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Letter from the Editor:

What a beautiful summer!!! After that abysmal winter we suffered thru, we deserve this stellar summer!! But you'll have to move to Florida if you want it to last forever. Our days will slowly get shorter, cooler and the tourists will come flocking back for Fall. Luckily we have a few good months left so no need to break out the fleece quite yet!!

As we prepare to return the kids to their school "work" and the Labor Day holiday approaches we have many "laborers" to appreciate! Many thanks to the Beautification Committee and Mark Wright for the amazing job on the flower barrels and boxes planted all over town. They are still just as gorgeous and bountiful as when they were planted in June – and it has been HOT & DRY!! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

Dodie Crossman – we will miss your smile, helpfulness, sharp wit and great laugh in the town office. Congratulations to you. Duane we are grateful for your continued labor on our behalf – welcome back. To those dedicated teachers that educate, encourage and whip our children into something we can be proud of – thank you in advance for returning to service!

Until then – enjoy the rest of this incredible summer and bask in its glory!
Darcy Duval

Best of Luck to a Wonderful Woman!

Dear Readers,
1 Million Thanks go out to Dodie Crossman, the Assistant Town Clerk for the last 4 years. We, at the Town Clerk's Office, are so happy to support Dodie as she moves on to a new adventure in life and we wish her all the best. She has been a pleasure to work with and she will be missed.
On a personal note, I am proud to call her my friend. I thank her for not only supporting me at the office but for never hesitating to offer her help and kindness in any situation. She helped me and this Town get through some rocky transitions and she did with a smile on her face.
Best to Dodie and her family forever and always,
Kelly Pajala, Town Clerk

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Assistant Town Clerk Job Opening

Must be willing to learn, self motivated, organized, a good communicator, able to multi task and be able to work flexible hours.

Office experience is a plus.

Contact Kelly if you have questions or would like to apply 802 824 3356.
Applications are available at the Town Office and will be accepted from August 22nd to September 2nd.

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Less Waste, More Recycling: Leaf and Yard Rules in Effect

Vermont is taking the next step to reduce waste with a ban on leaf, yard and clean wood debris in landfills, effective July 1, 2016. The landfill ban is part of the 2012 Universal Recycling law (Act 148), which was enacted to increase recycling rates, decrease waste in landfills, and ensure that materials are managed sustainably. “Vermonters can help the environment and save money by recycling, and that includes recycling organic materials like leaves and clean wood,” said Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Deb Markowitz.

Leaf and yard debris includes grass clippings, leaves, brown paper bags, small-diameter brush, and other untreated vegetative matter. Clean wood includes trees, branches, stumps and root masses, as well as untreated and unpainted wood and lumber. Traditionally, these materials have been used as mulch, composted to produce a rich humus prized by gardeners for increasing soil fertility, or simply left to decompose at the edge of the backyard.

Making it easier to sustainably manage leaf, yard, and clean wood debris is part of Vermont’s Universal Recycling law. Vermonters throughout the state should see an increase in the number and convenience of management options. Effective with the landfill ban, solid waste haulers and transfer stations must offer to collect, at a fee, leaf and yard debris. Residents may also bring debris to a transfer station, to a commercial composter or to a local stump dump, where the materials will be managed appropriately.

Residents should call commercial composters in advance to confirm hours and availability. If leaf and yard debris has been treated with an herbicide or pesticide, residents should ask if the material will be accepted.

Vermonters are also encouraged to manage leaf and yard debris at home, which many already do without even knowing it. “Making a pile and just letting it rot is perfectly fine—it’s called ‘passive composting,’ but I just call it pile it and forget about it. The pile is also a useful source of carbon material for my food scrap compost bin,” said Michele Morris of Chittenden Solid Waste District. Other home management methods can actively benefit lawns and gardens. Mulching lawnmowers recycle grass clippings and leaves right back into the soil. Compost piles with food scraps benefit from the addition of carbon-rich sources such as dried leaves and grass, which reduce odors and speed up the composting process. Grass clippings, wood chips, and leaves make excellent mulch for gardens and plantings.

“There are so many ways Vermonters can connect with each other to find good homes for things they no longer need. It shows how much people already care about reducing waste; in a way, the law is just confirming what Vermonters already know and do,” said Secretary Markowitz.

For more information: visit www.vtrecycles.com.

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Gates Open at 2pm

\$5 pp Event Admission includes
Movie screening

Food Available NOT included in Admission

Movie starts at 8 pm

Frog Race, Dunk Tank, Bouncy
Houses. Carnival Games

Pingree Park Family Fun Day

Sunday August 21, 2016

36 Pingree Park Lane Londonderry

All Proceeds from Family Fun Day go toward the Londonderry Town Park Fund

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TUESDAY AUGUST 2, 9, 16 and 23 6:30-7:30pm

TAI CHI FOR FALL PREVENTION

Are you concerned about falling and how an accident could impact your life? Tai Chi, a non-lethal, low impact martial art has been proven to decrease your risk of falling by improving your balance.

This program is sponsored by the Community Health Team of the Springfield Medical Care System and will be held here at NC. E-mail me, or call 802-886-8946 to register. If this appeals to you, please register now - the requirement is at least 10 per class.



LIONS CLUB

Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at "The Meeting Place" Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry at 7:00 pm. We welcome anyone to attend and see what we are all about. Lions are first in *sight*, we have collection boxes for used glasses at the following: Weston Post Office, Peru Town Center, Winhall Town Office, Windham Town Office, Mtn Valley Health Center and Green Mtn Pharmacy. After the glasses are collected they are delivered to a Lions recycling Center, then cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. The recycled glasses are distributed to people in need and low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.

Our Vegetable Chili table at the Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest on August 1st was a great success. Thanks go out to Lions Gail Wyman, Joan Dayton, Pam Nichols, Randee Keith and Judy Platt for preparing the 10 gallons of Chili. Lion Judy also provided us with her restaurant chafing dish to keep chili hot. The Lions were joining Neighborhood Connections with their annual fundraiser to help them serve those in need in our communities.

Come visit our booth at the Bondville Fair Aug 26, 27 & 28th. We will be providing ear plugs for all for the loud events to prevent future hearing loss. Tickets will be on sale for our first fundraising raffle. Prize: Choice of a medium sized Big Green Egg grill and Smoker or \$400.00. Thank you to the local Stove Depot for the donation of the Big Green Egg at their cost.

Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00PM, Neighborhood Connections meeting Place. Come and see what we're all about or call Mary at 856-7158 or Joan at 875 4749 for more information.

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VT STATE PRIMARY

The Vermont state primary is August 9th. The polls will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Twitchell Building Town Offices @ 100 Old School ST South Londonderry VT. Contact the town clerk's office to request an early or absentee ballot.

SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL CARE SYSTEMS

We want to let you know of an important opportunity to give input into our local health services.

Springfield Medical Care Systems is conducting its 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment to help us in their planning. They invite you to provide input about the healthcare needs in our communities by completing an on-line survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMCS2016CHNA> .

This survey can also be found on the homepage of our website: www.springfieldmed.org. The survey take about two minutes - please take a moment to complete one and help us get a full a picture as possible of the health needs in our community. Thanks!

Mighty Londonderry
(Londonderry Community Resilience Organization)
Meeting Tuesday August 9, 2016
Twitchell Building 5:30 pm

Londonderry's Community Resilience Organization (CRO), otherwise known as 'Mighty Londonderry,' has begun an initiative to build an "emergency preparedness inventory database" for use by the town's emergency management director – Kevin Beattie. Tuesday they will discuss with Kevin his progress toward getting Flood Brook School certified as an emergency shelter and forming the school's crisis plan. Bruce Frauman will report on the Community Partners meeting and the proposal to the Select Board to join VT Alert.

OFFICE CLOSING

The Town Office will be closed on September 5th for the Labor Day holiday. The office will also be closed on September 19 and 20 for training.

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SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY AUGUST 2016

Bring the kiddies to the library for some Elephant and Piggie Fun on Wednesday, August 10th at 2 pm. Play pin the tail on Piggie with Linda Schroeder and she will help all make an elephant craft. Enjoy a snack – a Piggie cupcake and juice. The Elephant and Piggie sweet stories are the inspiration of children’s author and illustrator, Mo Willems. I have recently purchased a bunch of Mo Willems books for children to check out. Besides Elephant & Piggie, he has other characters & stories like Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! and many other fun books.

Please bring your children to the library on Wednesday, August 17th anytime between 2 & 4 pm. Turn in your reading record of the books you read or were read to you this summer & receive a Balloon Hat! Linda Schroeder will again present the festivities.

The library is planning to have its Annual Book Sale and Sidewalk Extravaganza on Saturday, October 8th from 9 to 3. We are looking for quality White Elephant items to sell for the benefit of the library and for vendors who would like to sell their wares.

Vendors’ tables will go for \$35. Please contact Gun Burns at 430-4295. If you have items to donate please contact Susie Wyman at 824-3537. Please, please - good, quality things only – no clothing or electronics. Take those things to the dump yourselves if that’s where they were intended.

We have a bunch of new books for adults, please stop in & check them out. Some of them include **LaRose** by Louise Erdrich, **Putin Country** by Anne Garrels, **Girls of August** by Anne River Siddons, **The Rainbow Comes & Goes** by Anderson Cooper & many others.

Stop in Your Library and see for yourself what a wonderful place YOUR “House of Books” is. Paul Myers exhibit of great photographs and paintings of Panama will be on display throughout the month. Don’t forget that we have some free passes to borrow for Vt State Parks, Hildene, Vt Historic Sites and the Brattleboro Museum.

We are located at 15 Old School Street and welcome new members. Please call 824-3371 or email us at

southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com

See you at the library!

Mary K. Butera
Librarian/Director

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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

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.

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