



AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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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.

SUMMER



Auburn Checklist Supervisors

Interested in getting involved in elections?
The Checklist Supervisors are looking to train
future supervisors.

Duties include but not limited to:

- Registering voters
- Maintaining voter checklist
- Preparing for and attending all elections
- Must be a registered voter

For more information contact:

Sue Jenkins – towntax@townofauburnnh.com
Joanne Linxweiler – jtlinx@comcast.net

TOWN HALL JOB OPPORTUNITY

FULL TIME DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
FOR MORE INFO

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

SEPT 8TH- AUBURN NIGHT FIREWORKS
SEPT 9TH- AUBURN DAY/ DUCK RACE



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townhall@townofauburnnh.com

Auburn Town Hall News

Since the last edition of the Crier was published, property owners have received notice of their new assessed tax value. This was prompted by the required 5-year revaluation of all property in town. With the total *value* of all property in town increasing by more than half, the *tax rate* for December tax bills will be lower.

About 60 owners made appointments with the town's contracted assessor Avitar Associates, to review the new assessments and suggest corrections. After a handful of inspections following those appointments, the process will wrap up in time for the rate to be set in the fall.

With dramatic changes in the real estate market in the past five years, a large increase in values (57%) was expected. Generally, residential and commercial properties increased a similar amount. Smaller and less expensive homes increased slightly more than other residences. There were not significant differences in different areas of town, with some properties on heavily traveled roads increasing less than average. Additional information about the revaluation process, and the details on every parcel's assessment, are still available on the town website.

In other news, we are happy to welcome Sandra Guide to Town Hall as our new Finance and Communications Assistant. This is her first issue as editor of the Crier. See the notice elsewhere in these pages about the Deputy Town Clerk position that we hope to fill with someone from town.

The Board of Selectmen have also been busy with planning for the retirement of our Road Agent, capital equipment plans, and monitoring improvements in town facilities. Visitors to Wayne Eddows Fields will notice expanded parking, and at the public safety complex, new bunk rooms have been completed to prepare for around-the-clock staffing later this year.

Save these September dates and look for details in next month's Crier: Duck Race 9/9, Household Hazardous Waste Day 9/23, and E-Waste and Free Shredding Day 9/30.

Keith Leclair Michael Rolfe Tom Carroll
Auburn Board of Selectmen

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK- JOB OPPORTUNITY

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

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 townclerk@townofauburnnh.com

AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

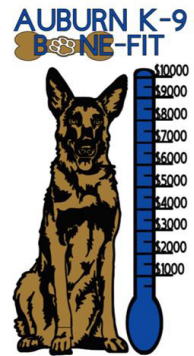
AUBURN K-9 BONE-FIT UPDATE

Thank you to Dairy Queen on Second Street in Manchester for donating all the July “pup-cup” proceeds to our K9 fund. Even though the official total is not in quite yet, as of today we know that the pup-cup sales were over \$2000.00.
BUT without that total we’ve already raised over \$6,500.00.

And we owe that and a huge thank you to the many residents and local business who have donated over the last four months!

If you would like to donate directly to our new K9 program, checks can be made out to:

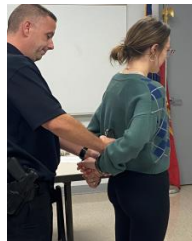
[Auburn Police Benevolent Association](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

SEPTEMBER 9TH Come see us at Auburn Duck Day. Our officers will be there working hard making French fries!

The Auburn Police Benevolent Association has been making French fries for the community since 2018! Our officers always love the chance to meet everyone during Auburn Duck Day, be sure to stop by and say hello!



5TH ANNUAL AUBURN CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

If you are interested in what the officer’s experience at the Police Academy, we invite you to join our 5th Annual Citizen Academy.

The Auburn Citizen Academy is 9 weeks and typically meets one night a week from 6PM to 8PM. During the Academy, you will get to experience first-hand what your Auburn Officer’s encounter on a day-to-day basis. Topics include Accident Reconstruction, Defensive Tactics, Taser Training, K9 Handling, Firearms, Evidence collection, Investigations, Arrests, and more. You will use the same equipment your Auburn officers use, including tactical gear, tasers, firearms, and the Intoxilyzer 9000.

We are still finalizing the dates and details, but if you think you’d like to join our Auburn Citizen Academy please contact us at police@townofauburnnh.com or 603-483-2134 for more information.

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 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 or mail: PO BOX 339 AUBURN, NH 03032



Summer Concert in the Parks with “Emily’s Garage Band”

Join us for the final concert of the summer with Emily’s Garage Band, New Hampshire’s nostalgia pop, funk and dance band featuring a full horn section. The concert will be held on Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 pm at the Circle of Fun playground. Bring your lawn chairs and even some dinner and enjoy this free, family friendly event.

Senior “Boot Scootin” BBQ

Our Country Western, Boot Scootin’ themed BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 at 1:00 pm. Thanks to the Auburn Fire Department, our BBQ will again be held at the Safety Complex, in the bays around back where their vehicles are parked. They will be moving out all their trucks for us so we can have the outdoor experience of a BBQ while being out of the sun and comfortable. This event is free and open to Auburn residents 65 and over.

So that we have an accurate count, please pre-register for this event by August 11th. Call Amy at Parks & Recreation at 603-483-5052 x 101. Please leave a message with your name and phone number and you will be added to the list. We do love a theme party! Please come in your best country attire!

Hiltz Community Service Award Nominations

Do you know someone who is dedicated to improving parks and recreation in Auburn? Nominations are open for the 2023 Helen Hiltz Community Service Award. This annual award is given by the Auburn Parks and Recreation Commission to recognize citizens or groups who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to making an outstanding contribution. The award recipient will demonstrate a commitment to the field of Recreation and Parks and improving the quality of life in Auburn.

If you know a resident that you’d like to nominate, you can...

- Go directly to the online form at <https://forms.gle/DunX3LftqS5hGETA7> OR
- Fill out the online form on our website at auburnparksandrec.com under the “Forms” tab in the middle of the page OR
- Stop by Parks & Rec to pick up a form.

If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Rec at recreation@townofauburnNH.com. The deadline to submit a nomination is September 20, 2023.

“Auburn Night” with Fireworks

To kick-off the weekend of the AHA’s annual Auburn Day & Duck Race, Auburn Parks and Rec is planning “Auburn Night” on Friday night, September 8th at the Auburn Village School.

There will be food trucks starting at 6:30 pm featuring Let’s Get Loaded French Fries, Monster’s Taco, Gracie’s Kitchen Pizza and Ice Cream For You classic ice cream truck. Live music will also begin at 6:30 pm with Scofield Road. And the grand finale of the night, fireworks, will begin at 8:30 pm. Join us for this fun family event as we begin a weekend of gathering with friends and neighbors.



Free Summer Movie Night

Tower Hill Church and Parks & Rec have teamed up this summer for free outdoor summer movies. The final movie of the summer will be held on Friday, August 25th at Tower Hill Church at 45 Myles Drive. The parking lot opens at 7:30 pm and the movie will start when it’s dark (between 8:00-8:30 pm). Don’t forget your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. If you have any questions, reach out to Matt Ellis at Tower Hill or Amy at Parks & Rec.

The Fall Senior Trip information and registration form will be available in the September Crier.

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



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



Fall Programs

The following is a list of Parks & Recreation programs offered this fall. Unless it states otherwise, the program will be held at the Severance School Community Center at 515 Manchester Road. For a full description of each program and to register, please visit our website at auburnparksandrec.com



Adult Programs



Adult Cooking Classes

Thursday, October 19 at 6:00-7:30 pm- One Pot Dinners (\$49 res/\$50 non-res)

Thursday, November 9 at 6:00-7:30 pm- Mile High Apple Pie Make & Take (\$49 res/\$50 non-res)

Thursday, December 14 at 6:00-7:30 pm- Holiday Cookie Make & Take (\$49 res/\$50 non-res)

Cooking Decorating

Wednesday, September 20 or Thursday, September 21- Apple Orchard theme- at 6:00-8:00 pm (\$52 res/\$62 non-res)

Wednesday, October 25 or Thursday, October 26- Spooky Halloween theme- at 6:00-8:00 pm (\$52 res/\$62 non-res)

Wednesday, November 15 or Thursday, November 16- Thanksgiving theme- at 6:00-8:00 pm (\$52 res/\$62 non-res)

Adult Crafts with Kelly

Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00-7:30 pm - Choose your own craft night with the festive fall mason jars, set of autumn coasters or sunflower light up bottle. (\$20 res/\$24 non-res)

Tuesday, October 17, 6:00-7:30 pm- Create your own lazy susan or wood tray with handles. (\$39 res/\$47 non-res)

Tuesday, November 28, 6:00-7:30 pm- Create your own Auburn wood sign. (\$39 res/\$47 non-res)

Meditation

Sundays, 6:00-6:45 pm, September 10 through October 29. (8 week session \$69 res/ \$82 for non-res)

Monday Morning Walking Club

Every Monday at 8:30 am and is open to all ages and walking speeds. There is no fee for the Walking Club and pre-registration is not required.

Strength Training for Active Seniors

Wednesdays, September 6 through October 18. 8:45-9:30 am for Beginners. 10:45-11:30 am for Intermediate. (7 week session \$72 res/ \$86 non-res)

Tai Chi

Thursdays, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm, September 7 through October 26 (8 week session \$58 res/\$70 for non-res)

Yoga

Tuesdays, 6:00-6:45 pm, September 5 through October 24. (8 week session \$74 res/\$89 for non-res)

Zumba

Morning Zumba- Tuesdays at 8:30-9:30 am, September 5 - October 17 (7 week session \$72 res/\$86 non-res)

Evening Zumba- Thursdays at 5:30-6:30 pm. September 7 - October 19 (7 week session \$72 res/\$86 non-res)



Elementary & Middle School Programs

Babysitting Class

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am-1:30 pm. This program is open for grades 5-8. (\$65 res/ \$78 for non-res)

Friday Night Kids' Club

Friday, September 29 at 6:00-9:00 pm. This program is open to kids in grades 2-5. The fee for the program is \$39 which includes dinner, dessert, crafts and games.

Junior Chef

Wednesday, October 11 at 4:30-5:30 pm- Super Snacks for School- open to grades 4-8 (\$42 res/\$49 non-res)

Wednesday, November 8 at 4:30-5:30 pm- Hand Pies Make & Take- open to grades 4-8 (\$42 res/\$49 non-res)

Wednesday, December 13 at 4:30-5:30 pm- Pizza Pockets Make & Take- open to grades 4-8 (\$42 res/\$49 non-res)

Crafty Kids

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm, September 12- October 17, 6 week program. This program is open to kids in grades 1-4. (6 week session \$75 res/\$88 for non-res)

Fast Feet Running Series

Sundays, 2:00-3:00 pm, September 10- November 15. This program is open to ages 2-14 and will be held at the Safety Complex Field at 99 Raymond Road. (6 week program, \$49)

Field Hockey

Sundays, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm, September 10 - October 22 (no class 9/17 & 10/8) This program is open to children in grades K-4. (5 week program is \$25)

Flag Football

Mondays, 4:00-5:00 pm for grades 1-4 and 5:00-6:00 pm for grades 5-8. September 11 through October 16 (no program on Monday, October 9) and will be held at the Safety Complex Field at 99 Raymond Road. (5 week program is \$70).

Teddy Bear Workshop

Saturday, October 21, 10:00-11:00 am. This program is open to grades K-4. (\$42 res/\$49 non-res) which includes your bear, supplies and picnic snacks.

Preschool Programs

Jumping Beans

Wednesdays, 9:45-10:30 am, September 6 through October 18. For ages 2-4. (7 week session \$49 res/\$58 for non-res)

Tiny Tot Soccer for 3 year olds.

Saturdays, 9:30-10:00 am. September 16 -October 14 at Wayne Eddows Fields at 22 Priscilla Lane. Must be 3 or turn 3 during the program to register. (5 week session, \$50)

Tot Soccer for 4 year olds

Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 am. September 16-October 14 at Wayne Eddows Fields at 22 Priscilla Lane. Must be at least 4 or turn 4 during the program to register. Children who are 5 but not yet in kindergarten may also register for Tot Soccer. (5 week session, \$65)

You & Me Art

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45 am, September 12- October 17. This class is open to children age 2-4 along with a caregiver. (6 week session \$70 res/\$84 non-res)



Library Expansion News:

So Much Has Happened Over the Summer:

The library now has both an architect (SMP of Concord) and a Construction Manager (Bonnette, Page & Stone Corp of Laconia) on board and working toward developing a final set of conceptual plans for the library expansion.

Community Session: Our goal is to hold a big community presentation and listening session in October when all the contractors and library officials will be on hand to present the project. But you don't have to wait until October. We already have a current set on display at the library for the community to both look over and make comment.

Community Involvement: By the time you read this, the library will have a non-profit Library Foundation in place to begin the task of developing fund-raising strategies for the expansion. We'd love input from the community. Please reach out to director@griffinfree.org if you'd like to sit on the foundation or know someone who would.

Information available: 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/>

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

Kids and Teen Programming

SUMMER READING PROGRAMMING

CONTINUES: This summer's theme is "All Together Now." Log on to www.griffinfree.beanstack.org to sign in or register to get started!

Wed., Aug. 2, 2-4pm: Buckets of Kindness Craft

Join Miss Mary and create your own kindness bucket to share! Your creations can be taken home after. If you can't make it that day, pick up a take-home packet. Free but registration required and space limited to 15.

Wed., Aug. 9, 2-4pm: Scratch Off party, Our Final Summer Reading Activity

Join us for our final summer reading activity as participants can discover where they stand in the world through fun globe play and scratching off countries. No registration is needed and this event is free at the library.

Sat., Aug. 19, 2-4pm: Super Mario Bros. Movie Matinee

Join us for a free, afternoon presentation of the 2023 animated film. The event is free but registration is required and seating is limited to 20. Snacks will be served!

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

Adult Programming

Thurs., Aug. 17, 6:30pm: Author Michael Tougias Presents a Reading and Show on "The Finest Hours." Event to be held at Auburn Village School.

On February 18, 1952, an astonishing maritime event began when a ferocious nor'easter split in half a 500-foot long oil tanker, the Pendleton, approximately one mile off the coast of Cape Cod, Mass. Incredibly, just twenty miles away, a second oil tanker, the Fort Mercer, also split in half. On both tankers, men were trapped on the severed bows and sterns, and all four sections were sinking in 60-foot seas. Thus began a life and death drama of survival, heroism, and a series of tragic mistakes. Of the 84 seamen aboard the tankers, 70 would be rescued and 14 would lose their lives. Michael Tougias, co-author of the book and soon-to-be Disney movie "The Finest Hours," uses slides to illustrate the harrowing tale of the rescue efforts amidst towering waves and blinding snow in one of the most dangerous shoals in the world. Griffin Free Public Library is proud to present this NH Humanities To Go program for the Auburn community. This program is free and open to the public.

Wed., Aug. 23: Banned Book Awareness Challenge

September is Banned Book Awareness Month and we'll begin a week early with some challenges, activities and an awareness campaign. Stay tuned for details!

Thurs., Aug. 31: Adult Craft Night

Join us at the library from 6-8pm for our monthly series of adult crafting events! Keep your eyes on our website or FB for an announcement about what the theme of the month will be. The event is free and supplies are provided but registration is required as seating will be limited to 15.

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

The **Evening Book Club** will NOT meet in August. Look for the club to return in September!

All Ages Programming

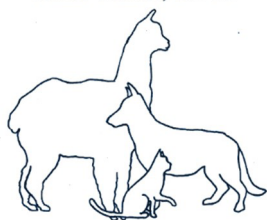
Sat., Aug. 5, 11am-1pm: A Day of Beginner Knitting and Crocheting.

Join Miss Mary and a special guest from the library's knitting club for some simple demonstrations on basic crochet and knitting skills. All ages welcome. We will be making a "Worry Worm" to pair with a poem to give to a friend. Bring a crochet hook if you have one, we will supply the yard. The program will be held in our Front Room.

Tower Hill Animal Hospital

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August Updates: The Friends of the Library

Hello from The Friends of the Griffin Library! This month we're sharing a little gratitude and two must-attend events for your social calendar.

(1) A Book Sale for the Books!

Thank you to the donors, volunteers, staff, and shoppers who made the 23rd Annual Griffin Free Public Library Book Sale a true success! We're so appreciative of the support this community shows each year for this important fundraising event.

(2) Duck, Duck, Race!

Wow, can you believe this September marks Auburn's 30th annual duck race? Incredible.

Stop by The Friends' table to play Pick-A-Duck where everyone's a winner! Adults can leave with a gift card from local businesses and kids can win prizes up to \$5.

We'll also have cold water and fresh popcorn for sale as well as a raffle for more chances to try your luck.

(3) Beautiful Gardens Await You!

Want to improve your health and well being? We have a pass for you!

Stop by the library and borrow the newest pass to our collection for a visit to the Bedrock Gardens in Lee, NH. Described by the *Boston Globe* as "one of the most beautiful and intriguing landscapes in New Hampshire", the Gardens are an "oasis for art, horticulture, and inspiration." And yes, visiting gardens are shown to improve health and well being 😊.

Questions? Interested in becoming a Friend? We welcome all to our meetings held at the library at 7pm on the 1st Monday of every month.

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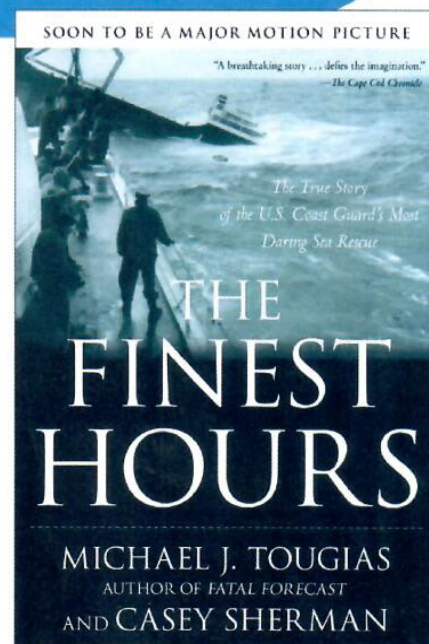
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at 6:30pm
Auburn Village School
11 Eaton Hill Rd
Auburn NH
Free and open to the public



Auburn Village News

A big shout out to the AVS PTA! Auburn Village is forever grateful!

During May of 2023, the AVS PTA announced the winners of their Reflections Program. This program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, nationally, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life. Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

AVS State Winners:

- Jonah Koestner – 2nd place – Film Production – “The Dream”
- Jonah Koestner – Honorable Mention – Musical Composition – “Express your Voice”
- Harper Bedrosian – Honorable Mention – Literature – “The Student Council”
- Caroline Welch – 1st place – Primary Photography – “Perfect Pony”
- Jacoby Petri – 2nd place – Primary Photography – “Wishing Well”
- Jacoby Petri – Honorable Mention – Primary Photography – “Sunset Sinking”
- Liam Welch – 1st Place – Intermediate Photography – “The Ripple”
- Grace Gauthier – 2nd Place - Intermediate Photography – “The Uniquely Bold Cactus”
- Jude Stapp – Honorable Mention - Intermediate Photography – “Game Time”
- Rylen Petri – 3rd place – Middle School Photography – “More”
- Delaney McCarthy – 3rd place – Intermediate Visual Arts – “Be Heard”
- Gabby Koutsavlis – Honorable Mention - Intermediate Visual Arts – “Greece will always be my country”
- Cora L’Italien – Honorable Mention – Intermediate Visual Arts – “The Things in my Heart”
- Ariana Folia – 1st place – Middle School Visual Arts – “Girl of Many Voices”
- Anna Stanton – Honorable Mention – Middle School Visual Arts – “The Voice of the Violin”

Advanced to Nationals!

- Liam Welch – 1st Place – Intermediate Photography – “The Ripple”
- Caroline Welch – 1st place – Primary Photography – “Perfect Pony”
- Ariana Folia – 1st place – Middle School Visual Arts – “Girl of Many Voices”



Liam Welch received an Award of Merit! National PTA received over 900 entries, and he was 1 of 200 selected for recognition!

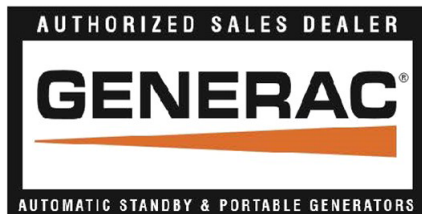
The AVS PTA continues to pave the way for educational excellence and student growth, providing an array of opportunities for the students at Auburn Village. In addition to the Reflections Program, the PTA has generously donated a revolutionary Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine™ to the school. This innovative vending machine rewards students for their exemplary behavior, excellent grades, and outstanding attendance. By bridging the gap between literacy and engagement, we firmly believe that this unique combination of vending books and a positive behavior reward system will inspire a lifelong love for reading among our students.

Lastly, we invite all members of the Auburn Village School community to mark their calendars for the highly anticipated PTA sponsored Back to School Barbecue. On August 29th, new students in **Grades 1-8** will have the opportunity to tour the school and meet their new teachers from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. Following this, the entire school community is invited to the Back to School BBQ in the courtyard at 3:00 pm. This festive event will feature complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers, an opportunity to sign up for Auburn Town Recreational activities, and a chance to forge new friendships and reconnect with old ones. The event promises to be a remarkable start to the new school year, with many esteemed teachers and coaches in attendance.

As we celebrate the exceptional talents of our students and the remarkable efforts of the AVS PTA, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the continuous support and dedication toward the success of our students. Together, we are shaping a vibrant and nurturing educational environment that empowers our students to excel in their academic pursuits and artistic endeavors.



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Longmeadow Serves!

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." Mathew 25:40

Your neighbors at Longmeadow Congregational Church hope you have all been enjoying a renewing and refreshing summer, despite all the heat. Our life in service has continued this summer with many familiar projects, a few new ones, and opportunities to relax and refresh with fun gatherings and worship.

We love the history of our 19th century architecture, but it can get extremely hot in our sanctuary in these humid summer months and so we break from our traditional worship style to gather in our basement fellowship hall and, like those in the early church, gather around a meal as part of worship in our **Breakfast Church** services for the month of July. These services included the music and liturgy we love, while also being more informal and interactive. In the month of August, worship will continue to be the core of our life together with, weather permitting, outdoor services to inspire us.

We are grateful that, thanks to the care of previous generations, our building has stood us in good stead all these years offering us these different opportunities. Now is our time to provide the care for the building as we embark on a **Capital Campaign** to raise the funds needed for the essential maintenance required to keep our iconic steeple, long a beacon of light and hope in our community, in safe condition future generations. You will be hearing more about our efforts in the months ahead and any donation, no matter how large or small, will help us to achieve our goal of saving our beloved building so that we may continue to BE THE CHURCH.

After a few unexpected delays, we were able to begin our **Faith in Action** series in June, welcoming Terry Everett to speak with us about the amazing work of *Anchored in Hope*. We have been blessed to partner with this organization in the past and look forward to continuing to serve alongside them in new ways. We will be sharing these endeavors in the months ahead and invite you to join us in serving.



We have enjoyed partnering with the Auburn Parks and Recreation Commission once again by serving **free Popcorn at the Summer Outdoor Concert Series**. Thanks so much to Parks and Rec for all you do to bring these wonderful events to our community each summer and we love being part of it all.

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for joining us in our annual food drive to support the Chester Food Pantry (which serves Auburn residents) in our **Peanut Butter and Tomato Sauce drive**. It was wonderful to check the drop off bin and regularly find it full of donations from our community.

In July and August, we invite our beloved community to join us in our annual **School Supply Drive** to assist both students at AVS and around the world in areas where people are struggling with desperate poverty. We will be filling backpacks for local students and school bags for Church World Service to distribute. The same drop off bin on the Tiny Tots porch will be available to accept your donations of school supplies. **We ask that you only donate the items included in the list below. Also, all donations must be new, we cannot accept used items.**

- Round nose scissors
- 30-centimeter / 12-inch ruler (must have centimeters)
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- New, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- Box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- Erasers (approximately 1 in. by 2 in.)
- Glue Sticks
- Packages of pens
- 2-pocket folders
- Packages of loose leaf filler paper
- Composition books



Things are really happening here at Longmeadow and there is always a place for you. No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. At Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC, we seek not just to go to church but to BE THE CHURCH! If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907. **Friend us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Longmeadow/>**

Auburn Dollars for Scholars

Save the date for the first Auburn Dollars for Scholars Car show. August 27 12-4 pm at Candia First Stoppe. If you're interested in entering a car, please email Tarah Bergeron for more information at tarah8806@gmail.com

We are looking for more volunteers to support Auburn Dollars for Scholars. We are a local non-profit with the purpose of helping Auburn students achieve their higher education goals. If you are interested in serving on the board or volunteering at events, please contact Tarah Bergeron at tarah8806@gmail.com.

For information on Auburn Dollars for Scholars and other scholarships, visit auburn.dollarsforscholars.org Don't forget to sign up for our mailing list to stay up to date on available scholarships, application deadlines, and events!

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News from the Auburn Historical Association

Olde Home Days Inspires the Auburn Day and Duck Race - Bringing the Community Together - by Dan Carpenter



Joe Stacy, Deb (Reynolds) McGuire in
1983 with "talking" robot



From L to R: Kim and Ann Robinson, Bob Lewis,
Pat Clement, Dick Miller, Brenda Beer, Dan
Trombly, Dan Carpenter, Louis Gamache



John (Holly) Rolfe at the
Donkey Baseball Game

It seems that nature has conspired to keep the Town of Auburn divided into separate communities. The geographical center of the community is a couple hundred feet off the foot of Bunker Hill Rd literally in the largest lake in the county, Massabesic. In the late 1800's, the railroad and commercial interests like Prescott's Store, Emery's Meat Market, and the Griffin Mills drew people to Auburn Village. By removing cottages along Lake Massabesic, the Manchester Water Works encouraged growth in the Village. All of the one room school houses had closed in the 1940's. Bringing all of the school age children to the Auburn Village School helped foster community spirit for at least the grammar school years.

In the 1980's, with all of the things that kept Auburn separate, the Town looked for ways to increase our sense of community. The Selectmen started the monthly Auburn "Village Crier". Mike Zorawowicz edited the paper on a volunteer basis for at least 15 years.

The Auburn Village Store drew people to the center of town. Alan Young, owner, was a butcher and ran weekly meat specials. People still did their weekly shopping at the store. Peggy Galvin would need two shopping carts to get her supplies to the car. Road Agent Joe Stacy met his crew for coffee at the store before leaving for their day's activities. Pat Reynolds (Clement) worked at the store where she saw everyone coming and going. Her neighbor, Lil Bartholomew, talked about the old Firemen's Bazaar and the impact it had had on the community.

Pat was inspired by Lil's stories of the Bazaar and began to envision a modern 'Olde Home Days' to bring the community together. Beginning in 1981, Pat and her friend, Ann Robinson would spend months planning this event that so many people looked forward to and participated in. Looking back at the old photos and programs, there were many activities: Hot air balloon flights by Ron and Sue Cassidy, an Elvis impersonator (Roger Pratt), Steve Woods' Magic Show, Dunking Booth, AVFD Rescue Squad Demo, Bike Parade, Horseshoe Contest, Contra Dancing, Dan Grady's marionettes, Woodman's Contest, Quilting Bee, and a Ham and Bean Supper put on by the Longmeadow Church. Don Stritch, Town Moderator and local political fixer, was also a licensed pyrotechnic. The Town of Auburn paid for the fireworks and it was a great way to end the festivities. The Old Home Days events were winding down by the mid '90's.

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News from the Auburn Historical Association

In 1993, the Auburn Historical Association was looking for a fundraiser. Bruce Mason suggested a Duck Race but it was late in the year and people were concerned about the weather. Once it was decided to proceed, Ed Locke and Al Sanborn provided the engineering to funnel the winning ducks over the line. The ducks were thrown into Stan Wood's dump truck for their race down Griffin Brook. From the beginning to the present, the Auburn Fire Department in their contained wet suits retrieved the ducks below Griffin Bridge. The first Duck Race took place in the middle of December on a beautiful 60-degree day. The very next day, remembered Don Dollard, the weather delivered cold rain and sleet.

Over the years, the AHA combined forces with individuals and groups to sell duck tickets. Jeff Davis, a Myles Travel Plaza employee, sold many tickets to people passing through town. Adam Villeneuve had a blow-up duck and sold tickets on the side of the road for charity. Both the Friends of Griffin Free Library and student groups at AVS sell tickets to benefit their organizations.

A decade ago, the AHA realized that they needed to grow the Duck Race and involve Auburn nonprofit groups. Pat Clement invoked the spirit of the 'Olde Home Day' and brought back a Street Fair. Susie T. worked very hard bringing in outside vendors and craftspeople. Local nonprofits participate: Dollars for Scholars, Longmeadow Church, Girl Scouts, Auburn Village School, Massabesic Audubon, Tower Hill Church, Longmeadow Church, The Massabesic Garden Club, Friends of Griffin Free, and the Friends of Auburn. Three years ago, the Auburn Parks and Rec Dept joined with the AHA. They provide fireworks on Friday night and activities for kids on Saturday.

Today, the Auburn Day and Duck Race continues to bring people from all over town together for a fun-filled family event. Many local businesses generously sponsor the event. This year's hard-working committee includes AHA volunteers Deb Mancini (chair), Dan Carpenter, Pat Clement, Brenda Beer, Joe Mancini, Dave Rogers, Linda Matta, Cindy Berling, Jim Thompson, Nancy Mayland and Brett Rickenbach. Amy Lachance (Parks and Rec) and Dan Szczesny (Griffin Free Public Library) are also very involved in making this event successful. There are many wonderful members of the community that volunteer to help at the event (we are always looking for new volunteers!).

This 2023 Auburn Day and 30th Annual Duck Race, Olde Home Day Street Fair is once again put on by the people of Auburn for the people of Auburn. There are fun things to do in Auburn and this is one of them. Plan now to be in Auburn on September 8th for the Hot Air Balloon Ride and September 9th for the Auburn Day and Duck Race street fair! Look for more info in the September Auburn Village Crier, our website and our Facebook page.

If you have any old photos or memorabilia of the Olde Home Days events from the 80's-90's, and would like to share them with the Auburn Historical Association, please email us at info@auburnhistorical.org.



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