

The Londonderry Monthly

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TOWN MEETING

Town of Londonderry Town Meeting is March 6, 2018. Town Meeting will be held at the old Town Hall, 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry beginning at 9:30 AM.

Letter from the Editor:

So what could be more important than voting?! Right? I won't berate you further – but please – no matter the weather – no matter no sitter – just take the time to come vote. Thank you.

March – is it winter or is it spring? I don't believe even Mother Nature is sure about this.... she seems to be dueling with herself. I'm sure all the resort/restaurant/plow people would prefer to keep winter alive and well and thru April. Having seen green grass and bulbs peeping out at me last week before the storm I'm not so sure some of us aren't ready for spring. But having just gone thru what felt like a mud season, albeit a brief one, I'm not dying to go thru it again. It's out of our hands – we'll see what she has in store for us.

CHECK out Neighborhood Connections massive calendar of fantastic events!!! There is so much to attend and learn about!!!! Many interesting events at the South Londonderry Library as well! Check out the next pages and be amazed! And of course March wouldn't be complete without March Madness and St. Patricks day! Not sure that basketball and an Irish holiday go together all that well but at least you have choices while it snows or becomes muddy. Whatever the outcome of the weather, the town vote, local events or the celebrations you choose – let's hope we get thru March without too much hardship!!

Darcy Duval

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2018 DOG REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018.
ALL DOGS MUST HAVE A CURRENT RABIES
CERTIFICATE.

PURCHASE YOUR NEW TAGS AT THE
LONDONDERRY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
100 OLD SCHOOL STREET
SOUTH LONDONDERRY



RABIES CLINIC FOR LONDONDERRY
DOGS AND CATS!
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018
9am – 10:30am
GREEN MOUNTAIN VETERINARY HOSPITAL
ROUTE 100
SOUTH LONDONDERRY
\$15 per animal

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TUESDAY FEB 6 - APR 10 @11:30-5pm - AARP FREE TAX AIDE

AARP is once again offering Free Tax Preparation at Neighborhood Connections. Call 824-4343 to make an appointment.

THURSDAY MARCH 8th @5:30pm CLIMATE REALITY TODAY with Carol Stedman, Climate Reality Leader

Carol, a Vermont farmer, was trained by Vice President Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Center to discuss the facts about climate change, the challenges of the situation and the positive solutions that can make a real difference.

MONDAY MARCH 12th 2-3pm ORCHIDS with Bob Aldrich

The co-proprietor of The Inn at Weston has lectured extensively across New England about these magnificent plants. Up to 2014, his state-of-the art greenhouse housed hundreds of varieties - until a malfunction with his heating system led to the total destruction of his prized orchids. Bob will talk about the evolution and biology of orchids and how best to grow them in a home environment.

THURSDAY MARCH 22nd 5pm ARE WE ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE? with Claudio Veliz

Learn about the discoveries of "exoplanets" - planets outside our solar system which orbit a star. These findings indicate that we may be on the threshold of confirming that life does exist on some of these planets. You will also learn how you can participate in the search for and confirmation of these magnificent celestial objects. Claudio Veliz boasts twin professions in architecture and astronomy. He is the co-founder and current president of *The Southern Vermont Astronomy Group*, located in Chester.

FRIDAY MARCH 23rd @ 6:30pm MOVIE TIME: BEFORE THE FLOOD

Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren, local environmental activists will screen this National Geographic documentary from Academy award-winning filmmaker Fisher Stevens and Leonardo DiCaprio, environmental activist and U.N. Messenger of Peace. This is a riveting account of the dramatic changes occurring around the world due to climate change as well as the actions we as individuals and as a society can take to prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet. Organic popcorn will be served and lively discussion will follow.

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MONDAY MARCH 26 10-11:30am MEDICARE BOOT CAMP with Pati Kimball, Senior Solution If you turn 65 this year and not enrolled in Medicare, you will want to attend this boot camp. Senior Solutions provides unbiased information about the Medicare system. This is a free class for Vermonters who are new to Medicare. Family members who help these beneficiaries may also find it useful. The date has been set, but not the time, so stay tuned.

TUESDAY MARCH 27th @ 5:30pm OBSERVING THE NIGHT SKY with Rick Hunter from Stellafane Since 1923 Stellafane has been the Springfield, VT home of amateur telescope making. Rick's presentation will discuss the history of Stellafane, transition into mapping the March night sky - complete with sky maps - and conclude with recommendations on equipment needed to observe the sky at night.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28th @2pm ARE YOU WEARING THE CORRECT-SIZED SHOES? with Gretchen Lima, Pedorthist at Family Footwear Gretchen says most people are wearing incorrect shoe sizes. "Last week I measured 15 people and only two were wearing the correct sized shoes," she claims. Wearing the wrong-sized shoes not only increases your risk of falling, but can also have grave health consequences. Come and let Gretchen measure your feet!

APRIL DOINGS SO FAR.....

MONDAYS APRIL 9 - MAY 14 10-11am BEGINNERS TAI CHI with Doreen Fabiano Doreen's classes have been very well-attended! If you have never done TAI CHI but would like to, sign up for this six-week beginner's program.

THURSDAYS APRIL 12 - MAY 17th 6-7pm TAI CHI, LEVEL 2 with Doreen Fabiano For those who are more practiced in TAI CHI, Doreen offers a Level 2 series of classes.

THURSDAY APRIL 19th 5:30p AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM with Derek Boothby Derek Boothby is a former Commander of the Royal Navy; was Liaison Officer to the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations; acted as a personal staffer to former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and was the recipient by the Queen of England of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG). He will discuss American Exceptionalism - an ideology holding the United States as unique among nations with respect to its ideals of democracy and personal freedom.

While there is no formal definition of the concept, Derek will discuss various conceptions of the idea. Among these themes is that the history of the United States is different from other nations; the idea that America has a unique mission to transform the world; and the sense that the United States' history and mission give it a superiority over other nations.

These lectures are offered at no charge, but please register to attend by calling 824-4343.

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GROW A ROW PROPOSAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

The weather is warm and if you are a gardener you are starting to dream about what you plan to grow in your vegetable garden this year. Also, if you are like most vegetable gardeners, you end up with more than your family and friends can consume. That is why we would like you to consider designating a row in your garden for donation to Neighborhood Connections. Fresh produce would be distributed to our clients and the abundance shared with other local organizations who feed those with limited access to fresh food. In addition, we are considering holding cooking and canning demonstrations in The Meeting Place throughout the summer. Before we formalize this *GROW A ROW* program, we would like your input.

- 1. Would you be interested in participating by designating or adding a row in your garden for Neighborhood Connections?**
- 2. Would you be willing to deliver your fresh produce to NC?**
- 3. Would you consider conducting a cooking or canning workshop using the donated produce?**
- 4. What vegetables or herbs would you most likely grow for NC?**
- 5. What questions do you want answered before you commit to the GROW A ROW program?**

Thank you again for all you do for Neighborhood Connections.

Mary Claire

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SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY

World traveler Carol Barclay is back and willing to instruct knitters again on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9 pm. Come on over and Sit and Knit with Carol or as the Brits say: “Knit and Natter”. Knitters and crocheting aficionados from beginners to the accomplished are welcome.

On Saturday March 10th at 10:30 Casey Junker Bailey will present a pre-St. Patrick’s Day program entitled Irish Elves and Fairy Tales. You will explore the fairy culture of Ireland and make a fairy, fairy accessories and have a fairy tea. Children of all ages are invited.

Currently showing in the Janeway Wing are decorative wreaths designed by Hope Richardson. Hope’s creations are made from nature’s bounty from fields, woods and gardens as well as found objects from around the house and thrift stores. Stop by and see this exhibit during library hours. All wreaths are for sale and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the library.

A new book group is forming at the library. Please call Mary at 824-3371 or email us if you would be interested in participating in monthly discussions to be tentatively held on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoon. Let us know what day and time works for you.

Stop by and check out some of our recent book acquisitions:

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith

Tell No One by Harlan Coben

American Kingpin by Nick Bilton

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Fire and Fury by Michael Wolff

Washington’s Spies by Alexander Rose

We Were the Luck Ones by Georgia Hunter

Dance of the Jakaranda by Peter Kimani

The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

The Dark Flood Rises by Margaret Drabble

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

SHELBURNE FARMS House, Gardens Farm and Barns – A beautiful Vermont book
- by Glenn Suokko

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For Children:

Alligators Make the BEST Moms by our very own local author – Steve Swinburne

Click, Clack, Peep!

Charlie's Boat

Olivia Goes to Venice

Grow! Raise! Catch!

I'm A Tiger Too!

Midsummer Night's Dream for Kids

What Do You Do With An Idea?

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

Dragons Love Tacos

Radiant Child.

See you at the Library!

Mary K. Butera, Librarian

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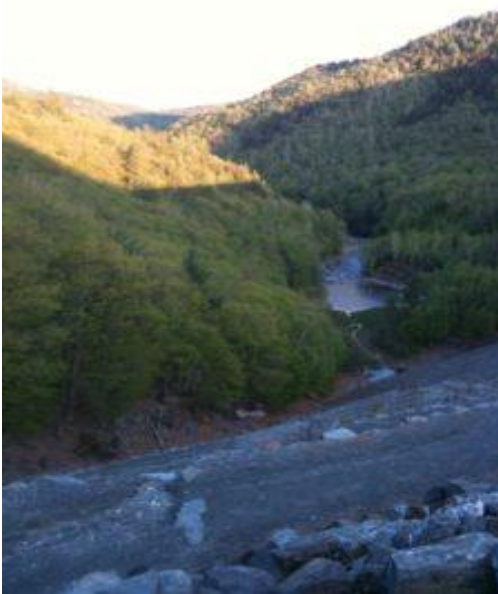
6th Annual West River Trail Run

Londonderry & Jamaica, Vermont

Saturday, June 2, 2018

The West River Trail Run is an annual run and FUNdraiser to benefit The Collaborative's long-standing programs like the Afterschool Program, Summer Camp, and Refuse To Use Program.

The full 11 mile trail run starts at the South Londonderry Depot and ends at Jamaica State Park. This run is great for trail running enthusiasts of all skill levels. In addition to the competitive, unofficial timed 11 mile run for individual runners, it has a 3-leg relay option, walkers' start time and a 5K Fun Run. Not a runner? No problem! We also have volunteer opportunities at the registration table and water stations.



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The Course

The West River Trail Run course is surpack for the first 4 miles and follows the West River as you pass through Winhall Brook camp ground. Then into the woods as you watch your step with rocks, leaves and trees (oh my!), cross over Angel Falls (yes, there is water but there are rocks to step across), don't forget to look up! Up the hill you go! Then down the gnarly switchback at Ball Mountain Dam. Almost there with 4 miles left, as the river is now to the right of you! A couple miles down the surpack in Jamaica State Park and you cross the finish to dip your feet in the river. We ask no dogs. If you would like to push a stroller, the 5K or the first leg of the race is best.

Runner Perks

- Custom design t-shirt
- Scenic route with mountain views
- Themed, unique finisher medals
- Overall winners (M/F) and top finishers for six different age groups are awarded Farmers Market Baskets full of local Vermont goodies
- Each runner gets a gift bag of Vermont goodies
- Post race celebration with food, music, raffles, and swimming hole cool off
- Great Spring race with ideal running weather
- Free day pass into Jamaica State Park

Registration

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West River Trail Run registration opens on December 1, 2017 and closes June 1, 2018 at 8:00 PM. There will be a price increase starting on April 1, 2018 and there will only be day-of registration for the 5K race.

West River Trail Run – 11 Miles

\$35 to register between December 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018

\$45 to register between April 1, 2018 and 8:00 PM on June 1, 2018

5K Fun Run

\$25 to register between December 1, 2017 and 9:00 AM on June 2, 2018

West River Trail Run 3-Leg Relay Team – 11 Miles

\$75 to register between December 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018

\$90 to register between April 1, 2018 and 8:00 PM on June 1, 2018

Here is the link to our website: <http://www.thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/>

The event director is Chrissy Blaylock. If you have any questions you can reach her at westrivertrailrun@thecollaborative.us

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Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions Club held a “Food From The Heart “ collection at Clark’s IGA in Londonderry on February 17th. Lions collected over 400lbs of food, cleaning supplies, hygiene products and \$100.00 for the Neighbor’s Pantry in Londonderry. Thank you to Clarks for all your help and to all who generously donated.

The Tri-Mtn Lions club serves the communities surrounding Stratton, Bromley and Magic Mountains. We need more members to help us serve. Next meeting at Neighbor Connections Meeting Place on Thursday March 1st at 7:00 pm. Come and learn what Lion’s do for your community.



Londonderry Tr-Mtn Lions Club members: Randee Keith, Gail Wyman and Bill Nichols.

Mountain Towns Transportation Survey

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February/March 2018

Esther Fishman, Recycling Coordinator for Londonderry Solid Waste Group (the transfer station in Londonderry) is working with a committee, The Partners of our Mountain Towns, with Neighborhood Connections to try to understand the difficulties in local transportation. They have developed a transportation needs survey, printed below and asking for folks to fill out and return it either via email, in person or by mail when completed. Thank you for your assistance.

Are you currently able to drive? YES NO

If you drive:

- Are there any circumstances under which you would prefer NOT to drive?(Check all that apply)

snow rain darkness
 to a destination more than 10 miles away
 to a medical appointment when I am not feeling well
 on roads where there is a lot of traffic
 to an area I don't know well

other _____

During the last three months, have you been unable to go somewhere because of any of the following factors? (check all that apply)

no longer comfortable driving
 can't afford gas
 driver's license has lapsed
 don't have a reliable vehicle
 car isn't registered or recently inspected
 have no car insurance

Other _____

If you don't drive:

- Whom do you depend on to get somewhere? (check most common support)

spouse children friends/relatives
 volunteers
 "Medicaid rides"
 I don't know whom to call on for help with transportation

Other _____

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Where do you usually need to go? (check all that apply)

- grocery shopping medical/dental appointments
 bank/post office/pharmacy etc.
 social outings: restaurants, movies, friends' houses, meetings, etc.
 religious services
 work

Other _____

Do you currently require a wheelchair or assistance getting into or out of a vehicle?

YES NO

Could you get up into a school bus? YES NO

I am _____ years old

I live in _____

in town? _____ or _____ in rural area outside town? _____

Name (optional) _____

I have a car I would be willing to donate YES NO

I would be willing to underwrite someone who has a car but needs assistance to "get it on the road" YES NO

Assistance may include but not be limited to any of the following:

- _____ repairs up to \$_____
- _____ inspection
- _____ registration
- _____ insurance for 6 months
- _____ gas for one month

I would be willing to drive someone

occasionally _____ on a regular basis _____ for a fee

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New Lodging Establishment Rules

The State has made substantial updates to the lodging rules, effective January 2018. Lisa Sicotte & Ken Alberti owners of the Blue Gentian Lodge forwarded the article and the links to the new “rules” that have gone into effect.



The Vermont Department of Health has a new licensed lodging establishment rule which will go into effect January 1, 2018. A "lodging establishment" is any establishment renting three or more guest rooms or units, that is regularly used, maintained, advertised or held out to the transient traveling or vacationing public where

sleeping accommodations are furnished, including all buildings and structures on the premises. The first year will be a transition period for most establishments where Health Inspectors will work with owners to achieve compliance. For more details, please see the Department's presentation on the rule changes or to read the full rule, please copy and paste the links below into your browser.

There is a ‘short’ overview presentation and a ‘long’ technical document.

<https://pubs.vtchamber.com/docs/issues-policy/2018-lodging-rules-short-version.pdf>

http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ADM_Final_Lodging_Rule_Clean_Text.pdf

Blue Gentian Lodge

Lisa Sicotte & Ken Alberti

289 Magic Mountain Access

Londonderry, VT 05148

Thank you Lisa & Ken for this helpful and informative article!

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Seeds For Puerto Rico

Are you ordering seeds for your gardens?

*The people of Puerto Rico have lost many of their
food crops.*

There is a simple way we can help in a big way!

*A container has been placed at the following locations to collect
donated organic seed packets:*

*Second Congregational Church, Londonderry, Vt
Neighborhood Connections, Shopping Center, Londonderry, Vt*

Seeds that are needed:

Organic vegetable seeds in unopened packages:

<i>Tomatoes</i>	<i>Eggplant</i>	<i>Kale</i>
<i>Beans</i>	<i>Cucumber</i>	<i>Spinach</i>
<i>Melons</i>	<i>Carrots</i>	<i>Watermelon</i>
<i>Squash</i>	<i>Beets</i>	<i>Herbs</i>
<i>Peppers</i>	<i>Radishes</i>	

*A suggested source for organic seeds: High Mowing Seeds.
The packages will be collected by March 30 to be sent directly
to Puerto Rico to be distributed.*

Any questions email: seeds4pr@gmail.com

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LONDONDERRY TOWN MEETING RESULTS **BUSINESS TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON** **TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018:**

- ARTICLE 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at Town Meeting. **Doug Friant**
- ARTICLE 2 To act on the report of the Town Officers. **passed**
- ARTICLE 3 To elect all Town Officials required by law:
- Selectboard member for a term of three years. **Tom Cavanagh**
 - Selectboard member for a term of two years. **Robert Forbes**
 - Selectboard member for a term one year of a three-year term vacancy. **Taylor Prouty**
 - Lister for a term of three years. **Deb O'Leary**
 - First Constable for a term of one year. **Roger Sheehan**
 - Second Constable for a term of one year. **Nick Doane**
 - Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year. **Joan Dayton**
 - Town Grand Juror for a term of one year. **Peter Pagnucco**
 - Town Agent for a term of one year. **Alex Alexander**
 - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years. **Melvin Twitchell**
 - Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years. **Pauline Davison**
 - S. Londonderry Library Trustee **Margot Wright**
- ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,000 for the Londonderry Conservation Fund. **passed**
- ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$20,000 on the Grand List of 2018 for Champion Fire Company #5 Inc. **passed**
- ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money on the Grand List of 2018 for Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad. **\$6,000.00 passed**
- ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$10,000 on the Grand List of 2018 for S. Londonderry Library Association. **passed**
- ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to renew the exemption from Property Taxes for the Second Congregational Parsonage - High Street, Londonderry. **passed**
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to approve a sum not to exceed **\$40,000.00** (Eighty-Six Thousand) to fund contracting with the VT State Police for policing the Town of Londonderry? **passed**
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town of Londonderry vote to approve a sum of \$120,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand) to put into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund? **passed**

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ARTICLE 11 Shall the town establish a reserve fund, to be called the Town Buildings Reserve Fund, to be used for maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of town buildings in accordance with 24 VSA ss2804? **passed**

ARTICLE 12 Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) to fund the Town Buildings Reserve Fund? **passed**

ARTICLE 13 To see how much the Town will vote for a General Fund. **\$2,530,018.43 passed**

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town vote for its taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before October 1st, 2018? **passed**

ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$ 28,945 (Twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred forty-five) for the following organizations? **passed**

American Red Cross	500.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	2,500.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	750.00
Greater Northshire Access TV	2,000.00
Green Mountain RSVP	415.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	1,513.00
Londonderry 4 th of July	1,000.00
Neighborhood Connections	5,000.00
Senior Solutions	850.00
SEVCA	1,700.00
Southeast Vermont Watershed Alliance	410.00
The Collaborative	1,000.00
Valley Cares	2,742.00
Visiting Nurse Assoc. of VT & NH	7,000.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection	100.00
Windham County Historical Society	250.00
Windham County Youth Services	315.00
Women's Freedom Center	800.00

ARTICLE 16 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00**(Five Thousand three hundred and seven) to be raised by taxes in support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the town. **passed**

ARTICLE 17 Shall the voters in the Town of Londonderry appropriate the sum of \$5000 (Five Thousand) to Bromley Observation Tower reconstruction fund? **passed**

ARTICLE 18 To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting. **Passed**

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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