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2023
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SEVERANCE SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

January 3, 2023
6:00pm-7:30pm
515 Manchester Rd, Auburn NH

Come join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of the new Severance School Community Center!

Please keep an eye on future Crier editions for new programs being offered every season! A list of Winter Session classes being offered can be found on pages 5-7.

Mark your calendars.....

- Deliberative Session
February 4, 2023
- Voting Day
March 14, 2023



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Auburn Town Hall News



Happy New Year! As the calendar turns over each year the Town government wraps up its preparations for Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have met weekly since October, working with department heads to finalize the annual budget and other appropriations, and the Selectmen are also preparing the warrant for Town Meeting.

The 2023 budget will be finalized after the Budget Committee's public hearing on January 12th. This year's primary budget challenge has been inflation. Selectmen are planning to use additional state appropriations and reserved funds to lessen the tax impact, while also preparing for future expenses. The proposal will likely include funds for two new firefighter positions, allowing the department to transition to around-the-clock staffing. This change will reduce emergency response times and help attract and retain qualified staff.

After several years of work, two agreements with the Manchester Water Works are nearly complete. The first will allow the Town to extract gravel for road maintenance from MWW land off Dearborn Rd. The second agreement is a land exchange, which will be voted on in March. The town will transfer a parcel of conservation land behind the Audubon Center for two parcels of MWW land. One parcel is adjacent to the Auburn Village Cemetery, allowing for future expansion. The second parcel will provide land needed to move the Depot Rd – Hooksett Rd intersection, now a significant safety concern.

Additional information on all of these items will be publicized before the first session of Town Meeting – the "Deliberative Session" on February 4, and through the Voter Guide published prior to voting in March.

Save the Dates:

- 1/10 - Deadline to submit petitioned warrant articles
- 1/12 - Budget Committee Public Hearing
- 1/25-2/3 - Filing Period for elected offices
- 2/4 - Deliberative Sessions of Town and School District Meeting
- 3/14 – Voting Session of Town and School District Meeting

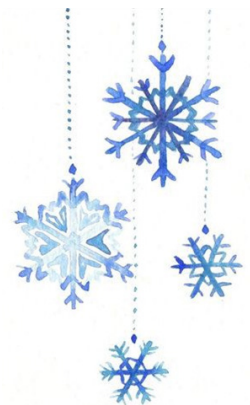
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Tom Carroll

Auburn Board of Selectmen



2023

NOTICE FROM THE TOWN CLERK AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

The following positions will be up for election at the Town and School District Voting to be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**. The filing period runs from **January 25, 2023 through February 3, 2023**. You may file for any of these positions at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. The Town Clerk's Office will remain open for filings until 5:00pm on Friday, February 3, 2023.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
SELECTMAN – 3 YEARS	MICHAEL J. ROLFE
TOWN CLERK – 3 YEARS	KATHLEEN A. SYLVIA
TREASURER – 3 YEARS	CHRISTINE TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS	JEFFREY PORTER
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS	MARILYN CAVANAUGH
CEMETERY TRUSTEE- 3 YEARS	JAMES D. THOMPSON
CEMETERY TRUSTEE- 1 YEAR	
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS	BARBARA CARPENTER
POLICE COMMISSION – 3 YEARS	DAVID C. DION
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 YEARS	JANICE A. BAKER
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK – 2 YEARS	KATHLEEN A. SYLVIA

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting, immediately followed by the School District Deliberative Session, will be held **Saturday, February 4, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM** at the Auburn Village School, with a snow date of Saturday, February 11, 2023.





Auburn Parks and Recreation

Recreation@TownofAuburnNH.com

603-483-5052 x101

January 2023

Rec News

Camp Adventure Registration

It's time to start thinking warm thoughts and plan for Camp Adventure to be part of your summer 2023.

The always popular Camp Adventure is back again for another year of friends and fun! This year we're adding another week!! Auburn Parks & Rec is offering a full day summer camp that will travel to exciting destinations throughout the state. We will hit the beach, lakes, waterpark and other locations full of adventure.

Due to high demand last summer, we are happy to offer **THREE WEEKS** this summer to accommodate all that want to participate. You can sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 weeks however some of the field trips will repeat each week.

Camp Dates: Week 1- Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21, 2023
Week 2- Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28, 2023
Week 3- Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4, 2023



Camp Hours: Meeting at the Safety Complex at 8:30 am and returning at 4:30 pm

Ages: For students entering grades 5-8 in the 2023-2024 school year.

Registration Dates: Begin February 1 for Auburn residents, May 1 non-residents

Fee: \$299 per week (full payment is due at the time of registration)

Register online at auburnparksandrec.com beginning February 1

Registration will begin on February 1 for Auburn residents and May 1 for non-residents. The registration form will be posted on the Parks & Rec website and Facebook page during the last week of January if you'd prefer not to register online. This camp does fill up fast so please do not wait to register. We take a maximum of 40 campers per week.

Campers can sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 weeks. While some trips are different between the weeks however all sessions will likely be visiting Canobie Lake Park and Whale's Tale Water Park as they are always the campers' favorite trips. The rest of the trips will not be set until the date gets closer and all are subject to change depending on weather conditions.



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



Severance School Community Center **GRAND OPENING Celebration**



For the past few months, after a few years of planning, the former Fairhaven Baptist Church, at 515 Manchester Road, has been undergoing a renovation to become the Severance School Community Center. This former schoolhouse has been transformed into a wonderful space for Parks & Rec to offer more programs, classes and special events as well as meeting space for Auburn town and non-profit groups.

Join the celebration as we open the doors of the new Severance School Community Center on Tuesday, January 3, between 6:00-7:30 pm. You will have the opportunity to take a tour of the building, meet some of the class instructors and register for programs. There will be raffles, light refreshments, music and crafts for the kids.

The programs listed below will be held at the **NEW Severance School Community Center at 515 Manchester Road**. Pre-registration is required as space is limited in all of our program. You can register online at

auburnparksandrec.com. If you don't want to register online, you can stop by Parks & Rec to pay with check, cash or credit card. If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Rec at recreation@townofauburnNH.com or call 603-483-5052 x101

Winter Session Classes at Severance School Community Center

Jumping Beans- Jumping Beans is a fun class for children ages 2-4 to get out and get moving. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:45 am until 10:45 am. The fee for the 6-week program is \$42. The session starts January 11 through February 15.

Strength Training for Active Seniors- This Strength Training class for active seniors will be a mixture of light weights and your own body weight. This 45-minute class will be held on Wednesdays from 8:45 am until 9:30 am. The fee for the 6-week program, January 11 through February 15, is \$62 for Auburn residents.

Crafty Kids- Crafty Kids with Kristy is a class for kids in grades 1-4 that combines great stories and fun crafts. Crafty Kids will meet on Tuesdays, January 24 through February 21 (*updated dates*), at 4:00-5:00 pm. The 5-week session will cost \$65 per child which includes all supplies.

Tai Chi- Tai Chi is a mind-body exercise from China. It has its roots in martial arts, philosophy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine. Classes are held on Thursdays, from 11:00 am until noon. The 8-week winter session runs from January 5 through February 23 with a cost of \$58.

Zumba- Zumba Fitness classes are designed to take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. The 6-week session of Zumba will be held on Tuesdays, January 10 through February 21 (no class on January 24) at 8:30 am. The fee for the session is \$62.

Introduction to Acting- Come be a part of an inviting and fun environment where students will learn fun foundational aspects of performing and acting using techniques designed specifically for their age groups. Important skills such as exuberance, diction and projection, creative thinking and problem solving, teamwork, and getting into character are just some of the topics we will explore.

Every class will have fun activities, working both with scripts and improvising, helping build talents that will make students more successful both on and off-stage. Gain awesome experience in the theatre without the pressures of being in a full production. A great way to sample theatre for the curious and build technique and tools for those who wish to start taking theatre more seriously.

Introduction to Acting classes will be held on Mondays for a 6-week programs, January 9 through February 20 (no class January 16). Grades 1-4 will meet at 5:30-7:00 and grades 5-8 at 7:00-8:30 pm. The fee for the class is \$65 for Auburn residents and \$78 for non-residents.

Parents' Night Out

Need an evening out *without* the kids? Sign them up for the first ever Parents' Night Out. Kids will enjoy an evening of fun games, arts & crafts and a pizza dinner in a safe, supervised environment while parents get a well-deserved break. Parents' Night Out is open to kids in grades K-4 and will be held at the new Severance School Community Center on Friday, January 20th. Drop off is at 6:00 pm and pick up is 9:00 pm. The fee for the night, including crafts, games, pizza and drinks is \$39 per person. Advanced registration is required, and spaces are limited.

Attention All Auburn Senior Citizens!

Auburn Residents 65 years young and older
You are cordially invited to the
Auburn Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner Take-out
This will be a drive through again this year.

When: Saturday, January 28, 2023

Time: 1:00

Where: Longmeadow Church

You must call or email to reserve a dinner before January 20, 2023 to:

Mary Royer at mroyer24@comcast.net or 603-483-5194

(Please leave a message with your name and phone number if there is no answer)

Hope to hear from you!

Girl Scout News



Girl Scout Junior Troop 59007 wants to share that GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME began this season just after Christmas and continues through March. Be on the lookout for friendly neighborhood Girl Scouts collecting orders and get your fix before the cookie season ends. The Girl Scout cookie tradition helps teach 5 skills that last a lifetime including Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics. Each box of cookies raises funds for both the individual girl who is selling, and her troop, so that new activities, skills and adventures can be funded. The troop of 4th grade scouts have been learning about outdoor and camping skills as they prepare for their

first camping trip. They enjoyed participating in the Auburn Giving Tree with some of their troop funds this season.

10 cookie flavors are available this year including a new option available only online called Raspberry Rally - a combination of raspberry infused crispy cookie and chocolate coating. All cookies are \$5 per box. We hope that you enjoy a few boxes this season or make a donation to our Gift of Caring options.

From the Girl Scouts of Auburn!

PS If you don't have a neighborhood scout and would like to support our 4th grade Junior scout troop you can reach out to one of their leaders - Jennifer Anderson at girlscoutsjen@gmail.com or call 603-889-8920 to place an order.

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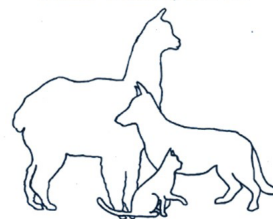
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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Happy New Year Auburn Residents!

We hope everyone had happy and healthy holidays last month and are looking forward to what 2023 will bring.

Once again, we are so proud of this community with the response of the Auburn Safety Complex Giving Tree. We had 10 families this year, which included 19 adults and 22 children ranging from ages 1 to 17. These families had wish lists consisting of the most basic essentials, dental care products, hats and gloves, sheets and towels. With your help the Giving Tree was able to provide nearly EVERYTHING on these wish lists, as well as provide toys and fun gifts for the children.

We keep this as anonymous as possible but wanted you to know that these families were moved to tears at the generosity and assistance each of you have provided.

While most of us love the snow during the holidays, it's AFTER the new year that New England seems to be hit with the majority of the storms and snow. A few things to remind each of you as we count down to spring...

Parking During Snowstorms

- A. From November 2nd to April 1st each year no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public way between the hours of 11PM and 8AM or at any time in such manner as to impede snow removal operations.
- B. Any vehicle parking in violation of this may be towed by the road agent, the Chief of Police or their agents, or by independent contractors engaged by the road agent or Chief of Police; any vehicles so towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing and storage by the owner.
- C. Any person violating Section A hereof shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each offense.



-Please be sure to check on elderly residents and neighbors during storms and times of power outages.

-Prepare your vehicle in case of emergencies. Be sure your cellphone is charged, check your tires, add items to your vehicle such as extra hats and gloves, warm blankets, a flashlight and first aid kit.

-Prepare your homes for winter emergencies. Be sure to have flashlights with working batteries, check and clean fireplaces and chimneys, check the batteries in your CO and fire alarm detectors.

-Take precautions when outdoors, even if you think you are only going to be outside for a moment. Wear appropriate clothing, hats, and gloves. Be sure you have proper footwear and add shoe spikes to your boots for ice.

-Don't forget your fur babies! There are many ways their paws can be injured besides freezing ice and snow. Salt, antifreeze, and other de-icers can irritate and injure their paws, as well as cause infections.

We know even in the most cautious of moments, accidents and emergencies can happen. Should you need assistance officers are on patrol 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please call our 24-hour dispatch at 603-483-2922 should you need help.

AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



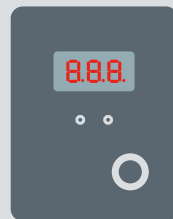
1 in every 7 home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths involves heating equipment.



Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators **outside, away from windows, and as far away** from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month.**



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



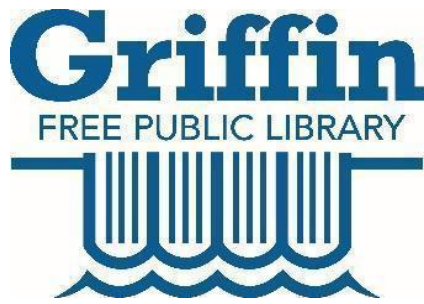
Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.

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Happy New Year Auburn!

LOOKING BACK: Thanks to all your amazing support, the library ended the year with the highest yearly circulation totals in its history! It was also a year that saw the library create a Story Trail and open a Seed Library and a Library of Things. And very soon, we'll premier our new MakerSpace and Building Center.

LOOKING AHEAD: An exciting new development toward the library's expansion - As of this month, the Concord-based firm SMP Architects has been hired to begin creating conceptual drawings and a 3D virtual walk-through of the potential expansion. Stop by the library anytime to ask us about our plans, or take a look at the library's Expansion Hub website for constant updates and information: <https://griffinfree.org/gfpl-expansion-hub/>

Meantime, here's a look at all the wonderful events and programming coming up in January.

Kids and Teen Programming

Fri., Jan. 13: Teen Movie Night!

Join us for a special showing "Shanghai Noon" with the fabulous Jackie Chan. The PG-13 film will begin at 5:30pm inside the library. This event is free, but registration is required and seating will be available for 20. Snacks will be served!

Wed., Jan. 18: Kids Movie Night!

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

Wed. Jan. 25: Kids Craft Night!

Drop into the library for a fun and free craft night. Stop by any time after school, from 4pm on to join in on the fun of building Paper Horse Crafts. No registration needed, all ages welcome.

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

Adult Programming

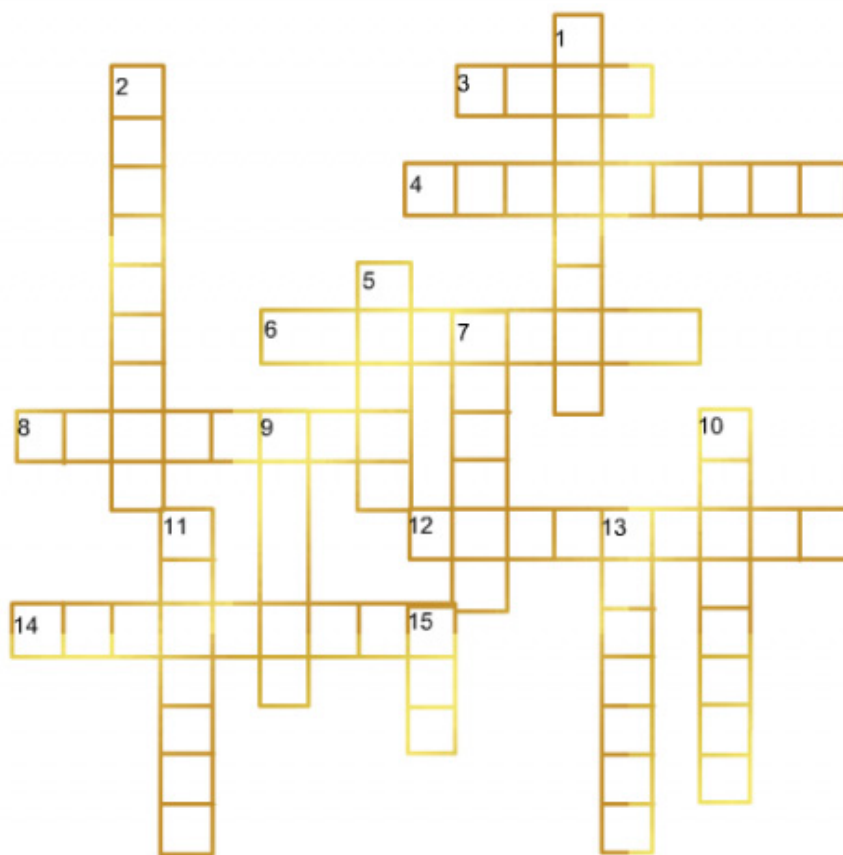
Thurs., Jan. 26: Adult Craft Night

Join us at the library from 6-8 for the first of a new monthly series of adult crafting events! This month we'll be crafting Valentine's Day origami. The event is free but registration will be required as seating will be limited to 10.

The **Evening Book Club** will meet on Wed. Jan. 4 at 6:30pm. This month's book is "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline.

The **Knitting Club** will meet every Friday at 10:30AM in December!

New Year Crossword Puzzle



Across:

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|---|---|
| 1. a chart with days weeks and months | 3. the period of 365 days |
| 2. a white sparkling wine | 4. a device containing gunpowder and other combustible chemicals which causes spectacular effects and explosions when ignited |
| 5. beautiful vocal instrumental or combined sound | 6. a timing device with two connected glass bulbs containing sand |
| 7. a drinking glass with a foot and a stem | 8. small bits of paper usually colored |
| 9. a man's dinner jacket. | 12. observe |
| 10. a handheld firework that emits sparks. | 14. an act of counting numerals in reverse order |
| 11. the first month of the year | |
| 13. round rubber bag that is inflated with the air and used as decoration or a toy. | |
| 15. opposite of old | |



January Breakfast! Longmeadow Church Breakfasts



Please come join your friends for breakfast in January at the Longmeadow Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. The Community Breakfast is January 14th from 6:30am to 10:00 am. The "all you can eat breakfast" includes French toast, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, toast, English muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and under 6 free. The next breakfast will be on February 11th!

Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy a great meal? See you there!

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A New Year has begun and with it comes hope. Every day God is doing a New Thing and we wait in expectant hope for where God will lead us. We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC move forward into the future with thankfulness for all the community has done for each other and for those in greatest need.

We give thanks for those who joined us in our Advent worship services in December with special thanks to the Scouts who helped light and safely tend the fires in our firepit where we gathered. Between these and several special services on-line, we have continued to BE THE CHURCH in these different but expectant times.

We were delighted with the success of our Snowflake Fair. The response from the Auburn community was wonderful and we hope that you enjoyed your crafts, baked goods, and attic treasures. We also thank everyone who attended our December Community Breakfast at which we had our largest attendance since re-starting. It was great to see you all and look forward to welcoming



Longmeadow Serves

you as we continue in this new year on the second Saturday of each month.

Scarves in the Park Update – We are very grateful to all the knitters and crocheters who created over 200 scarves and hats for this annual project. Although we had called ahead to make sure we had approval to leave scarves at the park as we usually did, the day before our event we were informed that due to a new city ordinance, we would not be allowed to do so. The committee immediately began making calls

to different service organizations (food pantries, shelters, meals on wheels, etc.) and found places to donate all the beautiful scarves. We are currently assessing the programs direction and will update you in future Village Criers.

Our regularly scheduled worship services are currently Sundays at 9:30 am in the sanctuary, 11:00 a.m. on Zoom and a pre-recorded version of the service is ported to YouTube each Sunday.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our Auburn friends and neighbors joy in this new year. 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 483-2907.



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News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

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2. Parent financials
3. Transcripts - contact your guidance office
4. S.A.T. or A.C.T. scores
5. References - with current email addresses
6. Work experience - dates of employment
7. Activities in school and community - dates of activities

Practice your essay skills!

Scholarship essays are different from college essays. Go to our "about us" tab and find tips on writing essays. We do not have any requirements for your essay but to remember your audience!

Visit:

Auburn.dollarsforscholars.org for more information

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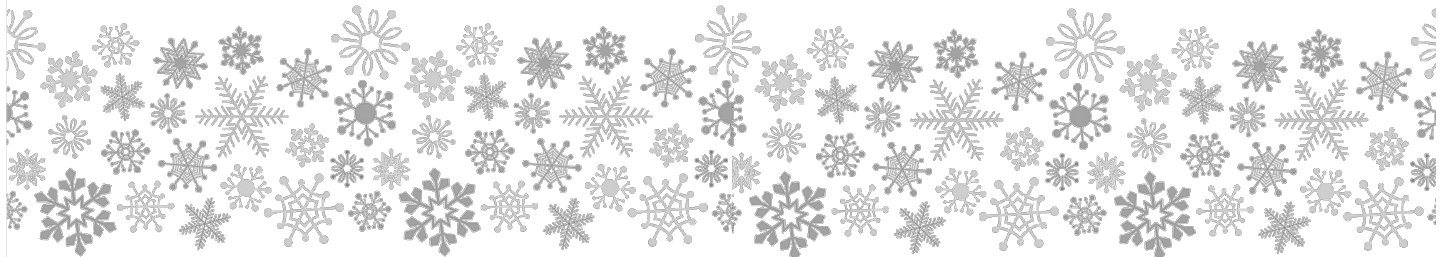
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Massabesic Garden Club

Q: Why did the tomato turn red? A: Because it saw the salad dressing!

That joke was so funny, right? Ahh January... time of bland tomatoes, or maybe even mealy tomatoes. Unless you have canned tomato sauce or salsa you will not be getting that ever so fresh taste for about 6 or 7 months! What can we do in this seemingly endless tomato abyss? There is lots you can do in the way of gardening prep in January to get ready for the next season!



How many of you are now receiving those beautiful garden catalogs? Or planning to go to the opening of our very own Griffin Free Library seed catalog to get your free seeds? This is the perfect time to winter sow hardy perennials, certain herbs and cold weather vegetables such as spinach, kale and broccoli. There is a lot of information about winter sowing online. There are those of you who might be getting ready to also sow in a green house or under lights in your home when its time.

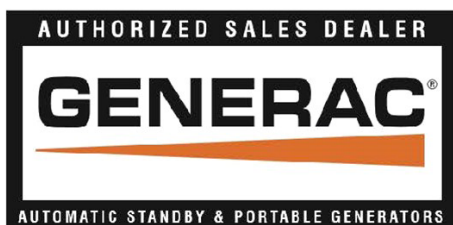
Other January tasks can include taking stock of your yard and making a list of tasks for the upcoming season. Whether that be studying how to give those blueberries a boost or the pear trees a prune, there is usually something that can be done to improve the health of your existing trees, shrubs, and plants. Some trees should be pruned only while in dormancy. You can clean, sharpen, and oil your pruners and take care of other tools as well.

Now is also the time to study up on the invasives. While you may not be able to identify all of them successfully during the winter, you may choose to read up on common invasives that you may have on your property and how to eradicate them. I learned a few years ago that a very fragrant beautiful flowering tree that is very prevalent here is none other than the Autumn Olive. The Autumn Olive out completes our native shrubs in several ways, to include changing the nutrient cycle in the soil to make it less suitable for other native species that are needed in our ecosystem. A few other common invasives to know about include Japanese Knotweed, Multiflora rose, Burning bush, and Japanese Barberry. You can read more at the UNH cooperative extension website, and also feel free to send pictures for help with identification to them via email.

For more information on membership in the Massabesic Garden Club, please see our website www.massabesicgc.org. We have lots of fun things coming up! We are in the process of loading our calendar of events for 2023. We hope to see you.



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News from the Auburn Historical Association

A Perfect Place to Grow Up: Auburn, NH in the 1960's

By Dan Carpenter

Right: The Eaton Family. Harland and George
Eaton are on in the front row on the left.



One hundred years ago, there were only two houses on the Davis-Eaton Hill Rd. Albert Eugene Eaton (1880-1962, Bert or Bert E) lived his entire life at Eaton Hill Farm. He married Emma (1885-1950) and they had 12 children over 25 years. The other house was owned by Josiah Davis (Joe - 1876-1959) who married Bert's sister Addie (1877-1957). They lived on the corner of Davis-Eaton Hill Rd and Colman Rd. By the 1960's, Bert's sons Ben, George, and Harland plus 2 grandchildren owned homes on land that once was part of Eaton Hill Farm. At that point in time, the Town of Auburn shortened the name to Eaton Hill Rd. Cousins now lived up and down Eaton Hill and across the road. George and Edie's youngest, Albert E (born 1953) was best friends with Kenny, son of Harland (1927-2021) and June.

In the 1960's, kids got up in the morning, ate breakfast, and went outside. (If the House was uninsulated, it would be warmer outside). They played in the fields and explored the woods. Living across the road from each other, if Harland's screen door slammed, Albie would know that the cousins were up. In the summer, Kenny, and Alfie would often sleep on the big wrap around porch. Albie and Kenny rigged up a pulley system between their homes that allowed them to send messages right across Eaton Hill Rd.

Harland's barn was attached to the house. He raised Black Angus cattle and kept chickens on the second floor of the barn. The hay mow was full of loose hay which was great to play in. Albie learned how to drive by maneuvering George's 1932 Chevy pick-up around the hay field while the bigger kids forked on the hay. Harland put up corn silage right in the barn which gave the whole barn a distinctive sweet smell. Putting up hay and chopping silage were huge jobs. When completed, Albie felt great satisfaction in accomplishing tasks that almost seemed overwhelming.

Albie purchased a pony cart from Arthur Lavoie, (Ron Lavoie's Father on Cottage Ave). In 7th and 8th grades, he rode the cart to school and tied the pony in the field across from AVS. At lunch time he would check on the pony and make sure he had water. George G. Griffin's Old Bridge was behind the school and Albie could cross it to visit with George and Esther Griffin on Hooksett Rd. Back then, the Auburn Post Office was located in what is now the Auburn House of Pizza. Albie would pick up the mail and visit with Les Emery, The Postmaster. Les would thoughtfully leave a shovel next to the tie up just in case there was cleanup to be done.

Albie considered Clarence and Ida Newcomb some of the nicest people he ever met. When Clarence was working the Fire Tower, Albie would ride down to Ida's on Manchester Rd, and take lunch to the tower. They shared the lunch of 2 sandwiches and a big piece of fudge while enjoying the view across Lake Massabesic out to the Uncanoonuc Mountains.

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Above left: Albie Eaton and Sam the Goat. Center: Emma Eaton. Right: William Eaton and Emma

(A Perfect Place to Grow Up, continued)

If anyone made better fudge than Ida, it was Addie Davis. Addie's fudge was famous in Auburn Village and she gave it away during the holiday season. Being next door neighbors, Albie spent a lot of time at Addie's house. Being neighborly, Addie would sometimes walk down to the George Eaton's just to visit. There were other times when she needed help, perhaps, water to prime the hand pump in her kitchen. If she was walking home in the dark, Addie would turn on a light to signal that she had returned home safely. (Those fields are now forested. A house has even sprouted up between the 2 houses.)

One night, Josiah's cow fell through the barn floor. Neighbors Cliff Stacy, George Eaton, Cedric Preston, Ricky Preston, and Frank Stark used a block and tackle to safely extract her. Today there is a stone marker in the field to mark the location of Josiah's favorite horse, Prince.

In the winter, Albie walked to Anne Mae Coult's (1886-1975, - Chester Turnpike) house and shoveled snow. Mae thanked the laborer by giving him an impressive silver dollar. Cliff Stacy (1919-1979) was hauling gravel from Leon Weeks (1898-1982) pit at 35 Bunker Hill Rd to build the dirt roads in the Sun Valley development. They backed the truck up to the gravel bank and shoveled by hand. It was heavy, hard work and Cliff was not the world's most generous payer.

Harland's Black Angus cattle were forever getting out of the pasture. His wife, June, would call the school and ask for Albie and Kenny's dismissal to help round up the cows. The boys were only too glad to help out and soon realized that a bar way left partially open would increase the odds of an early dismissal. One year Harland butchered a steer in front of the barn. The blood ran down Eaton Hill Rd and someone reported the situation to Police Chief Emerson Heald (1927-2017). Emmie investigated the possibility of a massacre.

Nothing stays the same. Albie joined the US Air Force in 1971. While he was in basic training, the barn at Eaton Hill Farm was torn down. The barn which had been the focal point of so much childhood play and hard physical labor was replaced by a 2 bay garage. After his military service, Albie returned to Eaton Hill and built a home next to his parents. His siblings, Richard and Virginia, also live on Eaton Hill.



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