

Who Is Senator Shaheen?

To the editor:

I'm writing this letter as a constituent of N.H. who has done her homework on Senator Shaheen. Regardless of what you see in the TV ads, she has been an absentee representative of N.H. She is truly a Washington politician. This is what I have found out about her:

1. She's not had a town hall meeting in 2 years
2. She's dodged 3 debates
3. She's missed nearly half of the public hearings by the Senate Com. on Foreign Relations (including the one where the threat of ISIS was made known).
4. She has a blind allegiance to Obama—voting 99% with him—even better record than Reid
5. She was at a WALL ST fundraiser instead of the mandatory summit on filibuster
6. Her small business experience was a store that sold stolen jewelry
7. She voted against the Keystone pipeline allowing her to get money from billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer
8. She signed the letter to the IRS to investigate conservatives
9. She would like to cut the debt of college students and shift it to the taxpayer.
10. She gave us Obamacare.

If you want more of the same—dysfunction in Washington, an absentee senator, and blind allegiance I guess you would vote for her.

*Susan Herceg
Amherst*

Support Chandley on November 4th

To the editor,

I became an American citizen in 2011. I do not have a family tradition in American politics, so I am an independent voter and I vote according to who I think will work hardest for me and my community. We are very fortunate in New Hampshire that we can get involved in how our State is run and get to know our representatives. I really appreciate the work all of our representatives do regardless of their party or ideals, it is not an easy job.

Today, I am writing in support of our local Representative Shannon Chandley. I got to know Shannon through her work with the Girl Scouts, Share, The Boys and Girls Club and as an active parent in Amherst schools. Last year I contacted Shannon about an issue that was near and dear to me—Medicaid Expansion. Shannon was a great help to me when I testified in favor of Medicaid Expansion, which was passed with bi-partisan support. She was accessible, called me and even met me at the State House and offered help me in any way she could. I know how hard Shannon works to ensure that Amherst has an accessible representative in Concord. She is smart, dedicated, educated and open-minded. For these reasons I ask you to join me in re-electing Shannon Chandley on November 4th.

*Sincerely,
Paula Garvey,
Amherst*

Shaheen's Healthcare Failures

To the editor:

Jeanne Shaheen ruined New Hampshire's healthcare system twice. As Governor, she changed state healthcare rules and drove out all the private insurance carriers except the most expensive, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Our family's policy skyrocketed overnight and we lost our family's affordable healthcare then.

As Senator, she voted for Obamacare and told us we could all keep our doctors and health plans. Instead, she caused even more families to lose their affordable healthcare plans, lose their chosen doctors and hospitals, and pay more for less services. So please consider voting for Scott Brown before Senator Shaheen can do more damage to our great state. We deserve better.

*Sincerely,
Jim and Margaret Waterman
Amherst*



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Resistance Is Not Futile

To the editor:

Over the past years, we have all heard our elected officials use words like new world order, global governance, social justice and collective salvation without considering the real implications. There are good reasons the current administration has never really detailed what the promised "change" really means, but it is clearly spelled out in the U.N.'s Agenda 21. After reading this document, the plan is simply a repackaging of the Soviet Union style of central planning and wealthy, elite socialist control. It is using elaborate and pseudo-scientific "facts" about the future of our natural world. This continues to misplace our priorities away from the real issues of the country through the focus on "redistribution of wealth" (progressive speak for impoverishing the masses) and "collective salvation" (which is supposed to impart some spiritual context to this nonsense) to focus our attention on the progressive social gospel of the planet's continuing evolution toward destruction. The basis for this rational of impending environmental apocalypse is embedded in their use of the term "Sustainable Development". This sounds very noble but then so did Marx in the early years of the Soviet Union and we all know how wonderful that all turned out.

You might ask how could such an international document, so subversive to the foundation of our Constitutional Republic, supersede the supreme law of the land? Does the Supreme Court have to decide to reaffirm our sovereignty? Wouldn't you expect our elected officials, having taken a solemn oath to our Constitution, to oppose the overthrow of our governing principles? The answer is simply that the current and past administrations have aided in the development and implementation of this pseudo-intellectual tripe as illustrated by the establishment of "the President's Council on Sustainable Development". This may seem outrageous, but remember what Hitler said in Mein Kampf, "The great masses of the people will more easily fall victim to a big lie than to a small one." (We all know how successful this was in Germany in the 30's)

So what is Agenda 21, which the U.S. signed in the mid 90's? It is simply an action plan that changes everything we cherish and hold true. Our basic lifestyles; what we eat, the energy we use, our suburban housing, appliances, air conditioning....etc, have all been declared as unsustainable. Government waste, over regulations, destruction of on shore business, restrictions in the use of our own enormous energy resources...etc, should be the real focus of the governments agenda. This U.N. Agenda calls for an end to sovereignty, an end to private property, restructuring the family, restricting mobility (no more trips to Disneyworld unless you are an elite) and fundamentally undermining and changing our educational system to one of indoctrination in the new world order. Education will focus on the environment as a central theme; basically pantheism which believes god is nature and therefore holds dominion over man.

I must apologize to Charlotte Iserby, the author of "The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America". It truly IS deliberate and gives a basis for the enormous increase in costs of education with continuing poor international test scores.

The most obvious local group (other than the EPA, BLM....etc) is the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). When an official of the ICLEI was asked publicly about the subversion of individual rights under our Constitution, his response was direct, that "these rights must take a backseat to the collective". Does the idea of being part of the Borg or in more common terms a drone in a beehive answer all your future dreams.

*Don Bessler
Amherst*

Holden Announces Re-Election Bid

To the editor:

I am a candidate for re-election to the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners. Each County is governed by a three member Board of Commissioners which is responsible for the overall supervision of county departments. I represent 23 of the 29 towns in Hillsborough County including: Amherst, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton. The Board exercises budgetary oversight over all expenditures. Other Board responsibilities include the management of county buildings and land. As part of the vision for increasing revenues and utilizing the assets of Hillsborough County, the Board will be sending out a Request for Proposals to hire a professional to help the Board develop plans to utilize the land and buildings to increase revenue and decrease the amount of revenue raised by taxes.

Over the past years, I have brought a common sense approach to the issues and votes that I cast as a state representative and a county commissioner. If re-elected, I pledge to continue being a strong advocate for responsible county government that addresses the issues of importance to my constituents. I would appreciate your vote this year.

*Carol Holden
Amherst*

Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

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When: Thursday 10/16
Where: AMS Life Skills Room
Fee: \$20 Res/\$25 Non-Res

NEW Artist Workshop Series at AMS

Students will explore a variety of art supplies in a safe, low pressure, creative studio environment. Students can sign up for one afternoon class or get a discount and sign up for all three workshops in the series. Tools and methods for these classes are more sophisticated and the emphasis is on creativity, self expression and exploring "What is ART?" in our culture and around the world.

Who: 5th-8th Graders
When: Thursdays 11/6, 11/13 and 11/20 3:30-5:00
Where: AMS Art Room #2
Fee: \$20/\$25 for individual classes or \$55/\$65 for the series

Yoga for Kids

Encourage children to turn off their devices and tune in to themselves with yoga. Yoga can help children develop a healthy mind-body connection that improves self-awareness, confidence and concentration. This class will include yoga poses, games, meditation and relaxation. This class will be continuing on! Please check the website for the dates of the next session

Who: 1st-4th Graders
When: Wednesdays Students picked up directly afterschool, but the class begins at 3:30 to accommodate participants from other schools.

Where: Wilkins School
Fee: \$45.00Res/\$50.00 Non-Res

Afterschool Spanish at AMS: Dates have been changed

For students who want more depth or students who may need extra practice, Senora Rowley fits the needs of each of her students. This is a 10 week program.

Who: 5th-8th graders
When: Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 10/22-1/14
Where: Amherst Middle School Room 104
Fee: \$150.00/\$160.00

NEW Spanish Review: Dates have been changed

If your HS student is feeling overwhelmed in Spanish and could use a group tutoring experience in a fun and energetic environment, this is the place for them! It is also perfect for the student who loves Spanish but no longer has room in their schedule. Senora Rowley gives them strong skills along with encouragement and confidence.

Who: 9th-12th graders
When: Thursdays 2:30-3:30 10/23-1/15
Where: Souhegan HS, Room TBD
Fee: \$150.00/\$160.00

First LEGO League and Junior LEGO League

This year's LEGO Challenge is about how and where learning happens for kids of today. LEGO teams are made of students ages 6-9 and 9-14, with volunteer coaches. This is always a popular program and you can put your own team together or register to be assigned a team. See our website for details.

Toddler's Tales and Trails: A Parent/Child Class

During this 4 week program we will explore a nature based theme through a story, a simple craft, movement and song, and an outside adventure!

Who: Ages 2-4 with a parent/caretaker
When: Tuesdays 11/4-11/25
Where: P MEC
Fee: 4 weeks for \$35

NEW Exploring Nature Together: A Parent/Child Class

Hassan's Lack of Qualifications

To the editor:

What does a Governor really do?

1. The governor is Chief Executive of the State.
- His/her role is primarily administrative, financial & leadership.
2. The governor uses his/her position to bolster the state's standing in the world, to form partnerships with other governments.
3. The governor manages staff of attorneys, analysts, finance experts carry out these duties.

The Governor of NH has to perform well in these administrative and financial duties, so that the economy of the state can grow.

Does Maggie Hassan have what it takes?

Her policies are those of President Obama which have proven disastrous to America.

Governor Hassan has demonstrated that she has no knowledge of business by first cold calling Turkey for weeks, coming home with no orders. Then, by saying 0.9% growth is good for New Hampshire.

Gov. Hassan's Office of economic development is called DRED for good reason. DRED is bureaucratic & useless, as anyone who has tried to start a business knows.

Now, she proves she can't balance a check book.

Walt Havenstein, as CEO of the largest employer of the state, is a financial expert, and can do all the other functions of the Governorship.

*David McConville
Amherst*

Join Me in Voting for Laurie Sanborn for District 41 House Seat

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to enthusiastically endorse Laurie Sanborn in her candidacy for the New Hampshire House Seat District 41 (Amherst/Bedford). I have known and worked with Laurie for several years and found her to be an intelligent, knowledgeable, hardworking, and energetic Representative for our district. Laurie is committed to finding solutions ensuring that New Hampshire remains a state where residents can find good paying jobs and maintain the high standard of living we have grown to expect. As a small business owner, she is keenly aware of the burdens that high taxes and onerous regulations place on employers. She is committed to developing sensible and workable solutions to these problems, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I have found Laurie to be very responsive to constituent concerns and she is always willing to listen to ideas and suggestions. Laurie is a New Hampshire native and lifelong resident and as such, puts the improvement of our state as a top priority.

In summary, Laurie is hardworking, caring, and committed to serving her constituents and our state. She has excellent ideas for solving the problems facing our state and is willing to roll up her sleeves and work tirelessly to solve these problems. Please join me in voting for Laurie Sanborn for the District 41 House seat (Amherst/Bedford) on November 4th.

*Donni Hodgkins
Amherst*

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Debunking Lyme Disease continued from page 1

and got it passed into law.

David Hunter, who is chairman of the Bedford (NH) Lyme Disease Council, founder of the Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group, and facilitator for the New Hampshire Lyme Disease Support Group for Teens, is the perfect speaker on the topic of ticks and the diseases they carry.

It is the hope of those planning this event that teachers, coaches, gardeners, hikers, dog owners and really anyone who enjoys being outside, will come and get the correct

information from our speaker, who is one top of the issues and problems facing those with Lyme Disease. Understanding the issues that arise and bringing more awareness to the plight that those face with Lyme Disease is very important.

There will also be time after David Hunt speaks to ask questions. The event is open to the public in Amherst and surrounding towns, free of charge. For more information contact Marti Warren at martiwarren@comcast.net.

Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

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Join us for a parent/caretaker and child (ages 3-6) adventure! This is a hands-on class with seasonal themes will be followed by outside fun, with themes that will include: NH Animals and Plants, Habitats, Animal Tracks, and more!

Who: Ages 3-6 with a parent/caretaker
When: Tuesdays 11/4, 11 and 25
Where: P MEC
Fee: 3 classes for \$25

Basketball for Youth

Registration is now open for all programs for 1st-8th graders. See our website for all details.

Adult Programming

Knitting Classes for Beginners
Those who have taken classes with Sandy Ziehl continue to return for her depth of knowledge and gentle manner. This three week series is for the adult who has never knit or the knitter who is looking for support in returning to the craft. All supplies are included.

Who: Adults
When: Wednesdays 4:30-6:00 10/15-10/29
Where: Amherst Recreation Office, 4 Cross Road
Fee: \$71/\$81, including yarn and needles

Knitting for Adults: Beyond the Basics Projects

NEW Our project for October is "Cozy Socks" made with worsted weight for a quicker (and thicker) finished product, photo on the website. We have a dedicated group of 8-10 participants of varying abilities- come join us!

When: Wednesdays 10/15-10/29 4:30-6pm
Where: Amherst Recreation Office, 4 Cross Road
Fee: \$71.00 Res/\$81.00 Non-Res, includes yarn and needles

True Potential: Fitness for Women

Laura Kimball's TP combines a focus on nutrition, strength, and cardiovascular endurance for a total approach to wellness. Let her help you achieve your fitness goals! There are multiple registration options.

Who: Adults
When: 10/27-12/19
Where: M/W/F mornings at P MEC 9:00-10:00

T/Th evenings at Amherst Middle School 7:00-8:00

Cooking with Paula Garvey

Join Paula for a cookery demonstration to learn how to prepare a wholesome and healthy fall lunch of hearty soups and salads! She demonstrates how to prepare, cook and serve these simple dishes on the menu below and all will sample the great food. You will receive a copy of the recipes to bring home!

Who: Adults
When: Tuesday 11/18
Where: AMS Life Skills Room
Fee: \$20/\$25

Zumba Gold*...continues to grow! Please check the website for details on the next session which will begin 11/10.

Adult Basketball and Adult Volleyball pick up games at AMS have begun. See our website for details and to register.

Do you know how to play bridge? We are looking for someone interested in teaching this game to eager-to-learn adults. Contact Jennifer at jstover@amherstnh.gov if you are interested in joining a bridge group or might want to explore leading this group.

We add programs weekly, so check our website often...

And make time in your life for Recreation!