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Letter from the Editor:

Once again the beauty of Vermont and the bounty of Mother Nature has provided a most beautiful spring. The daffodils & tulips that erupted in a riot of fresh color, have faded to make room for the lilacs that are about to perfume the country side. I love to drive around and see (and sometimes smell!) the farms, gardens, homes and nature all becoming lush, green, spruced up and buzzing with the new season's business.

Our town also has erupted with its new business to accomplish this season. Parks and playgrounds being built, conservation burns to encourage new growth, special collections at the transfer station, meetings and events all happening for you! A productive beautiful spring – the perfect segue to what is hopefully a beautiful and productive summer!

I would be remiss if I didn't also honor another gift from Mother Nature. Happy Fathers Day to the incredible men in our community! I would like to thank all the men out there who contribute to our town, their loved ones and families – whether you are technically a father or not!

Darcy Duval

LONDONDERRY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE PRESCRIBED BURN AT THE PROUTY PROPERTY

On the 7th of May, a crew of fire fighters from the South Londonderry Fire Department assisted by volunteers from the Rugg Valley Landscaping Co. and the Londonderry Conservation Commission, all under the direction of Kevin Beattie and “Nort” Phillips, began a controlled burn of eight and one half acres of the Prouty Property in Londonderry. Before beginning the burn, the “burn boss”, Kevin Beattie, consulted with the National Weather Service in Albany which recommended as the actual date for starting the burn any acceptable burn window occurring between the dates of March 7th and May 12th. Kevin's choice of the 7th of May turned out to be fortunate; the wind was light and the weather fair. Around noon Kevin briefed the crew about their separate responsibilities, pointing out that a border had been mowed around each of the three areas to be burned, to keep the flames within the prescribed area. Shortly thereafter the diesel torch bearers set fire to the first area.

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The burn's purpose was to reduce or eliminate the encroaching woody vegetation, to improve desirable plant production, i.e. cold season grasses, to enhance desirable plant seed production and finally, to encourage grassland songbird habitat.

Great care was taken to see that the fire was contained to the prescribed areas. The fire fighters wore their protective gear and the volunteers were instructed to wear cotton, non-flammable clothing. All told the project fulfilled the expectations outlined in the burn plan, which describes the fuel for the fire at the Prouty fields as "mostly grasses and other cured forbs and small woody encroachment such as cherry and spirea". "Forb" the dictionary defines as "a broad-leaved herb other than a grass, especially one growing in a field, prairie or meadow."



(10 days after the burn)



Thanks to all involved!

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SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Londonderry, VT.....Come on out to Jake's Restaurant and Tavern on Wednesday, June 18th and enjoy a spaghetti dinner to benefit Neighborhood Connections. Adults pay \$15 and children under 12 just \$7 for a tossed salad, spaghetti topped with Jake's signature sauce, your choice of meatballs or sausage, homemade Italian bread and brownies. The fundraising spaghetti dinner is being offered from 4-9pm.

Neighborhood Connections is a non-profit public health education and social services agency located in The Mountain Marketplace- across the parking lot from Jake's. For more information, contact Jake's at 824-6614.

South Londonderry Bone Builders meet every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 – 10:30 am at the Town Office. BB is a research-based osteoporosis-prevention program sponsored by RSVP. There is no fee. Equipment provided. Wear comfortable clothing and tennis or exercise shoes. For more info, call Wanda at 875-3103. We invite you to join us.

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GNAT TV INFORMATION

Greater Northshire Access Television, our local cable access TV station (Channel 8), is a non-profit community media center and broadcast TV station; broadcasting to 7000 homes in eleven towns and online at: www.gnat.tv GNAT's mission is to provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training and information for our regional community.

GNAT is available to help get news and information out about the on goings, activities and events in Londonderry, Weston, Peru, Landgrove, Stratton, Winhall, etc. GNAT's Digital Community Bulletin Board is available to anyone in the community wishing to share (non-commercial) information with the public. Send your announcements (who, what, when, where) to: bulletinboard@gnat-tv.org. You can also create a "Video Press Release". GNAT will help you create short video announcements for your community event, non-profit organization or cause. You can go to the GNAT Studio or GNAT will come to you. It's fun, free and easy!

For more information, visit: www.gnat-tv.org, e-mail Garrison Buxton, Field Production Coordinator: garrison@gnat-tv.org, or call the studio at 802.362.7070.

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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, June 7, 2014 *and* Saturday, October 4, 2014

9am – 1pm Flood Brook Union School Route 11, Londonderry, VT

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 Flushers, 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**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Electronics check the web site for information

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 Police Department at 6039 Main St.

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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PINGREE PARK

The new playground is being installed from May 29 to June 1st by an amazing group of community members! Thank you to all for your generosity and dedication.

The cement needs a few days to cure. The park, including the new playground will be open for regular operating hours starting Wednesday, June 4th. We will announce the date of the tennis court resurfacing in June. The Parks Board will continue work of the nature trail, the dog park and the installation of power. Thank you all for your patience while this work is being done. Come enjoy this beautiful facility during this Park Season!

To all those who contributed to the Pingree
Park revitalization project
Thank You for Your Support

The Vermont Country Store, Robin and Tony Kurjiaka, The Maple Leaf Diner, Clarks IGA, The Swiss Inn, Londonderry Hardware, The Grape Connection, Wayne's Auto, Felicity Haselton, Alexander's Tae Kwon Do, The Stove Depot, Main Street Hare- Doni & Gail, Joan Newman, Claudia DeKany, Manchester Sports, Peabody Mountain Apiaries, Johnny Seesaws, The Sudzy Pup, The Pantry, Kramer Plumbing and Heating, Bondville Bloomist, Mick & Wendy Arace, Jake's Café, Stephen Twitchell, Londonderry Coiffures-Jen Ciccione, The Mill Tavern, Harts All Season Maintenance, Ana Kelly, Jelley's Deli, Lisa Sicotte, Dancing Hands Creations, Mountain Lake Creations, Roz & Jason Klezos, JOSH & AMY DRYDEN, Duane & Melissa Hart, Erwin & Arlene Hodge, Juliette & Tim Britton, Joseph Baxter, Jessica Citera, Susan Wyman, Jo-an Armstrong, John & Robin Carroll, Sara Niklas, John & Colleen Gometz,

REAL SPORTS & The Lathrop Family, The San Miguel Family, The McIntyre Family, The Cavagnino Family, Jean Jordan, John & Caroline Jopling, Phil Pabst, The Russell Family, The Jensen Family, Claire & Bob Trask, Maya & Brian Drummond, Bob & Barbara Wells, Marcia Camp, The Sutka Family, Walter & Mary Scott, Jean Decell, Charles Johnson & Barbara Plunkett, William Barnes, Stanley & Ruth Forstrom, Pete & Judy Cobb, Paul Friedman, M. C. Mueller, Glenn & Diana Cipriani, The Inn @ Weston, Karin Karol, Amy Corwin, The Pagnucco Family, The Demski Family, Nancy Fall, Esther Fishman & Richard Korsun, The Trizzino Family, Andrea & John Ogden, Blue Flame Gas, Londonderry Ventures, Laransu Corp, Marianna McGuffin, Joan Dayton, The Kretchmer Family, Benjamin & Jennifer Freeman, Susan & Schuyler Foulkes, Gretchen Reilly, Connie & Allan Rogers, Cynthia & Larry Gubb, Stratton Mountain Resort, Paul & Jan Gordon, Barry & Wendy Rowland, Roger & Jasmine Melzer, People's United Bank, Lennox Family Foundation, Robert & Berthe Cowles, The Wieland Family, rk miles, Emmett Dunbar & Lini Mazumdar, The Wark Family, The Gibney Family, Kerri Maclaury, Steven & Carol Maclaury, The Pajala Family, Darcy Duval & Mike Goodbody, Bob Maisey, Steve Prouty, Magic Mountain, Dr. T and the Versatiles, Sandra Clark, Green Mountain Pharmacy, The Garden Restaurant, Delta Dryden, Londonderry Butcher Block, Missy Baird, Dodie Crossman, Jim and Pam Ameden, Mike and Tammy's Marketplace, Grandma Millers, C & J Septic, The New American Grill, South Derry Scoops, Phoenix Fire Department #6, Mike Arace, The Colwes Family, Debbie O'Leary & Roger Sheehan, Katherine stone, RK Miles, Susie Wyman, The State of Vermont's Buildings and General Services Department and the Town of Londonderry.

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The Collaborative has two community events coming up June 7th & 14th that we would like to announce!

June 7th is the West River Trail Run. The run starts at 9:00 am at the South Londonderry Depot and goes for 11 miles along the West River Trail to Jamaica State Park. Registration is online at <http://thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/> or the night before the race at the Depot from 6:00 - 8:00 pm or the morning before the race at the Depot from 7:45 - 8:30 am. Single runners are \$50 and relay teams of 3 are \$75. Goodies bags and prize bags, prize raffle, and participating supports fun, healthy educational programming for youth in the area.

June 14th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm is the Community Garden Potluck in the garden behind Flood Brook School. Everyone should bring a dish to share and their own plate and utensils. This is a leave no trace event! In case of rain, the potluck is rescheduled for Saturday, June 21st.

Summer Program - Londonderry Arts and Historical Society

Londonderry Arts and Historical Society will again be participating in the Vermont History Expo on June 21 and 22 in Tunbridge. The show will feature our artists of 1940s - 1970s. (Volunteers needed for our booth on Sunday - call 375 4807 to sign up.)

An expanded version of the Expo show will be on exhibit for the month of July at the Custer Sharp house on Middletown Road, open 10-1 on Saturdays, a short walk up from the Farmers' Market.

Our annual meeting will be held on June 26, 5pm, at the Middletown Schoolhouse (former Masonic Hall) featuring art expert, Barbara Melhado. All are welcome to bring art work from local artists for her to examine and discuss at no charge.

And on Friday, August 15, 4pm LAHS will co-sponsor with Landgrove Meeting House a talk by Greg Sharrow on "Farming In Vermont". Thank you! Any questions call Mimi Wright 824.6560

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BDCC launches search for Executive Director

Dan Normandeau, President of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), announced today that the 60 year old regional development corporation has launched its search for the next Executive Director.

Normandeau said, "This is an exciting time for BDCC as we continue to grow and serve the economic development needs of the greater Brattleboro and Windham County region." The primary objective of the organization is to create and retain a flourishing business community that supports vibrant fiscal activity, and improves the quality of life of all its residents. BDCC has an affiliated organization, Southeast Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) which for the last 3 years has been developing an economic plan for Windham County. This active, community centered organization has been successful in attaining several state and federal grants to assist with the economic planning of the area.

BDCC is looking for an experienced economic development leader for the exciting position with a minimum of ten years' experience and proven leadership skills. Interested parties can view the full job description at www.brattleborodevelopment.com or contact the Interim Director, Stephan Morse, at 802- 257- 7731.

BDCC hopes to have the Executive Director position filled by September 1st. For additional info contact: Stephan Morse, BDCC Interim Executive Director at 802-257-7731 802-257-7731 ext 224

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

The Londonderry Monthly is a community building and communications project of the Town of Londonderry. 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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