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Letter from the Editor:

THANK YOU EVERYBODY!! Careful what you ask for! No, seriously – I am so thankful to you all for submitting your events, posters and articles. Proving me wrong once more – YOU DO READ US!!! We, once again seem to have so much going on in the coming spring months. I think I once described Londonderry as this lovely sleepy little hamlet. HA! Little did I know. Neighborhood connections has been killing it with their events and talks. They have another bang up month ahead and stay tuned for more! There are recycling days, green up days, walks, movies and more. There are senior lunches, church dedications, and an interview with Tina Labeau. The library as usual has a lot going on and a lovely Mothers Day card making day.

So I can't really have a May issue without commenting on Mother's Day. Although I technically only gave birth to one son, our blended family has brought me a total of 4 beautiful children and three grandchildren. My own Mother was both not only a dedicated parent but also one of my best friends. She has been gone for 5 years now and there isn't a day that goes by that I wish I could call or be with Mom. I have been blessed with the best of the best and am so grateful for our family. And from what I've learned with our family - you don't necessarily have to have children yourself to be a good Mom (or Dad). So happy Mother's Day out there to all of you that take care of somebody – a child, a pet, a grandchild or an elderly parent. 

I know that I use these pages to support various causes – not just my own personal favorites – yours too – and I hope more of you will use these pages to your advantage and get the word out for your community events! Please come down and get your GREEN UP garbage bags this Saturday at the Champion Fire Department, collect some trash from the roadsides, ditches & parks (CAREFULLY & wear something bright so you can be seen) and get a burger and dog as your reward! We will be grilling and giving tours of the fire department from 10am to 2pm!

Darcy Duval

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MEET TINA PEARSON LABEAU

Treasurer in our Town Offices
South Londonderry



Many of you may already know and love Tina. Some of us may think we do but could use a little more education on just how much Tina does for us, our community and the Town Clerk's Office. Tina is the financial rock that Londonderry rests upon. She is our Town Treasurer, having inherited Jim Wilbur's spot in 2014 and elected in 2017 for a three year term. Prior to that, she was Assistant Treasurer to both Mike Bernhardt and Jim Wilbur and Town Auditor since 2000. 18 years of service to our community deserves a huge THANK YOU TINA!

But as do many people in the service of our town, Tina wears many hats and is also the Tax Collector, does the accounting and management of the punch cards for the Transfer station and is also an assistant clerk to our Town Clerk, Kelly Pajala. Kelly, with Tina's enthusiastic support has also been pulling double duty as our State Representative in Montpelier 4 days a week from January to mid May. So Tammy Long and Tina have been holding down the fort until Kelly returns to us full time in a week or two. Tammy has resigned her position as an Assistant Clerk and Bonnie Cobb will take over starting in a few weeks. Good luck Tammy and Welcome Bonnie!!

All jobs have their ups and downs, good days and bad days, but I have to say I have never experienced a negative moment with Tina – the customer service in our Town Clerk's office is always upbeat and welcoming. Tina wanted this job for a long time, worked her way up over the years and "now I have my dream job". Tina loves her community & her work, her specialty is working with numbers – she loves the detail - and feels they all come together in her job as Treasurer. Before coming to the Town Clerk's office she spent several years, some as book-keeper at Johnny Seesaws, Flood Brook School and the Londonderry Inn.

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Tina has spent her whole life in Londonderry, she was raised on Main Street in South Derry and currently resides in Londonderry with her husband Pierre Labeau and her daughter Elizabeth. Her husband Chef Pierre formerly of Johnny Seesaws, is enjoying semi-retirement with a seasonal stint at the Dorset Field Club. Tina spent all of about 6 months living in the Hamptons to realize her home is here and returned to build her life here with her husband and never left. Our lives overlapped when we bought a family member's home (Charlie & June Pearson were her Great Uncle & Aunt) on Main Street.

To escape reality, Tina spends some of her down time watching a little reality TV and an annual vacation to Pennsylvania to see family. Tina has been a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church and has been the volunteer Treasurer for over 25 years – so Tina doesn't have the luxury of much downtime. And of course since the Church burned and has spent years in construction her accounting efforts there have become much greater. We are all blessed to have the church rebuilt and to have Tina watching over it.

I thank Tina for her precious time and willingness to sit down with me. I thank Tina for all her various services to our community and think we are so lucky to have her!



Londonderry Area Senior Lunch Schedule Announced

Second Congregational Church, UCC, of Londonderry is thrilled to announce its 11th season of sponsoring luncheons for Londonderry area seniors, aged sixty and above. As it has in the past ten summers, the church will hold six lunches in 2018 on the fourth Thursday of each month, May through October. The lunches, starting at noon, are held in the church's Friendship Room, except the July lunch is a picnic at Hapgood Pond. All Londonderry seniors are welcome. This will be a free will offering.

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The schedule for the 2018 lunches is: May 24, June 28, July 26 (Hapgood Pond picnic), August 23, September 27 and October 25. Seniors are encouraged to bring friends (aged sixty and above). Neighbors and family members should pass this information along to those that might enjoy these lively, delicious gatherings.

Martha Dale, the church's senior lunch coordinator, said that in the program's second decade we are welcoming a new chef, Marie Porecca. Marie, a resident of Londonderry and a sought-after caterer, is excited to serve and connect with local seniors, and brings a considerable amount of experience to the kitchen. Seniors should look forward to her modern twists on old fashioned favorites. "I am probably best described as a sentimental cook. I love preparing and sharing meals that invoke memories of times spent with loved ones. Our area is home to the most incredible farms and ingredients, I'm thrilled to be able to showcase each month some of the best." Chef Porreca has cooked in kitchens big and small for nearly twenty years.

Other folks who make these lunches possible are Rev. Laurie Krooss, minister of Second Congregational, Bill Cooley, who greets attendees, Susie Cooley who organizes set up and service, Lynda Lyon preparing floral arrangements and Beda Lyon, who organizes a very dedicated clean-up crew.

As in recent summers, this year's July lunch will be a picnic at Hapgood Pond. Lunch will be served under the Pavilion, and will feature delicious picnic fare – hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, salads and dessert. Seniors should bring lawn chairs to the July picnic and plan on spending a summer afternoon enjoying the Vermont scenery, good food and good company.

Second Congregational is located at 2051 North Main Street, Londonderry (RT 11 west of the blinker at the junction of RT 11 and RT 100). Any questions, including directions to the church or to Hapgood Pond, please call the church at 824 6453.

Contact Martha Dale at mdale242@gmail.com 802-824-6564 for questions.



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CHAMPION FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY JULY 13th

**2nd ANNUAL SLFD GOLF TOURNAMENT at
STRATTON COUNTRY CLUB**

GOLFING*LUNCH*DINNER*PRIZES*GIFTS

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please consider being a sponsor for our event – we need
our community to come forward and **PARTICIPATE!**

Calling all GOLFERS!

Who wouldn't love to spend the day with your favorite
4some at **STRATTON** – come join us for a friendly
competitive community event!

Please contact Jeffrey Cavagnino (jcavagnino@gmail.com) or Matthew Mosher
(matthewlm1686@gmail.com) to sign up for your sponsorship or foursome.

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

MAY 2nd TUESDAY @2pm DOWNSIZING YOUR GARDENS with Cheryl Wilfong

Are you spending more time in the summer weeding than kayaking or hiking? Cheryl, a Windham County Extension Master Gardener will give you tips on how to downsize your gardens to more manageable proportions - that way you have more time for other summer activities.

MAY 8th TUESDAY @5:30p LONG TERM CARE OPTIONS with Kieran McKenna, CLTC

When you think about long term care, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Most people respond, "nursing home". Kieran, an expert in long term care insurance says long term care results in predominantly home care. Whether you eventually reside in a nursing home, assisted living facility or remain home, you can plan for the expense now. Kieran will discuss options for financing which include self funding; traditional long term care policies; hybrids which include life insurance with a long term care component; life insurance with a rider attached for long term care; or an annuity with provisions for long term care.

MAY 14th MONDAY @2pm UPDATE ON THE EMERALD ASH BORER with Alma Beals

Since its accidental introduction from Asia, the Emerald Ash Borer has killed millions of ash trees in North America. As it continues to spread it could possibly have a devastating economic and ecological impact on the environment. The Emerald Ash Borer has now invaded Vermont and Alma will discuss management practices which include biological control, insecticide protection of high-value trees and integrated efforts to slow ash mortality. She will discuss how to identify the invasive insect (apart from its look-alikes) and point out the signs and symptoms of damage.

MAY 21st MONDAY @ 11:30am A VISUAL TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICAN GARDENS with Lee Parker

Lee was fortunate enough to join a small tour group last October which visited private as well as public gardens in South Africa. She will show slides of these riotous gardens and discuss the climate and native plants located there.

MAY 29th TUESDAY @5:30p YOUR FUNERAL YOUR WAY with Michael Whitman

Funerals in America are expensive and families all too often make costly financial decisions while in highly-emotional states mere hours after someone dies. Whitman, a consumer advocate for the Funeral Consumers Alliance says with prior planning you can arrange what's wanted within specific financial parameters. He will discuss funeral misconceptions; legal rights; tips for making good decisions; options available at any funeral home; what family-directed after-death care is; and even how you can go out "green" - without breaking the bank. A Q&A session follows.

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SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY

On exhibit during the month of May is a unique show of postage stamps from around the world and the United States, presented by Bill Barclay of the Vermont Philatelic Society. Displayed are Italian stamps dated from 1863 to 1927, postage stamps of Pakistan and U.S. Commemorative Stamps from 1971 to 1968.

Come to the library on Saturday, May 12th at 10:30 to celebrate Mother's Day with artist, Casey Junker Bailey. Children of all ages are invited come over to make a special homemade Mother's Day card, crafted with love.

On Wednesday May 23rd at 2 p.m. there will be a Mindful Meditation Class with Cheryl Wilfong who is a Community Dharma Leader as well as a Master Gardener and an accomplished author of many gardening books. While you are here you can check out her books GARDEN WISDOM or the Meditative Gardener. All are welcome.

Vermont author, Dean Whitlock, will be at the South Londonderry Depot on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:30 pm. Dean will read from his latest book FINN'S Clock and show slides about the history behind the story which takes place in Boston Harbor in 1853. This event is sponsored by the South Londonderry Free Library and the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society.

Some new books are The Fallen by David Baldacci, The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah, 21 Days by Anne Perry, City of Endless Night by Douglas J. Preston, Les Parisiennes by Anne Sebba, The Girl With Seven Names by Hyeonseoo Lee, and there are many others.

For Children: Click, Clack, Moo, I Love You, Wolf in the Snow, A Different Pond and Big Cat, Little Cat.

New Movies include Phantom Thread, The Book Thief, Monuments Men, The Butler, The Darkest Hour, The Shape of Water and The Post.

See you at the Library!

Mary K. Butera, Librarian/Director

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Dedication Celebration at First Baptist Church of South Londonderry

First Baptist Church of South Londonderry would like to invite their friends and neighbors to celebrate and dedicate their new building at 62 Crescent Street in South Londonderry on **May 19th from 2-5pm**. They have been rebuilding after their previous building was destroyed by a fire in August of 2010. Their first worship service was on January 21st, 2018.

This event will include tours of the finished main level and unfinished spaces that they are looking forward to using in the future! There will be a dedication service from 3:30-4:00 PM with music, a message, and time of prayer.

Finger food and drinks!

Everyone is welcome!

Worship services at First Baptist Church of South Londonderry are at 10:00am on Sunday mornings at 62 Crescent Street in South Londonderry. For more information, take a look at their website: firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.



**THE 2nd Annual
SoVERMONT ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT**

MAY 30, 2018 : MOUNT SNOW, DOVER, VT

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! VISIT www.SoVermontSummit.com
for registration link, information on speakers, and the emerging leaders of Southern Vermont nomination form.

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CHAMPION FIRE COMPANY NO. 5



Green Up Day
First Saturday in May ~ May 5, 2018 ~ 48 Years



OPEN HOUSE

MAY 5, 2018

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AFTER GREEN UP VERMONT!

- 🔥 Meet our volunteer firefighters
- 🔥 Tour the station house
- 🔥 Enjoy complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments

60 Main Street, South Londonderry, Vermont

Green Up Day bags will be available from 8:00 AM onward.

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Meet Vermont author Dean Whitlock

Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 PM

South Londonderry Depot

(34 West River Street, So. Londonderry)



Whitlock will read from his latest book, *Finn's Clock*, a young adult novel set in Boston of 1853.

And he will discuss the history behind the story with slides.

"It's 1853. Steam is threatening sail, factories are displacing tradesmen, and the immigrants are Irish—unwanted as ever. Young Finn O'Neill is learning the trade of a boatman from his father, when into Boston Harbor sails a Chinese junk, bearing mysteries and magic...."

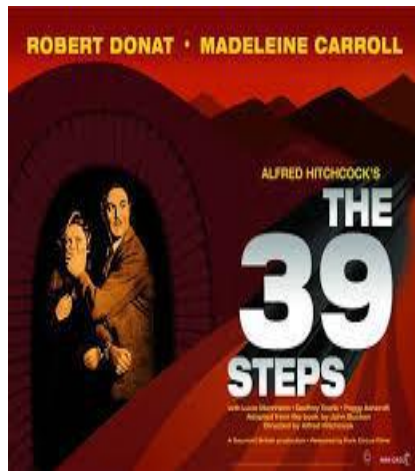
Suitable for ALL AGES.

Admission is FREE—donations welcome

Jointly sponsored by
Londonderry Arts and Historical Society
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The Friends of the West River Trail Present



Alfred Hitchcock's Spy Thriller

“The 39 Steps” combines mystery with adventure and a dash of romance. It was filmed in B&W in Great Britain, before Mr. Hitchcock came to the U.S.. While not as widely known as other Hitchcock films (Psycho, The Man Who Knew Too Much, The Birds, etc.), it is nevertheless considered a classic by critics and Hitchcock fans alike. Light refreshments will be served.

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 7:00 PM
SOUTH LONDONDERRY
DEPOT**

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FREE to residents & charities
Businesses must call ahead to make arrangements

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT



SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 9AM - 1PM
at FLOOD BROOK SCHOOL
91 ROUTE 11, LONDONDERRY, VT

For information call 824-3306,
email recycle@londonderryvt.org
www.londonderryvt.org

WHAT TO BRING:

- *Computers *Monitors *Televisions *Copiers**
- *Microwaves *FAX Machines *Typewriters**
- *VCRs and anything else with a cord**

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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY



Saturday, June 2, 2018 and
Saturday, October 6, 2018
9am – 1pm



Flood Brook Union School
Route 11, Londonderry, Vermont

Residents & Businesses of the following towns only:
♦Landgrove ♦ Londonderry ♦Peru♦ Weston♦Windham ♦
Free to Households, Businesses Must Pre-register and Pay for Disposal

WHAT TO BRING

ANY SUBSTANCE WITH A LABEL THAT SAYS "CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, COMBUSTIBLE, WARNING, DANGER OR CAUTION"

FROM THE GARAGE: Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Engine Degreaser, Carburetor Cleaner, Gas Treatments, Creosote, Radiator Flushers, Roofing Tar, Asphalt and A/C Refrigerants.

FROM THE WORKBENCH: Rust proofer, Paint Thinners, Degreaser, Lead & Oil based Paints, Sealants, Solvents, Varnish, Wood Preservatives, W/Polish, Wood Stripers and Stains, Deck Wash.

FROM THE GARDEN SHED: Pesticides, Insect Sprays, Pool Chemicals, Flea Powder, Fertilizers, Herbicides, Rodent Killers, Muriatic Acid, No-Pest Strips, Lighter Fluid.

FROM THE HOUSE: Drain Cleaner, Floor Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Arts & Craft Chemicals, Mercury Batteries, Photo Chemicals, Oven Cleaner, Chemistry Kits, Metal Polish, Moth Balls, Toilet Cleaner, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners.

****Both latex and oil based paints will be accepted at the collection**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Electronics check the web site for dates of electronics collection

Empty Aerosol cans can be recycle with scrap metal at the Transfer Station

Rechargeable and Primary Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D etc) Bring to Londonderry Hardware, Sigda's Hardware, Londonderry Town Office, Londonderry Transfer Station Recycle Center

Automotive Batteries can be exchanged at or given to local garages and auto parts stores

Used Clean Motor Oil Can be brought to West River Auto or Hunter Excavating

Fluorescent Light Tubes/Bulbs can be taken to Londonderry Hardware Store or Sigda's Servistar

Ammunition & Explosives contact your local police department

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Propane Tanks can be exchanged or refilled at propane distributors or Londonderry Hardware

Medical sharps (needles) place in rigid, puncture-resistant container such as a detergent bottle with cap sealed with duct tape. Label container "Not For Recycling, Sharps". Dispose of in trash.

Asbestos in any form. You will need to contact an asbestos abatement company.

For information email recycle@londonderryvt.org
Call Esther Fishman 824-3306 or visit www.londonderryvt.org

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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.

To register or find out more, go to: <http://www.thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/>

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

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