



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

## JUNE & JULY

2023  
EDITION

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#### **Please note:**

**This calendar contains  
both June and July  
events. Please check the  
dates carefully.**

**This calendar highlights special events and meetings  
happening this month**

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

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

## **Employment Opportunity**

### **Facilities Maintenance Auburn Parks and Recreation**

The Town of Auburn/Auburn Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for the part time position of Facilities Maintenance. The responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Ensuring that all Parks and Rec properties are clean and safe at all times.
- Remove trash from all recreational facilities.
- Assemble and install new equipment.
- Monitor condition of existing equipment and repair as needed.
- Open and close recreational facilities each year.
- Set up and clean up at all recreational events as well as assist at events as needed.
- Maintain recreational fields and ice-skating rinks.
- Performs repairs and maintenance as requested to the Town Hall.
- Performs winter snow clearing at Town facilities.
- Attend Parks and Recreation meetings as needed.

Although the hours will vary depending on the season, the weather and the P&R events schedule, the typical work week will be Monday through Friday, 15-20 hours per week with occasional weekend hours as needed.

Please submit application and cover letter to: Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or recreation@townofauburnnh.com. The application is available on the Town website at AuburnNH.us. The position shall remain open until filled.



## **2023 BOAT DECALS ARE AVAILABLE!**

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



Monday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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

Friday 8:00 AM – Noon



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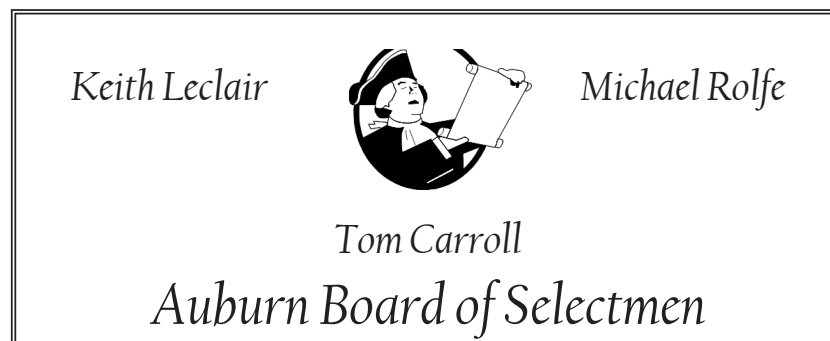
# Auburn Town Hall News

By the time this month's Crier arrived, the first property tax bill for 2023 will have been delivered. This "first issue" tax is essentially one-half of last year's full tax bill. New tax rates and property values will be used to calculate the remaining 2023 bill in December.

That second bill in December is expected to look much different, as Auburn is conducting its five-year revaluation this summer. Tax assessments will be adjusted to reflect current market values. We expect that dramatic increases in real estate prices since 2018 will increase many property values in town by 50% or more. The tax rate will be reduced accordingly.

In late May and early June, the town's contracted assessor Avitar Associates, Inc., will be driving through neighborhoods for one final review of properties before the new values are calculated. Property owners will receive a notice of their new assessment in late June or early July. Please visit the town website for more information about the revaluation process to access all related data.

In addition to the revaluation, the Board of Selectmen have been monitoring progress on improvements to the Wayne Eddows Field parking area, and renovations at the Public Safety Complex to prepare for 24-hr staffing at the Fire Department. We are also hoping to see replacement of the Griffin Mill Bridge move forward this year. Reconstruction of Dearborn Road will commence in June as well.



## Friends of the Library Plastic Bag Collection

The Friends of the Library are again beginning to collect 500lbs of plastic. When our goal is reached before October 31st, the Library will obtain a free composite bench in return. Another place to sit, read, and enjoy the sounds of nature. Please look for a recycle bin on the library porch. Another drop off location might be added in the future. A notice will be posted to the community page.

Please save clean bags, such as shopping, produce, cereal box liners, Ziploc bags, case over wraps, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap and wood pellet bags. Just give them a good shake before you give it to us to recycle. Please do not include cellophane.

It's a great way to help out the landfills and our community at the same time.

Questions? Contact [fay.frank@comcast.net](mailto:fay.frank@comcast.net) Thank you.



# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## **PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND Flag Day Ceremony Wednesday June 14 11:00 Auburn Safety Complex**

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?

On Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> we will be retiring any United States flag, State flag or POW/MIA flag that is no longer suitable for display.

We invite you to join us for the ceremony on June 14<sup>th</sup>.  
If you are not able to attend, drop off your flag and we will ensure that it is retired in a dignified way.

### **The nice weather is here, and school is almost ready for summer break!**

Please continue to be diligent in watching for kids playing, people walking and bike riders on the roadways.  
We want all our residents to stay safe!!!

When enjoying the many beautiful areas of Auburn, **ALWAYS** remember to lock your vehicles and do not leave personal items behind when you venture onto one of our trails for some fresh air.

Equally important is remembering to take your belongings and lock up your vehicles when you are home too!

## **AUBURN K-9 BONE-EFIT UPDATE**

Thanks to many generous residents and local businesses we've already raised over \$3,500.00!!



If you would like to donate directly to our new K9 program, checks can be made out to:

[Auburn Police Benevolent Association](#)

## **JULY K9 FUNDRAISING**

There's nothing like a cold refreshing ice cream during the heat of July, right???

Did you know you can cool down your furry friend too **AND** help us continue to raise money towards the Auburn K9 Program!

**From July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> Dairy Queen, 2<sup>ND</sup> Street Manchester** will be selling their "Pup Cups" for ONLY \$1.79 each!!!

**All** proceeds from the Pup Cup sales will be donated to the Auburn K9 fund!

Be sure to swing by **Dairy Queen on Second Street** with your furry companion to cool off!

## **PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN OR UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION WITH AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP**

We have had a lot of changes the last few years and are currently rebuilding our Neighborhood Watch Program.

**EVEN IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP ALREADY OR IN THE PAST** or if you would like to become a member of Auburn Neighborhood Watch, please fill out the form below and we will then put you in touch with the leader based on where you live.

You can call the station directly at 603-483-2134, email your information to [police@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:police@townofauburnnh.com) or mail in the form below.

### **PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

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Send to: [police@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:police@townofauburnnh.com) or mail: PO BOX 339 AUBURN, NH 03032



# Rec News

## **Monday Morning Walking Club**

Enjoy the physical and social benefits of walking with friends. The NEW Monday Morning Walking Club starts at 8:30 am at the Severance School Community Center beginning on May 15. The walks will take us through the trails of Massabesic to the front park. The walking program is for all ages and walking speeds. We do walk in most types of weather unless it is heavy rain. Please dress appropriately.

Once a month, members of the Auburn Police Department will join the walk. Their first "guest appearance" will be on Monday, May 22. There is no fee and registration required to participate in the Walking Club. Please call the Recreation Department at 603-483-5052 x7 with any questions.

## **"Rock this Town" Summer Concert Series Celebrates 15 Years!**

The Parks & Recreation is ready to "Rock this Town". The annual summer concert series is back for its 15<sup>th</sup> year. 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 15-       Brickyard Blues  
July 20-       Off Duty Angels  
August 17-     Emily's Garage Band



## **Blast! Babysitter Training Class**

This BLAST! (Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training) class, from the American Academy of Pediatrics, will teach potential babysitters how to handle the basics of infant and childcare. Participants will gain knowledge in many basic childcare skills, as well as the fundamentals of emergency care. The training will include pediatric first aid, household safety and fundamentals of childcare.

This class is open to students in grades 5-8. Participants receive a certificate of completion, easy to follow first aid instructions and a sitter checklist to copy for each job. Participants should bring a drink and lunch to class. Blast! Babysitter Training will be held on Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 am through 1:30 pm at the Severance School. The fee for the program is \$65 for Auburn Residents and \$78 for non-residents.

## **Teddy Bear Workshop**

We are so excited to offer our first Teddy Bear workshop where your child will choose their bear, stuff their furry friend and place a wish star inside. After your teddy bear is complete, you'll fill out their birth certificate and all will sit down for a Teddy Bear Picnic!

Children in grades K-4 are invited to join the Teddy Bear Workshop on Monday, June 26 at 6:00 pm at Severance School. \$42 residents, \$50 non-residents. The fee includes your bear and supplies and a picnic snack.



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## **Parent /Child Cookie Decorating**

For the first time, our popular Cookie Decorating a parent/child class. Children aged 14+ are invited to join the class along with their parent as they decorate summer themed cookies. In this class, each participant will learn the basics of royal icing including how to handle a piping bag, pressure, and piping techniques. Using these skills, participants will then decorate cookies with demonstrations throughout and get to take home their delicious masterpieces!

This class will be held on Saturday, June 10, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm at Severance School Community Center. The fee for each person participating is \$52 for Auburn Residents and \$62 for non-residents. (Please register parent and child separately.)

## **Jumping Beans**

Jumping Beans is a fun class for children ages 2-4 to get out and get moving with Miss Joelle. This parent/child class kids gives kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of their favorite songs. With simple dance moves and sing-along songs, our little beans will definitely be jumping!

There are 2 5-week sessions offered through the summer. Session 1 will run June 14 through July 19 (no class 7/5) and session 2 will run July 26 through August 23. Both sessions will be held outside at the Safety Complex Field from 8:45-9:45 am. (Class will be moved inside to the Severance School Community Center on rainy days.) The fee for each 5-week session is \$35 for residents and \$42 for non-residents. Register online at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com).

## **Adult Summer Fitness Classes**

Throughout the summer, many of our favorite fitness classes will continue in 5-week sessions. All of the following classes will be held at the Severance School Community Center and you can register online at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com). You can sign up for one of the sessions or both.

**Zumba**- Tuesdays at 8:30 am. Session 1-June 20 through July 25 (no class 7/4). Session 2- August 1 through August 29. The fee for each 5-week session is \$52 for residents and \$62 for non-residents.

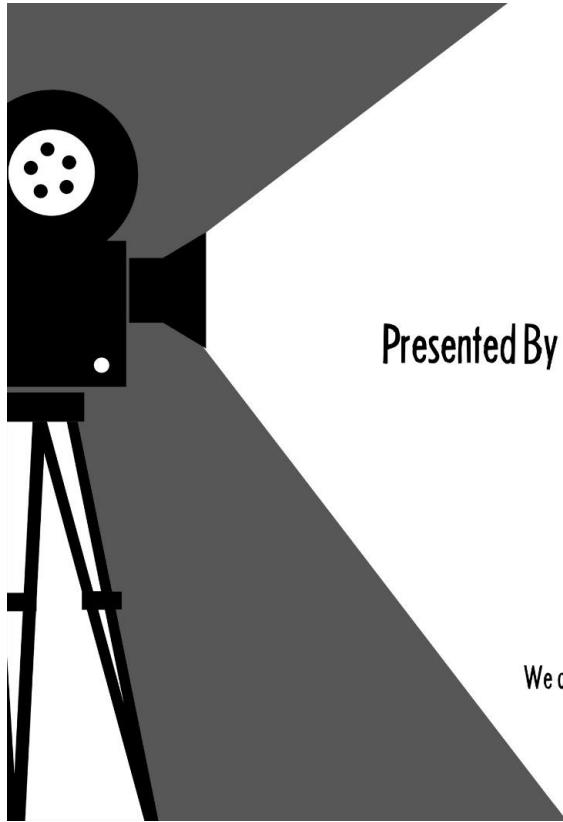
**Strength Training for Active Seniors**- Wednesdays at 8:45 am. Session 1-June 14 through July 19 (no class 7/5). Session 2 - July 26 through August 23. The fee for each 5-week session is \$52 for residents and \$62 for non-residents.

**Tai Chi**- Thursdays at 11:00 am. Session 1- June 29 through July 27. Session 2- August 3-31. The fee for each 5-week session is \$36 for residents and \$43 for non-residents.

## **Annual Senior BBQ**

### **Save The Date- Saturday, August 19**

More info in the August Crier



# FREE SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS!

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JUNE 30th, JULY 28th, AUGUST 25th

Parking lot opens at 7:30pm

Movie starts at 8:00pm

Save the dates! Movie Titles will be shared in the Town Crier and at end of each film. We can't wait to see you there! Whether you want to sit in your car, or bring a lawn chair, the choice is yours. If you have any questions, reach out to Amy Lachance or Matt Ellis.

Hosted at: 45 Myles Dr. Auburn, NH 03032

## How to Register for Parks & Rec Programs

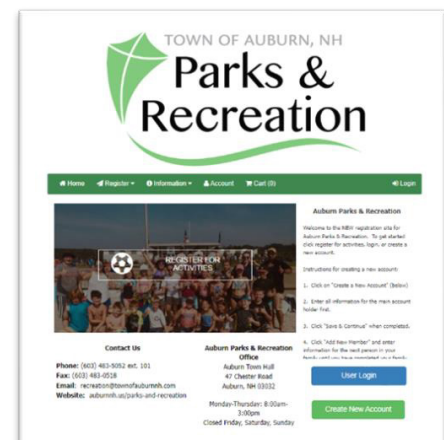
Registering for Parks & Rec programs is easy when you visit **[auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com)**.

If this is your first visit to our website, you'll want to start by setting up your account with an adult as the main account holder, then add additional family members. From there, you can start registering for activities.

You will be able to pay for your programs on this website with a credit card. There is an additional 3% (or minimum of \$2) fee per transaction that is paid directly to the credit card processing company.

If you don't want to use the website or pay with credit card, you can still register as we have in the past with the registration forms found on the town website at [AuburnNH.com/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.com/parks-and-recreation) under "Rec Forms". You can mail or bring that to Parks & Rec in the Town Hall with cash or check.

If you have any questions on the website, please contact Parks & Rec to help you through the process at [recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnNH.com) or call 603-483-5052 x7



# The Library 2023 Book Sale is Nearly Here Time to Renew and Recycle Your Books

Book shelves looking a little sad? Well it's time to cheer them up! The Griffin Free Public Library will be holding its annual Book Sale at the Auburn Village School gym **Saturday, July 29 from 8-3 and Sunday, July 30 from 11-3.**

The library is currently accepting donations of books, DVDs, puzzles, audio books and vinyl. Donations can be accepted until July 24. Please do not bring your donations to the school gym. The Library will resume taking donations after the sale.

For 22 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. **Attention teachers and parents**, if any students need community service hours please let us know. We really need help, especially on Thursday. This is a great family project...just saying!

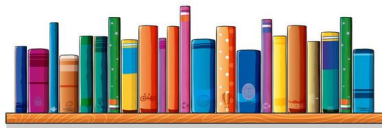
Please note that all proceeds from the sale will benefit the Griffin Free Library programing. For example, past proceeds have helped to fund some programs such as the Summer Reading, NH Humanities presentations and lectures.

We are looking for people with **trucks and vans** to help us, and volunteers on Thursday 7/27 at 6pm to move books from the library to AVS. We'll also need helpers for organizing books Thursday and Friday evening at AVS from 6pm to 8pm. Pizza will be available for a thank you. On Sunday 7/30, we would appreciate any help for cleanup at the end of the sale.

Can you help? Please let the library know.

The Friends of the Library will be holding their very popular bake sale on Saturday morning. If you can help out please contact the library at [Staff@griffinfree.org](mailto:Staff@griffinfree.org) or contact [fay.frank@comcast.net](mailto:fay.frank@comcast.net).

As always, thank you for supporting your local library and we'll see you there!



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## Library Expansion News:

**Plans and Meetings:** Plans continue to progress toward the development of a set of a final set of architectural plans. We already have a current set on display at the library for the community to look over and provide comment on. The library, with the help of our architects, SMP of Concord, has begun the process of find a construction manager for the expansion.

We hope to have more final plans finished by fall, but in the meantime, any community member or patrons interested in sitting on Building or Finance committees should reach out to [director@griffinfree.org](mailto:director@griffinfree.org). We'd love to have you as part of the expansion team.

**Information available:** Learn more about your library's expansion by visiting our Expansion Hub website anytime for constant updates and info. We're on our way! <https://griffinfree.org/gfpl-expansion-hub/>

**Open House:** Stop by the library between 10-2 on Saturday, June 3 for an Open House to meet staff, trustees and friends and learn more about our expansion plans. We'll have tours and refreshments as well. And Miss Mary will have plenty of crafts and fun available for the kids. Join us to say hi and help us take our next steps!

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

## Kids and Teen Programming

### **Wed. June 14: SUMMER READING PROGRAMMING BEGINS!**

This summer's theme is "All Together Now." Log on to [www.griffinfree.beanstack.org](http://www.griffinfree.beanstack.org) to sign in or register to get started!

Then grab a "cube" sheet from the library and get started creating a community cube quilt!

### **Wed., June 21, 2-4pm: Self-Portrait Painting**

Join Miss Mary and create your own self-portrait! Your creations will be put on display at the library. If you can't make it that day, pick up a take-home packet. Free but registration required and space limited to 15.

### **Sat., June 24, 2pm: Tailwinds Live Animal Raptor Education Program.**

Join us and meet live raptors and learn how we can all work together for the good of our animal ecosystems. No registration is needed and this event is free behind the library.

### **Wed., June 28, 2-4pm: Nesting Dolls Crafts**

Create your whole family as nesting dolls! Free but registration required and space limited to 15. Take homes available.

**Wed., July 12, 2-4pm: Friendship Bracelets Crafts**

Create your own bracelets! Free but registration required and space limited to 15. Take homes available.

**Wed., July 19, 2-4pm: Spreading Kindness Crafts**

Join us as we decorate spice jars into kindness seed sprinklers! Free but registration required and space limited to 15. Take homes available.

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

**Adult Programming**

The **Evening Book Club** will meet on **Wed., June 7 at 6:30pm** to talk about “River of Stars” by Vanessa Hua. The club will also meet on **Wed., July 5.** Book to be announced.

**Thurs., June 29: Adult Craft Night**

Join us at the library from 6-8pm for our monthly series of adult crafting events! This month, painter Janice Griffin will be leading a class one-stroke brush painting class. The event is free and supplies are provided but registration is required as seating will be limited to 15. Craft night will return again in August!

**Sat., July 8, 10-12: Woman’s Circle Workshop**

Join us for a Woman’s Circle Introduction to Reflection Workshop with a theme of friendship. This workshop is free and will be held outside weather permitting, but registration is required and will be limited to 15.

The **Knitting Club** will meet every Friday at 10:30am in June and July!

**PLASTIC BAG DRIVE!** Help the library earn another bench for Pavilion Park! The Friends of the Library are attempting to collect 500 pounds of plastic. Help us reach that goal before October. We’ll have a bag collection container on our front porch!

**THE ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE IS SET TO RUN AGAIN!**

The Griffin Free Public Library annual book sale is schedule to run **on Saturday, July 29 from 8-3 and Sunday, July 30 from 11-3. At AVS gym.** For 22 years, this popular and exciting event has been a community-driven fundraiser for the library and we can’t wait to, once again, fill the gym with ten of thousands of books for sale. Please see the longer article from the Friends of the Library in this issue for more information and volunteer opportunities!



The annual book sale is the library’s largest fund-raiser! See you soon!





Gardening season is finally here!! We have had a wonderful fall, winter and spring of educational talks and fun. We have been busy with several projects. As always, we will take a break from our monthly meetings during the summer, and our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday September 13th at 6:30 pm at Severance School. We will have Ron Trexler from UNH cooperative extension speaking to us about putting the garden to rest in the fall. Ron has given several talks for us before and he is very engaging and informative.

We will also see you at our booth at the Duck Race, where we will be (surprise!) selling plants. We will also have educational materials available regarding the benefits of gardening with native plants. We will also have our and our pledge board, where you or the kiddos can put a heart at the location of your on the

map, if you pledge to be more pollinator friendly. This can be as simple as stocking a window box with pollinator friendly plants. Together we can all make a difference.

The Club is currently working on three projects. As of this writing, the plant sale with friends of the Library will have taken place already – we hope it was a great success as our two mighty groups joined forces for this event! The other longer term project is at the Massabesic Audubon Center, which we are calling the Barn garden. This summer will be one of cleaning out, studying existing plants to identify what is there as it has been a few years since it has been tended to. Our goal is to have mostly or all native plantings to support the eco system. The third project is in partnership with Pollinator Pathways, who has allowed us to be a part of their 'Stepping Stone' grant. We had the pleasure of awarding five 6'x9' garden plots of seeds to the 5 folks that applied to the club. The end goal is to support pollinators.

We would love to see you in our club! We are up to around 80 members and have been growing each month! Annual memberships will be renewed in September or you can sign up now to get your card. Benefits include: socializing with an amazing group, learning about all sort of gardening and nature related topics, community volunteerism and discounts at local businesses to include Agway ( 10%), and Bagley Pond Perennials (10%). We have previously had a few other places, but need to check with them this new season . More info can found on our website as we obtain more discounts. We are also looking for at least 2 board members and will be holding elections later this summer. Please email us through the website if you are interested. We are also always looking for interesting speakers. If you have a topic you would like to speak on next fall , please let us know!

For more information on the Massabesic Garden Club, please see our website [www.massabesicgc.org](http://www.massabesicgc.org). We can also be found on facebook.



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## St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

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Fr. Rory Traynor, Parochial Vicar  
Dcn. Sean C Magee, Sr., Permanent Deacon  
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[www.stpeteraub.org](http://www.stpeteraub.org)

### Mass Schedule:

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



### Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays, June 2nd and July 7th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church  
Wednesdays in June and July from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church



### 2023-2024 Faith Formation registration is NOW OPEN!

Go to: <https://stpeteraub.org/faith-formation>

*Train children in the way they should go: and when they grow old, they will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*



### 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](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).

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## Longmeadow Serves

### 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! 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZuV4b91h_8LYHqYRATqhw))

We thank all who came to our Longmeadow Community Breakfast in May and have been so excited to see the numbers growing each month. Our last breakfast of this season will be on Sunday, June 10 before we break for the hot summer months.



We also hope to see you at our Ladies' Circle's HUGE Yard Sale on Saturday June 3. So, mark your calendars and details can be found elsewhere in the Crier.

### Summer Worship Opportunities

The summer always gives us a bit of a break from our many routines and we have the opportunity to try different things. We are delighted that in July we are bringing back our Breakfast Church, in which instead of gathering in what is typically our stifling hot sanctuary for worship (ah... the joys and challenges of gathering in a 250-year-old building!) we gather in our Fellowship Hall for worship. At 9:30 on each of the Sundays in July, we will gather around tables to share breakfast together and worship in more interactive ways. It is a casual gathering of friends who love each other and our God and we invite you to join us. In August we are hoping to also gather outside for worship a few Sundays (weather permitting) which we discovered loving so much as we were emerging from the social distancing of the pandemic.

Would You Like to Serve Alongside Longmeadow?

Whether you are a member of our worshipping community or not, we would like to invite you serve alongside us as we seek to serve the vulnerable in our community. And we have created ways you can participate:

- In June we hold an annual targeted food 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 the items they have identified as needing. This year those items are Peanut Butter and Tomato Sauce. 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 tomato sauce (new, sealed jars, within date only please, and plastic makes it easier for us to transport, but not required).
- Also on June 11, we look forward to welcoming Terry Everett of Anchored in Hope to share with us in our worship service about her work with people who are homeless. We have been blessed to join Terry in this ministry and look forward to her being our next speaker in our Faith in Action worship series.
- 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. We ask that you only donate the items included in the list below. Also, all donations must be new, we cannot accept used items.

Round nose scissors  
30-centimeter / 12-inch ruler (must have centimeters)  
Hand-held pencil sharpener  
New, unsharpened pencils with erasers  
Box of 24 crayons (only 24)  
Erasers (approximately 1 in. by 2 in.)  
Glue Sticks  
Packages of pens  
2-pocket folders  
Packages of loose leaf filler paper  
Composition books



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/>



## New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center

### Visit us during our NEW hours!

We are open Tuesday – Sunday, 11am to 5pm. Come explore the Center, meet our Animal Ambassadors, and pick up a souvenir from the gift shop. Enjoy the trails and gardens every day from dawn to dusk.

We are located at 26 Audubon Way, Auburn NH 03102. Please follow Leave No Trace ethics and remember that dogs aren't allowed anywhere on Massabesic Center property. As a courtesy, our parking lot provides access to alternate dog-friendly trails on either end of Audubon Way.



### ARE YOU A BIRDER? JOIN US ON OUR BIRD WALKS!

The Massabesic Center hosts bird walks on most weekends throughout the year. Starting in November of 2021, these weekly bird walks serve as a way for new birders to learn some tips and tricks as well as a way for more advanced birders to network and share their skills. The walks take place on the trails at the Massabesic Center for a leisurely 90 minute walk to search for birds in the fields, forest, and on Lake Massabesic. To find out dates and to register for one of our walks, please visit our event calendar: <https://www.nh Audubon.org/events/>

### GARDEN WORKSHOPS ARE UNDERWAY!

The Massabesic Center and UNH Extension Master Gardeners are teaming up to bring you our garden workshops this Spring, Summer, and Fall! Whether you are new to gardening or a seasoned pro, there is always something new to learn at the garden workshops. Topics include raised beds, gardening to support pollinators, vegetable plots, and more! To find out dates/topics and register, please visit NH Audubon's event calendar or the UNH Extension calendar: <https://extension.unh.edu/events>

### INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION? CHECK OUT OUR SCIENTIST SERIES!



Have you ever wondered about what kind of conservation research NH Audubon is involved in? The Scientist Series aims to shed some light on all of the different research projects that our conservation team works on. These programs are hybrid in-person/ virtual webinars that highlight different research and monitoring projects presented by our amazing scientists. For topics and dates, please refer to our event calendar: <https://www.nh Audubon.org/events/>

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The Manchester Artists Association presents Love

Our Planet – a spring exhibit with art that showcases the beauty of the natural world and the wondrous wildlife that share this planet with us.

Love Our Planet will be on view at Massabesic Center now through June 1, 2023. All works are available for immediate purchase, with 30% of the proceed going to support the mission of NH Audubon.

### NEEDING A SPACE FOR A MEETING OR SOCIAL EVENT?

Rent the Massabesic Center's Conference Room for your next business meeting or social event!

Email [macevents@nhaudubon.org](mailto:macevents@nhaudubon.org) to inquire about renting out the space.

Visit <https://www.nhaudubon.org/center-and-events/rentals-and-social-events/> for more information about our rentals.

### RECENTLY ENGAGED? LOVE NATURE?

Check out our Massabesic Center for your 2024 wedding!

Inquire at [macevents@nhaudubon.org](mailto:macevents@nhaudubon.org).



### SUMMER CAMP: MEDIA POWER YOUTH WEEK AUGUST 7-11

Conservation Quest Filmmaking Camp, in partnership w/ Media Power Youth

During Session 7, August 7-11, at Massabesic Center only, campers ages 10-14 can experience a unique week of camp to learn about filming techniques, scripting, storyboarding, editing, leadership, and collaboration while making a film that advocates for wildlife. Campers will create their own short film to be released on the final day of camp at our viewing party.

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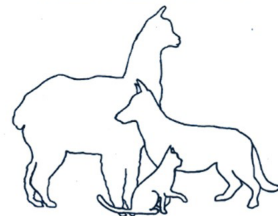
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We are looking for more volunteers to support Auburn Dollars for Scholars. We are a local non-profit with the purpose of helping Auburn students achieve their higher education goals. If you are interested in serving on the board or volunteering at events, please contact Tarah Bergeron at [tarah8806@gmail.com](mailto:tarah8806@gmail.com).

For information on Auburn Dollars for Scholars and other scholarships, visit [auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org) Don't forget to sign up for our mailing list to stay up to date on available scholarships, application deadlines, and events!

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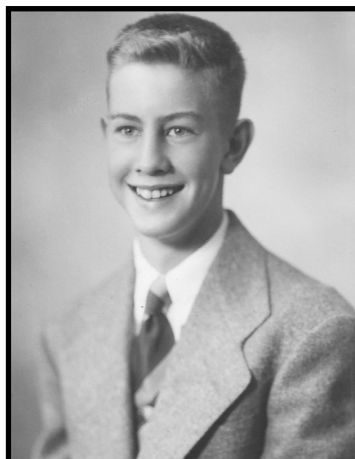
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## *News from the Auburn Historical Association*



### More Old-Timer Stories, Bill Blake

By Dan Carpenter

Left: Bill Blake in 1948, right: in 1952



Before 1980, the Auburn Police Department was staffed by part-timers who were on call. In other words, for the most part, police officers were not patrolling. When a call came in, a part-timer would respond. Fortunately for the Town, the Manchester Water Works hired full time patrolmen and many of them were Auburn residents. This worked well for Auburn because they knew the Town, the people, and they spent most of their time patrolling in Auburn. However, MWW patrolmen were not certified police officers and they did not carry weapons. (Today, they are and they do.)

Bill and his friend, George Gross (a Manchester Water Works and Auburn patrolman, who lived at 685 Chester Road) went up to Hooksett to buy a chainsaw. They came back down Hooksett Rd, through Sell's Corner (Exit II), over the wooden B & M Railroad Bridge, and past Aldis Christie's house which was across the road from the old Fairlawn Manor. As they drove past Depot Rd, they saw Ernie Smeltzer, (185 Hooksett Rd) an elderly person, running into the road and waving his arms like a madman. They stopped. "Robbers!" "They were still in the house..." "They fired a shot into the floor..." "They stashed my coin collection in the bushes." As Bill and George got out of the car, a man came out of the house holding a gun. He ran toward the stone wall back of the house. Waving the gun around, he fired a wild shot, attempted to throw the gun away and tried to get over the wall. At that moment, Bill caught up with him and sat on him until he could be properly restrained. At the trial, Ernie the homeowner, Bill Blake, MWW Patrolman, and NH State Police Officer Bill Dodge were prepared to testify when the defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to 5 years in prison. After completing his sentence, he was killed in an armed robbery in Massachusetts.

Being a WW patrolman in your hometown did have disadvantages. Bill caught many kids swimming, many warnings were issued and a few tickets handed out. For the most part, the kids realized he was just doing his job and he still sees some of them today. Three friends from the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department, Ricky Davis, Cedric Preston, and Jim Trombly, for years had an annual sleepover on Ladies Island (Out from Clair's Landing). "We would invite you, Bill. But....". Bill assumed that swimming was a large part of the festivities.

Bus stops are an example of some things never seem to change. Bill walked from his house on Hooksett Rd to the Rockingham Rd intersection (Lewis-McEvoy Elmwood Farm) where he caught the bus to Auburn Village School. Don Dollard, who lived next door to his Uncle Frank (Dunkin Donuts) walked to Severance School. Today, Cole Eaton, (Son of Zach, grandson of Albie, great-grandson of George) gets off the bus by himself at Addie Davis's corner (Eaton Hill Rd and Colman Rd). The bus then passes him as it drives right past his house.

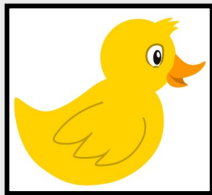


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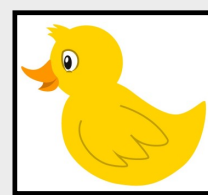
Auburn is a small town and in many ways is stuck in its small town ways. People enjoy ranting and raving over stupid stuff that has no bearing on the big picture. Fifty years ago, street lights could always get an argument at Town Meeting. "We don't need them." "We pay too much." "Why am I paying for a light on the other side of town?"

Another favorite Town Meeting argument was the roads chosen for upgrades. By the 1970's, Auburn was a commuter town and needed good roads. By the 1980's, the Road Agent and the Selectmen convinced the community that they had a plan and that all roads would be addressed. Its been decades since roads were a Town Meeting discussion and Auburn now has some of the best roads in NH.

Barbara Kingsbury and her neighbors were concerned that the commercial development of King St. would negatively affect their neighborhood. Herb Chase and Al Bourque feared that Waste Management's Transfer Station on the Londonderry Turnpike would lower property values. Some people were convinced that Myles Travel Plaza at Exit II would bring noise and prostitution to the area. None of the worst fears of people came to pass and increased economic activity is good for the community. Auburn is still a nice place to live. Bill recommends that people emulate the willow tree. The willow bends in times of adversity and has the ability to rebound and stand up straight when the troubles pass.



### *Upcoming Events*



*The 2023 Auburn Day and 30th Annual Duck Race*  
*Saturday, September 9th, from 10am to 3pm*  
*In the Auburn Village (near the Griffin Free Public Library)*  
*- Hosted by the Auburn Historical Association -*

*Please join us for this fun-filled community event! Enjoy great food, music, local artisans and authors, a petting farm, kids games, a climbing wall, food demonstrations, the Pinkerton Marching Band and, of course, the Duck Race!*

*For more information and/or to enter the apple pie or cookie contests, please visit our website at <https://www.auburnhistorical.org/>. Check back as we get closer for updates.*

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