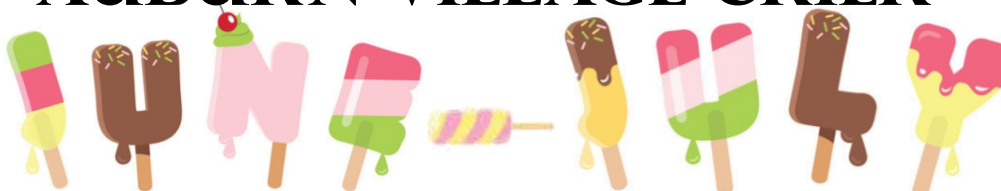




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Note:

Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates, times, and cancelations.

2022 BOAT DECALS ARE AVAILABLE!

You can register your boat at the Town Clerk's office.

*The town gets an additional \$5.00 fee to process boats for the State.

Monday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM – Noon

Remember: When you complete your boat registration in town, the town fees collected will remain in Auburn, otherwise they go to the State.

Seniors Save The Date

Saturday, August 20

We'll be celebrating the
50th Senior Dinner

More info in the August Crier



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TOWN OF AUBURN

We are saddened to announce the death of long-time Auburn Town Administrator, William Herman. Bill had been battling cancer for a few years and recently had to take a leave of absence. For over 15 years Auburn was Bill's home away from home. Although never being a citizen of Auburn, he loved our town and his job, this town became a large part of his life.

Bill spent countless hours supporting the Board of Selectmen, town departments, employees, committees and community. He consistently went above and beyond the duties of Town Administrator, often sitting in on meetings he was not required to attend or helping at town events to show his support to the community. Bill could be found eating pie at the Auburn Historical Duck Race, helping at the town E-waste Day or just taking in the events at Old Home Day.

It's impossible to put into a few words or paragraphs how much Bill meant to the Town of Auburn. We will forever remember his positive impact on the Town and would often recall the lessons learned through his guidance and advice. As we move forward, Bill's legacy will last all our lifetimes. We will forever be grateful.

The Board of Selectmen, along with the entire Auburn staff and volunteers, extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Bill's family and express our deep appreciation for all his years of service to the Town of Auburn

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New Library Director Announced!



The Board of Trustees of the Griffin Free Public Library are very pleased to announce that we have hired Dan Szczesny as our new Library Director.

Dan has been one of our staff librarians for six years and is already knowledgeable about our library and the Town of Auburn. During his time at the library, he's managed and planned the library's successful Summer Author Series, and most recently taken the lead on the Town Day Duck Race Author Alley at the library.

He is also a long time journalist, travel writer and published author of multiple books. As a writer and presenter he has visited hundreds of New England libraries and has developed a vast network of library directors. And as a journalist he has worked with many local government agencies and has experience working with town hall and writing grant requests. For all these and many other qualifications we are excited that Dan has accepted this new position.

Please join us in congratulating Dan on his new position and stop by the library to say hello!

~ Board of Trustees of the Griffin Free Public Library



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Summer Concerts Series

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.

June 16- Whiskey Business
July 21- Brickyard Blues
August 18- Bob Pratte Band



Pickleball with Paul & Lyn

Wednesday, June 15



Come learn the basics of playing pickleball with Paul & Lyn Therrien on Wednesday, June 15 at 10:00 am (weather permitting). No registration is required. Just stop by the pickleball court that is located at the skating rinks next to the Safety Complex. They'll teach you the rules, show you the equipment and get you started on the court.

Other Pickleball Info

Court information- There is 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 to the glass skating hut. Call (603-483-5052 x101), text (603-587-1038) or email (recreation@townofauburnNH.com) for the combination. The use of the court is first-come, first-serve. Please be respectful of others. If crowded, limit your game to accommodate all.

Drop-In Pickleball- If you want to connect with other Pickleball players (beginners who have some experience and up), we have scheduled drop-in days of **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am**. This drop-in time is designed for players to meet other players while gaining more experience and improve their game. There will be no instruction. No registration is required. Just drop-in when it fits in to your schedule.

Please watch our Facebook page (@AuburnNHParksandrec) and our website (auburnNH.us/park-and-recreation) for pickleball updates. New Drop-In times as well as additional Pickleball with Paul & Lyn lessons could be added throughout the summer. We'll shift and adjust all programs as the need arises.



Basketball Camp

July 11-July 15



There is still space available in the Summer Basketball Camp. Coaches DeGraffe and Howell are returning for another year to run this program. It is a weeklong co-ed 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 offence and lets the player use their own creativity on the court to make decisions at game speed.

Summer Basketball Camp runs Monday, July 11 through July 15, 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. It is open to students entering grades 5-8 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Summer Jumping Beans

Wednesdays, July 13-August 17

It's time to register for the summer session of Jumping Beans with Miss Joelle. Jumping Beans, for children ages 2-5, 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.

Due to overwhelming demand, we are now offering 2 sessions of Jumping Beans. This 6-week summer session will run from July 13 through August 17. All classes will be held on Wednesdays but now there are 2 times offered... 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Classes will be held outside at the Safety Complex Field. In the event of rain, the class will be rescheduled. The fee for the 6-week session is \$37. The registration form can be found on the Parks & Rec website at AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation under the tab “rec forms.”



Tai Chi (Summer Session)

Thursdays, June 23-August 25

The summer session of Tai Chi will begin on Thursday, June 23. All levels are welcome. Tai Chi is a mind-body exercise from China. It has its roots in martial arts, philosophy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine. The Tai Chi forms are slow, gentle choreographed movements that gracefully flow from one to the next like a dance. More and more seniors are doing Tai Chi to improve their health and reduce their risk of falling.

This 10-week session will start on Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 am at the Town Hall or outside at Bicentennial Park when the weather is nice. This session will run through August 25th. The cost for the session is \$73 for the 10-week session.



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. Each playdate will have a theme and a special guest to make it even more fun...

Tuesday, July 12- Fire Truck and Police Cruiser visit

Thursday, August 18- Back to school with AVS Kindergarten teachers, assistants and administration

Each Playdate in the Park is held at the Circle of Fun at 10:00 am. Please check our Facebook page for changes and cancellations due to weather.



Parties at the Circle of Fun

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 603-483-5052 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.



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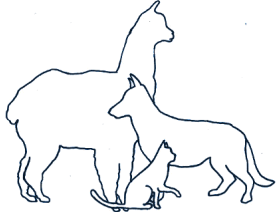
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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Do you have a United States, NH or POW/MIA flag that needs to be retired?
Did you know you could drop it off at the police department for proper disposal?

The Auburn Police Department will be hosting a flag retirement ceremony, on **Flag Day Tuesday June 14**. We will be retiring any United States flag, State flag or POW/MIA flag that is no longer suitable for display.



The ceremony has a tentative start time of 11:00 am. Feel free to stay for the ceremony and if you are not able to attend drop off your flag and we will ensure that it is retired in a dignified way.



The U.S. Marshals and the FBI are alerting the public of several nationwide imposter scams involving individuals claiming to be U.S. marshals, court officers, or other law enforcement officials. During the latest series of calls, scammers identifying themselves as "Deputy John Garrison" (the name of the actual U.S. Marshal in the Eastern District of Texas) attempt to collect a fine in lieu of arrest due to a claim of identity theft, failing to report for jury duty or other offenses. Scammers use many tactics to sound and appear credible such as provide information like badge numbers, names of actual law enforcement officials and federal judges, along with courthouse addresses.

They may also spoof their phone numbers to appear on caller IDs as if they are calling from a government agency or the court when they actually are not.

Things to remember:

- U.S. MARSHALS WILL NEVER ask for credit/debit card/gift card numbers, wire transfers, or bank routing numbers, or to make bitcoin deposits for any purpose.
- NEVER divulge personal or financial information to unknown callers.
- Report scam phone calls to your local FBI office and to the FTC.
- You can remain anonymous when you report.
- Authenticate the call by calling the clerk of the court's office of the U.S. District Court in your area and verify the court order given by the caller.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR APRIL "REGISTER YOUR DOG" CONTEST

In March & April we held a contest for any dog that was registered by the April 30th deadline.

Check out some of our furry winners below!



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AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.



FACT

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.



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News from the Massabesic Garden Club

The sun is out, the plants are growing and everyone is smiling. This is the best time of the year! Over the past several months, members have learned about soil and how to maintain the proper nutrients for healthy and happy gardens but what about CONTAINER GARDENS!?! Container gardens are wonderful for they save space, time and mobility as they can be located for the best sun option. Maintaining a garden can be work intensive but developing a few containers could bring your garden up close for the most enjoyment.

The bonus to container gardening is ANYTHING can become a small garden! This is an amazing opportunity to up cycle. The traditional terra cotta or whiskey barrels are wonderful but so is a 5-gallon bucket or an old wheelbarrow. Ensuring the container is the right size with proper drainage for the plants you want to grow is most important. The general rule is to use the largest container possible as it allows the roots more space and the soil will hold moisture longer thus requiring less watering.

Here are the basic tips for creating an awe-inspiring container garden:

1. Select where you want the container
 - Is there enough sun in this location? Can I get water to this location?
2. Select what plants you'll have in your container
 - You can select flowers or vegetables to plant. Think about what plants work well together- broccoli with dill; radishes with cucumbers; beans with carrots.
3. Select your container
 - Select the largest container to match the plants you've selected. Ensure drainage holes- this can be done by drilling or poking holes.
4. Gather a few more materials and then PLANT!
 - Container saucer to catch water on the bottom, line the bottom of the container with coffee filters as they can hold the soil in while allowing the water to drain, potting soil meant for containers, slow-release fertilizer (organic), plants or seeds, some mulch/dried leaves for the top to hold in moisture
5. Maintain your garden
 - Container gardens require a good amount of water, water when the top inch of soil feels dry. Use organic plant food to keep your plants happy and to help with flower or vegetable growth.

Please visit www.massabesicgc.org to learn more about becoming a member and our fun events and learning opportunities! We will be hosting a member meeting in June with a guest speaker chatting about compost and in July we will be supporting the Candia Garden Club as they host their first annual Garden Tour! Join the fun today!





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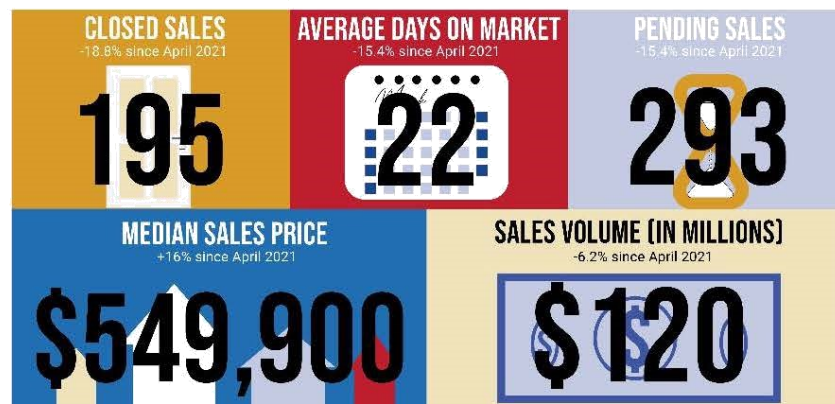


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Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for April 2022

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



Portsmouth Community Campus

On Thursday, May 12th, Keller Williams Realty held their annual RED Day, which is a day to Renew, Energize, and Donate to each office's local community. This year at RED Day, I was able to take part alongside my KWCLM family to clean the grounds of the Portsmouth Community Campus. The Community Campus sits on 37-acres and boasts tennis courts, a gymnasium, activity rooms, and a multigenerational building that supports non-profit agencies including Seacoast Community School, the Child Advocacy Center, and the Kremple Centre. Through the effort of over 100 KWCLM agents, the Community Campus now has clear and safe walking paths throughout the Campus, a partially reconstructed boardwalk leading to the Athletic Field, a mulched playground, new raised gardens, and so much more!

Learn more about the Portsmouth Community Campus and what they offer at <https://www.ffsh.org/community-campus/>



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE GRIFFIN FREE LIBRARY

Thank you from the Friends

On May 7th, the Friends hosted another successful plant sale at the Griffin Library. Although the day was quite windy, and could have been warmer, shoppers definitely had planting on their minds.

Thank you to all that donated plants, and to Jess Traynor and Nancy Mayland for the beautiful glass garden art. All funds will be used to support good quality programs, and purchase passes for the Auburn Community to use.

About our ongoing Trex Recycling Program. We are collecting clean plastic bags. For example; wood pellet bags, grocery shopping bags, regular shopping bags, produce bags, plastic newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, and bubble wrap. All of these recycled items will be used for a new Trex bench. Your donated plastic can be left at the library.

Everyone is welcomed to come to a Friends meeting, they are held every first Monday of the month @7pm, with the exception of a holiday.

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Library.

2022 -The Return of the Book Sale!

After a two year hiatus, the Auburn Library Book Sale will be held at the Auburn Village School gym. The dates/times are Saturday, July 30th 8a-3pm and Sunday, July 31st 11a-3pm.

Sorry, the library **cannot accept any book donations** until after the Book Sale, due to lack of storage space.

For 21 years this has been a community driven fund raiser. Without the help and dedication of the many families, organizations and volunteers that help to move, organize, box up and clean up, we could never be so successful. If any students need community service hours please let us know.

Please note that all proceeds from the sale will benefit the Griffin Library programs. For example, the past proceeds have helped to fund the Summer Reading Program, Author presentations, lectures, and attraction passes.

We are looking for people with trucks and vans to help us, and volunteers' on Thursday 7/28 @6pm to move books from the library to AVS. We'll also need helpers for organizing Thursday & Friday evening at AVS from 6pm to 8pm.

On Sunday 7/31, we would appreciate any help for cleanup at the end of the sale. Can you help? The Friends will also be holding their very popular bake sale on Saturday morning.

If you can help out please contact the library, Staff@griffinfree.org Or fay.frank@comcast.net

As always thank you for supporting your local library.



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The adventure begins **June 20th**. Sign up at the library or from our website. You can download the Beanstack app onto your phone and record your reading from anywhere!

Register for these events and start enjoying the ocean!

June 25: Pirate Adventure Craft
July 13: Sand Painting Projects
July 16: Make a Scuba Diver
July 20: Shark Week Puppets

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

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Adult/Teen Programming

The **Evening Book Club** will meet on **Wed., June 1 at 6:30 PM** to discuss "Later" by Stephen King and on **Wed., July 6 at 6:30 PM** to discuss "The Beantown Girls" by Jane Healey.

The **Day Book Club** will meet on **Wed., June 8 at 1:30 PM** to discuss "The Poacher's Son" by Paul Doiron and on **Wed., July 13 at 1:30 PM** to discuss a book by a local author. Stay tuned for more details!

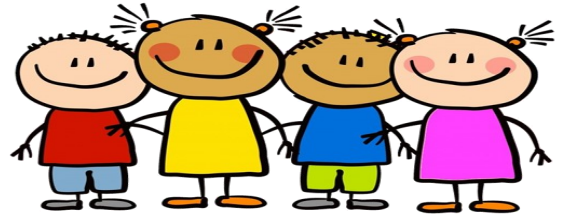
The **Knitting Club** will meet every Friday in June and July. No sign up, just stop in!

The **Cookbook Club** isn't meeting in June but will meet July 9 at 12:30pm. Keep your eye on the library website for themes!

BOOK SALE RETURNS! After a two-year hiatus the library book sale will be held at the Auburn Village School gym on Sat., July 30 from 8-3 and Sun., July 31 from 11-3. The Friends will be holding their very popular bake sale on Saturday morning.

We are looking for people with trucks and vans to help us, and volunteers on to move books. If you can help out please contact the library at Staff@griffinfree.org or contact fay.frank@comcast.net. Please check out the Friends of the Library story in this issue for more info and contacts.

AVS SCHOOLYARD NEWS



On April 21st, ten band students from AVS traveled to Pinkerton to rehearse and perform with the Dallas Brass, a well-known professional touring brass group. Students from all of the sending middle schools gathered at the Stockbridge Theater for the afternoon and evening. These students had the opportunity to prepare their piece, Star Wars, as well as participate in a clinic with the Dallas Brass musicians. During this clinic, a small ensemble of Pinkerton band members had the chance to perform and work with members of the Dallas Brass - out of the 12 students in this ensemble 4 were graduates of AVS! All of the students performed spectacularly and all were all wowed by the talents and musicianship of the Dallas Brass. Thank you to Pinkerton's Mr. Adams and Mr. Boccia for organizing the event!



AVS Earth Day



On May 9th, students at Auburn Village participated in many events to raise awareness of environmental issues and inspire an appreciation for the world around us. The event was organized by the school garden club and provided many opportunities for students to learn about sustainability and participate in environmental and civic education programs to prepare their students to be engaged stewards of the environment. Thank you to Sharon O'Leary Graves, Ellen Warecki, Mrs. Leary, Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Candace Snowdale,



Manchester, NH Police and Eddie their comfort pony, Mr. Johnson, parent and SELT representative, Anthony Vello who brought his ducks, Carrie Peabody who did Zumba, City of Manchester, NH Water Works, Audubon Society New

Hampshire, Donna Aubin, and The NH State Forest Nursery for providing us 200 White Spruce seedlings! It was a happy Earth Day celebration at AVS!





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Longmeadow Serves!

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16).

We are several weeks post Easter but things are really hopping at Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC. Summer is supposed to be a quieter time in churches, but not this year! After two years of social distancing we are blessed to be able to gather again in so many ways and are making the most of it!

In worship, we are singing again, we are serving each other Holy Communion, and we are sharing worship with the children of our church. But we are also blessed to have been able to reach out beyond the walls of our church building with the technology skills we have gained and continue to gather for worship in three ways, seeking to serve people, wherever you are:

- In person worship at 9:30 on Sundays, with precautions recommended and encouraged.
- On-line worship services, using Zoom on Sundays at 11:00
- And YouTube pre-recorded services (all Sunday Worship and Wednesday Children's Messages can be found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZuV4b91h_8LYHqYRATqhw)

We thank all who came to our **Longmeadow Community Breakfast** in May. We have missed seeing you all so much and it was such a blessing to once again open the doors of our



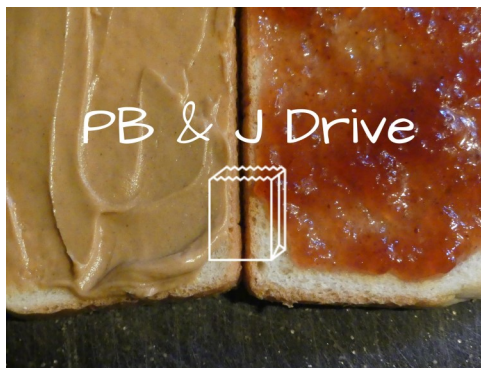
Longmeadow Serves!



Fellowship Hall, fire up the stove and start serving you once again. We loved it so much that we will be having another Breakfast on June 18 before we break for the hot summer months.

Our Ladies' Circle is also busy planning for a HUGE **Yard Sale** on June 25. So, mark your calendars and details can be found elsewhere in the Crier.

In May we began selling tickets for our big **Prize Calendar fund raiser** and look forward to choosing a different winner every day for a variety of cash and gift card prizes. Thank you to all who donated and to those who bought tickets at our Breakfast. It is not too late to get in on the fun, please contact the church about purchasing a ticket.



In June we are also bringing back our annual 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 school supplies. A specific list of items sought will be in next edition of the Village Crier or you can contact the church for more information.

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

Longmeadow Church Breakfast

Please come to the June breakfast, the last one until September, at Longmeadow Church! It is June 18th from 6:30am – 10:00am. The breakfasts are at Longmeadow Congregational Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town gossip and enjoy an "all you can eat breakfast", of French toast, English muffins, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and under 5 free?

We look forward to seeing you and your friends in June!



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Boy Scout Troop 127

Troop 127 has had a great month! On May 14, Troop 127, combined with some of the Pack 127 cub scouts, placed flags in Longmeadow and Auburn cemeteries to honor veterans. The scouts replaced old flags and added new ones if none were there. About a week later, scouts from Troop 127 attended the spring camporee at the Hidden Valley Scout Camp. While there, scouts camped, earned merit badges, and had a great time. Scouts also worked on rank advancement, especially the newer scouts who crossed over from cub scouts recently.

- Jack Paynter, Troop 127B Scribe



Cub Scout Pack 127

On May 7th three Scouts from Pack 127 competed in the District Pinewood Derby held at Camp Carpenter in Manchester. At this level our Scouts are competing against the best cars from all the other packs in our district. Congratulations to Max L for taking home the 2nd place trophy, for his Rootbeer car design, in his Lions/Tigers division!



On May 14th a few of our Cub Scouts joined in with Troops 127B and G to honor and replace the flags that mark the graves of the veteran's that are buried in the Auburn Village Cemetery and Longmeadow Cemetery.

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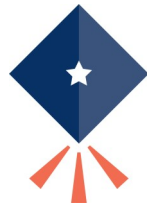
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News from the Auburn Historical Association



Margaret Sanborn Griffin

Written by Dan Carpenter

Left: Frances Griffin, 1898, wife of Willard Griffin

Right: Philip and Ethyl and Joan Tortorelli, Margaret Griffin, David Griffin and his wife, Mary



In 1894, the electric trolley was extended out to Massabesic Traffic Circle. At the end of the line the trolley looped around. Within this loop, the trolley company built the Pavilion which hosted fairs, dances, recitals and boxing matches. Walter Parker, President of the Amoskeag Banks was purchasing property on the Londonderry Turnpike and improving his farm/summer home overlooking Massabesic Back Pond. Parker set up poles and brought electricity from the Traffic Circle to his farm. The lines went right by the Sanborn property, giving the family access to electricity 40 years before most of Auburn had it. The first automobiles in Auburn were probably seen on the Turnpike heading out to Parker's new summer home completed in 1903.

In the 1890's, the bicycle was considered serious transportation. Margaret Sanborn rode her bike down Deerneck Hill, over the bridge, and up to Schoolhouse No. 8, Fox School. Her best friend, Persis Richardson lived across from the school and the two of them explored all over on their bikes. Downtown Derry was a straight shot five miles down the Londonderry Turnpike. After graduating from grammar school, Margaret attended and graduated from Manchester's Central High School in 1907. She probably rode her bike to the Pavilion and took the electric trolley downtown.

With the growth of the tourist industry in Auburn, the introduction of new technology like electricity and the auto, Margaret was exposed to many people with new ideas. These interactions helped Margaret become a successful, independent, decision maker. Over her lifetime, Margaret was at ease making decisions for her family, town, and the State of New Hampshire.

Margaret Sanborn married George Plummer Griffin, the only child of Willard and Frances Griffin in 1909. The younger Griffins moved into the 'Green House' with his parents. Frances died five years later making Margaret the matriarch of the family at age 26. Willard continued to run the business until his death in 1929. By then, George P. had health issues and Margaret was making day-to-day decisions for the Griffin Lumber Company. George's death in 1935, coupled with the extensive damage caused by the Flood Of 1936, led Margaret to sell Clark's Mill to the Manchester Water Works. She also sold the families extensive land holdings that stretched from Little Massabesic Pond, across Clark's Pond, and above Tower Hill Pond into Hooksett.

George and Margaret had two children, David (1918) and Ethel, (1920). They were in high school when their father died. David served in the USAAF and was in Europe during World War II. Ethel graduated from the NH School of Finance, married, and became active in Manchester politics.

Margaret Griffin was always involved in local politics. She served as Treasurer of the Griffin Free Library for over 40 years. She also held the same position for the same number of years for the Longmeadow Congregational Church. Like her husband and father-in-law before her, Margaret was elected to the NH House Of Representatives in 1949. However, unlike them, she was elected as a Republican while they had been Democrats. Margaret served over 20 years and became a force in statewide Republican politics.

When NH was building the present day Rt 101, they did not want to give Auburn a second exit (They considered Exit 1 to be Auburn). Margaret worked hard to get Exit 2 with an overpass. Publicity about the horrific crashes that had occurred at the Hooksett Rd intersection helped get the overpass built.

News from the Auburn Historical Association

Margaret Sanborn Griffin (cont'd)

Perhaps reviving the Longmeadow Church was Margaret's greatest achievement. The church had been 'yoked' with the Chester Congregational Church in 1919. By the 1930's, the Longmeadow was practically defunct. While the Longmeadow was ebbing away, the Methodist Bishop reassigned the Auburn Methodist minister, Rev Ryan out of town. Ryan had four teenagers (Pauline Ryan Locke) who were happy in Auburn and liked their educational opportunities. But the Bishop insisted the Ryan family move. Margaret Griffin suggested that Rev Ryan move over to the Longmeadow. He agreed and his entire congregation followed him to the LCC. A few years later, the Methodists gave their building to the Longmeadow and from there it was turned over to the Town of Auburn. Margaret's fingerprints were all over the deal.

When the Town took over the old Methodist Church, they looked for ways to finance the renovations. The Town put a second floor in the former sanctuary for offices. The lower level with Margaret Griffin's help became the Auburn District Court serving Auburn, Candia, Deerfield, and Northwood. Auburn would be responsible for the court's expenses. Because the Court was located in the Town Hall, the only expenses were paying the salaries of the judge and his clerk. The State allowed Auburn to keep any profit. For 20 years, the Auburn District Court was a moneymaker for Auburn.

Dying at age 94 after a long feisty career, Margaret Griffin's accomplishments created admiration from both local and NH state officials.



Auburn History Detectives – Exploring Our Town

Auburn Historical Association
June 12, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 pm



Join the Auburn Historical Association (AHA) on a town-wide scavenger hunt on June 12. Pick up your clues from the AHA at 102 Hooksett Road from 1 to 2 pm. Learn things about Auburn you may never have known before! Once you have finished, join us for light refreshments and conversation. The museum will also be open.

Name: _____
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All are welcome! This is a fun event for teens, families, neighbors and best of all – it's free!
Please mail your registration by Wednesday, June 9 to: Pat Clement, 10 Eaton Hill Road,
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2022 Auburn Day and 29th Annual Duck Race September 10th from 10am to 3pm, Auburn Village Center



Join us for this fun-filled family event hosted by the Auburn Historical Association! Duck race prizes will be awarded for the 10 fastest ducks, including a top prize of \$1000! Tickets will be sold at the event. There will be food trucks, local artisans and authors, a small petting zoo, music by Ray Zerkle, a climbing wall, the annual Apple Pie Contest, and a new event for kids—the **First Annual Duckling Cookie Bake Off**! Please visit our website at auburnhistorical.org for full event info or email us at info@auburnhistorical.org with any questions. Hope to see you on September 10th!

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