

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

Happy New Year! I'm sure all your New Year resolutions are in place and ready to begin with a BANG! If only we could get some of that fluffy white stuff (instead of the inch of frozen hard stuff!). I will admit the holiday enthusiasm I usually gush with was a bit harder to pull off without a lot of snow. But the cold is finally upon us (thank goodness – I had bulbs trying to come up) and I am optimistic that the ski resorts and all the industries reliant upon snow and tourists can pull the rabbit out of the hat and have a good year! I wish you all luck with that! Besides I'd like to ski soon.... Just saying....

We are also looking forward to snow shoeing, fires, walking in the snow with the dog and enjoying the cold snowy great outdoors. It has been getting more beautiful so far this winter and will only be getting better. There will be so many skiing events, winter activities, great bands and great restaurants to visit – spring will be here before we know it! I hope you all have a wonderful January and will see you out and about at all the great activities scheduled in our area! Londonderry is in its most beautiful winter season!

Darcy Duval

Letter to the Editor: Thank you to Thrifty Attic

The Londonderry Parks Board would like to thank the **Thrifty Attic Board** for its generous contribution of an Expression Swing from Game Time to be added to the Pingree Park swing set. The Expression swing is an amazing new swing design that allows young kids and adults to sit facing each other while swinging. As Game Time states, this swing “can create a play experience that provided cognitive, emotional and physical benefits for both adult and child.” The Parks Board is thrilled to have the opportunity to bring this fun new product to our community for all to enjoy. The swing will be installed in the spring. Come and enjoy it!!!

The Thrifty Attic is a valued organization in our community and the Parks Board thanks them for their continued support of our shared community resources. Thank you for helping us improve Londonderry's Town Parks.

Sincerely,
Londonderry Parks Board

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Merry Christmas Londonderry!

Thank you Neighborhood Connections, Nordic Harmony, Tad (Royal) Kinsley & AJ Gordon for making Christmas in Londonderry happen and to all those in attendance!



Thanks to Chester Telegraph for the photo of Santa – thanks Shawn!

THE SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY

The Library would like to thank the outstanding women who run The Thrifty Attic, Inc. for their generous donation toward our special children's programs that we host during the year.

We would also like to thank Jake Geppert for playing Santa and Bill Hoyt for lending Jake his Santa suit. The children had a great time with Casey Junker Bailey creating home-made Christmas decorations and presents for family and friends.

Casey will present A Chinese New Year on Saturday, January 23 at 10:30. All are invited.

Stop by and check out some of our newer books – *The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny, *The Company She Kept* by Archer Mayor, *Wild Swans* by Michael Cunningham, *The Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian, *House of the Rising Sun* by James Lee Burke, *Mourning Lincoln* by Martha Hodes, *Humans of New York Stories* by Brandon Stanton, *The Murder House* by James Patterson, *Crimson Shore* by Preston and Child and many others.

Don't forget to visit Esther Fishman's art exhibit in the Janeway Wing while you are here.

If you would like to join the wonderful world of books, the library is looking for volunteers to manage the circulation desk on Wednesdays from 10 to noon or Fridays from 1 to 5 pm.

Library Hours are: Mondays – 10 to noon & 1 to 5 pm; Wednesdays 10 to noon, 1 to 5 & 7 to 9 pm; Fridays from 10 to noon & 1 to 5 and on Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm. The phone number is 824-3371 or send us an e-mail southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com.

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

Here is what's happening at The Meeting Place @ Neighborhood Connections this month.

**Tuesday January 19th, 11 am
WINTER FEEDING WILD BIRDS**

Randy Schmidt from The Vermont Bird Place & Sky Watch retail store in Manchester, will be here to discuss the different types of feeders, seeds and suet which attract the widest variety of wild birds this winter to your back yard. Since water can be difficult for birds to find in the winter, he will also discuss heated bird baths and answer all your questions about where to place your feeders and how to discourage critters.

According to the National Audubon Society, nearly one-third of the adult population of North America dispenses about a billion pounds of birdseed each year. The main reason we feed wild birds is to close the distance between us and birds so that we can observe and identify them. The Vermont Bird Place has been helping customers enjoy wild birds since 1997. Please call to reserve as Randy's talk will fill up fast!

**Wednesday January 20th, 9 – 5pm
VALLEY HEALTH CONNECT**

A representative from Valley Health Connect - an authorized navigator for the state health exchange, will be here once again to enroll individuals and families for health insurance for coverage commencing March 2016. Valley Health

Connect was here on December 7th and successfully enrolled 7 individuals. Call today or let someone you know who needs health insurance to contact us. 90 minute appointments begin at 9am.

**Monday January 25th, Thursday
January 28th & February 1st
1-2:30pm VOCAL IMPROVISATION
WORKSHOP with Bidi Dworkin.**

Bidi Dworkin, jazz singer and yoga teacher, will lead a Vocal Improvisation workshop open to anyone who enjoys singing. Limited or no experience needed! Interactive singing creates a bridge to self-expression, communication and community building. It is fun, creative, musical and transformative. Bidi requires at least 8 participants and presently 10 are enrolled. Call to register for this event! Check out her website at www.bididworkin.com

SNEAK PEEK AT FEBRUARY

The schedule is not complete, but know that Marguerite Mason, a Medicare Insurance expert will be here once a month beginning in February to help people who are eligible, to sign up for Medicare.

Also, the AARP Free Tax Program begins February 3rd from 12-4pm. Certified tax experts will help anyone file their income tax return. This is scheduled every Wednesday through April 6th.

Mary Claire Schwartz
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GNAT TV NEEDS

VIDEOGRAPHER GNAT-TV is seeking a part-time as needed videographer to film Select Board and School Board meetings in Londonderry, Weston, and Winhall. Meetings typically take place on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. The position is paid and training is available. Candidates must have transportation. This is a part time, as needed, paid position. For more information, contact Hoss Wuerslin at GNAT-TV. Call [802-362-7070](tel:802-362-7070), or email him at: hoss@gnat-tv.org.

Bone Builders meet FREE at the Twitchell Bldg every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. *We've talked a lot about your need for calcium (1200 mg/day for women age 51 and older).* But, we haven't said much about Vitamin D which as it relates to a wide range of health benefits, including an increase in immunity and muscle strength. Ongoing research shows promising results re: preventing osteoporosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, auto-immune disease (*such as rheumatoid arthritis*), depression and others.

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



Save the date!! Valentine's dance at Magic Mountain, more details next month!!!

**VALENTINES DANCE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2016
MAGIC MOUNTAIN BASE LODGE LONDONDERRY, VT**

Volunteers Needed

**Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS)
Is looking for Volunteers for a one day project!**



When: Sunday, February 7, 2016.

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Where: LVRS is located on Route 100 North of the blinking light in Londonderry - approximately 1/3 mile north of the intersection of Routes 100 and 11.

Project Details: Volunteers are needed to help label and stuff 7,000 letters for the rescue squad's annual benefit and fundraiser. Come for an hour or two, or plan to stay for lunch. Lunch, snacks and good company will be provided. Come one, come all – join us for good cheer and conversation. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

LVRS serves the tri-mountain towns of Bondville, Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, South Londonderry, Stratton, Weston, Windham, and Winhall. The funds raised by this Benefit will cover the squad's day-to-day operating expenses, training, ambulance maintenance and replacement, and the purchase of equipment and supplies.

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**Time to Renew Your
DOG LICENSE**



Due
April 1st
2016
2016

**Visit Your Town Clerk with an updated
Rabies Certificate**

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CALLING ALL CITIZENS – CALLING ALL LONDONDERRY CITIZENS!!!!

We have been given a duty, a duty to be informed and knowledgeable citizens. A duty to make an appearance at Town Meeting – March 1st and VOTE. Please become involved as much as your life allows and meet the candidates and come to Town Meeting to LISTEN and BE HEARD.

2016 will be a busy election year. The state has created an online system for registering to vote and requesting absentee ballots. Here is the link: <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> If you would like to request paper copies of a Voter Registration form or Absentee Ballot Request form you can contact the Town Clerk's Office.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT will be February 9, 2016 at the Twitchell Building at 7PM!!!! Immediately following will be a community informational meeting with the Police Committee.

The Town of Londonderry's Ad Hoc Policing Committee's Report and Recommendations were adopted by the Select Board at their November 2, 2015 meeting. There will be two community informational meetings to answer questions. The first is February 9, 2016 at 7 pm at the Twitchell Building and will be combined with the annual Meet the Candidates Night. The second meeting will be February 25, 2016 at 7 pm at the Twitchell Building.