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Media Blast

Consider Reinventing Yourself!

Perhaps if we consider the butterfly's metamorphosis from a crawler to a flier, we might be encouraged to consider how we are all adapting to our new and ever-changing normal. Two weeks ago, I was one of three in the grocery store wearing a fabric face mask. Now, there's only a handful of shoppers who aren't wearing them.

Our staff at SNHPC are also learning to adapt. We have had our first successful virtual meetings using Zoom. I now know what a virtual waiting room is and how to raise my hand in a meeting. I'm using chat boxes to make comments during presentations, learning how to mute and unmute without batting an eye, and understanding the complexities of hosting and the responsibilities of participating in virtual meetings.

If you've never attended a Zoom meeting before, here's a great video on the basics: <https://youtu.be/kh50kVaIdAY>.

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This is just one of many tutorials, but if you are unsure of how to adapt, please contact us and we'll try to help.

Hang in there and please stay healthy. If you're doing something different (maybe cleaning out your garage and attic, crafting, or gardening in your yard), enjoy doing it.

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Feel like taking a walk?

Please scroll down for a list of local trails in our region!

Key Facts About the 2020 Census

The Census counts every person living in the United States, regardless of age or citizenship status every 10 years, in years ending in 0.

- It's in the Constitution.
- There is NOT a Citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

It's important:

- It's about money, power, and data.
- Every year people pay their taxes. Only every ten years, we help decide how those dollars come back to us. The 2020 Census will help to distribute billions of dollars in Federal resources in our community.
- Our community gets resources based on population counts. These resources help pay for schools, roads, police, fire, healthcare and many more services. An undercount in our community would jeopardize our full share of these resources.
- An accurate and complete Census helps businesses, community leaders and elected officials make informed decisions every day.

It's easy:

For the first time, people can respond online or by phone, in addition to the mail-in option. It takes about 10 minutes to complete, and impacts the next 10 years because the next Decennial Census does not happen until 2030.

It's safe and confidential:

Your data is protected and it's confidential. Federal law protects your responses, which cannot be shared with law enforcement, immigration agencies, or housing authorities.

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Mission Statement

As part of
Southern New
Hampshire Planning
Commission's
(SNHPC's) efforts
to improve
communication and
awareness among its
region's municipalities,
we have developed this
monthly email update to
keep constituents better
informed of events in the
area. Awareness of these
upcoming events will
provide recipients
with new opportunities to
learn about and get
involved with the region.

COVID-19 and the 2020 Census:

- The 2020 Census is underway and the most important and safe thing you can do is respond online, by phone, or by mail. It has never been easier to respond to the 2020 Census.
- Responding now will minimize the need for the Census Bureau to send census takers out into communities to follow up with households.
- Please check [this page](#) regularly for updates on operational adjustments in response to COVID-19 and the latest status of operations and current timeline.

For more information, please contact
Zachary Swick at zswick@snhpc.org.

2020 Census Response Challenge

Rates by Municipality (as of 4/25/20)

	<u>2020 (rank)</u>	<u>2010 (rank)</u>
Bedford	72.1% (1)	79.7% (1)
Hooksett	68.4% (2)	75.2% (3)
Candia	67.2% (3)	75.8% (2)
Auburn	67.0% (4)	74.1% (5)
Goffstown	66.2% (5)	73.4% (6)
Windham	65.8% (6)	70.8% (9)
New Boston	65.8% (7)	67.8% (12)
Chester	65.2% (8)	71.2% (8)
Londonderry	62.8% (9)	74.7% (4)
Weare	60.3% (10)	67.7% (13)
Derry	58.3% (11)	68.4% (10)
Francestown	58.1% (12)	68.1% (11)
Deerfield	56.6% (13)	71.4% (7)
Manchester	55.8% (14)	66.2% (14)

The challenge is on! In the three-plus weeks since the Census has been available to the public, four SNHPC communities - Auburn, Bedford, Candia, and Hooksett - have response rates above 2/3.

Leading the charge is Bedford, with a 72.1% response rate. Can the others catch up? Can communities equal or best their response rates from a decade ago? (2010 response rates shown on the right).

**There's no time like the present to challenge your city or town...
the U.S. Census is counting on it!**

NHDES DERA Funding: \$300,000 Available

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has approximately \$300,000 of funding available through the Environmental Protection Agency's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is a second round of funding administered by NHDES through the State Clean Diesel Grant Program.

The State Clean Diesel Grant Program provides partial funding for local/state governments, school districts, and businesses operating in New Hampshire to reduce emissions through idle reduction technologies, exhaust controls, and/or replacement of older on- or off-road diesel engines/vehicles/equipment with newer engines/vehicles/equipment - alternative fuel projects (e.g., compressed natural gas, propane and electric) are also eligible!

Grant funding is available with a required match by the grantee. Eligible project submissions will be scored and selected through a competitive solicitation process. To view prior grant recipients and previous projects visit the NH DERA Project webpage at the link below.

Round 2 RFP applications will be accepted through June 3 at 4PM.

To access the RFP, Application, Scoring Criteria and "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)" documents visit the NH DERA Project webpage:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/tps/msp/diesel-vehicles/dera.htm>

For details, contact Jessica Wilcox, NHDES-ARD Grants Manager:
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Executive Committee Meeting

May 7, 2020 - Executive Committee - 7:30 AM *(The meeting will take place virtually- stay tuned for details.)*

June 4, 2020 - Executive Committee - 7:30 AM *(Belmont Hall, Manchester)*
**please note, meeting may shift to a virtual venue dependent on NH Stay-at-home and emergency declaration orders.*

For more information, please contact
Sylvia von Aulock at 669-4664.

Hazard Mitigation Meetings #3 - Derry & Hooksett

May 8, 2020 - Derry Hazmit Meeting #3 - 10:00 AM *(The meeting will take place virtually- stay tuned for details.)*

May 28, 2020 - Hooksett Hazmit Meeting #3 - 9:30 AM *(Hooksett Safety Complex)* **please note, meeting may shift to a virtual venue dependent on NH Stay-at-home and emergency declaration orders.*

The Southern NH Planning Commission will be working with the Towns of Derry and Hooksett to update their Hazard Mitigation Plans as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

A Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee must be established and host at least three public meetings to collaborate on the updated plan.

For more information, please contact
Madeleine DiIunno at mdiionno@snhpc.org.

NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition

May 14, 2020 - NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meeting - 1:00 PM *(The meeting will take place virtually- stay tuned for details.)*

June 18, 2020 - NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meeting- 1:00 PM *(Nashua Regional Planning Commission office, 30 Temple St., Nashua)*
**please note, meeting may shift to a virtual venue dependent on NH Stay-at-home and emergency declaration orders.*

For more information, please contact

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Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

May 21, 2020 - TAC Meeting - 9:30 AM *(The meeting will take place virtually- stay tuned for details.)*

June 18, 2020 - TAC Meeting - 9:30 AM *(SNHPC Conference Room) *please note, meeting may shift to a virtual venue dependent on NH Stay-at-home and emergency declaration orders.*

For more information, please contact
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SNHPC Monthly Meeting

May 26, 2020 - SNHPC Monthly Meeting - 11:30 AM *(The meeting will take place virtually- stay tuned for details.)*

June 23, 2020 - SNHPC Monthly Meeting - 11:30 AM *(SNHPC Conference Room) *please note, meeting may shift to a virtual venue dependent on NH Stay-at-home and emergency declaration orders.*

For more information, please contact
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SAVE THE DATES:
NH Planners Association Spring Conference (Virtual)

June 4, 11, 18, 2020 - NHPA Spring Conference - 2:00 - 3:30 PM *(Virtual Access TBD)*

NHPA is making their Spring Conference virtual! The agenda, speakers, and information on registration for our series of webinars will be available in the coming weeks.

Regional Trail Information

Get some fresh air while keeping your distance on the following trails:

Goffstown Rail Trail - <https://goffstownrailtrail.org/>

Friends of the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor - <https://fsbpc.org/>

Windham Rail Trail Alliance - <https://www.windhamrailtrail.org/index.html>

Derry Rail Trail Alliance - <https://derryrailtrail.org/>

Londonderry Trailways - <https://londonderrytrails.org/>

Manchester Moves - <http://manchestermoves.org/>

New Boston Rail Trail - <https://www.nbrailtrail.com/>

Head's Pond Trail (Hooksett) - <https://www.traillink.com/trail/heads-pond-trail/>

Pembroke Rail Trail - <https://www.traillink.com/city/pembroke-nh-trails/>

Merrimack River Greenway Trail (Concord)
- <https://www.merrimackrivergreenwaytrail.org/>

For more information, please contact

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Helping From a Distance: NH ServiceLink

NH ServiceLink offices across the state are open via phone and email during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this time of social distancing it's easy to feel alone and isolated. ServiceLink is a phone call away!

Trained, nationally and state certified staff is available via phone during normal working hours. ServiceLink staff are here to listen, answer questions, problem solve, and link you to resources and services.

In addition, ServiceLink helps individuals connect to long-term services and supports, access family caregiver information and supports, explore options and understand and access Medicare and Medicaid. ServiceLink is, as always, confidential, unbiased, and free to the public.

Call 1-866-634-9412 toll free or find us online servicelink.nh.gov. Direct phone numbers and email addresses for each local office are listed on our website.

If you reach the voice mail box, please leave a message and we will get back to as soon as possible. Offices are located in Atkinson, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Manchester, Nashua, Stratham, Rochester, and Tamworth.

Southern NH Planning Commission

The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester and the towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Weare and Windham.

The main functions of SNHPC are to increase communication; promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination between planning boards and local officials; promote coordinated development of the region; prepare and adopt regional plans, including policies and strategies for the region; and perform other acts or functions as deemed appropriate to fulfill its duties.

SNHPC is governed by a Board of Commissioners, 48 local representatives from our 14 member communities. The Commissioners are appointed by the governing bodies of the member municipalities upon the recommendation of their respective planning boards, as outlined in RSA 36:46. An Executive Committee, consisting of 14 commissioners, is elected from the membership of the full Board of Commissioners to provide overall policy direction and guidance, and to administer the Commission's financial and operational affairs. An Executive Director is appointed by the Commission to manage and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Commission and its staff under the general direction provided by the Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners.

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