



AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER



2021
Edition



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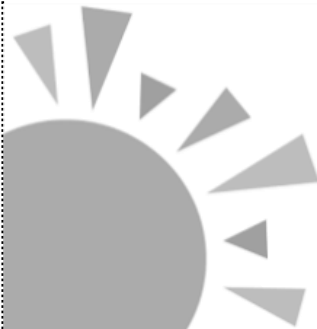
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Note:

*Please check with event/
project coordinators first
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cancellations.*

SAVE THE DATE!!

Annual E-Waste Collection

E-WASTE



WHEN: Saturday, September 25th
9am-2pm

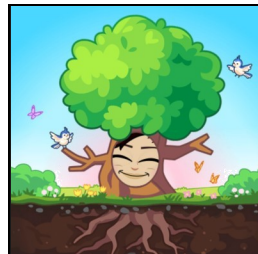
WHERE: The front parking lot of
the Auburn Safety Complex on
Eaton Hill Rd.

Job Opportunity



Deputy Town Clerk
For more info

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Auburn Town Hall News



Auburn to Receive Federal Funds

With most news media sources reporting on the federal American Recovery Act program approved by the U.S. Congress a month or so ago, we can report the Town of Auburn will be receiving funds from this legislation that will hopefully assist the Town and its taxpayers over the next several years.

A final determination is not anticipated for another week or so, but initial indications are the Town of Auburn will receive a total of approximately \$550,000 for use locally. The funds will be coming in two payments of equal amounts – one this year and one next year.

The U.S. Treasury Department has just issued program guidance for this program that is being reviewed now to ensure Auburn utilizes the funds for purposes allowed under the federal law and regulations. It appears the Town will have upwards of three years (through December 2024) to spend or obligate the money, and there will be reporting requirements for the Town to report directly to the Treasury Department how the funds are utilized.

Auburn did well last year in utilizing funding provided to the Town from the original Covid-19 relief packages commonly known as the CARES Act. In that instance, the State of New Hampshire made a portion of its funds available to local governments and Auburn was provided approximately \$133,000 which was utilized among most Town departments.

Town Storage Facility Project to Get Underway

Following the March approval of funding for a 20' x 60' storage facility to be built adjacent to the Public Safety Complex on Eaton Hill Road, the Town put the project out to bid to get the effort moving forward.

Two local firms submitted proposals for the project and the Board ultimately chose Pidcor, Inc., of Auburn for the project at a total cost of \$107,640.

As we write this article, site work is anticipated to begin around May 22nd with building construction to begin shortly afterwards.

With current economic conditions from the Covid-19 pandemic affecting major markets and business sectors around the country and world, the approximate \$26,000 increased cost from the Town's budgeted amount is anticipated to be made up with some of the federal American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) funding that will be coming to Auburn.

Broadband Service Being Reviewed

Knowing some Auburn residents have been experiencing difficulties with the level or consistency of broadband service they are currently able to receive, the Board of Selectmen has appointed seven residents to a Citizens Broadband Advisory Committee to analyze the level of service currently available and to consider whether the Town might be able to improve on that system.

The individuals serving on this committee include Rep. Jesse Edwards, Sean Finegan, Jan Gonsalves, David Oliveira, Chris Rolfe and Beth Thomerson. Selectman Keith Leclair will be an ex-officio member of the committee and has been designated as chair.

Following a process outlined in state statute, the Committee has issued a Request for Information(RFI) to the three firms – Comcast, Consolidated Communications and Grate State Communications – that currently provide some level of broadband service in Auburn. The firms have been asked to provide detailed information concerning the levels of service provided to the Town to enable the committee to make some initial decisions with respect to what service currently exists.

Town Boards and Committees

Several Auburn residents have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to various town positions, boards and committees.

Appointed as a new member of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Jennifer Strabone, while Shannon Daoust was appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Bord of Adjustment.

In partnership with the Auburn Historic Association, Brenda Beer, Dan Carpenter, Pat Clement, Deborah Mancini, Nancy Mayland and David Rogers were appointed as the 2021 Duck Race Committee.

Save the Date!!

Please mark your calendars for the annual E-Waste Collection event.

The annual “E-Waste Collection” event will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 9am to 2pm in the front parking lot of the Auburn Safety Complex on Eaton Hill Road. Auburn residents may dispose of “anything with a plug” from computers and monitors to TVs, radios, stereos and more.



Keith Leclair

Todd Bedard

Michael Rolfe

Auburn Board of Selectmen





Town Hall Job Opening Deputy Town Clerk

The Town of Auburn is seeking a **part-time** Deputy Town Clerk to join the team of hard-working, dedicated and fun-loving folks at Town Hall.

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

Skills and Experience: Basic accounting and computer skills, strong customer service and communication skills, detail-oriented and minimum of High School Diploma or the equivalent.

Pay: Hourly rate of pay dependent on experience, range to be \$15.38 to \$16.32 to start.

Hours: Up to 624 hours per year to include:

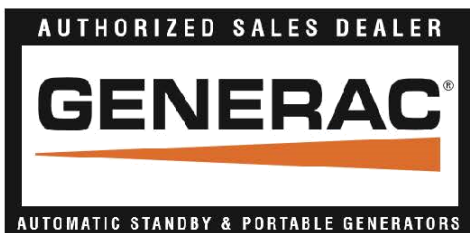
- * Wednesdays 7:45am – 2:30pm
- * The last Monday of every month: 3:00pm – 7:30pm
- * Approximately 10 additional weeks per year (Monday 9:45 m – 7:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 7:45am to 2:30pm and Friday 7:45am – 12:30pm).
- * The Deputy will also need to attend training, workshops and certification for motor vehicles, boats, elections and vital records.
- * The Deputy Town Clerk also works at all elections (1 – 4 per year, approx. 6:30am – 8:00pm).

To apply: Send a letter of interest and resume to Auburn Town Clerk, P.O. Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or townclerk@townofauburnnh.com.

The position will remain open until filled. Resume reviews will begin on June 18th.



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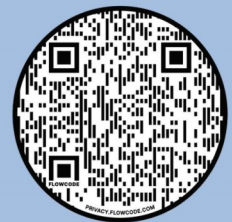
Mark Hagopian, a COVID-19 survivor, has partnered with the Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation at The Elliot to raise needed funds to support the patients and families who are feeling the on-going impact of COVID-19.

Funds raised will support ongoing health related or financial challenges of those who have experienced COVID-19.

100% of your donation will make a direct impact to patients and families.

To hear more about Mark's journey with COVID-19, please scan the code below to link to his story.

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Summer Concerts in the Park

The Parks and Recreation's annual summer concert series is back!! Mark your calendars for free family entertainment. Bring the kids to enjoy the playground and sit back and relax to the music. All concerts are held at the Circle of Fun playground starting at 6:00 pm.

Thursday, June 17	"Auburn Night" featuring Auburn's own Stephanie Murphy
Thursday, July 14	The Raging Rockaholics
Thursday, August 19	Studio Two- Beatles Tribute Band



Senior BBQ

Save the date for the Annual Senior BBQ that will be held on **Saturday, August 21**. More details will be posted in the July Crier.



Summer Jumping Beans

Jumping Beans is a class for children ages 2-5 to get out and get moving with the wonderful Miss Joelle!

This class offers moms (or dads, aunts, uncles, grandmas, etc.) and kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of the kiddos favorite songs. We will do simple dance moves to go along with the music. Jumping Beans is a fun upbeat class that offers kids the opportunity to be themselves whether that is dancing with their friends or running around and enjoying the music. Miss Joelle is a fellow Auburn mom that understands the importance of little ones getting out and finding something to put their energy into.



The summer session will run for 5 weeks from July 14 through August 18 (no class on July 21). Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 10:30 am **outside at the Safety Complex Field**. In the event of rain, the class will be rescheduled. Participants should bring their own mat, beach towel or blanket to each class. The fee for the 5-week session is \$32.

Basketball Camp

Lead by AVS Basketball Coach and Teacher, Coach DeGraffe along with Coach Howell, this camp is a week-long basketball camp where players will have the ability to work on ball handling and defensive skills as well as learn about how to move and handle themselves on the court.

The basketball style that is the foundation of this camp is to teach players how to make choices on the court that maximizes their own set of skills. This style teaches players the basics “rules” for an offense and lets the player use their own creativity on the court to make decisions at game speed. Players will have the ability to practice these decisions in daily full scrimmages then take time to break down and learn about their choice on the court.



Defensively players will learn the basic and advanced skills for setting up and creating a man-to-man defense on their own and how to make adjustments at game speed. Concepts and position for different situations will be introduced and when they are used will become a part of their decision-making process on the court.

The camp is open to students who will be entering 5th and 6th grade. Camp will be held in the AVS gym and will be held for one week only, July 19-23 8:30 am through 2:00 pm. The fee for the week is \$199.00.



NH Rec Esports League- Summer Session

Season Starts July 12

Our second season of Esports is here. Esports is one of the fastest growing competitions in the world. This league is a safe way for players to compete with friends on your own in the comfort and safety of your own home.

We are offering the following games in our Spring competitions:

Rocket League (3 v 3, any device)- Wednesdays

Rocket League (1 v 1, any device)- Wednesdays

Madden21 (1 v 1, PlayStation or Xbox)- Mondays

Super Smash Bros. (1 v 1, Nintendo Switch)- Thursdays

Fortnite (1 v 1, any device)- Tuesdays

Fortnite (2 v 2, any device)- Fridays



There are three age categories, Youth 8-12, Teen 13-17, and Adult 18+. You also register according to skill level, beginner or advanced.

Leagues will be run through GGLeagues online gaming and will consist of a six-week season where players will play one game a week. At the end of the season, players will participate in a single elimination tournament to crown the champion. All games will be played within the NH Rec Esports League. All players will be registered through their own town recreation department. The link to the Auburn registration page through GGLeagues is www.ggleagues.com/organization/town-of-auburn. The season starts July 12th and the deadline to register is June 28th. The cost is \$30 per person per league (players can play in multiple leagues).

To play, you must have a console/computer to play on, email address, own the game you are registering to play and have the ability to play live. All games are monitored by GGLeagues and players are held to a code of conduct to maintain a fun and safe gaming atmosphere.

Camp Adventure

There are still a few spots open in Camp Adventure this summer. Parks & Rec's Camp Adventure is a full day camp that will travel to fun destinations throughout the state. **There are 4 spots in week 2 which is August 2-6** at the time the Crier is sent to print. This camp is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2021-2022 school year. The fee is \$279 per week. The registration form with more details can be found on the Parks and Recreation website. Please contact Parks & Rec with any questions.



Pickleball

Have you ever played Pickleball? Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports. You can give it a try at the “new” pickleball court. We have one lined court that is located on the family skating rink next to the safety complex. The portable net is located in the locked box next the glass skating hut. Call (483-5052 x101), text (587-1038) or email (recreation@townofauburnNH.com) for the combination.

What is pickleball? Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports: the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules somewhat similar to tennis, with several modifications.

Parties at the Park

The Circle of Fun playground is frequently used for special events such as birthday parties and showers. We thank everyone who has used it in the past and kept it so clean after their event. Below are some guidelines when you plan to host an event at the Circle of Fun...

- The park is open to the public. Please be respectful of others enjoying the park.
- The use of the gazebo is first come, first serve. Although the park and the gazebo cannot be reserved, please contact Parks and Rec know when you plan to hold an event there. We find this helpful when planning park maintenance as well as give you a heads up of any other town events taking place at that same time. You can reach us at 483-5052 x101 or email at recreation@townofauburnNH.com
- There are trash cans at the park for everyone’s use. **However, if you have a lot of trash from your party, we would appreciate it if you could carry that out.**
- Bouncy houses/inflatables, grills, alcohol, and pets are not permitted.
- If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Rec before your event.

How to Register for Parks and Rec Programs

To register for Parks & Rec programs, visit auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation where you will find the registration forms under the “Rec Forms” tab. The completed forms along with payment can be mailed to Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. Checks can be made payable to “Town of Auburn”. If you have any questions, you can call Amy at 483-5052 x101 or email at Recreation@townofauburnNH.com.

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





June News from the Massabesic Garden Club

By now its likely most have their veggies in! Warm weather is finally here! The seeds that we have sown these past few months have grown into a GARDEN CLUB!! We are blown away by the overwhelming response! We have lots of exciting news!

Our first member meeting was held on May 13th at Sun Valley Park and was hugely successful. We DOUBLED our membership that evening to a total of almost 40. All attendees were greeted with a welcome gift donated by the board. Information was provided about the club structure thus far, meetings and events going forward, and member benefits. We gathered feedback from the group as to what they would like in terms of education and experience moving forward. We had a lot of laughs doing a trivia

contest led by Julie Salois-Tourville. The competition was fierce and an elimination round was needed. Who knew Aloe Vera is an herb? The board had donated gifts for the winners and there were other giveaways as well. Many members commented on how fun the evening was! It was truly heartwarming to community members across all ages having a good time together.

We are pleased to announce that one of Troops 127's Eagle Scout candidates, William Berglund, has asked our club to participate in his Eagle Scout project. We would be honored to assist. William is working on his project ideas. It just so happens that William was at the first meeting with two other generations of family members, Mom Karrie and Grandma Sue, and they won the trivia contest! We are also collaborating with Parks and Recreation in regards to other potential projects.

Our next meeting will be held at Sun Valley Park on June 15th at 6pm. Member Patti Elwell will be speaking on the topic of herbs. Growing, usage and preservation. We are really looking forward to it Patti! If any member wants to bring a recipe, special drink, baked good or other tasty item using your favorite herbs to share with the group, please do! Please feel free to bring any extra veggie seedlings to share. We know gardeners hate to waste good plants! This past meeting, we had spinach and parsley giveaways and they went quickly. We will also continue to work on club formation terms of committees and future plans so please come with ideas on how you may want to contribute to the club. We will be looking for committee Chairs and committee members. We will also be adding to the board and are developing a process for this selection as several interested people have come forward- which we are very pleased about!



Lastly we are pleased to recognize our sponsors!

Osbornes Aaway: 15% off for members

Bagley Pond Perennials: 10% off for members

Lake St Garden Center: 10% off on Tuesdays for members

Spring Look Farm Garden Center: 15% off all the time

Rolling Green Nurseries has offered to donate plants for community projects!

We are so appreciative for all that our sponsors have offered. We will also be looking for other private and corporate sponsors once we get started with our projects please let us know – any type of assistance in appreciated!

If you would like to join, please contact us so we can send you a member form. The cost is \$25/yr (under 18 and over 70 is free!)

Happy gardening!

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Monthly Real Estate Market Update

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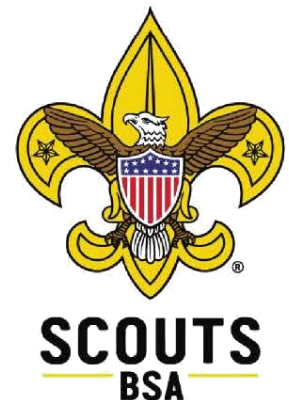
Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for April 2021

All data is taken from the NHAR.org for single family residential activity.



NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

Our son Enzo joined Scouting in the 5th grade. When he moved up from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts my wife Anna and I decided to get involved. She serves as the Troop Chairperson and I am the Troop Chaplain. Together with the Scouts and leaders we are helping to shape the next generation. Through Covid, the Troop adapted and met both virtually and socially distanced outdoors. We do volunteer projects like town clean-up day, yard work with Parks and Rec, and replacing the Veteran flags at the Auburn cemeteries. We also have a jam-packed calendar of hiking and camping adventures. If you'd like to learn more about getting involved, registering your child, or donating please drop me a line. I'm here to serve!





Boy Scouts

Troop 127- Luke Melendy – Troop Scribe

As the temperatures rise, the Boy Scouts of Troop 127 adjust their activities accordingly. This month the scouts started to teach their new members all about knots and lashings.

For the past couple months, they have been working on designing a two story fort at Camp Sanborn. Along with building the fort, the scouts have participated in helping our community through conservation hours as well. The scouts participated in the town roadside cleanup as well as helping the historical society with yard work. The work consisted of moving lots of brush, logs and rocks out of the yard. As the scouts adapt to having the newer members in the troop, they are always more than welcome to have scouts join at any time.

One of the newest Scouts, Jack P, is learning how to properly lash two logs together using a "floor lashing"



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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Auburn Residents,

Summer is here! With the nice weather we will see more people enjoying the “Great Outdoors”. Our residents have been very courteous when travelling in and around town and it’s appreciated. Please continue to give bicyclists a wide berth and look twice for motorcycles.

We have seen an uptick in vehicle break ins. Please be diligent about removing valuables from your vehicles and locking your cars, even when parking your car at your home for the night.

Auburn officers continue to help the New Hampshire National Guard regularly at the SNHU COVID vaccination site. The state reports that about 60% of residents have received their first vaccination, and about 40% are fully vaccinated. It is refreshing to see that restrictions are being relaxed throughout the state and we are all looking forward to a summer of catching up with friends and family and planning summer vacations and traditions that we have had to cancel or postpone. In May, the state released a 10-page Universal Best Practices guidelines, which can be found online at www.nh.gov .

It seems that the Covid-19 pandemic may be winding down (fingers crossed). Even though many of the mask requirements have been either relaxed or lifted (depending on where you travel), we would encourage you to still take those steps that keep you healthy.

Another bonus to restrictions being lifted.... We are looking forward to planning and participating in community events again!

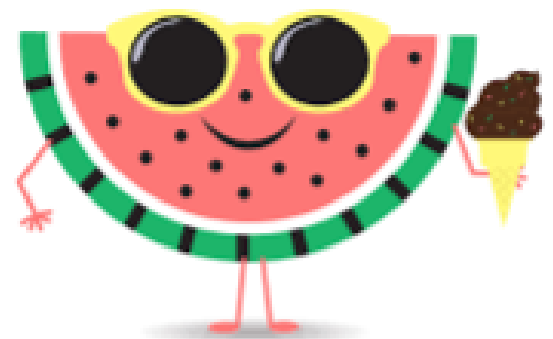
Some tentative ideas in the works so far:

August: Auburn Village School Staff V. Auburn Safety Complex Softball Game

September: Come visit the Auburn Fry Guys booth at the Auburn Duck Day for hand-cut french fries and support the Auburn Police Benevolent Association

October: Auburn Safety Complex Open House

October: Trunk or Treat



We will update with details on our plans as we know them, and we look forward to seeing all of you soon!



AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

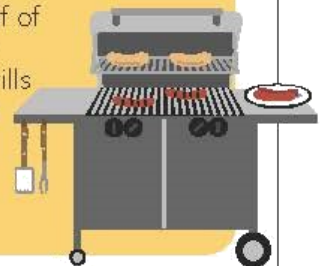
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

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Cana Couples: Cana Couples is a group of married couples who meet monthly to share a meal and enjoy each other's company. Our monthly gatherings were suspended for a year due to Covid-19, but we have begun meeting again with a few modifications. Our next gathering is Saturday, June 19. We will be meeting outdoors at 1 pm, and ask that each couple bring their own picnic lunch and beverages. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Gendron at 603-623-5429, ext. 1.

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.

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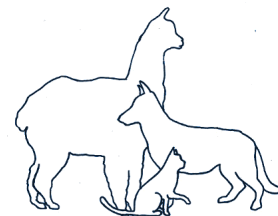
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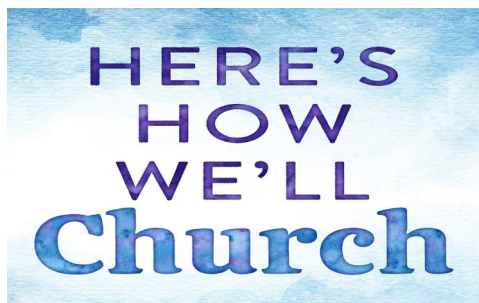


Longmeadow Serves! Bringing you good news of great joy!

Summer is usually a time when things begin to slow down a bit in church calendars... but not in 2021! God is continuing to work in and through our community and we give thanks for and to all who have worked so hard to bring our church, community, state and nation to this day.

It is with great joy that we announce that on May 9th, our church resumed in-person worship outdoors, on the lawn next to our upper church parking lot and we invite the community to join us in this joyful time, each Sunday at 9:30. We are asking all who attend to follow CDC and our church's guidelines to keep everyone safe by wearing a mask at all times and keeping at least 6 feet away from anyone not in your household. As long as everyone cooperates and respects these simple guidelines, we will be able to continue to gather together.

As the improving situation permits, the goal is to move to regular worship services in our church sanctuary, which has already been made ready. Knowing that not everyone will be ready to come together in groups, we will be continuing to offer worship gatherings on Zoom at 11:00 each Sunday and pre-recorded messages of worship on YouTube. You can contact the church for links to participate.



Again, please note that all of these plans are subject to change pending the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please contact the church or watch the Auburn Community Facebook page for updates.

In addition to gathering for worship, our mission and outreach programs are back in full swing and we invite our Auburn neighbors to join us this summer for two projects to serve our community:



In June, we will be holding a Peanut Butter and Jelly drive to benefit the Chester Food Pantry, which serves Auburn residents. The summer months are usually a lean time for food pantries and we want to help them stock up their shelves with these often requested items. Throughout June there will be a lidded plastic tub on the steps of the Tiny Tots Pre-School where you can leave a donation of any size jars of peanut butter or jelly (new, sealed jars only please).

In July and August, we will be holding a 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. In the months of July and August, the same plastic tub on the Tiny Tots porch will be available to accept your donations of the following school supply items. Please note that each bag must contain the same items and so we can only accept these specific items:

Round nose scissors

70-count spiral bound notebooks

30-centimeter / 12" ruler (must have centimeters)

Hand-held pencil sharpeners

Large eraser (approx. 1 X 2 inches, no pencil cap erasers)

New, unsharpened pencils with erasers

Box of 24 crayons (only 24)

2 pocket folders

Bound composition books



We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our Auburn friends and neighbors a wonderful summer. 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.



News from the Auburn Historical Association

The Orin Chase House and Artist Frank French

By Dan Carpenter



A Hamblet Farmhouse painted by artist Frank French



Chimney remains are all that's left of the cabin that Frank French rented while living in New Hampshire

Charles Spofford (1840-1916) had a cabin overlooking Canfield Cove on Lake Massabesic that he rented out to summer folk. One of those renters was the artist Frank French (1859-1933). French was an illustrator for the Manchester newspaper 'Mirror and Farmer' from 1870 to 1880. During this time period, French also maintained an art studio in Manchester. He left Manchester and headed to New York City where he attracted world-wide attention as an illustrator, engraver, and painter. French's engravings won prizes at the 1893 Columbia Exhibition in Chicago and again at the 1904 St Louis World's Fair. When did French rent the Spofford cabin? Was it during the 1870's when he lived in Manchester or was it later when he summered in NH during his 45 year stint in New York?

A French painting depicting a Hamblet farmhouse is now owned by the Chase family. Heading toward Chester, Charles and George Spofford's farm abutted 2 Hamblett Farms, George and Amos. All 3 farms had frontage on Lake Massabesic and road frontage on what is now Spofford Rd. Amos Hamblett sold to the Manchester Water Works in 1889 and George sold in 1898. When the Hamblet's sold out, Charles Spofford acquired their carriage shed. The Spoffords jacked up the building and moved it with oxen past their own house (328 Spofford Rd) and set it up at what is now 338 Spofford Rd.

In 1925, George Spofford (1869-1969) sold 10 acres which included the Hamblet carriage shed to a young couple, Orrin and Lena Chase. Orrin Chase converted the carriage shed into a house and the couple raised their only child, Orrin 'Herb' Chase, here. After serving in the US Navy during World War II, Herb Married Marjorie Cavanaugh in 1945 and moved to Manchester. They had two children, Christine and Edward. Herb and Marjorie returned to Auburn in 1970 (to the Londonderry Turnpike) and were very involved in local affairs.

After his Grandparents died, Edward Chase moved into the house on Spofford Rd. and lived there until his untimely death in 1980. Then, his sister, Christine and her son Jacob O'Neil, lived there and added a new modern kitchen. Christine sold the house and the new owners expanded into the side yard. A building that was originally designed for horse drawn vehicles became a home for 4 generations of the Chase family.



Hanging Plant Sale

Thank you to all who made a purchase from the Auburn Historical Association's hanging plant sale! The fundraiser was a huge success and we are grateful for all the community support!!

Auburn Day and the 28th Annual Duck Race!!!

**Saturday, September 11th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Downtown Auburn Village on Hooksett Road.**



The Auburn Historical Association holding its annual Auburn Day and 28th Annual Duck Race event! Plans are in the works and we hope we will see everyone there!

Parks and Rec will be joining us, making this an extra special event! Highlights will include great music and food, local artisans, crafters and vendors, children's activities, local authors, a climbing wall, petting zoo, apple pie contest, pretty chicken contest and much more!



***** ATTN: CRAFTERS AND BUSINESSES *****

If you are a crafter and would like to set up a booth, or an Auburn business that would be interested in being an event sponsor and/or set up a booth at the Auburn Day Duck Race, please contact us at info@auburnhistorical.org for more info!



Please contact us at www.auburnhistorical.org and ask to be added to our mailing list. Also, we will be sure to post any updates on Facebook —be sure to “like” our page.



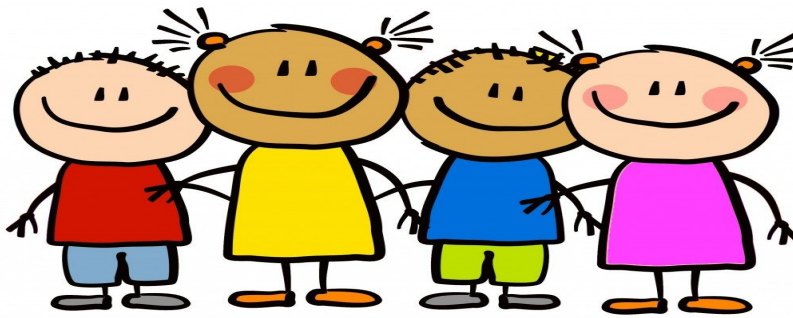
GIRL SCOUT NEWS



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 59007 found a way to continue the girls opportunity for learning during this past year by offering online badge opportunities. Online, girls and their parents have recorded videos and shared pictures of ways to earn badges like Outdoor Art Maker, My Family Story, Home Scientist, Eco Friend, Meet My Customers during this year. The troop recently started getting back together at outdoor meetings. The troop is working on the NH Fire Tower Lookout Quest by hiking to at least 5 of the Fire Towers in NH. For families interested more information on this program can be found here - <https://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/natural-heritage/fire-towers/index.htm> The girls have also done a trail clean up at Little Massabesic for Earth Day and worked on their Letterboxing Badge. They are excited to be back together in person! These are photos from the troop's first hike to Pawtuckaway's Fire Tower on South Mountain and their Earth Day trail clean up.



AVS SCHOOLYARD NEWS



8th Grade Graduation Parade--Calling all Auburn Residents!




Calling all Auburn Residents! Please join us in celebrating our 8th graders by lining the Eaton Hill Rd. as they parade by, caravan style, after they graduate from AVS on June 10th. Graduates and their families will participate in a ceremony in the Tower Hill Church parking lot at 4:00 pm and then proceed down Hooksett Rd. and up Eaton Hill Rd. to the cheers of AVS staff and the Auburn Community at about 5 pm. We are hoping that many of our residents will come by to cheer on this great accomplishment! Congratulations to a great group of students, you will certainly be missed.

AVS PTA 2021 Summer Camp Registration!

We are excited to be offering summer camps again this year. Camps are only open to AVS students this year. Look to the school website or PTA Facebook Page for the registration information or contact PTA members - Jennifer Anderson at 2011.andersonfamily@gmail.com or 603-759-7863 or Sandi Leclair at sandileclair@yahoo.com or 603-234-0968.

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The Library Trustees and staff hope that you and your loved ones are well and enjoying the warmer weather! We are working on moving to the next stage of reopening so keep watch of our website for more details!

Summer Reading Program

Our children's **Summer Reading Program** runs from June 22 through August 3 and this year's theme is TAILS AND TALES which is geared towards individuals aged 6 – 12. We will again be using the online platform ReadSquared provided by the NH State Library. There have been a lot of updates since last year making it much more user friendly! Parents will create an account for each child that would like to participate. Registration begins June 1 at griffinfree.readsquared.com and the online missions and programs will be available starting June 22.

Miss Mary has outdone herself and scheduled six weekly missions. Registered children will be able to pick up each weekly mission package at the library and earn points towards his/her "Bookworm". Of course, there will be prizes along the way as well.

For the teens in our community, we have requested the Summer Reading lists from both Auburn Village School and Pinkerton. As soon as we receive them, we will make sure to have several copies of each required reading on hand.

We are also very excited to offer our summer **Adult Author Series**. Dan Szczesny is working on scheduling authors to start in July. Look for details on our website and in the July Crier.

Museum Passes

The Friends of Griffin Free have recently donated the following passes/coupons to the library valued at \$1,725:

- NE Aquarium
- Strawberry Banke
- Squam Lakes
- McAuliffe Shepard
- Seacoast Science Center
- Wright Museum of WWII

These are in addition to the passes already available to you. As we receive the passes, we will be adding them to our website for you to check out!



News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars® **Auburn is Growing!**

Auburn Dollars for Scholars® has been offering scholarships to Auburn students since 1983.

We are looking to expand our volunteer membership to meet Auburn's growing needs. We are a registered 501c3 chapter of Scholarship America®.

Our members are willing and able to work with all new volunteers. Our scholarship application period runs from Feb. 1st to April 30th and decisions are made during May and June. We typically meet once a month to discuss fundraising ideas and scholarship sponsorship.

If you have a passion for the future education of Auburn students, please consider joining us.

You can contact us through our website:

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