

# The Londonderry Monthly

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## Letter from the Editor:

Thank you to our neighbor and friend and supporter of local charities, Royal Kinsley, for unearthing the original sidewalks in front of his beautiful home in South Londonderry. Oh to see more of them!! Hint Hint... to whom do we go to make this happen? Duane? Select Board? Beautification Committee? HELP!!!

I have to say, you don't appreciate what you have until you go away for a bit. After a grand tour of the Adirondacks (beautiful in their own way) and Montreal (also beautiful and very friendly) for a few weeks – I am so very happy to be back home. It is so lush and green here, the mountains are stunning and we haven't even started fall yet! I missed my neighbors and friends and all the "action" back in our little town. I missed the effort people put into making their homes and businesses beautiful and well kept. The effort put into being good citizens, active people hiking, biking, swimming and walking their dogs. Some may roll their eyes but I love what makes our small little community work and appreciate each of you for your contribution to that. We are so lucky to live here.

Darcy Duval

## LONDONDERRY HELP WANTED

The Town of Londonderry is seeking a full-time **Highway Road Crew member** to perform skilled and unskilled labor tasks and operate equipment for the maintenance and repair of town roads. Requirements: valid Vermont CDL license, good driving record, knowledge of highway equipment, willingness to work long hours, especially during the winter months, physical strength, agility, endurance, mechanical abilities, and ability to concentrate, ability to maintain logs, good communication skills. Must pass a pre-employment Drug and Alcohol test. This position includes a benefit package.

For consideration, please email a resume, three professional references and the **Town Employment Application** to Town Administrator Stephanie Thompson at [townadmin@londonderryvt.org](mailto:townadmin@londonderryvt.org), or submit to: Town of Londonderry, Attn: Stephanie Thompson, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

## OFFICE CLOSING

The Town Office will be closed on September 19 and 20 for training.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Town Office will be open extended hours to accept tax payments on Sept. 29 & 30 from 8:30 am to 5 pm and Oct. 1 from 10 am to 5 pm. Taxes are due on Oct. 1. If you have questions, please call the office at 824-3356.

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## *SOUTH LONDONDERRY FREE LIBRARY*

### *SEPTEMBER 2016*

The Library is gearing up for its annual fund-raiser - a book and sidewalk sale, AKA **South Derry Street Fair**, to be held on Saturday, October 8 from 9 am to 3 pm. (Rain date will be Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.)

The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating fall with a special Art & Nature workshop for children on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will show children how to make wonderful crafts using materials collected from forests and fields. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for children of all ages.

The Library is located at 15 Old School Street off of Main & Thompsonburg Road. Hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to noon & 1 to 5 pm. We are also open Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm and on Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm. Contact the Library at 824-3371.

We have a bunch of best-selling adult and children's books for your reading pleasure. Please stop by soon and enjoy your wonderful House of Books. See you at the Library!

Mary K. Butera  
Librarian/Director

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### WELCOME BACK MAGIC MOUNTAIN

Congratulations to SKI MAGIC LLC on their purchase of Magic Mntn ski area. Many of us grew up skiing at Magic even if we weren't from here. The mountain is known for its dedication to being a ski area first and foremost and NOT a resort. The community relies on Magic for an alternative to large style ski resorts with legendary terrain and a fun, laid back experience, and Magic relies on the community for its support and loyalty. We wish you luck!

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**The FALL GARDENING SERIES is set.**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14 @ 1pm SOIL BASICS** with Daryle Thomas at Neighborhood Connections. This veteran of the Rutland Master Gardener Hot Line is expert in interpreting soil test results! At this presentation he will discuss the make-up of soil; how to determine the composition of your garden soil; and how to interpret and implement soil test results. UVM soil test kits will be available for \$14.

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21 @1pm GARDEN RENOVATION** with Cheryl Wilfong at The House of Sabbath. Using the gardens at Sabbath House (our transitional housing complex at 1010 Route 100, Weston) as an example, Cheryl will discuss how to re-organize your garden into a more pleasing arrangement - starting with existing plants. A feature garden at Sabbath will be renovated. This presentation will be held on-site.

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28 @1pm GARDEN RENOVATION PART 2** at The House of Sabbath. Based on decisions made the week before, this workshop needs volunteers who will implement the garden plan.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5 @ 1pm HOUSEHOLD COMPOSTING** with Lisa Fortin, Master Composter at Neighborhood. Soon all food scraps will be banned from Vermont Landfills under the Universal Recycling Law. Lisa will explore options on how homeowners can easily comply. A group discussion is encouraged to share ideas and experiences.

The Gardening Series is offered at no charge, but reservations are necessary, so please call 824-4343 to register.

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 @ 6:30pm HANDS ONLY CPR COURSE** to be held at the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad building Rt 100. Wilma Tremarco and Marge Fish will conduct this one hour course. There will also be an overview of AED use and a tour of the ambulances. This course is sponsored by Neighborhood Connections and registration is a must since space is limited. Call 824-4343 to register or e-mail me.

**TUESDAYS October 4, ending November 8th 12:30-3pm HEALTHIER LIVING WITH CHRONIC PAIN** Sponsored by the Springfield Community Health Team. This is an educational program that not only provides for interaction but helps individuals with chronic pain learn how to manage and improve their own health. This program focuses on how to manage pain so that you can get on with living a satisfying, fulfilling life. Join trained facilitators and learn tools to help meet the challenge. To register, call 802-886-8946 or e-mail [cht@springfieldmed.org](mailto:cht@springfieldmed.org). You can also register with us here at Neighborhood Connections by calling 824-4343. Please pass this along to anyone you know who is dealing with chronic pain.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Do you know that we have a Community Nurse here at Neighborhood Connections?* Regina Downer has a Masters in Nursing with over 35 years of experience working in adult and pediatric medicine. She is available at no charge to answer questions about treatment, medications, care instructions and preventative care. After an initial meeting, she may be available to accompany you to medical appointments and to other health care providers. Regina works closely with Noreen Lenilko, our social worker as well as the community physician at MVMC. Regina does not administer medications, prescribe or change medications, perform wound care, catheter care or other visiting nurse services. She can be reached here at our offices.

### *An Appeal from the Weston Priory*

In the spring a group from Weston Priory worked with the Winston Prouty Foundation to re-locate the brothers' mobile home to a family in Putney whose home was destroyed by fire. The effort was unsuccessful, but another deserving recipient has been found. The family is comprised of a single grandmother who has custody of her four grandchildren ages 3-10. They are currently living in a camper. Although the brothers are donating the home, the grandmother has taken out a \$20,000 loan to complete the move. She remains \$4,000 short. About \$1900 has been raised so far. Any funds raised over \$4,000 will be used to reduce her loan and/or used to do a better roof repair. There is a donor who is willing to contribute up to \$1500 to match any funds raised over \$3000. Contributions can be sent to Weston Priory at 58 Priory Hill Road, Weston, 05161 - Attn: Brother Richard. If you are able to help, please do so by September 16th.

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Thank you to everyone who came to Pingree Park Family Fun Day!! Thank you to all of our volunteers and local businesses who donated to the event!!!! Even in the rain we had a great turn out and are looking forward to next year already.



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN....almost

SAVE THE DATE! South Londonderry Fire Department will host their annual TRUNK OR TREAT at Champion Fire House in South Londonderry Monday October 31!!!

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## LIONS CLUB

Londonderry Tri Mtn Lions Club has been busy this August. On August 21 we volunteered at Pingree Park Family Fun Day serving food and making popcorn. We were rewarded by the smiling faces of the families there for the fun. August 26th-28th we had our first major fundraiser, raffling a Big Green Egg Cooker at our Booth at the Bondville Fair. Kim Walker of Pennsylvania was the excited winner. We also passed out over 400 pairs of free ear plugs for the truck pulling events at the Fair. Thank you to all who participated in our raffle and a Huge thank you to the Bondville Fair Crew who go overboard with all their help. On behalf of the Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions Club, Randee Keith.

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. Call Mary at 856-7158 or Joan at 875 4749 for more information.

**The Londonderry Lions Club is currently working with the Parks Board to sponsor another movie in the park this fall, free to the public. We will release more details as they become available!**

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The South Londonderry Library is looking for volunteers to man a library booth at the Peru Fair on Sat. Sept. 24. We need some people between 12 noon & 5 :00 pm. If any of you have a couple of hours to spare on that day, that would be great. I will be there from 2 or 3 pm til closing. Email me at [southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com)

Thanks a bunch-

Mary K. Butera, Librarian/Director

**The South Londonderry Free Library is planning its "Fourth Greater than Ever" South Derry Street Fair. It is to be held on the grounds of the Library and the Town Office in South Londonderry on Saturday October 8, 2016. From 9am to 3pm.**

We are looking for support from the community in the following areas:

**VOLUNTEERS:** To be available to help set up and to sell items, baked goods etc. donated to the Library.

**VENDORS:** This is a community-wide tag sale. Vendors may bring anything they choose to sell. Businesses are welcome to promote their business. We are also welcoming crafters demonstrating and selling their creations. Fee per Vendor is a \$35 donation to the Library. **Book early as booth space (app. 10'x10') is limited.**

**DONORS:** We have had huge success in the past with our popular White Elephant Booth! 😊

If you have anything to donate to the Library, we would be grateful for your contribution. Please call or email and we will arrange delivery and/or pick-up. We are asking that you donate only serviceable items ... rugs, furniture, art, sap buckets, nick-knacks, tools, kitchen utensils, bikes, etc..

*Please, no TV's, electronics, upholstered furniture, skis, clothing or stuffed toys.*

**SHOPPERS!!!** Please come and enjoy a day browsing through vendors' goods, the White Elephant Booth and loads of books in all categories at reasonable prices. Foodstuff and refreshments will be available.

If anything listed below interests you, please contact Susie Wyman at (802) 824-3537 or email [redtopcleaners@yahoo.com](mailto:redtopcleaners@yahoo.com)

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Member Districts: Danby, Dorset,  
Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain  
Towns RED, and Sunderland

## August Newsletter Northshire Merger Study Committee

### Update on recent work from committee chair Jon Wilson

In our August meetings we took on some substantial issues that led to meaningful and open discussions. Our deliberation concerning board representation was especially intriguing. The law requires that a study committee must include in its final report a proposal for the size and composition of the new unified district's school board. At our August 3rd meeting we had an excellent discussion that ended in a proposed board structure that all committee members in attendance agreed was a fair compromise. Most committee members agreed that if this future board were larger than 13 members, then it could not effectively govern. Once we agreed that the board should consist of 13 members, we took on the complex task of how each town should be represented.

Some committee members from the less populated towns were concerned that they would have little influence on a larger board while some committee members from the larger towns expressed that they would be concerned that they would be underrepresented if the makeup of the new board was not proportionally based on population. As a history teacher, I found our debate interesting in that it echoed the Great Compromise of 1787 when the framers of the US Constitution devised our legislative structure and determined how each state would be represented in Congress. To see the agreement that the committee reached, please see the FAQ on the following page. Beyond tackling the issue of board representation, the committee made progress in some of the following areas:

- • The committee reached an initial verbal agreement in regard to the requirements for closing a school in the new unified district. Our proposed plan states that no school will be closed the first four years after merging and 3/4 of the new board must approve a school closure thereafter. In the coming meetings, we will finalize the other requirements.
- • The committee continues to weigh the pros and cons of merging into a Regional Education District (RED), which would be a part of Supervisory Union, or merging into a Supervisory District (SD) where we would not coexist with other districts in a Supervisory Union. At this time, many of the committee members are leaning towards an SD. In the next month or so, the BRSU office along with our consultant Dan French, will provide financial models that will estimate what the financial costs and benefits could be if we merged into a RED or an SD. These models, along with feedback from community members, will be essential in informing our final recommendation for a RED or an SD.
- • We continued to develop plans as to how we will engage our communities in the fall. We agreed that by early September we will have a list of forum dates. In the meantime the committee will communicate its work digitally and through a variety of media outlets.
- • The Agency of Education requires that the a study committee creates written goal statements that address Act 46's policy objectives. The committee has spent significant time polishing these statements.

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- Principals from the BRSU joined us for our August 16 meeting and discussed what they perceive could be the educational benefits and downsides of merging. Some of the principals stressed how merger could further assist their efforts to share resources.

For a more complete picture of the work we have done, please review the meeting minutes on our [website](#) (see URL below).

## FAQ for August

### If the districts in this committee merged, what would the new school board look like?

Before answering this question, we on the Northshire Study Committee acknowledge that none of our proposals are set in stone. We have a proposal for the size and the composition of the new board, but we will be seeking out feedback from our communities in the coming weeks and months. There are nine towns that are participating in our study committee and our proposal calls for a 13member board. Nine of these seats are designated for each of the nine towns. In other words, every town is guaranteed that it will have one seat on the board, but how this candidate is elected is unique. Let's say that Jane Doe from Landgrove wants to run for the Landgrove seat on the board. In order to get on the ballot, Jane must be nominated by Landgrove residents. But, once Jane is on the ballot, every voter in all of the towns in the new unified district will vote on the seat Jane is seeking. This nonproportional system of voting, where officials are elected by a single multitown electorate, is called *atlarge voting*. To summarize, every voter in the new unified district would have an opportunity to vote on every seat that is up for election.

So, nine of the seats are reserved for each of the nine towns, but what about the other four seats? The study committee proposed that these four seats should be up for grabs between the four largest towns. That means, in order to be eligible to run for one of these seats, the candidate has to be a resident of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry, or Manchester. The scenario could potentially arise that all four seats are won by candidates from one town. The committee members recognized that while this is possible, the atlarge voting system provides a reasonable check to power since the voters would likely prevent any single town from dominating the board for a significant time period. The committee members also discussed how such a system would lead to more collaboration and communication among our towns and healthier competition in our school board elections, given the fact that candidates currently often run unchallenged or seats remain vacant for extended periods.

Check out our website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/northshiremergerstudy>

Future  
Meeting Dates

Wed., Aug. 24  
69pm at  
Dorset School

Would you like to receive emailed  
updates on the committee's work? If  
so, email [jon.wilson@brsu.org](mailto:jon.wilson@brsu.org)

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## LONDONDERRY WEBSITE

Don't forget to check the town website <http://londonderryvt.org>. We're working to keep the site "up to date" with additions almost daily. Don't forget the Community Calendar (found on the left sidebar) that has dates and locations of upcoming town meeting. See the website for important announcements, meeting agendas and meeting minutes. Please submit information for the website and town calendar to the webmaster at [gordonpj@myfairpoint.net](mailto:gordonpj@myfairpoint.net). Many thanks to Rep. Oliver Olsen who contributed valuable time and resources to keep our website functioning during some trying times with our hosting.

## LONDONDERRY TRAFFIC

The intersection at the bridge in South Londonderry is about to change! Per a letter to the town from Mario Dupigny-Giroux, Traffic Safety Engineer for the Vermont Agency of Transportation, "This is to let you know that the work orders for signs and markings to convert the VT 100, Middletown Road and Main Street intersection in Londonderry to an all-way stop intersection have been issued. I would anticipate that the work should be completed within two months..."

As some may know this intersection has been the sight of many accidents in the past year. Hopefully this will return safety and understanding to this malfunction junction.

## LONDONDERRY PT HELP WANTED

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont, is also seeking applicants for the part-time position of **Zoning Administrator** (Administrative Officer). The ZA administers the Londonderry Zoning Bylaws, works with the Development Review Board, acts as Floodplain Administrator and reports to the Select Board. The opening is immediate and entails approximately 8-10 hours per week.

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## WEST RIVER FARMERS MARKET

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](http://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](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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**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).

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