

# The Londonderry Monthly

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## Letter from the Editor:

Renovation stinks. Undergoing it for 2+ years now, I lost my sense of humor when we lost our kitchen indefinitely. BUT! When I leave and drive down the road and see this voluptuous purple clematis in full bloom, or a neighbor having their chimney rebuilt or the newly painted house down the road and the many, many gorgeous gardens in various shapes and sizes and all the collective effort going into making our homes and town so beautiful – I stop feeling sorry myself and realize it's the least I can do!!

I want to thank all those people – whether it's a pot of flowers on the front stoop, the flower boxes on the bridges, a new playground or some grander, back breaking, more expensive improvement – we appreciate it!! Watching the Baptist church rise from the ashes is positively inspirational. The revitalized Pingree Park is such an amazing gift to the community and continues to be transformed. The huge new playground at Flood Brook School will be enjoyed by generations of kids to come. And it's all thanks to you; the motivated, generous & caring people of this community.

Darcy Duval

## Speaking of Improvements..... WE NEED YOU!!!

For the last 14 years the three Londonderry Highway Bridges have had window boxes filled with flowers. There are 40 boxes and they need weekly watering and care. At town meeting day you voted to support this project.... But once again we need help with watering.

When you choose a week to water you will be assigned one bridge to care for. That means watering (even if it rains) deadheading and using fertilizer to keep them healthy. It takes two gallons of water for each set of boxes. So if you know families who use gallon milk jugs volunteer to take some empty ones home for this watering project!

Call 824-3377 to pick a week to volunteer, or e-mail weeks that work for you to ...[berthe2270@gmail.com](mailto:berthe2270@gmail.com).

Help keep our downtown flower boxes flowering!... and thank you.

Berthe and Bob Cowles  
window box committee

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## **Neighborhood Connections Annual Chocolate and Cheese Festival August 4th 5-8pm**

**Hosted by the Landgrove Inn.  
132 Landgrove Rd Landgrove, VT**

Do you like to eat? How would you like to sample 27 wonderful different eating opportunities all in one evening? Then come to the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate (and Cheese) Fest!** Here's the list of who will be waiting for you on **Monday, August 4, from 5-8pm at the Landgrove Inn:** Baba-a-Louis Bakery, Bistro Henri, Brasserie L'Oustau, The Bryant House at the Vermont Country Store, the Cellars at Jasper Hill, the Downtown Grocery, The Grafton Cheese Company, Grandma Miller's, Gringo Jack's, the Inn at Weston, Jakes's, the Jersey Girls, the JJ Hapgood Store, the Inn Victoria, the Landgrove Inn, MacLaomainns Pub, Mike & Tammy's Main Street Market and Deli, the New American Grill, the Red Fox Inn, Taylor Farm, the Stone Hearth Inn, Uniaks Gourmet Fruit Cakes, the Vermont Country Store, Winhall Market, the Windham Community Organization, and The Windham Hill Inn. Yum!

While you are savoring your samples, you can place your bids on fabulous items in a huge, silent auction, including: vacation home rentals in Nova Scotia and Florida, season tickets to next year's main stage productions at the Weston Theatre

Playhouse, one of Bonnie's Bundles specially designed for the Chocolate Fest, a rustic wooden bench donated by the Vermont Country Store, a stunning set of mugs and bowls donated by Dan Lasser, a very chic Coach bag, lovely paintings donated by some generous local artists (Bob Sydorovich, Sue Zeller, Martha Nichols, and Martha Stevenson) a beautiful watch from McWayne Jewlers, gift certificates for all sorts of dining out experiences, from the charmingly elegant to the comfortably casual (at the Dorset Inn, Solo, and The Perfect Wife just to name a few), a rocking chair from Londonderry Hardware Store, one of her signature dishes from Susan Leader, a jug of Jim and Josie Ameden's maple syrup, a luxurious manicure and pedicure at Gifted Nails in Manchester, and many more.

Plus live music, a cash bar, a 50/50 raffle, and a drawing to win an iPad mini.

This wonderful event is a benefit for Neighborhood Connections, a non-profit organization located in the Mountain Marketplace in Londonderry, which provides preventive healthcare, health education, and social services for our surrounding 10 town area.

Adult tickets are \$15 advance purchase, \$20 on the day of the event. Children 6-12 are \$10, and little children (under 6) are free. There is ample handicapped parking. You can buy tickets at The Green Mountain Pharmacy, the Northshire Bookstore, the Bryant House, the

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Landgrove Inn, and at Neighborhood Connections.

contact the Parks Board at 824 3356 or email [londonderrytownparks@gmail.com](mailto:londonderrytownparks@gmail.com).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pingree Park Family Fun Day

Mark your calendars! The Londonderry Town Parks board is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Fun Day event at Pingree Park, August 17th from 11-3. The park will be filled with ongoing carnival like games, a dunk tank, music by local artists, a bouncy house and a bouncy obstacle course for children.

There will be a few time sensitive events:  
11:00 frog race BRING YOUR OWN FROG and please treat it well!  
11:30 Alexander's Tae Kwon Do demonstration  
1:00 Belly fit demonstration by Felicity Haselton  
2:45 Draw the winning raffle ticket for the Pingree Park Pig Raffle.

There will be a \$5.00 charge per person upon entering. The general admission includes all activities, excluding the dunk tank and food. We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs, and will offer a selection of other fun summer snack food. All funds will continue to support the Pingree Park Revitalization Project. Our next goals are to improve the walking trail, build the dog park and to bring power into the park for future family events.

For more information on this or other Londonderry Town Parks activities please



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### NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Upcoming events – just drop in.  
August 6<sup>th</sup> Bingo! Win fun prizes

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August 13<sup>th</sup> Senior Road Trip. Further information to follow

August 21<sup>ST</sup> The film *My Fair Lady*

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## South Londonderry Free Library

Currently showing in the Janeway Wing of the library is the artwork of Paul E. Myers. Paul is a self-taught, life-long artist with broad interests in all of the arts. His eclectic art comprises of paintings, sketches and photos of landscapes and landmarks encountered during worldwide travels. This exhibit at the library is comprised mostly of Vermont scenes including Hamilton Falls and paintings of Peru. The show will run through the month of August.

We would like to remind you that the library offers free or reduced passes to many interesting sites in the state of Vermont. You can check out a book or check out a pass to Vermont State Parks (day trippers, up to 8 people in one vehicle) Brattleboro Museum, Hildene, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Vermont Historic Sites including the Bennington Monument and Calvin Coolidge's Homestead, Vermont History Museum, Fort #4 and ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science and Leahy Center.

Some new books include *The Art of Fielding*, *Me Before You*, *The Silkworm* by Robert Galbraith aka J. K. Rowling, *Hard Choices* by Hilary Clinton, *Tibetan Peach Pie* by Tom Robbins, *Flash Boys* by Michael Lewis, *Mr. Mercedes* by Stephen King, *Top Secret 21* by Evanovich, *David and Goliath* by Malcolm Gladwell, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *The Son by Nesbo*, *Deer Hunting in Paris*, *The Monuments Men* and many, many more.

For Children:

Rumble in the Jungle, Cat in the Rhinestone Suit, Cows Going Past, Rainy Day, Compost Stew, The Little Composter and High Skies Adventure. For middle aged children we have 5 copies available of WONDER, the Vermont Humanities Council's choice for 2014 for its statewide, inter-generational one-book Community Reading Program. Stop by the library and sign a Kindness Pledge. Children are invited to draw a picture or write a story about a kind deed they did or kindness shown to them by others.

Tentatively scheduled for Sat. Aug. 21 at 10:30 am is Glow in the Dark Art with illustrator, Chris Mix. This workshop is related to the summer reading program Fizz, Boom, Read! And children will receive free bookmarks and certificates. All are welcome!!!

Please stop by the library and take advantage of all the wonderful things here. We have free Internet and Wi-Fi access, magazines, audios, videos, music and books for sale and books galore in all categories. You can also access downloadable audio or e-books or take free on-line courses in many different subjects. You can sit in our lovely rooms on the porch or in our gardens.

Library hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to noon & 1 to 5 pm; additional hours Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm and Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm. The phone # is 824-3371 or email us at [southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com).

See you at the Library!!  
Mary K. Butera - Librarian/Director

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\*\*\*\*\* a.m. (Except Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Labor Day Holiday) \*\*\*\*\*  
Bone Builders meet FREE at the Twitchell  
Bldg every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30

## VERMONT PRIMARY

The Vermont Primary is August 26, 2014. The polls in Londonderry will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Twitchell Building 100 Old School Street in South Londonderry. Ballots are currently available at the Town Clerk's Office for early and absentee voting. If you would like to register to vote in time to vote in the primary you must get your Voter Registration Application to the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Democratic and Republican Parties will be meeting in August to nominate Justices of the Peace for the General Election in November. If you are interested in running for Justice of the Peace keep a look out for the dates and times of the Party Caucus Meetings. If you have any questions about voting please contact the Town Clerk at 824 3356 during business hours.

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## Southern Vermont Young Professionals present: An evening with the Circus

SeVEDS invites Southern Vermont's young professionals to come unleash their inner acrobat on Thursday July 31st 6:00pm-8:30pm at New England Center for Circus Arts (NECCA) in Brattleboro. The event includes a free circus class, refreshments and culminates with a captivating circus performance.

NECCA is a school, facility and community where circus arts are available to the general public and to inspire students of all skill levels, ages, abilities and aspirations. More information on their programs is available at: <http://www.necenterforcircusarts.org>  
The event will take place at: The New England Center for Circus Arts 74 Cotton Mill Hill Road Brattleboro, VT. 05301

For additional information contact: Jan Coplan via email at [jcoplan@brattleborodevelopment.com](mailto:jcoplan@brattleborodevelopment.com) or via 802 257-7731 ext. 226

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## **Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery 2 funds available**

The Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) and Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) are now accepting new applications for businesses, non-profits and farms that are still recovering from the effects of Tropical Storm Irene. Potential applicants must attend one of the upcoming workshops in either Brattleboro or Springfield.

These grants can be used for remaining unmet needs as well as assistance with flood mitigation efforts and rehabilitation of flood affected buildings. The deadline for the first round of applications will be in August. Please check the BDCC or SRDC websites for workshop dates and registration links, or contact April Harkness, Grant Administrator at BDCC at 802-257-7731 ext. 220 or [aharkness@brattleborodevelopment.org](mailto:aharkness@brattleborodevelopment.org)

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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 at 824-3356 or email to [londontown@vermontel.net](mailto:londontown@vermontel.net).

## **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](mailto:derrynews@aol.com). For your reference, our article submission deadline is the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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