

# The Londonderry Monthly

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## Letter from the Editor:

**PLEASE STOP BURNING THINGS OUTSIDE!** This spring has so far been very dry. We haven't had a lot of rain, we have no mud season to speak of. We do not have the usual 5-10 feet of snow melting into the earth. The winds have been blowing everything drier than the Sahara. Well, you know what I mean. So the cute little fire pit you have can cause a three alarm fire from an ember caught up by the wind into a dry tree, shed or home. The brush fire up on Under the Mntn Rd started accidentally by a homeowner dumping "cold" ashes behind his house, lasted 3 DAYS. There were over 100 fire and rescue workers there Tuesday night until 2 am, three fire depts took turns running shifts back up there Wednesday and Thursday as flare ups continued to be a problem and threatened to burn again. THANK YOU all you volunteers! What a huge expenditure of man power for an error in judgment. Another brush fire caught deep in a ravine on Under the Mntn Rd the next day. There are dozens of wild fires happening this week in VT and NH. Please follow the proper procedures issued by the fire warden, the fire depts, and if you don't know ASK SOMEBODY. CALL THE TOWN HALL 824-3356. Go to the town directory and call either Fire Chief Jeff Duda or Jim Ameden. Call Jim Twitchell the Fire Warden. Please be cautious and please be careful.

Darcy Duval

## 4th Annual West River Trail Run

11 Miles of Trouble  
South Londonderry to Jamaica State Park  
Saturday, June 4th, 2016  
(it's National Trails Day!)  
Relay teams, single runners & and walkers of all ages welcome!  
New this year: 5K Fun Run!  
For more information  
<http://thecollaborative.us/westrivertailrun/>  
Co-sponsored by The Collaborative and Friends of the West River Trail Inc. and local businesses Sign Up Today!  
802.824.4200  
or [westrivertrailrun@gmail.com](mailto:westrivertrailrun@gmail.com)  
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## SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, MAY 12 COMMUNITY FORUM for Town Plan Update 6-8 PM TOWN HALL, MIDDLETOWN ROAD

Help shape the future of Londonderry  
2017-2022.

### Come and share your concerns and vision for your hometown.

Residents, teens, business owners and non-profits serving our community  
All Welcome!

Sponsored by Londonderry Planning Commission and facilitated by Windham Regional Commission. Light food available. Find details on the Town website [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org)

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*PLEASE READ AND ENJOY OUR  
NEW MONTHLY INTERVIEW with  
KEVIN BEATTIE*

Kevin Beattie, currently wears many hats for our town: Emergency Management Director (since March of 2012), Vice President of LVRS where Kevin has been a member for over 20 years, Londonderry Technical Rescue Chief for three years but a member since inception 15 years ago and a Champion No 5 South Londonderry Fireman. ALL of these are UNPAID and VOLUNTEER positions he holds. *Thank you Mr. Beattie for your service!*

Kevin Beattie was born in Manchester VT, attended Burr & Burton, and in 1988 moved to Londonderry. He is a devoted husband, father and grandfather of 7! Other than Kevin's volunteerism, he has a 30 year history as a wild fire fighter with the US Forest Service all over the country. In the early 80's he worked as a pilot flying fire patrol for the State of VT and then in the late 80's he was a commercial pilot for Business Air out of Bennington VT flying freight countrywide. Kevin was until most recently the Town Administrator for Londonderry. Much of this experience made Kevin the perfect person to take on the role of Londonderry's Emergency Management Director (EMD) which was unofficially thrust upon him during the large scale disaster known as Hurricane Irene. In the aftermath of Irene, the Windham Regional Commissioner contacted the Select Board to create the position and they officially appointed Kevin in 2012. At this point, the EMD is a one man band. But there is a list of people who step in to help coordinate

with Kevin to address the emergency at hand. During Irene, Sandy and the days-long power outage in 2014, Kevin opened an Emergency Operations Center at the Twitchell Town Office and coordinated with LVRS, Phoenix & Champion Fire Depts, the Town Road Crew and many others to handle the emergencies. The function of the EMD is 1)Planning, 2)Emergency Response, 3)Recovery & 4)Mitigation and reports to the Windham County Regional Committee and the State.

One of the long term goals Kevin has is to set up an official local Emergency Planning Committee. Not only so these people know their roles and to provide coverage, but for the community to know whom to turn in an emergency. Another long term goal that Kevin has been working on is to get Floodbrook School certified as a Red Cross Shelter. Then the Red Cross would supply help, equipment and pay for running the shelter during the time of need. The school can accommodate up to 125 people over night and in 2014 Kevin trained approximately 15 people to act as shelter operators.

Another important goal was to get the Community Resilience Organization (CRO), nicknamed Mighty Londonderry, up and running. Kevin believes it is very important for the citizens to speak up, both those in need during an emergency and those that can help. If the CRO does not have information to access those people who are at risk, there will be no way to help them during an emergency. He hopes those with family members, neighbors (Cont'd on page 3)

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and friends that need help during power outages, storms and other disasters will please get those names and addresses to the CRO.

I wondered how Kevin found the time to have a job, family and donate all this time to his “service” to the community. He admits it’s a constant struggle to find a balance and hopes that others will step up and join those that volunteer. There are the obvious departments that always need either fundraising help or man power, and if you are inclined to be an EMS or Fire Fighter, they are a great place to start. But for those who don’t know where to begin or don’t know if they have the time to commit to large scale membership, the town and many organizations need people of all types and all sorts of skills. There are no qualifications needed to be a good citizen. If you have an ATV or chain saw to donate for an emergency or are good with numbers and can act as treasurer for a group, or learn a skill that is helpful like grant writing, or will help in fundraising for the schools, parks, run for local government office or see a need to be met – please jump in and join. Kevin would like to see people become more informed and better educated about how their town runs, and identify how they can help. “Remember that all the departments are 100% volunteer and please thank them and support them in their efforts”.

All this service led Kevin to his true passion which is as Chief of the Londonderry Technical Squad. He is a founding member for over 15 years, joining an enthusiastic membership of about 30 members which are separate from LVRS. They are called upon for

extreme circumstances such as vehicle extraction, back country search & rescue, low angle ropes rescue (such as in ravines), water rescue and night rescues coordinated with the various ski mountains when needed.

I know it takes a village to keep our village running. And as always, I am very proud of and grateful to all of you awesome people that contribute to our beautiful community. I’m also thankful to Kevin for being such a generous part of it!



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Pingree Park will be closed for the installation of power starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Project will be finished as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and support!

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A big thank you to all who shopped at Eileen Fisher on March 19th. We just received a check for over \$4500!

Here is what is going on in MAY with NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

**May 5 ISA OEHR Y Author of UNDER A BLUE MOON @ 2pm**

Isa will discuss her life-changing journey which commenced under the golden light of a full moon. This true story, recounted in her book, inspires us to look beyond the obvious and keep our hearts and minds open for the previously unseen and unheard.

**A MATTER OF BALANCE with Neal Carter 8 MONDAYS 1:30-3:00pm**

**MAY 2, 9, 16, 23** This 8 week program, sponsored by Senior Solutions with Neal Carter, the program's master trainer. We are all concerned about falling. And as we get older, a fall may have more serious consequences. A Matter of Balance is a research-based program which will examine different ways to overcome a fear of falling and learn how to prevent them. During these sessions, you will come to view falls as controllable; learn simple exercises to increase your strength and balance; explore thoughts and concerns about falling and develop the tools necessary to avoid falls.

Call 824-4343 to register or e-mail me if you want to attend.

**THE SPRING GARDENING SERIES with the Windham County Master Gardeners THURSDAYS @10am**  
**THE BIG 3 May 5<sup>th</sup>** Forester Bill Guenther will discuss the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, the Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Longhorned Beetle - the three top invasive insects which have an enormous impact on our woodlands

**May 12 LYME DISEASE** William Fritch and Megan Lynde from the Springfield and Brattleboro offices of the Vermont Department of Health will discuss lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses.

**May 17 TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE GRAFTON INN to benefit Neighborhood Connections**

Are you a trivia whiz? Prove it! Put your knowledge to the test on Tuesday. Arrive at 5pm for tasty pub fare in The Phelps Barn and stay for trivia starting at 7pm. A portion of the proceeds of that night go to Neighborhood Connections. To reserve a spot, call (802) 843 2231 There is a \$5 minimum donation per person.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed May 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day and June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> for building maintenance.

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## **SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY**

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Spring Flower Fairies was the theme for Casey Junker Baileys workshop for children held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Children enjoyed making fanciful fairies using their imaginations.

Casey will present another free Mother's Day Workshop for children on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Children are invited to make a special gift for their Moms who will certainly appreciate their efforts and Casey's creative guidance.

Some new books at the library are: *BEING MORTAL BY ATUL GAWANDE*, *HOME BY NIGHTFALL BY CHARLES FINCH*, *SATURN RUN BY JOHN SANDFORD*, *INFINITE HOME BY KATHLEEN ALCOTT*, *CONVERSATIONS WITH A MASKED MAN BY JOHN HADDEN* and *BRIDGE FOR DUMMIES*.

Many new books were donated by Quest Publishing mostly about spirituality, religion and self-help.

For Children:

*SAFE IN A STORM* written and donated by our very own local author, Steve Swinburne,

*THE FRIGHTENED FROG An Environmental Tale* written by Brenda Moore, Jean Ohlmann and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. This book was donated by our local Green Mountain Gardeners. *FARMYARD BOOGIE* BY Sally Lloyd Jones and *MIGHTY TUGBOATS* by Gina Phillips and Noeline Cassettari are two others donated recently.

Stop by and check out a new book and our current art exhibit – Quilted Wall Hangings created by Jan Gordon that will be here through the month of May.



Library Hours are: Mon. Wed. Friday from 10 am to noon & 1 to 5 pm with additional hours on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm (come on over then to Sit & Knit with Carol Barclay) and Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm. The phone number is 824-3371 or email [southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com).

See you at the library!  
Mary K. Butera  
Librarian/director

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## TRAFFIC ALERT

Construction on the Weston Bridge replacement project is about to begin. The bridge that is being replaced is located on VT Route 100, a little over a mile south of the intersection of Routes 100 and 155. Early this coming week, Belden Construction will begin on-site work, including installing silt and project demarcation fencing and installing traffic lights to control the alternating one-way traffic.

Here's the project schedule:

May 17 to June 2: Alternating one-way traffic 24hrs a day controlled with traffic lights.

May 28-30 Two-way traffic over Memorial Day Weekend

June 3- June 23: Bridge will be CLOSED starting at 6 AM on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

June 24 to July 8: Alternating one-way traffic from 7 AM to 9 PM only

July 4: Two-way traffic on July 4<sup>th</sup>

July 9: New bridge open to two-way traffic

I am the public outreach coordinator for this project. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. If you know of people who would like to be added to the distribution list, please have them e-mail me: [westonbridge@adamantaccord.com](mailto:westonbridge@adamantaccord.com). I can be reached by phone at 802-917-5055.

Cindy Cook  
Principal, Adamant Accord, Inc.



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## JOB OPENING – ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont, is seeking applicants for the part-time position of Zoning Administrator (Administrative Officer). The ZA administers the Londonderry Zoning Bylaws, works with the Development Review Board, acts as Floodplain Administrator and reports to the Select Board. The opening is immediate and entails approximately 8-10 hours per week. Please contact Town Administrator Stephanie Thompson at 802-824-3356 or [townadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townadmin@londonderryvt.org) for more information.

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# CHAMPION FIRE COMPANY NO. 5

# OPEN HOUSE

60 Main Street, South Londonderry, Vermont

MAY 7, 2016

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



**Come see the fire engines, past and present!  
JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS  
AFTER  
GREEN UP VERMONT!**

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

**Green Up Day bags will be available from 8:00 AM until the event is over.**

Launched in 1970  
First Saturday in May



## Green Up Vermont

Green Up Day ~ May 7th, 2016 ~ 46th Year!

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THE LONDONDERRY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*presents:*

## KEEPING YOUR POND HEALTHY

FIND OUT ABOUT THE LIFE CYCLE OF YOUR  
POND AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO KEEP IT  
HEALTHY AND MAKE IT LAST LONGER

YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT:

- CONTROLLING INVASIVE PLANTS AND ALGAL BLOOMS
  - STOCKING AND CARING FOR FISH
  - WHEN A STATE PERMIT IS OR IS NOT NEEDED

**DATE AND TIME: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 6:30-  
8:00PM**

**LOCATION: TWITCHELL BUILDING**

**SPEAKERS:**

**JOLENE HAMILTON, District Manager**

WINDHAM COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
(WCNRCD)

**AMY PICOTTE, Lakeshore Manager**

VERMONT AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Department of Environmental Conservation

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

# **ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 9AM - 1PM**



at **FLOOD BROOK SCHOOL**  
**91 ROUTE 11, LONDONDERRY, VT**

For information call 824-3306,  
email [londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net)  
[www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org) (click on link)

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

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

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## WARRANT FOR THE LONDONDERRY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, who are legal voters of the Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at their Town Hall, Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 2016 at 7 P.M. to act on the following Articles:

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator.

**Article 2:** Shall the Select Board spend up to \$10,000.00 for engineering and any other such study that will be required to assess the feasibility of the purchase of the parcel of land at 6600-6950 Route 100.

**Article 3:** Shall the Town vote to approve the purchase of a parcel of land located at approximately 6600-6950 Route 100, at a cost of \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand); and to finance the land purchase as follows and conditioned upon the following funds all being available for the purchase: 1) to raise appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand) towards the purchase through current taxes, and 2) authorize the Select Board to finance the sum of \$120,000 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand) over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

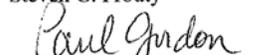
**Article 4:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

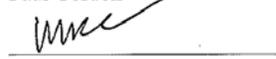
Dated at Londonderry this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

As to Town Business:

  
James A. Ameden - Chairman

  
Steven G. Prouty

  
Paul Gordon

  
Will Reed

  
Wayne Blanchard, Jr.

Select Board of Londonderry VT

Received for record 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016

  
Kelly Pajala, Town Clerk

On May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at the Twitchell Building there will be an Informational Meeting - regarding the above Special Town Meeting.

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Did you know that 2/3 of American families are touched by addiction?

## ADDICTION & RECOVERY

F I L M S E R I E S

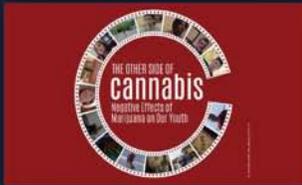


All showings 7:00 pm

SVAC - Arkell Pavilion  
930 SVAC Drive  
Manchester VT 05254

FREE ADMISSION

APRIL 28



### The Other Side of Cannabis

In *The Other Side of Cannabis*, Michael O'Brien, RAS, FAC, CSC states that "Over 100,000 people per year seek treatment for marijuana addiction in the United States." Earlier the use of marijuana can accelerate the onset of mental illness. *The Other Side of Cannabis* follows 20 individuals' experiences with marijuana, when they started, and risks of use.

[www.thersideofcannabis.com](http://www.thersideofcannabis.com)

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### The Hungry Heart

"[Prescription drug addiction] will rip the closest family apart. It's not just the addict alone that feels it. It's the grandparents, the aunts the uncles, the mom, the dad, the siblings, it affects the whole family." *Hungry Heart* delves into prescription drug addiction in Vermont. The film follows Dr. Holmes, a pediatrician who works with youth struggling with prescription drug addiction, and his patients. Along with showing how prescription drug addiction affects youth, *Hungry Heart* interviews older addicts who share their stories of addiction.

[www.thehungryheartmovie.org](http://www.thehungryheartmovie.org)

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### The Anonymous People

"If everyone thinks alcohol addiction is a negative thing no one wants to get help." *Anonymous People* is a documentary about people in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs. *Anonymous People* discusses the history of alcohol addiction in the United States and shares a few personal stories of the 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery.

[www.manyfaces1voice.org](http://www.manyfaces1voice.org)

[www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org) | 802.362.1405



Supporting Substance Free Youth



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## The Little School

*Presents*

### ***Media and Its Influence on Our Children***

*Important information for Parents/Guardians about social-emotional development and how media influences can impact these.*

**Tuesday, May 10  
Wilder Memorial Library, Weston, VT  
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

Steven C. Atkins, Psy.D. is a NH & VT licensed clinical psychologist, school consultant and international presenter. His practice focuses on a range of issues, including: specific learning disabilities, ADHD, developmental theory, school-related mental health issues/policy and systemic theory.

*To RSVP or for more information please call or email at [admin@littleschoolvt.org](mailto:admin@littleschoolvt.org)*



The Little School

POB 92, On the Green  
Weston, VT 05148

[www.littleschoolvt.org](http://www.littleschoolvt.org)

Phone 802-824-3405

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## 2016 Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife

### Woodland Cooperator Training

Do you love Vermont's woodlands? Enjoy seeing birds and other wildlife and want to learn how a healthy forest can enhance wildlife habitat, provide recreational and timber benefits? Are you interested in reaching out to others in your community? Then join us for the Coverts 3-day Woodland Cooperator Training. It will allow you to connect with resource professionals and other landowners just like you while learning how you can improve your woodland. Cooperators also learn to share what they have learned with neighbors, friends and in their communities. The training program is offered in the spring and fall. The spring dates are May 20-22 and will take place at the Farm and Wilderness Camp, Plymouth, VT. The fall dates are September 9-11 and will be held at Kehoe Conservation Camp in Hydeville, VT. **Space is limited so register now!** To learn more, see a sample agenda or download an application visit our website at [www.vtcoverts.org](http://www.vtcoverts.org). You can also contact us by calling the Executive Director, Lisa Sausville at 802-877-2777 or email [lisa@vtcoverts.org](mailto:lisa@vtcoverts.org).

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

## **WEST RIVER FARMERS MARKET** **2016 Opening Day May 28th**

Along the river's edge at the dam and intersection of Route 11&100

Over 40 Local Vendors  
Every Saturday 9 to 1  
Memorial Day to Columbus Day  
Rain or Shine

Your best option for great local produce & plants, cookies & crafts, meats and music!  
Fantastic food & fun at a family-friendly outdoor marketplace accepting EBT.  
Come early and often to support your local farmers, producers & artisans who bring their very best directly to you!  
Check out weekly offerings and events at  
[www.westriverfarmersmarket.com](http://www.westriverfarmersmarket.com)

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