

# **AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER**

2024 Edition

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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.

# APRIL SHOWERS BrinG MAYFLOWERS

# It's Dog Licensing Time!



Don't forget that your dog needs to be licensed by April 30, 2024

See the dog licensing link at auburnNH.us

# **Help Wanted at Town Hall**

The Town of Auburn is seeking two people to join the team of hardworking, dedicated & fun-loving folks at Town Hall!

**Deputy Town Clerk** 

**Finance and Communications Assistant** 

See page 2 for more information

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# **Auburn Town Hall News**

A new year begins in Town Hall each March after voters cast their ballots to finish Town Meeting. Our thanks to the election officials and ballot clerks who, as always, made the day go smoothly. We enjoyed a larger-than-expected turnout, with over 800 voters.

This election day was the last one for Moderator Tom Lacroix, who will be missed. Thank you Tom for your 6 years in that role, which of course included the extra-challenging Covid-era elections. This month we also say thanks to Ron Poltak, leaving the Planning Board after 18 years and highlighted in another Crier article. Thank you Ron.

We also appreciate the other volunteers who won election to boards, commissions, and offices. This year we re-elected all incumbents who stepped up for another term. The Board of Selectmen will be making appointments to other boards and committees this month.

The Household Hazardous Waste Day has been rescheduled for April 27, 8-12 in Raymond. This will be the only collection day in 2024. See the full details elsewhere here in the Crier.

Keith Leclair

Michael Rolfe

Tom Carroll

# **Auburn Board of Selectmen**

# **Town of Auburn**

Deputy Town Clerk

**General Duties**: The position is responsible for assisting in processing motor vehicle & boat registrations, vital records, dog licenses, voter registration and elections.

**Skills and Experience**: strong customer service and communication skills, detail-oriented, basic accounting and computer skills. Must be bondable. Training provided on & off-site.

This is a full-time position (~35 hours per week to start) with excellent health, dental, and retirement benefits. Starting wage range \$17.48-\$18.91, dependent upon experience. The Deputy Town Clerk also works at all elections (1-4 per year, approx. 6:30am-8pm).

**To apply**: Send letter of interest and resume to Auburn Town Clerk, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or <a href="mailto:townclerk@townofauburnnh.com">townclerk@townofauburnnh.com</a>

# **Town of Auburn**

Finance and Communications Assistant

**General Duties**: 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.

**Skills and Experience:** data entry with an attention to detail; and preferably an ability in a variety of software applications.

This is a part-time position of approximately 16 hours per week, with some fixed and some flexible weekday hours. Starting wage \$18.77/hr.

**To apply**: Send letter of interest and resume to Town Adminstrator, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or <a href="mailto:townadmin@townofauburnnh.com">townadmin@townofauburnnh.com</a>





# **Auburn Police Department News**

Do you have a United States, NH or POW/MIA flag that needs to be retired?

Did you know you could drop it off at the police department for proper disposal?

Did you know that we have a box in our lobby for flags that need to be retired? The Auburn Police Department will be hosting a US Flag retirement ceremony, on <u>Flag Day Friday June 14</u>. We will be retiring any United States flag, State flag or POW/MIA flag that is no longer suitable for display.

The ceremony has a tentative start time of 11:00 am. Feel free to stay for the ceremony and if you are not able to attend drop off your flag and we will ensure that it is retired in a dignified







#### The warm weather is here!!!!!

We had a mild winter, but with these really great days ahead we want to be sure we all work together to keep our community safe.

Just a reminder with the sun comes lots of kids playing, waiting for the bus, or walking to and from school, people walking and motorcycles out. Please use caution and remember those who may be sharing the road with you.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

\*DRUG TAKE BACK DAY - will be Saturday April 27th 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 <a href="mailto:police@townofauburnnh.com">police@townofauburnnh.com</a> or mail in the form below.

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	*
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

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# Great News From Your Library!

# THE TOWN LIBRARY ARTICLE HAS PASSED: Auburn friends, on behalf of myself and the best library staff in the business, I wanted to extend our warmest thanks for all the support and love the community showered on Griffin Free Public Library at the March vote. The library's 100k article passed by a significant margin which means we'll be able to begin moving forward this year on talks and plans with the town on how to expand and grow your library. We could not be more grateful and will push even harder to provide the programing and resources and honestly, just a kind and supportive community gathering and event space - that

~ Your staff, Dan, Mary, Jess, Wendy, Jordan and Bella

and ready to move into the future with you!

you have all asked for. We are energized

Let's go!

**USAGE IS GROWING:** Once again, our earlyin-the-year numbers illustrate that large increases in library usage over the course of 2023 were not a fluke. Increases in events and event promotion led to increases in patron count, new patrons, digital usage and circulation across the board. We continue to highlight the expanding needs of the community and our need to grow. Some highlights: Overall circulation is up 20% from 2023 while Patron Count is up 37% from 2023!

### News and Notes

**Creative Bug for Crafts and Art:** A couple weeks ago, we officially launched a new digital resource for Griffin Free Public Library patrons called **CREATIVE BUG!** This incredible FREE service offers library card holders the opportunity to watch or take digital classes of award-winning arts and craft videos to help you design, build, learn about or just explore thousands of projects. We are so grateful to our amazing Friends of Griffin Free Public Library for purchasing this resource for us. Click below and enter your library card number, subscribe with your email and a password and you're all set. Get crafting!

https://www.creativebug.com/lib/ griffinfree

### April (and beyond) on Beanstack

The library always has reading challenges and fun for patrons up on our Beanstack. Simply register at griffinfree.beanstack.org or sign in to your Beanstack account, check out what the monthly challenge is and start tracking your books! At the end of the month, kids 5 to 15 who have completed the challenge will win book prizes!

**Library Giving Day:** This year, April 3rd is National Library Giving Day. Help support your local library with a donation. Stop by and ask us how!

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

# Kids and Teen Programming

Sat., April 6, 12-2pm, Piggy Bank Craft: April is financial literacy month. Join us in creating your own Piggy Bank and learn how to save! Registration is required.

### Mon., April 15, 2-4pm, Pop Up Art School:

Teen and tweens special art crafternoon! Join us for a special Monday sculpting and painting class making a Yeti Luminary. Space is limited so registration is required.

### Tues., April 9 and April 23, 4-5:30pm, D&D

Club: Join Miss Jordan for an in person/ZOOM adventure as our Dungeons and Dragons Club continues their quest. The club meets every other Tuesday and is geared for players over twelve. Registration is required.

### Sat., April 20, 12-2pm, Earth Day Craft:

Stop by anytime between noon and 2 and get creative with paint and marbles to celebrate the Earth! All supplies will be provided. The more the merrier, so bring your friends. No registration required.

Tues, April 23, 11am, Puppy Storytime: Join us for a very special Storytime with library mascot puppies Book and Page. Our furry friends will be on hand for the read along and cuddles! No registration required, but you'll have to be calm!

#### Thurs., April 25, 1-3pm, Sustainable

Snacks: Are you looking for recipes that are easy, and packed full of energy? Welcome to Sustainable Snacks! Join Miss Jordan to make delicious smoothies and trail mix this week, perfect for a quick, fulfilling snack that you can take on-the-go. Please email us at staff@griffinfree.org with any dietary restrictions and register by 4/19/24. Recommended for grades 5+.

**REGULAR STORY TIMES:** Join Miss Mary for regular Story Times in April on **Tuesdays at 11 AM and Fridays at 1 PM**. Free coloring pages for the kids are always available. No registration needed!

# Adult Programming

Sat., April 20, 10am-12pm, Grant's Games Presents the Art of Tabletop Gaming: Join us for a morning of game play. Ages ten years plus. Registration is required and parents please stay with your gamers!

Tues. April 9, 6-8pm, Adult Craft Night: Join us for our monthly craft night. This month, paper quilling class! Registration is required. This event is free and all supplies will be provided.

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

The Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30pm. The book for April is "Townie" by Andre Dubus III.

# Special Events to Remember

April 8 will be the library's big Eclipse Party. The library will be open that Monday from 1-5pm and the party will take place from 2-4pm. We'll have fun, music, and games to welcome the big eclipse. Auburn Audubon is co-sponsoring this event, which is free and open to the public. We'll give out eclipse glasses and Moon Pies. Bring your pin-hole shoe box viewer and let's celebrate! Call us for more information!



# **Parks & Recreation News**

auburnparksandrec.com

# **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 11 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.) To sign up to be included in the Town-Wide Yard Sale, register at auburnparksandrec.com. The deadline to register is Monday, April 29.

# Adult Programs- Spring Session

# **Crafts with Kelley- Address Planter**

Thursday, April 18, 6:00-8:00 pm (\$37 res/\$44 non-res) at Severance School Get crafty with Kelley and create a customized address sign with attached planter.



#### **Crochet Social Hour**

#### Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm at Severance School Community Center

If you are an experienced crocheter, drop-in to the new crochet social hour. Meet new friends and neighbors while you complete your current crochet projects. (No program 4/10)

#### **Game Night-BUNCO**

#### Mondays, April 8, 6:00 pm at Severance School

Grab your friends and come join us for our first game night, featuring Bunco. It will be a fun evenings of excitement, laughs, and rolling dice. What is Bunco? Bunco is a social dice game, traditionally played with 12 players who are divided into three tables with four players at each table. It is s a popular game played with nine dice and a whole lot of luck. It's hard to explain but very easy to play. Come see what it's all about. There is no fee to participate. If you plan to attend, please add your name to the roster at auburnparksandrec.com so we can set up appropriately.

#### **Learn to Crochet**

Wednesdays, May 1-June 5, 6:00-7:00 pm (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6 week session) at Severance School Participants will learn the basic stitches of crochet (single, half double and double crochet). Mid-way through the session participants will be able to pick a beginner project (hat or scarf) from patterns provided. Yarn and hook will be provided for the practice swatches.



#### **Resistance Training**

Mondays, May 6-June 24 (no class 5/27), 6:30-7:15 pm (\$65 res/\$78 non-res for the 7-week session) at Severance School In this dynamic class, we merge the principles of traditional resistance training with modern techniques to create a comprehensive workout experience. Get ready to challenge your muscles, boost your metabolism, and enhance your overall strength. Our expert instructor will guide you through a series of exercises targeting major muscle groups. From arms to legs, back, and core, every part of your body will be engaged for maximum results.

#### **Strength Training for Active Seniors**

Wednesdays, May 1-June 19, 8:45-9:30 am (\$80 res/\$96 non-res for the 8-week session)
Fridays, May 3-June 21, 8:45 am-9:30 am (\$80 res/\$96 non-res for the 8-week session) at Severance School

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 yet encouraged to try your best and most importantly to have fun!

\*Drop-in Rate (for both Wednesdays & Friday classes)- \$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows\*

#### Tai Chi

Thursdays, May 9- June 27, 11:00 am noon (\$58 res/\$70 non-res for the 8 week session) at Severance School

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

### Yoga

Tuesdays, May 7-June 25, 6:30-7:15 pm (\$74 res/\$89 non-res for the 8-week session) at Severance School

Welcome to our invigorating all levels Yoga class, where students of all experience levels come together to explore the transformative power of yoga. In this dynamic and inclusive class, we'll guide you through a balanced practice that combines physical postures, breathwork, and meditation techniques. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced yogi, this class is designed to meet you exactly where you are on your yoga journey.

#### Zumba

Tuesdays, May 21-June 25, 8:30-9:30 am (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6-week session) at Severance School

Zumba Fitness classes are designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout with 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.

\*Drop-in Rate- \$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows\*

# Weekend Yoga Workshop: "Unwind and Release"

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am-11:30 am (\$35 res/\$40 non-res) at Severance School Community Center

Indulge in a rejuvenating journey of self-discovery and relaxation with our "Unwind and Release" workshop, a 90-minute session designed to unlock tension, reduce/eliminate pain and promote overall well-being through the practice of self-myofascial release. This transformative experience combines the therapeutic benefits of foam rollers, specialized body release balls, and stretch straps to enhance your body's flexibility, release muscular tension, and restore balance.

Register for all programs online at auburnparksandrec.com



# Youth Programs-Spring Session

### **Babysitter Training Class**

#### Saturday, April 6, 10:00 am- 1:30 pm (\$65 res/\$78 non-res) at Severance School Community Center

This BLAST! (Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training) class, from the American Academy of Pediatrics, will teach potential babysitters how to handle the basics of infant and childcare. Participants will gain knowledge in many basic childcare skills, as well as the fundaments of emergency care. The training will include pediatric first aid, household safety and fundamentals of childcare.

This class is open to students in grades 5-8. Participants receive a certificate of completion, easy to follow first aid instructions and a sitter checklist to copy for each job. Participants should bring a drink and lunch to class.

### **Jumping Beans**

Wednesdays, May 1-June 19, 8:45-9:30 am (\$56 res/\$66 non-res for the 8-week session) at the Safety Complex Field at 99 Raymond Road (in inclement weather, the class will be moved inside to the Severance Community Center)

Jumping Beans is a fun class for children ages 2-4 to get out and get moving with Miss Joelle. This parent/child class kids gives kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of their favorite songs. With simple dance moves and sing-along songs, our little beans will definitely be jumping!

#### Summer Basketball Camp

Monday, August 12-Friday, August 16, 8:30 am- 2:00 pm (\$225 for the week) at the Auburn Village School Gym 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. This camp is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2024-2025 school year. Register online at auburnparksandrec.com.

#### Camp Adventure- Week 4

There is still room in week 4 of Camp Adventure, July 29-August 2.still room in week 4 of Camp Adventure, July 29-August 2. Camp Adventure is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2024-2025. Visit auburnparksandrec.com for availability, details and to register.

#### **Fast Feet Running Series**

#### Saturdays, May 5-June 9, 9:00 am (\$39 for 5-week program) at the Safety Complex Field

All kids aged 2-14 come join Fast Feet Running Series for 5 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 2nd and 3rd graders and 1 mile for 4th grade and up.

#### You & Me Art Class

Tuesdays, May 7- June 4, 10:00-10:45 am (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 5-week session) at Severance School

Join Mrs. Diorio (formerly of Tiny Tots) and 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, ages 2-4, will explore a variety of art materials, experience new textures and enjoy being creative in a group setting.

Register for all programs online at auburnparksandrec.com



### <u>Tiny Tot Soccer for 3-year-olds & Tot Soccer for 4-year-olds</u>

#### Saturdays, May 4-June 8 (no soccer 5/25) at Wayne Eddows

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 4 through June 8 (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-old 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 is \$65 (Players must be at least 4 years old during the session.)

#### Karate

#### Fridays, May 3-31 (no class 5/24) 4:30-5:15 pm at Severance School Community Center

Come and learn Kenpo Karate. This class offers a four week introduction to the art of self-defense. Your instructor, Michelle Wurster, is a fifth degree black belt and been training students at Kenpo Academy in Derry for 20 years. The class is offered to students in grades K -4. Additional classes may be available, based on interest. Train for the Unexpected!

# Other P&R Updates

### Sign Up for our Email Newsletter

Don't miss out on any Parks & Rec programs or events... Sign up for our new email newsletter. Just scan the QR code and enter your email address. It's that easy.



### Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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

auburnNHparksandrec



# **How to Register for Parks & Rec Programs**

Registering for Parks & Rec programs is easy when you visit auburnparksandrec.com. If this is your first visit to our website, you'll want to start by setting up your account with an adult as the main account holder, then add additional family members. From there, you can start registering for activities.

You will be able to pay for your programs on this website with a credit card. There is an additional 3% (or minimum of \$2) fee per transaction that is paid directly to the credit card processing company. If you don't want to use the website or pay with a credit card, stop by Parks & Rec and you can pay with cash or check. If you have any questions on the website, please contact Parks & Rec to help you through the process at recreation@townofauburnNH.com or call 603-483-5052 x101

# **Coming in May's Crier**

Monday Walking Club & Stroll with the Patrol starting in May Summer Concert Series- 3rd Thursday in June, July and August Spring Senior Trip to Billings Farm in Vermont.

# **Thank You Ron Poltak**

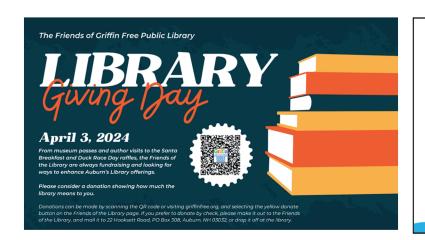
Longtime member and Chairman of the Planning Board Ron Poltak has just finished his final term on the board. He served a total of 18 years!

Beyond twice-monthly board meetings, Ron spent countless hours following projects in town hall and in the field. With deep family ties to Auburn, he grew up near St. Peter's Church and has lived most of his life in town. The town enjoyed the added benefit of Ron's professional expertise, which included jobs as State Planning Director and Executive Director of the Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.

Ron said his greatest pride from time in service to the town is the commitment of Planning Board volunteers over the years. Their work is in many ways unseen, but the reason that Auburn stays, "the way people like it."

Looking forward, Ron sees Auburn staying much like it is today, with few remaining large land parcels, and with much of the town's land owned by the Manchester Water Works or otherwise conserved.

What to do with his new-found free time? "Grandkids and Travel." You've earned it Ron, thank you for tireless efforts to keep Auburn, 'The way we like it."



# 2024 Boat Decals Available



You can register your boat at the Town Clerk's office.
\*The town gets an additional \$5.00 fee to process boats
for the State.

Remember: When you complete your boat registration in town, the town fees collected will remain in Auburn, otherwise they go to the State.





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# **April Updates: The Friends of the Library**

The sun is shining brighter and the flowers are blooming. Happy Spring, Auburn!

#### Library Giving Day is April 3, 2024!

We are always looking for ways to enhance Auburn's Library offerings and are thrilled to participate in this year's Library Giving Day. Please consider a donation to the Friends to support programs and services beyond what public funding provides. Your donation will help with projects such as museum passes, Creativebug, author visits, and more.

Donations can be made by scanning the QR code or visiting griffinfree.org and selecting the yellow donate button on the Friends of the Library page. If you prefer to donate by check, please make it out to the Friends of the Library and mail it to 22 Hooksett Road, PO Box 308, Auburn, NH 03032, or drop it off at the library. Cash donations are also accepted.



#### Now Available: Friends of the Library Tote Bags

The Friends are offering beautiful canvas tote bags for sale! These royal blue bags feature white lettering and are made in NH. You will find them perfectly sturdy for carrying books or groceries. They are priced at \$20/each.

Place your order by emailing Cathy Sartorelli at <a href="mailto:vicepresident@friendsofgriffinfree.org">vicepresident@friendsofgriffinfree.org</a>. We accept payment by cash or check. We will also be selling bags at the Solar Eclipse Celebrations on April 8th and future Friends' events.



#### Solar Eclipse Celebration: April 8, 2024 2PM - 4PM

We can't wait to be part of Auburn's Solar Eclipse Party! It's sure to be a fun afternoon with music and games, thanks to library staff and the Massabesic Audubon Center for co-sponsoring this celebration.

Stop by our table to say hello, purchase a tote bag, handmade ornament, or baked goods, and learn more about our group. More information on the event can be found on the library website.

#### Check Out Our Website and Learn More About Us!

We invite you to visit our website (<u>friendsofgriffinfree.org</u>) for news and events, including event photos. You will also find links to join our group or make a donation. You can also reach us at <u>secretary@friendsofgriffinfree.org</u> or stop by our next meeting at 7:00 at the library on Monday, April 1st.





# **April Notes from the Massabesic Garden Club**

The big news for May is our Spring Plant Sale with the Friends of the Library! This will be held on May 18th (time to be determined) at the Library. We are expanding our offerings this year for this sale.

We will be collecting donations of gently used garden related books, statuary, gardening supplies, pots, etc. Drop off will be likely the week prior at the library. Check back here in the beginning of May.

We are also looking for plant donations. This is a perfect excuse to split up those overcrowded perennials! Please be mindful of asian jumping worms, as we want to try to reduce the spread. Please wash your roots off and use fresh soil to pot your plants up. UNH has more info on this topic on their cooperative extension website.

We are also looking for volunteer diggers, in case someone had plants to donate but cant dig them up . If you are interested in being a donor or a volunteer in this regard, please use the contact info below.

Other volunteer opportunities include: transporting pansy bowls from Frizz Home Gardens in Bedford (and perhaps babysitting said plants until the sale), help with preparation for the sale, and also the day of the sale. More info to come on that.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above mentioned areas, you can email <u>massabesicGC@gmail.com</u> . You can also call or text Jess Traynor (603 505-2359).

We will also have Busy Beez honey and honey products for sale (local business in Hooksett!) as well as heirloom seeds. We are looking forward to this fun community day where the public can come and stock up on veggie plants, perennials, annuals and previously mentioned items.

Our May member meeting on the evening of on May 8th will be the season wrap up . Read here in May or check our website for more info as we plan this social event with garden related activities.

Please check our website for more information regarding meeting schedule or membership info: www.massabesicgc.org

# News from the Transfer Station....

All Auburn residents must have a transfer station sticker on their car by May 1st.

Residents can only bring one pickup truck load (or car/trailer equivalent) a day to the transfer station.





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# P & S Janitorial Service

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#### **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2024**

April 20, 10am-3pm



On Saturday, April 20, NH Audubon's Massabesic Center is hosting their Earth Day Celebration. This year's theme is Planet vs. Plastics; join in the fun with games, crafts, and a special presentation. Don't miss a day of celebrating planet Earth while also learning to conserve wildlife and our natural resources.





Visit our Earth Day webpage for all of the event details and to register: nhaudubon.org/earth-day

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

#### SIGNS OF SPRING CAMP

April 22-26

Registration for 2024 New Hampshire Audubon April Vacation Camp is open! Learn to read the signs that nature is telling us spring is coming. From plants changing and animals awakening from hibernation or returning from migration, spring is an exciting time to be out exploring nature. Come prepared to spend much of the day outside and expect mud and rain! The camp runs from 9am-4pm Monday through Friday, April 22-26 for 6-10 year-olds. Before and after care (starting at 8am ending at 5pm, respectively) are available for an additional fee.

Online registration is available on our website and must be completed, along with all necessary forms, by April 8th, 2024. If you have any questions regarding camp registration, please contact Claire Adams, Camp Administrator, at cadams@nhaudubon.org or call (603) 224-9909 ext. 404.





#### CAMP OPEN HOUSE

April 11, 5-7pm

Join Camp Administrator Claire Adams at the McLane Center in Concord to learn more about the upcoming camp season. She will present a slide show about the camp philosophy, program, schedule, and staff. A panel of NH Audubon education staff and the Community and Education Manager from Media Power Youth will be on hand to answer questions and facilitate activities. Bring the kids! RSVP required.

RSVP on our Event Calendar: nhaudubon.org/events

#### CLIMATE-RESILIENT GARDENS: GARDENING FOR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

April 10, 6-7:30pm

As home and community gardeners, how do we prepare and adapt our practices to make our gardens more climate-resilient? From seasonal temperature shifts and extreme temperature swings to excess moisture or drought, we'll talk about some practical strategies to address these challenges, and what it means to grow a climate-resilient garden that can not only "weather" these changes.

Visit our Event Calendar to register by Apr. 8. Cost is \$10/NH Audubon members & Extension Master Gardeners or \$15/non-members.

# APRIL BIRDING OUTINGS

All ages and skill levels of birders are welcome. If you are new to birding, come and learn the basics! If you are an avid birder, come to learn new techniques, network with other birders, or share your expertise with the group.

- APR. 6, 8:30-10am at Livingston Park in Manchester
- APR. 13, 8-9:30am at the McLane Center in Concord
- APR. 19, 8:30-10am at Cedar Swamp Preserve in Manchester
- APR. 27, 8-9:30am at Hebron Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary in Hebron

Tickets are \$8/Members, \$10/Non-members. Binocular rental is included in ticket cost. Please email sroosa@nhaudubon.org if cost is a burden to participate. See more information and reserve tickets by going to our Event Calendar: nhaudubon.org/events

Visit us Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm! Come and explore the Center, meet our Animal Ambassadors, and pick up a souvenir from the Nature Shop. We are located at 26 Audubon Way in Auburn. Please follow Leave No Trace ethics and remember that dogs are not allowed on the Massabesic Center property. As a courtesy, our parking lot provides access to alternate dog-friendly trails on either end of Audubon Way.

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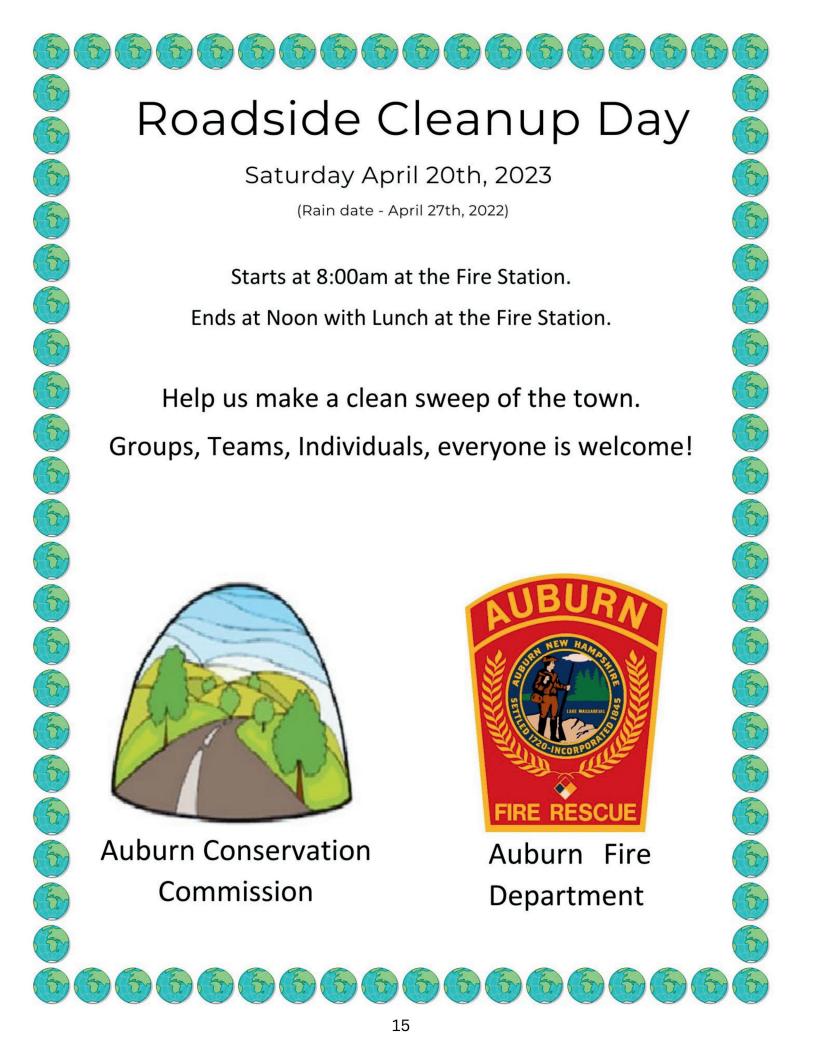
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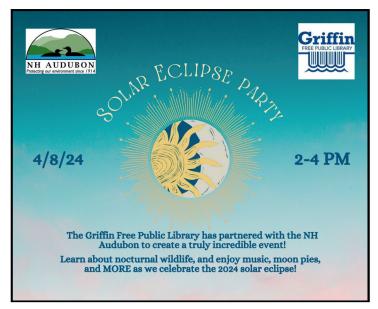
As part of Auburn's efforts to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on our lakes and streams, each month we will publish some tips for residents to help. SOAK up the rain NH is a program of the NH Dept. of Environmental Services.

What is Stormwater? Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that doesn't soak into the ground. In a forest, meadow, or other natural area, stormwater soaks into the ground and naturally filters through the soil. When forests and meadows are developed, they are replaced with neighborhoods, shopping centers, and other areas that introduce impervious surfaces such as roofs, roads, parking lots, and driveways. Impervious surfaces prevent rain or melting snow from soaking into the ground. This creates excess stormwater runoff and stormwater pollution.

Why is Stormwater a Problem? Excess stormwater runoff and the pollutants that it carries can cause many different problems including flooding, erosion, and water pollution. This can make the water unhealthy for fish and other animals to live in and unsafe for us to swim and play in.

Next month: Yard Care and Landscaping







The Auburn Firefighters
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Boat to the Town of Auburn. This
boat will assist Auburn Firefighters
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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024** 8:00am - 12:00pm



# **ACCEPTED ITEMS:**

- · Oil base paint
- Pesticides
- Fertilizer
- · Brake fluid
- Pool chemicals

# **NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS:**

- Motor oil
- Latex paint
- Medical waste
- Ammunition
- Fire extinguishers

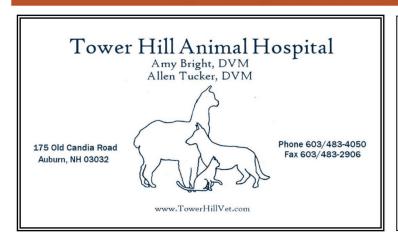
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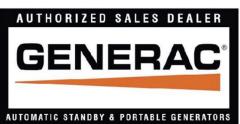
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# **Longmeadow Serves**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." Luke 19: 39-40

What a glorious Holy Week and Easter we shared, and it was such a blessing to welcome people worshipping with us for the first time, whether it was on the shore of Lake Massabesic for the Sunrise Service or at 9:30 for our Family Worship at the church. And in this time of reflection following the resurrection, we look forward to more opportunities to give glory to God by serving God's children,

We'd love to start by inviting you on a little "treasure hunt." In our Palm Sunday worship service, we considered the scripture text above and decided to share some stones with our messages of love, Hope and Care with our Auburn friends and neighbors. We have left these stones around town, in various public and, we hope, very visible places. If you find any of these stones, we invite you to keep it, it was meant for you to find, with our wish that it may be a blessing to you. We also invite you to let us know by posting a photo of your stone on our church's Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/Longmeadow with the hashtag #StonesWillShout.

It has been such a joy over the past few months to watch the attendance at our Community Breakfasts grow. 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.

The Save Our Steeple campaign is progressing well, thanks to the generosity of many of our neighbors and we are excited to be closing in on our \$60,000 goal. If you would like to contribute you can use the QR Code below or send a donation to the address provided.

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.

Since 1857 Longmeadow Congregational Church has been a beacon of light and hope, lovingly serving our Auburn neighbors and the surrounding communities. We have found our Church is in need of some critical repairs including some reconstruction of its iconic steeple. Our goal is almost \$60,000 and we are asking for your help to complete this project. No donation is too small and can be mailed in to: LCC-SOS, PO Box 356, Auburn, NH 03032-0356.

Thanks very much and God Bless

Save Our Steeple Campaign





Donations also accepted by Venmo @Longmeadow Congregational Church (comment: Steeple)



# News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars



We offer 9 different scholarships to any Auburn student attending or planning on attending a post-secondary institution for the 2024-2025 academic year. visit: auburn.dollarsforscholars.org and click on the student/ parent tab.

Scholarships will close April 30th! All applications must be 100% complete to be considered for any scholarship.

If you would like to donate to Auburn Dollars for Scholars or volunteer visit our website.

Good Luck and Stay Safe, Mary Hrubiec, president



(Photo courtesy of Jean Wozniak)

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Wed - 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday, April 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church

Wednesdays in April from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church



### 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.



# Friends of Auburn

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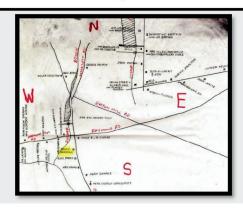
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# News from the Auburn Historical Association

### Lost and Found

Written by Dan Carpenter Researched by Jim Thompson and Barbara Coapland





Above left: photo of 30 Raymond Road that was taken in 2020. Above right: 1869 map showing where properties were located before the lots were sold to Manchester Water Works and all structures had to be moved.

Last year, David Jenkins replaced the front door at 30 Raymond Rd. In the wall he found a letter addressed to Dennis Dunaven (sometimes spelled Donovan) in Auburn NH.

In part, the letter reads:

"Enosburgh, Ver, 4/20/1873. Dear Cousins,.... Poor Mother is dead and gone. She was buried a week ago today. James wants to sell Den a span of grey horses. He has drawed logs with them this winter off the mountain. He hurt his ankle badly in the mill three weeks ago. Is just beginning to go without his crutches. Write often. I am always glad to get a letter from friends."

Dennis Dunaven was born in Enosburgh, Vermont in 1828. He married Almena Chase of Auburn and they were living with her parents, Amos and Ruth Chase, when the 1860 Census was taken. Two years later, Amos turned over a 1/4 acre lot along Griffin Brook to Almena. Underhill's 1869 map of Auburn Village shows the young couple living on the East side of the brook across from where the Auburn Village Store is now. Amos Chase, a professional carpenter, probably built the house with Dennis' help.

Below Left: Home of Frank Prescott "big house" on the corner of Raymond and Chester Road. The house was built from two cottages that were moved from land sold to Manchester Water Works. Below Right: photo of 7 Chester Road taken in 2020. This is a replica of Prescott's "big house" built circa 2000 to replace the original that was destroyed by fire.





# News from the Auburn Historical Association

(Lost and Found, continued...)

Amos Chase owned a rectangular lot in Auburn Village. It fronted on Griffin Brook and ran from the Chester Rd bridge to what is now the parking lot for the Auburn House of Pizza. From the bridge it crossed Chester Rd and followed what is now Raymond Rd to where the old Auburn Volunteer Fire Department building is located. In 1876, for the benefit of the Chase's, Dunaven headed a petition to build Raymond Rd from the 4 corners downtown to Eaton Hill Rd. Town Meeting allocated \$300. for the project. (The Chase's never developed their Raymond Rd property.)

Almena sold her property on Chester Rd to Simon Prescott, owner of the Auburn Village Store and a real estate investor in 1882. Prescott kept the property for a dozen years when he sold both the Dunaven property and his store lot (North of Chester Rd bridge and on the West side of the brook) to the Manchester Water Works in 1894. The Water Works stipulated that both buildings had to be removed.

Frank Prescott, Simon's son, purchased the Amos Chase lot. He took down the Cape Cod house facing the brook and used the bones of the house to build his "Big House" (on the corner of Chester and Raymond Roads). He jacked up and moved the store on log rollers, powered by yokes of oxen, to its new location (where the Auburn Supermarket stands today). Likewise, he moved the Dunaven house to 30 Raymond Rd. Frank Prescott would eventually move 3 other buildings to his Raymond Rd property. In 1894 alone, 6 buildings were removed from along Griffin Brook. The Prescott's new store location and their "Big House" completely changed the look of Auburn Village.

And that is how that cheery letter from the cousins was lost in a wall on Chester Rd and found 150 years later in the same wall on Raymond Rd.





Hanging Plant Sale: The Auburn Historical Association will be selling and delivering hanging plants again this year. Delivery will be just before Mother's Day. Each plant is \$30, payable in advance. If you would like to place an order, please <u>make your payment to the Auburn Historical Association and mail to:</u>

AHA c/o Brenda Beer PO Box 124 Auburn, NH 03032

(Please be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and email address with your check.)



The 2024 Auburn Day and 31st Annual Duck Race will be on Sept 14th! Are you interested in becoming a sponsor or setting up as a vendor? Please contact Pat Clement at duckrace@auburnhistorical.org for more info. Look for updates in the Crier, on our website (www.auburnhistorical.org) and follow us on Facebook as we get closer to the event!

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