

The Londonderry Monthly

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Letter from the Editor:

September!! September 21st is the last day of summer, marking the beginning of fall, which, for Vermonters, can be a blessing and a curse. The change in seasons, the colors of the foliage, hunting season, cooler weather, returning to school – are all reasons for some to celebrate. The onslaught of leaf-peepers, the traffic on labor day weekend, returning to school, cold weather – are all reasons to contemplate hibernation. But I think the positives far outweigh the negatives!

September leaps out of the gate with an immediate celebration. Labor Day! A long weekend gets the party started, celebrating the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. With all the activities listed in this month's issue and the achievements of the community of Londonderry, we deserve it!!

We will enjoy our scenic close of summer with swims and barbeques while the weather holds and snuggle into the approaching fall and all its unfolding beauty.
Darcy Duval

The Londonderry Conservation Commission vs Wild Chervil

On the afternoon of June 12th Irwin Kuperberg, Kathie Stone and I uprooted wild chervil along several locations along routes 100 and 11. To the casual observer it may have seemed that we were out of our minds, but instead we were going up against an “invasive species” called Wild Chervil, a weed belonging to the parsley family that has been discovered in central Vermont and has decided to go forth and multiply. Wild Chervil looks a lot like Wild Carrot when it flowers in late May to early June, except that chervil's flowers have no bracts; wild carrot does. A “bract” is a scale like plant part located just below the flower according to the American Heritage Dictionary.

A couple of days after the gathering of the chervil, two of our party burned what we had gathered on a bonfire after obtaining a fire permit from Jim Twitchell, Londonderry's Fire Warden. There had been a heavy rain the night before. Some Japanese Knotweed, another invasive that had been harvested during an earlier foray, also went up in the blaze. For more information about invasive plants the internet may be consulted or you may call the invasive species hot line number, 1-800-563-7711 and report sightings of invasives.

Bob Trask
Londonderry Conservation Commission

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The West River Montessori School

The WRMS is pleased to announce our new and returning staff for the 2014/15 school year. Our new teachers are, Ms. Mellisa King as our new full time teacher, Ms. Lisa Rufa as our licensed teacher, Mrs. Julia as our aftercare teacher, and Mrs. Renata returning as our Director and Montessori Teacher. We are very proud of our staff. All of our teachers have Montessori training, early childhood and education credentials with more than ten years of teaching experience.

To better serve our community we are now partners with BRSU, WCED and WSCU school districts. Our Program is still open for enrollment, spaces are limited, please contact our office at 802-824-5033 to secure your child's space.

AND....the Bottle Drive is back at the West River Montessori School. We are looking forward to another successful year with our Bottle Drive fundraising in 2014. The Bottle Drive will start in September and run through November. All you have to do is collect your recyclable bottles, then drop off the bottles at the West River Montessori School. This is a great way to support our program and to recycle your trash. We are very grateful for community support the Bottle Drive received last year and appreciate the local support of our program.

Pingree Park!!



The tennis court at Pingree has been resurfaced and painted. It is ready for action.

Recycling:

The food scrap collection program at The Londonderry Transfer Station is gaining momentum. Thank you for your participation. Here's is what we've collected so far: May - 1250 lbs., June - 2750 lbs., July - 1250 lbs. So, in three months we've collected 5250 lbs., more than 2 1/2 tons. WOW! You can help spread the word by letting a neighbor or friend know about the program. For information on what to (and what not to) compost, how it works and compost bins for sale, go to <http://londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/composting/>.

Esther Fishman
Recycling Coordinator

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Hosting Second Gardening Series

The Spring Gardening Series was so popular, the Windham County Extension Master Gardeners are back with a new line-up of interesting garden topics, hosted by @ The Meeting Place @ Neighborhood Connections. The series begins at 10am on Tuesday September 9th and continues each Tuesday until the end of the month.

On **September 9th**, Marie Caduto, Watershed Coordinator for ANR/Department of Environmental Conservation will discuss *Rain Gardens*. A rain garden is a beautiful landscape feature specially designed to collect and filter storm water run-off before it travels downstream and pollutes our abundant streams, ponds, rivers and lakes.

On **September 16th**, Bob Butler Little Tree, Master Gardener, Certified Tree Steward and a Vermont Forest Pest First Detector, will talk about *Creating Balance in Our Neighborhood*. Little Tree, a citizen of the Pootatuck Band of the Paugussett Nation, will introduce us to the plants, fungi, insects and animals beneficial to Biodiversity. He will then discuss invasive plants and insects which we have in our landscapes and explain

why it is important to consider replacing them with native plants.

On Tuesday, **September 23rd**, Master Gardener and Mindfulness Meditation teacher Cheryl Wilfong returns to discuss *Mindfulness in the Garden*. Offering a rich bouquet of Buddha's teachings, Cheryl invites us to stroll through our gardens, focusing on the joy they bring us.

The end of summer presents both a challenge and opportunity in the vegetable garden. On

September 30th, EMG Steve Squires will discuss cover crops, fall planting, mulching the winter bed plus weed and insect control in his *Putting the Vegetable Garden to Bed* presentation. Space is limited, so please call 824-4343 to reserve your seat.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based non-profit social services agency serving individuals and families in the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont. With particular emphasis on those most vulnerable, we respond to community-identified needs with a range of social services and health-related programs, working first with resources already existing in our local communities. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

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Mountain Valley Open Golf Tournament Annual Benefit for Mountain Valley Medical Clinic is fast approaching, Thursday Sept 11, at Tater Hill Country Club. 18 Hole 4-Player Scramble with Team Skins. Registration at 11 a.m. 2014 shot gun start 12 noon. 4 Player golf scramble all abilities welcome. Entry fee \$95 dollars per entrant includes golf, cart, player gift pack, silent auction and buffet. Jean Cavanagh award 1st low gross 2nd low gross 1st, 2nd and 3rd low net. 1st low net womens team. This is a very fun day with a great silent auction. To sign up or if you have any questions call Susie Wyman 802-824-3537 or email: info@ourclinic.org.

Join members of the **Manchester Green Mountain Club** on Friday September 12 to hike the relocated Old Job Trail from FR 30 to Old Job Shelter and then onto Big Branch Shelter and out to FR 10. This is total distance of 3.2 miles, with only several hundred feet elevation gain. It is an easy hike. Meet at 8am at the Little Rock Pond parking lot on FR 10 to leave cars and drive around to FR 30. Bring snack, fluids, extra layers - RSVP Marge Fish at <marge.fish@gmail.com> or 802-824-3662 or Bob Whitney at 802-375-4125.

Select Board meetings for the month of September will be held on Sept. 8 and Sept 22 due to the Labor Day Holiday. We 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. (Except Sept 1st – Labor Day Holiday)

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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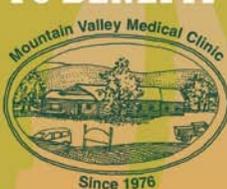


in the Country

SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST
4-6PM

Come enjoy the sounds of a local favorite,
BLUE FLAMES STEEL BAND

DONATIONS COLLECTED TO BENEFIT



on the patio at J.J. Hapgood Store in Peru.
Bring a lawn chair & your dancing shoes.

Caribbean Inspired BBQ Dinner.
Rain or shine.



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