosky – Special Exception</u> <u>–</u>ADU – Map 49, Lot 34. Chairman Lizotte said that Tim and Alicen Twardosky were not present. Earl Tuson made a motion to continue application #Z20-20 until the January Zoning Board meeting. Seconded by Todd Phelps. Roll call vote: Todd Phelps – yes; Ned Lizotte – yes; Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

<u>Application #Z20-21 – Shawn & Tammie Muzzey – Special Exception</u> – ADU – Map 58, Lot 6. Chairman Lizotte said the applicants are requesting a special exception for an accessary dwelling unit in their basement to serve as an in-law apartment. Mrs. Muzzey said that there is a total of 4 people living in the house now and that number will not increase. Mrs. Muzzey said that their septic is approved for 4 bedrooms and they will not be expanding the footprint of their home. The Board said that the information in the application is accurate with the site walk they did on December 1st. Earl Tuson made a motion to approve application #Z20-21 as presented. Seconded by Charlie Aznive. Roll call vote: Todd Phelps – yes; Ned Lizotte – yes; Earl Tuson – yes; Charlie Aznive – yes; Alvin See – yes. All in favor. Application approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Application #Z20-24 – James Howell – Special Exception – ADU</u> – Map 43, Lot 7. The Board reviewed the application with Mr. Howell. Mr. Howell said that his basement was already finished years ago and he is looking to remodel it and add a bathroom. The Board asked Mr. Howell for a simpler layout plan for them to review. Earl Tuson made a motion to continue application #Z20-24 to a site walk to take place on Wednesday, January 6th 2021 at 3:30 PM. Seconded by Alvin See. All in favor. Motion carried.

Application #Z20-25 - Under His Wings Preschool - Variance -To allow a daycare in the C/I District – Map 21, Lot 16. Rebekah Mogee introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Mogee said that she is the owner of Under His Wings Preschool and they have multiple locations. Ms. Mogee said that there is a strong need for child care in the Loudon/Concord area. Ms. Mogee said that when she and her husband found the old TD Bank North building, they met with the property owner, Randy Cummings, and the layout and location were perfect for a daycare. Ms. Mogee said that they will be doing no construction to the outside of the building and minimal changes inside. Ms. Mogee said that they have already had state childcare licensing come out and the location has been approved for 39 children and they have also received approval from Loudon Code Enforcement and Health Officer. Chairman Lizotte said that currently the C/I district doesn't allow for day care which is why the applicant is here for a variance. Charlie Aznive was concerned with the fact that there is a tavern next door to the property. Ms. Mogee said that her hours of operation, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday -Friday are very different than the hours of operation of the tavern. Earl Tuson asked where there would be an outside area for the children. Ms. Mogee said that they would fence in the covered drive through area for the children for now and then in the spring put in a stationary white picket fence and extend the play area. Charlie Aznive said that he has concerns with the access door to the play area being on the side of the building next to the tavern. Todd Phelps said that he thinks a reason why you don't see a lot of child-based business' in the C/I zone is because of the amount of traffic located within those areas. Earl Tuson said he does have concerns with the location of the daycare being so close to a busy road and an empty lot next door that no one knows what will be built on it. Ned Lizotte said that he feels the location of the daycare is perfect for someone who is on their way to work and is able to drop their child off right on their travel route and he feels it would be an asset to the area. Ned Lizotte said that the children would not be running loose and they are supervised every minute of the day. Planning Board Chairman Rodney Phillips said he thinks there are many child care providers in C/I districts in other towns and they are heavily policed for safety. Mr. Phillips said that if this application was to get an approval tonight, they would still need to see the Planning Board for a site plan review and they could be able to look into the safety details of the daycare then. Chairman Ned Lizotte said he understands the concerns of the some of the Board members but with times and needs evolving and with the recent approval for the Church of the Nazarene and their after-school program that is located in the C/I district how would this day care be any different. Earl Tuson said that it is the legislative body that approves the zoning ordinances at town meeting and it is the Zoning Boards job to enforce the ordinances. Chairman Lizotte countered with a recent case from August of 2019 where an animal hospital in town was given approval to expand its operations from a special exception to a variance in the RR zone where this was voted on by the town in 2008 to clearly be in a CI zone. The Board at that meeting clearly up ended the town vote going against the ordinance using "a benefit to the community" to rationalize its decision. Prior to that meeting the Board was given clear information in the zoning

regulations which it overruled. Chairman Lizotte said that he feels this is a reasonable use of the property that would be beneficial to the community. Earl Tuson said that the property is currently being used by the guidelines set in the ordinance so he doesn't see where the hardship for this property would come from. Chairman Lizotte said that the Board has had a few applications recently that have tested the boundaries of the current ordinances and this might be the point where things need to evolve to fit the needs of the community with the changes in the world. Chairman Lizotte said that the Zoning Board should be able to come up with a solution for the current time and then follow up with concrete changes to the ordinances for the legislative body to vote on at town meeting. Earl Tuson said the property is zoned for commercial and industrial use and a day care does not fit the allowed use. Chairman Lizotte said that another issue he sees is that there are no properties available like this one, with a vacant building for lease or purchase in the rural residential zone. Ms. Mogee said that she did her part by meeting all the rules and regulations set by the states childcare licensing because the property was located next to a tavern and a busy road. Chairman Lizotte made a motion to approve application #Z20-25 with the amendment to question 5 and the addition of the zoning article number and section. Seconded by Earl Tuson for discussion. Todd Phelps said that his only concern is the location but there has been a lot of good arguments both ways. Chairman Lizotte said that there is a community need for this type of service. Alvin See said his concern is that the Zoning Ordinance doesn't allow it but schools and daycares need to be in the most convenient places. The Board agreed that the day care would not diminish the value of the surrounding properties but would likely increase their values. Earl Tuson said that the hardship test is a very important part of the variance process. Ned Lizotte said that the application meets all the requirements within reason except for the location in the C/I

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district which he feels meets the hardship test. Todd Phelps said he feels there are not enough day cares available in the R/R district or any properties in that zone that would be suitable for a day care of this size. Chairman Lizotte called for a roll call vote: Todd Phelps – yes; Ned Lizotte – yes; Earl Tuson – no; Charlie Aznive – no; Alvin See – yes. Majority in favor. The variance was approved with the following amendments to the application: Page one, paragraph one – Article 2 and Section 206 were filled in; Question 5 under special conditions – Existing building is vacant. Building needs minor remodeling. Hours will be Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Charlie Aznive made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Earl Tuson. All in favor. Motion carried



Gift of Lights by the Numbers

The 10th annual Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil at New Hampshire Motor Speedway featured millions of lights, welcomed thousands of cars and raised \$90,000 for local kids in need.

LOUDON, N.H. – Record attendance at the 10th annual Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil at New Hampshire Motor Speedway translated into a record-breaking \$90,000 raised for the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities (SCCNH), the official charity of NHMS.

"We are blown away at the incredible support we received from the community throughout the duration of this year's Gift of Lights," said Danielle Cyr, director of the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities and marketing manager for New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "This is a great way to kick off the 2021 season of fundraising to help children throughout New England."

Supporting SCCNH during the ongoing pandemic was more important than ever. Since 2011, SCCNH has raised over \$340,000 through Gift of Lights. Overall, the charity has distributed over \$1.8 million to support more than 808,000 children in need since its inception in 2009. SCCNH is one of seven chapters located at Speedway Motorsports racing facilities across the country. Since its inception in 1982, SCC has awarded in excess of \$59.4 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the nation.

Not only did this season's Gift of Lights set new fundraising records, the COVID-safe family event generated other impressive numbers to

stay on Santa's "nice" list for years to come:

3.5 million twinkling LED lights transformed "The Magic Mile" into the brightest winter wonderland ever with one million new lights added this year.

29,468 vehicles drove through the Gift of Lights from Nov. 26, 2020 through Jan. 3, 2021.

Nearly 10,000 pounds of sand and salt were used to weather-proof the route during icy conditions.

3,550 Christmas carols were played during Gift of Lights.

650 work hours were put in to set up, event operation and tear down.

620 different displays lit up the speedway grounds.

155% increase in attendance over 2019's event.

88 hours of snow plowing to keep the show open after New England snowstorms.

37 nights of Loudon holiday tourism. Winter weather forced the show to close for only two nights this season.

8 miles of extension cords powered displays throughout the speedway property.

7 states represented among attendees, including New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York.

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3 miles of service road were opened on NHMS property to create a smoother traffic flow in response to higher car volume. The additional pre-event route accommodated approximately 1,500 cars clearing congestion from N.H. Route 106.

2.5 miles of Christmas magic were on display for families and friends to enjoy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF LOUDON

In accordance with RSA 32:5-1, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold Public Hearings for review of the Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles For Fiscal Year -7/01/2021 to 06/30/2022

The Hearings will be held

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM and Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM

In light of COVID-19 and social distancing advice made by the governor and CDC, there will be no physical location for this meeting. A member of the public may join the meeting by phone at (802) 210-4419 (Toll Free) or at Uberconference.com/townofloudon

> The proposed Budget will be voted on at the 2021 Town Meeting

> > LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stanley Prescott II, Chairman Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

Real Estate

By Mary Jackson & Alicha Kingsbury

Buying or selling a home during a pandemic? Here's what you need to know.

Buyers – what should you know? Showings may look different – Most sellers are still offering in-person showings, but some potential buyers may be offered shorter tours and to take extra steps (removing shoes, using hand sanitizer or gloves, and refraining from touching items in the home). Many agents are also happy to do virtual tours of their homes.

Interest rates are low – The market remains stable and interest rates are near all-time lows while home prices are holding steady or in some locations still rising.

As furloughed or unemployed individuals may need to file for unemployment benefits, mortgage lenders tend to tighten lending standards (including higher credit score requirements and down payment minimums), subsequently driving up rates or delayed demand could push rates down further. Potential buyers should have a clear understanding of their budget and monitor their credit bureaus for errors and changes. Buyers should ask their potential lenders if they offer a rate lock to lock in an interest rate for limited time periods.

Don't expect a discount – Nationally, home prices are holding steady, with the majority the same or higher from one year ago. In fact, the median existing-home price for all housing types in Loudon NH is currently at \$297,147. This is up over 8% from a year ago and is forecasted to be up over an additional 8% over the next year. This means waiting may just cost you more if you are house shopping.

Expect delays – Those terminating a lease should leave

some wiggle room, even an extra month or two, between moving out of a rental and into a new home in case of an unexpected delay. There is a shortage of appraisers in the area and this is causing delays in closings for some. You should expect your closing to take 30-60 days after your offer is accepted to close your home.

Sellers - what should you know?

People still need homes. Showing and marketing homes during a time of social distancing may seem difficult, but a new wave of tech tools is helping streamline the remote transaction process. There are more buyers than ever with many looking for safe places to call their own.

Use tech tools to help market and show your home – While in-person showings may be inadvisable, many digital tools are available to help you continue marketing and showing your home. With modern technology most if not all documents can be accessed and completed electronically with no in person contact needed.

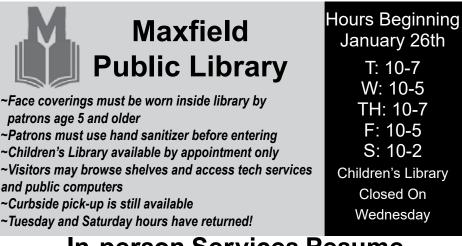
Cover all your bases— "Sight unseen" purchases are not a new phenomenon, but this pandemic has certainly increased their prevalence. Sellers may want to include language in the purchase agreement that ensures buyers acknowledge that they are responsible for personal verification, walkthroughs, and professional inspections to confirm that the property meets their needs.

Buyers are still searching – Just because they're not touring homes in-person doesn't mean buyers aren't continuing their search. As a result, sellers have not lowered prices to attract buyers during the pandemic. As potential buyers increasingly browse homes online, having attractive and accurate photos and videos is even more important. Sellers may want to consider using this extra time at home to make updates around their home and take fresh pictures of those improvements.

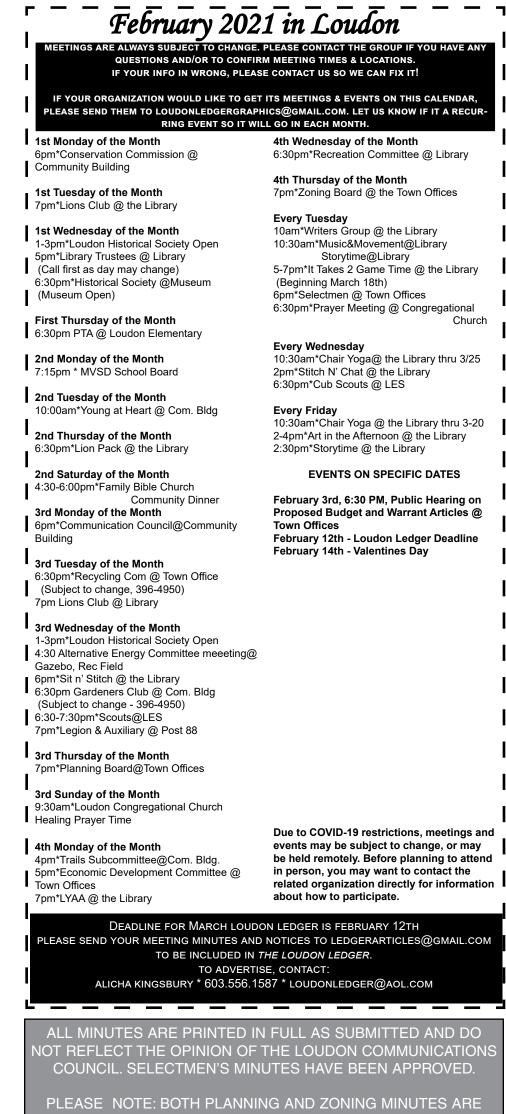
Fun Facts

*Cookie Monster's real name is Sid

- *Apples, peaches, and raspberries are all members of the rose family
- *Canada eats more macaroni and cheese than any other nation in the world
- *There are more Lego mini-figures than there are people on earth

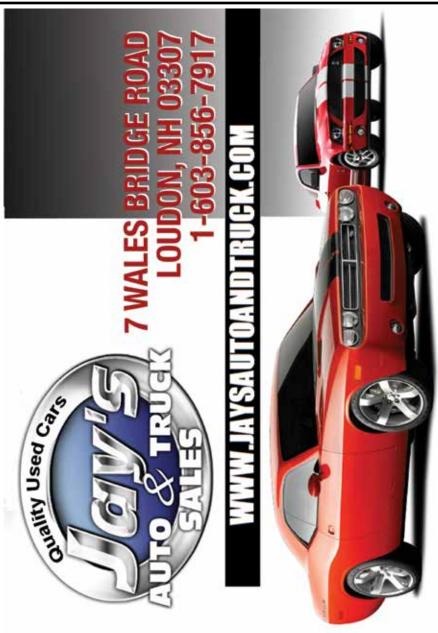


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PLEASE NOTE: BOTH PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES ARE DRAFT MINUTES, I.E. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED YET. For a copy of the approved minutes, please contact the Planning/Zoning office after their monthly meetings (798-4540), Planning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM

Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM Meetings are at the Town Office and are open to the public.



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