

# The Londonderry Monthly

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## Letter from the Editor:

Sometimes the news is just too much. Too sad. The Governor feels drug abuse is an epidemic. People are suffering in this endless economic downturn thru homelessness, poverty, starvation, loss of jobs etc. But as I go thru the information in this May's monthly – I'm heartened – and hope you are too – by the immense amount of GOOD NEWS. People in our community are offering free services, free concerts & movies, donating to our many underfunded charities & parks, working with our school children on art projects for the community, working to create emergency shelters, being appointed to important roles in our state government, free CPR classes, Green Up Day & green thumbs – the list goes on.

Once again, the selflessness of our community members, their hard work and commitment to our town, motivates the rest of us, gives us pride in our community and hope for our future. I apologize for sounding like a broken record - but I'm always amazed and impressed by our little town & the enormous community spirit it has. Again, I want to thank everybody for their continued efforts and support. Enjoy all this GREAT INFO!!!

Darcy Duval

## South Londonderry Free Library

The South Londonderry Free Library is gearing up for its annual Gigantic Book, Plant, Bake and Tag Sale to be held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm.

We have books galore in all categories but the Library is requesting items for its popular White Elephant Sale, for plants you would like to share, and for baked goods.

If you have household treasures that you won't ever use, and are cluttering up your attic or your life, please consider making donations for the benefit of the Library. We will be accepting household items in good, clean condition such as small tables, art work, linens, antiques or collectibles, toys in working order, and sports equipment. Please - no clothing, skis, stuffed animals or electronics of any kind.

For information about the time and place to donate things, or if you would like to help out on the day, please contact the Library at 824-3371, Mary Sikes at 824-3370, Gun Burns at 824-4525 or Marge Malko at 824-4031.

Library Hours are: Mondays – 10 to noon & 1-5 pm; Wednesdays - 10 to noon, 1-5 & 7-9pm; Fridays – 10 to noon & 1 to 5 on Saturdays we are open 10 am to 1 pm. Our email address is: [southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com).

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## Park Season Has Arrived

The snow is nearly gone, the temperatures are slowly rising, and Pingree Park is almost ready for action. There are some signs of progress in the Park. David Chaves Excavating and all of its crew members spent a day getting the playground site ready for the new equipment. The grade has been raised and the area flattened out. On top of looking great, the changes should help with drainage in the playground area. Thanks to David Chaves Excavating for donating all the labor and material for site work.

The Town Parks Board is making arrangements for the Community Build of the new playground on May 30-31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed for both days, and all ages and skill levels are welcome. The playground build will be supervised by two representatives from Ultiplay Parks and Playgrounds. Work will begin at Pingree at 7:00 AM but any amount of time that people can offer is greatly appreciated. We are in need of some simple tools. Volunteers are encouraged to bring shovels, rakes, work gloves and wheelbarrows. The new playground is just the first step in rebuilding this beautiful community resource. If you are interested in helping call 824 3356 or email [londonderrytownparks@gmail.com](mailto:londonderrytownparks@gmail.com).

Baseball season is just beginning at Pingree. The Flood Brook Athletic Association held their first practice on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The annual ball field clean up is April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30. Baseball and T-ball practices will be taking place most afternoons through June. Come support our community's baseball program and watch a few innings.

A unique fund raising opportunity has just been announced for the Pingree Park Revitalization Project. **Felicity Haselton** has been teaching Belly fit classes in the community for the last several months. She was just given permission to use the Old Town Hall building on Middletown Road in South Londonderry for classes two days a week. Classes will be held Wednesdays from 5-6 and Fridays from 4-5 starting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. As a "thank you" for the use of the space, classes for the month of May will be "by donation" and all funds collected will go directly to the Pingree Park Revitalization fund. Consider coming to a class to help support the improvements at Pingree Park. For more information about Belly fit please email [felicityhaselton@gmail.com](mailto:felicityhaselton@gmail.com).

The gates to Pingree Park will be open for regular operating hours after mud season is over. We hope to see you at Pingree Park soon!

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## **Volunteers Needed for Operating an American Red Cross Shelter in Londonderry!**

The Town of Londonderry is working toward getting Flood Brook School designated as a Red Cross emergency shelter facility. Part of that process is finding about a dozen volunteers who could be available in times of emergency to staff and operate the shelter when needed. Volunteers will need to take a 4 hour course to be qualified. Since this shelter would be used to serve the four town region that the school serves, we would welcome volunteers from Peru, Landgrove, and Weston as well. This is a great opportunity to become involved with helping your town and your neighbors in times of emergency!

The required training course is being offered for shelter volunteers in Jamaica on May 31. See the shelter training poster below for details. Any interested persons should contact Kevin Beattie, Londonderry Emergency Management, at 802-824-3356 or [kevnshar@comcast.net](mailto:kevnshar@comcast.net).

A collaborative effort between:



**American Red Cross**  
Vermont & the New Hampshire  
Upper Valley Region

*Town of Londonderry*

## **Volunteers Needed**

*Help empower our community to open a  
shelter during times of disaster!*

The American Red Cross is providing the Town of Londonderry the equipment and training necessary to open a local disaster shelter quickly and independently at the Flood Brook School.

Be part of a team of local volunteers that will stand ready to open such a shelter should disaster strike.

**Sign up for the Shelter Fundamentals training and become part of the team. This training is being done collaboratively with the Town of Jamaica**

### **Shelter Training**

**Time: 9:30-1:30**

**Date: Saturday 5/31/14**

**At: The Masonic Lodge**

**3580 VT RT 30, Jamaica**

To sign up for this training, contact:

Local contact: Kevin Beattie,

Londonderry Emergency Management

Director at 802-824-3356 or

[kevnshar@comcast.net](mailto:kevnshar@comcast.net)

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## GARDENING SERIES OFFERED AT NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Londonderry, VT.... Spring has finally sprung and Neighborhood Connections, in conjunction with the Windham County Extension Master Gardeners, is offering a series of gardening lectures to kick off the season.

On Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bill Sheldon, a Windsor County Extension Master Gardener will demonstrate how to garden with no weeds, no work and increased productivity. As a Certified Square Foot Gardening instructor, Bill will demonstrate the practice of planning and creating small but intensively planted vegetable, herb or flower gardens in only 20% of the space required for a conventional row garden.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Ron Hebert, an Extension Master Composter and past primary instructor in the UVM Master Composter Certification Program will demonstrate making and using hot compost to dramatically improve all types of gardening soil.

On May 6th, Cheryl Wilfong, a Windham County Extension Master Gardener and author of *The Meditative Gardener*, will

discuss lasagna gardening – a no-till method of building the garden by layering organic materials that “cook” over time, resulting in rich, fluffy soil.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mary Claire Schwartz, a Rutgers Union County Extension Master Gardener will present a power point presentation on ticks – how to identify them and the dangers they pose.

The gardening lectures are scheduled from 10am- noon at The Meeting Place @ Neighborhood Connections and are of no charge to the public. Space is limited, so call 824-4343 to reserve your seat today. Neighborhood Connections is a non-profit public health education and social services agency located in The Mountain Marketplace, Londonderry.

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**The Londonderry Transfer Station will begin accepting food scraps on May 3rd** Countertop & Under counter collection buckets will be available for sale at a reduced rate.



If it was edible, it can be composted including meat and bones! For information visit [londonderryvt.org/](http://londonderryvt.org/)  
Email [londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net)

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## Green Up Day

**Saturday May 3rd 2014**

Green bags can be picked up at the Transfer Station, Clark's IGA, at the town office and at People's United Bank in the Londonderry shopping plaza.

Bags can be dropped off, free of charge, at the Transfer Station and in Londonderry's dump trucks which will be parked at the Mill Restaurant parking lot in Londonderry and The Depot in South Londonderry on May 3<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to start picking up prior to May 3, get your bag/s, green up and take the bags to the Transfer Station.

Esther Fishman and Maureen Cronin are coordinators for this year's clean up and either can be called or emailed with questions or to volunteer.

**Thanks to all that have volunteered to make Londonderry a cleaner, greener place.**

Esther Fishman 824-3306  
[londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net)

Maureen Cronin 824-3782  
[maureen4590@yahoo.com](mailto:maureen4590@yahoo.com)  
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Are you signed up?  
**11 Miles of Trouble:  
West River Trail Run  
Saturday June 7**  
Contact: 824.4200 or  
[thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/](http://thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/)

## LVRS

**Emergency Medical Services Week**

Emergency Medical Services Week is going to be occurring throughout Vermont from May 18th to the 24th. LVRS will be hosting an open door CPR training on Thursday May 22, 2014 at the LVRS headquarters at 6668 Route 100, Londonderry, Vermont from 4-8 PM. Anyone over the age of 11 is welcome to practice "hands only" CPR using manikins. Spend a half hour or just 15 minutes to acquaint yourself with this technique. Hands only CPR can be very successful if done correctly to help resuscitate someone at an accident, pool, restaurant, etc. The American Heart Association feels that simple "hands only" CPR is the most important way to help resuscitate an individual. With more public knowledge there would be better care given, until medical personnel arrive on the scene. LVRS continues to function well when the community is informed and trained to assist. Be active in your community, your CPR participation could save a life!

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**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 information, call Wanda at 875-3103. We invite you to join us.

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## Shoe Barn Wall Mural

Flood Brook art students are progressing quickly now with their design for the Shoe Barn Wall mural as originally planned. FBS Art Director Casey Bailey and Garrison Buxton of ADHOC Art chose a garden theme for the kids to design, inspired by Lois Elbert's lovely book *Planting a Rainbow*. In recent classes, the younger kids have created spectacular artwork for the mural. The middle school students then cut stencils of all their unique and colorful flowers, bugs and fairy

houses. Creating stencils will allow the professional artists to paint the designs on the Shoe Barn Wall as soon as approved by the Town, VTrans and funders. In addition, having stencils will enable the students to paint a mural themselves within the school grounds, to get the feel of transferring their work by stencil and to work in the larger scale of public art.

At this time, public comment is invited and may be directed to the Town Office [londontown@vermontel.net](mailto:londontown@vermontel.net)



FLOOD BROOK SCHOOL ART STUDENTS Led by Casey Junker Bailey and Garrison Buxton ADHOC Art Sponsored by Thrifty Attic Inc. and Wantastiquet Rotary for the Town of Londonderry

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## ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT

**FREE** to residents & charities  
**Businesses must call ahead to make arrangements**

**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014 9AM - 1PM**



at THE LONDONDERRY TRANSFER STATION  
RTE 100, LONDONDERRY, VT

For information call 824-3306, email [londonrecycle@vermontel.net](mailto:londonrecycle@vermontel.net),  
[www.londonderryvt.org](http://www.londonderryvt.org)

### WHAT TO BRING:

- \*Computers \*Monitors \*Televisions \*Copiers
- \*Microwaves \*FAX Machines \*Typewriters
- \*VCRs and anything else with a cord

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## **Alfred Hitchcock to Visit South Londonderry. Twice!**

The public is invited to two events in early May celebrating the career and legacy of famed film director Alfred Hitchcock, both taking place at the restored South Londonderry Depot on Route 100 and hosted by the Friends of the West River Trail. The Depot is handicapped-accessible.

The first, on Friday, May 2, at 7:00 PM will be a presentation of Hitchcock's career, supported by clips of his most renowned works, by film expert Rick Winston.

Hitchcock famously said "Some films are slices of life; mine are slices of cake." His career spanned forty years and many film eras. Mr. Winston will discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft, exploring his favorite themes, his relationship with his collaborators, and his wry sense of humor no matter how grisly the subject matter. By drawing on twelve excerpts, starting with his 1925 silent *The Lodger* and continuing through to his Hollywood classics such as *Notorious* and *Rear Window*, Winston will illuminate the arc of Hitchcock's brilliant career.

Rick Winston grew up in Yonkers, New York, and became hooked watching old films on TV at a young age. He went to Columbia College and University of California, Berkeley. He moved to Vermont in 1970 and founded the Lightning Ridge Film Society, which morphed into the Savoy Theater in 1981. He was a founder of the Green Mountain Film Festival and was its Programming Director until 2012. He and his wife Andrea Serota sold the Savoy in 2009, and since then, he has been teaching film at Burlington College and Community College of Vermont.

Mr. Winston's presentation is sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council as part of its Speakers Bureau program. The Vermont Humanities Council is dedicated to creating a State in which every individual reads, participates in public affairs, and continues to learn throughout life.

Thanks to the sponsorship by the Humanities Council, there is no cost to attend. Voluntary contributions to support the upkeep of the Depot will be gratefully accepted, but are not required.

Two weeks later, on May 16 at 7:30 PM, the Friends of the West River Trail will present a screening of "The Trouble with Harry", perhaps Mr. Hitchcock's most comedic venture, though still with a touch of the macabre. The story is set, and partially filmed, in Vermont and, unlike some of Mr. Hitchcock's films, will not afflict its viewers with recurring nightmares. Fledgling performers appearing in "Harry" include Jerry Mathers, before "Leave it to Beaver", and Shirley MacLaine (her film debut) alongside veterans John Forsythe and Edmond Gwenn.

Admission to the movie is free with donations generously accepted, again with all funds collected dedicated to the preservation of the historic South Londonderry Depot.

Alfred Hitchcock was a master of suspense, mystery, at times horror and even humor. Please join the Friends of the West River Trail as they celebrate his storied career. To learn more about the Friends of the West River trail, and the trail itself, please visit [www.westrivertrail.org](http://www.westrivertrail.org).

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## AFTER THE FLOOD REPORT

The “After the Flood” Summary Report, which is available on the town’s website, was accepted by the Londonderry Select Board at their April 7, 2014 meeting. This report is the result of a workshop and meetings in 2013 supported by the Center for Creative Solutions at Marlboro College, the Windham Regional Commission and the Town of Londonderry. The approaches listed are ideas for two of the five parcels the town will be acquiring through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Select Board has not taken a position on any of these approaches. There will be community meetings to further brainstorm and plan possible outcomes for these properties to help mitigate future flood damage and provide additional amenities for the community. Additionally, the town voted at the March 2014 Annual Meeting to support continued planning for the reuse and redesign of the five buyout properties and to support seeking available grant funding options for final design, engineering and implementation. Please click this [link](#) to the Londonderry Renewal website for further information and your ability to provide input.

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Statement on Governor Shumlin's Commerce Secretary Announcement

by:

**Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) Board of Trustees and  
Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) Board of  
Directors**

We would like to congratulate the Governor on his excellent choice (of Londonderry’s own **Pat Powden**) for Secretary of the Agency of Commerce. It should come as no surprise that we view the Governor's announcement with mixed feelings. Though Pat has only been with BDCC for just over a year and serving as Executive Director for three months, her decades of experience in economic development, including state government, have been exceptionally helpful in guiding the development of some new functions in BDCC's organization. These include BDCC's continuing long term CDBG-DR disaster recovery funding work as well as the development of the Windham Higher Education Cooperative and the Cooperative's Internship Program. We will miss having Pat here on a daily basis, but we look forward to continuing to work closely with her and her agency on developing the regional and state economy.

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## SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY CHORUS

Presents: Songs of Inspiration, Hope and Freedom  
Director Ken Olsson

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm at the Grafton Church  
55 Main Street, Grafton

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm at First Congregational Church  
77 Main Street, Springfield  
(attendance is free, donations accepted)

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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).

### **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](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.