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Letter from the Editor:

Am I going to get into trouble if I say I'm really really really looking forward to fall? Lord it's been hot. I am so jubilant about outdoor fires (indoor ones too!!), fleeces and leaves falling... I can't wait!

I just want to mention that I see many positive changes happening in Londonderry and SoLo. I know Vermont has difficulty capturing and keeping younger citizens and are now trying a pay to play system where they are paying the younger set to move here. Let me know how that works out. But I know of two smart accomplished young women who just bought their own homes. One a young single mom just purchased and renovated a house on Winhall Hollow – welcome to the hood neighbor – and another purchased and renovated a home in Jamaica! Congratulations to you both. We welcomed a young family to SoLo owning & opening a new business as you can read in this month's interview. All very exciting and good for our town.

Several area homes have been bought, sold, renovated and sometimes re-traded in the last few years. We have more kids, dogs and couples walking, biking, hiking, shopping, gardening than ever! And we love it. I think it is so important to welcome our new neighbors, support our local businesses and thank everybody for their efforts. Our Select Board has been proactive in attending to safety and road concerns, policing, and now addressing septic/water concerns for the town and future business concerns. To have a board that is both listening and addressing concerns brought forth by the community is such a blessing – we thank you all for your service and your help in moving Londonderry forward in a thoughtful way. I know it may seem like it is a thankless job. I know you can't please everybody all the time. But your efforts are appreciated.

So all these little things going on in Londonderry and the surrounding areas all add up to a growing, thriving community that is bringing in tax revenue, jobs and economic growth. These all combine to bring betterment to the citizens, the students, the employees, the small business owners, farmers, artisans etc. What a great moment in time to live here.

Darcy Duval

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!

INTERVIEW for September

The Corner's Jason & Mary Ann O'Connor



We would like to welcome our new neighbors in South Londonderry, Jason & Mary Ann O'Connor who just opened The Corner Market & Deli. We have waited patiently (or some of us impatiently) after more than a year of delays, renovations and happy family news for the opening day of The Corner. The Corner is on the corner! of Middletown Road and Main Street at the intersection of Route 100, formerly known as the Pantry.

Jason was born in Dallas TX and at the age of 10 moved to Huntington Beach CA where he grew up with his brother Tim and sister Christine. After graduation from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, Jason worked and traveled around Europe for a few years, then returned to the States as an executive chef, most recently working for 3 years as the Corporate Chef for Bosch. He met his soon to be wife Mary Ann who lived in Kansas City MO, maintaining a long distance relationship until he moved to MO to be with her. Jason visited his sister Christine and her husband Al Farrar who had moved here with their 4 daughters on a beautiful fall day helping them chop and stack wood – Jason fell in love. Not to worry Mary Ann – he fell in love with Londonderry!

Jason and Mary Ann moved here a year ago buying the historical Landman Store of Stores on the corner. Jason has helped many friends open their own places and was looking for the right opportunity and eagerly leapt at the chance here in SoLo. Jason, his

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family and friends have been working on the property renovating, getting proper permitting, stocking the store while managing to also fit in a wedding, arrival of his Mom – Terri O’Connor who visits part time from California AND their new baby boy Tyler! Phew!

Jason and Mary Ann have succumbed to the magical spell of Londonderry. They both fell in love with the beauty and charm of small town life in Vermont. They are looking forward to getting to know their neighbors and embracing the community. And of course hoping we embrace them right back! Jason believes that service, quality and flavor are the building blocks for every food business and combined with their efforts to provide fresh home-made food will be a recipe for success! They have brought in many food staples, deli meats, wines and beer so it is both gourmet market and deli. He has researched the markets and has tried to put a fair price on a wide range of stock for the store. There is a shiny monster of a machine from Italy that can make cappuccinos, lattes, mochas, coffee and possibly do the laundry from the looks of it! I had a cappuccino and chorizo burrito this morning that were fantastic!

Jason is looking to adjust the business to the needs of the community and his growing family as needs arise. At the moment he plans on being open 7 days a week from 6AM to 6PM. He is also a gifted caterer and looking to eventually grow that business as well. They have many ideas for the future such as possibly preordered take and bake dinners, stocked picnic basket lunches and featuring local VT artisans in the store. Currently Christine Smith owner of 4 Kids and A Baker will be selling her bakery items in the store. Jason & Mary Ann believe it’s important to not just live in the community but to support each other in local businesses and partner together with others in expanding the “foodie” experience in Londonderry. They feel they chose wisely to locate here (and we agree!) and look forward to raising their son here, putting down roots and becoming thriving members of the community. They are new to this and would love to hear requests and will try to accommodate those requests – I hear they make killer Mexican so I’m going to ask for enchiladas!!! But maybe not in their first week.....

Best of luck to Jason and his family – we look forward to hanging on your porch for years to come!



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

Friday Aug 24th @ 5:30PM UNDERSTANDING THE NEW CANNABIS LAW

Fran Janik, influential cannabis activist and advocate, will explain the new law and answer all your questions. Vermont in January became the 9th state to legalize marijuana and historically the first to end cannabis prohibition through an act of lawmakers rather than a ballot initiative. While act 86 took effect July 1st, citizens remain unclear on its intent and criminal penalties.

Friday Aug 31st @ 6:30pm A PLASTIC OCEAN Documentary

Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren, local environmental activists, will show this feature-length documentary bringing to light the consequences of our global disposable lifestyle. In this 102 minute film an int'l team of adventurers, researchers and Ocean ambassadors go on a mission around the globe to uncover the shocking truth about what is truly lurking beneath the surface of our seemingly pristine ocean. The result will astound viewers – as it did the filmmakers –who captured never- before- seen images of marine life, plastic pollution and its ultimate consequences for human health.

Monday Sept 10th @ 10AM TAI CHI with Doreen Fabiano, certified in Tai Chi, begins a six-week series for beginners starting Monday, September 10th at 10am. For those who practice Tai Chi, Doreen offers a six-week Level 2 series beginning Thursday, September 13th at 6pm. All are welcome to attend both sessions. Originally conceived as a Chinese martial art, Tai Chi offers excellent health benefits. The practice aids in fall prevention, diabetes, arthritis, balance and is good for overall healthcare.

Tuesday Sept 11th 5:30pm – KNOW YOUR CREDIT SCORE

Your credit score impacts your ability to get a cell phone, rent an apartment, get a job, buy a car and more. A higher credit score is taken to mean you are less of a risk, which, in turn, means you are more likely to get credit or insurance – and probably pay less for it, too. Nate Cobb, VP of Lending at One Credit Union will be here to discuss why it is important to know your credit score and the steps you can take to improve that number.

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**2018 Neighborhood Connections Chocolate Fest a Hit!
Thanks to all who sponsored, volunteered & attended!**



**Jamie Gubb & Carol Gaydosh
Thank you Ladies!**



**Bob Wells
Board Prez!**



Silent Auction Table

***PINGREE PARK MONDAY a HUGE SUCCESS!
The Adam Ezra Group played***



Thank you all for making this series a huge success! There is one more Music Monday.

Jess Raymond and the Blackberry Bushes September 3rd 6-8pm @ Pingree Park

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Landgrove Meeting House Welcomes Reverend David Owen Sunday, August 26 at 9:30am

The Landgrove Meeting House is so pleased to welcome back Reverend David Owen as our guest for the final summer service. Happily, he is a man for all seasons.

Born and raised in Ohio, he went to Episcopal Theological School after college then to his first church as a curate in Chicago. He was next Chaplain at U. of I. Chicago, followed by seven years as Associate Rector in nearby Lake Forest. A sea change occurred when Reverend Owen moved to the Kent school in Connecticut where he multi-tasked from Chaplain, to teacher to coach. Thence to Rector in Bloomfield, CT for 13 years. While there, he and his wife Anne went on a three month sabbatical to Nepal, first in Kathmandu and then on a month long trek. They live in Connecticut now and he said “On reflection, I have been nomadic and gained enormously from the different regions, places and congregations where I have lived and worked.”

His world continued to expand. After “retiring” the Reverend had a defining experience when for five years he went from Connecticut to Nebraska to visit, study and photograph cattle ranchers and in 2010 published *Like No Other Place*, a compelling compilation with storytelling, narrative, and photographs. More recently, he and his wife sailed on a 56 foot cutter to Antarctica!

His passion for photography endures and a year’s long project, *Making Music*, a book of photographs of the restoration, making and performing of bowed string instruments will be exhibited this fall! A life well-lived and shared, fully, generously and compassionately.

Please join us for the service, our amazing live musicians, song and fellowship. Coffee afterwards, served with outbursts of inspiring conversation.

See you next summer for another season of inspirational words, beautiful music and fellowship. Watch for our schedule at <http://landgrove.vermont.gov/community.html>

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2nd Congregational Church News:

Londonderry Senior Lunch August 23 at 12 noon

Second Congregational Church, UCC, of Londonderry will be hosting a lunch this Thursday, August 23rd at 12 noon for Londonderry area seniors, aged sixty and above. This month's menu is chicken with a light cream sauce, noodles, salad and a special dessert. The lunches are held in the church's Friendship Room. The meals are free; donations are welcomed. Seniors are encouraged to bring friends (aged sixty and above).

Second Congregational is located at 2051 North Main Street, Londonderry. Any questions, including directions to the church please call the church at 824 6453. The remaining dates for 2018 are: September 27, and October 25. All seniors are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. Families and neighbors can also encourage seniors to attend.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – ROAD CREW

The Town of Londonderry is accepting applications for a road crew member/equipment operator. The job starts September 15, 2018. Work includes plowing, grading, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties. A clean driving record, a CDL license, and the ability to pass drug/alcohol tests are required. Highway/road maintenance experience preferred. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest, resume and Employment Application found on the town website. For more information contact the Town Administrator at 802-824-3356.

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The Town Clerk's Office will be **closed**

Monday September 3rd for Labor Day

September 20-21st for Clerk & Treasurer Training Days

AND we will be renovating our vault in the later part of September. We may need to close for a day or two but will do our best to be open around the work getting done. Please be patient with us while we reorganize and clean up. Short term pain for long term gain.

If you have not received your tax bill or need to update your mailing address, please contact the office 824 3356. The Tax due date is October 1st.

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Derry board mulls upgraded water, sewer system

Reprinted from the Chester Telegraph Aug 22, 2018 by Bruce Frauman



Lawrence Gubb of the Londonderry Planning Commission. All photos by Bruce Frauman.

Planning Commission member Larry Gubb spoke extensively with the Londonderry Select Board on Monday about problems that community members — especially businesses — are expected to face in light of state regulations that require more physical distance between water sources and sewer systems.

The commission, he said, did a rough survey of Londonderry businesses and found many “are very vulnerable to expansion, change of use, and more importantly, change of ownership.” Possible solutions are community water systems or community sewage systems.

He added that instead of trying to cover the whole town, these may accommodate smaller sections of the villages. Due to the complexity involved, Gubb said, the commission would like to get a more professional assessment.

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Town Administrator Robert Nied, foreground, said wastewater issues are the biggest impediment to development.

He said several people have approached the zoning department about starting a business in town, but couldn't because of wastewater issues. Select Board member Bob Forbes said the concept of shared septic is good.

Gubb said the Prouty property may be viable for a south village wastewater plant, though it is probably too far for the north village. Board Chair Jim Ameden added that the IGA Grocery and Jake's Restaurant, both at Londonderry Marketplace, have built up-to-date septic systems, so there is room in town for such systems.

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

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