



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

# APRil

2023  
EDITION

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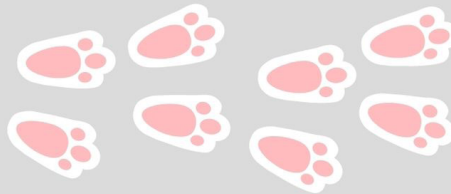
## Sunday

1- P&R Bunny Brunch  
preregister at  
[auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com)

**This calendar highlights special events and meetings  
happening this month**

**Please read all article for MANY more important events,  
activities and meetings!**

Note: Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates,  
times and cancellations.



## It's Dog Licensing Time Again!



**Don't forget that your fur-baby needs to be  
licensed by April 30, 2023**

**See the dog licensing link at:  
[auburnNH.us](http://auburnNH.us)**

## Save the Dates:

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
in Raymond – September 23**

**E-Waste Collection & Shred Day  
in Auburn –September 30**



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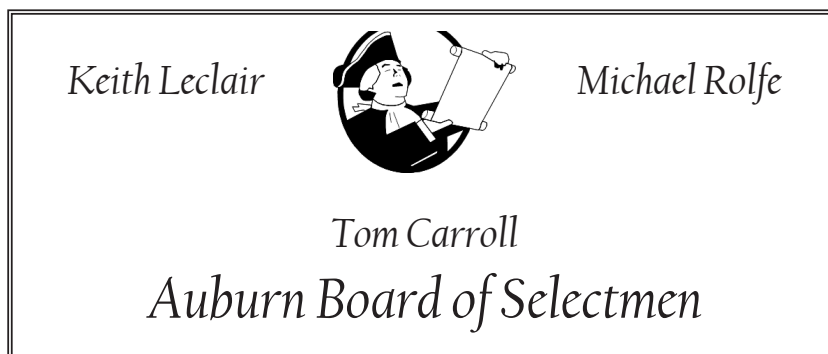
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# Auburn Town Hall News

Once again, Mother Nature had something to say at Town Meeting. This year's election day featured the biggest snow storm of the season, and we appreciate that many residents still found their way in to vote on March 14. Without contested elections, or major issues on the ballot, it was a quiet year. Many thanks to our election officials and workers who delivered another smooth voting process. If you haven't already, please consider signing up for the various emergency notification systems through the town web site. These will keep you up to date during the next storm.

With the 'new year' the Board of Selectmen will be making appointments to town boards and committees – several of which still need alternate members. We have also begun setting goals for the year ahead. In addition to regular ongoing business, we have a town-wide property revaluation in 2023. We will also focus on long-term planning, for our facilities and our people. Over the next few years we expect to face both building and road investments, and retirements of key personnel.

We look forward to working with our volunteer boards, commissions, and staff throughout the year for the betterment of Auburn. Happy Spring!



## **HELP WANTED**

The Town of Auburn is accepting applications for a part-time Finance and Communications Assistant. Primary responsibilities are processing accounts payable and payroll, and producing the town's communications with residents via the web and printed material. Other tasks include responding to resident calls and office visits.

This is a part-time position of approximately 16 hours per week, with some fixed and some flexible weekday hours. The successful candidate will have experience with data entry and ability in a variety of software applications. Payroll and/or Adobe publishing experience is preferred.

Applications and a full job description are available at [www.auburnnh.us](http://www.auburnnh.us) or at the Town Hall, 47 Chester Rd.

# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As you may remember Athos, Auburn PD's K9, retired last August after more than 5 years on patrol with Auburn Police Department. Athos and Sgt. Cashman were involved in over 240 K-9 deployments, and more than 30 arrests during their partnership. Athos now enjoys his retirement comfortably with the Cashman family and they are both ready to pass the torch to a new handler and K9.

Officer Gardner will become our new K9 officer. We are currently raising funds to purchase, train and outfit Officer Gardner and his K9 partner with everything they will need.

Over the next few months keep an eye out as we will be announcing many fun events and contests to help raise the amount needed for our new K9.

Until then; If you would like to donate directly to our new K9 program, checks can be made out to: [Auburn Police Benevolent Association](#)



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**\*DRUG TAKE BACK DAY** - will be **Saturday April 22nd from 10AM to 2PM** at the Safety Complex. With Spring in the air and Spring cleaning remember this is a great way to safely dispose of unused prescription **AND** over the counter medications.

## APRIL IS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH



This month Auburn Police Department will join law enforcement agencies nationwide to remind drivers about the dangers and consequences of texting and distracted driving.

As part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Auburn officers will be putting an emphasize on patrols to enforce New Hampshire distracted driving laws.



## PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN OR UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION WITH AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

We have had a lot of changes the last few years, and are currently rebuilding our Neighborhood Watch Program.

**EVEN IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP ALREADY OR IN THE PAST** or if you would like to become a member of Auburn Neighborhood Watch, please fill out the form below and we will then put you in touch with the leader based on where you live.

You can call the station directly at 603-483-2134, email your information to [police@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:police@townofauburnnh.com) or mail in the form below.

## PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: [police@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:police@townofauburnnh.com) or mail: PO BOX 339 AUBURN, NH 03032





April 2023

# Rec News

Auburn Parks and Recreation

Recreation@TownofAuburnNH.com

603-483-5052 x7

Visit [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com) for more details or to register for the following programs. If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Rec at [recreation@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnnh.com) or call 603-483-5052 x7.

## **Town-Wide Yard Sale**

It's time to start planning for the Town-Wide Yard Sale. If you are spending the winter cleaning out your attics, basements and garages and are ready to get rid of your old stuff, join the Auburn Town-Wide Yard Sale. This event will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. You price and tag your own items, set the sale up outside at your own house and then you keep the profits. The registration fee is only \$15. When you register with the Parks and Recreation department, your house will be included on the official town wide yard sale map, you will receive location sign to help shoppers find your sale easily and we will take care of all the advertising for you.

Do you want to participate in the Town-Wide Yard Sale but live on a road that is too busy or unsafe for visitors to stop? Sign up to sell at a public location. (The location will be determined by how many need this option.)

**SELLERS:** To sign up for the Town-Wide Yard Sale, register online at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com) or send in the registration form also found on our website. The deadline to register is Monday, May 1.

## **Tiny Tot Soccer for 3-year-olds & Tot Soccer for 4-year-olds**

Tiny Tot & Tot Soccer is back this season for the youngest soccer players. Both programs will be led by the soccer pros from SNHU. The kids will learn basic soccer skills as well as develop strength, coordination, listening skills, and teamwork. This program will run for 5 weeks on Saturdays starting May 6 through June 10 (no soccer Memorial Day weekend). Both programs will be held at Wayne Eddows. Preregistration is required as space is limited. The Tiny Tots program for 3-year-olds runs 9:30 am to 10:00 am for a fee of \$50 (Players must be at least 3 during the session). The Tot Soccer program for 4-year-olds will be held at 10:00-11:00 am for a fee of \$65 (Players must be at least 4 years old during the session.)

## **You and Me Art Class for Ages 2-4**

Share a special experience with your child as they create, experiment and discover art. In You & Me Art, you (or a caregiver) and your child will explore a variety of art materials, experience new textures and enjoy being creative in a group setting.

This first session of You and Me Art will run for 3 weeks, May 16, 23 & 30, on Tuesdays at 10:00-11:00 am. This class is open to children ages 2-4 along with a caregiver. Dress comfortably as it might get messy (but it's all washable). This class will be held at Severance School Community Center. The fee for the 3 week session is \$35 for Auburn residents and \$42 for non-residents for a caregiver/child pair.



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## **Summer Basketball Camp**

Coaches DeGraffe and Howell are back for another year of Summer Basketball Camp. This is a weeklong basketball camp where players will have the ability to work on ball handling and defensive skills as well as learn about how to move and handle themselves on the court. Summer Basketball Camp will be held Monday, August 14 through Friday, August 18, 8:30 am until 2:00 pm at the AVS gym. This camp is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2023-2024 school year. The fee for the camp is \$199 for the week.

## **Friday Night "Kids' Club"**

Join us for a fun, kids-only night for our first Friday Night Kids' Club where kids in grades 2-5 can have a great Friday night out with their friends. There will be Candy BINGO, crafts with Mrs. Lewis and games with Mr. Howell. Pizza dinner and dessert is also included. This event will be held at the Severance School Community Center on Friday, April 14. Drop off is at 6:00 pm and pick up is 9:00 pm. Advanced registration is required, and spaces are limited.

## **Fast Feet Running Series**

All kids aged 2-14 come join Fast Feet Running Series for 6 weekly races. Start off the series with a jog or slow run and watch yourself get faster and faster as the weeks go by. It's great exercise and a lot of fun to hang with and cheer on your friends. Races include 50 yards for under 4 years old, 100 yards for under kindergarten, ¼ mile for kindergarten and first graders, ½ mile for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and 1 mile for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Fast Feet Running Series will be held at the Safety Complex field on Sundays at 2:00 pm. The 6 week program will run from April 23 through June 4 with no program on May 28. The fee for the 6 week program is \$49 which includes t-shirt and medal. Trophies are awarded to the top finishers.

## **Field Hockey for Beginners**

Field Hockey for Beginners, for children in grades K-4, is a 5-week program where new field hockey players will learn the basics of the sport. There will be fun drills and games to teach skills including how to hold a stick, how to dribble, pass and stop the ball and how to play defense. This program will be run by Jillian Dulac, an Auburn resident and physician at Manchester OB/GYN Associates. Jillian played field hockey at The College of the Holy Cross and has experience coaching players of all ages- youth through USA Olympic Development.

Field Hockey will run for 5-weeks and meet on Saturdays at 11:00 am until noon at the Safety Complex field at 99 Raymond Road. The program starts on May 13 and ends on June 17 with no program on May 27. The fee for the program is only \$25.

## **Ballet**

Calling all princes and princesses... please join us for a mini ballet session this spring. The class will be led by Ericka Swett who is very excited to share her passion of ballet with our K-2 children. At the end of the session, dancers will participate in a final ballet class with tea and cookies!

The 4 week session will be held on Wednesdays from May 10-31 at 4:30-5:15 pm and is open to students in grades K-2. The fee for the class is only \$25 for Auburn residents and \$30 for non-residents and will be held at Severance School. We are excited to bring this opportunity to our community!

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## **Candle Making for grades 5-8**

The Parks & Rec is excited to offer this new Candle Making class for students in grades 5 through 8. This hands-on class allows you to design your own candle where you choose from a variety of fragrance oils, dried flowers and fun tins. Participants will leave the workshop with 3 customized candles. Tins can be recycled after burning to hold sundries and more. Your homemade candles can make a great Mother's Day gift.

Candle Making will be held on Monday, May 8, 6:00-7:00 pm at the Severance School for students in grades 5-8. The fee for the class is \$28 for Auburn residents and \$32 for non-residents.

## **Tai Chi**

Tai Chi is a mind-body exercise from China. It has its roots in martial arts, philosophy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine. The Tai Chi forms are slow, gentle choreographed movements that gracefully flow from one to the next like a dance. More seniors are doing Tai Chi to improve their health and reduce their risk of falling. Tai Chi will be held at Severance School on Thursday, May 4 through June 22 (8-week session) at 11:00 am until noon. The fee for the 8-week session is \$58 for Auburn Residents and \$70 for non-residents.

## **Meditation**

Come join us in the practice of meditation. The combination of finding "your breath" and silencing the mind. Whether this is new or you have practiced before, come enjoy a time of mindfulness for yourself. Sharon O'Leary-Graves, a registered nurse, has been practicing the art for 14+ years. She personally has used and shared meditation techniques with her patients and friends. This practice has proven to be helpful in all aspects of her profession and day to day life situations.

The new 6 week session of Meditation for All will be held at the Severance School Community Center on Thursdays, May 4 through June 8 from 6:00-7:00 pm. The fee for the class is \$55 for residents and \$66 for non-residents. Participants will want to bring a yoga mat or blanket to each class.

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## **Strength Training for Active Seniors**

This strength training class for active seniors will be a mixture of light weights and your own body weight. With Joelle Ray as your trainer, you are sure to be challenged but encouraged to try your best and most importantly to have fun! Our goal in this class is to build muscle and increase flexibility to create a healthy body and mind. There will be fun music to help motivate our iron pumping!

The 6-week session will be held on Wednesdays, May 3 through June 7. You can register for the 8:45-9:30 am class for lighter level and/or beginner or 10:45-11:30 am for more challenging and/or intermediate. The fee for the session is \$62 for Auburn Residents, \$75 for non-residents.

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## Zumba

Zumba Fitness classes are designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

The 6-week session will run Tuesday, May 2 through June 6 at Severance School. There are 2 class times, 8:30-9:30 am OR 5:30-6:30 pm. The cost for the class is \$62 for Auburn Residents, \$75 for non-residents.

## Cookie Decorating

The always popular Cookie Decorating class with Allision is back for a few new fun themed classes. While the kids usually get to have all the fun, this cookie decorating class is for adults. In this class, each participant will learn the basics of royal icing including how to handle a piping bag, pressure, and piping techniques. Using these skills, participants will then decorate 6 themed cookies with demonstrations throughout and get to take home their delicious masterpieces!

- April Showers- Tuesday, April 18 or Wednesday, April 19 , both 6:00-8:00 pm
- Cinco de Mayo- Monday, May 1 or Wednesday, May 3, both 6:00-8:00 pm
- Saturday morning class (theme TBD)- Saturday, June 10, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

All classes will be held at Severance School Community Center. The fee for each is \$52 for Auburn Residents and \$62 for non-residents.

## Auburn Wood Sign Craft Night

Show your Auburn pride and join us in creating your own Auburn sign. Choose from three designs (zip code, home sweet home, and Est.) and customize to fit your style. You will have the option of customizing your sign with a variety of stains and paints before adding the vinyl design of your choice. All signs are handmade out of solid Poplar wood and are 8 in x 12.5 in.

The Wood Sign Craft Night will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 6:00-7:15 pm at the Severance School. The fee for the class, all materials included, is \$39 for residents and \$47 for non-residents. This class will be led by Kelley who is an Auburn resident, mom and former owner of Spark Design Studios in Manchester. She's excited to share her love of crafts with residents of all ages.



For the most updated information  
on Parks and Rec activities, follow us on  
Facebook or Instagram at **AuburnNHParksAndRec**





## Library Expansion Planning Meetings and News:

**Organizational Meetings:** Thank you to everyone who came out to the February and March Building Committee meetings. The wheels have been set in motion on our expansion and we're looking for community members with a passion and interest in the library to sit on committees!

### **Thurs. April 6: Expansion Community Listening Session**

Join us at the library at 6pm along with our architects. This will be your chance to look over initial conceptual plans from SMP and we want to hear from you!

### **Wed. April 26: Building Committee Meeting**

At the library at 6pm.

**Information Updates:** Learn more about your library's expansion by visiting our Expansion Hub website anytime for constant updates and info. We're on our way! <https://griffinfree.org/gfpl-expansion-hub/>

**Email Newsletter:** The library has created a new semi-regular email newsletter to keep the community up to date on our expansion process and upcoming events. Drop us a note or call to tell us you're interested and we'll get you signed up.

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Here's a look at all the wonderful events and programming coming up in April:

## Library Giving Day!

### **Tues. April 4, All Day**

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, this national day of giving is an effort to show your local library some donation love! We have an easy-to-use website designed to make donating fast and fun. We hope you'll consider a small donation which will be put toward museum passes, events and refreshing our collection. The site is: <https://friends-of-the-griffin-free-public-library.square.site/>

## Library Giving Day

### Kids and Teen Programming

#### **Wed., April 12: After School Craft!**

Stop by anytime after 4pm to make a crafty change purse! Free!

#### **Fri., April 14: Teen Movie Night!**

Join us for a special showing of "Mad Money" with Diane Keaton. The PG-13 film will begin at 5:30pm inside the library. This event is free, but registration is required. Snacks will be served!

#### **Wed., April 19: Kids Movie Night!**

Join us for our monthly kids' movie night with a showing of "Millions." The PG rated movie will begin at 6pm inside the library. Registration is required and seating is limited to 20. Snacks will be served!

**REGULAR STORY TIMES:** Join Miss Mary for regular Story Times on **Tuesdays at 11 AM or Fridays at 1 PM.** Free coloring pages for the kids are always available. No registration needed but be sure to check for weather closing updates during winter.

#### **PEEPS AROUND THE WORLD CONTEST**

Our big, annual PEEP Diorama Contest will be judged on April 6. Join us to look at the dioramas and see who wins!

#### **BEANSTACK FOR APRIL**

*Growing Readers* is our theme through the month! Sign on to your Beanstack Account, read and track your books and win prizes. Ask us how!

#### **FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH**

**Penny Guess:** Guess how many Pennies are in the Penny Jar and win! All through April

#### **April Vacation Week, April 24-28**

Stop by for Miss Mary's Mini Money Workshops, ages 6-12. Learn to Count Change, To Save, How to Budget and more! Everyday through the week from 1-2pm.

#### **MED LAB WEEK**

Join staff from a local hospital for a STEM-like program on Health and Science Lab Careers! April 27 from 4-6pm, geared toward middle school, ages 12 and up.

#### **Adult Programming**

The **Evening Book Club** will meet on **Wed., April 5 at 6:30pm** to talk about "The Five Wounds" by Kirstin Valdez Quade.

The **Cookbook Club** will return on **Sat. April 15 at 12:30pm** with the theme of "How to Start a Home Bar." Craig Garner, an Auburn resident and cocktail enthusiast will join the meet up to talk about creating a cocktail bar at home. Stop by the library to pick up some cookbooks. The club will be making some appetizers.

#### **Thurs., April 20: An Evening with Author Brendan DuBois**

The Friends of the Griffin Free Library will be sponsoring an evening event and book signing with New Hampshire author and all-around wonderful human, Brendan DuBois. This event will take place at Auburn Village School. Brendan will talk about the writing life, give a reading and chat about what it's like working with James Patterson. No registration needed. Mark your schedule!

#### **Thurs., April 27: Adult Craft Night**

Join us at the library from 6-8pm for our monthly series of adult crafting events! This month, crafter Cindy Berling will be leading a class on bead and stamp jewelry making. The event is free but registration will be required as seating will be limited to 10.

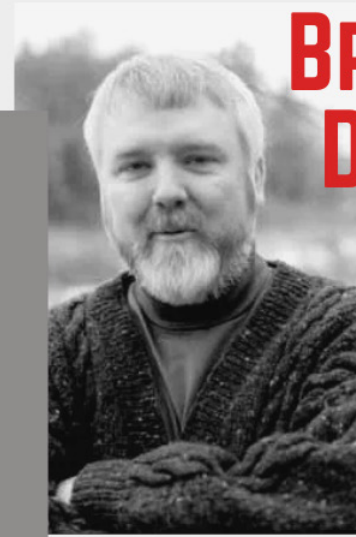
The **Knitting Club** will meet every Friday at 10:30am in March!



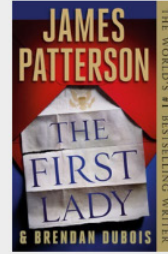
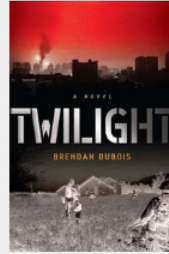


Friends of the Griffin Free Library Present:

# MEET THE AUTHOR **BRENDAN DUBOIS**



Author Of:



**AND MORE!**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH 6:30PM**

Auburn Village School  
11 Eaton Hill Rd, Auburn, NH

Meet an New Hampshire Native and  
Learn about his work on many  
bestselling books.

VISIT THE GRIFFIN FREE LIBRARY FOR SELECT WORKS



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## Show Your Library Friends Some

The long awaited “Library Giving Day” has returned after a 2 year hiatus!

Starting on April 4th, or sooner, the entire month is dedicated to showing The Friends of the Library how much your community Library means to you.

The Friends are responsible for purchasing many of the passes for various venues. But did you know that they also have fundraised for other items such as, purchasing a telescope, children’s entertainment, talks by local authors, the library edition of Ancestry and American Ancestors, The Library of Things...to mention some of the items. We are always looking for ways to enhance what the Library can offer.

We hope you’ll take advantage of this event to donate whatever you are comfortable with. Maybe your employer can match your gift?

You can take part in this event by downloading the following link that will take you directly to the Griffin Library donation page. As always we thank you for your support to your Auburn Community Library.

You can donate directly to the Friends online using a credit or debit card.

If you would rather pay by check please make your check out to the Friends Of the Library, and mail it to @ 22 Hooksett Rd, p.o. Box 308, Auburn Nh 03032

Thank you, from The Friends of the Library

<https://friends-of-the-griffin-free-public-library.square.site/>  
or [www.facebook.com/GriffinFreePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/GriffinFreePublicLibrary)

# EGGAPALOOZA

APRIL 8TH 11AM-2PM

JOIN US ON AT TOWER HILL CHURCH  
FOR SOME FREE HUGE EASTER FUN!  
MULTIPLE INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING,  
POP CORN, COTTON CANDY. THEN, HEAD  
OUTSIDE TO WATCH AS A HELICOPTER  
(WEATHER PERMITTING) DROPS THOUSANDS  
OF EASTER EGGS THAT YOUR KIDS CAN  
COLLECT. TRADE IN THE EGGS FOR A CANDY BAG.  
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# Massabesic Garden Club



The Massabesic Garden Club met in March and Tracey Noonan and Patti Elwell gave an excellent presentation on Native Plant use as well as Pollinator Gardens, and the UNH and UMaine extension programs that provide education and certification. From the UNH Cooperative Extension website, here's an overview:

The need for Pollinator Gardens:

"New Hampshire is home to a diverse array of pollinators, from charismatic bumble bees to unheralded wasps, flies and beetles. Declines of insects, native bees, and birds are well documented, and habitat loss is a significant driver of those declines. UNH Extension staff and New Hampshire Master Gardener volunteers, along with community groups and concerned residents, have been taking action to protect pollinators by planting pollinator-friendly gardens and providing education for the gardening public.

<https://extension.unh.edu/pollinator-garden-certification>

The importance of gardening with Native Plants:

Native plants are those that have been in a region for hundreds of years, before commerce introduced new plant species. When native species are outcompeted by aggressive, non-native plants (invasive species) or replaced by non-native plants (such as our lawns), their value and services are lost.

Using native plants in your garden is a wonderful way to beautify your yard and simplify landscape maintenance while benefitting native wildlife and supporting our natural environment. In addition to their inherent, intrinsic value, the presence of native plants is critically important and beneficial...because they:

- Reduce Garden Maintenance & Save Money
- Provide Pest Control
- Provide Food Sources for Insects
- Support Crop Pollinators
- Secure Wildlife Habitat
- Bolster Biodiversity

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/new-hampshire's-native-trees-shrubs-and-vines-wildlife-value-chart>

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30PM. We will open with a 30-minute social hour, and the program will follow. Location and program for the April 12th meeting will be found on our website:  
[www.massabesicgc.org](http://www.massabesicgc.org)

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The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR – Moderate-Income (HPwES-MI) program is open to qualifying customers of Eversource, Liberty Utilities, Until, and NH Electric Cooperative. The HPwES-MI looks to support those NH residents that are over income for Home Energy Assistance (income eligible weatherization program) yet may struggle to cover the customer co-pays in our market rate Home Performance program. HPwES-MI offers higher incentives on weatherization measures and 0% finance options to help cover the customer co-pay.

The program rebate structure is as follows:

Measure Type	Incentive Level	Customer Co-Pay
Air Conditioning	80%	20%
Air Sealing	100%	0%
Appliance Timers	100%	0%
Door Replacements	80%	20%
Duct Sealing	80%	20%
Health & Safety	80%	20%
Heating System Clean & Tune	80%	20%
Heating System Replacements	80%	20%
Insulation	80%	20%
LED Bulbs	100%	0%
LED Fixtures	100%	0%
Low Flows	100%	0%
Pipe Insulation	80%	20%
Refrigerators/Freezers	100%	0%
Tank Wrap	80%	20%
Thermostats	100%	0%
Water Heater Setback	80%	20%
Window Replacements	80%	20%

#### Program Requirements:

- Income eligibility qualified by the Community Action Agency
- Open to customers who do not qualify for fuel assistance (over income for fuel assistance) but fall within the 80% state median income or 300% federal policy guidelines

**For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource:**

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## Longmeadow Serves

April brings much joy each year with the return of Spring and this year the first few days usher us into Holy Week. If you are seeking a place to worship, reflect, and serve, a place where you will find a welcome no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to join us at Longmeadow. Our planned services include:

Palm Sunday on April 2 at 9:30 a.m., a day of joy and celebration, when we will have the added joy of welcoming new members to our church family.



Maundy Thursday on April 6 at 7:00 p.m., a peaceful time of interactive observance of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Good Friday, on April 7 a contemplative service will be available on YouTube.

Easter, April 9 brings the return of joy as we celebrate the Resurrection at two different services. The first is a Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the shores of Lake Massabesic (in the parking lot near the Rt. 101, Exit 1 traffic circle). Always a beautiful service as together we watch the sun rise and celebrate the rising of the Son. Our singing is often accompanied by the call of Loons on the lake and it is always a blessed time. Later in the morning we gather at the church for the Family Easter Worship at 9:30 a.m. We would love to see you there!



It has been such a joy over the past few months to have attendance at our Community Breakfasts increasing again. Held on the second Saturday of each month, we would love to serve you at these community gatherings where you can chat with neighbors over a delicious meal. Our Christian Education Committee have also been providing activity kits for children to grab at the breakfast either to use then or to take home.



Postponed from February, at our worship service on April 16, we look forward to continuing our journey of putting our faith into action by welcoming a special speaker to learn about the amazing ministry of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which works with various organizations to build beds for children in need and we are looking into ways we can join them in this ministry. We believe that we begin with faith but our faith also calls us to action, to work to bring Light into the world and do those things that lead to peace and justice. This variety of options provides everyone in the church, no matter what their gifts and interests, to find a way to serve. If you are seeking ways to put your faith into action, let us seek together.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish all of our Auburn friends the ability to stay warm this winter and seek to serve where we can, following with gratitude and trust in where God will lead us. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 603-483-2907.





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## **St. Peter Roman Catholic Church**

Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor  
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 567 Manchester Rd.  
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[www.stpeteraub.org](http://www.stpeteraub.org)

### **Mass Schedule:**

Sat – 4:00 p.m.  
 Sun – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
 Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 a.m.

**Lenten Mass Schedule:** Daily Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 7:00 a.m. and on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday Night Lenten Devotions:** Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in the church

### **Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday Masses – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 3 – Individual Confessions – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5 – Individual Confessions – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6 – Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.;

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 – Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday Masses – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Baptism or Marriage:** For information on scheduling a Baptism or Marriage, please contact Fr. Michael Gendron at 603-623-5429, ext. 1.

**Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry to adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and growing in their relationship with God. If you have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Jake Linxweiler, Director of RCIA at 483-5571, or the parish office at [stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).



## New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center

Visit us Tuesday – Friday, 11am to 5pm, to explore the Center, meet our Animal Ambassadors, and pick up a souvenir from the gift shop. Enjoy the trails and gardens every day from dawn to dusk.

We are located at 26 Audubon Way, Auburn NH 03102. Please follow Leave No Trace ethics and remember that dogs aren't allowed anywhere on Massabesic Center property. As a courtesy, our parking lot provides access to alternate dog-friendly trails on either end of Audubon Way.



### HAPPY EARTH DAY!

#### Celebrate Earth Day with us at Massabesic Center!

We will celebrate planet Earth with a variety of family-friendly activities, while also learning how to conserve wildlife and natural resources. Activities include guided nature walks, animal ambassador presentations, master gardener demonstrations, children's story time, and crafts.

Cost: \$10 for a family of 4 (members), \$15 for a family of 4 (non-members).

Pre-registration is highly recommended, but we can accept walk-up registration.

Visit <https://www.nh Audubon.org/center-and-events/earth-day/>  
for the schedule of the day and all the event details!

### NATURE DAY CAMPS

**Spring Vacation Camp**, for campers ages 6-12, is held in-person at the McLane Center in Concord only, from April 24-28.

Camp runs all day from 9am-4pm. Each day is designed to build the skills of budding naturalists through hands-on activities, storytelling, crafts, games, outdoor exploration, and live animal observation. Register for individual days or participate in the entire week. \$55/day for members, \$65/day for non-members

**Summer Camp** will take place at both Massabesic Center and McLane Center. Weekly sessions run from June 26-August 25 for campers ages 4-15. Visit [nh Audubon.org/education/nature-day-camp](https://www.nh Audubon.org/education/nature-day-camp) or call 603-668-2045.

**New this year!** Conservation Quest Filmmaking Camp, in partnership w/ Media Power Youth During Session 7, August 7-11, at Massabesic Center only, campers ages 10-14 can experience a unique week of camp to learn about filming techniques, scripting, storyboa



# New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center



## LOOKING FOR SUMMER WORK?

Consider joining our camp staff! NH Audubon believes in an inquiry-based, student led approach to our teaching methods which is aimed at promoting curiosity of the natural world. We are currently interviewing multiple positions for both locations in Concord and Auburn, NH. Candidates ages 16 and older can learn how to apply at [www.nhaudubon.org/jobs](http://www.nhaudubon.org/jobs).

## ACTIVITIES HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

### Common Nighthawks in NH with Becky Suomala

April 27, 6:30pm-7:30pm

\$12/members, \$15/non-members

### Bird Walks (all ages welcome):

\$8/members, \$10/non-members

April 1, 7, 15, 21, 29 9am-10:30am

### FREE Webinar: Resilient Raptors

April 25 6:30pm-7:30pm



Registration is required for most events.

For a full list of events and to register, visit

<https://www.nhaudubon.org/events/>.

## LOVE OUR PLANET: ART EXHIBITION

The Manchester Artists Association presents Love Our Planet – a spring exhibit to celebrate Earth Day with art the showcases the beauty of the natural world and the wondrous wildlife that share this planet with us.

Love Our Planet will be on view at Massabesic Center now through April 29, 2023. All works are available for immediate purchase, with 30% of the proceed going to support the mission of NH Audubon.

## NEEDING A SPACE FOR A MEETING OR SOCIAL EVENT?

Rent the Massabesic Center's Conference Room for your next business meeting or social event!

Email [macevents@nhaudubon.org](mailto:macevents@nhaudubon.org) to inquire about renting out the space.

Visit <https://www.nhaudubon.org/center-and-events/rentals-and-social-events/> for more information about our rentals.

## RECENTLY ENGAGED? LOVE NATURE?

Check out our Massabesic Center for your wedding!

# AVS Schoolyard News

The New Hampshire Department of Education wants to hear from you. The 603 Bright Futures Survey is an opportunity for you to have your voice heard. These surveys will gather actionable feedback around learning models, school climate, family and community engagement, and other topics in order to understand the successes and challenges of the recent school year and plan for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. We have partnered with Panorama Education to support us with the 603 Bright Futures Survey. If you have any questions about the survey program, please reach out to Panorama at [support+nhed@panoramaed.com](mailto:support+nhed@panoramaed.com).

The 603 Bright Futures Survey is also a way for schools to gather their Special Education Family data in support of NHED's federal reporting for Indicator 8. This year, all schools and families are eligible to participate. Please feel free to share the survey with your community.

Survey questions were developed with input from a cohort of school leaders and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. The survey window runs from March 13 to April 28.

## **Survey Links:**

- **Families in K-12, Preschool, and Private Schools:** [bit.ly/nhedfamily](https://bit.ly/nhedfamily) or use QR Code below



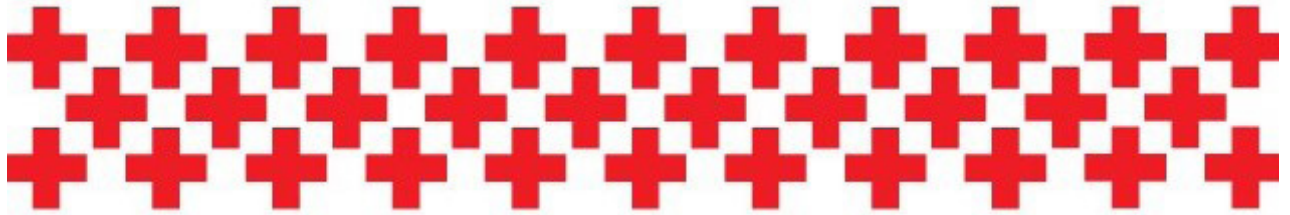
- **Community Members:** [bit.ly/nhedcommunity](https://bit.ly/nhedcommunity) or use QR Code below





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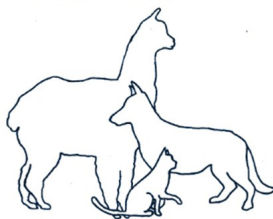
**Saturday, April 29, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: AUBURNSAFETYCOMPLEX to schedule an appointment.

#### **Tower Hill Animal Hospital**

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Allen Tucker, DVM

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## News from the Auburn Building Department

The ability to secure permits associated with property improvements has been restored. Not unlike many setbacks in construction – it has taken us more time than we expected, so we are excited to finally “move in” to our new system.

We have a new vendor and are utilizing the PermitEyes software. The on line service is now available through the link on the Town of Auburn website, which requires users to establish a user name and password, from there you can navigate the various types of permits (building, electrical, plumbing, swimming pools, septic) and submit supporting materials as attachments. Payments can be made on line using a credit card for convenience. If you prefer, we can still accept check and cash payments at Town Hall. The new system will issue your permit electronically and you can follow status of inspections by viewing your on line portal account.

Thank you for your patience as we worked to bring this service back. We are here to assist you with any questions and welcome any comments you may have.

Look for this ICON on the Town of Auburn Website ([www.auburnnh.us](http://www.auburnnh.us)) to begin



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## News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

Applications for the 2022-2023 scholarships are now being accepted

Scholarships are available for Auburn students furthering their education through post-secondary degrees.

Visit [www.auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.auburn.dollarsforscholars.org) for a list of available scholarships and to apply.

Any questions, please email  
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### High Energy Bill putting a dent in your budget? Maybe this program can help.

There is a grant funded demonstration program under the NHSaves® suite of energy efficiency programs called the Home Performance with Energy Star® - Moderate-Income (HPwES-MI) program. The NH Utilities and NH Department of Energy have recently worked together to make adjustments to the program so that the grant incentives now cover 100% of the costs to weatherize the homes of income eligible homeowners and renters up to \$15,000. There is also 0% financing if additional work is needed.

For qualifying customers an assessment is done to determine what cost-effective retrofits are recommended for the home. The assessment assures that the work done will result in a durable, safe and healthy, and comfortable home that will also be energy efficient. Improvements can include air-sealing and insulation, upgrades to inefficient heating and water heating equipment, inefficient refrigerator and freezer replacement and other measures like new thermostats, LED bulbs and hot water conserving measures. The result will be lower energy bills.

Your income must be verified by one of the agencies administering the Home Energy Assistance program, which for Auburn residents is Southern New Hampshire Services (603- 688-8010). Qualifying income for this program is either 61 – 80% State Median Income or 201 – 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines. Keep in mind that the intake offices will close on April 30, 2023 for the season which may make getting an appointment harder. When making an appointment, make sure you are clear on what documents you will need to bring with you. A checklist can be found at <https://www.snhs.org/system/files/2021-11/uploads/file/ENERGY-APPOINTMENT-CHECKLIST-2021.pdf>. They have offices in Manchester, Raymond and Derry. The household income must fall within those listed in the accompanying table. These are approximate and the final determination will be made by the agency. If your income is below the shown amounts, you would be eligible for the Energy and Weatherization Programs and you should take advantage of those benefits. These benefits are not income so they won't impact other benefits you may be receiving.

You must be a customer of Eversource, Liberty, Unitil, or NH Electric Cooperative to be eligible. The higher your energy use, the more retrofits will be cost-effective.

For more information, please contact Margaux Levesque at [Margaux.Levesque@Eversource.com](mailto:Margaux.Levesque@Eversource.com) or 603-490-3506

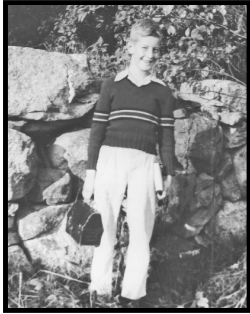
#### Moderate-Income Program State Median Income 2022-2023

# in household	61%	80%
1	\$ 38,970	\$ 51,959
2	\$ 50,960	\$ 67,945
3	\$ 62,951	\$ 83,933
4	\$ 74,942	\$ 99,921
5	\$ 86,932	\$ 115,908
6	\$ 98,923	\$ 131,896
7	\$ 101,171	\$ 134,893
8	\$ 103,420	\$ 137,892

# *News from the Auburn Historical Association*

## Short Stories from an Old-Timer, Bill Blake

By Dan Carpenter



*Left: Bill Blake at age 9*

*Right: Thelma and Ernest Blake*



Ernie and Thelma Blake rented their farm with the right to purchase at 524 Hooksett Rd from a Polish store owner in Manchester. When the debt was reduced to \$500, it had to be paid off in full. During the Great Depression, \$500 was a lot of money but the Blake's succeeded and now owned their farm. At that time, from Rt 101 to the Hooksett line there were only 4 houses on that side of the road: McEcoy, Blake, Webster, and Mozden.

During World War II, the Blake's raised rabbits and processed 300 every Friday night. Ernie killed and cleaned while Thelma butchered and packed the meat in ice. The pelts were stretched on wire frames to dry. Eventually, the pelts were purchased by the military for flight jacket liners. The meat was delivered to the Manchester Depot bound for New York City. As a 6 year old, Bill's first chore was walking up to Ed Fogg's (Corner Of Hooksett Rd. and Maple Farm Rd.) with 2 glass jugs. Ed filled the jugs with milk and charged 5 cents a bottle. It was a long walk home with the heavy bottles but he never broke one.

To this day, Bill enjoys cooking. He specializes in apple pie and brownies. While still a child, his Mother ended up in the hospital. With the aid of the telephone, Bill would have supper ready when his Father got home from work. His Grandmother was only a ring away. Ernie never complained but there were times when it might have been justified.

There is a swimming hole at the intersection of Little Massabesic Brook and Griffin Brook coming down from Clark's Pond. Located just behind the Village school, generations of kids would swim there after school. That's where Bill learned to swim. Unfortunately, after a picture of kids swimming in the Brook made the paper, the Manchester Water Works cracked down and enforced the 'No Swimming' rules.

In 1940, Bill Blake started his educational career in a brand new 2 room school in Auburn Village. It closed when they opened a new school in Auburn Village. For the first time, the heat was controlled by a thermostat connected to an oil furnace. A new system creates new problems and when the heat went off, the entire school would go over to Mae Bramhall's little house. Mae was a very nice person. She was considerate and just one of those people that you could count on if you were in trouble. Mae also knew a lot of natural history and fed songbirds out of her hand. When there was a heating problem over at the school, she had an impromptu lesson plan ready to go. But, seats were at a premium. Bill was happy to perch on the top bunk with a couple of 'cuties' like Gladys Locke and Barbara Ryan.

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## News from the Auburn Historical Association

Mrs. Bowser sold ice cream, soda, and candy from the Windmill which was located where the 'Field Of Dreams' Park is now. As she finished off a tub of ice cream, she would hand the tub along with a spoon to the next kid in line. All of the kids went down to the 'Windmill' after 8th grade graduation. It was extra special for Billy Blake, he got to clean an empty tub.

Bill was an Auburn Police Officer for 17 years. During that time, the hardest task he completed was informing the Dube family of the loss of their sons. The boys were on their way to a doctors appointment. Near Sell's Corner, (Now Exit 2, Rt 101) a tractor trailer rounded a curve and found a car stopped in the road. To avoid hitting him, the driver yanked the steering wheel, swerved into the other lane and hit the Dube brothers head on. Both were killed instantly.

At the time, Bill was installing a pool in Hooksett. When he got the call, he returned to Town, identified the brothers, and contacted the Priest. Bill and the Priest then went to the Dube home, 4 doors before the Longmeadow Church. As they arrived, Mrs. Dube got off a call from the Doctors office that the boys were late. Seeing the Police followed by the Priest pull up in her yard, Mrs. Dube knew...She opened the door and asked, "One or Both?". Police Officer Bill Blake had to tell her that both boys had been killed through no fault of their own.

Fortunately, not all memories are bad or sad. Bill worked 30 years for the Manchester Water Works. Once when he was in the City, a woman started talking to him. He finally confessed, 'I'm sorry but I can't seem to place you.' She smiled slightly and said, 'I'm dressed.' After a pause, Bill remembered, "ooohhh - The Beach House." The Beach House, located across from the main gate of the Massabesic Rifle Range, hired strippers for their Saturday night shows and the Auburn Police Department provided security.

The Auburn Village 5th Grade Class visited the AHA in March. They went on a historical bus tour then went to the museum to learn more about our town, visit the Dockham store and check out the barn.



### ★ Upcoming Events ★



The Auburn Historical Association will be selling and delivering hanging baskets for Mother's Day. To make delivery easier for our drivers, we are asking for prepayment. Each basket is \$30. If you would like to order, please send your prepayment to Auburn Historical Association, c/o Brenda Beer, P.O. Box 124, Auburn, NH 03032. Please be sure to include your name, street address, telephone number and email address. We will confirm that we have received your order. **Deadline is May 3rd.** Thank you for supporting the Auburn Historical Association.



**The 2023 Auburn Day and 30th Annual Duck Race** will be on Sept 9th! Look for updates in the Crier, on our website ([www.auburnhistorical.org](http://www.auburnhistorical.org)) and follow us on Facebook as we get closer to the event!

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