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Letter from the Editor:

Happy 4th of July America!! Every year we get to celebrate our independence and freedom thanks to some forward thinking gentlemen who wrote and adopted the Declaration of Independence July 4th 1776, legally separating the 13 colonies from Great Britain.

I have to admit it's been a while since 3rd grade history, but it's good to remember why we celebrate the 4th of July. Hauling the flags and bunting out as symbols to ourselves and the world that we honor and cherish our freedom 238 years later.

Londonderry will proudly celebrate America's Independence on July 5th with a parade at 11AM that ends at the Clarke's IGA plaza with food and vendors. Fireworks will be shot off at Magic Mountain Ski area, opening @ 6pm with a Beatles cover band The Butties and serving food and beverages.

I think as we look around the world at the war and oppression in the Middle East, Russia, South Africa and all over the globe, that we can take this collective moment as Americans and be grateful to the foresight these people had to fight and win our freedoms and to put pen to paper creating one of the greatest documents ever written.

Darcy Duval

Play Time at Pingree Park

As of Father's Day the new playground at Pingree Park in Londonderry is finished and open for fun. After a year of planning and fundraising there are new swings, a crawl tube, a bouncy seesaw and a climbing structure with slides. There is equipment appropriate for ages 2-12 and includes accessible activities. The playground is just the first sign of renewal that will spring up at the park this year. A practice backboard will be added to the tennis court after the court has been resurfaced. The basketball backboards, rims and nets will be replaced as funds are raised for them. Plans for the dog park, installation of power, security lighting and cameras are ongoing. The old walking trail along the river will be improved and expanded to create a walking loop within the park. All of this has been made possible by the generous support of the following businesses, agencies and community members:

David Chaves Excavating, Brown's Enterprises, 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 & Chris Haselton, Alexander's Tae Kwon Do, The Stove Depot, Main Street Hare- Doni & Gail, Joan Newman, Claudia Dekany & Bob Maisey,

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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, Jo-an Armstrong, John & Robin Carroll, Sara Niklas, Jon & 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 Korzun, 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, Lang McLaughry Real Estate, Lennox Family Foundation, Robert & Berthe Cowles, The Wieland Family, Emmett Dunbar & Lini Mazumdar, The Wark Family, The Gibney Family, Kerri Maclaury, Steven & Carol Maclaury, The Pajala Family, Darcy Duval & Mike Goodbody, 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, Curt Cowles & The Cowles Family, Debbie O'Leary, Roger Sheehan, Katherine Stone, RK Miles, Susie Wyman, Timothy Slade, Oliver Olsen, Karol Allen, Cathy Aragi, Blake Wyman, Martha Stearns, Sam Nunnikhoven, Diane Sendra, Mark Weikert, Bruno Licata, Bruce Humphrey, Hugh Gabert, AJ Gordon, Rob Felion, Ian McAllister, the Londonderry Road Crew, The State of Vermont's Buildings and General Services Department and the Town of Londonderry.

This summer, with the help of Mackenzie Peters, the Londonderry Town Parks Board is raffling off a locally raised pig. Tickets will be \$5.00 and only 200 tickets will be available. They will be available for sale at the Town office Building during regular office hours, or by contacting the Parks Board (londonderrytownparks@gmail.com). Raffle tickets will be sold up until the drawing on August 17, 2014 at 3:00pm at the end of Family Fun Day. The Second Annual Family Fun Day will again benefit the Pingree Park Revitalization Project to help fund ongoing improvements. Family Fun Day will start at 11:00 Am and will run until 3:00pm. Admission will be \$5.00 per person, which will get everyone access to all the fun and games, except the Dunk Tank. Food will be available at additional but reasonable cost. Come run, play, bounce, laugh and enjoy the new Pingree Park playground.

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Attention Businesses, Municipalities, and Non-profits – Got Stuff? Need Stuff?

The [Reuse Marketplace](#) is a website where businesses, government, institutions, and non-profits can post unwanted items for free. If you go to the site right now, you will see a variety of items posted, including: a check point security system, windows, a jet dust collector, stereo speakers, burlap bags, etc. The site includes more than 30 material categories, making it a great marketplace for exchanging items.

This craigslist-like website for Vermont businesses allows you to save time and money!

To become a member and start posting items, you must be located in one of the seven participant states (CT, DE, MA, NJ, NY, PA, RI, & VT) and create an account. Once the site administrator reviews and accepts your account (generally within 24 hours), you can begin posting your items. Anyone is welcome to browse and obtain the posted items by contacting the lister directly. For more information, contact the site administrator, Mary Ann Remolador maryann@nerc.org of the Northeast Recycling Council.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS INVITES ALL SENIORS TO DROP IN

Londonderry, VT.....Summer is upon us and Neighborhood Connections announces the summer schedule for the Senior Drop In Center. Every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am, seniors throughout Londonderry, Weston, Peru, Winhall, Jamaica and all towns in between are welcome to join us for refreshments, fun and information important to seniors.

These are the upcoming events. No need to sign up – just drop in.

June 25th – Charades Tournament

July 2nd - Bingo! Win fun prizes

July 9th- The film *To Kill a Mockingbird*
– refreshments served

July 16th - A presentation from Senior Solutions

July 23rd- *Let's Quill!* This old-time craft will be taught by one of our participants

July 30th - CLOSED

August 6th Bingo! Win fun prizes

August 13th Senior Road Trip. Further information to follow

August 21ST The film *My Fair Lady*

Neighborhood Connections is a non-profit public health and social services agency located in The Mountain Marketplace, Londonderry. For more information regarding senior activities, call Noreen at 824-4343.

Neighborhood Connections Receives Grant for Vermont Reads *WONDER*

Neighborhood Connections recently received a grant from Vermont Humanities Council's 2014 Vermont Reads Program to act as the sponsoring group for the statewide read of *Wonder*, R.J. Palacio's best-selling, inspiring story about the importance of kindness.

Along with Weston's Wilder Memorial Library, the South Londonderry Free Library and Flood Brook's The Collaborative, activities are scheduled throughout the summer intended to unite communities around reading and encouraging all to choose kindness and inclusion.

Wonder is the story about fifth-grader Auggie Pullman who suffers from a severely-deformed face. After being home-schooled for four years, he enters fifth grade and does his best to be just an ordinary kid with an extraordinary face. The wonder of Auggie's unique presence is that the people around him learn what it is like to be kind and to be courageous.

All are invited to the Kick-Off Event June 30th at The Meeting Place@Neighborhood Connections. Pizza & Movie Night begins at 6pm and will feature *I Am Sam*, starring Sean Penn and Michelle Pfeiffer (rated PG13) with pizza from Jake's. That same night, preview the planned summer activities and go home with a copy of *Wonder*.

Space is limited, so call (802) 824-4343 BY JUNE 27TH to reserve seats. Families are encouraged to attend.

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4 MILE Run/Walk Saturday

July 5, 2014 8:00 AM

**Jake's Cafe | 5700 VT Route 100
Londonderry Vermont**

Come start the fun day of celebrations that the entire town takes part in. We start the day with a fun run/ walk, then follow with a parade and live music at the end. Then the band "The Butties" a knockoff Beatles band will play up at Magic Mountain and FIREWORKS.

Sponsored by Adams Masonry, Gnarly Roots, Mountain Grazing, and SprayGuard

Registration begins 7am - run begins at 8 am

**Registration for Individuals: \$20.00 per person
Registration for Families - \$30.00 Maximum**

The South Londonderry Free Library

The library would like to thank every individual and the local businesses who contributed time, effort, donated items and products to make our annual White Elephant, Book, Plant and Bake Sale a success. For fear of overlooking anyone I am not publishing names, you know who you are and please know that you are much appreciated. Without

everyone's combined effort this fund-raiser would not have been as fun.

Currently showing in the Janeway Wing is the artwork of Paul E. Myers. Myers is a self-taught life-long artist with broad interests in all the arts. His eclectic art comprises of paintings, sketches and photos of beautiful landscapes and landmarks encountered during worldwide travels.

Many of Myers' recent works are nostalgic Vermont scenes revealing a close connection with nature forged through a lifetime of work as a field geologist and many of these works are displayed at this exhibit. This show portrays Paul's versatility with acrylic, oils, pencil, photography and ink and can be viewed during library hours through the end of July.

On July 9th at 2 pm there will be a children's/family concert with Vermont Troubadour, Stephen Coronella. This performance will be a high energy concert of children's songs and stories featuring the theme of science through the ages – in conjunction with the Vermont Department of Libraries summer reading program – Fizz, Boom, Read! Coronella will play guitar, flute, hammer dulcimer and hand drums and do an experiment with juggling. This performance will take place at the Londonderry Town Assembly Room, just at the crest of the hill from the library. All are welcome!

Library hours are: Mondays 10 to noon & 1 to 5 pm; Wednesdays 10 to noon, 1 to 5 and 7 to 9pm; Fridays 10 to noon & 1 to 5 pm and on Saturdays we are open from 10 am to 1 pm. We are located at 15 Old School Street off of Main & Thompsonburg Road. The phone number is 824-3371 or you can email

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southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com See
you at the library!

Mary K. Butera
Librarian/Director

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WHAT TO COMPOST

- ❗ All food scraps, including:
- ❗ Meat & bones,, fish, fats, soup, sauces and liquids
- ❗ Dairy: milk, cheese, yogurt
- ❗ Nuts, eggs and their shells
- ❗ Vegetables, fruit, peels, cores (no stickers please)
- ❗ Baked goods, bread, pasta
- ❗ Tea leaves, coffee grounds & filters
- ❗ Paper: brown paper bags, napkins, paper towels (no tissues please)

DON'T COMPOST

- ❗ Wrappers, packaging, plastic bags,
- ❗ PLU stickers, straws and utensils, package foils,
- ❗ Cat, dog or human waste,
- ❗ Plastic products labeled biodegradable

- ♻️ Anything else that can be recycled

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Vermont Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Fund Round 2 applications now being accepted

Vermont Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Fund Round 2 applications now being accepted! Funds can be used to help businesses still recovering from Tropical Storm Irene close to two years ago. Businesses may apply for funding to help with unmet needs that are a direct result of flooding. There will be a series of workshops to assist with applications. If you are applying for the first time, you must attend a workshop: They will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Howard Dean

Center in Springfield on Thursday, June 12th, Thursday, July 15th, and Thursday, August 7th and 21st. There will be four workshops at the Marlboro Graduate Center in Brattleboro, VT on Wednesday, June 18th and 25th and Monday, August 4th and 18th. Please contact April Harkness at Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation 802.257.7731 or Paul Kowalski at Springfield Regional Development Corporation 802.885.3061. Applications, workshop information, and important dates will be posted online at www.brattleborodevelopment.com or www.springfielddevelopment.org.

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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