

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

There is nothing more stunning than Vermont in the fall. And our little slice of heaven, otherwise known as Londonderry, is about to be the belle of the ball. The mountains will be on fire in a blaze of colors, contrasting with the cool West River. It seems obvious, but I must say now is the perfect time to get out there and admire the natural beauty and bounty our area has to offer. Visiting any one of the beautiful parks, river bends, trails, mountains or even your own back yard can be rejuvenating and inspiring.

It seems so easy to take our little town for granted, until you see the hoards of tourists spending hundreds, if not thousands of dollars to visit. What we sometimes don't see or appreciate as we race to work or the market, they stop and soak up as if it's priceless. Which it is. So instead of being annoyed at the peepers pulled over at an inconvenient spot, this fall - I will thank them for pointing out the obvious to me, and I too will act as if seeing it for the first, breathtaking time. I hope you will too.

Darcy Duval

The Londonderry Cemetery Commission needs your help!

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Londonderry is asking for help from the general public. As you may be aware, graves of veterans are marked with both a flag, and a 'flag holder'. The flag holders are distinctive to each veteran for the war and/or branch of service that the individual served in. Over the years the Vermont harsh winters has done in a large number of the flag holders and many are simply gone and/or need to be replaced. **THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR INPUT!** Do you have a family member, loved one, friend, former neighbor, etc. buried in one of the Londonderry Cemeteries who served in the military? Do you know the war/conflict that person served in and/or the branch of military service? This information would be very helpful as the Londonderry Cemetery Commission seeks to honor the graves of our veterans with proper care and respect. If you have information that could help us place, or replace, a proper distinctive flag holder on a veteran's grave please contact MelvinTwitchell at: 802-345-0843 or Melvinick@yahoo.com Thank you in advance for your assistance.

– *The Londonderry Cemetery Commission*

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Refuse To Use Kick Off

Sunday, September 28th
12:30-1 PM Sign In**1-3 PM Event

Join The Collaborative at the annual Refuse To Use Kick Off event to take place at Manchester Elementary Middle School in on Sunday, Sept. 28th. This year's Kick Off has a new participant-driven and engaging format. This event is mandatory for all 7th-12th grade students hoping to participate in Refuse To Use this year. A parent or caring adult must accompany all participants. No arrivals allowed to enter after 1 PM. Participants can register online for the Refuse To Use program starting on September 14th at <http://thecollaborative.us>. Questions? Contact your school's Refuse To Use Representative.

The Collaborative's Mentor Program

Both mentors and mentees are wanted to participate in The Collaborative's Mentor Program. Our Mentor Program takes place at Flood Brook School throughout the school year. The time commitment for both mentors and mentees is 1 hour each week. Mentor matches hang out together, play outside, do crafts, play games, and generally have fun! We welcome mentors ages 16 and up and mentees ages 9 to 13. Training is provided to all mentors. For more information about the program or to request an application, call The Collaborative at 802-824-4200. Website: <http://TheCollaborative.us>

The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy, involved community supporting substance free youth in a caring environment. Get Involved!

LVRS ADDS NEW AMBULANCE TO ITS FLEET

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad recently put into service its new "type 3" Freightliner ambulance. Noticeably larger, this new ambulance is designed to give a more comfortable and quiet ride but also provide a better transport vehicle considering the amount of weight in equipment and personnel. By using a truck chassis, it is hoped to extend the life of the vehicle from 8 years to 12+ years of service. Thanks to your contributions and support for our annual raffle, money was raised in the amount of \$240,000.00 to pay for this new vehicle. We very much appreciate your continuing financial support. Without it, LVRS would not exist. LVRS services the tri-mountain towns of Londonderry, South Londonderry, Winhall, Jamaica, Stratton, Peru, Landgrove Weston, and Windham.

We encourage any residents to become involved in LVRS. EMR and EMT classes will begin soon. Please call Marge Fish (824-3662) or Pete Cobb (824-5037) for more information.

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PINGREE PARK REVITALIZATION UPDATE

Thanks to the generous support of the community in contributing matching funds for the Vermont Buildings and General Services Grant, Phase 1 of the Revitalization of Pingree Park has been completed. This spring, the new play area was completed, with a large play structure and smaller components for younger children. The new basketball backboards, hoops and nets were installed in time for Family Fun Day and the tennis court was resurfaced and painted soon after. The installation of the tennis practice board is in progress, and will be completed shortly.



Our second annual Family Fun Day was a huge success. It was a joy to see so many families enjoying the park together. The weather was cooler than last year, but comfortable none the less - except for those in the dunk tank! This year's Fun Day and Pig Raffle raised \$2100 for the Town Parks Fund. Thank you to all of area businesses and community volunteers who helped make the day such a success.

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After this great start, we are moving immediately into Phase 2, which includes bringing power to Pingree Park and creating a Dog Park. Our goal is to complete Phase 2 during next year's park season. Having a reliable power source at Pingree Park will provide many more recreational opportunities for local citizens. We are again applying for a Vermont Buildings and General Services Grant, and we are awaiting the opening of a grant through the Land & Water Conservation Fund.

Several local businesses have expressed an interest in helping with fund raising for the Dog Park. Jill Long, owner of Sudzy Pup, will be running a fundraiser during the month of October at her dog grooming salon in Peru. Every Tuesday during October, all proceeds from dog nail trimmings at her salon will go directly to benefit the completion of the Dog Park. To schedule an appointment, contact Jill directly at 802-379-2159 or leave a message on her website at www.SudzyPup.com. Stay tuned for upcoming Dog Park fundraising opportunities.

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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, October 4, 2014 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

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

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 Call Esther Fishman 824-3306 or visit www.londonderryvt.org

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The Town Office will be open next week to accept tax payments as follows:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, September 29, 30 & October 1, 2014 from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Early and Absentee Ballots for the November 4th General Election are currently available.

Contact the Town Clerk's for more information or to request a ballot.

The polls will be open on November 4th at the Twitchell Building 100 Old School Street South Londonderry from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The deadline to register to vote for the General Election is October 29th at 5:00 pm.

Select Board meetings will return to the regular 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in October.

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

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.

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.

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Help build a DOG PARK
at Pingree Park!



Every Tuesday in October, all proceeds from nail trimmings at Sudzy Pup will go to the Pingree Park Revitalization Fund to help build a Dog Park at Pingree Park in Londonderry.

Contact Jill Long at **802-379-2159** to schedule an appointment, or schedule a time online at www.sudzypup.com.

Dog Park donations will be accepted at Sudzy Pup, or you can drop them off at the Londonderry Town Office on Old School St.

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