

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

Hope your Memorial Day Wkd was fantastic. Every Monday of Memorial Wkd we return from the Adirondacks where I grew up and we visit my parents who are in the Saratoga National Veterans Cemetery in Schuylerville NY. What a patriotic place to be on Memorial Day. They put a flag on every grave, there are a variety of events during the wkd to honor the fallen and the former servicemen and women who are no longer with us. It is such a privilege to have my folks in such a place – really puts things into perspective and makes you so grateful for all those who enter into the various forms of service to defend and protect us. Thank you. Now I can't wait until July when Londonderry puts on its patriotic show with parades and fireworks at Magic Mountain Saturday July 6th!!!

Now we enter JUNE!!! The lilacs are in bloom the lawn mowers are humming – everything is green and gorgeous - oh happy days!! SO excited to be reaping the benefits of spring finally!! So I joined a CSA. I didn't really know what it stood for – something about fresh grown produce that I couldn't connect to the letters CSA... so I looked it up. **C**ommunity-supported agriculture (CSA) is a food production and distribution system that directly connects farmers and consumers. Aaahhh I get it. I have had a garden for many years. A constant balancing act of having way tooooooo much of some things and having one or two pathetic looking, pint-sized eggplants or zucchini. I'm over it. So this year knowledgeable experts are growing it and I get to eat it. Mind Blown. Thank you to fabulous farmers everywhere.

Enjoy your spring and have fun with the many upcoming events!

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Author Brian Knight on the History of Snowboarding in Southern Vermont – June 6, 2019

The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society hosts author Brian Knight on Thursday, June 6, 6 PM at the Middletown Road School House (parking across the street at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road, Londonderry). This program is free to the public.

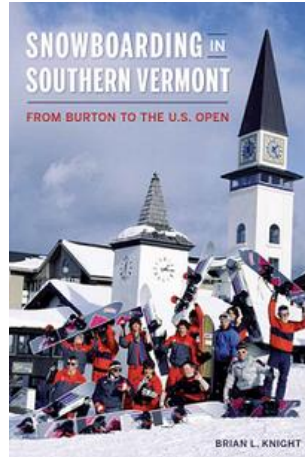
During the 1980s and 1990s, the "Manchester and the Mountains" area of Vermont was the epicenter of the fledgling sport of snowboarding. With the presence of Burton Snowboards, the U.S. Open Championships and one of the earliest machine-built halfpipes at Stratton Mountain, the local population led the vanguard as the sport ventured from the fringe to mainstream. Ranging from Olympic gold medalists to backhoe operators and converted skiers, locals contributed immensely to the development of the sport. Author Brian Knight details the birth, growth and development of a new worldwide sport from humble beginnings in southern Vermont.

The mission of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is to be a beacon- helping people understand the rich history and culture of our little town. Bringing stories of the past to light. Igniting curiosity and awareness of how earlier Londonderry residents lived and thrived. Presenting creative works by past and current artists that highlight the rich cultural dimensions of our area.

For more information call 802-856-7284 or email us at LondonderryAHS@gmail.com
The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society: Save Londonderry's Treasures



Author Brian Knight



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SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY

Internationally recognized watercolor artist, Kim Eng Yeo is the library's guest artist though the month of June. Kim Eng was born and educated in Singapore and lived Thailand for many years before moving to the U.S. Many of her amazing watercolors draw inspiration from her travels within the United States, Europe and Asia.

This exhibit can be viewed anytime during library hours which are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm or on Saturdays between 10 am and 1 pm.

We are gearing up for the Summer Reading Program called A Universe of Stories. Linda Schroeder has a bunch of fun activities planned that will be held during the summer including moon crafts, rockets, and Ice cream, Lollipop and Crazy Hair Days. She will again make balloon hats and Crafts to Go for children to take home.

Stop by the library anytime and pick up Summer Reading Records, bookmarks and stickers to keep track of the books you read during vacation. There are hundreds of wonderful books here for all ages just waiting for you to check them out.

See you at the Library! Mary K. Butera, Librarian



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Londonderry Area Community Lunch Schedule Announced

Second Congregational Church, UCC, of Londonderry is sponsoring luncheons for Londonderry and surrounding towns' residents, welcoming citizens of all ages. The lunches, starting at 12 noon, are held in the church's Friendship Room, June 27th. All are welcome. There will be a free will offering.

Please contact the church at 824 6453 to let us know if you will be coming.

Wantastiquet Rotary

Our local Rotary chapter is so impressive - I don't always give enough credit to this fantastic organization but just want to print a few of their many achievements recently and upcoming events. Please support our friends and neighbors who do so much on the Rotary.

Scholarship Program: we had 5 applications and will be doing 4 interviews at BBA following the meeting. One young man could not make it and Bob will follow up and set a date for his interview.

Flags: Joel has gone through the flags and we will need 17 new ones. Joel also bought 10 new holders for the poles. Joel got the **Main Street Project to donate \$300** towards the new flags. (Great job,Joel)

Neighborhood Connections Chocolate Fest: This year will be August 5th at Motel in the Meadows and again Rotary will do chilly.

Trail Run: The Collaborative Trail Run is scheduled for June 1st and Rotary does the water stop at the dam.

Contribution to Polio Plus: IR is asking each Rotary Club to make a donation to Eradicate Polio in the world, the Gates Foundation with match every \$1 with \$2. **It was moved and voted to send \$100.**

Trail Work: Peter has been in contact with Andy at the Mountain campus and they are willing to help. There will be a **walk thru of the Flood Brook Trail** and then we will schedule a time to cut the lumber at Joel's house.

Food Drive: Carl will check with Margaret at the IGA for Saturday, May 25th to hold a Food Drive with Nordic Harmoni – 10:00 – 2:00.

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The Down and Dirty of Backyard Composting



Do not miss this workshop with Esther Fishman of the Londonderry Solid Waste Group!

As of July 1, 2020 Vermont Law bans food scraps from the trash. Be ready to start your home compost with information from this workshop

**TUESDAY
JUNE 4th
5pm**

**The Meeting Place @
Neighborhood Connections**

A limited # of Soil Saver Compost bins on sale for \$36 (retail price \$99)

Countertop food scrap buckets also on sale for \$4.25.

Please call
802-824-4343
to register



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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY



**Saturday, June 1, 2019 and
Saturday, October 5, 2019
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 Flusher, 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**

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HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY CONTINUED

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, 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

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 “**Do Not Recycle, Sharps**”. Dispose of in trash.

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

Prescription Drugs can be brought to Derry Pharmacy, Manchester, Ludlow or Winhall Police Departments

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

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Contact: Maggie Kaiser www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org
824-4343

MORE THAN HONEY

SCREENING ON FRIDAY JUNE 14th @ 7pm Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren, local activists for the environment and other important global issues, will screen this film from Academy® Award nominated director Markus Imhoof (*The Boat is Full*). Imhoof tackles issue of why bees are facing extinction, a phenomenon that is worldwide.

The photography alone is enough to draw you in as the film captures bees in flight and in their hives. This film showing is offered at no charge, but call 824-4343 to attend. Organic popcorn will be served and a lively discussion follows.

BOP 'TIL YOU DROP Please join Gwen Kekic, a sophomore at Burr and Burton Academy, as she completes her final project for Mountain Campus! Gwen will be teaching 8 dance classes at the newly renovated Meeting Place. Anyone can come to these FREE classes and you can come to one or all 8. Please help Gwen reach her goal to connect people of all ages and bring joy through physical activity! These classes will be held June 29th, August 4th, September 21st, October 20th, November 17th, December 8th and January 19th from 1-2:30. The upcoming classes offered will be Latin, contemporary, Zumba, ballet, and traditional ballroom.

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Friday

\$150 p/p or \$500 per 4-person team

June 28, 2019

Stratton Mountain Golf Course

Price includes:

Green Fees, Golf Cart, Dinner, 2 Drink Tickets and Prizes



12:00 pm – Registration at the Stratton Mountain Golf Course Club House

1:00 pm – Shotgun Start

6:30 pm – Dinner & Awards at the Green Apron Restaurant

For more information or to sign up call 802-824-5540 or email sldchampionno5@gmail.com



Proceeds to benefit the Champion Fire Company No. 5, a fully volunteer, private organization

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Important dates to be aware of:

Grievance Day (the day you can appeal to the Town Listers to reconsider your property's assessed value) in June 8th from 8:30-12:00. Call, email or stop by to talk with the lister's office if you have questions about your assessment or would like to sign up for Grievance Day. 824-3356. londlist@vermontel.net

The Vault at the Town Clerk's Office will be closed for floor refinishing and room renovation from June 24-28th. The Clerk's office will be working out of the big meeting room for a few days to conduct non-research related business.

The Londonderry 4th of July Parade and fireworks will be on Saturday July 6th. Many thanks to Susie Wyman for organizing the 4th of July events in Town.

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Seventh Annual West River Trail Run

Saturday,
June 1st

11 Miles of Trouble & 5K Fun Run/Walk

11 Mile Race starts at 9am at the South Londonderry Depot. \$35 individual registration, \$75 for three-person relay team*

5K race starts at 9:30am at Jamaica State Park. \$25 registration per person or \$65 for family of four*

All racers will finish at Jamaica State Park, and receive a wicking t-shirt, a goodie bag, a participant medal, and a chance to win a Farmers Market Basket for six different age groups full of local Vermont goodies. Live music, raffles and food for everyone to enjoy!

***Registration price increases March 29th**

Registration and more information at collaborative.us/westrivertrailrun

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Mountain Towns Dine-around to Benefit the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society.

The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society hosts its first *Mountain Towns Dine-around* on July 19. The festive gallivant begins with 5:30 cocktails at the Custer Sharp House followed by dinner at one of 20 area homes. Many of these homes have historic importance to Londonderry. LAHS President Annie Campbell said the dine-around is a different kind of community event for Londonderry. “We hope to bring lots of community members together to celebrate Londonderry and our history.”

The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society hopes to raise \$20,000 with its fundraising activities. The cost of opening its buildings and managing the collections is not covered by membership contributions. LAHS has made many improvements to its buildings and improved the gallery space and archives. For more information on the Dine-around please visit our website www.LAHSVT.org, email us at LondonderryAHS@gmail.com or call 802-824-4406.

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For those looking for information about the FPR planning process for Lowell Lake, there was a recent addition to the information on the State website. Read FPR responses to the questions of the Lowell Lake Working Group (a group of concerned citizens): <https://vtstateparks.com/assets/pdf/lowell-lake-response-summary.pdf>

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 25th 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