

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

I try to keep things positive. Well, not always.... But I do try. But sometimes folks really baffle me. As 6 firefighters went hurtling along route 30 to a fire in Jamaica with lights flashing, sirens blaring and toot toots on the air horn were shattering the Sunday silence the cars in front of us..... kept on going in front of us....?? Do people not understand that the folks with sirens are racing off to help or save somebody? Do people understand that they have to **PULL OVER** when the **RESCUE SQUAD/FIRE DEPARTMENTS/POLICE/TROOPERS** are behind them with sirens and lights flashing? We too wish we were spending our wkds doodling around beautiful Vermont, heading home after a lovely day of skiing. Instead we are leaving our cozy couches to save somebody's bacon somewhere. A little respect folks. Please.

Speaking of fire fighters, our blessings go out to the Ameden family who lost patriarch Ken Ameden. He was a pillar of the community who served on the Londonderry Phoenix Fire Department for 32 years. We are sorry for your loss.

I also want to remind people that we **ACCEPT** article submissions and announcements!!!! We have so many great organizations that submit on a regular basis – and we are **GRATEFUL** to you!!! But there are so many more of you out there that I don't hear from. So if you are looking for some **FREE** space to print your announcement – please consider the Londonderry Monthly. We ask for your submissions to be not-for-profit or free events and related to Londonderry. We reserve the right to refuse and edit all submissions. We eagerly anticipate hearing from more of you in the new year!! Please email to Darcy Duval, derrynews@aol.com.

Darcy

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SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY

Library Thanks the Thrifty Attic

The South Londonderry Free Library would like to thank the awesome Board of Directors and all the volunteers of The Thrifty Attic for all their hard work that enabled them to give to us a very generous donation for library improvements.

Gratitude goes out to Directors Sally Waite, Marion Laselle, Andrea Ogden, Wendy Arace, Betty Forbes, Pat Slade, Edith Hussey and all of the dedicated others who work behind the scenes!

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

If you come to the library on Saturday, January 28th at 10:30 you can celebrate the Chinese New Year with artist, Casey Junker Bailey. Children of all ages are welcome to learn some things about Chinese culture and to make a craft. Casey will also present a Valentine's program on Saturday, February 11th at 10:30. Make a homemade card for those you love.

Esther Fishman's art exhibit has been extended through January. Please stop in and see her amazing pastels and innovative jewelry.

Also on display in the History Room is a Bill of Rights exhibit that includes Sandy Wilbur's phenomenal compact discs of *We The People*, A song for children of all ages and her DVD by the same title. For sale also is her DVD *Learning History Through Music*.

Some new books for the New Year include David Baldacci's *No Man's Land*, *A Voice in the Night* by Andrea Camilleri, *The Wangs vs. The World* by Jade Chang, *Do Not Say We have Nothing* by Madeleine Thien, *Is Fat Bob Dead Yet?* by Stephen Dobyns, *Nothing Ever Dies* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, *Woman of God* by James Patterson and many others.

Library Hours are: Mondays - 10 to noon & 1 to 5; Wednesdays - 10 to noon, 1 to 5 & 7 to 9 pm; Fridays from 10 to noon & 1 to 5 and on Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm. The phone number is 824-3371.

See you at the library!
Mary K. Butera
Librarian Director

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Here is what the SLFD looks like when they are paying their respects.



Over 6 fire departments and Emergency Squads arrived on the scene in Jamaica Sunday to put out the fire in this A-frame.



Here is what the SLFD looks like in ACTION!



After 3 hours fighting a fire in Jamaica, Champion stopped at HoneyPie and we were treated to lunch by the owner Wes (& Chloe) Genovart (also owners of SoLo Farm & Table) and manager Briana Licata. We appreciate your kind and generous gesture and your support!

**THANK YOU
HONEYPIE!!!!**



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Town Meeting Is Right Around the Corner

Town Meeting is rapidly approaching. The Selectboard is planning an evening meeting in February (TBA) to host Candidate's Night and have informational discussions about the 2017 Policing Contract and the proposed construction of a salt and sand shed for the Town.

The following are all of the Town Officer positions that will be up for Election in 2017



Flood Brook Middle School Students at
Town Meeting

Position	Term Length
Moderator	1
Town Clerk	3
Town Treasurer	3
Selectboard	2
Selectboard	3
Selectboard	3(2 years remaining)
Lister	3
First Constable	1
Second Constable	1
Delinquent Tax Collector	1
Town Agent	1
Town Grand Juror	1
Cemetery Commissioner	5
Trustee of Public Funds	3
RED Board	3
RED Board	3
Director Tac & Green School Dis	3
Director Tac & Green School Dis	3

Memorial Parks Board	5*
Parks Board	5*
Parks Board	5(1year remaining)*

*Pending Board Merger

If you are interest in running for an open position please come to candidate's night. We will announce the date and time for the event as soon as possible.

Also, save the date for Town Meeting March 7th and be aware that voting on the Taconic and Green Regional School District Merger and Director positions will be done by Australian Ballot on the same day. The polls will be open at the Old Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road South Londonderry, VT from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

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MONDAY January 9th, 10th, 11th
BEEKEEPING FOR
HOMEOWNERS with Steve and
Carol MacLaury, Peabody Mt
Apiaries

If you have ever considered keeping bees in your backyard, you will not want to miss this lecture! January is the time to order bees, so this timely presentation will let you know what you need to get started. Steve and Carol MacLaury of Peabody Mountain Apiaries will discuss this increasingly popular and rewarding hobby. Not only do honeybees increase the yield from your fruit trees and vegetable garden; produce valuable and delicious honey and beeswax for candles; but keeping honeybees helps combat the disappearance of these valuable pollinators by colony collapse disorder. Call and sign up today! This will be informative and fun.

TUESDAY January 10th
1-2:30pm VOCAL
IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP
with Bidi Dworkin

Discover your unique voice during this two-part workshop. Bidi, a jazz singer, recently completed a year-long vocal improvisation immersion with Rhiannon (All The Way In) - an intensive supported by the Vermont Council of the Arts. At these workshops, participants will play with melody, rhythm, language and

harmony; explore the rainbow of colors inherent in our voices; and join with other singers to create vocal landscapes, soulful harmonies and impromptu sonic masterpieces. Little or no singing experience required and you can sign up for one or both. Bidi offered these workshops last year and it was a lot of fun!!!!

THURSDAY January 12th
5:30pm THE 1971 ATTICA
PRISON RIOT AND HOW IT
RESONATES TODAY
with Malcolm Bell, author of *The*
Attica Turkey Shoot: Carnage, Cover-
up and the Pursuit of Justice

The 1971 Attica prison riot gained lasting prominence mainly from the rampage of police gunfire that ended it. Though the inmates had no guns, the state police and a few prison guards killed 29 inmates and 10 hostages and wounded 89 others. Law officers then tortured more than a thousand inmates who had surrendered. Racism fueled much of this violence. Malcolm Bell, who was the chief assistant to the Attica special prosecutor, was assigned to prosecute the law officers who committed these crimes - then blocked from continuing when he looked likely to succeed. Malcolm will discuss the uprising and the fallout which resonates today. This is sure to be a popular lecture and space is limited, so sign up as soon as possible if you want to attend.

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COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th 10am-2:30pm AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE with Estelle Schwartz

Driving has changed since you first got your driving license half a century ago. By taking the Smart Driver class you will learn about the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to drive your car in today's challenging environment. In addition you will learn how to manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time; ways to monitor your own and others driving skills and capabilities; learn about new State laws; and how to drive safely in all weather conditions. This educational course aims to give you a better appreciation of the driving challenges you face behind the wheel and a better

understanding of how to avoid potential collisions and injuring yourself and others.

The four hour course begins at 10am with a lunch break at noon. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Refreshments will be provided. There is a \$15 fee for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Depending on your insurance company you may be eligible for an auto discount upon completion of the course. To register, call Estelle at (802) 375-4831.

TUESDAYS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7th 12 - 5pm AARP FREE TAX AIDE

Once again, AARP will be offering free Tax Preparation here at Neighborhood Connections. Last year AARP prepared close to 80 tax forms for people in the community. Stay tuned for more information.

Article Submission Information If your group or organization has community news to share, and you would like to submit an article to The Monthly for publication, please contact us via email at derrynews@aol.com. For your reference, our article submission deadline is the 23rd of each month. Due to space limitations it is up to our discretion to edit any and all submissions and/or reject submissions. The articles and information enclosed do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Town of Londonderry or its board members

TOWN EMAIL LIST The town has established an Email/distribution list to send important and emergency information to town residents and property owners. If you have not submitted your email address, please consider doing so. Your information will not be shared with anyone. Call the town office at 824-3356 or email to londontown@vermontel.net.

Bone Builders meet FREE at the Twitchell Bldg every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

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Volunteers Needed

**Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS)
Is looking for Volunteers for a one day project!**



When: Sunday, February 5, 2017.

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Where: LVRS is located on Route 100 North of the blinking light in Londonderry - approximately 1/3 mile north of the intersection of Routes 100 and 11.

Project Details: Volunteers are needed to help label and stuff over 6,000 letters for the rescue squad's annual benefit and fundraiser. Come for an hour or two, or plan to stay for lunch. Lunch, snacks and good company will be provided. Come one, come all – join us for good cheer and conversation. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

LVRS serves the tri-mountain towns of Bondville, Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, South Londonderry, Stratton, Weston, Windham, and Winhall. The funds raised by this Benefit will cover the squad's day-to-day operating expenses, training, ambulance maintenance and replacement, and the purchase of equipment and supplies.

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*Free Tennis Clinic for FloodBrook Youth and Families
At Chris Lewit Tennis Academy*



Thursday, January 19th 4:00-5:30pm



Rackets are available. If you have rackets, please bring them along. No outdoor sneakers are allowed on courts, please bring indoor athletic/gym shoes.

The Collaborative will provide transportation.

RSVP is optional but appreciated.

802.824.4200

chrissy@thecollaborative.us

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Taconic and Green School District New Board Nomination and Election Process

- The electorate will vote on the proposed merger on March 7, 2017. Also with that vote, they will be electing the board members for the proposed district should the merger be approved.
- The board election is an at large Australian Ballot format, where the electorate of the entire proposed district will vote for each board member. This means that the ballot in every town in the proposed new district will have thirteen seats for each legal voter to vote on. Terms will be staggered after this initial election.
- Each of the nine towns in the district - Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Mt. Tabor, Manchester, Peru, Sunderland and Weston - will have one "Town Seat" on the new board.
- The four largest towns in the proposed district - Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester – will have the opportunity to nominate residents from their towns to four "At Large Seats" to complete the board total of 13 seats.
- In the towns nominating candidates for both Town Seats and At Large Seats, the candidates must designate which seat they are running for.
- The terms of office for the School Directors shall be one, two or three years respectively plus the additional months between the date of the Organizational Meeting of the Union School District, when the initial school directors will begin their terms of office, and the date of the Union School annual meeting in the spring of 2018. The seats designated for one, two or three year terms are explained under Article 8 of the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee.
- Should towns that are designated "Advisable", under the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee, vote not to approve the merger those/those towns' votes will not count towards the at large voting for candidates of the new board. Also, should advisable towns vote not to approve the merger, the board structure will vary (all towns in the new district will have one Town Seat no matter the outcome of the advisable towns' vote on the merger). These variations are described under Article 8 of the proposed Articles of Agreement.
- Nominations for a Town seat are to be made by filing with the clerk of that town, a statement of nomination signed by 30 voters in that town or one percent of the voters in that town, whichever is less and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not less than 30 nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- Nominations for any of the At Large Seats may come from a resident of the four largest towns in the proposed new district, Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester. Candidates must file a statement of nomination signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of such districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- The vote shall be warned in each proposed member school district by the school board of that district, and the vote shall be by Australian ballot.

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- The vote shall be held on March 7, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

Notice to Voters

Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland School Districts and Towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston

In accordance with the Report and Articles of Agreement prepared by the Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns Red and Sunderland Act 46 Study Committee, an election will be held on March 7, 2017 to elect an initial board of school directors for the Taconic and Green Regional School District, if its formation is approved by the voters.

The following 13 directors will be elected from the identified school districts/towns:

Danby	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Dorset	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Landgrove	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Londonderry	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Manchester	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Mt. Tabor	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Peru	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Sunderland	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Westo	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021

Danby

Dorset

Londonderry

Manchester

*4 Directors * One year term expiring in March of 2019*

** At-Large Directors - Four (4) directors are to be elected from the four (4) largest districts/towns (Danby, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester). All nominees from the four districts/towns will be listed on the ballot that is submitted to voters in all districts/towns. The four (4) nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. The seats will be 3 year terms in March 2019.*

** All seats expiring in 2020 will become 3 year terms in 2020.

If you are interested in running for one of the non-“at large” director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 30 voters in that district or one percent of the legal voters in the town, whichever is less, with the respective town clerk on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017.

If you are registered voter in Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester, and are interested in running for one of the “at large” director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of these four districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. Petitions may be obtained from your town clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union at 802-362-2452.

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TEXTILES

At The Londonderry Transfer Station

WE can only ACCEPT

CLEAN & DRY

NO SMELL, NO MOLD

All donations must be in plastic bags

TEXTILES – Coats, Jackets, Sweaters, T-shirts, Pants, Dresses, Shorts, Etc. Any Condition/Washed/Dry/Clean

SHOES – Any Condition, Any Size/Clean

SHIRTS& TOWELS – Any Condition, Washed/Dry/Clean (cut and used for rag business)

ACCESSORIES – Jewelry, Belts, Scarves, Pocketbooks, Sunglasses, Paired Mittens/Gloves, Handbags, Hats

HOME GOODS – Curtains, Drapes, Linens, Towels Wash/Dry/Clean

BUSINESS ATTIRE – Suits, Ties, Shoes, Dresses, Skirts, Pants Washed/Dry/Clean

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Kids Cooking Up a Storm With the Collaborative

The Collaborative hosted a 6-week long cooking class for students in grades 5-8 from Flood Brook School. The students prepared and tried new foods including veggie quesadillas, lo mein, black bean chocolate chip muffins, frittatas, yogurt parfaits and baked ziti. One student exclaimed, "I wasn't expecting to like the black bean muffins but I did!" Along with cooking, the students also learned about nutrition and physical activity. We want to thank IGA Clark's for generously donating food for this cooking class!

For more information about The Collaborative's programs visit our website at www.thecollaborative.us or contact Laura Muro at 802-824-4200. The Collaborative's mission is to promote the development of a healthy, involved community supporting the development of substance-free youth.

