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Save the Date – Shred Day now on September 12th

One of the changes for the Town of Auburn with the issues surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic is the re-scheduling of the annual paper shredding event for any resident who has documents they wish to have shredded and disposed.

Initially planned for May 9th, the vendor who manages this event had cancelled all of the public events like Auburns until the fall.

The Shred Day event will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 9 AM until Noon in the parking lot of the Town Hall. This is the same day as the 28th Annual Duck Race sponsored by the Auburn Historical Association which kicks off at 10 AM.

Yard Sale Cancellation



The Longmeadow Congregational Church ladies' group has canceled their June yard sale due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Snowflake Fair in December. We will take your donations at that time.



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Auburn Town Hall News



First Issue Property Tax Bills

By the time you are receiving this June edition of the Auburn Village Crier, you should have also received the first issue property tax bill for 2020.

There are two property tax bills issued by the Town each year; the first bill in late May to early June which is due in early July. And the second tax bill is issued in late October to

early November and is due in early December.

The first issue tax bill tax is based on one half of the previous years' tax rate multiplied by the current assessed valuation for each property. For the most recent tax bills mailed the tax rate used is \$9.41 per thousand, which is one-half of 2019's rate of \$18.81 per thousand.

Based on the Town's current net assessed valuation of \$875,912,077, the property tax warrant for the first issue tax bill raises a total of approximately \$8.2 million to cover costs of the Town, School District and County for the first half of the year.

The current tax bill is due by July 6th bill.

Auburn and Covid-19 Pandemic

The Town of Auburn continues to fair well through the Covid-19 pandemic. Since the declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor on March 13th, there have been a total of 21 Auburn residents who have been reported to have tested positive for the Covid virus. At this point in time, all have recovered with no Auburn residents currently on the watch list in mid-May.

As a result of the pandemic, the federal government has approved several relief and recovery measures which has resulted in \$1.2 billion coming to the State of New Hampshire to provide a wide range of assistance. As part of these funds, the Town of Auburn has been allocated

\$132,293 in general funds for the reimbursement of expenses expressly associated with the pandemic. In addition, approximately \$56,000 has also been allocated for the provision of a First Responder Stipend to active fire, emergency medical and law enforcement personnel.

Beyond these funds that are being administered through the Governor's Office, the President declared a federal emergency declaration for all 50 states, which activated the Federal Emergency Management Agency and a disaster relief funding mechanism intended to cover a portion of the costs for emergency protective measures implemented by the Town.

Town officials are working through the various sources of funding to ensure the Town receives what it should through the many different sources available.

We do want to recognize the ongoing efforts of Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Mike Williams, who has done an extraordinary job in the overall management and coordination of the Town's efforts during the State of Emergency. And Police Chief Ray Pelton's leadership of the Auburn Police Department to ensure the safety and protection of the community is maintained, as well as that of the members of the department.



Additional Town Appointments

Since last month, the Board of Selectmen has made a few more appointments to Town positions.

At the recommendation of the Board of Library Trustees, the Selectmen re-appointed Brenda Beer to another term as an Alternate member of the Board of Library Trustees.

And at the recommendation of the Fire Chief, the Board has nominated Michael Sullivan to serve as a Deputy Forest Fire Warden.

No Change in Police Commission

After having time to consider his term of office on the Police Commission, Michael Rolfe has made the decision not to resign this position before his term ends in March 2021. As a result, the Board of Selectmen

do not have a vacancy to fill by appointment.

The Board thanks the 10 Auburn residents who reached out and indicated they were interested and willing to accept appointment to the posi-

tion. Mr. Rolfe has indicated he will not run for re-election to the Police Commission in March 2021 when his terms ends, so the position will be up for election for a full three-year term at that point.

Keith Leclair



Todd Bedard

Michael Rolfe

Auburn Board of Selectmen

Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020** from **7:00 pm until 7:30 pm** for additions and corrections to the checklist.

This will be the last day for **Change of Party Registration**.

NO CHANGE OF PARTY REGISTRATION MAY BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE - Due to the State Primary to be held on September 8, 2020.

Dated: 5-13-20

Supervisor of the Checklist

Susan Jenkins - Chairman



Rec News

Auburn Parks and Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Updates

Because of COVID-19, the status of many of our summer programs are up in the air. Below is a list of our scheduled events and their status. Please be sure to check our website and/or Facebook page for updates. Plans change quickly so be sure to check before you head to any event.

Cancelled Summer Events...

- Summer Concert #1 with Blacklite Band
- Fast Track Summer Running Program

Upcoming Summer Programs...

- Playdate in the Park
- Summer Concerts in the Park in July and August
- Senior BBQ

Please also note that the **Circle of Fun Playground**, **Appletree Park** and **Wayne Eddows Memorial Fields** are temporarily closed. The opening date is unknown so please check our Facebook page (@AuburnNHParksandRec), call or email us before you go out to the parks.

Senior BBQ

The Annual Senior BBQ, for Auburn Residents age 65 and over, is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8th**. At this time, we are unsure of the status of this event. Please check the July Crier for updates, sign up information and location. As much as we want to gather everyone together for our annual event, safety is our number one concern. Save the date for now and watch the Crier and our website for updates.



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Summer Concerts in the Park

After the crazy spring we've had, we are all looking forward to warm summer nights at the park for the summer concerts. Mark your calendars for free family entertainment with live music. We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers at the first concert only as a kickoff to summer. (New this year, dinner will not be served at all 3 concerts. Only the first.) 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. (All events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19. Please check our website or our Facebook page before going to the concert.)



July 23- The Raging Rockaholics August 20- The Bob Pratte Band

Playdate in the Park

Parents/caregivers and their little ones are invited to meet at the Circle of Fun playground this summer to let your kids play together while we get to know each other. Playdate at the Park will be held on select Wednesdays at 10:00 am throughout the summer. This summer's schedule... Stories with Miss Mary from the Griffin Library on July 22nd, Fire Truck and Police Car on July 29th and Back to School with AVS Kindergarten staff on August 19th. (All events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19. Please check our website or our Facebook page before going to the park.)



Sign up for the Parks and Rec E-Newsletter

To be up to date on the latest Parks & Rec events and programs, sign up for the Parks and Recreation E-newsletters that will be delivered directly to your email. Signing up is easy. Just visit the town website at www.auburnnh.us/subscribe, enter your email address in the top (twice), scroll to the bottom of the page and check off the box Parks and Recreation under Newsletter.



Summer Coloring Contest

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in our Summer Coloring Contest. The picture can be found on **page 6**. Three images will be selected at random, will be posted on the Town website and the winner will receive a \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift card. The deadline to submit your picture is Friday, June 12th. You can email them to recreation@townofauburnNH.com or you can drop them off at the Town Hall (the drop slot is located to the right of the front door.) Good luck and have fun!



Auburn Village School News

Remote Learning Update

AVS continues to make strides in our remote learning. The majority of students are very engaged, but it is no secret that the model is a strain on parents, students and staff. That being said, the school board voted to end school on June 5th rather than the planned day of June 15th. This will allow teachers to plan for the number of possible scenarios that the beginning of the 20-21 school year may bring. We are exploring a full range of possibilities, including continued "remote learning" and a hybrid approach that might have groups of students alternating between classroom instruction and online studies. An Auburn School Reentry committee, composed of school staff and the SAU, has been formed and expects to have more information from Governor Sununu and the NH Department of Education next month. But, things could remain uncertain into July. We will be keeping everyone informed and there will be additional surveys or opportunities for parent input and involvement.

AVS has also begun Independent Learning Days on Wednesdays. This is a day for students to learn and explore subjects that spark their interest. Students have been encouraged to take the day to explore a passion for anything that they might not have time to do when engaged in a traditional learning environment. Some of



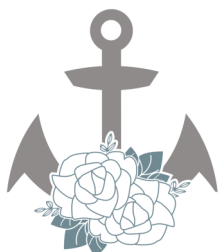
the students designed their own clothing line, planned a treehouse or built a bike trail. Jack Moulton and his brother Charlie spent the morning observing birds from different spots in the yard as he made his observations. The brothers and their parents worked together to make a Google Doc to collect their observations. They will then work to turn these sheets into different parts of a presentation.

They did computer research to find the woodpeckers sounds and how to write them. Sydney Montgomery ran into some supply delays when she began her initial scrapbooking project, so she used her second Independent Learning Day to plan and make lunch for her family. Sydney made chicken noodle soup for her family and set the table with a very pretty set up. She also dressed up as the hostess to greet all of them

when they came to the table for their lunch.



We are excited to begin our planning of a graduation celebration for our 8th graders. Of course this year, it will look a little different as everyone will remain in their vehicles, but we hope to honor the hard work of all our students that worked so hard during their time at AVS.



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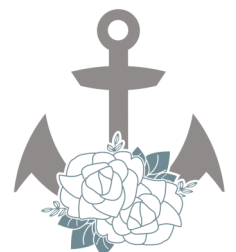
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Collection Highlights

The Library Trustees and staff hope that you and your loved ones are well and enjoying the warmer weather!

Although the library building does not have a date for opening to the public as of this writing (May 15), we have begun offering a version of curbside pick-up that we are calling, “**Porch Pick-Up**”. Basically, you can call, email or login to your library account at <https://catalog.griffin.bywatersolutions.com/> to place books, audiobooks and movies on hold. A staff member will call you when your material is ready to schedule a time for you to stop by the library and pick up your items. When you arrive at the library, stay in your car and call us to let you know you are there. We will then place your items on porch for you to pick up. Please check our website for complete details.



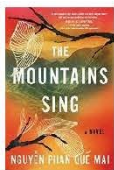
Through the end of June, the State Library and the vendor EBSCO are giving us free access to the language learning software *Rosetta Stone*. Details on how to access this resource can be found on our website.

Programming Highlights

For June, our programming continues to be **virtual**.



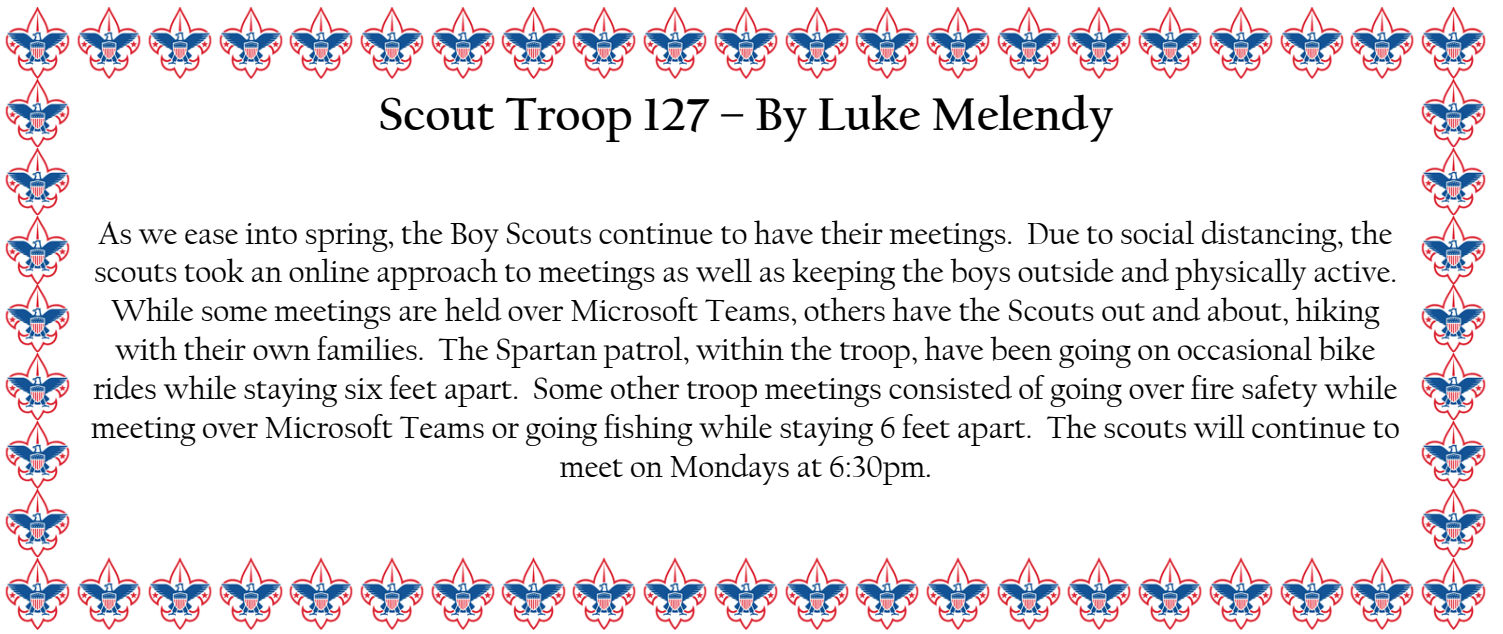
Author Dan Szczesny will discuss his new book on **June 10 at 6:30 PM**. *You & Me: Reflections on Becoming Your Dad* consists of fifty brief essays ruminating on the first five years of Uma’s life. Dan writes not only of the big moments, like leaving the hospital, first steps, losing teeth, but also of everything in between—strolling downtown on lazy afternoons, dressing paper dolls, and constructing caves from laundry baskets and everything in between. Please check out our website for details on how to register for this virtual presentation.



The “Evening” **Book Club** will also meet virtually in June to discuss the book, *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. Copies of this book are available in ebook and streaming audio for free to Griffin Free Public Library card holders. The meeting date has changed for June and will be held on June 6 at 2:00 PM via Zoom. You may register by emailing director@griffinfree.org. Please check our website for more details.

Sadly, we will not be able to hold our Annual Book Sale this year and we have temporarily suspended accepting donations of books for the book sale. We will let you know as soon as we can start taking donations again.






Scout Troop 127 – By Luke Melendy

As we ease into spring, the Boy Scouts continue to have their meetings. Due to social distancing, the scouts took an online approach to meetings as well as keeping the boys outside and physically active.

While some meetings are held over Microsoft Teams, others have the Scouts out and about, hiking with their own families. The Spartan patrol, within the troop, have been going on occasional bike rides while staying six feet apart. Some other troop meetings consisted of going over fire safety while meeting over Microsoft Teams or going fishing while staying 6 feet apart. The scouts will continue to meet on Mondays at 6:30pm.



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A 12’ by 12’ space is \$40 for individuals and free for non-profits here in Auburn. If you are interested please contact Pat Clement at pclement60@yahoo.com and I will get an application and more details to you.

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Sun – 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

Livestreamed Masses: We are live streaming the Mass on our parish Facebook page at the following times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 am, and Sunday at 9 am. You can watch the video by going to our parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeteraub/>). (Note: Subject to change by decision of the Bishop of Manchester.)

Marian Novena: We are live streaming a *Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary* on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm throughout the month of June. Please join us in petition to the Blessed Mother for her intercession and help. The prayers for the novena can be found on our parish website. (Note: If we are allowed to have public gatherings prior to June 30 the novena will take place in the church.)

Faith Formation: Registration for faith formation of ALL AGES in 2020-2021 is available! Visit our website and click the "Faith Formation" tab to register. We don't yet know how COVID-19 will affect how we run faith formation next year, but we will still need volunteers no matter the circumstances! If you'd like to help serve the families of our parish, please email or call Rachael at dre.st.peter@gmail.com, or 603-623-5429 x3.

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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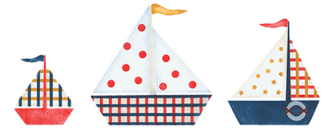
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Longmeadow Serves!



Greetings from your friends at the Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn.

You all continue to be in our prayers as we navigate these days of pandemic protocols together. It has been a difficult time for everyone, from those working at home while trying to care for and home school their children, to the amazing people working in the essential jobs in the community to provide health care as well as providing the needed goods and services we all need. Teachers who serve our children in extraordinary circumstances, families suddenly become home-schoolers, people learning new technology to work from home, manufacturing companies shirting their product line to provide necessary medical supplies or home sewers creating thousands of re-usable face masks, our community, nation and world has pulled together in ways that we have not seen before. None of it has been easy and we have all made mistakes, but we are continuing to come together in new ways that reflect who God has created us to be.



Here at Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC we, too, have been shifting how we do things and have found joy in the see the new and exciting ways that God is teaching us to BE THE CHURCH. We have shifted our worship services to be on-line exclusively, using both YouTube and Zoom interactive platforms. The sad reality of hackers has meant that we can not post links on public social media platforms. However, if you would like to join in any of our worship services, please call the church at 483-2907 for more information.

We will continue following the recommendations of the CDC, the New Hampshire Council of Churches and the Governor regarding public gatherings for worship but look forward with great hope and joy to the day we can once again gather together in our church building to worship our Savior. We miss you all very much from our Community Breakfasts and were very disappointed to cancel our annual Ladies' Circle Yard Sale, but the safety of our friends and neighbors was our primary concerns. We look forward to being able to welcome you all back to our church breakfasts and reschedule the events we have planned.

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



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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello Auburn Community,

What a strange Spring we have had. We first want to thank everyone in the community for being diligent in following the State requests during these weeks of quarantine and social distancing. While Auburn COVID-19 exposures were initially per capita high, those numbers rapidly decreased bringing our community within the norm of what we are seeing across the State. We commend residents for staying strong and committed during this difficult time.

We are very proud to be included in the many birthday and "celebration" parades that have been conducted these last few weeks. What a wonderful way the community has come together to recognize a child's special day while dealing with the new (hopefully temporary) normal.

We know that these last couple of months have been very difficult. As the State starts to slowly open up restrictions, we do hope that around June 1st, we will be at a point where we can start looking to the near future for some community events.

We are still seeing a large amount of both phone and internet/email scams coming up that are related to the COVID-19 in some way. Please continue to be mindful of possible scams. Our officers and office staff are happy to answer any questions or investigate if you are unsure that what you are getting is a scam or is something you legitimately need to do. Please call us with any questions.

Our new Officer Matt Webber started the Full Time Police Academy last month and can empathize with Auburn students currently completing their school year by virtual learning. He is currently doing his academy remotely via video conference from the Safety Complex.

Each day Officer Webber comes in around 5:00 AM for physical fitness training till about 8:00 AM and then is online learning from about 8:15 AM till 5:30 PM. He expects to head to the Academy in early summer to complete the in-person portion of his training.



Community support goes a long way during a crisis and the Department as a whole would like to extend its heartfelt THANKS to: the many residents that dropped off cleaning supplies at the onset of COVID-19, Robin Northrup for the cloth masks, Dustin Dulac for the plastic face shields, Irene Andrews for the cloth masks, Ed Lee for the surgical gowns, the Trombly family for gloves, the AVS for gloves, goggles and hand sanitizer, Salem's "Fabrizia Spirits" for hand sanitizer, Manchester Country Club for meals for several officers, Hooksett "Soil-Away" for cleaning contaminated cruisers for free.





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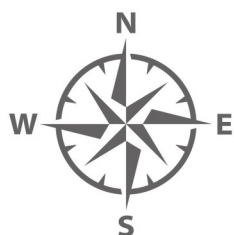
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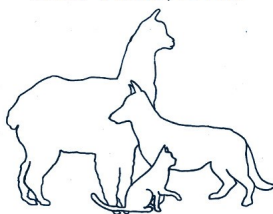
- *Burn Permits can be obtained at the Auburn Fire Department Safety Complex Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am- 4:00pm. and every Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. You must be 18 years of age to obtain a burning permit and must be the legal landowner or have the landowners written approval.*
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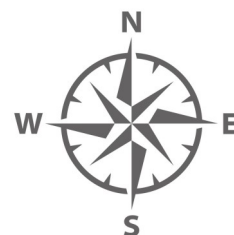
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News from the Auburn Historical Association

Auburn's Rip-Roaring Era Recalled

By Dan Carpenter



Back in the late 1800's through early 1900's there was a bar inside of this property. As many as 14 such establishments were situated in this same area, with easy access to the trolley going to and from Manchester. This one is still standing, situated on Manchester Road across from the old Severance School House and is now used as an apartment building.



This photo is from a local newspaper article circa the late 1950's of the old Auburn Police Station that also housed the jail. The building sat across from what is now the highway overpass on Manchester Road until it was torn down. There is now a retention pond where it once stood.

In 1896, 126 "citizens of Auburn" petitioned the Selectmen "to close for good all places...that are used for the sale or given all spirits or malt liquors, wine, or ciders and gambling and disorderly houses." The total population of Auburn in 1900 was 682 people. In other words, 19% of Auburn's residents asked the Selectmen to do something about drinking, gambling, and "disorderly houses". One would assume that a petition of this importance, signed by so many residents, would force the Selectmen to act.

In 1902, Rockingham County, made up of 36 towns, reported that 230 prisoners served time at the county farm. Forty seven of those prisoners (or 20%) came from the little town of Auburn. Most of the Auburn prisoners served 30 days and some served 60 days.

So, what was going on? Manchester was a "dry" town. NO ALCOHOL. If you needed a drink, you took the trolley to Lake Massabesic. Auburn, a "wet" town, had 14 legal liquor establishments, most right there at the end of the trolley line. If you enjoyed yourself too much, you risked spending the night in the Auburn jail and then being sentenced for public drunkenness. Most of those sentenced came from someplace else!

The police station (above right) was a one-story building when it was first built and only had 2 or 3 cells. But within just a few years, as the barrooms grew in number, a second story was added along with more jail cells that were bigger and stronger.

A different day A different time.



News from the Auburn Historical Association

AUBURN DAY AND THE 28TH ANNUAL DUCK RACE

Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Downtown Auburn Village on Hooksett Road

www.auburnhistorical.org



Mark your calendars! This fall, more than ever, we are looking forward to getting together with our neighbors and friends for this fun-filled family day! This event is organized by the Auburn Historical Association and is their largest fundraiser!

Plans are in the works for lots of great food, music, locally made products, animals, country line dancing, a visit from “Elsa from Frozen”, story time with many local authors, the Roaming Railroad, the duck race and more! Tickets will be available soon.



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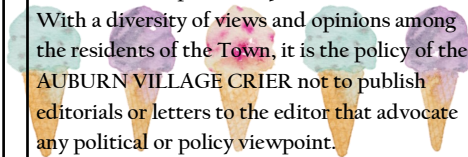
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