AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

2023 EDITION

DECEMBER

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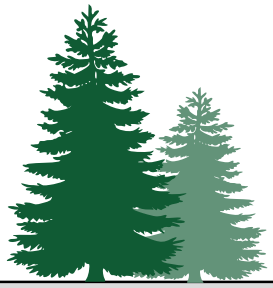

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Note: Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates, times and cancellations.

This calendar highlights special events and meetings happening this month

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

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

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Auburn Town Hall News

The annual budget process is nearing completion, as the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have been reviewing and modifying the town department and school district requests over the past two months. The current budget year will end this month with a small surplus, and the town's unassigned fund balance has increased. The Selectmen have been working to limit any increase in the town portion of 2024 taxes by reducing budget requests, making some equipment purchases early, and planning to use the fund balance for many expenses. A public hearing on the budgets will be held January 11, before the Budget Committee finalizes its recommendations for Town Meeting.

The Town Clerk has posted elected offices to appear on the ballot at Town Meeting in this month's crier. The filing period is Jan 24-Feb 2. Interested residents are encouraged to speak with the appropriate chairperson or Town Administrator Chris Sterndale for information about serving in these roles.

The vendor for Household Hazardous Waste Day disappointed us by mixing up the schedule for this year's collection day in Raymond. We are working to reschedule in the Spring, and are sorry that some residents were inconvenienced that day.

Save these dates:

Jan. 23, 2024 – Presidential Primary Election. 7AM-7PM @ AVS.

Sat. Feb. 3, 2024 – Deliberative Sessions of Town Meeting and School District Meeting. 9 AM @ AVS, Town session follows school district session.

Tue. Mar. 12, 2024 – Town Meeting Voting Session. 7AM-7PM @ AVS.

We wish you a safe and joyous holiday season!

Keith Leclair *Michael Rolfe* *Tom Carroll*

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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Happy Holidays!!

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

We have already had our first snowstorm of the year but still wanted to remind people of the dangers of driving in the snow. Give yourself extra time to get where you need to be. Keep an extra blanket and warm clothing in the trunk of the car in case you are stranded in an emergency. Also remember black ice could be there without knowing it, so please be cautious when braking.

Lastly, when cleaning off your car after a snowstorm, make sure the roof is clear! It is the law, and you could be given a summons for not doing so.

Santa Claus is coming to Town!

The Auburn Safety Complex is pleased to announce our 6th

SANTA CLAUS PARADE ON SATURDAY 12/09

WE ARE STILL WORKING OUT THE DETAILS AND WILL ANNOUNCE AS THEY COME AVAILABLE.

We will once again be using the Santa Tracking App Life360; please see instructions inside this issue of the Crier for further details. We will post the code for joining our Santa Parade group no later than Friday 12/08 at 2PM. After that you can find the code on our social media sites, the sign in front of the town hall will post it and you can reach out to the PD via email or phone to get the code as well. mgates@townofauburnnh.com (603)483-2134

-AUBURN GIVING TREE UPDATE –

This is our NINTH year with the Auburn Giving Tree program. Each year we go through and make tags for the items that will help residents with some holiday magic. Almost every family lists items such as winter coats, warm boots, jeans, sweatshirts, blankets and socks. Critical items that are important for everyone to have. We will also put a few toy tags for children. As we put out tags for each family, we do so with the hope that the Auburn community can help fulfill some of these needs and wishes, and each year we are amazed at the kindness and caring you show to your fellow residents, often going above and beyond the item that was on the tag. Words cannot express our gratitude to the residents for making these holidays SO special for other Auburn families.

There is still time to grab a tag or return items to the police department. For those of you who have taken tags or still plan to, please return items to the Safety Complex **by Monday December 18th**. Santa will take it from there, and make sure it is all delivered by Christmas. We do understand that this time of year deliveries cannot always arrive on time, if you have a tag but the item does not arrive in time for the holiday- that is OK, Santa and his elves make plenty of after holiday arrangements to make sure gifts get where they need to.

GIVING TREE WRAP (IT UP) PARTY

Do you LOVE to wrap? OR do you hate to wrap, and have left over supplies you'd like to get rid of? Our "WRAP PARTY" will be at the Safety Complex on **Monday December 18th at 6PM**. We can always use an extra pair of hands (and scissors), this is great chance for younger (and young at heart) elves to be a part of the Giving Tree, and we are always in need of supplies…. Particularly tape, and clothing boxes for adult size shirts, jeans, sweatshirts. If you can't make it that night but have supplies; items can be dropped off inside the Giving Tree Trailer in our parking lot.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa@thePD at any time.

We hope everyone has safe and happy holidays this month and into the New Year.

Santa Claus parade
SATURDAY 12/09
The Auburn Safety Complex Santa Parade is back for our 6th year!!

Please check the Auburn Police Facebook page for updates and the parade route! Or feel free to reach out to Melissa@thePD if you do not have access to Facebook.

We will again be using an app called **Life360** to have close to real time tracking of where Santa is on the parade route. Instructions for the app are below.

The code to track Santa will be available by 2PM FRIDAY 12/08. We will post the code and the route on our Facebook page, again if you do not have access to Facebook, please feel free to reach out to Melissa as well.

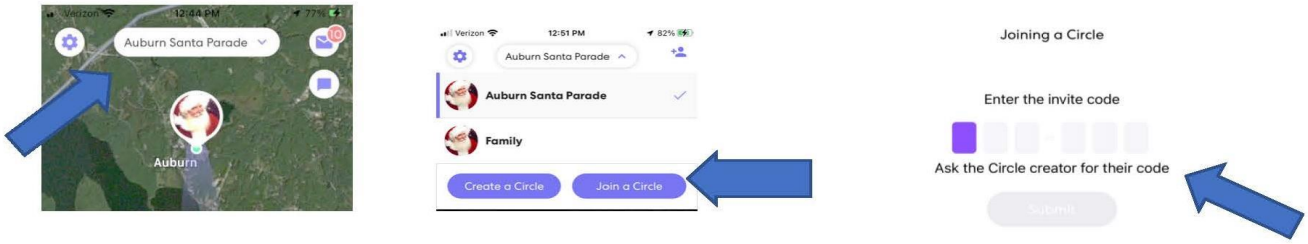
We do our best to keep you up to date with where the Parade is, but please listen for the sirens coming closer to your area, if your road is not one Santa will be going down please go to the closest intersection that it does pass, you are also welcome to come to the station after the parade to see Santa if he misses you as well.

We will once again be using the real time tracking app Life360 to better show where Santa is on his route

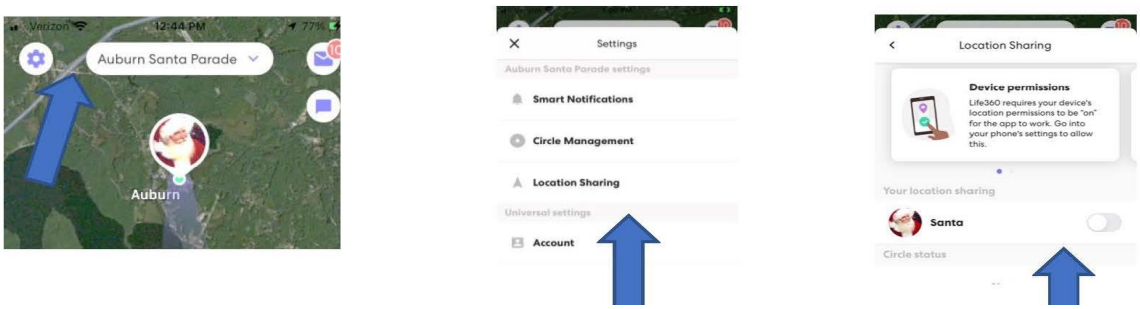
The day before the parade we will share the code to join the Santa Parade Circle in the Life360 app.

How to sign up for the Santa Parade life360 Circle

Once downloaded and an account has been created from the main screen
Tap the dropdown menu in the top middle of the screen
Tap join a circle
AGAIN, WE WILL SHARE THE JOIN CODE THE DAY BEFORE THE PARADE.



Once you have been added to the circle. You should see Santa's location.
BE SURE TO SHUT OFF YOUR LOCATION SHARING
From the main screen tap the settings (gear icon) in the upper left corner of the screen.
Tap location sharing, slide **YOUR** location sharing to off please.



TOWN OF AUBURN, NH
Parks & Recreation

December 2023

Rec News

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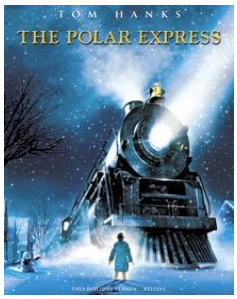
Polar Express Movie Night



Gather with your friends to watch the holiday classic, The Polar Express on Friday, December 8th at the AVS gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the movie starts at 6:30 pm. Hot chocolate and holiday cookies will be served in the cafeteria. Come dressed in pajamas and bring your most comfy blanket. Everyone will receive a gift at the end of the event.

Tickets are $5 per person if paid in advance or $8 per person at the door. To preregister, visit auburnparksandrec.com.

The Auburn Elf

Parker is back! Auburn's own elf is not on the shelf, but instead will be hiding around town with a puzzle for you to solve. He had so much fun last year that he's excited to visit again.

Throughout the month of December, we will post clues on our Facebook page, Instagram page and website to help you find Parker. He will move 6 times throughout the month of December. To solve his puzzle, make note of the letter he will be holding or will be next to him. Once you have all 6 letters, unscramble them to solve the puzzle and discover the holiday mystery word. Drop off your solved puzzle to Parks & Rec to be entered , three names will be drawn from all the completed puzzles for a Target Gift Card. If you aren't able to stop by the Town Hall during the open hours, leave your completed puzzle, with your name and email address or phone number on it, in the drop slot next to the front door. The gift card drawing will be held on Tuesday, January 2.

Intermediate Cookie Decorating

This season we're adding a new challenge for those who have tried our popular cooking decorating class with Allison. In this intermediate class, you will create 7 house shaped cookies that will connect together to create a small village. It will create a more "centerpiece" type cookie creation. This is considered an intermediate class because there are more intricate details on each cookie. You will be creating 7 cookies instead of the usual 6 in the same 2 hour class timeframe so a little previous experience will be needed.

This class will be held on Monday, December 18 at 6:00 pm. The fee for this class is $65 for Auburn residents and $69 for non-residents which includes all supplies and instruction. (If the class is full, please add your name to the waiting list. If there are enough additional people, we will add a second night.

McIntrye Ski Program- Elementary

Auburn will be participating in McIntyre Ski Area's 5 week after school ski and snowboard lesson program. This program is offered to students ages 6-12. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced skier or rider this program has something to offer for all students.

Auburn will be attending on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm beginning in January. Students are grouped according to age and ability. Level 4 students may qualify for 1 hour of "free ski" during their lesson time where they can practice fine tuning their skills on their own under the close supervision of our instructors and apprentices. We strongly encourage parent chairlift riders to assist with the students who are approaching the chair lift stage in their learning. Please inquire at guest services during your child's lessons to obtain a chair rider ticket. Students must be 6 years old by the first day of lessons.

Auburn will be attending Snowsports Club on:
~Tuesdays from 4:00pm – 6:00pm beginning on January 2nd, 2024
~Lessons will take place on: Jan 2nd, Jan 9th, Jan 16th, Jan 23rd and Jan 30th- Mighty Macs Lessons (all 5 weeks)
~Lessons $250
~Rentals $110
~Helmet Rental $35
~Open Ski $120 (Lift ticket only, Level 4+)
~Registration deadline 9:00am on December 29th, 2023. There will be a $20 price increase for lessons and $10 price increase on Open Ski for any registrations allowed after Dec. 29th. Please note: Registration can close without notice any time after Dec. 29th.
~Please note that transportation is not provided.

To register, visit www.mcintyreskiarea.com/after-school-programs/ and click on "Auburn Braves"
If you have questions, our Auburn Coordinator is Joelle Ray at joellebenae77@yahoo.com

Pats Peak Ski Program- Middle School

The Pats Peak Learn to Ski & Ride Program for Auburn middle school students will be held on Wednesdays beginning on January 3 and run for five consecutive weeks. Registration for the program ends on January 1, 2024.

This is an Auburn Parks and Recreation program. There is no transportation this year so participants must establish their own means of transportation to/from the mountain. Students should strive to arrive at Pats Peak about 3:30. Children not enrolled for lessons may free ski for the entire visit. Children enrolled for lessons break from free skiing to meet with their instructors for the 1-hour lesson starting at 4:30. The program ends at 7:00; however, families may remain at the mountain longer if desired.

You can register online at www.patspeak.com/plan-your-visit/lessons-rentals/learn-to-ski-ride-program
Use program Access Code AUBURN2024 (no spaces) when prompted.

If school is canceled, the Ski & Ride Program is canceled. All other cancelations will be made by 12:00 pm on the day of the program. We look forward to an enjoyable season on the slopes with your children. Please direct questions to Pat's Peak Auburn Coordinator Mark Comeau at 603-552-0451 or comeaumj@comcast.net.

Holiday Yoga Workshop

Yin & Restore for the Holidays: A Time to Unwind

Join seasoned yoga instructor Nicole Detellis for a 75-minute journey of profound relaxation and self-discovery as we dive deep into the world of Yin & Restorative Yoga, guided meditation, and the therapeutic power of soothing music. This workshop is a harmonious blend of mindfulness, gently held yoga poses, and music designed to bring peace and balance to your body, mind, and soul.

This workshop is suitable for all levels of yoga practitioners, including beginners. If you're looking to reduce stress, enhance flexibility, and find a sense of inner calm, "Harmony Within" is the perfect opportunity to embark on a restorative journey.

This one-day workshop will be held on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 am to 11:15 am. The fee is $35 which includes instruction and equipment. You may choose to bring a yoga mat, blanket and your favorite pillow. Some may enjoy using sleep masks for their eyes.

Game Day

Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at Severance School Community Center for our weekly game day. As the weather is getting colder, let's head inside to play games and socialize! Games will be provided, the primary game being this month will be Mexican Train Dominoes. If you've never played, there will be someone there to teach everyone on the first day. If you aren't into Mexican Trains Dominoes, other games will be available to play! There is no fee and no pre-registration. Stop in any Wednesday to play. (No Game Day on 12/20 or 12/27)

Coming Soon

Watch in the January Crier for more information about more upcoming programs including….

- Camp Adventure & Summer Basketball Camp registration information
- Learn to Crochet/Crochet Social Group
- Babysitting Course
- Puzzle Mania
- Yoga Workshop
- Winter Sessions of….
  - Adult Crafts with Kelley
  - Cookie Decorating
  - Jumping Beans
  - Strength Training
  - Tai Chi
  - Yoga
  - You & Me Art
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Some units in this subdivision have not yet been registered with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. Until such a time as registration has been issued, only non-binding reservation agreements may be accepted.

AVS Veterans Day Breakfast 2023

We hosted our annual Veterans Day Breakfast on November 9th at 9:15 am in our school gymnasium. Sixty service members along with their student relatives and other guests were invited to school to have breakfast, enjoy some music and song to honor their achievements, courage and dedication. The first graders signed the Pledge of Allegiance, the chorus sang The National Anthem, the band played America the Beautiful and fifth graders expressed their thanks. The sixth graders decorated, served food, and cleaned up after the event. Thank you to Sarah Belanger and Laura Villeneuve for helping to organize the event.

Auburn Girl Scout Troop 20159

Paper Cup Dispenser at AVS

As part of a recycling project, the Troop presented to the PTA and AVS principal Dr Collins, their idea of adding a paper cup dispenser to be placed outside of the gym at AVS next to the water fountain. This idea was welcomed and the dispenser will be installed in the very near future. The goal is to reduce/eliminate plastic water bottle use at school events. In order to assist with this, we ask that you please bring your own reusable water bottle to events at the school instead of buying water. If water is still needed, everyone is more than welcome to use a paper cup from the dispenser the girls purchased. We hope in the future you consider bringing your own reusable bottle as well as donating paper cups for the dispenser for events instead of donating water bottles to be sold. Thank you!

Historical Society Garden

We hope you enjoy the flower garden Troop 20159 made and plans to maintain at the Auburn Historical Society.

Goodbye to Troop 20159!

As leaders, we wanted to congratulate the girls in Troop 20159 on their graduation from AVS in June 2023.

It has been a pleasure to watch them grow, challenge themselves and learn new skills. Thank you to everyone who helped support them and their ideas, as well as those who bought Girl Scout Cookies to help fund their activities.

Throughout the last few years, these young ladies made dinner for a local long term nursing home facility, made holiday cards for Veterans, learned to crochet hats for cancer patients, took both a public speaking and etiquette class and completed the Red Cross Babysitting course. They also made a garden at the Auburn Historical Society and completed a project on reducing plastic waste at AVS. For their last and final meeting, they hiked Mt Lafayette and stayed at the AMC Greenleaf Hut. This experience taught them the importance of planning which included: appropriate gear, navigation and monitoring weather. We are very proud of these young ladies and wish them the best in high school!

Nicole Krygeris and Rebecca Benyik

Picture from left to right:

Violet Lenzi, Victoria Benyik, Ava Krygeris and Anna Stanton

Auburn's BSA Scout Troop 127

January 6th and 13th: Our Annual Christmas Tree Collection Fundraiser

It's never too early to be prepared. Mark your calendars for the Scouts annual Christmas Tree collection fundraiser. Once the holiday has passed, the Scouts will cheerfully help collect your Christmas Tree for a suggested donation of $10 per tree. Scouts will collect Christmas Trees on January 6th and January 13th 2024.

Auburn Troop 127 conducted our annual "Scouting for Food" service project November 4, 2023. Thanks to the generosity of the Auburn community, we collected over 2500 items to assist our neighbors facing food insecurity. We transported a significant amount of these donations to the Chester Food Pantry as this pantry provides service to the Auburn Community.

Our older scouts are now planning a hiking trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in the summer of 2024. The Philmont Scout Ranch consists of over 140,000 acres of wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in NM. The scouts will begin training hikes and exercises to build the needed endurance for the planned week long trek in the wilderness.

The Scouts BSA program in Auburn is open to boys in grades 5 through High School (ages 11 - 17). The program is youth lead and the elected youth leaders are mentored by well trained adults. The Scouting program focuses on character development, leadership skills, being active in your community and maintaining physical fitness.

Troop 127 typically meets on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. We alternate between meeting spaces in Auburn at the Longmeadow Church and the old school in Chester located at 84 Chester St. (next to the Police Station)

To learn more about Troop 127, please visit our website https://auburn127.mytroop.us/home or email Will Melendy at WilliamMelendy@Gmail.com.

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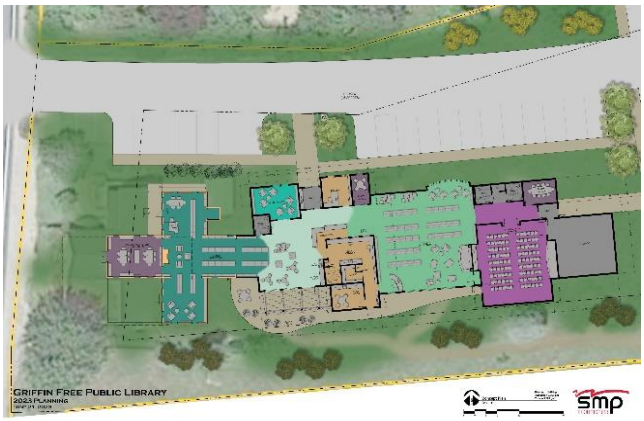
Library Expansion News:

Moving Full Steam Ahead!
As the town and library move into budget season and we prepare for Town Meeting, I thought I'd recap everyone on where we stand regarding the library expansion.
Architect – Our architects are SMP Architecture out of Concord, a firm with much library experience.
Construction Manager – We have Bonnette, Page and Stone Corp. out of Laconia on the job, the firm that helped with the AVS expansion.
Fundraising Consultant – Andrews Consulting out of Manchester has been directing our Expansion Committee as we develop and pursue our Capital Campaign.
Expansion Committee – For the past two months, our Expansion Committee has been hard at work developing a fundraising campaign and reaching out to donors. We're also applying for grants and have created a tiered Naming Opportunities program for the new library.



Community Sessions and Involvement:
You can join us at an Expansion Committee meeting or just reach out for ways you can help, which could include anything from giving donations to contacting town leaders to spreading the word. We have a current set of plans on display at the library along with a digital walk through. We'll also be holding more information sessions and house party events to get the word out. If you are interested in learning more about the expansion, please contact Dan Szczesny at director@griffinfree.org.

Information available: Learn more about your library's expansion by visiting our Expansion Hub website anytime for constant updates and info.
https://griffinfree.org/gfpl-expansion-hub/

Notes and News

December (and beyond) on Beanstack
The library always has reading challenges and fun for patrons up on our Beanstack. Simply register 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 6 to 12 who have completed the challenge will win!

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

Kids and Teen Programming

Sat., Dec. 9, 12-2pm, Saturday STEM: Join us for our popular Saturday STEM program. This month we'll be making Grow the Grinch Hearts! All supplies will be provided. The more the merrier, bring your friends. Registration is required.

Sat., Dec. 16, 10:30-12:30, 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 their gamers!

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

Adult Programming

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6-8pm, Adult Craft Night: Join host Laura Carignan as she returns to show us how to craft a paper quilled ornament. All supplies will be provided. Patrons and public welcome, but sign up quickly-there are only 12 spots!

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

The Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6:30pm.

Special Events

Sunday, Dec. 3, 8-11am, Friends Santa Breakfast: Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library will be hosting the annual Santa Breakfast at Auburn Village School Cafeteria. Santa will arrive via fire truck around 8:45. Price of the all-you-can-eat breakfast is $10 for adults and $5 for children up to grade 8 and free for kids under 3. See the Friends section of this month's Crier for more information!

Thursday, Dec. 8 through Friday, Jan. 12, Bird Carving Exhibit: Auburn artist Dee Cleary will be exhibiting her carved birds at the library in our front history room. Opening night, on December 8 from 5-8pm will include a demonstration of how to carve a bird from a block of wood. Please see the larger ad in this Crier about the exibit.

Holiday Hours

For the holidays, the library will close December 24, 25 and 26 and also on December 30, January 1 and 2.

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News From Auburn Dollars for Scholars®

SAD NEWS

It is with a heavy heart I write this Crier article.
This spring the 2024 scholarships will be our **last scholarships** awarded.

Auburn Dollars for Scholars® has been part of this community since 1982 and has awarded over 80,000 dollars to Auburn students.
However, the lack of involvement and interest over the past few years has proven to be a great disappointment.

If you are interested in becoming involved, Please contact me at jhrubiec@comcast.net - Our next public meeting will be January 9th at 6:15 at the Auburn Historical Association building.

As of this date we will still offer the 9 different scholarships this 2024 scholarship season.
We will be adding an additional memorial scholarship in memory of Yvonne Gosselin, our founder, who passed in October.

Applications will open on February 1st.
Visit: Auburn.dollarsforscholars.org for more information.

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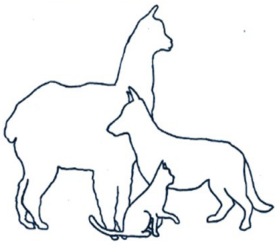

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December Updates: The Friends of the Library

We wish you all a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you on December 3!

On Sunday December 3, The Friends of the Griffin Library will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa from 8am-11am at the Auburn Village School Cafeteria.

Prices are $10 for adults, $5 for children up to grade 8, and free for children under 3. All proceeds will benefit programs run by Friends of the Griffin Library such as author visits and museum passes (new ones coming soon!).

What to expect:

- All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast menu of, sausage, pastries, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, pancakes, and, new this year, waffles with optional whipped cream and fruit topping!
- The chance to meet Santa!
    - Santa will be arriving on a fire truck at about 8:45am and is excited to visit with the children of Auburn.
    - Photographer Heather Bronson will be taking pictures that can be accessed through an online gallery. From the gallery, you'll be able to download the photos so you can share on social media or print as you desire! There is no extra charge for the pictures beyond the price of breakfast,
- Performances by the Auburn Village School Band and Choir, starting at 9am and continuing throughout the morning

Questions or interest in joining the Friends? Reach us at griffinlibraryfriends@gmail.com or stop by one of our meetings, held at 7pm on the first Monday of every month (except holidays). Our next meeting will take place at 7:00 at the library on Monday, December 4th.

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St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

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Dcn. Sean C Magee, Sr., Permanent Deacon
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www.stpeteraub.org

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Sat – 4:00 p.m.
Sun – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Mon, Tues, Fri – 7:00 a.m.
Wed – 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, December 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

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.

Longmeadow Serves

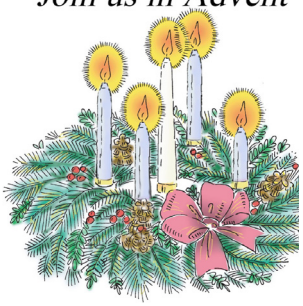
Longmeadow Wishes you JOY in this Holy Season!

In any year, as we enter the holy season of Advent, many things, events and people vie for our attention, and our lives can feel too hectic and hurried to truly experience the wonder and awe of the season. But at Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC you will always find a place for you to join us in worship and praise, community, and service.

We want to thank our Auburn neighbors who generously joined us last month in providing **grocery store gift cards** to assist local families in need to enjoy a **Thanksgiving** meal and stock their shelves. Working together we can make a real difference in people's lives. Thank you also to all who supported the efforts of our **Ladies' Circle** by pre-ordering pies and we look forward to welcoming you to our **Snowflake Fair** on 12/2 and at our **Community Breakfast** on 12/9 (see elsewhere in the Crier for more information). We also want to thank all who participated in our annual **Scarves in the Park** efforts. Hundreds of scarves, hats and mittens were created and provided to help keep people warm this winter.

As we enter Advent, we invite the community to **join us for worship** in this holy season:

Join us in Advent



Sunday December 3, 9:30 a.m. we begin the season of Advent with our traditional ***Greening of the Church***; this interactive service is for the entire family, as we learn more about the purpose behind the traditional holiday elements with which we adorn our sanctuary and our homes. This Service will also include celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 10, 9:30 a.m. we will gather for our regular ***Sunday Worship***

And at 4:00 p.m. on December 4 we invite you to join us as we reach out to support those for whom the holidays are a difficult time at our annual ***Blue Christmas Service***. We gather in this service to provide support to those who are grieving or struggling in this season and we invite the community to join us that we may stand together in this time.

Sunday, December 17, 9:30 a.m. ***Family Advent Worship***

Sunday, December 24, join us as we gather in three different ways this day to welcome the long-expected Jesus:

9:30 a.m. Breakfast Church at Bethlehem Inn, knowing that all have a full day ahead, we invite you to start your day with us as we worship together over a shared pot-luck breakfast meal and worship. We will worship with story, prayer and song, remembering that time so long ago, when it was hard to find a room. But on this day we will welcome the holy family and make room for them in our hearts.

5:00 p.m. Outdoor Special Children and Family Service. Gathering at the fire pit near our upper parking lot. This service is child focused and interactive and will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube for Christmas Monday morning.

7:00 p.m. ***Christmas Eve Family Worship***, this candlelight service will be child-friendly and will be filled with music, light and joy for all.

**** Please note there will be NO 11:00 p.m. service this year.**

A Zoom Worship Gathering will also be offered, time TBD. Please contact the church office for more information

Sunday, December 31, 9:30 a.m. ***Family Interactive Worship***, Join us as we welcome in the New Year with a joyful final Christmastide service as we gather again for a time of

Massabesic Garden Club

Our November meeting at Frizzhome Gardens in Bedford was a wonderful chance to spend time in the succulents greenhouse with owner, Jeff Frizzell, and we want to extend lots and lots of thanks for his time and infectious energy. If you have not yet visited, keep this great business on your radar for next spring.

Massabesic Garden Club Winter Schedule

Always check our website for weather related changes—we hope to see you often!

www.massabesicgc.org

Holiday Party

Dec 13, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Severance School Community Center, 515 Manchester Rd, Auburn, NH

It's that time of year, and what better way to celebrate than with those who share a love of all things gardening? Fun, food, and plant discussions are the theme of any good party!

This is a Potluck Party, and for those who choose, please bring your holiday favorites to share. There will be a garden-themed Yankee Swap for those who would like to participate ($20 max).

January Meeting

Jan 10, 2024, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Severance School Community Center, 515 Manchester Rd, Auburn, NH

Bitter cold, snowy days, and lack of sunlight getting you down? Then it is time to talk about winter sowing! Our very own Patti and Stephanie, will present, so join us for a tutorial and discussion about the practice of winter sowing.

February Meeting

Feb 07, 2024, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Severance School Community Center, 515 Manchester Rd, Auburn, NH

We are pleased to welcome Ayn Whytemare, owner of Found Well Farm in Pembroke, NH who will be presenting "Gardening for the Cheap and Lazy. "No more $64 tomatoes! With knowledge and humor explore creative ways to get the job done, solve problems and have fun!" There will be time to open the discussion to our fellow gardeners- you'll love the tips and tricks presented!

Snow date will be 2/21/24 if necessary.

March Meeting—Save the date! March 13, 6:00 PM location TBD
Spring is right around the corner!

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NATURE-INSPIRED HOLIDAY GIFTING

Come to the Nature Shop for all of your holiday needs this season! Explore a selection of educational games, puppets, binoculars, and books for both kids and adults. Pick up some NH Audubon merchandise, including mugs, stickers, hats, and a limited-edition T-shirt designed by local artist Allison Qualls. New this year – gift a camp experience to a child in your life! Contact Claire Adams, cadams@nhaudubon.org, for more information.

Swing by the shop during open hours for more details!
Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm

MAKING AN IMPACT THROUGH EDUCATION

by Slater Roosa, education coordinator

Walter Keane

Education is an important aspect of New Hampshire Audubon's mission - we offer educational programming to students of all ages throughout New Hampshire. The Massabesic Center recently hosted Londonderry Middle School's entire 7th grade class over the course of three days for a series of field trip programs. We were able to meet and learn alongside 340 students from Londonderry. The field trips engaged in a few of the amazing, educational activities that we offer, including the Scales, Scutes, and Skins presentation that focuses on New Hampshire's reptiles and amphibians. Students learned all about our cold-blooded friends and then embarked on a nature walk on the Massabesic Sanctuary's trails!

Visit our website for more about NH Audubon's mission and education programs.

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GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Looking for the perfect gift plus a way to support NH Audubon? Purchase a gift membership before January 31, 2024, and we'll also send along a beautifully hand-crafted glass ornament from Old Hancock Glassworks made of recycled glass and impressed with the NH Audubon logo.

Visit www.nhaudubon.org/ornament for complete details.

Visit us Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm! Come 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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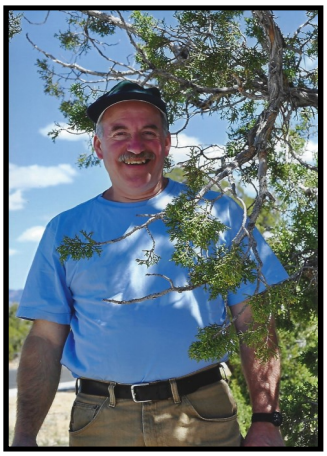

Deer Hunting, Part 2
by Dan Carpenter

Left: Michael Dollard was an avid outdoorsman

Right: One of Dee Cleary's reed fences

More short stories about hunting in Auburn, NH

(Continued from the November Crier)

Auburn kids born in the 1950's spent a lot of time outdoors. As they got older, family and work responsibilities forced them indoors. Michael Dollard (1956-2012) was an exception. Before sunrise, he was up and about running a trap line. Then he went to work. He married the girl down the road, Bette Hutchins, and they started married life in a Manchester apartment. Michael brought paperwork home for a wonderful deer rifle and explained to Bette how it would improve their economic situation. She, the practical one, observed that it represented a month's rent. Michael persevered. He got the gun but it was 8 years before he killed his first deer. (In his defense, Michael kept meticulous records that show the trap line paid for the rifle every year.). During that time, he learned where all the old apple trees were hidden in the woods. He followed the paths that generations of deer had trod down over centuries. Michael set up deer stands that increased site lines and made it harder to be seen. After his first deer, he pretty much got one every year.

In 2012, Michael watched a deer approach his deer stand. He took aim, shot, and reloaded his rifle. When he hadn't returned home well after dark, Bette grew concerned and went looking. Michael Dollard had died in his tree stand with his last buck dead on the ground. He was outside, living his life right up until the end.

Albie Eaton (1953-2023) kept the racks from 35 deer that he killed during his hunting career. Every year was different, every hunt was different and each rack told at least one story. As a teenager, Albie hunted with his father George and family friends Frank Stark and George Bartholomew. Hunting season involved the whole family. His mother, Edie, would be up at 4:30 in the morning to get the fire going and prepare a big breakfast for everyone going on the hunt.

After breakfast, the whole crew would pile into a pickup truck or two and head out.
They hunted together and eventually a system evolved where younger hunters with more stamina would 'push' deer toward older, more experienced hunters who were expected to make the shot.

Continued...

News from the Auburn Historical Association

Hunting Short Stories, Part 2 Continued…

Joe Stacy became part of the group but couldn't go on the first 'push' because he would still be milking the family herd. Milking interfered with Stacy's hunting and influenced his decision to get out of farming. After Joe left the farm, his father, Cliff, sold the cows. Stacy went into the residential construction business, digging cellar holes. Come November, Joe literally shut down his company to pursue his full-time avocation - deer hunting. His oldest son, Jim, said he would have worked with his father but he could not afford to take a month off with winter fast approaching.

George 'Bucky Bart' Bartholomew (1905-1985, 12 Hooksett Rd) was an avid deer hunter until a bullet grazed his hat. (And there wasn't much padding between his hat and skull.). Time to retire.

Jack McFarland dumped a truckload of apples in his side yard on Raymond Rd. Joe Stacy knew that a big buck was 'visiting' that pile on a regular basis. He asked Jack why that buck wasn't in his freezer? "He would be," replied Jack, "If the Game Warden wasn't sleeping with me."

Frank Forsaith (1860-1938) had a 10-acre field behind his house on the 5 Corners (Colman, Dearborn, and the Chester Turnpike). When Carl and Grace Forsaith retired to the farm in 1948, they kept the field open for fire prevention reasons. From his back yard, Carl set his camera up and took pictures of 7 or 8 deer at a time feeding along Preston Brook. Today, 4 houses and the woods have reclaimed the old field. The deer are still out there but not in groups and most won't notice them.

Native American people lived all around Lake Massabesic. Individual families set up homes on the small creeks heading into the lake. A larger group lived at the falls in Auburn Village. Brown's Island in the Back Pond was home to a dozen wigwams. Near there, the Fox family found a stone ax that may be 9,000 years old.

The Front and Back Ponds of Massabesic Lake are separated by Deerneck Bridge. Before the bridge, the land to the North was a peninsula which pinches together just below the Manchester Yacht Club. The Abenaki drove deer into this peninsula and built a brush fence behind them. The deer could escape by swimming but as long as food was available, they stayed.

I always questioned this story. What would a brush, reed fence look like? How much labor would be entailed? Then I saw the formidable barriers Dee Cleary built on Lover's Lane and realized that a brush fence was a doable and workable solution.

Would you like to become a Auburn Historical Association member or renew your membership? To get the 2024 form, please visit us at https://www.auburnhistorical.org/

Or scan to download the form here

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