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Letter from the Editor:

Good health!! Being sick most of 2015 so far has been absolutely no fun and I vow not to take it for granted again. My heart goes out to those that are chronically ill or who have a serious illness. And yes, I feel for those who are just unwell enough to impinge upon your job, your family and daily life as you used to know it. I watch or hear the plows go by at 3 am or 6am and think – is that poor guy out there doing his job with the flu? Did my fellow firefighters or emergency rescue squad colleagues just race out to save somebody while suffering from exhaustion while sitting up with a sick loved one all night? I, for one, have new admiration for those that go about their business while inconvenienced with any sort of affliction! All of you please take good care of yourselves and stay healthy!



I would be remiss if I didn't mention how beautiful it is outside right now! One of the reasons this little slice of heaven is so popular!

The snow!! Don't take it for granted – get out there and play in it! And part of being healthy is – stay safe!!! Drive carefully in all this beautiful white powder.

And Voting! Another gift not to take for granted! Please make sure you are registered to vote and make it your job to know the candidates and get out there to vote in March!! We need you to be informed and active citizens!

And finally, LOVE. Play in love like it was snow. Shower your family and friends with it! Happy Valentine's Day.

Darcy Duval

The Londonderry Conservation Commission is looking for an administrative assistant to aid our group in the clerical responsibilities of the LCC. This position requires the ability to take concise, well written, minutes at our monthly meetings, distribute them to the proper parties, and take care of some clerical responsibilities.

The meetings are generally held at the Londonderry Town Office Building on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm and run between two and three hours. Copies of the minutes need to be distributed within a few days. During the month there are some other clerical duties. Generally there are between four and six hours needed per month. The hour wage is \$20/hour.

Please send letters of interest and a resume to:

Mark Wright
968 Haven Hill
South Londonderry, Vermont - 05155

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Reading, Arithmetic, and Food Scrap Composting

Congratulations to Flood Brook School for joining the growing number of schools in Vermont which are composting food scraps. Flood Brook is a K-8 school, serving 270 students from the communities of Londonderry, Peru, Landgrove, and Weston. Through a grant from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), NERC has been working with Flood Brook, and Fisher Elementary and Arlington High School/Middle School in Arlington to implement food scrap composting. ANR awarded grants to the University of Vermont for work with schools in the Rutland and Colchester regions; the Windham Solid Waste Management District for work with schools in the Brattleboro region; the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District for work with schools in the NEK region; and, to NERC to work with schools in the Bennington region. The goal of the grant program is to help schools come into compliance with the requirements of Vermont's Universal Recycling law and help to educate the next generation of Vermonters on how easy and important it is to recycle and divert organics. Esther Fishman, Recycling Coordinator for the Londonderry Solid Waste Group was instrumental in working with NERC staff to ensure successful implementation of composting at the school. The school's Principal, Neal McIntyre, Facilities Director Greg Harrington, and Food Service Director Kelly Foster and her staff have been immensely supportive in making food scrap composting a reality at Flood Brook. Parents

and community members have stepped forward to provide monitoring during the first month of the food scrap collection to help train students in separating out the food scraps. Flood Brook students were certainly quick learners and enthusiastic supporters their first day of composting!

The collected food scraps are hauled by TAM Organics to their facility in Bennington.

For information on the Vermont School Project, contact [Athena Lee Bradley](#), Projects Manager. Tel. 802.254.3636



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West River Trail News

Over 40 guests joined the Friends of the West River Trail (FWRT) at the South Londonderry Depot on January 29th for its annual Open House. A short business meeting was followed by hearty refreshments and lively conversation. Visitors then heard exciting news and updates on current West River Trail projects!

Lower Section (Townshend to Brattleboro) trail developments include the recent realignment of the trail to accommodate bridge work on I-91 and the acquisition of the Riverstone Preserve, an ecologically significant parcel that extends between the Connecticut River and the rail bed of the West River Railroad, facilitated by the Vermont Land Trust. With generous sponsorship from the Norse House, the Upper Section (South Derry to Townshend) has printed the second edition of its trail map on durable water resistant paper and has plans to build and install permanent trail markers in old railroad mile-marker style with a grant from Thrifty Attic.

The highlight of the evening was an update on the status of the new West River Railroad Museum, being developed by the Historical Society of Windham County in their recently-acquired Old Newfane Railroad Station, presented by Laura Wallingford, President of the HSWC.

Lastly folks were reminded to Save the Date – first Saturday in June – for the 3rd annual “11 Miles of Trouble” WRT Run. Find more on all these stories and events on our website. www.westrivertrail.org.

Remember the West River Trail is scenic and peaceful, convenient and free, and open 24/7 year round, With gorgeous winter conditions, WHAT are you waiting for? Get out there!

VTel Proposes Broadband Service

VTel Wireless Inc. has submitted a '45 Day Advance Notice and Request for Recommendations' for a Wireless Communications Facility on property of Magic (Glebe) Mountain. The stated purpose of the project is "to bring high-speed, wireless broadband service to unserved and underserved homes and businesses throughout Vermont...including approximately 4300 homes and businesses in the area" and "to enable the use of SmartGrid technology for Green Mountain Power." The proposal states the Facility will include a new 140 foot tower and associated infrastructure near the existing telecommunications tower.

The Londonderry Planning Commission has requested and received technical assistance from the Windham Regional Commission to fully understand and respond appropriately to this proposal on behalf of the Town. The full proposal may be viewed at the Town Office or online at www.drm.com/londonderry01

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Neighborhood Connections

Neighborhood Connections is partnering with the AARP Free Tax-Aide program for the preparation of 2014 taxes. The agency will host two trained and certified tax representatives who will be in our office for a total of eight weeks every Wednesday beginning February 18th through April 8th from 12:30 until 3:30pm.

Each week during those hours there will be openings for 11 clients. To schedule an appointment or if you have any further questions, call 824-4343 Monday through Friday or stop by the office. Neighborhood Connections is located in The Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

Explore Holistic Healing @ The Meeting Place @ Neighborhood Connections with Susan McNulty. Susan, a licensed acupuncturist, who brings over 30 years of experience in Acupuncture, Chinese Herbs and Energy Medicine will present two sessions in February. As a healer, Susan McNulty practices many forms of Body Mind Medicine which promote well-being and longevity. If any of this is of interest to you, call 824-4343 to reserve a seat. All these programs are available to all at no charge.

FEB 9TH 10am - 11am

Emotional Freedom Tapping (EFT) with Susan McNulty. EFT is a form of psychological acupressure, based on the same energy meridians used in traditional acupuncture to treat physical and emotional ailments.

FEB 23rd 10am - 11am

ACUPUNCTURE EXPLAINED with Susan McNulty. Traditional Chinese medicine explains acupuncture as a technique for balancing the flow of energy believed to flow through meridians or pathways of the body. By inserting needles into specific points along these meridians, practitioners believe that your energy flow will re-balance.

And also at Neighborhood connections:

FEB 10th 1-2:30pm and FEB 17th

LEARN TO KNIT two mittens on one needle with Randee Keith. A knowledge of knitting a must. PLEASE bring the following materials: (2) oz. skeins of worsted wt yarn and (1) size 4 needle 24" or longer and enthusiasm.....

FEB 19th and 26th - 1-2:30pm

Computer Basics Using Word - Sue Stafford Parks will demonstrate how to create and save documents as well as how to organize files with Explorer. This is PC based only and participants need to bring their own laptops or tablets.

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Valentine's Dance at Magic Mountain To Benefit Pingree Park Revitalization Project



Dr. T and the Versatiles Bring the Magic Back on Valentine's Day, again!

Looking for a night of dinner, dancing and great music this Valentine's Day? Look no further than Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vermont. Saturday, February 14th, Dr. T and the Versatiles bring their '60's and '70's horn-driven Rock, R & B and Soul Music to the Magic Mountain Base Lodge from 8:00 to 11:00pm.

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Tickets for the dance may be purchased at the door. Admission will be \$8.00 for a single and \$15.00 for a couple. The Black Line Tavern in the Base Lodge will be open for dinner and drinks. (Food and drink are not included in admission.) In addition to great music and dancing, the Parks Board has assembled some great raffle items to be won throughout the evening. The concert is being sponsored by the Londonderry Town Parks Board for the benefit of the Pingree Park Revitalization Project, and the Board is thrilled to have such a great band returning to help raise funds for phase 2 of this project. Bring your Valentine out for a night of fun and help support a great community park!

Thank you to Thrifty Attic

As the Londonderry Parks Board continues to work on Phase Two of the Pingree Park Revitalization Project, we would like to thank the Thrifty Attic Board for its generous contribution of a set of new aluminum bleachers at the ball fields. This donation will also be used as matching funds as the Parks Board applies for additional grant money. We hope to turn one set of bleachers into two, so both ball fields can have seating. The Thrifty Attic is a valued organization in our community and the Parks Board thanks them for their continued support of our shared community resources. Thank you for helping us maintain and improve Londonderry's Town Parks.

Sincerely,
Londonderry Parks Board

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad - Thank you to the "Envelope Stuffers"

LVRS would like to thank all the volunteers that showed up Sunday at the LVRS Headquarters. Those 8,000 envelopes will go a long way to help finance LVRS for the coming year. Since LVRS is a "free service", community support of the stuffing and raffle allows LVRS to function in the future. LVRS serves the tri- mountain towns of Londonderry, South Londonderry, Winhall, Jamaica, Stratton, Peru, Landgrove, Weston, and Windham. Thanks again for your support!!

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BINGO in WESTON!!

Every Monday night at 6:30PM, the Weston Rod & Gun Club sponsors BINGO Night to support the Weston Recreation Center.



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



CHAMPION FIRE DEPARTMENT

South Londonderry

Champion Fire Department would like to thank those that attended an Informational Meeting @ Champion Fire House, regarding the New Fire Truck Proposal on January 14th.



Community Calendar

The Town has established a community calendar on the town's website at www.londonderryvt.org. See the left sidebar on the home page for a link to the calendar. In addition to showing meetings and events related to town government, the calendar is intended to help inform the public of community meetings and events being held by other organizations and nonprofits as well. We hope that the calendar will help to preclude scheduling conflicts between events and meetings. If you are an organization, nonprofit, church, or other entity planning an event open to the public, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-824-3356 or londontown@fairpoint.net to put an event on the Community Calendar.



Library Thanks the Thrifty Attic

The South Londonderry Free Library would like to thank the Board members and all the volunteers at The Thrifty Attic for its very generous grant to bar code all the books in your 'House of Books.' This grant will make it possible for the library to join Library World who in turn will place all the books and holdings in 'The Cloud' enabling patrons to see what the library has to offer via whatever internet device you have, from anywhere. This on-going project will take a long time to implement and any help or expertise will be appreciated.

The library thanks everyone at The Thrifty for their tireless efforts in supporting us and all the other local non-profit organizations in the community.

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. Please only submit word or documents that can be edited. 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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Town of Londonderry
DOG LICENSE
Due April 1, 2015



RABIES CLINIC
Londonderry Town Office
March 12, 2015
9:30-11:30

\$15.00 fee, courtesy of Green Mountain Veterinary
Dogs and Cats welcome
Update your rabies shot and register your family pet all in
the same place!

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Want to vote at town meeting and not a registered voter?
Stop by the town office before 5:00pm on February 25 and register,
before time runs out!

Candidate's Night Scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM Londonderry Town Office Building

Candidate's Night is an annual event held for the purpose of giving candidates for town government positions a chance to announce their candidacy, speak about their interest in the position, and answer questions from the public. It is also a chance for the public find out who is running and ask questions. Whether you are interested in running for an office or hearing from the candidates, please join us on the above date for this important event.

Londonderry Transfer Station *and* Recycling Center Hours

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., Sat. 9am to 4pm

Pilot program – Sunday hours 10am to 2pm



The Londonderry Parks board is looking for volunteers to attend the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Lets Go Fishing volunteer training. More information can be found at <http://www.mychamplain.net/letsgofishing>.
2015 Let's Go Fishing Clinic Schedule:
Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the Fish & Wildlife District office in Essex Junction
Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Kehoe Green Mountain Conservation Camp in Castleton
If you are interested in attending one of these clinics or volunteering, please email Cathy at letsgofishing@mychamplain.net or give her a call at 802-879-3466 for details.