

# The Londonderry Monthly

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## Letter from the Editor:

Happy Father's Day out there to all the wonderful Dad's, Grandpa's and the men in our lives we love!! (and a few we'd like to strangle!). I have been very lucky in my life to be surrounded by many wonderful men, starting with my terrific dad, my true blessing in life – my son, to my two wonderful husbands. Well, truthfully the first one was wonderful - just not wonderful for me – so he had to go. But I'm sure he's making his fourth wife very happy!! And last but not least, my darling, tolerant husband. Enough said.

SO MANY wonderful things to do & experience in this BURSTING spring!! I don't know how to pack it all in. We have been walking the dog to the campground and back and what a fabulous walk – sensory overload!! Bug overload! Thank you to the Friends of the West River Trail for maintaining the trail! The marketplace and info booth look FANTASTIC! As usual people are doing much for our community and deserve thanks.

This issue is chock-a-block FULL of events, news and information. If somehow, you are still bored or feeling left out – there are many groups listed in

these pages – THAT NEED YOU!! Please volunteer and join one of the many worthy departments, committees, charities, etc who will be SO GRATEFUL for your involvement!!!

Darcy Duval

## JOIN THE LONDONDERRY RESCUE SQUAD FAMILY

Thinking about volunteering in your community? LVRS is seeking new members!! Beginning in early September, classes will begin for training interested individuals in becoming EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS. This an entry level certification for those interested in being licensed by the State of Vermont. The course will run for the months of September and October. Classes will meet twice a week, Monday and Wednesday. This is your opportunity to “give back” to your community. Become a part of our family!! Please contact Marge Fish 824-3662 or Pete Cobb 824-5037. LVRS serves the towns of Londonderry, South Londonderry, Peru, Landgrove, Weston, Windham, Winhall, Stratton, & Jamaica.

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## Community Meeting to Address Londonderry Fires

*Rep. Olsen Organizes Meeting with State Police Investigative Team Londonderry*

In response to public concerns regarding suspicious fires in and around South Londonderry, Rep. Oliver Olsen has scheduled a community meeting at the Londonderry Town Hall in South Londonderry on Monday, June 8th at 7PM.

Captain JP Sinclair, who heads up the State Police Criminal Investigation Unit and is the Chief Criminal Investigator, will be traveling down from State Police Headquarters to address the community at this meeting. Captain Sinclair will be joined by Det. Lt. Trudeau, who is the head of the Troop D detectives, along with detectives from the Fire Investigation Unit.

Topics for this meeting will include:

- Introductions
- Overview of the investigative team that has been assembled
- Roles and responsibilities of various entities involved (State Police, ATF, etc.)
- History of suspicious fires in area
- Current status of the investigation
- What the public should and should not do
- Recommendations for how the public can protect their property
- Public questions

Members of the public who have questions or concerns about any of the ongoing investigation of these suspicious fires are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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## Champion Fire Dept at work:



A huge thank you to Champion Fire Department, Phoenix Fire Department and to the many area fire departments and emergency vehicles that arrived to help at the 5am blaze on Under the Mountain Road. Champion Fire Department was called and first on the scene, but sadly the house was engulfed in flames upon arrival and could not be saved.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL the VOLUNTEER fire departments, rescue and ambulance squads for their service. **Please consider volunteering, making a donation or simply thanking your fellow community members for their time and service.**

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Neighborhood Connections is a community-based non-profit social services agency serving individuals and families in the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont. Check out our website at [www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org](http://www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS: SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

**6/11** Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year, the annual Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by Jake's Restaurant and Tavern, to benefit Neighborhood Connections, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4-9pm. Come in and feast on tossed salad, spaghetti with Jake's signature spaghetti sauce, your choice of meatballs or sausage, Italian bread and homemade brownies. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$7 for children 12 and under. Beverages are not included.

Last year, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Spaghetti Dinner, Tad Kinsley, owner of Jake's, served 121 people. "That was a record we'd like to break this year." says Tad. "Neighborhood Connections helps a lot of people in our community and we want to support them".

**6/3 – 6/17** Elizabeth Harrison, a Board Certified Clinical Nutritionist, will lead a four week series designed as a "blueprint for health" beginning Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30pm – 2:30pm at The Meeting Place @ Neighborhood Connections.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harrison will screen *Fed Up*, a movie that unearths a dirty secret of the American food industry – far more of us get sick from what we eat than anyone has previously realized. According to the reviewer for the Sundance Film Festival, "filmmaker Stephanie Soechtig and TV journalist Katie Couric lead this potent exposé that uncovers why-despite media attention, the public's fascination with appearance, and government policies to combat childhood obesity-generations of American children will now live shorter lives than their parents did."

On the following Wednesday, Harrison will discuss the basic principles of good nutrition; on June 17<sup>th</sup>, she will talk about shopping for and cooking healthy foods, and on the last Wednesday- exercise, digestion, sleep and vitamins.

This series is offered at no charge. Please call 824-4343 to sign up today.

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE!!!!

Start planning now to attend Londonderry's Parade & Fireworks! Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks will go off at Magic Mountain (route 11) at dusk. July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at NOON the parade begins at the garage on route 11 along to the Mountain Marketplace on route 100. There will be floats, firetrucks, bagpipers, bands, horses, antique cars – something for everybody! A big thank you to Susie Wyman who organizes, fundraises and puts on the parade for our community!!



**THANK  
YOU**

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON  
GNAT TV!**

You voted for Select Board members, you should also learn about the decisions and plans they have for the town. Board members can only know what we want if we support them by communication, attendance and interaction. Select Board meetings can also be seen in your home. The recordings are provided by GNAT TV. Those with Comcast service, Channel 8 broadcasts the meetings Thursdays 7AM and 7PM & Sundays at 1PM. The schedule is available at [GNAT Channel 8 Schedule](#) and search "Londonderry." If you have Internet service the meeting can be viewed via Video on Demand (VOD). Click [GNAT TV VOD](#) and look for Londonderry Select Board in the Playlist menu. <http://gnat-tv.org/govandcomm/>

### **THANK YOU THRIFTY ATTIC!**

The Thrifty Attic continues its good works and their commitment to raise money for our community, non-profits and people in need. **Champion Fire Department NO.5** would like to thank THRIFTY ATTIC for their donation towards purchasing RIT BAGS for our department. These are used to provide emergency air to rescue downed firefighters. Thanks to Thrifty Attic for enabling us to continue our mission of protecting lives and property through our entire mutual aid coverage area.

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## **SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY – Book and Art Fundraiser**

The library will be holding its Annual Book Sale on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. New this year, in conjunction with the really big book sale, there will be diverse art available for purchase by different artists. A portion of their proceeds will be donated to the library. Any artists out there that would like to participate on the day will be more than welcome.

Because of the on-going process of preparing for automation and bar-coding of all holdings here at the library, I have been withdrawing many books from the collection. Many of these older and beautiful books will be included in the sale. There will be lots of other books including cookbooks, biographies, other antique and vintage books, art books, children's books, current fiction, paperbacks and more in all categories.

During the months of June and July Paul Myers will be showing new artwork from his many travels. He will hold a reception on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> between 7 and 9 pm. All are cordially invited to attend. Paul is always informative and entertaining.

Library hours are: Mondays 10 to noon and 1 to 5pm; Wednesdays – 10 to noon, 1 to 5 and 7 to 9pm; Fridays from 10 to noon and 1 to 5 pm and on Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm. The phone number is 824-3371 or you can email

southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo or visit us on FaceBook. Come out and visit your amazing little library. The tulips and lilacs are blooming!

Mary K. Butera  
Librarian



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## LONDONDERRY PARKS

Summer is here and Londonderry's Town Parks are the best place to enjoy the summer season. Memorial Park had it's clean up day this past Sunday and is ready for visitors. The West River Farmer's Market opened on last Saturday in Williams Park and will be full of good food, music and fun through the fall. Buxton Park is a great spot to stop and have a picnic. Pingree Park is busy with little league players, four legged friends, basketball and tennis. The Memorial Park and Londonderry Town Parks Boards are both working hard to make these places fun, safe and beautiful.

The Londonderry Parks Board would like to update the community on some of the changes happening at Pingree Park this summer. We installed a new set of bleachers at the upper baseball field with the help of a generous donation from the Thrifty Attic. There is a new fenced in, off leash dog park in the field below the lower ball field. We are working on putting up the rules and regulations sign as well as a dog waste disposal station. You can view the Dog Park Rules and Regulations on the Town of Londonderry website [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org). Come bring your four legged friend to play.

The tennis court now has a practice backboard, thanks to Chad Bessette. He worked last fall to build the backboard and painted it this spring. It looks great! The Parks Board is hosting a Kid's Tennis Camp at Pingree this summer. (See additional information in this edition of the Londonderry Monthly or call the Town Clerk's office with questions.) The tennis court is vastly improved and it is fantastic to see so many people enjoying it.

Kathy Stone of the Londonderry Conservation Commission organized a work day for a volunteer group from Burr & Burton Academy. A group of students came with their teacher, and Londonderry resident Matt Kujovsky to help clean up the limbs left in the lower field after last year's logging. Thank you for your help.

Throughout the summer the Park's Board will be working with Green Mountain Power, Fairpoint, Gary Barton, the Londonderry Road Crew, and Hart's All Season Maintenance to install underground power at the picnic pavilion. Having power at this location will allow us to host music in the park. We are also talking with the Phoenix Fire Department's Auxiliary about hosting Movies under the Stars. We hope to have the power install completed by Family Fun Day, Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and save the date for the Park's Fund Annual Fund Raiser!



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Summer family movie nights in the parks!

Your opinion matters

Don't Delay

Visit us on Face Book

Phoenix Fire Co.No.6 Auxiliary

Londonderry, VT 05148

802-824-3412



## Would you participate in family movie nights in our Parks?

The Phoenix Fire Co.No.6 Auxiliary would like to get the community's opinion on showing movies during the summer in our parks. Please visit us on Facebook (phoenix fire co. #6 auxiliary) to voice your opinion for or against. All feedback is important.

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## SNOWSHOES???

The grass is greening up and the birds are chirping but winter hangs on in the mountain peaks of Vermont. Hiking in the spring comes with a warning, "Be PREPARED". Hikers crossing the ridges on the AT and LT of Vermont may experience snow of varying depths. At a recent rescue, Londonderry Rescue responded to hikers who became exhausted "Post Holing" deep snow between Peru and Danby. Spring hikers should consider snow shoes and extra socks that may become wet due to the very wet condition of the snow, as necessary equipment.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) serves the tri-mountain towns of Londonderry, South Londonderry, Weston, Peru, Landgrove, Windham, Winhall, Stratton & Jamaica.

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By state law as of JULY 1, 2015

THESE ITEMS ARE **BANNED FROM THE LANDFILL AND MUST BE RECYCLED**

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans – clean please
- Glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages
- Plastics #1 and #2 (PET and HDPE resin types)
- Corrugated cardboard
- White and mixed paper
- Newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail, and envelopes
- Box board – Cereal boxes and such but not the inserts

AND

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

**Saturday, June 6, 2015**

*and* **Saturday, October 3, 2015**

**9am – 1pm**

**Flood Brook Union School**

**Route 11, Londonderry, Vermont**

*Residents & Businesses of the following towns only:*

**◆Landgrove ◆ Londonderry ◆Peru ◆ Weston◆Windham ◆**

**Free to Households, Businesses Must Pre-register and Pay for Disposal**

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**WHAT TO BRING:** ANY SUBSTANCE WITH A LABEL THAT SAYS “CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, COMBUSTIBLE, WARNING, DANGER OR CAUTION”

**FROM THE GARAGE:** Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Engine Degreaser, Carburetor Cleaner, Gas Treatments, Creosote, Radiator Flusher, Roofing Tar, Asphalt and A/C Refrigerants.

**FROM THE WORKBENCH:** Rust proofer, Paint Thinners, Degreaser, Lead & Oil based Paints, Sealants, Solvents, Varnish, Wood Preservatives, W/Polish, Wood Stripers and Stains, Deck Wash.

**FROM THE GARDEN SHED:** Pesticides, Insect Sprays, Pool Chemicals, Flea Powder, Fertilizers, Herbicides, Rodent Killers, Muriatic Acid, No-Pest Strips, Lighter Fluid.

**FROM THE HOUSE:** Drain Cleaner, Floor Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Arts & Craft Chemicals, Mercury Batteries, Photo Chemicals, Oven Cleaner, Chemistry Kits, Metal Polish, Moth Balls, Toilet Cleaner, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners.

**\*\*Both latex and oil based paints will be accepted at the collection**  
These materials are **BANNED** from the landfill (trash)

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

**Electronics** check the web site for dates of electronics collection

**Empty Aerosol cans** can be recycle with scrap metal at the Transfer Station

**Alkaline Batteries** for flashlights and other household items are not considered hazardous and can be thrown in the trash. This included most non-rechargeable batteries AA, AAA, C, D & 9Volt.

**Rechargeable Batteries** Bring to Londonderry Hardware or Recycle Center

**Automotive Batteries** can be exchanged at or given to local garages and auto parts stores

**Used Clean Motor Oil** Can be brought to West River Auto or Hunter Excavating

**Fluorescent Light Tubes/Bulbs** can be taken to Londonderry Hardware Store or Sigda's Servistar

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## WHAT NOT TO BRING cont'd

Ammunition & Explosives contact your local police department

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Propane Tanks can be exchanged or refilled at propane distributors or Londonderry Hardware

Medical sharps (needles) place in rigid, puncture-resistant container such as a detergent bottle with cap sealed with duct tape. Label container "Not For Recycling, Sharps". Dispose of in trash.

Unused/Out of Date Prescription Drugs Bring to Manchester, Winhall or Ludlow police dept.

Asbestos in any form. You will need to contact an asbestos abatement company.

For information email [londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net)

Call Esther Fishman 824-3306 or visit [www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org)

Londonderry Transfer Station and Recycling Center Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., Sat.  
9am to 4pm Pilot program – Sunday hours 10am to 2pm

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## **Notice of Public Information Meeting Lowell Lake Road Culvert Project**

**Tuesday, June 2nd at 5:30 PM at the Town Office**

The town of Londonderry will be replacing a large culvert on Lowell Lake Rd near the intersection of Lowell Lake and Mountain Lake Roads. The current culvert, which is an old six foot diameter boiler tube, is in poor condition and in danger of total failure.

Because of the traffic flow impacts, the Town is holding an informational meeting for property owners and interested members of the public on Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30PM at the Londonderry Town Office at 100 Old School Street. For further information please see the town website <http://londonderryvt.org/>

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**TOWN ROAD NOTICES:** Starting this Friday, May 29th, Winhall Hollow Road will be repaved from South Derry village to the Londonderry/Winhall town line. The entire 3 miles from South Londonderry village to the Londonderry/Winhall town line will be repaved. Please expect delays and consider alternate routes when possible.

VT 100 is going to be paved this summer. The project limits are from where last year's paving project ended at the bridge in South Londonderry to the intersection of VT 100 and VT 11. The tentative start date for this project is June 3 and it is estimated to take 3 days to complete (weather dependent).

## Bees, Bats & Habitat

Please join us on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> for a free public forum about bees, bats and the habitat needs of these important populations. Alyssa Bennett, Small Mammals Biologist for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and Jodi Turner, owner of Imagine that Honey, will be our speakers. The evening will wrap up with an opportunity to socialize and network with peers.

The event will take place on **Friday, June 12** from **5:30-7:30 pm** at the **Marlboro College Graduate School** (Room 2E), located at 28 Vernon Street, Brattleboro, VT. Refreshments will be served. Please share the event with others who may be interested (see attached flyer). Please RSVP as space may be limited. To RSVP or for additional information, please contact Kim Smith at [ksmith@windhamregional.org](mailto:ksmith@windhamregional.org) or (802) 257-4547 ext. 108.

This event is co-sponsored by the WRC's Natural Resources Committee, VT Department of Fish and Wildlife, Imagine that Honey, Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, The Nature Museum at Grafton, and the Pollinator Awareness Initiative.

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## INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR STARTING A LIONS CLUB IN LONDONDERRY

FRIDAY JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30PM @ NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to generate interest in starting a LIONS CLUB in the Londonderry area. Lions clubs serve the local community needs. One of the areas of interest brought up at our first meeting was children & youth in our area and their needs, playgrounds, dances, sporting activities, etc. We need your input as to the needs of your local area. The Manchester LIONS CLUB has extended a helping hand by agreeing to sponsor our local club.

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Join us this summer at the

## Kids' Tennis Camp

Pingree Park in Londonderry

Camp will be held every Tuesday and Thursday for 4 weeks:

July 7 and 9

July 14 and 16

July 21 and 23

July 28 and 30

<b>Class times**:</b>	10:00 to 10:45	4 – 6 year olds
	11:00 to 12:00	7 – 10 year olds
	12:00 to 1:00	11 years and up

\*\* Times may be adjusted, depending on the number of signups

- \$24 per child, which included 8 sessions
- Rackets and balls will be provided, though kids are welcome to bring their own.
- Sign up at the Town Office at 100 School Street, South Londonderry
- Payment required at time of sign up.

Camp will be held rain or shine, unless there is a thunderstorm. Call the Town Office (824-3356 or [londontown@vermontel.net](mailto:londontown@vermontel.net)) if you are unsure about the weather.

Sponsored by the Londonderry Parks Board and the West River Tennis and Fitness Club

(The fee is to cover the cost of the instructor. Any excess fee money goes into the park fund.)

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## LONDONDERRY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Londonderry Beautification Committee held its first meeting on May 20, 2015 at the Twitchell Building in South Londonderry. At the Town Meeting in March, the Beautification Committee was established and \$3,000 allocated to support its work on the following projects: town triangle plantings, flags, bridge flower boxes, and town entrance signs. Committee members include Berthe Cowles (Chairperson), Paul Gordon, Helen Hamman (Treasurer), Robert Cowles, Susan Wyman, Martha Dale (Secretary) and Carol Ann Jopling. Kevin Beattie and Barbara Wells joined as guests.

The town triangle (located at the corner of Rtes. 11 and 100 across from Clark's IGA), is planted with bulbs and will be cared for throughout the season. Committee member Susan Wyman has for a number of years coordinated the placement of 26 American flags along Rt 11, extending from bridge to bridge and in front of Clark's IGA. This year, with help from the team at the Londonderry Hardware Store and generous donors, a number of new flags have been purchased and new bracket and pole systems installed. The bridge flower box project will be managed this year with help from Glebe Mountain Gardens and the Rotary – with 36 boxes slated to be hung by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Berthe and Bob Cowles had overseen this project for years. A group of volunteers under Berthe's direction are lined up to water the boxes and dead-head the plants this summer. Lastly, the village entrance signs (slate-blue large hanging signs on Rtes. 11 and Rt 100 at the entrance to the villages of Londonderry and S. Londonderry) were erected 20 years ago. Frame repairs, painting and landscaping around the signs will be the responsibility of committee members. The next meeting of the committee will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm at the Twitchell Building in S. Londonderry.

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**Bone Builders** meet FREE at the Twitchell Bldg every Monday & Wednesday at 9:30 AM  
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**Edible Plant Sale June 6,  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
*Sale Proceeds Endow Annual Scholarship Award*

Support Vermont and our students with your purchase at the **Edible Plant Sale on Saturday, June 6, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (rain or shine!)**, at the **corner of Parsons Lane and Middletown Roads, S. Londonderry.**

The sale is a fundraising effort for The Green Mountain Gardeners (GMG) of Londonderry and Weston's Lib Thieme Scholarship Fund. All proceeds will go to help Vermont students further their education in studies to improve the state's resources and natural environment.

At the sale, you will find planters and containers filled with delightful and delectable varieties of greens, herbs and edible flowers. Take some home and you'll give yourself an instant miniature kitchen garden producing an entire season of nutritional food right on your porch, deck or patio.



**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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**DON'T FORGET THE UPCOMING EVENTS!!!**

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## **2015 West River Farmers Market**

**Open May 23rd thru October 10**

**Every Saturday 9 to 1**

**Londonderry, VT 11 and 100**

**All the details @ [westriverfarmersmarket.com](http://westriverfarmersmarket.com)**

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## **3rd Annual WEST RIVER TRAIL RUN**

**Saturday June 6th - National Trail Day**

Run or walk 11 miles of amazing trail along the beautiful West River from South Londonderry Depot to Jamaica State Park

Solo Runners/walkers or Relay teams of 3. Sign up now for \$25 individuals. April 1st \$35

Link for more information and registration:

<http://thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/>

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**SPRING CONCERT:** Springfield Community Chorus is pleased to announce it's spring concert [Saturday June 6th @ 7PM](#) at the Springfield High School. The chorus will present The Creation by Joseph Haydn.

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MVMC is celebrating 40 years of caring as the area's only primary care medical clinic. To kick off our anniversary year, we are holding a raffle featuring twin kayaks along with vests, paddles, and two passes to Vermont State parks for the season. If you would like to show your support and participate in this featured fundraiser, please stop by the clinic or ask a board member. Cost is \$20 per ticket or \$100 for a book of 6. Drawing will be held July 11<sup>th</sup>, but the winner need not be present to win. MVMC thanks Equipe Sports for supporting our "Kayak Raffle".

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