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## 2008 Blood Drive Sets a Record!

By Chief Robert N. Fiske

Many thanks go to the donors and volunteers at the 2008 Annual Loudon Police Blood Drive! We hit a record with 127 donors, which resulted in 114 pints of lifesaving blood! Special thanks also go to the many volunteers who assisted us in providing soups, chili's, desserts, and breads, as well as the countless hours of setting up, serving the donors, and cleaning up! These people include: Brenda Pearl, Marjorie Schoonmaker, Tamara Chalifour, Lauren Chalifour, Craig Chalifour, Lorraine Duprez, Lysa Crouch, Brookside Pizza, Carolyn Stinson, Kay Doyon, Dot Stevenson, Barbara Sullivan, Cinny Merrill, Roxanne Spencer, Carol Pike, Girl Scout Junior Troop #12641, Girl Scout Cadette Troop #12356, and Boy Scout Troop #30. I apologize if I missed a name but the support was once again tremendous and sincerely appreciated!

### Police Dept. News

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the many officers in my department who spent countless hours investigating the many mailboxes that were destroyed over an approximate 3-month period. I would also like to thank the many residents who were the victims of the damage for their patience during this investigation. As a result, people were held accountable for their actions and justice was served.

Again, we thank the residents for their continued support of the Loudon Police Department. ■

## Made in Loudon Expo

The Loudon Historical Society will be holding its first annual "Made in Loudon" expo. We have asked some Loudon residents to bring samples of items made in Loudon for you to touch and taste. We hope you will plan to attend this fun evening and learn what is being made right here in your town. Cost for admission will be one non-perishable item to be donated to the Loudon Food Pantry.

**Date:** January 21  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Charlie's Barn  
Village Road



Pete Pitman of Loudon is a regular donor at Loudon's Blood Drives. He began donating blood in 2004. He helped this year's drive break a record with 127 donors and 114 pints of blood!

## Loudon Generosity Shines

### Loudon Food Pantry Stocks 73 Holiday Boxes

By Sue Houck

We did it! We were able to stock 73 holiday boxes for December. Companies and individuals donating money, food, clothing, household goods, and their time made this possible. We — and the people you helped — thank you so very much! Some of our donors included: Harry-O Electrical Corp., Loudon Lions Club, New England Dry Ice Co., NH Food Bank, Son Light Christian Fellowship, Epsom Student Council, American Legion Post 88, Cub Scout Pack 296, and many private donors as well. We want to also thank the volunteers, some of whom receive food from the pantry, who have been selflessly donating their time to make this holiday season possible for everyone in need.

We realize the hard times that people are going through now are just going to get worse before it gets better. We at the pantry want to try even harder in 2009 to help people in need. After all, it could be any one of us in a bad situation. So, please continue doing those good deeds and help us to help the people who need it. Our drop-off centers are: Ivory Rose, TD Banknorth, and the Beanstalk. All are located in Loudon.

### Capitol Region Food Program Delivers 57 Food Baskets

Information from the Loudon Town Office

Loudon is a satellite distribution site for the Capitol Region Food Program for the Towns of Canterbury and Loudon. Applications for this program are available at various services organizations with the baskets always delivered on Dec. 22.

Loudon is fortunate to have the assistance of Fire Chief Jeff Burr and members of the Loudon Fire Department each year to help with unloading and distributing the baskets. We also received assistance from: ReMax All American, The Jackson Team, who loaned us their truck to pick up the food; Chris Duval of Penney Marketing for donating books and puzzles; and Mike LaBonte and Bob Botcher, who picked up food at the National Guard Armory. The following volunteers assisted with delivery: David and Sigrid Little, Shae Gaboriault, Kathy Mattice, Terry Barton, Jeff Burr, and John Reese. We sincerely appreciate their help. ■

## Town of Loudon Office Hours

### Selectmen's Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.  
Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

### Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

### Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

### Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

Tues.: 3 p.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.–Thurs.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Fire permits for the weekend need to be obtained during these times.

### Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Call the Superintendent's Office for meeting location.

### Transfer Station

Tues. & Thurs.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (Winter)

Tues.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Thurs.: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. (Summer) • Sat.: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$1.00. See the attendant.

### Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

### Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

Mon.: Closed • Tues.: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. • Wed.: 1–9 p.m.

Thurs.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sat.: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Library Trustees meet at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

### John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

### Loudon Food Pantry

30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon

Open Wednesdays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. or for emergencies.

For more information, call Sue or Sarah at 798-3886 or email

[LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com](mailto:LoudonFoodPantry@yahoo.com)

## Loudon Representatives

### Merrimack County — District 6

**Maureen Baxley:** PO Box 67, Andover, NH 03216. 682-3782

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**Deborah H. Wheeler:** 38 Bay St., Northfield, NH 03276. 286-8212

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## Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiekgraphics.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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**June 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 5/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 5/18

**July 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 6/19 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 6/22

**August 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 7/17 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 7/20

**September 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 8/14 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 8/17

**October 2009 Ad & Copy Deadline:** Fri. 9/18 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/21

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## Where to Worship in Loudon

### Family Bible Church

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Pastor Steve Ludwick

676 Loudon Ridge Rd., PO Box 7858, Loudon, NH, 03307 • 267-7577

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Coffee & Prayer Time: Sunday 8–9:10 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs.

Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–

5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.

Sunday Evening: Youth Group — For Grades 6–11: 6–7:45 p.m.

Monday: Men's Fellowship and Prayer 7–8:45 p.m.

Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.

Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies: call for details

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### Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

Jeffrey Owen, Senior Pastor • Joshua Owens, Associate Pastor • Tom Stevens, Minister of Youth

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045 • www.fcbe-loudon.org

Fall, Winter, and Spring Hours (Sept.–May):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. • Sunday School: 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours (June, July & August):

Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. (no Sunday School classes)

Prayer Meeting: Weds. 6:30 p.m. • Pioneer Club: Weds. 6:30 p.m. (ages 3–5th grade)

Bible Study: Thurs. 9:30 a.m. • Youth Group: Sun. 6:00 p.m.

Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries. Please call the church

office for more details. Office Hours: 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Tues., Weds., Thurs.

Email: phyllis.minery@fcbe-loudon.org

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### Landmark Baptist Church

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103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818 • www.landmarkbaptistchurch.info

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) (New Beginnings Class:

for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery and Children's Church Provided)

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. • Master Club: Weds. 6:30–8 p.m. (ages 5–6th grade)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided. We are studying

verse by verse through various books of the Bible.)

Saturday Street Witnessing: 9:30 a.m. • Saturday Youth Group: 7–9 p.m. (Grades 7–12)

We never cancel services for any reason!

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### Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Clough Hill Road. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7852, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4540

Member of the American Baptist Churches of VT/NH (Lakes Area Association)

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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### Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478 • www.loudoncongregational.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Staffed nursery for infants–pre-K)

Sunday School (all ages): 11:15 a.m. (Sept.–June)

Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:

Monthly at 5:30 p.m. Please call for details.

Wednesday, 7–9 p.m.: **Family Night.** Small groups for men, women, teens, and kids.

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### New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Mon.–Fri.

phyllis@LNBnazarene.org • www.LNBnazarene.org

Sundays: Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants.) Jr. Kids Church (2-year-olds–Kindergartners.)

Kidsville (Grades 1–4)

Early Evening: House Churches. (Call the church or visit our website for a location near you.)

Tuesdays: Children's Bible Quizzing (Grades 1–6): 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Early Youth Group (Grades 5–6): 6:30–8 p.m. Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

Wednesdays: Youth Group (Grades 7–12): 6:30–8:00 p.m. [Brian Bollinger/Rick Smith]

Adult Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m.

Other: Once a month will also have events for men, women, adults, and seniors (50+) called OASIS.

Please visit our website or call the church office for details.

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### SonLight Christian Fellowship

Pastor Thomas Friedrich

Currently meeting at the Loudon American Legion Hall, So. Village Rd.

Mailing address: 55 Wiggins Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3112 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons

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To have your Church's information added to this column, please email your information to [debbie@debbiegraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiegraphics.com)

## Rec Committe Seeks Help Planning a Park

The Loudon Recreation Committee is beginning to look into the possibility of a year-round park in the Village area on land adjacent to the south side of the Recreation Fields. We briefly met with the Selectmen to discuss the possibility and are now in the research stage. It is our dream to have a park that would have a concrete skate area, which could be used for both roller skating/roller blading, as well as ice skating in the winter. The park would also have walking paths, benches, picnic areas, etc. and would also include additional parking for the existing Recreation Fields. This park could be utilized by citizens of all ages and could include memorial benches, picnic tables, and such. We have done some research as far as the aesthetic potentials and have photos of a park that is similar in Attleboro, MA.

What we need to do is have a meeting with individuals who interested in the project and figure out the size, materials, cost, potential for donations, etc. in the most general sense to draw up a proposal. This would, of course, have to go before the townspeople for a vote. The park project is something planned for the future, but we need to start researching and have a proposal ready to get people excited about the potential for this park.

We have scheduled a meeting to start the information gathering process and are looking for people who are familiar with sitework and concrete work, as well as those who are interested in the potential of this project. We are inviting you and anyone you think would be interested or experienced in the areas that would be necessary in a project of this sort to attend the meeting on **Tuesday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Public Library.** Please share this information with anyone you think may be interested!

We hope that you and people you know are able to attend as we would GREATLY appreciate your thoughts and ideas for the project. ■

## Rock Band Borderline Eleven To Perform At Grave-Robbers Coffeehouse Sat. Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse, a community hospitality project of Loudon Congregational Church, is pleased to feature *Borderline Eleven*, fresh young rock 'n roll from Hooksett, NH on Saturday, January 3rd. The guys of *Borderline Eleven* have been together since 2005, and in August of 2006, they released their first six-song EP, *Pacific Wasteland*. They have played in venues all over the state, including the Inside Out stage at Soulfest in Gilford last August. Their sound resonates with the influences of New Found Glory, Hawk Nelson, and Relient K. Clean lyrics, positive themes, and a solid rock beat are what make their music special. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and *Borderline Eleven* will play at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free; however, coffeehouse staff will pass the hat for the benefit of the band. Coffee and other refreshments will be available at reasonable prices.

GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is a fun, safe, substance-free, positive environment for youth and adults. The coffeehouse is open the first Saturday of each month, featuring a relaxed, cafe-style setting, good, simple refreshments, and skilled musical artists of all styles. Loudon Congregational Church and GraveRobbers Coffeehouse is located at 7018 Church Street in Loudon Village. For more information, please call the church at 783-9478, or visit [www.loudoncongregational.org](http://www.loudoncongregational.org) and click on the GraveRobbers Coffeehouse link. ■

## Rock 'N Race "Team Captains' Breakfast" Scheduled For March 5

The seventh annual Rock 'N Race that benefits the Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care will hold its "Team Captains' Breakfast" on Thursday, March 5 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at The Courtyard by Marriott Grappone Conference Center in Concord. The Rock 'N Race on Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m., is a 5K fun run/walk that starts and finishes on the State House lawn in downtown Concord.

Find out more about the race by signing up for the "Team Captains' Breakfast." The event includes breakfast, music, and prizes. This year, race organizers hope to attract at least 6,000 runners and walkers and raise more than \$250,000 toward support programs and services, and financial assistance for cancer patients. Participants are asked to raise funds for the Payson Center for Cancer Care by securing sponsorships for their participation in the event.

RSVP for the breakfast by calling (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076.

The Payson Center provides comprehensive treatment and support for cancer patients and their families close to home, including radiation therapy treatment, medical oncology, and surgery. ■

# December Ice Storm Coats Loudon

By Debbie Kardaseski

Few will forget the December 11 Ice Storm. It left major portions of the state — and Loudon — without power. In some cases, people went *weeks* without power. Loudon was relatively lucky, with many getting power back on in hours. I say “relatively” lucky because I know many people went four or more days without electricity. Not only was it a major pain in the butt, but in some cases it was dangerous. The elderly and sick were especially at risk.

Throughout the area emergency services were tested and stretched to their limits. Highway crews worked many hours without sleep, trying to keep — or get — roads open and passable. Utility crews are still on the job, spending time away from their own families to restore power to those without.

As of this writing (Dec. 24), several thousand people in southwestern New Hampshire are still without electricity.

Printed here are two important safety articles from the office of the State Fire Marshal. If this winter comes even close to last year’s (and it’s off to a “grand” start), people should plan on being prepared for weather-related emergencies. Stock up on items that can be eaten without heating up or can be heated on your wood stove — or gas grill, which is placed *outside and away from your home!* Have bottled water stashed away and either buckets of water or access to running water (a brook?) for flushing.

If things get truly unbearable in your home, seek warmth elsewhere, either with family, friends or a local shelter.

Make sure you have blankets, a flashlight with good batteries, and a hat, coat, boots, and mittens in your car.



*The December 11 ice storm caused massive power outages around the state. Some people in Loudon lost their power for four or more days and saw little positive about the event. However, if you could see beyond the cold homes and major inconvenience of having no electricity, it was quite beautiful. (Photo by Debbie Kardaseski)*

Better yet: Don’t travel unless you absolutely have to. This sounds like a “no-brainer” but it is amazing how many people decide to go to the mall because they’re bored during a major snowstorm! And even more amazing is

how many folks will take off with no boots, etc.!

Winter can be beautiful, but it can also be dangerous. Use common sense when traveling. Slow down — four-wheel drive may drive faster in snow but it doesn’t stop any faster! Watch out

for plows, both the highway variety and those plowing driveways.

Enjoy the days ahead! After all, what other choice do we have: Winter comes every year and unless you have a condo in sunny Florida, you’re here for the duration! ■

## State Fire Marshal Warns of Winter Weather Hazards

The arrival of the first statewide winter storm raises safety concerns from State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan. The threat of power outages from the freezing rain increases the threat of carbon monoxide exposures from the use of generators and alternative heating devices.

Unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning kills and injures people across the nation and New Hampshire each year. “Heating systems and generators are the most common source of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning in New Hampshire,” warned State Fire Marshal Bill Degnan, “but carbon monoxide can also be a problem with temporary cooking appliances or space heaters, motor vehicles left running in attached garages or adjacent to a building, generators used during power outages or any other type of fuel burning appliance.

When using a generator have it at least ten feet from your home with the exhaust facing away from the house. Never run a generator inside of any

building including a garage with an open door. Carbon Monoxide is the silent killer. You cannot see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, but it can cause severe health problems or death. It is important that everyone have carbon monoxide detectors where they sleep.”

Degnan states that it is critical that every home has at least one smoke detector on each floor level and they are interconnected. Fire Marshal Degnan emphasizes that “every family should develop and practice a home fire escape plan. Smoke detectors should be tested monthly, and matches and lighters should be kept out of the reach of children at all times.”

For further information concerning home fire safety, contact your local fire department (798-5612) or the State Fire Marshal’s Office (271-3294).

### What is CO, Carbon Monoxide?

It is a colorless, odorless toxic gas that can infiltrate your home from any fuel burning appliance.

Because you cannot see it, smell it, taste it can effect you or even kill you before you know it is there.

CO displaces Oxygen in your blood stream, which is needed to keep your vital organs properly functioning.

CO is a slow form of suffocation.

Lower levels of exposure, flu like symptoms, headache, nausea, fatigue, dizzy spells irritability and or confusion.

### Sources of CO

All fuel burning appliances

Unvented kerosene heaters

Generators

Gas or oil furnaces, Coal stoves or furnaces, Wood stoves or furnaces

Gas appliances, dryers, kitchen stoves, gas parlor stoves, unvented gas parlor stoves

Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles—diesel or gasoline powered

### Operation

According to manufacturers specifications

Critical to insure proper venting of byproducts of combustion such as CO

Maintain clean, check for blocking Properly sealed

Insure adequate make up air, due to tighter homes in the winter you need to insure adequate air for combustion is available to run your heating equipment. Kitchen stove vent fans, bathroom vent fans and dryers all remove air from the home. They can pull dangerous CO back into the home from the heating appliances,

### CO alarms

Electric powered with battery back-up is recommended

Test them at least once per month/according to manufacturer’s specifications

# Be Safe During Winter Storm Recovery

State Fire Marshal Bill Degnan, urges everyone to be safety conscious, especially during this colder weather without power. The ice storm with the cold weather causes a higher fire threat due to increased uses of generators, heating sources, such as kerosene, propane and electrical space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves.

Now is the time to make sure your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are in working order and to review your home escape plan so that if in the event of a fire, everyone in your household knows how to get out quickly and safely.

The ice storm in New Hampshire has increased fire hazards. The major causes of home heating fires are from kerosene, propane and electric heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces and are caused by:

- Leaving portable or space heaters unattended;
- Fueling errors involving liquid or gas-fueled heaters;
- Flaws in installation or use;
- Placing things that can burn too close to space and portable heaters, and;
- Lack of regular cleaning of chimneys in fireplaces and wood stoves.

## KEROSENE HEATERS

Many kerosene heater-related fires are attributed to the misuse or abuse of the devices it. Get started on the right foot by purchasing a heater that carries the UL label. This means it has been tested for safety. Be sure it has an automatic safety switch to shut it off if it's tipped over. An automatic starter eliminates the need for matches and makes for safer starts. A fuel gauge will help

ensure you do not overfill the heater dangerously. A safety grill on the front can prevent accidental contact burns. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for assembly. Use only crystal-clear 1K kerosene, never yellow or contaminated kerosene or any other fuel. Refill the heater outside. Keep kerosene outside in a metal container with a tight fitting lid that is clearly marked for kerosene. When using kerosene heaters, be sure the room is well ventilated. Opening a door to an adjoining room or area may be enough. Better yet, slightly open a window in the room. Protect yourself and your family with a carbon monoxide detector! Never sleep in the same area that a kerosene heater is being used.

## WOOD HEATERS

Wood stoves and other wood burning devices are popular heating systems. Before investing in one for your home, think as much about safety as you will about ease of use, efficiency and appearance. Have your stove installed by a professional. Keep a tight fitting screen or glass doors in front of the stove or fireplace at all times. Special retaining screens can keep children and pets away from wood stoves and prevent burns. Dispose of ashes in metal containers, never in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or plastic wastebaskets. Put water on ashes to cool them thoroughly. Remember, ashes can retain enough heat to cause a fire for several days, so take no chances. Although these tips should help prevent a fire, know the signs of danger. A loud roar, sucking sounds and shaking pipes mean trouble and danger. If you hear these sounds, get everyone out of the house. Quickly shut off the fire's air supply by closing any air intake vents in the fire-

box. Close the damper. Call the fire department from a nearby phone.

## ELECTRIC HEATERS

Electric heaters should have automatic safety switches to turn them off if tipped over. They also should carry the UL approval label. Be sure to check cords before plugging in the heater. If frayed, worn, or broken, do not use. Either replace the heater or have an electrician replace the cord. Just putting tape on the cord is not enough to prevent overheating and fire. Never use extension cords with portable heaters. To supply a heater with a small, ordinary household extension cord will cause the cord to overheat and burn. Keep all materials that can burn at least 36 inches away from unit.

## GENERAL HEATING TIPS

Keep any heater at least three feet away from anything that might burn. This means curtains, walls, furniture, papers, etc. To avoid injury and other mishaps, keep children and pets away from heaters. Focus the heat where you need it — but not so close it can cause fires or burns.

Unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning killed one New Hampshire resident and injured several others during the December ice storm! "Heating systems and generators are the most common source of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning in New Hampshire," warned State Fire Marshal Bill Degnan, "but carbon monoxide can also be a problem with temporary cooking appliances or space heaters, motor vehicles left running in attached garages or adjacent to a building, generators used during power outages or any other type of fuel burning appliance."

When using a generator have it at least ten feet from your home with the exhaust facing away from the house. Never run a generator inside of any building including a garage with an open door. Carbon Monoxide is the silent killer. You cannot see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, but it can cause severe health problems or death. It is important that everyone have carbon monoxide detectors where they sleep."

For further information concerning home fire safety, contact your local fire department (798-5612) or the State Fire Marshal's Office (271-3294). ■

## Become an Outdoors-Woman This Winter!

Women who want to explore active outdoor interests like ice-fishing or snowshoeing can attend a one-day Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (B.O.W.) winter workshop on Saturday, February 21, 2009 (snow date Sunday, February 22), at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, N.H. The workshop costs \$55, which includes a box lunch. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Winter B.O.W. is sponsored jointly by N.H. Fish and Game and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

Course descriptions are available now at [www.nhbow.com](http://www.nhbow.com). The registration form will be posted there on January 5, 2009, when registration opens. Applications may also be requested by contacting [Lisa.M.Collins@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:Lisa.M.Collins@wildlife.nh.gov) or call (603) 271-3212; these will be mailed January 5. Try to sign up soon after registration opens, because the session fills up fast.

At the winter B.O.W. workshop, participants focus on a single topic for the day's activities. Choices include ice fishing; winter outdoor survival skills; basic snowshoeing and tracking; snowmobiling; and 'Shoe and Shoot, which combines snowshoeing and target shooting.

"Women have a great time at the winter workshop, and they really seem to appreciate having the chance to learn exciting outdoor activities in the company of other women," said B.O.W. Coordinator Tina Davenport. "The skills they learn from our expert B.O.W. instructors will allow them to spend enjoyable time outdoors with their families — or on their own — during New Hampshire's long winters."

The N.H. Wildlife Federation is a nonprofit group that advocates for the promotion and protection of hunting, fishing and trapping, as well as the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat. Visit [www.nhwhf.org](http://www.nhwhf.org). ■

## Winter Hazards — cont. from page 4

Most alarms should be replaced every three to five years, check with manufacturer

Install on every level of the home or at least one just outside of your bedroom

## What to do if your CO alarm sounds

Never ignore a CO alarm

If anyone has symptoms of CO poisoning leave immediately and call the FD from outside the home.

When in doubt call the FD to be checked

Get to fresh air immediately

CO is measured in parts per million (PPM)

Standards for outdoor exposure are listed as 9 PPM for 8 hours and 35 PPM for 1 hour (EPA)

1-70PPM may not show many signs or symptoms

70+ most likely will show flu like symptoms

150+ disorientation, unconsciousness and death is possible

## Never...

Never use a charcoal grill inside, charcoal is a major source of CO

Never use gas appliances such as the kitchen stove to heat your home

Never use a generator or gasoline powered tools inside your home or any attached garage

Never run your automobile inside the garage or close to your home

Every year over 1,500 people die from CO and another 10,000+ are injured.

## New Hampshire Statistics:

**2005:** 2 incidents 1 person each CO death from generator

**2006:** 1 incident 1 person CO death from generator

**2007:** 2 incidents 1 person CO death from generator and 3 people dead from furnace flue blocked

**2008:** 2 incidents 1 person CO death from generator and 2 people from furnace flue failure. ■



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# T+ YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

## New Year's Resolutions

When we think of January and the New Year, we think of Resolutions. Maybe we feel like we have misbehaved all year, had our fun during the holidays, and now it's time to get back to what we should be doing. Most resolutions are about making positive lifestyle changes, such as quitting smoking and dieting. In researching this subject I came across a thought-provoking article by Donna Butt that asked the question, "Why should we make new year's resolutions?" Her answer: "Because it is a time we can take to make ourselves better. The holidays are over and now it will be less stressful and we can take more time to take care of ourselves in a way that is good for us. New Year's resolutions give us a reason to stop doing something destructive to our bodies."

Ultimately, we should be setting personal goals for ourselves year round, but yet we seem to do it the most January 1, because we feel a sense of anew. The New Year creates awareness about what we would like to change about ourselves. We usually plan to stop

doing something negative or start doing something positive. As we all know, all this is easier said than done. I want to provide you with some tips to aid you in making your New Year's resolution materialize.

### 9 Tips To Make Your New Year's Resolution Come True

**1. Go Public:** Those who say one thing and do another are labeled unreliable, hypocritical and even inconsistent. Tell everyone at home, work, gym, church, etc about your goal. The fear of being ill labeled or looked at as inconsistent by those who think highly of you will psychologically pressure you to follow through. Daily tell 3 different people about your goal.

**2. Don't Wait:** Never wait for the right time, the right motivation, or the right intuition. For they will only come AFTER you have taken the initial step. Whether you are motivated or not, take one action daily towards attaining the goal you wish to put off. Then motivation will follow.

**3. Make Your Resolution "Quit-Proof":** The more you invest into something, the harder it's to give up on it. Invest more time, more energy, and if necessary, more capital towards the realization of that which you are pursuing. The less you have to lose, the easier it's to quit. Invest daily towards the attainment of your goal.

**4. Locate the Opportunities:** Though you cannot see them, opportunities are all around you. It's only when you are ready for them that they will be ready for you. Remember, when the musician is ready, the tune will appear. So get ready.

**5. Get Ready:** True readiness comes from acting on that which you are not ready for. As Aristotle once said, "The things you have to learn before you can do them, you learn by doing them." Plunge into it, and then you'll be ready.

**6. Develop Momentum:** One small action can build the excitement and the urge to continue or even finish what before you didn't feel like doing. That's how momentum is created. Just take one small step even if you don't feel

like it and momentum will eventually emerge.

**7. Start Every Day With the Next Step:** Every morning, ask yourself, "What action would I take towards accomplishing my goal if success was guaranteed?" Then take that very action in spite of any reluctance.

**8. Overcome Reluctance:** Keep in mind that easy things done with reluctance become difficult, and difficult things done with cynicism become impossible. Move beyond reluctance with the right anticipation.

**9. Anticipate Success:** A battle is not won or lost in the battlefield, but rather the night before in the soldiers' minds where they anticipated victory or defeat. Each day approach, your goal with certainty, by anticipating victory.

Source: [www.associatedcontent.com](http://www.associatedcontent.com)

Do you have a health topic that you would like to see featured? Please send ideas to the Loudon Communications Council, POB 7871, Loudon, NH 03307 or Email: [Tricia.Ingraham@comcast.net](mailto:Tricia.Ingraham@comcast.net). ■



### Senior Health Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a Senior Health Clinic on January 27 at the VOANNE Senior Housing from 9 a.m.-noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are \$10. Blood pressure checks are free. To make an appointment or for more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Senior Health Program at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830. For a ride in Loudon, call 798-5203.

### Walk-In Immunization Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering an affordable walk-in Immunization Clinic for all ages on Monday, Jan. 5, 2008 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2008 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinics are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Center, 21 Centre Street, Concord. A fee of \$5.00 is requested per child (under 18). Adult vaccination costs vary by the cost of the individual vaccines. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring an immunization record with you. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Services at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, extension 4830.

### Monthly Walk-In Blood Pressure Clinics

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering the following FREE monthly walk-in Blood Pressure Clinics: Wednesday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m. to Noon at Hannaford's Pharmacy, Ft. Eddy Rd., Concord and Wednesday, Jan. 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at White Rock Senior Living Community, Wellness Office 6 Bow Center Rd., Bow.

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association offers blood pressure screenings in the areas that it serves. Blood pressure screenings are a good way for individuals to track their blood pressure for upcoming visits to their physician. Blood pressure screenings are free of charge. For more information call Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association at 224-4093 or 800-924-8620. ■

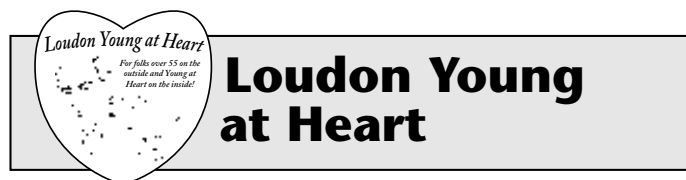
## Concord Hospital Offers Water Fitness Program For Women Who Are Cancer Survivors

Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care and Rehabilitation Services are offering a free introductory session to a water fitness program for women who are cancer survivors on Thursday, January 15 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation at Concord Orthopaedics, P.A. Following the introduction to "Strong Women in Motion (SWIM)," sessions are held consecutive Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m., beginning on January 18 and ending on February 22 at the Racquet Club of Concord. The cost of each session is \$5 and scholarships are available.

Being active can help improve a cancer patient's quality of life. Physical activity has also been shown to improve anxiety, mood and depression, boost self-esteem and relieve fatigue among cancer survivors, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS). Consult your physician to discuss how physical activity may help you. "SWIM is an aquatic exercise program specifically designed for women who are cancer survivors," said Janet Lehoullier, PTA, Concord Hospital Rehabilitation Services. "Participants learn how to exercise safely and enjoy the benefits of water to decrease the stress on joints and muscles."

Registration for this program is required. To register or for more information, please call (603) 230-6031.

As one of Concord Hospital's cornerstone Centers of Excellence, the Payson Center for Cancer Care, approved by the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer as a Comprehensive Community Cancer Center, provides personalized treatment and support for cancer patients and their families, including radiation oncology, medical oncology, and surgery. Board-certified physicians and nationally certified oncology nurses are dedicated to providing quality health care in a warm and caring environment. The Payson Center offers the latest in advanced technology such as Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and the 3D Ultrasound Targeting System, and conducts multiple clinical research trials through New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, PA, (NHOH) and the Concord Hospital Radiation Oncology Department for eligible patients. The full-service Payson Center features the HOPE Resource Center that offers programs and services to assist patients with all aspects of their cancer care including financial, emotional, spiritual, and dietary needs. ■



## Loudon Young at Heart

The Richard Brown House was the setting for our annual Christmas potluck lunch. The decorations included table centerpieces, poinsettias, and ceramic villages and were all perfect holiday favorites. We are very appreciative to have this facility available for our group to use for our September and December meetings.

Vice-President Shirley Preston opened the December 9th meeting with the salute to the flag, which was generously donated by Robert and Pauline Haines. Approximately 50 people were on hand to enjoy the vast assortment of salads, casseroles, and sumptuous desserts. We sang Christmas carols with Roger Dow at the piano. Three poinsettias, donated by Ledgeview Gardens, for door prizes were won by Ruth Lyon, Gloria Heath, and Shirley Eastman. Special thanks go to Dick Malfait and Roger Dow who made an extra trip to get tables to ensure that we had enough seating for everyone.

A one hundred dollar donation to the Young at Heart allowed us to purchase 8 turkeys, 2 turkey breasts, stuffing mixes, and cranberry sauce for donation to the local Food Pantry for Thanksgiving distribution. A thank-you card was sent to the donor for his contribution.

Our Tuesday, January 13th meeting will be held at the Community Center at 10:00 a.m. and will feature a one-man band to entertain us. We will have a sign-up sheet for those people interested in car-pooling to "Food for Thought" in Belmont for our February 10th lunch meeting. As usual, the Community Action Program will be on hand to serve us lunch at our January meeting for the usual nominal fee, and the coffee pot will be on. ■

## Pittsfield Area Senior Center

Pittsfield Area Senior Center serves Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, Loudon, and Pittsfield. It is located in the Pittsfield Community Center, 74 Main St. BUT!: Our entrance is around the corner off of Broadway St.

The Pittsfield Area Senior Center offers daily delivery of Meals on Wheels as well as community dining at our facility and our Rural Transportation Service travels into Concord Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday for medical purposes and shopping. If you or someone you know lives in our service area we may be of assistance with food and transportation. Call for more information 435-8482.

### January Activities

**Bingo.** Every Monday and Thursday

**Book Club.** The 3rd Monday of each month. The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month right after lunch at 12:30. This month's selection is *Servants of the Map*, short stories by Andrea Barrett.

**Planning Committee Meeting.** We are seeking your input. Join us 1/6/09 at 9:45 for our first of the year planning meeting to discuss what we want to do throughout the year. We will take about parties, entertainment, activities, trips and programs.

**Crafts.** Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Change of schedule for January. On January 13th Erin is stopping by to teach Jewelry making. On the 27th we are planning to go into Concord to the Bead It shop to further explore our individual creative talents.

**Easy Bridge.** Tuesday 10 a.m. Easy Bridge lessons will be starting again on 1/6/09. Our Bridge players are not a serious group they play for fun. Bridge is an excellent game to play to keep

your brain function sharp. Join us, make some new friends or banter with some old ones and increase the wrinkles in your brain to keep your brain in good working order!

**Practicing Culinary Arts.** The 1st Wednesday of the month. Come and learn to make your own pasta. We will be making genuine Italian Manicotti under the tutelage of Bernadette Butler who has been cooking authentic Italian cuisine for the past 50 years for her family and friends. We eat what we make. \$5.00 includes instruction and your meal.

### MYSTERY DINING & TRIPS

The Second and Forth Wednesday of the month the rural transportation bus takes us out to dinner or on a short trip. Roseanne, is the mystery dining and monthly trip organizer. She is gathering ideas for where you would like to go. Call and leave a message for her with your ideas or talk to her on the bus.

Cost for transportation is between \$2 and \$5 depending on the destination!

We have two trips in the making for January. We will go on the one that there is the most interest.

One trip is to the New Hampshire Museum of NH History. Admission is \$4.50 per person unless we have enough people for a group rate (\$3.50). OR the other option is to take a tour of the NH State House. Transportation cost is \$3.00. The tours are about 1-1½ hours long. If we have time we will go over to the Prison Store to see what kind of items are available for sale. First filled trip is the one the goes. Talk with Roseanna and make your reservation. Bag lunch, transportation and admission to the museum will be \$ 9.50. Payment at time of reservation is required. NO REFUNDS. ■

## The Loudon Recreation Committee News

The Loudon Recreation Committee put out a "Venture Out This Vacation" calendar where the Loudon Police and Fire Departments, Maxfield Public Library, and TD Banknorth offered tours and projects for elementary school kids during one of the school vacation weeks. We are hoping this is successful and that in the future we can offer other Loudon business tours and events for kids during school breaks. If you attended, let us know what you thought by printing an event evaluation sheet from the website. If you are a Loudon business that would like to host an event for kids during the next school vacation break (great publicity) let us know!

The Loudon Recreation Committee has teamed up with instructor Brian McGaunn to offer two crochet classes. A one-day Beginner Crochet class is being offered as well as a Learn to Crochet a Sampler Afghan which is a five week course. Details on both can be found on the registration form which can be printed from the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org). The courses will be held in January and February. Students should register in advance. The class maximum is 8 and minimum of 4, — reserve your spot now as registrations will be open until the class is full. If you have any questions, or for more information about instructor Brian McGaunn and his work, please visit his blog at <http://brileyknits.blogspot.com/> or email [briley\\_cat8@hotmail.com](mailto:briley_cat8@hotmail.com). Phone call questions can be directed to Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Committee Chair at 435-5193

### SAVE THE DATE:

**LOUDON WINTER CARNIVAL on Saturday, February 21st from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. with fun for all!!** We will have snowman building competition, with prizes, snowshoeing with snowshoes available or bring your own, relay races, wiffle ball, and volley ball in the snow! There will be free hot cocoa and cookies. Also available for a nominal fee will be drink, hot dog and chip combos and those proceeds will benefit the Loudon Food Pantry. Come on down to the Recreation Fields for some fun with your friends and neighbors from Loudon. We are always looking for help on the day of the event, if you can help please let us know!! In the event of bad weather or no-snow on the 21st, we will hold the event on Feb. 28th.

Keep checking the website as we may have program opportunities come up between issues of *The Loudon Ledger*.

Of course we are always looking for new and exciting program ideas! Please feel free to share yours at any time! Please go to the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) print and return the event/activity survey form. We are also always looking for help. **The Recreation Committee meets once a month usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at The Maxfield Public Library at 6:30 p.m.** Please let us know if you are interested in helping out. If you can't attend the meetings, but would like to get placed on our email contact list for volunteering at specific events, please email Alicia Grimaldi at [affirmhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:affirmhealth@yahoo.com). ■

## Curt Schilling Goes to Iraq



Captain Greg Moore, son of Tom and Susan Moore of Loudon, poses with Curt Schilling. Capt. Moore is stationed in Al Asad, Iraq.

# Boating Education Class Schedule

State Of New Hampshire Department Of Safety Boating Education. Call 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 (Monday through Friday 8:15-4:15)  
 WEBSITE ADDRESS: [www.nhboatingeducation.com](http://www.nhboatingeducation.com). The Department of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class and because of the limited seating pre-registration is required.  
 Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

## ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

01/24/09	9:00-4:30	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
01/24/09	9:00-4:30	Concord Dos	Concord
01/24/09	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
01/31/09	9:00-4:30	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
01/31/09	9:00-4:30	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
02/07/09	9:00-4:30	Keene Fish and Game	Keene
02/21/09	9:00-4:30	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
02/21/09	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
02/21/09	9:00-4:30	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
02/28/09	9:00-4:30	Concord Department Safety	Concord
02/28/09	9:00-4:30	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
02/28/09	9:00-4:30	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
03/07/09	9:00-4:30	Keene Fish and Game	Keene
03/14/09	9:00-4:30	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
03/14/09	9:00-4:30	Moultonborough Safety Building	Moultonborough
03/14/09	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
03/14/09	9:00-4:30	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
03/21/09	9:00-4:30	Concord Department Safety	Concord
03/28/09	9:00-4:30	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
03/28/09	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
03/28/09	9:00-4:30	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
04/04/09	9:00-4:30	Keene Fish and Game	Keene
04/11/09	9:00-4:30	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
04/11/09	9:00-4:30	Keene Fish and Game	Keene
04/11/09	9:00-4:30	Moultonborough Safety Building	Moultonborough
04/11/09	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
04/11/09	9:00-4:30	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
04/11/09	9:00-4:30	Seabrook Fire Department	Seabrook
04/18/09	9:00-4:30	Concord Department Safety	Concord
04/18/09	9:00-4:30	Ossipee Town Hall	Ossipee
04/18/09	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
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04/25/09	9:00-4:30	St. Joseph's Hospital	Nashua
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05/02/09	9:00-4:30	Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center	Portsmouth
05/09/09	9:00-4:30	Keene Fish and Game	Keene
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05/16/09	9:00-4:30	Bedford Police Department	Bedford
05/16/09	9:00-4:30	Concord Department Safety	Concord
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02/02/09 and 02/04/09	6:00-9:30	Derry West Running Brook Middle School	Derry
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02/24/09 and 02/26/09	6:00-9:30	Laconia Lakes Region General Hospital	Laconia
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03/09/09 and 03/10/09	6:00-9:30	Exeter Library	Exeter
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## LOUDON BOY SCOUTS

### Troop 247 Rings in the New Year!

Boy Scout Troop 247 meets every Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on South Village Road, just look for the army tank. Thank you to everyone who helped in making our Christmas activity a success. Many hand-crafted ornaments were donated by the troop and crew to the folks at the Richard Brown House senior housing community on South Village Road. Our elections were held for new leaders and congratulations to Jack Rice, SPL, and Cullen Rodrigue, ASPL, who are both confident about their new leadership roles.

We completed a climbing merit badge activity, with support from Crew 247, at Vertical Dreams in Manchester as well as a trip in December to the Kittery Trading Post in Maine to shop for new camping gear.

We have a busy and fun-filled calendar for winter and spring. We're doing a variety of activities such as winter camping and getting prepared for The Klondike Derby in February.



Boy Scout Troop 247 rings in the New Year — 2009!

### Happy New Year from Crew 247

Crew 247 meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Loudon. Boy Scout Troops will form Crews so that young ladies who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age may participate in scouting. Venturing is a Co-ed youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women. The Boy Scouts of America approve and train adult men and women leaders to use the Venture program to bring out the best in each of the scouts. They are interested in helping members become adults that will be assets to society. All Advisors must be over the age of 21 and registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Crew enjoyed an exciting trip to Manchester to assist the troop at Verticle Dreams climbing center in December. Crew elections were held and our new officers are Jessica Fife, president, and Cam Smith, vice-president, look forward to the life-long experience that leadership brings.

#### The Venturing Oath

*As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.*



Happy New Year from Venture Crew 247!

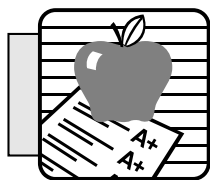
### Cub Scouts News

Loudon Pack 247 was second only to the Penacook Pack for total popcorn sales in the Wannalancit District. The top sellers for the Pack were: Alec Decato, Michael Ainsworth, and Joseph Stokes. The top dens were Webelos 2 and the Wolves. As well as helping to pay for the advancements, i.e. kerchiefs, badges and pins, the proceeds also fund some fun activities. The boys will be attending a Monarchs game in January, going tubing at Gunstock in February, and climbing at Vertical Dreams in the spring. The money is also allowing the pack to update the software and electronics for the Pinewood Derby. Thanks to everyone who supported the boys by purchasing popcorn.

Four Tiger Cubs, Deane Henderson, Jacob Carpenter, Jacob Coloumbe and Douglas Daniels, were awarded their Bobcat Badge during the December pack meeting. Tiger is the first level of scouting and the Bobcat Badge is earned once the scout learns the Cub Scout promise, law, motto, sign and handshake. All the boys received their Pinewood Derby car kit and are anxious to start designing their cars. The race will take place on January 31. ■

*The Cub Scouts made marshmallow snowmen (shown at right) and held a gift swap during their December pack meeting. For the gift swap, Deb Ainsworth read Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer while the boys sat in a circle; each time the boys heard "reindeer" they would pass the gift to the left and each time they heard "Rudolph" they would pass the gift to the right. When the story was over they opened the gift they were holding.*





## Merrimack Valley School District News

### Elementary School News

#### Santa's Breakfast Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the power outage, we were forced to cancel our annual *Breakfast With Santa* on Saturday, December 13. *Breakfast With Santa* is a treasured LES event and tradition and we were very saddened when it became clear that a cancellation was inevitable.

Due to time constraints this event cannot be rescheduled before the holiday break. The PTA is hoping to plan an Easter Breakfast/Craft Fair/Raffle in the Spring, followed by our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please keep an eye out for an announcement with the date and time.

Again, we deeply apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and wish you all a safe, happy, and BRIGHT holiday season.

Sincerely,  
The LES PTA

#### Mrs. Buzzell Honored

The Loudon Elementary School PTA, in cooperation with the Lampron Family, has completed the memorial honoring four very special teachers who taught at Loudon Elementary School. The monument, shown above at right, was not complete until recently when Mrs. Buzzell's name was added. Their commitment and dedication to Loudon and teaching will be remembered forever by those they taught and inspired in the community. We know that these women and their passion for educating the young inspired others to do the same.

### MVHS News

Term 2 progress reports closed recently and were mailed home to parents on Tuesday, December 9th. **To save on postage, this will be the last mailing of progress reports, report cards, and newsletters.** Parents are encouraged to use the new online grade books to access these reports. In the future, reports will be distributed to students to be brought home to parents.

#### Music Department News:

The MVHS Marching Band and Color Guard performed in the Holiday Magic Parade in Concord on Saturday, November 22. Despite the very cold weather, the students did a fantastic job and did not let the cold affect them. They are to be highly commended for a great performance. They rose to the occasion and gave their best. Nice Job!

Zach Blanchard will be representing Merrimack Valley at the Jazz All State Festival in February. He will be singing



in the Jazz Choir under the direction of Michelle Snow.

Jess Bullock, Sarah Hashem, and Merike Youngs participated in the All New England Band Festival at Plymouth State University on November 24th. They played in ensembles with some of the top student musicians from throughout the New England states. The conductors of the ensembles were noted composers Roland Barrett and Travis Cross.

Three students from MV will be representing the music department at the All State Music Festival in April. Becca Hashem was selected for the mixed chorus; she received the 4th highest score out of the 48 altos who auditioned. Jillian Kerchen was selected for the women's chorus. Merike Youngs was selected for the orchestra; she will be playing french horn. *Submitted by Mr. Livernois, Director*

#### National Honor Society

The National Honor Society (NHS) held its fall induction ceremony on November 19th. Congratulations to the nine new members: Danielle Bassett, Samantha Caldwell, Krystin Corliss, Katelin Haley, William MacDuffie, Taylor Miller, Alex Orsini, Alyssa Thiem, and Meredith Young.

The NHS worked with the Loudon Historical Society on Saturday, November 15th interviewing some long-time Loudon residents for the archives. It was a rewarding day for all who participated. Thank you to Mrs. Corrow for helping to organize this event! *Submitted by Ms. Hassapes, NHS Advisor*

#### Ski & Board Club:

Winter is obviously here meaning MV student's will soon be hitting the slopes with either their families or friends. This winter a good number of our students have chosen to go with the school Ski and Snowboard Club. Beginning Saturday January 10th and for five consecutive Saturdays, approximately 35 students will join Mr. Neilsen and crew departing from the high school at 6:50 a.m. to Waterville Valley and will return to the comforts of home by 5 p.m. If your son or daughter is on the

fence and might still be thinking of joining in this wonderful winter opportunity, please have them see the advisor ASAP. We still have a few openings available. *This message brought to you by the "Committee for Greater Snowfall Accumulation."*

#### Food Service News

Happy Holidays from the MV Food Service Department:

Starting in January the MV High School Food Service Dept. will be adding a "Breakfast Sandwich" to the daily Breakfast Meal Deal! Students will now have 3 Breakfast Meal Deal choices: Cereal, a Breakfast sandwich, or a third choice that will change daily. The Breakfast Meal Deals consist of the main item plus a choice of either milk, Juice or Fruit. The cost of these great deals is \$1.25.

As our economy is changing daily we would like to remind everyone that you can fill out a Free and Reduced Meals Application at any time. If your income has changed this would be a good time to fill out a new application. You may pick up an application from any of the schools or you may call Wendy LaClair @ 753-1420 to have one mailed. She will also provide assistance in filling out the application.

#### Parent Advisory Group

The Parent Advisory Group met on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the main office conference room. The focus of the meeting was the International Baccalaureate Programme (IB). Parents learned the specifics about how this initiative will raise standards for all students in our school district. A panel of classroom teachers presented. Watch for more details about IB information sessions throughout the school district.

#### MVHS Has Its Own Newspaper!

The Media Productions class and the Newspaper Club published their first edition of *The Valley Voice*. Reliable sources say this is the first time in MV history that the school has had a newspaper printed on real newsprint. The

student council helped the newspaper get off its feet by paying for the first edition. Other editions will have to be supported by bake sales, donations and ads. Students who wish to get involved in writing, organizing or fund raising should come to Newspaper club on Monday afternoons at 2:45. Thanks to everyone for their support.

#### Guidance Dept.

Greetings from MVHS Guidance! Upcoming events and reminders:

Seniors are reminded to check college application deadlines; get requests in for transcripts accordingly; and to check the MVHS website for updated scholarship information.

Alumni Day is Friday, December 19th. Recent MV alumni are invited to come to the high school, visit with teachers, and take a survey about your college experience and how well MV prepared you.

**Juniors and Seniors:** We encourage you to check out the E-START program and take advantage of the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. You can earn 3 college credits per course and have that course on your high school transcript upon completion for only \$100.00!! For more info go to [www.vlacs.org](http://www.vlacs.org).

Sophomores received their PSAT scores on Monday Dec. 8th the Guidance Dept. conducted a brief overview with all the sophomores on interpreting their scores, using their score reports to improve on the SAT and improve academic skills, and using "My College Quickstart," a helpful tool found on [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) that provides a personalized SAT study plan, a full score report, and college and career planning. Parents are urged to take some time to talk with your sophomore about how he/she did and check out the tools to improve skills and plan for college.

As Fall Semester comes to a close, we urge parents to take a close look at how your child is doing academically and to contact teachers/guidance counselors with any concerns you may have about progress. If your child is falling behind, please remember to have your student utilize the After School Academic Support Center to catch up on work, get help with assignments, and stay on track! Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:00. Remember the Library is also open until 6:00 every school night for additional help or computer access!

NWEA testing will once again take place from December 15th through Dec. 19th and from January 5th-9th. All 9th and 10th graders will be tested in reading and language usage, and all students currently enrolled in a math course below Algebra II will be tested in math. This testing provides rich data

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## Wildlife Control Operator Class Offered Jan. 14

The New Hampshire Wildlife Control Operators (WCO) training class, offered once a year, will take place on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at Fish and Game headquarters at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There is no charge for the one-day class. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. To sign up, visit [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/wildlife\\_control\\_ops\\_class.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/wildlife_control_ops_class.htm) and download a print-and-mail registration form to send in, or to request a form, call 603-271-2461 or e-mail [wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov).

Participants MUST be present by 8:15 a.m.; late arrivals will be denied certification.

The course is presented by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, the New Hampshire Trappers Association, the New Hampshire Wildlife Control Operators Association and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Wildlife Services.

A Wildlife Control Operator license is required for anyone planning to provide commercial nuisance wildlife control in New Hampshire, except for licensed trappers during the regulated trapping seasons. As part of the WCO licensing requirement, you must complete the six-hour WCO class given once a year in Concord, as well as successfully completing a Fish and Game Trapper Education certification course.

The WCO training class includes presentations on the capture and handling of wildlife, humane and ethical concerns, relevant New Hampshire state laws and rules, federal rules covering certain species, wildlife diseases, best management practices and proper trapping techniques.

For more information and a full agenda for the WCO class, visit [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/wildlife\\_control\\_ops\\_class.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/wildlife_control_ops_class.htm).

For more information on trapping in New Hampshire, visit [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunt\\_trapping.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunt_trapping.htm).

## Fish & Game "Radio Diner" Podcast Now Available

Listen up! Visit N.H. Fish and Game's website at [www.wildnh.com/broadcast](http://www.wildnh.com/broadcast), and you can hear a brand-new episode of the free audio podcast, Fish and Game Radio Diner. Podcasts are web-based radio programs that can be played on your computer, or downloaded for listening on an iPod or other mobile device.

In the new 26-minute Radio Diner podcast, we talk about getting outdoors in winter, and not just to shovel the driveway. Maj. Tim Acerno shares his best advice on how to get ready for the snowmobile season. We talk about the snowmobile classes offered by Fish and Game that help outdoor enthusiasts get started on the right foot. Did you know that you could get on your snowmobile in Keene and ride to Canada?

Judy Silverberg drops in to talk about winter wildlife viewing — or "animal spotting," as our foreign visitors call it — in New Hampshire. Did you ever wonder what wildlife does to get through the winter? Judy provides the answer to that question and more interesting facts about getting outdoors and enjoying the winter months.

Fish and Game Radio Diner podcasts feature seasonal topics ranging from hunting and fishing forecasts; outdoor tips and strategies and places to go; wildlife watching opportunities; and the latest news and research from the field to help outdoor users better plan their time outdoors. From the website, you can listen to the new episode, or catch up on archived episodes from this fall.

To listen to or download a free podcast or to learn more about Fish and Game Radio Diner, go to [www.wildnh.com/broadcast](http://www.wildnh.com/broadcast) and click on the Fish and Game Radio Diner icon.

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on student progress and is helpful in determining student needs in class as well as appropriate course placement. Please help us encourage students to put their best effort into the testing.

All students recently viewed the film *Including Samuel*, which was a powerful documentary about accepting those with disabilities and treating them with respect and tolerance as equal members of society, in and out of school. In addition, counselors visited several Academy Seminar classes to conduct workshops with freshmen about bullying/harassment and tolerance of those

who seem different. We hope these workshops and discussions will help foster an environment that includes respect and acceptance for all students at MVHS.

**Words of Wisdom:** "There is no elevator to your dreams — you must take the steps."

*Respectfully submitted by Mark Ciarametaro, Guidance Public Relations VP*

We hope that everyone had a Healthy, Safe Holiday Season and New Year! ■

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Countryside Realty would like to thank the following clients for their business in 2008:**

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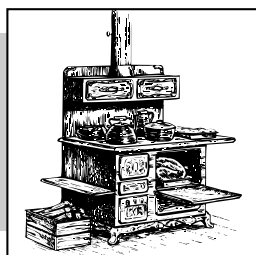
**Steve Jackson would also like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a successful, healthy, and prosperous New Year.**

**Countryside Realty looks forward to another great year in 2009. Please call Steve for all of your real estate needs.**

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# What's Cookin'!

## This month: Healthy Resolutions in the Kitchen

By Jennifer Pfeifer

**Happy New Year!** Let's make this year the best ever. Here's hoping that we are all able to find a way to follow through with the resolutions we've made to ourselves and our families. Eat healthier, lose weight, spend less money, and spend more time with your family are all resolutions that many of us make. I tried to choose some recipes that help a bit with all of those things. Have a happy healthy year of cooking!

### Clementines with Vinegar and Pepper

*Recipe courtesy Mario Batali*

- 8 sweet clementines (can substitute other small seedless citrus)
- 1 ounce best quality balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Freshly ground black pepper

Peel the clementines and separate them into segments. In a mixing bowl, toss the fruit segments, vinegar, and sugar. Mix until well combined. Divide the fruit mixture among 4 martini glasses, careful to get all the vinegar out of the mixing bowl and into the glasses. Crack fresh pepper over the top and serve. This is also wonderful served over a bed of baby spinach.

### Sweet n "Saur" Cabbage Soup

*Recipe courtesy Rachel Ray*

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 pound ham steak, chopped
- 1 savoy cabbage, quartered, cored and shredded
- 1 onion, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 2 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes
- Salt and pepper
- 1 bay leaf, fresh or dried
- 2 cups cider
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 14-ounce can white beans, drained
- 1 pound sack sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
- 1 quart chicken stock
- 1/4 cup chopped dill
- 1 cup sour cream, to pass at table

Heat a soup pot over medium high heat with extra-virgin olive oil. Add ham and lightly brown 2 to 3 minutes. Add shredded cabbage and stir in the onions and carrots as you finish chopping and grating them. Stir in the frozen hash browns and season the vegetables liberally with salt and pepper. Add in a bay leaf, cider, honey, beans, sauerkraut and chicken stock. Place a lid on the pot and bring soup to a boil. Uncover and simmer 10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Stir in dill and adjust seasoning of soup. Serve the soup in shallow bowls and top with sour cream.

### Turkey Meatballs with Quick & Spicy Tomato Sauce and Whole-Wheat Spaghetti

*Recipe courtesy Ellie Krieger*

*You can make the meatballs and pair them with your favorite jar of sauce and grinder rolls for a speedy meal.*

#### Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 28-ounce can crushed fire-roasted tomatoes, liquid included
- 1 teaspoon finely minced canned chipotle en adobo and sauce, or more to taste
- 2 teaspoons chopped oregano leaves
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- Salt
- 1/4 cup torn fresh basil leaves

#### Meatballs:

- Cooking spray
- 1 pound ground turkey meat
- 1 slice fresh whole-wheat bread, crusts removed, pulsed into crumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
- 1/2 cup finely grated carrot
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced

- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley leaves, plus more for garnish
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme leaves
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 box (16 ounces) whole-wheat spaghetti

Fill a large stockpot with water and bring to a boil for pasta.

**Make Sauce:** In a 4-quart saucepan heat the oil over medium heat. Sauté the onions until translucent, about 3 minutes, then add the garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Add tomato paste, tomatoes, chipotles, oregano, rosemary, and salt. Bring all the ingredients to a low boil, reduce heat and cook for approximately 15 minutes, until liquid has evaporated slightly. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. While sauce is cooking, make meatballs.

**Meatballs:** Preheat the broiler. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. Combine the turkey with all other ingredients in a large work bowl. Form into 2 1/2-inch balls and place on a baking sheet. Broil for 10 minutes, or until browned and almost entirely cooked through.

Meanwhile, remove rosemary sprig from sauce and add fresh basil. Add the meatballs to the sauce, cover, and cook additional 10 minutes, or until sauce has slightly thickened and meatballs have absorbed some of the sauce. While the meatballs are cooking, cook the whole-wheat spaghetti according to package directions.

Drain the pasta and return it to the pot. Add the sauce and meatballs, toss and heat through over medium heat. Divide evenly among 4 pasta bowls and garnish with parsley and 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan.

### Savory Corn & Broccoli Casserole

*from LowFatLifestyle.com*

- 1 14 ounces can cream-style corn
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 11 ounces can corn or you may use frozen corn
- 1-1/2 cups broccoli florets
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 2 egg whites, or one whole egg slightly beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup crushed reduced fat Ritz or other butter crackers

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Stir together cream corn and flour in medium bowl until combined. Stir in regular corn, broccoli, onions, egg, and pepper. Spray a 9 inch pie plate or other glass baking dish with cooking oil spray. Spoon mixture into dish and sprinkle with crushed crackers. Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes or until set.

### Angel Food Cake

*Recipe courtesy Alton Brown*

- 1-3/4 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup cake flour, sifted
- 12 egg whites (the closer to room temperature the better)
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon orange extract, or extract of your choice
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a food processor spin sugar about 2 minutes until it is superfine. Sift half of the sugar with the salt the cake flour, setting the remaining sugar aside.

In a large bowl, use a balloon whisk to thoroughly combine egg whites, water, orange extract, and cream of tartar. After 2 minutes, switch to a hand mixer. Slowly sift the reserved sugar, beating continuously at medium speed. Once you have achieved medium peaks, sift enough of the flour mixture in to dust the top of the foam. Using a spatula fold in gently. Continue until all of the flour mixture is incorporated.

Carefully spoon mixture into an ungreased tube pan. Bake for 35 minutes before checking for doneness with a wooden skewer. (When inserted halfway between the inner and outer wall, the skewer should come out dry).

Cool upside down on cooling rack for at least an hour before removing from pan. Serve with fresh berries.

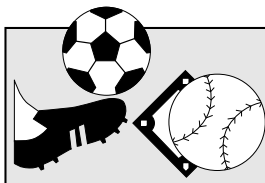
**Next Month:** Valentine treats in the kitchen. As always, if you have any recipes or suggestions send them to me by email at [jtpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfeifer@comcast.net), call at 783-8986, or send them by mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

# LOUDON HISTORY & MYSTERY

By Tina Rattee



Last month's mystery.



## Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

### Annual Meeting:

It that time again to vote in new LYAA board members! This year we will have open positions for the following: President, Secretary, and 2 Directors at large. These are two year positions, Jan. 2009 to Jan. 2011. If you know someone great for the job have them contact a Board Member ASAP or attend our meeting on Jan 27th at 7pm at Maxfield Public Library! Exciting things happening for LYAA are development of soccer fields, increased community involvement, and another great year of youth sports!

### Loudon Little League Baseball & Softball:

Loudon Little League will hold its annual meeting on January 27th from 6-7 p.m. at Maxfield Public Library for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. This is the time to get involved! The Little League is looking for volunteers to assist with the 2009 baseball and softball season. Annually, the regular membership (coaches, parents, volunteers etc.) of each Little League are required to meet and elect the board of directors. Following the election, the board of directors meets to elect its officers from within the newly elected board. The officers required are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Safety Officer, and Information Officer however, the more the merrier! For more Little League position duties go to: [www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/BODRoles.htm](http://www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/BODRoles.htm). All members in good standing will be eligible to vote. For more information please contact John Charron at 267-6880.

### Become a Member!

LYAA wants you to get involved! Little in life is more rewarding then helping a child grow. We are expanding our membership to those of you who want to make a difference in a child's life and have fun. Becoming a LYAA member is easy, just come to one of our meetings scheduled every 4th Tuesday of each month at Maxfield Public Library. There are many exciting opportunities to take part in and any level of help is appreciated. You can also request to be on our email list to stay informed!

### Annual Meeting

Next Meeting is the annual meeting! It's scheduled for January 25th at 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Melody Broider via e-mail: [foreyesstudios@hotmail.com](mailto:foreyesstudios@hotmail.com).

### Independent Community Basketball (ICB) Basketball News:

3rd Annual ICB Shoot-A-Thon and Individual Pictures are scheduled for January 24th at LES. The 2nd Annual ICB Invitational Tournament will be held during February vacation again this year! Check out season updates at [www.icbbasketball.com](http://www.icbbasketball.com). ■



This month's mystery.

The December mystery picture was so popular!! I would like to thank Fred Osgood for sending the picture. The cow was at the entrance of Jim and Ann Brown's, Currier Road home from 1936 until the early 1960s. Their son, Joe Brown, currently lives in the home. Pamela Smith Hargreaves emailed from Florida (another online reader). She wrote that the Brown's brought the cow home from the 1936 New York World's Fair. There were so many responses from people who remembered the cow: Dustin Bowles, Randy Cummings, R. Maxfield, and Wilson Smith, just to name a few. Caroline Stinson recalled her mother, Gertrude Muzzey, telling her it was Elsie, the Borden cow and the milk man picked up the milk cans the Browns put in it. It was nice to hear from so many of you.

Do you have any information about the January mystery picture? We are always looking for interesting photos for our articles — do you have any? As you can see from December's cow, the pictures do not have to be people or houses, just something people might remember something about. Call or email me, Tina, 783-0483 or [trattee@comcast.net](mailto:trattee@comcast.net). ■



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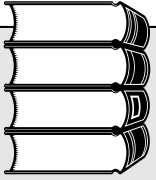
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## Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson



There's fun at the Library for all ages!



### STORY TIME

Story time starts up on January 6th, 7th, and 8th, with a look at airplanes and pilots. The stories for the week will be a *Picture Book of Amelia Earhart* by David Adler and *This Plane* by Paul Collicut. The children will create a colorful plane to fly them back to their homes.

On the 13th through the 15th, the children will create a curled-paper snow scene after hearing books by Sue Harris and Miriam Moss: *The Snow Bear* and *Little Seal*.

January 20th through the 22nd, the kids might want to bundle up as they listen to Steven Kellogg's *The Missing Mitten Mystery* and Steven Schnur's *Winter: An Alphabet Acrostic*. The take home craft will be a mitten wreath created with different textures.

We end the month of January with a bovine theme. After hearing *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin and Alexander Steffensmeier's *Millie Waits for the Mailman* on the 27th through the 29th, story timers will fashion a 3D cow that's sure to fit in the car for the ride home.

### RELAXATION PROGRAM

Unwind after the holiday rush with Glenda Yeaton's hands-on techniques to relieve stress, headaches, and muscle tension. Call 798-5153 or stop by the library to sign up for this free program offered at 11 a.m. on January 17th.

### NEW BOOKS

#### Fiction

Berry, Steve  
Chiaverini, Jennifer  
James, P.D.  
King, Stephen  
Lamb, Wally

*The Charlemagne Pursuit*  
*Quilter's Kitchen*  
*The Private Patient*  
*Just after Sunset*  
*The Hour I First Believed*

#### Nonfiction

Brownlee, Shannon  
Hornbacher, Marya  
Lemieux, Richard

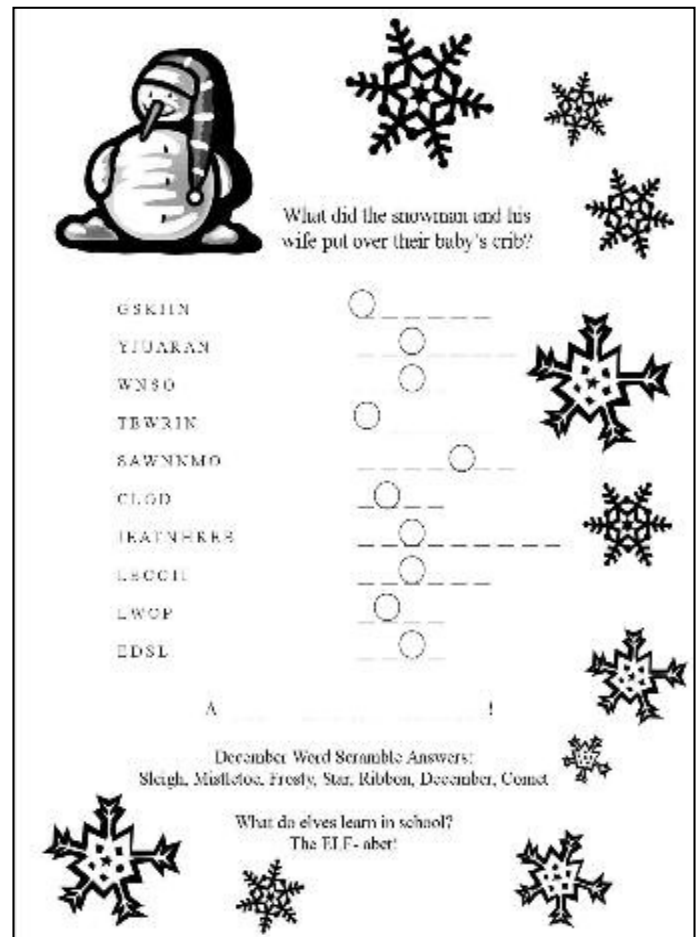
*Overtreated*  
*Madness: a Bipolar Life*  
*Breakfast at Sally's: One Homeless Man's Inspirational Journey*  
*Do Gentlemen Really Prefer Blondes?*  
*Call Me Ted*

### BOOK GROUP

Expected to become the world's third largest economy and to surpass China in population by 2032, India remains an enigma to many Westerners. When news broke of the recent terrorist attacks, not all of us even knew that Mumbai is the city formerly known by the anglicized name of Bombay. In *Spite of the Gods: the Strange Rise of Modern India*, by Edward Luce, describes how this massive democracy in many ways bypassed the industrial revolution as its economy jumped from agriculture to high-tech services with enormous social growing pains. Book group will meet at 7:30 p.m., on January 28th. Newcomers are welcome.

### LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open Tuesdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Wednesdays 1–9 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m. ■



## Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — November 4, 2008

5:05 p.m.

**In attendance:** Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Greg Silva, Sue Kowalski, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

Minutes from the October 9, 2008 meeting were approved.

### Financial Report:

Nancy explained that she will compile a list of collection maintenance invoices to send to the town for reimbursement from the Collections Maintenance Fund.

### Director's Report:

- **Library meeting rooms are fully booked** by civic groups evenings from now through the end of January. On Wednesday nights, the 4-H Horse Club will meet in the Children's Room meeting/craft area as they prepare for a competition.
- **Book group participation is up.** Close to twenty-five people are on the call list to receive selected titles from inter-library loans for the monthly discussions.
- During the library's Oct. 25 book sale, the **Girl Scouts held a bake sale** in the front hallway. They will have another bake sale in November.
- The employee who had surgery returned to work on Oct. 25.
- The library will offer a **special hour each week for people to drop by, have coffee, share their reading discoveries**, and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Letty Barton is working with us to coordinate programs for people living in the Richard Brown House complexes.

- **Keene State College's Children's Literature Festival** was especially good this year with Steven Kellogg, Eric Kimmel, and Jerry Pinckney among the speakers. Three of us from Loudon — two from our library and one from the LES library — attended.

### Children Librarian's Report:

- On October 7th the morning story time group met for the apple picking field trip at Meadow Ledge Farms. There were 31 children and 17 adults in attendance.
- On October 8th the afternoon story time group met for the apple picking field trip at Meadow Ledge Farm. There were 16 children and 12 adults in attendance.
- Children's Librarian attended the Children Librarians conference in Littleton, NH.
- October 21, 22, & 23, story time had a visit from the Loudon Fire Department (Lieutenant Bill Lake and firefighter John Reese) to talk about our evacuation plan and practice a fire drill.
- Concord Headstart will visit story time on Thursday, November 6th at 10:30. About 18 children are expected. The upstairs meeting room will be used for craft time.
- A Christmas break activity is being planned in coordination with the Recreation Department for one of the Tuesday mornings.
- On October 29th the afternoon story time group went trick-or-treating through the town offices. There were

eleven children and ten adults in attendance.

- On October 30th the morning story time group went trick-or-treating through the town offices. There were 15 children and 12 adults in attendance.
- Story time attendance for the month of October was: 203 children and 153 adults for the 5 weeks.

### Old Business

Sandy offered to contact Dave Rice about **removing the sand bags** outside the children's room now that they are no longer needed. She will also ask about having the parking lot swept since small pebbles appeared to have been dropped on the pavement and may be a safety hazard.

**Children's Room update:** The fabric covered foam shapes have been delivered. The children are enjoying them but the staff questioned the safety if a child falls and wonder whether the manufacturer recommends a particular surface under the shapes. The Committee will meet again on Thursday, November 13, 1:00 p.m. \$12,723 has been spent so far on the project.

There was a discussion of the **attraction passes**. Nancy expressed her concern that the Recreation Department may not cover the cost of the passes after all. She reported that a family pass to the Children's Museum in Dover has been purchased thanks to generous donations from Carole Richardson, Heather Hayden, and H. Jack Willis. Sue agreed to write an article for the *Ledger* explaining which passes are available, what discount they provide

and the fact that donations from somewhere will be necessary to renew them when they expire.

**Maintenance:** The air intake platform is almost complete. The wood will be painted to blend in better and metal sheeting will be placed on the top. Rick Hering has a plan to replace the rotting meeting room door by modifying an interior door from storage. There was question whether an interior door would be sufficient.

Trustees were asked to **edit the personnel policy** to reflect the change in the library's handling payroll and to clarify when employees can take vacation time.

### New Business

It was agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the budget for 2009–2010. Nancy agreed to prepare a list of annual contracts and when they renew. The trustees will hold a special meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

There was discussion of whether programmable thermostats would be beneficial. Nancy said that turning down the thermostats to 50 was part of the closing routine and that the building warmed up quickly once the thermostats were turned back up at opening.

6:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Blanchard  
Gregory Silva  
Susan Kowalski

## Maxfield Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes — November 13, 2008

5:10 p.m.

**In attendance:** Trustees Sandy Blanchard, Greg Silva, Sue Kowalski, and Library Director Nancy Hendy.

This meeting was called to discuss the 2009–2010 budget which needs to be presented to the Selectmen on Monday, November 17.

Nancy presented a report of annual contracts/fees. Per the trustees' instruction, Nancy prepared a draft budget based on the proposed 2008–2009 budget (before the 30% cut voted on at Town Meeting) with an inflation increase of 3–4%. Nancy commented that many people have complained

about the reduced hours. The trustees want to restore the hours to 40 a week.

The **part time wages** line was discussed. It was decided that two clerks or pages were needed (one for each floor) plus a third person to provide back-up. It was estimated that Nancy and Cheryl provide that back up for 40 hours, or half their time. Nancy and Cheryl's duties often require them to be away from the circulation desk. Vacation hour's coverage was calculated and estimated at 5 hours a week. A total of 82 clerk hours (including vacation coverage and the technician duties of 9 hours) and 12 page hours came to 94

part time hours a week. Nancy needed to check with Jean Lee to see if the town's budget was 51, 52 or 53 weeks, depending on the dates of the first and last pay weeks for fiscal year.

Budget lines to see an increase included:

- **Books** from \$7000 to \$7500 to make up some of the loss from the 30% budget cut
- **Building Maintenance** from \$7000 to \$9000 due to increased issues
- **Elevator Maintenance** from \$2800 to \$3000 due to added test required

- **Passes** from \$900 to \$1200 due to the addition of the Children's Museum of NH
- **Technology** line was reduced from \$5500 to \$5000. All other non-staff lines remained the same as the proposed 2008–2009 budget.

6:45p.m. Nancy Hendy left and the trustees entered a closed session to discuss salaries and pay rates.

7:15 p.m. the closed session ended and the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Blanchard  
Gregory Silva  
Susan Kowalski

## MAXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**If your New Year's resolution is to read more books and watch less television, come down to the library's January Book Sale to restock your shelves. The book sale will be held on the 24th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There's sure to be a book that will grab your attention.**

# Happy New Year from the Girl Scouts of Loudon

## Loudon Girl Scouts Caroling in the Village



You may have seen us or better yet, you may have heard us — the Girl Scouts of Loudon were caroling in the Village area in early December and had a great time. We even stopped down to the Richard Brown House and sang to a wonderful group of people there. Thank you to those who were home and allowed us to share our spirit of the season. We want to give a special “Thank You” to Dave Ingraham and Ben Carter who helped keep us safe by stopping or directing cars around us during the caroling event. Thank you to all those who baked cookies and helped with set up and clean up! It was a great time.

## Annual Sock and Toiletries Drive

In January and February the Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit will hold our annual Sock and Toiletries Drive. This year all donations will be kept right here in Loudon and donated to the Loudon Food Pantry. There will be a donation box at the Maxfield Public

Library in January and February so please consider donating warm socks and toiletries — Thank you!

## It's Cookie Time!

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!!! Girl Scouts are in full swing selling cookies until January 23rd and cookies will be delivered in February. Look for Girl Scouts in your neighborhood and if you don't see them, contact Michele Holbrook Cookie Delivery Manager for Loudon 798-3669 and she will place your order! Also look for booth sales from Loudon troops to happen in the months of February and March.

*We wish all the citizens of Loudon a very Happy New Year!!!!*

We are interested in hearing about needs in our community. With nine active Girl Scout troops, we are looking for ways that the girls can do service in

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their community. If you have ideas, please contact Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager for Loudon by calling 783-4275 or email [mmpaquette@comcast.net](mailto:mmpaquette@comcast.net).

Thank you for continuing to read about what the Girl Scouts in Loudon are up to and all that they can accomplish! Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Here is an update on a few of our great Girl Scout troops in Loudon, the girls and adult volunteers are so busy that all of them don't get a chance to update each month:

Here are updates from a few of our troops:

**Junior Troop #12641**

Amanda Masse, Jessalynn Geerdes-Lakowicz & Michele Paquette

You will continue to find our messages of inspiration about helping our environment in *The Loudon Ledger* — please do your part! We finished up learning about the power within ourselves and will next work on the power of our group. This is part of the new Journeys exploration for Junior Girl Scouts. The girls finished their Making it Matter badge. The troop volunteered at the Blood Drive here in Loudon and served food to those who donated blood. Many of us in the troop went Christmas Caroling in the Loudon village. We had a holiday gathering to celebrate our friendships within our troop. We want to thank Cecile Merrill for volunteering to be the cookie delivery

manager for our troop! We look forward to an exciting 2009 year! Thanks for continuing to read what we are up to!

**Cadette Troop #12356**

Christine Campbell, Samantha French & Amanda Masse

The Cadettes are almost done working on their first interest project patch. Girls who were able to helped out at the Blood Drive here in Loudon and many of us went Christmas Caroling with the service unit. We had a very fun game of holiday pictionary at our December holiday gathering. Thanks to all the parents, we had a yummy snack. We look forward to meeting with the Daisy troop in the New Year!

**Brownie Troop #10045**

By Kathy Fisher and Jen Maguire

Our troop has been on a Brownie Quest to find the "Discover" key, where they discover their special qualities, the values of the GS law, and important family values. The girls also created some pies to sell at the Bake Sale and cookie mixes in a jar. We planned and practiced our Investiture and Rededication Ceremony, which was held December 18th. Our 4 second-year Brownies officially welcomed 4 new girls to our GS family with a handshake. A flag ceremony opened the meeting and the making of a special GORP (good old raisins and peanuts) mix closed it out. We're now excited to start a quilt project in January. It's COOKIE sale time...can you taste them? ■



Brownie Troop #10045

**The Deadline for the February 2009 "Loudon Ledger" is Friday, January 16.**

**The next meeting of the Loudon Communications Council is Monday, January 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.**

## Ospreys Soar Off NH's Threatened Wildlife List

The 2008 osprey breeding season in New Hampshire turned out to be another record breaker, and state wildlife officials couldn't be more pleased by the results. An impressive total of 87 young ospreys were raised at nests across the state in 2008, a 22% increase over the 71 young produced in 2007, which itself had been a record high. The number of successful nests was up 14%, from 35 in 2007 to a record 40 in 2008.

An estimated 68 territorial pairs of ospreys were present in the Granite State during the 2008 breeding season, according to Chris Martin, a raptor specialist for New Hampshire Audubon who coordinates osprey restoration efforts across the state. "This was the fourth year in a row that New Hampshire supported 50 or more osprey pairs, and the momentum behind their recovery has been increasing," said Martin. The state's osprey population doubled from 17 to 34 territorial pairs in 14 years from 1987 to 2001, and doubled yet again, from 34 to 68 pairs, in just seven years since 2001.

Ospreys, sometimes called fish hawks, are well known for their habit of hovering high over water, scanning for fish, and then plummeting feet-first to snag their prey. Pairs often build their nests atop dead standing trees in beaver ponds, but they are highly adaptable, and occasionally use utility poles, communications towers, construction cranes, or duck blinds instead.

During the 1980s, New Hampshire had only 10 to 20 breeding osprey pairs, all of which were located near the Androscoggin River in Coos County. But after nearly 30 years of careful monitoring and management by N.H. Fish and Game and N.H. Audubon staff and volunteers, and with assistance from other conservation partners such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Public Service of N.H., ospreys now nest from Pittsburg to Portsmouth to Jaffrey and in 38 additional towns in between.

The Merrimack River watershed, which had no osprey pairs at all in 1996, achieved top honors in 2008 for supporting the most active nests (20), while the Great Bay/Coastal region produced the most young (30) in 2008. For just the second time on record, of 669 documented osprey breeding attempts in New Hampshire since 1980, a nest in the state produced four young in 2008 — indeed a rare event!

Rapid growth in the state's breeding population has been aided by careful placement of nesting platforms, by slight modifications of some utility poles, by installing metal predator guards to reduce predation, and by the involvement of a small army of volunteer observers who monitor nests and advocate for better habitat protection.

The scope and speed of the osprey population rebound over the past decade has permitted the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to remove ospreys from the state's List of Threatened and Endangered Wildlife, an action which officially took place on September 20, 2008, when Fish and Game readopted, with amendments, the endangered and threatened species lists, something it is required to do at least every eight years.

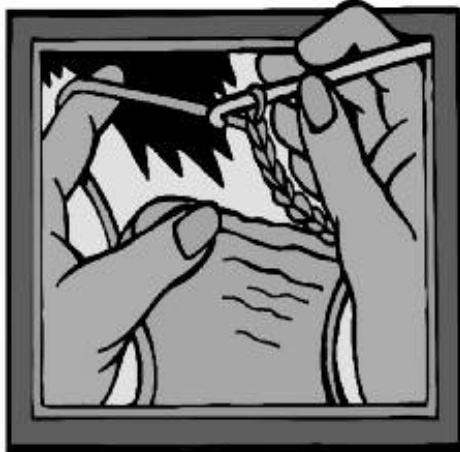
"The successful recovery of ospreys in New Hampshire is proof that with time, funding and dedicated people, we can bring back wildlife species from the brink," said John Kanter, coordinator of the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program for N.H. Fish and Game.

Management of the state's recovering osprey population is carried out by N.H. Audubon, working under contract with the N.H. Fish and Game's Nongame Wildlife Program. N.H. Audubon recruits, trains and deploys volunteer observers to monitor osprey distribution and productivity, activities that are currently supported by private donations.

New Hampshire Audubon, a non-profit membership organization, is dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and habitat throughout the state. For more information about New Hampshire Audubon visit [www.nh.audubon.org](http://www.nh.audubon.org).

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Its Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program is the steward for species not hunted, fished or trapped. Through wildlife monitoring and management, plus outreach and education, the Nongame Program works to protect over 400 species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, as well as thousands of insects and other invertebrates. The program works in cooperation with other New Hampshire wildlife organizations to develop and implement effective conservation strategies to protect and enhance this diverse group of wildlife. Visit [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/nongame\\_and\\_endangered\\_wildlife.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/nongame_and_endangered_wildlife.htm). ■





**The Loudon Recreation Committee &  
Instructor Brian McGaunn  
Are pleased to offer two crochet classes:**

## **“Beginner Crochet” & “Learn to Crochet: Sampler Afghan”**

**Beginner Crochet class on Saturday January 10, 2009 from  
12:45–4:00 p.m. Cost for this beginner class is \$15 per student**

Class will be held at The Loudon Community Building 29 South Village Road, Loudon

This class will explore the basics of crochet, and provide a foundation for future learning. Students can expect to go home with the ability to make a simple project in single crochet such as a scarf or placemat. **Participants will need to bring: 4 oz worsted weight yarn, size H-8 crochet hook, size I-9 crochet hook, ruler or tape measure, yarn or tapestry needle and scissors.**

**Learn to Crochet: Sampler Afghan Course is a 5-week course each  
Saturday beginning January 17 through February 14 from 12:45-4:00  
p.m. Cost for this 5 week course is \$80 per student**

Class will be held at The Loudon Community Building 29 South Village Road, Loudon

This class will explore the basics of crochet and move into more advanced techniques through making a series of squares. Each student will learn to join his/her squares together to make an afghan. **Basic knowledge of crochet is required prior to this class. Participants will need to bring approx. 2.5 total pounds of worsted weight yarn in a minimum of 2 coordinating colors (3–4 colors is ideal), size H-8 crochet hook, size I-9 crochet hook, a ruler or tape measure, yarn or tapestry needle and scissors, yarn bobbins (suggested but not required), a notebook with pockets or folder with loose paper.**

Students must register in advance. The class maximum is 8 and minimum of 4 — reserve your spot now as registrations will be open until the class is full. If you have any questions, or for more information about instructor Brian McGaunn and his work, please visit his blog at <http://brileyknits.blogspot.com/> or email [brileycat8@hotmail.com](mailto:brileycat8@hotmail.com). Phone call questions can be directed to Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Committee Chair at 435-5193

### **Crochet Class Registration form. DEADLINE IS JANUARY 3rd**

**Please check:** ☐ \$15 for the Beginner class and/or ☐ \$80 for the Sampler Afghan Class  
Please make checks payable to: Brian McGaunn

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email (for confirmation only—not shared) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this sign-up form with payment to: Brain McGaunn, 38 Circle Drive Belmont, NH 03220

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# Winter Carnival

Saturday  
February 21, 2008  
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.  
*(Bad weather or no-snow date of February 28<sup>th</sup>)*

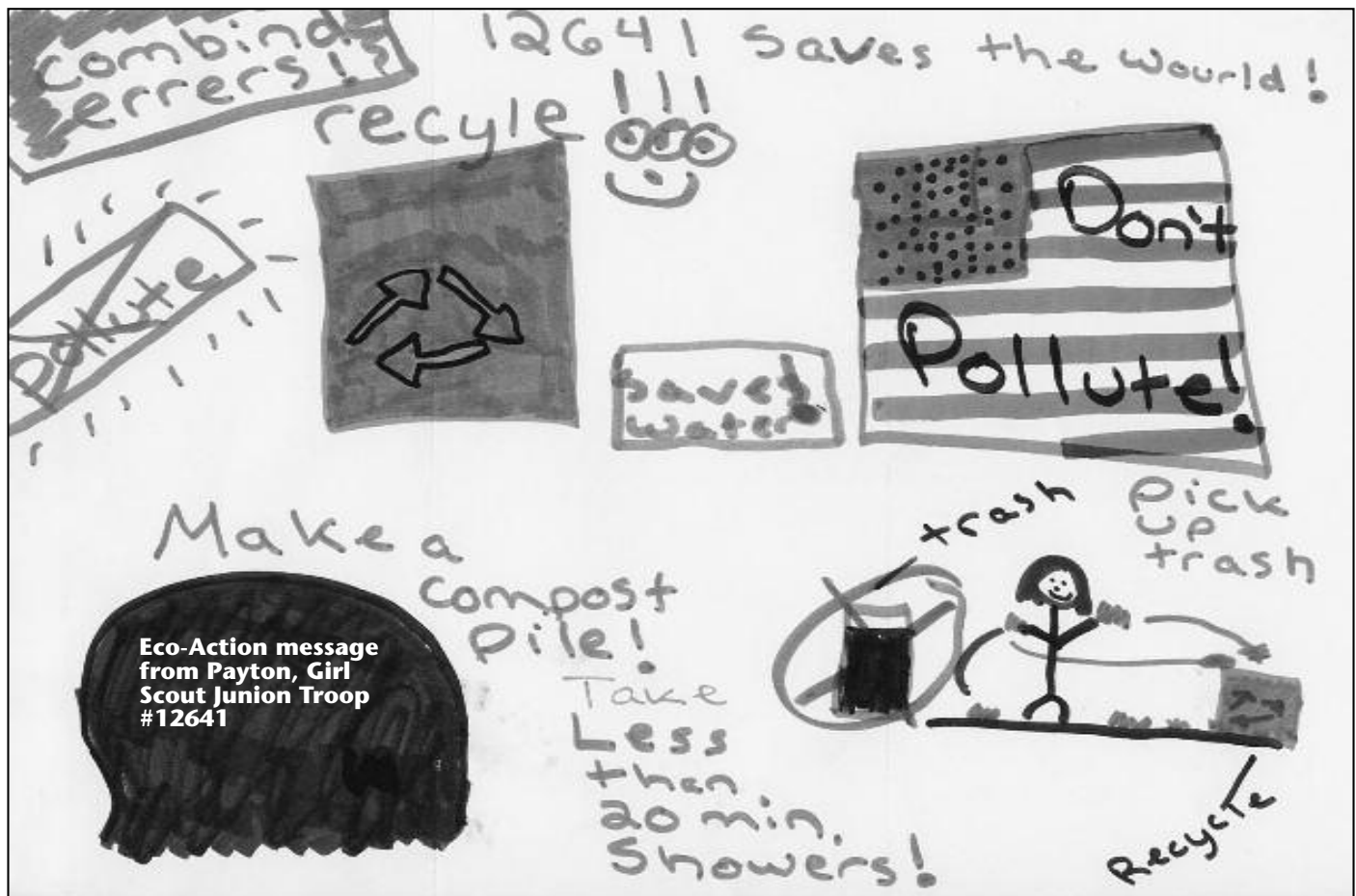
Join your friends and neighbors of Loudon  
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Your hunting or fishing license — or, best of all, your "combo" license — is your year-round ticket to the Granite State's great outdoors. For New Hampshire residents, an annual fishing license costs \$35; a basic hunting license is \$24.50; and a combination (hunting and fishing) license is \$48.50. Nonresidents can buy an annual fishing license for \$53; a hunting license for \$105.50; or a combination license for \$143.50. Residents can buy a one-day fishing license for just \$10. Nonresidents have the option of buying one-, three- or seven-day fishing licenses.

For hunters and anglers concerned about maintaining access to pursue their sports, the \$10 Wildlife Legacy donation (a check-off on the multifarm license) provides an opportunity to support Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program. A decrease in access is one of the most significant threats to the future of hunting and fishing in New Hampshire. The Landowner Relations Program works in partnership with hunters, anglers and landowners to maintain hunting and fishing access to private lands. Learn more at [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Inside\\_FandG/Wildlife\\_Legacy\\_Initiative.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Inside_FandG/Wildlife_Legacy_Initiative.htm).

Make getting outside a family affair in 2009! New Hampshire fishing and hunting licenses are a great deal for families. Youths under age 16 fish free. They can also hunt for some species without a license, but only under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter over age 18.

Fishing and hunting license fees directly support wildlife and fisheries management and education. For a link to online license sales and a list of local license agents, visit New Hampshire Fish and Game's website at [www.WildNH.com](http://www.WildNH.com). ■



## Wildlife Action Grants Available For Teachers: Grant Application Deadline: Feb. 15, 2009

Teachers interested in starting wildlife habitat projects can apply to the Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program at New Hampshire Fish and Game for start-up funds. The program provides mini-grants of up to \$300 — or \$600 with matching funds — for projects allowing students and educators to enhance habitat for people and wildlife.

The deadline for submitting proposals is February 15, 2009. For a proposal packet, write to Marilyn Wyzga, Public Affairs Division, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03301; email [marilyn.c.wyzga@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:marilyn.c.wyzga@wildlife.nh.gov); or call (603) 271-3211.

The Homes for Wildlife Action Grant Program is designed to support student environmental action that can be measured in acres improved or protected for wildlife. Activities can include hands-on schoolyard or community habitat improvement or projects influencing community attitudes about maintaining or protecting wildlife habitat.

The grant program is funded by the Conservation License Plate fund, through the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program at Fish and Game. Each applicant may request up to \$300, or up to \$600 if a dollar-for-dollar match can be provided by the school or organization for any amount over the initial \$300. A match is not required for the first \$300.

Grants are available to educators working in cooperation with Project HOME or Project WILD. Project HOME is an award-winning schoolyard habitat program coordinated by Fish and Game. Project WILD provides teachers with wildlife materials through interactive, interdisciplinary workshops about wildlife and the environment.

### Who can apply for the Wildlife Action Grants?

- Project HOME facilitators;
- Teachers and educators trained in Project WILD; or
- Any teacher with a member of one of these programs on the project team.

"We're looking for student-driven action projects that will directly benefit wildlife," says Marilyn Wyzga, coordinator of the Project HOME schoolyard habitat program at Fish and Game. "Projects with the best chance of long-term success involve schools assembling a team of staff, students, community members and resource professionals."

### Examples of past projects funded by Wildlife Action Grants include:

- The Gilford Elementary School added two butterfly-bird-pollinator gardens to their outdoor classroom, using plants for food and cover along with bird feeders, nesting boxes and bird baths.
- The Hooper Institute installed a living fence at the Walpole Primary School as part of their outdoor classroom, using plants that provide fruits and cover for birds.
- UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H worked with the NH Common Ground Garden Project to plant theme beds for birds, butterflies and other pollinators in their teaching gardens at the Massabessic Audubon Center.
- Kennett Middle School created the "Wee Beasies, Sticky Fingers and Green Thumbs" Gardening for Wildlife Project, including winter bird feeding stations with fruit-bearing plants, feeders and water sources.

Grant applications will be evaluated by staff from Project HOME and biologists and educators from the N.H. Fish and Game Department. Grant recipients are required to evaluate the progress of their project at the end of the school year. Recipients may apply for grants in subsequent years if additional funding is necessary, and also may apply for funds for new projects.

For more information on resources for teachers from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, visit [http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Education/for\\_teachers.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Education/for_teachers.htm).

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources. Visit online at <http://www.WildNH.com>. ■

**Deadline for the February 2009  
"Loudon Ledger":  
Friday, January 16, 2008**

## "Thanks" From Blue Storm Sports

By Al Rattee

Blue Storm Sports would like to thank all the supporters from Loudon for a fantastic year of growth and development in the arena of Youth Sports.

The football program produced two championship teams this year: The Junior Midgets (4th and 5th grade) and the Midgets (6th grade). The Junior Midgets gave up a total of 27 points while posting 177 points. The Midgets gave up 20 points while posting a grand total of 242 points. The only loss this season for the Junior Midgets was a two-point game, which came down to the last second. Please give the players a big CONGRATULATIONS when you see them.

Regarding our growth and development: We have expanded from a seasonal football program to a year-round program involving children from 7 years of age through 16. The sports included are Football, Lacrosse, Indoor Soccer, Indoor Flag Football, and Indoor Lacrosse, as well as two teams in the ICB Basketball Program.

The second session of Indoor Flag Football starts on Feb 15, so reserve your spot early. Indoor LAX starts on that date also, so don't hesitate to sign up early.

Again, I would like to thank all the local supporters of our programs. If you have any questions or inquiries, please email [BlueStormSports@comcast.net](mailto:BlueStormSports@comcast.net) or just check out our website — [www.bluestormsports.com](http://www.bluestormsports.com) — for pictures and events. You may know someone involved. ■



## Certain Expectations

By Jack Prendiville,  
Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Selling a home puts you in a unique position. You are parting with what is likely your greatest asset. Some people are sad to sell, while others are ready to move on. No matter what your circumstances, your buyer will have certain expectations of you.

First, you are expected to be courteous and professional. If you can put some emotional distance between yourself and the property it is helpful. For instance, if you are selling the family home it is likely to be an emotional transaction. However, your buyer probably does not want to walk down memory lane each time you meet.

Next, you are expected to have an understanding of the current real estate marketplace. You need to know what a reasonable asking price is and have realistic expectations for the terms and conditions of the sale. Expecting to sell for twice what you paid is not helpful if the marketplace does not support that type of transaction. Your real estate professional will be instrumental in helping you gauge the temperature of the market.

When possible, buyers will expect you to be fair and flexible. You should certainly feel empowered to stand up for your best interests, but if you can accommodate certain requests, it can make for a smoother transaction.

Buyers expect you to be honest and up front about the condition of your property. A home inspection and seller disclosure documents help ensure that potential defects are identified, but a buyer also expects that you will not purposefully hide areas of concern.

Finally, buyers expect you to leave the home in a respectable condition. Moving day is certainly a hectic one, but it is no reason to leave behind unwanted items for the buyer to deal with. You are expected to leave the home broom swept and cleared of all items except those identified in the contracts as transferring with the property. ■



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## Hunters and Anglers: Thank a Landowner Today

The holiday season is an important time to extend thanks to landowners who maintain access for outdoor recreation on their properties, reminds Charles Miner Jr., Landowner Relations Program Administrator for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

"As another year comes to a close and our hunting and fishing adventures become memories, it's time for us to remember the landowners who through their generosity helped to make these experiences possible," said Miner. "Access to hunt and fish is a privilege provided by landowners. Let them know you appreciate it."

Miner suggests the following points for hunters and anglers to keep in mind when thanking those who allow access their property for outdoor recreation:

- Be thoughtful and personal in expressing your appreciation, always treating the landowner as you would like to be treated. If you are mentoring a young hunter or angler, include the youngster in the process of thanking the landowner.
- Visit the landowner at the end of the season to express your appreciation in person; if possible, provide them with some of your harvest.
- Offer to assist with tasks around their property they may need help with.
- Send a personal note or holiday card to the landowner, thanking them for the opportunity to access their land.
- Assist them in protecting their property through documenting and reporting suspicious activities.
- Offer to walk their property to identify, clean up and properly dispose of any illegal dumping that has occurred.
- As a token of your appreciation, you may wish to give a small gift — a gift certificate to a local restaurant, a gift basket or something from Fish and Game's line of merchandise, such as a 2009 wildlife calendar.

"Hunting and fishing are New Hampshire traditions that will only continue if we all follow the basic principles of being a good neighbor," Miner said. "Take a few moments to reflect on our hunting and fishing traditions, the importance of access to private lands in maintaining these traditions, and what you can do in 2009 to ensure that these

traditions will be available for future generations."

Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program is funded through private contributions. If you are interested in helping the program, make a Wildlife Legacy donation when purchasing your license, or mail a contribution to the Landowner Relations Program, N.H. Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03301. Your support will help to provide access for present and future generations of hunters and anglers.

For further information or to become involved with the N.H. Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program, please contact Charles Miner Jr. at 603-271-3511 or [access@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:access@wildlife.nh.gov). ■

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 18, 2008

*Present:* Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

*Also present:* Road Agent David Rice.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 28, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to accept the executive session minutes of Tuesday, October 28, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Bowles moved to amend the Town of Loudon Personnel Policy to include the Service Member Family Leave Act as described by the Department of Labor regulations. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the 5% multi-year discount program agreement with Primex for Workman's Compensation. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the paving at the end of Goshen Drive and the patching at the Safety Complex have been completed.

Mr. Rice said the grader has been out working on dirt roads before the roads freeze. He said culverts are being checked at the same time as the grading.

Chairman Ives asked if there had been any issues with Country Hill Road. Mr. Rice said he has not heard anything since the Town forwarded a letter to the landowner.

Discussion ensued regarding additional paving in the spring of the ends of Goshen Drive and Sheeprock Road as well as the Safety Complex. Selectman Bowles asked about the culvert on Pleasant Street. Mr. Rice said that area has been paved. Selectman Bowles discussed the culvert on Batchelder Road Extension. Mr. Rice said he is talking with Jim McNeil on that project regarding the small excavator.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that he would be on vacation during Thanksgiving week.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew is still screening sand for winter.

Chairman Ives stated the Highway Crew had done some roadwork on Riverview Drive; however, there is another area of washout a little further down the road where the pavement is being undermined. He suggested that the Highway Crew check out the surrounding areas that they are working on in the future to catch any other areas that may have issues.

Selectman Bowles discussed the continuation of digging ditches and keeping areas from plugging up. He talked about a structure on School Street and Oak Hill Road that sticks out. Discussion ensued regarding the culvert and swale. Chairman Ives asked about the catch basins on Berry Road. Mr.

Rice stated that they will be cleaned before the ground is frozen.

Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice he would update him on the Wiggins Road issue after he speaks with DES on Wednesday.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of correspondence regarding the petitions for road layout for Greenview Drive, Thistle Hill Road, and Wellington Lane. Chairman Ives acknowledged receipt of a petition from Greenview

Drive to accept the layout of Greenview Drive as a town road. He stated this petition will be forwarded to Town Counsel for review. The Board agreed. *Selectman Maxfield moved to deny the petition to lay out Thistle Hill Road as a town road due to the fact that there is only one house built on the road and it is in the town's best interest to not plow the entire road for the winter. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Ives stated the petition is denied. Chairman Ives reviewed the status of Wellington Lane and the issue

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of the final inspection not being completed on the road. Selectman Bowles moved to deny the petition to lay out Wellington Lane as a town road due to the issue of the final inspection from the Town Engineer not being completed as of November 10, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Chairman Ives stated the petition is denied.

The Board received copies of correspondence from DES regarding Wiggins Road.

The Board received copies of a letter from Michael Harris for review. Selectman Bowles said he would need to research the agreement, but he felt it stated that there would be no competitive racing activities, not that there would be no racing activities. The Board will have a letter drafted for signature next week. Selectman Bowles stated that another issue in Mr. Harris's letter was relative to signage. He said he felt that all the boards had already addressed the issue of signage.

The Board received copies of a Facilities Task Force meeting schedule from Merrimack Valley School District for review. Chairman Ives stated that the Selectmen have been attending meetings with the MVSD/School Board regarding the proposal for MVSD to purchase the Beede Electric property next to the High School for 2.18 million dollars. Selectman Bowles stated there is also a proposal for an eight hundred thousand dollar slush fund to be used to fix up the property. The Board stated the building is currently undergoing a hazardous mitigation process and that there are two other school buildings that could be used to suit the purpose for the purchase of this building. Chairman Ives stated the next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at the MV High School Library.

The Board received copies of a thank you letter from Gary Vermette regarding the naming of the road of the subdivision of which he is a partner, in honor of his wife who is ill. The Selectmen had agreed to name the new road "Bert Lane."

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding budget preparation. The Board will review their schedule and set appointments to meet with department heads.

The Board received copies of the Planning Board and Zoning Board agenda for review.

The Board received copies of the October property transfers for review.

The Board received copies of past due ambulance bills for review. *Selectman Bowles moved to forward past due ambulance account #40475 in the amount of \$510.10, account #40066 in the amount of*

*\$533.30, and account #39942 in the amount of \$486.30 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Carole Soule to discuss HB 1442 which grants the municipality the option to allow land under qualified farm structures to be assessed at a lower rate than market value.

Ms. Soule stated that she is in the process of building this type of structure in a current use area and it will be used strictly for agricultural purposes. She stated that she currently has 50 head of Scottish Highlanders and needs to build a covered feed bunker. Chairman Ives stated that this issue needs to be voted on at Town Meeting by the legislative body before it becomes adopted by the Town. Ms. Soule said she was aware of that and was asking the Board to put the process in motion. Chairman Ives stated that this information will be forwarded to Town Counsel for his opinion and the Board will keep Ms. Soule updated. Discussion ensued regarding the option for Ms. Soule to submit a petitioned warrant article if the Selectmen decide they do not want to proceed with this issue. Ms. Soule stated that she also has an existing building that she would like to include in this exemption if it passes.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received FEMA fact sheets from Fire Chief Burr for review as well as a training certificate.

The Board received copies of the 2009 dues assessment from Central NH Regional Planning for review.

The Board received notice from DOT of the completion of the building demolition on Route 106.

The Board received a scholarship thank you card.

Carol Soule was recognized from the audience. She asked the Selectmen about looking into setting up a committee to research farming as she has been advised that other towns are doing. Chairman Ives stated that the Selectmen had just set up the Energy Committee and would like to see how that goes first.

Chairman Ives recognized Maryanne Steele of the Loudon Communications Council from the audience.

Mrs. Steele asked the Board for clarification on the reasons that the Selectmen have declined to put the initial budget submissions in the *Ledger*. Chairman Ives said he was not speaking for the Board, but he felt that the information had not gone in the *Ledger* prior to the Selectmen's review before and does not see the reason to have it go in now. He said that he felt the Board needed to have time to review the budget submissions and work on any adjustments before it goes out to the public. Mrs. Steele

stated that the intent of the information being included in the *Ledger* is so that questions can be asked prior to Town Meeting, and so people can see how the budget process works. She discussed past Town Meetings and stated that people need to see how the town budget process works so they will be aware that their biggest portion of their tax bills comes from the County and School budgets. Mrs. Steele discussed the Right-To-Know Law. Chairman Ives said that the Selectmen have asked Town Counsel for an opinion on this issue and were advised that it does not become public information until the budget is complete. Mrs. Steele asked if the Board would put that information in a letter to the Communications Council, based on their response from Town Counsel. Chairman Ives agreed that a letter could be forwarded to the Communications Council. Discussion ensued regarding the Communications Council's desire to get the information out so people understand the whole process. Chairman Ives said that he is concerned that if the preliminary information is printed in the *Ledger* people will be basing their questions or concerns on information that may have changed during the budget process and feels it would be best to publish the budget information that the Board plans to bring to Town Meeting. He said it could be very confusing if people are working off of old information, which could create even more issues. Chairman Ives said the budget hearings are held for people to get their questions answered prior to Town Meeting. Mrs. Steele said this information in the *Ledger* would be for those who cannot attend the budget hearings. Selectman Maxfield stated that after the department heads submit their proposed budgets the Selectmen review them and sometimes reduce or adjust the submitted budgets during this review. Chairman Ives said he does not feel that this issue will be resolved tonight; that the Communications Council asked for the budget submissions

and the Selectmen denied the request. Mrs. Steele asked for an explanation of the rationale behind the decision. Chairman Ives said the Board has given a verbal explanation this evening, they do not want to be adversarial or confrontational, and are willing to write the letter that Mrs. Steele asked for. Mrs. Steele reviewed the mission statement for the Communications Council which states the objective is to inform the citizens. Chairman Ives said he is in favor of submitting the completed budget prior to Town Meeting for inclusion in the *Ledger*. Selectman Maxfield said that in the past the budget has been adjusted right up to the last minute and has also been adjusted at Town Meeting. He discussed an article that the Communications Council provided the Selectmen for review and said when the Selectmen requested that some of the editorializing be removed from the article the Communications Council ignored their request and printed the article without the changes. Mrs. Steele said the Communications Council reviewed the Boards request. Chairman Ives advised Mrs. Steele that they would be forwarding a letter to the Communications Council as requested.

Chairman Ives recognized John Plummer from the audience.

Mr. Plummer asked about the Greenview Drive road petition and how it could become a town road. Chairman Ives said that the Selectmen have received the petition, that it is being forwarded to Town Counsel for review, and until they have received recommendations from Town Counsel, the Board will not be making comment on the petition.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — November 25, 2008

*Present:* Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

*Also present:* Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 18, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr advised the Board that the lights have been installed at the Fire Station.

Chief Burr stated the wall has been built at the Safety Complex to try and alleviate the water issues. He stated that the blocks were donated by Northern Design Precast, David Moody transported the blocks, Jim McNeil and Mike LaBonte installed the wall. Chief Burr stated they were able to place some stone in behind and backfilled as much as they could last week. He said they would seed in the spring and possibly look at getting it painted. Chief Burr said this was in an effort to keep the water from flooding the building.

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The Board met with Police Chief, Compliance/Code Enforcement Office Bob Fiske.

Mr. Fiske stated that the boil order at Freedom Hill Cooperative has been lifted by DES. Discussion ensued regarding the well issues.

Mr. Fiske asked about the status of the DES letter and Wiggins Road. He asked if his office needed to do anything regarding this issue. Chairman Ives said no. He said that the area is already stabilized. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that the banners at the Track have been taken down and that the big signs will be off at 8:30 p.m. and the small sign has been adjusted from white background with dark lettering to dark background and light lettering. He said it was a good faith effort on the Track's part to take care of this issue.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that the incident with the mailbox vandalism has been handled out of court. He stated that each individual involved will be responsible to pay \$70.00 in damages. Mr. Fiske asked about the reimbursement process relative to collection of funds and payment to the residents for the replacement mailboxes. Discussion ensued regarding the police department handling the collection and disbursement of the funds. The Board stated that they wanted to be sure that there were copies of all the receipts and transactions

forwarded to the Selectmen's Office for this issue. Selectman Maxfield commended Chief Fiske for solving this case.

Mr. Fiske discussed the evacuation plan grant relative to funding and reimbursement. He asked the Board for review of the contract for their opinion. Discussion ensued regarding all the work and research that has taken place to date on this project. Chairman Ives stated he did not see problems with the contract as submitted.

Chairman Ives stated that 6 pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

Mr. Fiske stated that the Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex. He discussed the offer from the Track to utilize the changeable sign for community notification. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued regarding the operating hours of the Track during the year and the difference between the racing schedule and operations.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of rivers cresting with the rains. Chairman Ives discussed the DES letter regarding Wiggins Road and the issue of the requirement by DES to remove the temporary culverts. He said unless the Town can change their minds at DES it appears the culverts will have to be removed. Discussion ensued regarding the Town's desire to keep the culverts in for a second means of emergency egress if needed.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of the 2009 Tipping Fee schedule for review.

The Board received copies of correspondence from Department of Safety regarding the 2005 Citizens Corps Grant onsite audit for review. It was noted that the audit included comments such as "Implementation of the Citizens Corps area strategy for Loudon has been extremely successful" and "Team members were well informed and proficient at answering questions and referencing pertinent documents".

The Board met with Dr. David Nagel to review the report of perambulation of town boundaries with the Town of Gilmanton and the Town of Loudon.

Dr. Nagel stated he enjoyed Selectman Maxfield accompanying him during the perambulation. He reviewed the report and stated there are thirteen border markers between Gilmanton and Loudon and the GPS recordings from each spot for future reference. Dr. Nagel reviewed the photos and stated that it had been approximately forty years since the last perambulation and they were able to find all but three of the border markers. He said one of the markers that is missing is a granite post with marking in it on Upper City Road. Discussion ensued regarding the marker being there in the past. Dr. Nagel said the markers between Route 129 and Blake Roads are not viewable. He stated that he had tried to meet with Roy Merrill to see if he knew where the markers were located. Selectman Bowles said he felt that Mr. Merrill, having grown up at that property, should probably be able

to locate the markers. Dr. Nagel said it is up to the Selectmen of Loudon and Gilmanton to determine if they want to replace the markers. He provided the Board with a hard copy and CD copy of the information. Discussion ensued regarding the process of walking the properties.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of training certificates for Bob Bottcher and Bill Lake for review.

The Board received copies of the October J.O. Cate Van Meeting Minutes.

The Board received copies of the press release from NH Dept. of Revenue Administration regarding their relocation.

The Board received correspondence from Comcast regarding package name changes for review.

The Board received notification of Low Impact Development Conference for review.

John Plumer asked if the Concord/Loudon markers had been researched. Discussion ensued. The Board said that it had not currently been walked.

*Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 2, 2008**

*Present:* Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

*Also present:* Road Agent David Rice.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 25, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice

Mr. Rice advised the Board that a culvert was replaced on Youngs Hill Road due to it collapsing.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew is getting the vehicles ready for winter with putting the chains on equipment, and that the screener had broken down, parts were ordered and it is up and running again.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that there had been a complaint from a property owner on Country Hill Road regarding water drainage issues. He said that he had gone to view the property and stated there is a low spot in the lawn, not next to the road, that causes water to collect. Mr. Rice said the culvert that crosses the road is approximately forty-five to fifty feet to the left of Mr.

Cogswell's driveway. Mr. Rice said the culvert crosses the road and is supposed to go underground out behind Mike Reardon's garage. He said the water coming down the hill on Mr. Cogswell's side of the road is going to fill up his dooryard before it gets up to the height of the culvert. Mr. Rice said the Town has not done anything to make the water flow change. He said that he viewed the property today and there is a puddle to the left of Mr. Cogswell's house and driveway which is approximately five to six inches deep covering approximately a third of the lawn. Mr. Rice said it would take approximately eight or nine more inches to come up before it reaches the culvert. Selectman Maxfield asked how deep the culvert was. Mr. Rice said from the top of the road to the bottom of the culvert was approximately eighteen inches. Chairman Ives asked what has changed to make this a problem. Mr. Rice said from what he has viewed he felt that it might be a build up of leaves and brush in the woods in the back of the property, so the water does not exit out behind his house. He said the water doesn't have much room to exit out there. Mr. Rice said the pipe that Mr. Cogswell paid for that goes under his driveway was put in at almost dead level due to ledge. He said the pipe is

running now and empties out in front of the Dows property, which is the next house down from Mr. Cogswell. Mr. Rice said he did not walk on to Mr. Cogswell's property, as Mr. Cogswell was not home, to check the leach field issues. He said that Mr. Cogswell's leach field is not the town's responsibility anyway. Mr. Rice said there is a culvert two driveways up from Mr. Cogswell's property which diverts the water coming down the hill. He said the rip-rap on the front lawn is nothing that the town placed as far as he and Leonard Boudrias of the Highway Crew could remember. Mr. Rice said that Mr. Boudrias was one of the employees who worked on the pipe installation out behind Mike Reardon's house and stated that he felt the rip-rap had been placed in front of Mr. Cogswell's property during the time he left working for the Highway Department and prior to his re-employment. Discussion ensued regarding the increase in rainfall amounts over the past few years. The Board suggested that photos be taken of the area and stated that the Selectmen will have Office Manager Jean Lee contact Mr. Cogswell for a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss this issue.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he would like to look at costs for road resurfacing for

Soucook Lane and Lovering Avenue. He discussed the need to work on Bumfagon Road at the Clough Hill Road end. Discussion ensued regarding Bumfagon Road and the work needed to get the portion of road from the Greenwood property to Clough Hill Road fixed. Mr. Rice also stated that he would like to look at Batchelder Road as well. Discussion ensued regarding work on Batchelder Road and if Jim McNeil had a chance to do the work on the road. Chairman Ives stated that Wales Bridge Road has some very large potholes and is in need of some repairs. Selectman Bowles talked about the sealing of hills. Discussion ensued regarding shimming, oiling roads, paving, and a priority list.

Selectman Bowles discussed the need to get the grader out and to open up more ditches as there is a lot of water flowing on roads throughout town.

Discussion ensued regarding the Highway Block Grant information.

Selectman Bowles asked about the "Thin Ice" sign to be placed at the Village Dam. Mr. Rice stated that the sign had just been repainted and will be placed on Wednesday.

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Discussion ensued regarding the cleanup of the sandbags at the Library and the request from the Library to have the Highway Crew sweep up any sand at the Library.

Selectman Maxfield stated that the Selectmen had received a petition to accept Greenview Drive as a town road and moved to deny the request. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Chairman Ives stated that the Selectmen had forwarded the petition to Town Counsel for his review and opinion. He read a portion of the notice of decision for those present: "The current petition presents no new or changed circumstances which would warrant reconsideration. Indeed, an easement was previously negotiated with the Roys. The Board was aware of the fact that the road was approved by the Planning Board and built to the standards set forth in the subdivision regulations. However, that does not compel the conclusion that the road will become a public highway. As more fully explained in the previous decision, the road was presented as a private road, and thus the Planning Board allowed it to bisect the golf course." Chairman Ives stated it is for those reasons, that the Board denied the petition. All in favor. Motion carried. A member of the audience asked if the public could ask questions. Chairman Ives said no, the Town is under legal counsel now and there will be no discussions.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a request to meet with Catherine Cournoyer for William and Carol Mikels, regarding abating \$1,174.73 plus interest and costs on a mobile home they no longer live in and have been unable to sell the unit. The Board will have Office Manager Jean Lee contact Mrs. Cournoyer to find out more information.

The Board received a memo from Planning/Zoning Secretary Donna White on the Zoning Workshop scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion ensued regarding setting up a meeting to discuss the process of tracking Impact Fees and the need to set a system in place to be sure the fees are clearly identified as well as adjust the collection process and the expenditure of the fees. Chairman Ives stated that Ms. White and Mrs. Lee had been working

on researching the Impact Fees that have been collected. He said Ms. White had been working on a spreadsheet tracking Impact Fees. Selectman Bowles discussed collection and coding issues. He said that the Planning Board has the authority to oversee and expend the Impact Fee funds. Discussion ensued regarding the miscommunication between offices relative to the purpose of properly coding the funds as they are collected so that they can be easily tracked. Selectman Bowles will touch base with those involved in the process to establish a date to meet.

The Board received copies of the 2009 Highway Block Grant breakdown for review.

The Board received copies of a letter sent to Natalie Gamble regarding the Berry Road water issue.

The Board received a request to transfer a 2008 McNeil/Cummings scholarship award from one son to another as one of the children chose to go into the Army instead of going to college. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that each scholarship award is based on each individual student's merits. The Selectmen stated that they are not the entire Scholarship Committee; however, the scholarships are based on the individual student and are non-transferable. Selectman Maxfield will draft a letter to be forwarded.

The Board received traffic study results from Central NH Regional Planning for review.

The Board received the November Planning Board, Zoning Ordinance Workshop, and Zoning Board Minutes for review.

The Board received the Merrimack County Budget and public notices for review.

The Board received copies of household hazardous waste grants.

The Board received copies of the November Northeast Resource Recovery Meeting Minutes for review.

The Board received copies of training certificates for Jeff Burr and William Lake for review.

The Board received a copy of the Local Government Center 2008 Court Update for review.

Chairman Ives read the public notice for the bid request for cleaning services of the Town Office Building and Community Building for those present. Bids received are as follows:

- Reliable Janitorial Services, Penacook, NH in the amount of \$200.00 per month.
- Downeast Maintenance Services, Inc., Concord, NH in the amount of \$200.00 per month.
- Facilitatech, Concord, NH in the amount of \$300.00 per month.
- Kang Company, Inc., Concord, NH in the amount of \$300.00 per month.

Selectman Maxfield moved to award the Town Office and Community Building cleaning contract to Reliable Janitorial Services for the ensuing year at \$200.00 per month pending receipt of proof of insurance as per the bid specs. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives read the public notice for the bid request for the printing of Town Reports for those present. Bids received are as follows:

- Evans Printing Company, Concord, NH for 2000 copies in the amount of \$6,170.00, for 1500 copies \$5,585.00.

• RC Brayshaw, Warner, NH books to be perfect bound for 2000 copies in the amount of \$6,910.00 and for 1500 copies \$5,353.00, and \$750.00 for the layout.

• TCI Press, Seekonk, MA for 2000 copies in the amount of \$4,325.00, for 1500 copies in the amount of \$3,825.00, plus \$75.00 for the proof, \$3.00 each for scans, and \$20.00 type-set per page.

• Select Print Solutions, North Brookfield, MA for 2000 copies in the amount of \$3,660.00, for 1500 copies \$3,197.00 with no reference to layout and design.

Selectman Maxfield moved to take the Town Report printing bids under advisement for research purposes and to bring the issue back at next week's meeting. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Marcia Campaniello asked for a copy of the notice of decision on the Greenview Drive petition. Chairman Ives stated a copy of the notice will be forwarded to the Attorney representing the petitioners of Greenview Drive. He stated that a copy needed to be made at the office and then Mrs. Campaniello could have it.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Steven R. Ives, Chairman  
Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman  
Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — December 9, 2008**

*Present:* Selectmen Ives and Bowles. Selectman Maxfield was not present.

*Also present:* Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Planning Board member Stanley Prescott, and ZBA Chairman Dave Powelson.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 2, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Budget Work Session of Friday, December 5, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives opened the Board of Permit.

Bob Fiske stated that the large sign at NHMS will be turned off at 8:30 p.m. and

will be back on at 6:30 a.m. He said he felt the Track has taken the initiative to shut off the sign during those hours without direction from the town. Mr. Fiske said that the Track has agreed to post town functions on the sign and noted that they advertised the Police Department Blood Drive. He said he felt that the Track was keeping close connections with the town boards.

Bob Fiske discussed the review of subdivisions relative to changes and amendments to subdivisions and the difficulty in keeping track of those changes. He reviewed six subdivisions relative to requirements, conditions, and changes. Mr. Fiske discussed the need to adjust the notice of decision and notations on plans to make them more detailed and easier to track. He discussed subdivisions that have gone to the Zoning Board for variances and special exceptions, which then alter the Planning Board approvals of the subdivision. Mr. Fiske dis-

cussed that when the decisions are made to have conditions, special exceptions, or variances on a subdivision, there is nothing that states who would be following up on the issues. He said when it comes to steep slopes; there is nothing that says the Town Engineer, the Road Agent, and the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector would be the one who has to follow up on the problems. Mr. Fiske said there are a lot of questions that are not clearly defined. Stan Prescott said that the Planning Board Secretary is available to assist with the information and if she is unable to provide the answers, then Mr. Fiske should go directly to the Planning Board. Selectman Bowles said there are many times when a developer with a subdivision comes in before the Planning Board with ridiculous changes and come back and ask for more changes. He said he felt that when a plan is amended a copy of that plan should be forwarded to the Building Department. Mr. Prescott agreed. Discussion ensued regarding the notice of decision and if it should be recorded at the Registry of Deeds when the approved plan is recorded. Mr. Prescott said he felt that the Fire Chief, Road Agent, Selectmen, and Building Inspector should all have copies of the preliminary and final plans for their review. Mr. Fiske discussed the subdivision approval for Len Lapadula on Youngs Hill Road relative to the conditions of cistern installation and road upgrades prior to selling the lots. He stated if Mr. Lapadula wants to build his own house on that property he does not have to follow those conditions and asked why Mr. Lapadula is not required to get a special exception or variance in an

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effort to keep track of the approvals. Mr. Prescott stated that the way this was handled was because if someone owns a lot they are entitled to one building permit to build their house without any requirement for upgrades. He said that due to the economic times, the Board felt that the one house was allowable. Mr. Fiske asked what if Mr. Lapadula did not build the one house. Mr. Prescott said that Mr. Lapadula could not do anything else. Mr. Fiske said the paperwork states Mr. Lapadula could build on the first lot, not any lot. Mr. Prescott said he did not feel that was the Board's intent. Mr. Fiske said that was his point, that the notices of decision, minutes, and the plans are not clearly stated, that it is left to interpretation, and not everyone will have the same one. Selectman Bowles stated that he did not think that the Planning Board could require developers to go before the ZBA because it is not in the regulations to do so. Discussion ensued regarding interpretation and when houses are built on the "mother lot" and then create issues when houses are built on the subdivision lots, as has happened in the past. Mr. Fiske stated he felt that when developers come in with their subdivision plans the boards need to be sure the developers follow the regulations and the requirements set by the boards. Selectman Bowles said that the developers come in and follow the regulations, but they have found ways to be creative with those regulations. Mr. Fiske stated that there have been instances where the developers sell lots to individuals within the corporation in order to circumvent the regulations and to get around the laws. He said that with all the changes it makes it difficult to track Impact Fees. Mr. Fiske said his office does not usually get the property transfers until two months after they have been recorded at the Registry of Deeds, which makes it hard to collect on the Impact Fees as well. Mr. Prescott said with seven individuals on the Planning Board you have seven different ideas and interpretations. Mr. Fiske discussed the issue with conditions and contingencies being allowed back in the 1990's and how difficult it was to track back then. He said he is afraid that it is starting all over again. Mr. Prescott said he personally feels that the boards should be holding the developers to the regulations. He said he feels that Mr. Fiske should meet with the Planning Board to discuss these issues with the entire board. Mr. Prescott said that he doesn't agree with continuing the applications without additional notification to the abutters. It was stated that the lines of communication need to be opened. Discussion ensued regarding the Impact Fee and looking at changing from an Impact Fee to a straight Building Permit Fee. Mr. Fiske said he would meet with the Planning Board in January.

Dave Powelson stated that Denise Leclerc has inquired about changing the approved commercial business portion of her property back to an apartment. He stated that the minutes showing the approval for

the commercial space for the dog grooming business state that the approval would mean that the property would not be able to go back to a fourth apartment. Selectman Bowles stated he remembered that when the approval was granted, with it being in the Village District, the property could not go back to being a fourth apartment. Mr. Powelson said he agreed. He stated a four family residence is not a permitted use in the Village District but a three family residence is. Discussion ensued. Mr. Powelson will follow up on this issue.

Chairman Ives closed the Board of Permit and reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

The Selectmen met with Mark Cogswell of Country Hill Road regarding a drainage issue.

The Selectmen reviewed photos taken of Mr. Cogswell's property showing drainage and water issues. Mr. Cogswell stated that the Town had gone out a few months ago and dug a swale which has diverted water onto his leach field. Mr. Rice stated that the Town had gone out to Country Hill Road and opened the ditching on the side of the road. He stated that the road is higher in some portions of the road and after they dug out the sand that had accumulated; the water is not running down the side of the road. Mr. Cogswell reviewed the photographs. He stated that he put in a culvert approximately six years ago and had not been having any issues until the Highway Crew dug out the ditch. Mr. Cogswell said that he has owned the property for approximately fourteen years and had never had any problems. Mr. Cogswell asked if the Town could dig the area to pick up with his culvert to see if the water would be diverted through his culvert. Chairman Ives asked if the water could be diverted back over. Mr. Rice said that they could fill the area back in. He said he did not feel they could dig any further in the area or they would get too close to the asphalt. Mr. Rice said the Highway Crew did not intentionally divert the water to the back of Mr. Cogswell's property; they were just cleaning out the ditches. He said that the material from the ditch was placed further up the road to fill a portion of the ditch. Discussion ensued regarding the culverts being upgraded. Chairman Ives asked if the ditch could be filled back in to let the water run over the top to go into Mr. Cogswell's culvert. Mr. Rice said he could place material back in the ditch. He said he would get to it as soon as possible. Discussion ensued regarding looking at this issue again in the spring if needed.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice stated that the Highway Crew was still working on screening sand. Chairman Ives stated that there have been complaints regarding the amount of sand being used on the roads so far this season. Mr. Rice said that the Highway Crew had already been out three times sanding so far and have not had to go back out and plow so the sand is building up. Selectman Bowles asked if Mr. Rice had an idea of how much

sand was being placed per mile. Mr. Rice said he would have to figure it out, but it does appear that it is a lot more than is required. He said they try to put the same amount of sand down everywhere. Chairman Ives said he is looking at the cost of putting the sand down in the winter as well as the cost of sweeping it back up in the spring. Chairman Ives said he does not want unsafe roads; he is looking to follow recommended standards. Chairman Ives said the town could follow the state standards such as so many pounds per mile. Mr. Rice said the town can't follow those standards because we do not have as much traffic as the state roads. Selectman Bowles said the town has to find a happy medium. Mr. Rice said he understands what the Selectmen are saying but he has not put anymore sand down this year, per event, than he has in the past. He said the amount of salt per load is less than what the state uses. Discussion ensued regarding ways that could cut down the amount of sand used while still keeping the roads safe and reduce the amount of spring cleanup.

The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

Mr. Fiske stated that the Police Department Blood Drive was the largest event they have had so far. He said there were 127 donors this year.

Chairman Ives stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

*Selectman Bowles moved to accept the temporary resignation of Deirdre Littlefield as Deputy Tax Collector for a period of ninety days, effective December 9, 2008. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Dorothy Mulkhey as Deputy Tax Collector effective December 15, 2008 with the appointment to expire on March 15, 2009. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ives stated the Selectmen have reviewed the bids received for the Town Report printing contract. He stated that there were two bids received from companies in Massachusetts that initially appear to be lower bids; however, there are hidden costs within the information submitted. Chairman Ives went on to say that Evan's Printing and RC Brayshaw are from the Concord area. *Selectman Bowles moved to accept the printing bid from Evan's Printing for 1,500 copies of the Town Report at a total cost of \$5,585.00. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received expenditure reports for review.

The Board received copies of the revised petition to accept Wellington Lane as a town road as well as the engineer's inspection report for review. *Selectman Bowles moved to take the petition to accept Wellington Lane as a town road under advisement. Sec-*

*onded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of the decision from LGC Property Liability on Mrs. Gamble's claim for damages for review.

The Board received copies of a notice from Department of Safety on major disaster declaration and meeting scheduled for December 12, 2008.

The Board received copies of the December 8, 2008 zoning workshop minutes for review.

The Board received notification that the public hearing for the Merrimack Valley School District budget is tentatively set for Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

The Board met with Stanley Prescott III to discuss his assessment of his property on Lovejoy Road.

Mr. Prescott stated that an assessor had reviewed his property last spring and wrote on the assessment card "no change". He said last fall he removed the carport and the assessing company did not make the adjustment. The Selectmen advised Mr. Prescott to file an abatement and speak with Contract Assessor Dave Wiley to address this issue.

The Board met with Rick Latham to discuss property on Route 106.

Mr. Latham discussed an option of donating a portion of the property of which he is co-owner to build a Town Office Building. He stated he was not sure of all the details but discussed the need to have the well and septic be able to support any buildings that might be built on the parcel. Discussion ensued regarding the entrance and exit from Route 106 as well as a deeded right-of-way through Fox Pond Plaza. Chairman Ives stated that there would need to be additional information and discussions on this subject. He stated he was hesitant to take commercial property off the tax rolls. Mr. Latham said he felt it may make the surrounding properties more valuable which could increase the tax rolls. Chairman Ives said the Board would have to do some research and would get back to Mr. Latham once they find out some information. Discussion ensued regarding acceptance of property and steps that would need to take place to move this forward.

The Board recognized John Plummer from the audience.

Mr. Plummer asked about the status of the Beede Electronic property and the School District's pursuit of purchasing the property. Selectman Bowles said that there is another meeting scheduled for January. He discussed that the general consensus is that the Selectmen from the district towns are totally against purchasing the property due to the contamination issues. Discussion ensued.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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## Planning Board Minutes — November 20, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

### Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Henry Huntington, Steve Jackson, Tom Moore, *Ex-Officio* Dustin Bowles, and *Alternate* Jeff Green. Jeff Green was appointed as a voting member.

Conservation Commission representative Jess Storey was present.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**October 16, 2008 Regular Meeting.** Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

**October 23, 2008 Site Visit, Loudon Woods Estates.** Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Tom Dow. Motion carried.

**October 23, 2008 Site Visit, Memory Lane.** Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Tom Dow. Motion carried.

**October 16, 2008 Zoning Ordinance Workshop.** Tom Moore noted that there was no mention of the handout of Bow's regulations of recreational property that he passed out at the workshop. He asked that it be added to the minutes. Steve Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes with that addition; seconded by Jeff Green. All were in favor.

### Discussion:

**Alvin Davis.** Mr. Davis has requested a reduction in the construction bond for Memory Lane. The consensus of the Board is to wait for the town engineer's comments before making a decision on the request.

**Len Lapadula.** Mr. Lapadula stated that he has been talking with builders about his subdivision on Young's Hill Road and all have said that the construction costs are way out of line, making the per lot cost prohibitive. He said that the town had a two year waiting list for building permits when the subdivision was approved and the conditions were placed on the approval. Mr. Lapadula said that he is looking for ways to get the project started. He said that he is working with Mike Bean who is good with engineering and he would like to have the new road looked at again. Mr. Lapadula said

that it would be the same quality and the same center line and lots, at less cost with some engineering changes to the swales and flares for example.

Dustin Bowles said that he could see a problem because the road has already been designed and engineered and seen by the town engineer. He said that Mr. Lapadula would still have to have a road plan and have it reviewed. Mr. Lapadula said that he would like to look at it with Mike Bean, the town engineer and Board. Mr. Bowles said that the engineer has to see it on paper. Steve Jackson said that Mr. Lapadula has the right to submit an application for a revised subdivision. Mr. Lapadula said that he could sit down with the plans and discuss proposed changes. Mr. Bowles said that Mr. Lapadula would have to cover the costs of review with the town engineer but he has no problem with him doing that. Donna was asked to let Tony Puntin know that Mr. Lapadula will be calling.

Mr. Lapadula said that he would like to address the off-site improvements and impact fees. He said that the agreement was to do 2,800' of improvements to Young's Hill Road. He said it is his understanding that the town can only charge one or the other of the improvements or impact fees. He asked if the town has a Capital Improvement Plan. It was stated that the town does have a CIP. Mr. Lapadula pointed out that the economy at the time of approval was much different. There was a discussion of impact fees, the three impact districts in Loudon, and that the fees are not specific to a particular road but to the district it is in. Mr. Lapadula said that he is asking to reduce the off-site improvements by the amount of the impact fees. He said that there is nothing that he can do at this time because of costs, noting that no builders are willing to touch it and that the subdivision is of no benefit to the town as it is right now.

Mr. Lapadula talked of the rational nexus which came out to \$71,000 when done at the time of his application. Steve Jackson said that the approval was before he was on the Board but he would gather that agreeing to do the off-site improvements made the subdivision more appealing and helped with the approval. Dustin Bowles

said that he can understand that times have changed since the approval a couple of years ago. Mr. Lapadula said that something being done on the project is better than nothing. Tom Dow reminded the Board of all that took place on another subdivision in town where the applicants struggled to get the project going. He said that the Board stood their ground on the approval and conditions of the road. Mr. Lapadula said that one of his concerns is with having to lose his state permits if nothing happens. He said he has already extended the wetlands permit once because of the building permit waiting list. He said that he would have to have the project all re-engineered if he loses the permits.

Steve Jackson pointed out Section 11.7 of the Land Development Regulations as an option to Mr. Lapadula. There was discussion about options and the changes in the market. Mr. Lapadula said that cutting the off-site improvements in half to 1,400' would be better than zero. He said that 1,400' would be in keeping with the rational nexus and still be a substantial offering to the Town. He said that reduction might be enough to allow him to get started.

Tom Dow said that the first step might be to meet with Mike Bean and Tony Puntin to see if changes would be feasible. He said it would be opening a big precedent. Dustin Bowles said that Mr. Lapadula could look at the new road, would have to meet all regulations, get some drainage ideas, and would not lose anything by investigating. He said that an agreement is an agreement. Mr. Lapadula said that he is trying to come up with something that works for both him and the Town. Mr. Bowles suggested that Mr. Lapadula go back to the state about the permits and work with Mr. Bean and Mr. Puntin.

### Old Business:

**Application #08-06, CVAD, LLC — Major Site Development, Located on Route 106 in the C/I District. Map 1, Lot 49.** There were no abutters present. Chairman Dow read a request from the applicant to table this application because they have received further comments from DOT. Steve Jackson said that he feels that the applicant should re-notify abutters because of several requests to table the application. Others agreed. There was discussion about the Board's policy with regard to re-notifying abutters. Chairman Dow read a note from the applicant which stated that they would re-notify abutters once they have the DOT permit in hand. Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this application with abutter re-notification once the DOT permit has been received by the applicant; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

**Application #08-16, Peter & Margaret Schauer — Minor Subdivision, Located on Cross Brook Road in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 44.** Jeff Green recused himself to

represent the applicants. There were no abutters present. Mr. Green presented a request to continue the application to the December meeting as they are waiting for plans from their engineer. Tom Moore made a motion to continue this application to December 18, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor. There will be no further notification.

Jeff Green returned to the table.

### Board Discussion:

**Memory Lane Cistern** — Chairman Dow said that it was noted at the site visit of Memory Lane that the ground around the cistern was not suitable for truck access. Chief Burr was contacted and he went to the site, subsequently submitting a letter and pictures to the Board. Mr. Dow read the letter to the Board. It was noted that Mr. Davis reported on his bond reduction request that the matter has been taken care of, and Roy Merrill confirmed that material has been placed and compacted in that area since the site visit.

**Impact fees** — Donna asked for clarification on how impact fees are assessed and by whom and discussed the process that has been followed to date. There was discussion on the requirements of the ordinance, how the process could be improved, and how that should happen. It was agreed that any lots approved after the adoption of the impact fee ordinance on October 7, 2004 and lots of record prior to October 7, 2000 would be subject to impact fees. A letter to the effect will be sent to the appropriate departments. It was also agreed that there should be a meeting about impact fees with Code Enforcement, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

**Road & Development Law** — Steve Jackson handed out copies of a publication that he recently came across. He said that he found the information very helpful and feels it would be beneficial to the Board members.

**Right to Know Law** — Donna gave each of the Board members a handout from the Land Use Legislation 2008 publication on how to determine whether the Right to Know Law applies.

**Report of the ZBA** — There are four building permit extension requests, two special exceptions for Del Gilbert (one for tanks and one for a filling station), and a variance to amend the age requirement for the Villages at Loudon on the November agenda.

**Report of the Board of Permit** — There was no Board of Permit this month.

**Adjournment** — A motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. was made by Steve Jackson; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White

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## Planning Board Minutes — December 28, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Tom Dow.

### Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Gary Tasker, Henry Huntington, Steve Jackson, Tom Moore, *Ex-Officio* Dustin Bowles, and Alternates Bob Ordway and Jeff Green. Bob Ordway was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Stan Prescott.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**November 20, 2008 Regular Meeting.** Henry Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

**November 20, 2008 Zoning Ordinance Workshop.** Steve Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

**December 8, 2008 Zoning Ordinance Workshop.** Dustin Bowles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

### Old Business:

**Application #08-06, CVAD, LLC — Major Site Development, Located on Route 106 in the C/I District. Map 1, Lot 49.** There were no abutters present. The applicants are waiting for their DOT permit. Once that has been received they will re-notify abutters. Dustin Bowles made a motion to continue this application with abutter re-notification once the DOT permit has been received by the applicant; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

**Application #08-16, Peter & Margaret Schauer — Minor Subdivision, Located on Cross Brook Road in the RR District. Map 12, Lot 44.** Jeff Green recused himself to represent the applicants. Abutters Nancy and Michael Cutler were present. Mr. Green presented a request to continue the application to the January meeting as they are working with the engineer on the road portion of the project. Gary Tasker made a motion to continue this application to January 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor. There will be no further notification. It was noted that this is the second request to continue the application. The applicant will be required to re-notify abutters if not ready to present in January.

### New Business:

**Application #08-17, Albert & Sandra Jones and David & Jeanette Larrabee — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Pleasant Street in the RR District. Map 6, Lots 11 and 9.** Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants. Abutter Steve Latulippe was present. Tom Moore made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to the public hearing; seconded by Steve Jackson. All were in favor.

Mr. Green explained that Mr. Larrabee was previously before the Board for discussion on this matter. He explained the adjustment, pointing out that the 31.515 acres that was surveyed will be attached to the Jones property. This would leave the Larrabees with 24.77 acres and the Jones with 77.78 acres. Henry Huntington asked that Mr. Green indicate the new boundary line on the final plan. Tom Moore said that this adjustment makes the two lots more conforming. Mr. Green said that he will label Pleasant Street and show the distances of the original lots in the inset. He said that the amount being transferred will have bearings and the corners will be pinned. Mr. Latulippe reviewed the plan but had no questions.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Gary

Tasker asked what kind of pins are required. Mr. Green said that rebar is what would be used. He said that steel pins were found at the original corners. Chairman Dow asked if there is a waiver request for not having to survey the whole lot. Mr. Green said that he interpreted the regulations as having to only do the parcel to be transferred. A waiver request for Article 14.4.8 was submitted. Henry Huntington made a motion to grant the waiver of Article 14.4.8; seconded by Bob Ordway. All were in favor.

Henry Huntington made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment with the new boundary line indicated and the changes and additions listed by Jeff Green; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

**Application #08-18, Wilson & Sandra Smith and Robert Labonte — Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Clough Hill & Currier Roads in the RR District. Map 42, Lots 9-1 and 21.** Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises represented the applicants. There were no abutters present. Steve Jackson recused himself from this matter. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to the public hearing; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Mr. Green explained the proposed minor adjustment at the road. He said it is a total of eight square feet, pointing out that Mr. Labonte has 398.41 feet of frontage and this adjustment adds 1.6 feet for a total of 400.01 feet of frontage. Mr. Green said that the line would go back ten feet which would still be on the same stonewall as it is a four foot wall. He said they would be moving the drill hole. Mr. Green explained that the front line was created at 400 feet on the original plan but does not meet the full 400 feet when using today's surveying standards. Gary Tasker asked who previously surveyed the Labonte piece. Mr. Green said that he was not sure, noting that the standards were looser then and generally to the nearest foot.

Tom Dow asked if the dimension on the Smith property, Parcel A, should be changed. Jeff Green explained that because the area is so small the inset shows the correct dimensions. He said he would clarify by putting the total distance of the two, being 40.84 feet, in the blow up. Henry Huntington asked Mr. Green to indicate in the inset the stonewall portion that is the line being eliminated and where the new line will be located. Tom Moore asked if this was going to be followed by a subdivision plan in the future. Mr. Green said that was the intention. Mr. Moore asked if the 200 foot frontage line would go through the existing barn. Mr. Green said that it would run right next to the driveway and still meet the setbacks for the barn. Chairman Dow pointed out that subdividing the lot in that manner would be putting the barn on a lot by itself. Mr. Green said that will have to be addressed.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. He read a request for a waiver of Article 14.4.8. Gary Tasker made a motion to grant the waiver of Article 14.4.8; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Bob Ordway made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment with the indication of the new boundary line, the line being eliminated, and the full distance shown in the inset; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Steve Jackson and Jeff Green returned to the table.

### Board Discussion:

**Alvin Davis — bond reduction.** Mr. Davis submitted a request to reduce his construction bond from \$150,000 to \$50,000. Nate Hoitt, engineer for The Louis-Berger Group, has reviewed the construction estimate that Mr. Davis submitted and is in agreement with the percentages of work completed and costs of the remaining work (\$40,000). Steve Jackson stated that the regulations call for the bond to be the cost plus 20%. Chairman Dow stated that Fire Chief Burr was asked to inspect the fire cistern again after more material was placed for a pull-off. Donna showed pictures taken of the cistern area by Chief Burr. Chief Burr had indicated that there is still an area that is too soft for the fire trucks to pull off the road and that the cistern water level remains three feet from the top, indicating that it is not at full capacity. There was discussion about the cistern level. Gary Tasker recommended cutting the bond amount in half to \$75,000 to allow for any additional costs of repairing/replacing the cistern. Dustin Bowles said that the Board could work from that point once it is proven that the cistern is in 100% operational order. There was brief discussion about leaving enough in the bond to cover completion of the project and any necessary repairs. Gary Tasker made a motion to lower the bond to \$75,000; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Donna informed the Board that she is holding an invoice from The Louis-Berger Group for this project as there are not enough funds in Mr. Davis's escrow fund to cover the invoice. Tony Puntin has recommended that additional funds be deposited to the fund to cover this and any additional fees for inspections through the balance of the project. Donna stated that Mr. Davis has been notified of this matter but has not yet submitted the additional funds, asking the Board for direction. Gary Tasker made a motion to revoke the bond reduction to \$75,000; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

Gary Tasker then made a motion to reduce the bond to \$75,000 with the stipula-

tion that Mr. Davis place \$1,500 in his engineering fee escrow account before the bond is reduced; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.

**Lot Merger.** A Voluntary Lot Merger for Jean Lee, Map 20, Lots 17 and 19, was presented to the Board for review and signature.

**Villages at Loudon.** Donna informed the Board of floodplain map revisions that have been received. Engineers for the Villages are working with FEMA on this matter.

**Impact fees.** Roy Merrill recommended doing away with the impact fees, incorporating the fees into building permit fees. There was discussion about the time and effort that went into creating the Impact Fee Ordinance, as well as the confusion over collection, recording, and use of the fees. Dustin Bowles stated that Stan Prescott is handling this with Code Enforcement.

**Currier Road Holdings.** Donna informed the Board of a recent inquiry about the reclamation of this property. There was discussion about a letter that was sent to the owners in 2007. A follow up letter will be sent, repeating the request for records of fertilizer and plantings. It was agreed that the reclamation work needs to be done by June 1, 2009 or the bond will be called.

**Plourde pit.** Steve Jackson asked who monitors how much material is being taken out of the pit, or any others in town. There was brief discussion about Code Enforcement checking on the pit from time to time, as well as Mary Pinkham Langer from the State having been there on occasion. A site visit will be scheduled.

**Report of the ZBA:** There will not be a ZBA meeting this month as no applications were received.

**Report of the Board of Permit:** It was reported that impact fees and changes to subdivisions were discussed. Bob Fiske will attend the January Planning Board meeting to discuss subdivision recordkeeping.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. was made by Dustin Bowles; seconded by Tom Moore. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — November 24, 2008

### REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of November 24, 2008 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Loudon Community Building.

### ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: George Saunderson, Chairman Dave Powelson, Vice Chairman Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, and Alternate Jon Huntington.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

**Regular Hearing** — Jon Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2008; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.

**Site Walk** — George Saunderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2008 site walk; seconded by Jon Huntington. All were in favor.

Jon Huntington was appointed as a voting member in the absence of Howard Pearl.

### DISCUSSION:

**Wayne Thistle — Building Permit Extension.** Mr. Thistle submitted a request to extend the building permit for Map 12, Lot 55 for one year, noting that this is the first extension for this parcel. He explained that he asked for two extensions last year, one lot has since sold and he will apply for a new permit on the other lot rather than ask for a second extension. George Saunderson made a motion to extend the building permit through December 31, 2009; seconded by Roy Merrill. All were in favor.

**Charles & DeAnna Rice — Building Permit Extension.** Mr. Rice submitted a request to extend the building permit for Map 38, Lot 8-2 for one year. It was con-

firmed that this is the first extension request for this parcel. George Saunderson made a motion to grant the building permit extension through December 31, 2009; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

**Shawn Lavoie — Building Permit Extension.** Mr. Lavoie submitted a request to extend the building permit for Map 25, Lot 19 for one year. This is the first request for an extension on this parcel. Jon Huntington made a motion to grant the building permit extension through December 31, 2009; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

**Patrick Labbe — Building Permit Extension.** Mr. Labbe submitted a request to extend the building permit for Map 33, Lot 7 for one year. This is the first request for an extension on this parcel. Ned Lizotte made a motion to grant the building permit extension through December 31, 2009; seconded by Jon Huntington. All were in favor.

**Cecile Merrill — Building Permit Extension.** Roy Merrill recused himself from this matter. Mrs. Merrill submitted a request to extend the building permit for Map 49, Lot 34 for one year. This is the first request for an extension on this parcel. George Saunderson made a motion to grant the building permit extension through December 31, 2009; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

Roy Merrill returned to the table.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Case #08-27 & #08-28, Del Gilbert & Son Block Co. — Special Exception for Gas Filling Station and Special Exception for Subsurface Storage Tanks, Map 49, Lot 124.**

Ned Lizotte recused himself from this case. Chairman Powelson informed the applicant that there would only be four members of the Board to hear this case because of absences and Mr. Lizotte's recusal. He gave the applicant the option of a four-member board or continuing the case to the December meeting. Steve Smith, of Steve Smith and Associates, spoke with his client and they agreed to be heard by the four-member board.

Mr. Smith said that they did not have any new information to present. He reviewed the two points of access to the parcel. Mr. Smith said that they have received a driveway permit from NH DOT for the Shaker Road access. He said that the Ordinance calls for the use of the lesser traveled way and that he showed the Board at the site walk that a loop driveway could be done if preferred. Mr. Smith said that the Board seemed happy with the original plan and the state approved the access. He showed a conceptual plan of a loop access, said that he is asking the Board for direction, noting that the Board has the right to put conditions and grant the initial plan.

Abutter Teresa Dymant said that she likes the loop access better as she is concerned about buses and traffic because of the blind hill. She said that Shaker Brook Park Road is enough of a distance from the hill that it would be less of a concern. Mr. Smith said that DOT did a field inspection for sight distance, speed, and other criteria before granting the permit. Ms. Dymant said that she asked that it be looked at again. Mr. Smith said that the permit was reaffirmed earlier today, as they have met the state requirements that are based on speed limits and sight distance. Dave Powelson said that the Board could not approve a driveway on Shaker Road without an application for a variance. Mr. Smith said if they had to go for a variance they would rather go with the loop access. George Saunderson asked if they could use the two accesses, with the Shaker Road one being exit only. Mr. Smith said that they would rather have the traffic going in both directions so that the trucks can access whichever side of the island is best suited for their truck and to help with the traffic impact.

Roy Merrill asked about the building for the foam. Mr. Smith pointed it out as well as the fire hydrant by the road. Jon Huntington asked if the State had looked at the access again. Mr. Smith said that DOT had been there today, looked at the site, and reaffirmed their approval. Mr. Huntington asked if there are any school bus stops near that area. Ms. Dymant said that there are stops down the road but not right there at this point.

There was discussion about the hours of operation for this facility. Mr. Gilbert said that he could work with 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ms. Dymant said that was too many hours and not acceptable as this is in a residential area. Jon Huntington stated that this is a commercial/industrial zone. George Saunderson said that 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. seemed reasonable and asked Mr. Gilbert to have his drivers be sensitive to the neighborhood and avoid the earlier part of the day if possible. Ned Lizotte encouraged the Board to look at what other enterprises in town have for guidelines. He said if something is already going on in town it would be hard to hold this facility to stricter limits.

Ms. Dymant said that her concern is that the stipulations be solid so that future owners are regulated. There was discussion about the number of trucks that would be

using the facility. Roy Merrill asked the applicant what would be a reasonable number of trucks that would work. Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Creley said that 50 per day would allow for future company fleet growth. Ms. Dymant said that was too many. Mr. Merrill asked the applicant if 30 per day would be acceptable. The applicant felt that 30 per day would work. Discussion continued between Ms. Dymant and the applicant with regard to the hours and number of trucks. Mr. Creley stated that Mr. Gilbert is making some compromises by agreeing to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., no Sundays, trying to avoid early morning use of the fuel farm, the number of vehicles, and there is no prediction of what the future will bring. He said that Mr. Gilbert has to be able to operate a business and feels that the compromises are more than reasonable.

Dave Moody asked if they would be mixing ethanol onsite. Dave Powelson explained the three fuels that are to be used according to the plan. Mr. Moody asked if that would be considered to be processing. Roy Merrill said that he was not sure it was processing as it would be one product being pumped. Wayne Thistle said that the fuels at a filling station are being mixed at the pump, not processing. Mr. Powelson agreed.

There was an overview of the conditions of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week, no Sundays. George Saunderson reinforced that Mr. Gilbert will do his best to be considerate of the neighbors in the early morning. Mr. Gilbert stated that the only person that would be at the facility on Sunday would be him for inspections. He said that the only vehicle left at the site might be a delivery truck. He explained that the truck would be filled at this facility and taken to his Laconia facility to fuel his trucks that have to leave at 2 a.m. for New York. Roy Merrill asked how often they would be filling the truck for Laconia. Mr. Gilbert said it would be twice a week.

Chairman Powelson said that the Board could not make a decision on the driveway based on the applications presented. Mr. Gilbert informed the Board and abutter that he will be installing a 30,000 gallon cistern at the site. He said that will be a large expense to him but it is also for the benefit of the neighborhood.

George Saunderson made a motion to approve application #08-27, for a filling station, with the following conditions: hours to be 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week, no Sundays, with a limit of 30 trucks per day; seconded by Jon Huntington. A roll vote was taken: Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Jon Huntington — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

Jon Huntington made a motion to approve application #08-28, subsurface storage tanks, with the same conditions as #08-27; seconded by Roy Merrill. A roll vote was taken: Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes; Jon Huntington — Yes. Unanimous — APPROVED

Ned Lizotte remained recused as an abutter to the next case.

**Case #08-30, MDP Development — Variance for Age Restriction, Map 20, Lot 7.** Roy Merrill recused himself as an abutter. Chairman Powelson informed the applicant that there would only be three members of the Board to hear this case because of absences and Mr. Lizotte's and Mr. Merrill's recusals. He gave the applicant the option of a three-member board or continuing the case to the December meeting. MDP repre-



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sentative Tony Marcotte spoke with the Villages residents about proceeding and it was agreed to go with the three-member board.

Mr. Marcotte explained that letters were sent to the six residences at the Villages and five of the six have commented through letters or are present at the hearing. He said that this request is a result of responses received from interested parties who have not been able to purchase homes at the Villages because both members of household are not 55 or older. Mr. Marcotte presented facts supporting the application request and then went through the five points of the application. Agatha Gagne, realtor for MDP, read a letter from broker Carol Schoch. All information read is on file with the application.

Ned Lizotte asked about couples who might be 45 and 55 years of age and have teen-age children. Mr. Marcotte said that is not allowed by the condominium rules. He explained that the rules currently require that both parties be 55 or older, and they are asking to allow one party to be 45 or older and the second party has to be 55 or older. Mr. Marcotte explained that the State allows this one discrimination to meet the elderly housing guidelines. He said they looked at who came in with interest, citing an example of a couple who is 54 and 62 years of age not being able to live there with the current rules. Mr. Marcotte spoke of state and federal rules, affordable housing, that children cannot live at the Villages, and the intention being for empty-nesters.

When asked how the developer would ensure that the age limit was adhered to and there would be no children, Mr. Marcotte said that the condominium documents are approved by the Attorney General and the town's code enforcement officer would be responsible for enforcing the restrictions. He said that the developer has built the clubhouse, roads, and community wells. Mr. Marcotte said that the residents could speak up if there were any problems with the rules not being followed, noting that it is a self-policing community.

Chairman Powelson asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. Michael Horan, a Villages resident, said that he feels the change would be beneficial as there are many parties interested in purchasing homes at the Villages. He said that changing it to the age of 45 and over for one person is not going to cost the town anything and that the condo limits will be followed. Jan Morton, a Villages resident, said that the Villages is a great place to live and that the developer has done everything that was promised and that the property has been well taken care of. She said that the change would not result in any cost to the town but would provide more income to the town. Ms. Morton said that the change would be helpful to the residents and the town. Pat Horan, a Villages resident, said that the change would be beneficial to the current residents. She said the age limitation and low sales would make it even harder to sell their property should they ever need to

move. Ken Krzewick, a Villages resident, said that he supports all that has been said by the other residents. He said that he is single and has a friend under the age of 55 but cannot bring that person into his home per the regulations. Mr. Krzewick said that he would like to see the age dropped.

Chairman Powelson asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the application. Ora George said that the change goes against the zoning law. He pointed out that the Villages got 100 building permits because it was to be a 55+ community whereas other contractors only get so many permits per year. Mr. George said that the law cannot be changed as they go along. John George said that 45 years of age is too young. He said that 55+ meant 55+ and it is not the town's fault that the economy is not good.

Tony Marcotte reiterated that they are only asking that one resident be 45 or older, noting that the other resident has to be 55 or older per the laws. Carol Schoch stated that she is 45 and her husband is 55 so would not qualify to live there. She asked John George why he would not want her there. Mr. George said it was because she is not 55 or older and it would be changing the rules.

Jon Huntington asked how many units have sold this year. Mr. Marcotte said that two have sold this year, with a total of six occupied at this time. He reaffirmed what the residents said about there being a lot of interest in the community from couples of mixed ages. He said the age restriction seems to be the only hold up. Mr. Marcotte stated that the change would still exceed the state requirements, noting that the state does not have a requirement for the second person. He said it would be beneficial to the town to accelerate the project.

Roy Merrill asked if 50 would cover most of the sales and interest. Ms. Gagne said that she has a list of twenty-two couples. She said that she did not have the age breakdown with her but felt that 45 would be more realistic. John George said that he would go with 50. Paul Johnson asked what would happen in the event of the older resident passing away if one was 55 and the other was 47. Tony Marcotte said that the state law would allow the exception; however, the surviving resident could not move in a younger person. Ned Lizotte said that he feels that it could get very messy. Mr. Marcotte said that it is not breaking the spirit of the intent. He said that there would be a big advantage to lowering the age restriction for the second person. Mr. Marcotte said that they need to follow the state law, they are protecting the town, and it would get the association fees and plowing costs down and accommodate the current owners. Ned Lizotte asked what the state says about one being 55 or older, one under 55, and children. Mr. Marcotte said that they have to have some type of services, i.e. the clubhouse, and no children are permitted. He said that the intent of the state law is for empty-nesters, geared toward retirement.

Mr. Marcotte said that by state law only 80% of a community has to meet the age

requirement, noting that this development is 100%. Ms. Gagne again explained the state laws with regard to age restriction and discrimination in housing. She said that 55+ communities are exempt from age discrimination for fair housing. She said that the residents bought at the Villages knowing there would be no children and the law protects them. Ms. Gagne explained that MDP is the writer of the association rules and regulations and that they can stipulate that nobody below a certain age is allowed to live in the community. She said they are going over and above what the state requires. Mary George said that they should go with Loudon laws, not state laws. She said the town was told that it would be a retirement community, not for empty-nesters.

Chairman Powelson stated that the Board would have to find affirmative findings on each of the points of the application. He read the criteria of a use variance from the ZBA handbook. He said that he is not sure that he is convinced that the applicant has met that level of hardship. Tony Marcotte stated that the Villages is the only development in town of this nature and there are no comparisons. He said they are reclaiming a gravel pit and there is no diminishing of surrounding properties. Mr. Marcotte said that there are not many abutters present which would make him think that they do not feel that the change would diminish their values. He said that MDP is doing everything they can to stabilize the area, having gone above and beyond to get the site reclaimed. Mr. Marcotte said that he feels that opening the community to a wider group does meet the substantial justice criteria. He said that they are getting a gravel pit changed to a viable community.

Jon Huntington asked if there are other 55+ in the state. Mr. Marcotte said that there are communities in Concord, Londonderry, and Hudson that he knows of. He said that they all follow the state law of one resident having to be 55 or older. He read from the NH Commission for Human Rights. Mr. Marcotte said that this type of community gives active adults a place to go. He said that the hardship is that the Villages is the first to use the Zoning Ordinance.

Ned Lizotte asked if it would behoove the Board to air on the side of caution and if 50 may be more reasonable. Mr. Marcotte asked if they would consider 48, explaining that there is a lot to go through if they have to go back to the Attorney General to change the condominium documents. He would like to open it to a wider range before redoing the documents. Mr. Marcotte said

that he would like to see this changed for the benefit of the residents at this point as it would make the community more appealing.

Chairman Powelson closed the public hearing. He stated that the Board has an application to change the age requirement from 55 or older to one person being 55 or older and all residents being 45 or older. *George Sanderson made a motion to deny the application; seconded by Jon Huntington.* Mr. Sanderson said that he is sympathetic to the owners but cannot see changing the restriction to 45 years or older. The chairman stated that there are five criteria to meet. #1) Will the variance diminish surrounding values? Mr. Powelson said that he does not think that it would. #2) Will the variance be a benefit to public interest? Jon Huntington said that when the project was proposed the discussion was that it would be 55+ and that is the way it is supposed to be. Dave Powelson said that it is intended for the elderly and adults in the community. He wondered if it would be a benefit to see this finished sooner. George Sanderson said it would. #3) Is there an unnecessary hardship if variance is denied? Dave Powelson said that he does not see the hardship. He said that the development got some considerable advantages to build more units in a more compact area because they were catering to the 55+ group. George Sanderson said that he would concur. Jon Huntington agreed. #4) Will the variance do substantial justice? Dave Powelson said that the developer was granted the opportunity to build more compactly than is allowed in other places. #5) Is the use contrary to the spirit of the ordinance? Jon Huntington said that it is contrary to the spirit of the ordinance. *A roll vote was taken: Jon Huntington — Yes; George Sanderson — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes Unanimous — DENIED based on points #3, #4, and #5.*

Chairman Powelson said that the applicant can choose to appeal the decision if they wish or, if they feel that the town may have a more favorable response to the request, the applicant could do a petition warrant article.

Roy Merrill and Ned Lizotte returned to the table.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.; seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White  
Administrative Assistant*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7pm•GraveRobbers Coffeehouse, Loudon Cong. Church features Borderline Eleven
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30pm•Happy Hill 4-H @ American Legion	<b>6</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 5pm•Library Trustees 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Rec. Com. Park Planning Com. @ Library 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	<b>7</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 7pm•Historical Society	<b>8</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Crew 247 @ Legion	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8pm•Loudon Fire Dept. Meeting	<b>13</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 10am•Young at Heart @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	<b>14</b> 2pm•Storytime @ Library 6pm•Conservation Com. @ Com. Bldg. 6:30pm•Girl Scout Volunteers @ LES	<b>15</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Crew 247 @ Legion 6pm•Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>16</b> LOUDON LEDGER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2009 ISSUE	<b>17</b> 11am•Relaxation @ Library
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 6:30pm•Communications Council @ Com. Bldg.	<b>20</b> 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•Lions Club @ Library	<b>21</b> 6:30pm•MADE IN LOUDON EXPO @ Com. Bldg. 7pm•American Legion & Auxiliary Meeting	<b>22</b> 2pm•J.O. Cate Van Committee @ Van Garage 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Crew 247 @ Legion 7pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9-1•Book Sale at Library
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9-12•VNA Senior Health Clinic @ VOANNE 10:30am•Storytime @ Library 6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg. 6pm•Little League Annual Mtg. @ Library 7pm•LYAA @ Library	<b>28</b> 6:30pm•Recreation Committee @ Library 7:30pm•Library Book Group	<b>29</b> 6:30pm•Boy Scout Troop 247 @ Legion 7pm•Boy Scout Crew 247 @ Legion	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



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