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Letter from the Editor:

As predicted – I wasn't prepared for the marathon we call holidays. We are in the home stretch and we have to survive the 14 revelers coming for New Years Eve and then we are DONE! For the moment.

This leads me to my new year's resolution. Trying to live in the moment. Trying to enjoy the space & time, people and/or activity (or lack thereof) that I'm living in. Not worrying about getting the beds ready for the next round of visitors, or getting anxious wondering if I have fake sugar for the diabetic guest (or not), or rethinking that scarf I gave to whatshername (it seemed cute in the store?). Stop examining the past (and past mistakes and missteps), stop anticipating the future (and daunting tasks) and just enjoy the here & now.

I'm not saying that I should absolve myself of all mistakes and not try to do better, be better and strive for patience, kindness and understanding. But I find myself multi-tasking instead of paying attention to what I'm doing, or what somebody is saying – which is rude – but also I don't get the full benefit of my encounter. When walking the dog in the back yard; to just enjoying the air, nature, and the brisk walk instead of also trying to think about the grocery list and the laundry while missing out on what is around me. I keep realizing that I forgot to mention

something to somebody I spent the whole evening with. I was so busy making sure the plates matched, putting candles out that I forgot to light, that I didn't give the PEOPLE my full attention. Who cares about plates?? It's being together that is important, our own peace of mind that matters. The clutter of things (of which I have too many), errands and minutiae should NOT occupy our hearts and minds – the love of, and for our family, friends and community should. My goal.

Wish me luck.

Happy New Year
Darcy Duval

CHAMPION FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 14th @ 7PM

60 Main Street

South Londonderry

Champion Fire Department would like to invite everyone to an Informational Meeting @ Champion Fire House, regarding the New Fire Truck Proposal. This meeting is open to the public and your questions will be taken during the meeting.

This proposal will also be presented at the Town Meeting on the first Tuesday of March at the Town Hall.

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LCC WANTS TO SHARE YOUR WILDLIFE PHOTOS

Have you captured a great photo of our local wildlife? Do you have a wildlife camera that's been picking up some amazing shots? The Londonderry Conservation Commission wants you to share your most interesting ones for our Wildlife Photo of the Month feature at

<http://londonderryvt.org/conservation-commission/>. So far we've had some great candid photos of moose, fox, nesting herons and a bald eagle. Why not add yours? We know that you've got something interesting and unique to share! In the next few weeks we'll be adding a gallery of all the previous submissions for everyone to enjoy.

Please send your digital photos to gordonpj@myfairpoint.net. Tell us where you took the shot (must be from within the Town of Londonderry please!) And if you have something interesting from the past that isn't digital just stop by the Town Offices, let them know it's for the Conservation Commission, and we'll scan it for you (and return it safely, of course).

EXPLORE THE AYURVEDIC LIFESTYLE AT THE MEETING PLACE @ NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Ayurvedic is the ancient, holistic medical system of India. On Wednesday January 14th and January 21st from 1pm to 2:30, Lini Mazumdar will explain how good health is gained by balancing the mind, body and emotions through simple dietary and lifestyle modifications based on one's unique constitution or dosha. As a sister science to Ayurvedic, Kate Logan will discuss the integral part that yoga plays in the process.

This series is offered at no charge, but reservations are necessary. Call 824-4343 to reserve your seat today. Check out our website at

www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

The Meeting Place is located in The Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based non-profit social services agency serving individuals and families in the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont. With particular emphasis on those most vulnerable, we respond to community-identified needs with a range of social services and health-related programs, working closely with public and private resources at federal, state and local levels.

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Valentine's Dance at Magic Mountain To Benefit Pingree Park Revitalization Project



Dr. T and the Versatiles are coming back to Magic Mountain on February 14th for a Valentine's Day Dance. The Londonderry Parks Board is sponsoring the Dance and having a raffle to benefit the Pingree Park Revitalization Project. The Band will play from 8-11 and the raffle will go on throughout the evening. Admission will be \$8.00 for a single and \$15.00 for a couple. All proceeds will go into the Londonderry Parks Fund to be used for Phase 2 of improvements at Pingree Park, including the installation of power, a dog park, new bleachers, and improvements to the baseball fields. Come have fun and support your community.

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BINGO in WESTON!!

Every Monday night at 6:30PM, the Weston Rod & Gun Club sponsors BINGO Night to support the Weston Recreation Center.

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

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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. Please only submit word or documents that can be edited. 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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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 e at 824-3356 or email to londontown@vermontel.net

Community Calendar

The Town has established a community calendar on the town's website at www.londonderryvt.org. See the left sidebar on the home page for a link to the calendar. In addition to showing meetings and events related to town government, the calendar is intended to help inform the public of community meetings and events being held by other organizations and nonprofits as well. We hope that the calendar will help to preclude scheduling conflicts between events and meetings. If you are an organization, nonprofit, church, or other entity planning an event open to the public, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-824-3356 or londontown@fairpoint.net to put an event on the Community Calendar.

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Candidate's Night Scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM Londonderry Town Office Building

Candidate's Night is an annual event held for the purpose of giving candidates for town government positions a chance to announce their candidacy, speak about their interest in the position, and answer questions from the public. It is also a chance for the public find out who is running and ask questions. Whether you are interested in running for an office or hearing from the candidates, please join us on the above date for this important event. See a list of positions up for election below.

Positions Up for Election at the 2015 Town Meeting

Position	Incumbent	Term (years)
Moderator	Wendall Coleman	1
Treasurer	Tina Labeau	2 years remaining*
Selectboard	James Ameden	2
Selectboard	Robert Cowles	3
Lister	Julie Adams	3
First Constable	Roger Sheehan	1
Second Constable	Nick Doane	1
Delinquent Tax Collector	Joan Dayton	1
Town Grand Juror	Peter Pagnucco	1
Town Agent	Wendall Coleman	1
Cemetery Commissioner	Gary Barton	5
Trustee of Public Funds	Pauline Davison	3
Trustee, Library Assoc.	Margot Wright	3
Parks Board	Kelly Pajala	5
Parks Board	Debbie O'Leary	4
Parks Board	Colleen Gometz	3
Parks Board	Pam Ameden	2
Parks Board	Susie Wyman	1

*The Treasurer election will be to fill the last two years of a three year term

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Londonderry Transfer Station *and* Recycling Center Hours

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., Sat. 9am to 4pm

Pilot program – Sunday hours 10am to 2pm

UNIVERSAL RECYCLING LAW | RESIDENTS

June 2014

With the adoption of the Universal Recycling law Vermont has taken an ambitious step to reduce the amount of material that goes to the landfill. Universal recycling gives all Vermonters the opportunity to keep valuable materials out of the trash through convenient and consistent services for recycling and composting throughout the state. This summary sheet is to help you understand the elements of the law.

Summary of Universal Recycling Law

The new Universal Recycling law calls for trash to be charged on a per unit basis, often referred to as unit based pricing (charge per bag or by weight) and it phases in landfill disposal bans on listed recyclables, leaf and yard debris, clean wood debris, and food scraps. Universal Recycling will also provide more opportunities for residents to separate recyclables and food scraps, leaf and yard debris by requiring solid waste haulers, transfer stations and drop-off facilities to offer residential collection services for these materials. The phased timeline allows for the gradual development of services and infrastructure needed to recycle and compost all of these valuable materials before the bans take effect.

Timeline for Residents, Q&A

Items that will be banned from trash disposal*:

July 1, 2015:

Listed recyclables including:

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages
- Plastics #1 and #2 (PET and HDPE resintypes)
- Corrugated cardboard
- White and mixed paper
- Newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail, and envelopes
- Box board
- July 1, 2016: Leaf, yard, and clean wood debris
- July 1, 2020: Food scraps

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1. Q: Why is the law needed?

A: Vermonters recycle or compost only half of the materials they could. These materials are valuable and throwing them out is a waste of money, energy, and shared resources.

2. Q: What are the benefits of the law?

A: There are several benefits. To name a few:

- Lowers Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions (estimated 38% improvement)
- Increases recycling (estimated increase from current rate of 33% to goal of 60%) and reduces the need for landfills
- More recycling conserves resources and reduces energy consumption
- Stimulates economic growth

3. Q: What if I don't have collection or drop-off options for recycling, leaf and yard debris, or food scraps in my area?

A: All solid waste haulers and facilities are required to collect and accept listed recyclables, leaf and yard debris, and food scraps from residents by specific dates (see question 5). If these services are not offered by your trash hauler or transfer station call the Agency of Natural Resources at 802-828-1138. Facilities and haulers can charge a combined fee for collecting trash and recyclables. They may charge fees for collecting leaf and yard debris and food scraps. To save money, composting food scraps, leaf and yard debris at home is encouraged.

4. Q: Is anyone going to enforce the landfill bans?

A: Yes. The Agency of Natural Resources has enforcement authority and solid waste districts and towns also have enforcement authority. However, education and outreach will be the initial method of implementing Universal Recycling.

5. Q: What are the full specifications of the law for these materials?

A: Listed Recyclables:

- Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2014
- Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2015
- Must be collected in public spaces (alongside trash containers) starting July 1, 2015

Leaf & Yard Debris:

- Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2015
- Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2016
- Banned from the landfill starting July 1, 2016

Food Scraps:

- Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2017
- Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2017

6. Q: Where can I find information on facilities or haulers who can collect my recycling, trash or food scraps? And other unwanted household products such as paint, e-waste or hazardous waste?

A: See our website for proper disposal information and for a contact list for you local solid waste district, alliance or town clerk: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/swmdlist.htm>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Department of Environmental Conservation

Waste Management & Prevention Division, Solid Waste Program

1 National Life Drive, Davis 1, Montpelier, VT 05620-3704 **#(802)828-1138** www.recycle.vermont.gov

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Town of Londonderry Notice of Variable Rate Pricing Ordinance

Caretakers and Trash Haulers who deliver solid waste to the Londonderry Transfer Station, please take note:

On December 15, 2014, the Town of Londonderry Selectboard, by virtue of the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. § 1971 (Title 24, Chapter 59, Section 1971), and 24 V.S.A. § 2202a (a) (Title 24, Chapter 61, Subchapter 8, Section 2202a) and as required by 24 V.S.A. § 2202a (d) of Act 148, Vermont's Universal Recycling law, which requires municipalities to implement a variable rate pricing for all commercial haulers (including caretakers), adopted a Variable Rate Pricing Solid Waste Ordinance. The ordinance takes affect after the 60 day posting period on February 13, 2015.

The ordinance requires that all haulers establish unit based charges (by volume or weight) to customers they collect from. In addition, the ordinance requires that haulers who do not deliver trash to the Londonderry Transfer Station make quarterly reports to the Londonderry Recycling Coordinator of volume or weight of MSW collected. Registration is required each year for any hauler/caretaker that collects or transports Solid Waste generated within the town of Londonderry.

The complete ordinance can be viewed on the Town of Londonderry's website at www.londonderryvt.org, or at the Londonderry Town Office at 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry during normal business hours. Further questions can be directed to Esther Fishman, Londonderry Recycling Coordinator, at 802-824-3306 or londonrecycle@vermontel.net, or Kevin Beattie, Londonderry Town Administrator, at 802-824-3356 or kevnshar@comcast.net.

Citizens wishing to contest this ordinance can do so by presenting a petition to the Londonderry Selectboard by January 28, 2015, containing signatures of 5% of the legally registered voters of the town. The petition must request a town vote on accepting or repealing the ordinance at a Special or Regular Town Meeting. For more information, contact the Town Office at 802-824-3356.