

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

Continuing on with last month's letter on the Hero's in our community I want to announce that Champion Fire Department's Chief – George Lang - has stepped down after 42 years of service and 26 years as the Fire Chief. That is almost my whole lifetime spent in the service of others. That makes Chief George Lang my Hero and I'm sure yours too. We can never thank him enough for all he has done for our community and for the brave men and women he has led. You will find a full article enclosed about Chief Lang but I wanted to express the community's thanks to the man who served so diligently and thoughtfully for so long.

In keeping with our Hero's theme, we are starting a series of interviews with more of our community volunteers. We begin this month with Chief Lang's retirement, next month an interview with Phoenix Fire Chief Jim Ameden, and monthly interviews with Champion's new Fire Chief Jeff Duda and the Presidents of LVRS & LVTech Squad – Pete Cobb & Kevin Beatty, and other volunteer organizations members in town. I think you will be amazed at how many people out there are giving of their time and energy to help others. I for one can't wait to hear about them, thank them and share their stories.

Darcy Duval

First Baptist Church of South Londonderry Awarded a Matching Grant for Sprinkler System

As First Baptist Church of South Londonderry has been continuing to rebuild after their previous building was destroyed by fire in 2010, they are excited to announce that they have been awarded with a matching grant for their new sprinkler system. For every dollar they raise a private family foundation will give them two dollars up to the cost of the sprinkler system, which will be approximately \$80,000. This grant will allow the church to be able to get closer to their goal of moving into the building.

In order to be cost effective, First Baptist Church is now working directly with volunteers and construction workers to complete the building project. They are continuing to raise funds for the added expense of meeting current commercial building codes including the sprinkler system. Donations towards the sprinkler system can be made online at gofundme.com/helprebuildfbc or mailed to First Baptist Church (PO Box 278 South Londonderry, VT 05155). For more information about the building, volunteering opportunities, and fundraising efforts take a look at their website firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

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CHAMPION FIRE CHIEF GEORGE LANG RETIRES

George Lang joined the department in 1974 and became Chief of Champion Fire Department in 1990 upon the retirement of Chief Dan Cobb. Chief Lang has donated 42 years of volunteer service and 26 of those years as its Chief to the community of South Londonderry and surrounding towns. What a gift. Chief Lang is only the 6th Chief in the illustrious history of Champion Fire Chiefs, following Dan Cobb (1976 – 1990), William Smith (1974-1976), Everett West (1967-1974), Norman Hunt (1947-1967) and Marvin Howard (1903-1947).

George Lang accomplished many notable achievements during his tenure as chief. He served on 4 truck committees: the Brush Truck, the Utility Truck, the 1995 Truck and the new Smiel Truck. Chief Lang secured over \$300,000.00 dollars in grants from FEMA, the State of Vermont and the Thrifty Attic. Chief Lang did not limit his job to just fighting fires – he persevered and learned to apply and write grants for the Department, a monumental task and a full time job by itself. He researched and purchased new technology and gear for the firefighters. He was responsible for greatly improving the safety of his team by updating the equipment over the years. He purchased their first ever Thermal Imaging Camera, improved turn-out gear, air packs and radio pagers. He upgraded the hoses and equipment on the trucks. The safety of the volunteers comes first and he emphasized that with providing the best they could afford. The effort put forth by Chief Lang was truly heroic.

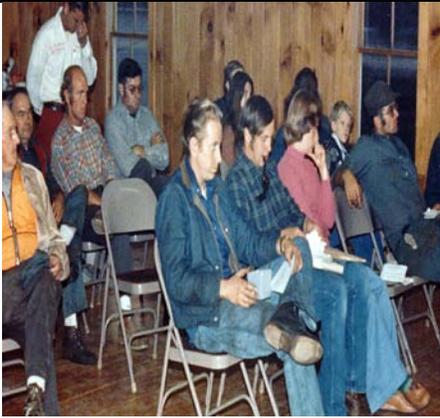
You can never know the true impact of a man's efforts. How many men would have been, could have been injured if Chief Lang had not bothered to constantly update and improve the equipment used to fight fires? How many men might have lost their lives without the new air packs that George Lang fought so hard to acquire? How many homes would have been completely lost if they didn't have the upgraded equipment? Thank goodness we will never know. Thank goodness there are honorable, tireless men like George Lang working on our behalf to keep us, our homes and families safe.

Chief Lang, interviewed after being honored at Town Meeting day, said "I'm very proud of my time with the organization. My biggest feeling of accomplishment was to see my peers enlarge their knowledge thru training and education. The membership deserve all the credit – they stick together to provide quality service and safety to our community."

Champion Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Lang for his exceptional service to the department and town. Your boots will be hard to fill and we will now retire the most famous radio phrase you had, "hang on I'm putting on my britches".

Please enjoy the following undated pictures of George Lang during his tenure with Champion! Thanks to Renzi-Hawkins studio for scanning them.

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A young George Lang

George with a Dalmation!



The Chief getting driving advice from Patty Wiley.



George Lang, Dan & Pete Cobb



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You can get your copy of The Monthly online from the Town of Londonderry's website
www.londonderryvt.org

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TUESDAY MARCH 1, 8, 15 10:30-11:30 RELAX & MEDITATE with Cheryl Wilfong

Cheryl Wilfong, a teacher at Brattleboro's Vermont Insight Meditation Center, is back and will be leading guided meditations which will focus on "treating ourselves as well as we treat our good friends." Says Cheryl, "We can reduce stress through mindfulness meditation and practice new habits of mind that lead to a sense of well-being."

SATURDAY MARCH 19 EILEEN FISHER STORE IN MANCHESTER

Neighborhood Connections has been chosen once again by Eileen Fisher/Corporate to benefit from total sales on the above date. So, PLEASE, come on out and shop! Eileen Fisher was stunned that so many of you showed up last Spring and Neighborhood Connections greatly benefited from this one day event!

AARP FREE TAX PROGRAM every Wednesday through April 6th

Two IRS trained and certified tax reps will be coming to Neighborhood Connections from 12 noon to 5pm to prepare tax returns. Call 824-4343 to schedule an appointment to have your taxes prepared.....there is no charge for this service.

How to Survive and Flourish in this Modern Age

March 10th Thursday 2:30

Dr. Lynn Lind is back at The Meeting Place @ Neighborhood Connections to discuss how to not only survive the 21st century lifestyle, but how to flourish despite the technology, mass production of food, multitudes of pharmaceuticals and environmental toxins in our air and water.

"We live in challenging times and feel high stress levels most days," says Dr. Lind, "but all is not lost. We are blessed to live at this time in history and can learn to manage as well as flourish in these times." Dr. Lind, PhD, DNM, RN, will review environmental and cultural particulars of the 21st century and explore solutions which will allow us to thrive. This lecture is offered at no charge, call 824-4343 to reserve a seat today.

March 14th All Day Eligible for Medicare?

Marguerite Mason, a Medicare Insurance Expert will be here on March 14th to assist individuals new to Medicare. She will answer all your questions and help you enroll. If you will be turning 65 this year, call to **make a free private appt** with Marguerite a month or two before you are eligible. Call us here at 824-4343.

In April:

MONDAYS APRIL 4 - APRIL 23 1:30-3:00 A MATTER OF BALANCE

This research-based program examines the different ways to overcome our fear of falls and learn how to prevent them. As we get older, a fall may have serious consequences. This program places an emphasis on improving your balance and decreasing your fear of falling. This class is designed for anyone who is concerned about falling and is willing to participate in a group setting.

HELP US MAKE DENTAL DREAMS COME TRUE

When was the last time you saw a dentist? How far did you have to drive? Do you have dental insurance? These are some of the questions you may be asked in coming weeks by volunteers conducting a dental survey at Town Meetings, the local grocery store and other gathering spots. This survey is in preparation for making dental dreams come true in our area.

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Neighborhood Connections, through monthly meetings with our local community partners, is studying the difficulty accessing local dental care. Presently dentists are at distances of twenty miles or more; are not taking new patients; or don't take insurance (assuming someone *has* dental insurance – which most of us don't.)

The dental dream is two-pronged. First we would like to revive a program which provides dental hygienists in our local schools. We would also like to establish access to local dental care. Your answers to the simple survey is an integral step in making these dental dreams come true, so thank you for taking the time.

A SPECIAL PLEA:

We are looking for someone to teach mah jong, canasta and/or bridge. Anyone out there willing to volunteer to teach a few sessions at Neighborhood Connections? Please let me know..... call **824-4343**

RECYCLING

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group is conducting a survey and your input would be appreciated. As part of our Solid Waste Implementation plan we are required to conduct two surveys, one in the 2nd yr. and another in the 5th yr. There is a link on the Londonderryvt.org web site to the survey and below. The survey will be available from Feb. 12 to April 12.

Click the link below to start the survey. Thank you for your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSH3H3S>

South Londonderry Free Library

Currently on display in the Janeway Wing is the imaginative, flights-of-fancy artwork of Christine Mix. Original paintings, prints, cards and illustrated pillowcases and pillows with Chris's designs are available for sale through the end of March. Her paintings and pillows would be a fun accoutrement for any children's room. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library.

Some new books include: *The Guest Room* by Vermont author, Chris Bohjalian, *Humans of New York*, *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks, *A Manual for Cleaning Women* by Lucia Berline, *House of the Rising Sun* by Burke, *Why Our Decisions Don't Matter* and *Illusion of Separateness* by Van Booy, *The Diamond Caper* by writer about Provence, Peter Mayle, *Tricky 22* by Evanovich, *The Door* by Magda Szabo and *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying up* by Mari Kondo. For Children there is *Firefly Hollow*, *Creepy Carrots*, *Locomotive* and *Winter Bees*.

Over twenty children had fun making Valentines with Casey Junker Bailey in February. Casey will present another creative program related to springtime and Easter on a Saturday in March, date- to- be- announced.

Stop by and check Chris Mix's art show, one of the many albums of Vaile photographs of this area in the early 1900s or a new book!

Library Hours are: Mon, Wed & Fri 10-12 & 1 - 5 pm. We are also open Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 (when you can Sit & Knit with Carol) and on Saturdays 10 – 1. The phone number is 824-3371.

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

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Londonderry Williams Dam

On February 1, the Select Board was made aware by Bruce Frauman that the UVM Civil and Environmental Engineering Department is seeking projects for their senior undergraduate students. If the Board chooses to accept this offer, the study would begin in the fall and would be conducted under guidelines established by the Board. UVM will need to know the Board's choice by mid-April in order to have time to have the students ready by September. There would be no charge.

It was suggested to John Lens, the professor coordinating these studies, that the Williams Dam in Londonderry might be a good study project. His concern was that the dam itself is controversial. He would agree to proceed as long as the students are welcomed and not coming into a hostile environment. Professor Lens wrote to Bruce Frauman: *I think we could put a team of students together with skills in the structural and hydrology/hydraulic aspects of dams, combined with river ecology aspects. However, I want the Select Board to specify their objectives, and then I can advise if/how our students can meet those objectives.*

From a report prepared by Community Hydro LLC for the Londonderry Energy Committee dated November 24, 2008, *The Williams Dam in Londonderry Vermont is located on the West River immediately downstream of the Route 11 bridge on Main Street in Londonderry. The dam and land on either bank is owned by the Town of Londonderry who retain all water rights to the site. The Williams Dam provides structural grade control for Route 11 as it was built after the dam. If the dam were removed vertical incision—a lowering of the elevation of the river bed, would occur that could undermine the Route 11 bridge.*

The stone dam was built by Mr. Williams in 1883 for a machine shop. There was probably a dam there prior to that time. . . .

The most recent dam inspection in 2007 showed the dam was in poor condition. . . . The dam is listed as a Class 3, or low-hazard dam.

Mr. Frauman asked the town's Emergency Management Director, Kevin Beattie where the 2007 dam inspection report was, but was unable to locate at that time. Mr. Beattie, through the town clerk, provided Mr. Frauman with the Community Hydro report.

Bruce Frauman, in his research discovered a report by the Vermont Agency for Natural Resources (ANR) that suggested that the Williams Dam be removed. Here is what the Tactical Basin Plan for the West, Williams and Saxtons Rivers and adjacent Connecticut River Tributaries published in December of 2015 by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division has to say on page 38:

Dams throughout the four state Connecticut River Valley have been evaluated through a joint project by The Nature Conservancy and the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine their ecological impacts on the river.⁹ This has created a list of the dams where removal would have the greatest ecological benefit. Those in Basin 11-13 with the potential to be removed and that rank the highest are the Williams Dam in Londonderry and the Sacketts Brook dam in Putney.

Mr. Frauman asked the Nature Conservancy for more details and it turns out the Tactical Basin Plan authors "misspoke". The recommendation comes from the Northeast Aquatic Connectivity Assessment, also from the Nature Conservancy, but was not completed with the Army Corps of Engineers. He read through that report, which is a massive assessment of river health, but could not find specific reference to the West River or Williams Dam, but presumably that data is part of the research.

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Select Board Chair Jim Ameden thinks the dam should stay, but the pond should be dredged. He says the state has been blocking any dredging for years. He wants the water level high for the Phoenix Company hydrant installed near Route 11 just upstream of the dam. Unfortunately, the pond is so full of silt, that in times of low water flow, the hydrant does not always provide water when attached to a pumper.

However, this is about a potential free engineering study, not the future of the Williams Dam. It is up to the Board, but possible questions an engineering study might include are:

1. What is the current condition of the dam? How likely is it to fail in another high water event? If it were to fail, what would the effects be downstream?
2. If the dam were to fail or be removed or lowered, could the Route 11 bridge be undermined?
3. What is the best way to insure water is available for the hydrant in the West River in Londonderry? Would dredging help? Why does the State deny efforts to dredge the pond? Would there be enough water available should the dam be lowered or removed?
4. What would be the effect of lowering the dam by 2 or 4 feet (as has been recommended by an engineer studying the river to help resolve the dispute between the State Department of Transportation and FEMA regarding the wall on the Genser property) on flooding down stream in times of high water?
5. What data is in the Connectivity Assessment from the Nature Conservancy that lead the ANR to recommend that the Williams Dam be removed?
6. What is the effect of the dam on flooding

downstream, including in South Londonderry, in times of high water?

7. If the dam were to be lowered or repaired, how could that be accomplished and at what estimated cost?

9. If the dam were to be removed, what would be the estimated cost?

According to Todd Menees, a state River Management Engineer in conversation with Bruce Frauman, there is no funding to repair the dam, but there is funding for dam removal.

It seems to me that a free engineering study could help provide solid information for the town to use in making decisions about the dam, the pond, the fire department hydrant, potential future flooding, and the quality of life living in the West River in Londonderry.

Bruce Frauman
South Londonderry

Town of Londonderry Highway Department

The Highway Department would like to thank The Champion Fire Company for the donation of the pumper truck. It will be a useful piece of equipment for the Highway Department as we plan to use it for spraying Calcium Chloride, Flushing culverts, and carrying tools in case we have a breakdown and this will serve as a support truck. We are grateful for working closely with the Fire Department and hope to continue doing so.

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**Turn your clocks forward on
Sunday, March 13th**
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Please find the results of your votes on these three pages in red.

WARNING FOR LONDONDERRY TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Londonderry, Vermont, who are legal voters of the Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at their Town Hall, Tuesday, March 1st A.D. 2016 at 9:30 A.M. to act on the following Articles, namely:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at the Town Meeting. **Wendell Coleman**

Article 2: To act on the report of the Auditors. **Passed**

Article 3: To elect Town Officials required by law to be elected at this meeting. **Select board 3 year term- Paul Gordon re-elected; select board 2 year term- Will Reed; Lister-Sandra Clarke; First Constable- Roger Sheehan; Second Constable- Nick Doane; Delinquent Tax Collector- Joan Dayton; Town Grand Juror- Peter Pagnucco; Town Agent- Doug Friant; Cemetery Commissioner- Maureen Cronin;**

Article 4: To elect one (1) Parks Board member for a term of five (5) years. **Susie Wyman**

Article 5: To elect two (2) members for the RED Board for a term of three (3) years. **Rosalind Klezos & Jeanne Zammataro**

Article 6: To elect one (1) Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three (3) years. **Michael Goodbody**

Article 7: To elect one (1) Memorial park Trustee for a term of five (5) years and replace two (2) resignations. **Nadine Vanhouten, Taylor Barton & Trevor Bickford**

Article 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand), to be placed into a Town Infrastructure Improvement Fund? **Passed**

Article 9: Shall the Town of Londonderry vote a sum of \$86,000 to fund contracting with the VT State Police for policing the Town of Londonderry? **Passed**

Break for Lunch

Article 10: Shall the Town approve to raise the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand), to be put into the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund. **Passed**

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to approve the purchase of a parcel of land located at approximately 6600-6950 Route 100, at a cost of \$150,000; and to finance the land purchase as follows and conditioned upon the following funds all being available for the purchase: 1) to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 towards the purchase through current

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taxes, and 2) authorize the Select Board to finance the sum of \$120,000 over a period not to exceed five (5) years. **Amended to grant the board up to \$10,000 to spend on environmental/engineering studies to research the viability of the property and presenting at a special meeting of the Board.**

Article 12: To see how much the Town will vote for a General Fund. **Motion to vote a General Fund amount of \$1,621,664.52. Passed**

Article 13: Shall the Town pay its taxes to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before October 1st, 2016. **Passed**

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise a sum of \$20,000 on the Grand List of 2016 for Champion Fire Company #5, Inc? **Passed**

Article 15: Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Londonderry Conservation Fund. **Passed**

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise a sum of \$6000 on the Grand List of 2016 for the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad. **Passed**

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise a sum of \$26,000 for the Mountain Valley Medical Center. **Passed**

Article 18: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$10,000.00 to the South Londonderry Library Association. **Passed**

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$2,000 for the West River Montessori School to be used towards their new toddler program? **Passed**

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$32,700 for the following organizations? **Passed**

American Red Cross	200.00
Flood Brook Athletic Association	2,500.00
Friends of the West River Trail	1,000.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	500.00
GNAT TV	2,000.00
Green Mountain RSVP	415.00
Greenup Vermont	100.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont	1,513.00
Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks	1,000.00
Senior Solutions	850.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action Inc. (SEVCA)	1,700.00
Southeastern VT Watershed Alliance	415.00
The Collaborative	750.00

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The Current	1,000.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	2,742.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT& NH	6,720.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Association	100.00
West River Sports Association	2,330.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
Windham County Humane Society	500.00
Windham County Youth Services	315.00
Women’s Freedom Center (Formerly Women’s Crisis Center)	800.00
Neighborhood Connections	5,000.00

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$4,800 for The Partnership: **Passed**

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$5300 for Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS). **Voted down**

Article 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Thank you to all that contributed to Town Meeting Day! We had great voter turn-out and it was a great example of democracy at work! Floodbrook School students attended, volunteers passed out surveys from various groups and committees, volunteers checked people in, the church provided a lovely chili lunch, people ran for various offices, politicians stopped by to inform us of their work, and most importantly people attended and participated in voting yay or nay to various proposals. Bravo Londonderry!

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

Jean Jordan received her Bone Builders Instructor Training in December and was presented with her certificate at the class on February 10. Jean will be leading the South Londonderry class beginning in March and will continue to be assisted by Virginia Heger, Elaine Villano and Sandra Bosna. Virginia also completed the instructor training in December.

There is a new Bone Builder group in Jamaica now, practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 at the Jamaica House in the village center with Valerie Heisler as the instructor. If you know of someone down that way that would like to join, contact Valerie at 874-4620

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The Londonderry Historical Society, The Weston
Historical Society and
The Friends of the West River Trail present:

HALLELUJAH **THE HILLS**

**“The funniest comedy you’ve
never seen”**

Chicago Tribune



Hallelujah the Hills is a zany, indie comedy shot locally (South Londonderry) in 1963, with several local residents as extras. It received accolades at film festivals (Cannes, New York) but was very rarely shown in theaters.

Thursday, March 10

7:00 PM

The South Londonderry Depot

Light refreshments • Donations Appreciated

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

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UNH/BDCC Introduction to Project Management Course Announcement

If you are looking for a distinctive experience that provides a focus on Project Management concepts, we are pleased to announce that Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, in partnership with University of New Hampshire Professional Development & Training, will be offering an opportunity to participate in a two-day, non-credit "Introduction to Project Management" workshop for local businesses and organizations in the Brattleboro area.

Project management skills are becoming a required core competency for growth and quality-oriented organizations. This workshop breaks down the process of planning and implementing projects into easily mastered steps. It will focus on the concepts, practices, and tools of real-world project management. You'll learn how to determine when to use project management techniques, define project boundaries, establish the project's structure with team roles and responsibilities, create the project charter, define project scope, create the work breakdown structure, determine the sequence of project work, create a realistic schedule, monitor progress, and communicate project status.

This exclusive development opportunity is offered for a cost of \$200.00 plus processing fee per employee. **Please RSVP as soon as possible; there are only 22 open seats.**

The course will be held Wednesday, March 16th & Wednesday, March 23rd. Please RSVP as soon as possible; before the invite is extended to the broader business population.

Please below link to register and confirm payment.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bdcccunh-introduction-to-project-management-course-tickets-21459964331>

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3 Easy Ways to Get Your Vermont Income Tax Forms

1 Download fillable PDF forms from the web
www.bit.ly/vttaxforms

2 Order forms by email
tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov

3 Order forms by phone
802-828-2515
855-297-5600 (toll-free in U.S.)

Quick Tips:

- Order your paper forms early for timely delivery
- Use current year forms from the same source
- Do not use photocopied forms

For more information, visit www.tax.vermont.gov

When ordering, tell us:

1. Your name
2. Mailing address
3. Form number or form name
4. Daytime phone number

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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.

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.

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Rabies Clinic

Thursday, March 17

9:30-11:30

Located at Green Mountain Veterinary
17 Hearthstone Lane
South Londonderry

\$15.00 per cat or dog

Time to Renew Your

DOG LICENSE

DUE APRIL 1ST 2016

Visit Your Town Clerk with an updated Rabies
Certificate

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Protect Your Pets. The fisher is a small carnivorous mammal native to North America. It is a member of the mustelid family and a part of the marten genus. It is a forest-dwelling creature whose range covers much of the boreal forest in Canada to the northern United States (*Yes, we have them!*). It is also sometimes referred to as a fisher cat, although it is not a feline. They are predators--can be vicious--and do not hesitate to attack pets. Advise your friends—especially those not familiar with our wildlife-- that it is not a good idea to let little pets out “to play” without close supervision. We also have a “thriving” population of coyotes—another carnivorous predator (*and potential pet eater!*).

Missing an animal? Looking to Adopt?

Depending on *your* location, these are good resources:

Rutland County Humane Society
765 Stevens Rd, Pittsford VT 05763
802.483.6700 Twitter @RCHSVT
Instagram at
rutland_county_humane_society

Springfield Animal Society
401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield,
VT 05156

802-885-3997
Spfldhumane@vermontel.net

Windham County Humane Society
PO Box 397
916 West River Rd. (Route 30)
Brattleboro, VT 05302
802.254.2232
info.wchs@gmail.com