



AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER



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

2023 BOAT DECALS ARE IN!

You can now renew your boat registrations for 2023
with the Town Clerk!

*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.

Mark your calendars.....

Voting Day

March 14, 2023

7 am to 7 pm

at
Auburn Village School



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Auburn Town Hall News

Dear Fellow Auburn Residents,

Our thanks go out to the residents who braved historically low temperatures to participate in February 4's Deliberative Session of Town Meeting. Those voters moved all the warrant articles that our Boards and Committees recommended, on to the ballot for March 14. The Voter Guide, with an explanation of each article, will arrive in residents' mailboxes well before that voting day, and additional information is available on the town's website. Please review that information if you have not already. We welcome your questions prior to voting – please feel free to contact any of us individually, or the Town Administrator Chris Sterndale, via email or phone 603-483-5052.

Elected positions are on the ballot as well, and while we do not have contested races this year, we are grateful that so many continue to serve the town in appointed or elected capacities. As the final session of Town Meeting approaches, the Board of Selectmen is preparing for the year ahead, with a goal-setting session set for February 23, and appointments to town boards and committees in late March.

Mark your calendar and don't forget to vote March 14th, 7am-7pm at Auburn Village School!

Keith Leclair



Michael Rolfe

Tom Carroll

Auburn Board of Selectmen

Longmeadow Church Community Breakfast

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

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

AVS SCHOOLYARD NEWS

Welcome to the Auburn Village School!

2023– 2024 Kindergarten & New Students in Grades 1-8 Registration



KINDERGARTEN: All children living in Auburn who will be five years old on or before September 30th, 2023 are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2023. We are currently in the process of implementing an online registration system. Our registration will be open in

February. Please check out our website to complete a pre-registration survey. This information will be used to contact you for further information. The website link for registration is:

<https://auburn.sau15.net/registration/>



New Student Registration

NEW FIRST GRADERS TO Auburn Village School: All children living in Auburn who will be six years old on or before September 30th, 2023 are eligible to enter first grade in the fall of 2023. New Grade 1 students are able to register now. You will be asked the year of [enrollment in the preregistration survey](#). Please

be sure to note 2023-2024. *If your child currently attends kindergarten at AVS you do not need to register for the 2023-2024 school year.*

NEW STUDENTS (grades 2 – 8) TO Auburn Village School: To register a child for grades 2 – 8, [please complete this online form](#). We will need the following information:

- The Child's Birth Certificate
- Picture ID of Parent/Guardian
- 2 Proof of Residency (examples include a current Utility Bill, Tax Bill, Mortgage Statement, Purchase and Sale Agreement, Certificate of Occupancy, or a Lease/Rental Agreement)
- Residency Affidavit – only if living with another family (please ask office for form)
- The Child's Immunization Record
- Documentation of the child's last physical exam (must have occurred on or before September 1st for the start of a new school year)
- Court Order/Custody Agreement – Parenting Plan

AVS SCHOOLYARD NEWS

A Spotlight on the AVS Art Program with our amazing art teachers, Mrs. West (3-8) & Mrs. Leary (K-2)!

We have been experimenting with lots of different materials in grades K-2! Students have been using oil pastels, metallic markers, scrapbook paper for collage, and printing with cardboard, q-tips, and bubble wrap! We have been creating lots of winter themed art. Take a look!

Kindergarten Winter Foxes & Trees at Night

Students used cardboard and q-tips to print their trees, snow, and berries



1st grade Winter Villages & Charley Harper Cardinals

Students used sheet music from Vivaldi's 'Winter I Allegro' to cut into birch trees and got to listen to the music while making them!



2nd grade Georgia O'Keeffe Poppies, Glowing Lights on Branches, Winter Landscapes

Printing bubble wrap was SO MUCH FUN & we smudged our oil pastel to make the lights glow!



NOW.. everyone is on to Weaving!!

Practicing on paper looms

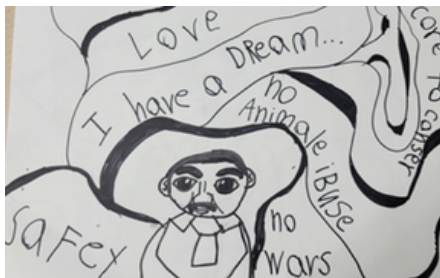


3rd Grade Art

3rd graders studied George Rodrigue's "Blue Dog" series and painted their own dogs. Students used paints to create tints and shades to show value in the dog's color. A quick project before vacation allowed us to fill our hallway with Winter Owls. Now back at school, we've begun to create "Llama Looms" for our current weaving project.

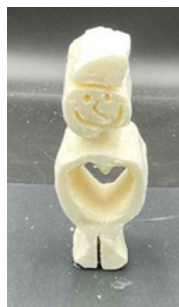
4th Grade Art

4th graders drew animals as well. We studied the art of Indi Maverick and used lines to show texture in our Woodland Animals. Earlier in the Fall, we looked at the art of Faith Ringgold and created our very own story quilts. Students created beautiful images of scenes from their favorite book, movie or even memories. The kids learned basic hand stitching, this allowed them to add stitching details to the edge of their masterpieces. Now back from vacation and ready to create, 4th graders have been listening to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. We have been discussing his dreams, as well as dreams they have for their future. These dreams are being incorporated into our portraits of Dr. Martin Luther King.



Middle School Art

Middle Schoolers have been keeping the art room a buzz creating their own art pieces. Students have created both 2D and 3D pieces using all sorts of materials and techniques.



We look forward to seeing what our talented students will create next!
Follow us on Instagram
@avsbravesart

Visit auburnparksandrec.com for more details or to register for the following programs. If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Rec at recreation@townofauburnnh.com or call 603-483-5052 x7.

Pot O'Gold Scavenger Hunt

Lucky the Leprechaun hid his pot of gold somewhere in Auburn. It is your job to find it and collect some gold for yourself. On Saturday, March 18 there will be 5 rainbows throughout town that will lead you to his hidden treasure. Bring your smartphone with you because on each rainbow will be a QR code. Scan that code and you will find a number as well as the location of the next rainbow. All the numbers that you collect along the way will give you the combination to unlock Lucky's treasure and collect your gold.

You will start your search at the Town Hall where you will find the first rainbow. If at any point you need a hint or have a question, you can call or text the Scavenger Hunt Hotline at 603-587-1038. The rainbows will be placed outside at 9:00 am and removed at 5:00 pm. The scavenger hunt takes about 30 minutes so join in at any time that is convenient to you. In the event of bad weather, the hunt may be postponed. Please check on the P&R website or Facebook and Instagram pages before you head out if it looks questionable.

Bunny Brunch & Egg Hunt

Hop on over to the Parks & Rec's first Bunny Brunch & Egg Hunt! Join us for a pancake brunch that will include bunny activities and crafts at each table. The Bunny will be there for pictures so be sure to bring your camera capture the moment. ***New this year... Before you sit down for brunch, there will be an indoor egg hunt for the kids to collect eggs in the gym to cash in for special treats***

The Bunny Brunch will be held on Saturday, April 1st at the Auburn Village School. There will be 2 seating options: 8:00 am and 10:00 am. There is limited seating at each time slot so advanced registration is required. The fee is \$10 per person. (Children under 2 are free)

Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals- FREE Puppet Show

Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals will be entertaining our town! Lindsey Aucella offers a high energy evening of thoughtful storytelling via her puppet pals. This amazing interactive storytelling evening is targeted for young children (pre-K, K and 1st grade) inspiring creativity and pro-social behavior. Don't miss this fun family event!

Thanks to a sponsorship from *It's a Child's World*, this event is free to the community. The show will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm at the AVS Cafeteria.



Tiny Tot Soccer for 3-year-olds & Tot Soccer for 4-year-olds

Tiny Tot & Tot Soccer is back this season for the youngest soccer players. Both programs will be led by the soccer pros from SNHU. The kids will learn basic soccer skills as well as develop strength, coordination, listening skills, and teamwork. This program will run for 5 weeks on Saturdays starting May 6 through June 11 (no soccer Memorial Day weekend). Both programs will be held at Wayne Eddows. Preregistration is required as space is limited. The Tiny Tots program for 3-year-old runs 9:30 am to 10:00 am for a fee of \$50 (Players must be at least 3 during the session). The Tot Soccer program for 4-year-olds will be held at 10:00-11:00 am for a fee is \$65 (Players must be at least 4 years old during the session.)

Summer Basketball Camp

Coaches DeGraffe and Howell are back for another year of Summer Basketball Camp. This is a weeklong 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. Summer Basketball Camp will be held Monday, August 14 through Friday, August 18, 8:30 am until 2:00 pm at the AVS gym. This camp is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2023-2024 school year. The fee for the camp is \$199 for the week.

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 a lunch to class. Blast! Babysitter Training will be held on Saturday, March 18 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.

Salsa Dance Class

Want to learn how to Salsa dance? Come take a free salsa lesson on Friday, March 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. A partner is NOT necessary. NO dance experience is required. Come out and learn to dance with us in a fun and friendly environment! Make new friends and find new rhythms! All ages are welcome. Susie-Q, a local Auburn resident and business owner, will teach you the very basic steps of Salsa. Although this lesson is free, preregistration is required as space is limited.

Town-Wide Yard Sale

It's time to start planning for the Town-Wide Yard Sale. If you are spending the winter cleaning out your attics, basements and garages and are ready to get rid of your old stuff, join the Auburn Town-Wide Yard Sale. This event will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. You price and tag your own items, set the sale up outside at your own house and then you keep the profits. The registration fee is only \$15. When you register with the Parks and Recreation department, your house will be included on the official town wide yard sale map, you will receive location sign to help shoppers find your sale easily and we will take care of all the advertising for you.

Do you want to participate in the Town-Wide Yard Sale but live on a road that is too busy or unsafe for visitors to stop? Sign up to sell at a public location. (The location will be determined by how many need this option.)

SELLERS: To sign up for the Town-Wide Yard Sale, register online at auburnparksandrec.com or send in the registration form also found on our website. The deadline to register is Monday, May 1.

Friday Night “Kids’ Club”

Join us for a fun, kids-only night for our first Friday Night Kids’ Club where kids in grades 2-5 can have a great Friday night out with their friends. There will be Candy BINGO, crafts with Mrs. Lewis and games with Mr. Howell. Pizza dinner and dessert is also included. This event will be held at the Severance School Community Center on Friday, April 14. Drop off is at 6:00 pm and pick up is 9:00 pm. Advanced registration is required, and spaces are limited.

Strength Training for Active Seniors

This strength training class for active seniors will be a mixture of light weights and your own body weight. With Joelle Ray as your trainer, you are sure to be challenged but encouraged to try your best and most importantly to have fun! Our goal in this class is to build muscle and increase flexibility to create a healthy body and mind. There will be fun music to help motivate our iron pumping! **NEW... We are now offering 2 sessions for different levels.** The 6-week session will be held on Wednesdays, March 8 through April 12. You can register for the 8:45-9:30 am class for lighter level and/or beginner or 10:45-11:30 am for more challenging and/or intermediate. The fee for the session is \$62 for Auburn Residents, \$75 for non-residents.

Tai Chi

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 seniors are doing Tai Chi to improve their health and reduce their risk of falling. Tai Chi will be held at Severance School on Thursday, March 2-April 20 (8-week session) at 11:00 am until noon. The fee for the 8-week session is \$58 for Auburn Residents and \$70 for non-residents.

Zumba

Zumba Fitness classes are designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. **NEW... Evening Zumba classes are now being offered.** The 6-week session will run Tuesday, March 7 through April 11 at Severance School. There are now 2 class times, 8:30-9:30 am OR 5:30-6:30 pm. The cost for the class is \$62 for Auburn Residents, \$75 for non-residents.

Crafty Kids

Crafty Kids with Kristy is a new class for kids in grades 1-4 that combines great stories and fun crafts. Each week, Kristy will read a story to the group and then create a craft based on that book. Crafty Kids meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm from March 7 through April 4. The 5-week session costs \$65 for Auburn Residents, \$78 for non-residents.

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 be jumping! Jumping Beans will be held on Wednesdays, March 8 through April 12 at 9:45 -10:30 am. The fee for the 6-week program is \$42 for Auburn Residents, \$50 for non-residents.

Fast Feet Running Series

We are in the process of finalizing the details for our new Fast Feet Running Series, for kids ages 2-14. The program will start late April and run for 6 weeks. Please visit our website and social media pages for more details.

2022 Helen Hiltz Community Service Award

Congratulations to Pat Clement and Mark Comeau, the 2022 recipients of the Helen Hiltz Community Service Award.



Presented by the Auburn Parks and Recreation Commission, the Helen Hiltz Community Service Award is given to a citizen, or citizens, whose voluntary efforts throughout the year have improved the quality of recreation and leisure opportunities for the residents of Auburn. This award is named after Helen Hiltz who served as the Parks and Recreation Secretary for many years. It was through her many efforts that recreation flourished in the Town of Auburn.

Both contributed to the town this past year but have been consistently giving for many, many years. Thank you to Mark and Pat for all you've given to the Town of Auburn!

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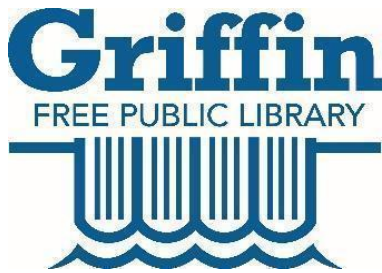
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Library Expansion Planning Meetings and News:

Organizational Meetings: Thank you to everyone who came out in February for our first committee organizing meeting. There were plenty of great idea and suggestions on moving forward. The wheels have been set in motion to create a Capital Campaign and a Building committee and we're looking for community members with a passion and interest in the library to sit on those committees!

Wed. March 22: Building Committee Meeting

The journey toward expansion continues at 6pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room. Architects SMP will be on hand to talk process and schedule. All Auburn citizens are welcome!

Information Updates: If you have an interest in participating in upcoming committees or just learning more about your library's expansion, please visit our Expansion Hub website anytime for constant updates and info. We're on our way! <https://griffinfree.org/gfpl-expansion-hub/>

Email Newsletter: The library has created a new bi-weekly email newsletter to keep the community up to date on our expansion process and upcoming events. Drop us a note or call to tell us you're interested and we'll get you signed up.

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Here's a look at all the wonderful events and programming coming up in March:

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party!

Sat. March 4 at 11am

Stop hopping on pop, put the hat on the cat and make sure the places you'll go will be the library for party games and cake.



Kids and Teen Programming

Fri., March 10: Teen Movie Night!

Join us for a special showing of "The Jungle Cruise" with The Rock. The PG-13 film will begin at 5:30pm inside the library. This event is free, but registration is required. Snacks will be served!

Wed., March 22: Kids Movie Night!

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

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

PEEPS AROUND THE WORLD CONTEST



Our big, annual PEEP Diorama Contest takes place this month! The theme is “PEEPS Around the World.” Submit your dioramas to the library between March 15-31.

Judging will be held on April 6. Get creative! Please stop by the website or the library for contest rules.

BEANSTACK FOR MARCH

Read Around the World is our theme through the month! Sign on to your Beanstack Account, read and track your books and win prizes. Ask us how!

Adult Programming

Thurs., March 30: 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 of a blueberry design. The event is free and supplies are provided but registration is required as seating will be limited to 10.

The **Evening Book Club** will meet on Wed., March 1 at 6:30pm to talk about “The Poisonwood Bible” by Barbara Kingsolver.

The **Day Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, March 8 at 1:30 pm to talk about “The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post” by Allison Pataki.

The **Knitting Club** will meet every Friday at 10:30am in March!

The **Cookbook Club** will return on Sat. March 18 at 12:30pm with a Spring theme. If you’d like to become a member or just offer some ideas, stop by to say hello. And feel free to bring a dish of your choosing.

Griffin Free Public Library Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Do you love your library? The Griffin Free Public Library Board of Trustees is looking for candidates to be an Alternate Trustee on the Board.

The Library is governed by a team of the Library Director, three Elected Trustees and one Alternate Trustee and we would like to add two more Alternate Trustees to the Board. The Board is responsible for the custody and management of the library, and govern the Director who is the administrator of the day-to-day operations. We are responsible for the budget and all financial decisions. Alternate Trustees should attend and participate in all meetings as they have voting rights when filling in for an absent Elected Trustee.

If you are interested in what a board meeting is like, you’re welcome to join us on the second Monday of any month at 6:30 in the library. You can also go to the town website and review the minutes from previous meetings. If you would like to speak with a Board Member please leave your information at the library and someone will get back to you.

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Auburn Fire Rescue Ride Along Program

The Auburn Fire Rescue offers the opportunity to ride along with our members during a normal tour of duty, and to experience the day-to-day duties and responsibilities. This public education program gives people a better understanding of our operations. The Ride-Along Program serves as a mechanism for non-department members to personally observe our daily operations and enhance transparency between fire and members of the community.

Citizens considering a career in the Fire/EMS Services have found these types of programs particularly useful. The Ride-Along program offers a better understanding of the challenges, hazards, and rewards of a Fire Fighter's role in the community.

General Guidelines

- Ride-along's can occur at any time on any shift.
- Riders must be at least 16 years of age. Those under the age of 18 will need a parent's approval prior to riding along.
- Riders must be capable of getting in and out of vehicles unassisted and should be able to tolerate loud noises.
- Riders must be prepared to see emergency accident scenes and other associated hazards.
- You should indicate the time and date you wish to ride in your request.
- We may not be able to accommodate requests to ride with specific members.
- The rider must follow all orders being given to by the Auburn Fire Supervisor.
- Those wanting to ride-along with Auburn Fire Rescue will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Dress Code and Etiquette

Citizens who are selected for a ride along with the Auburn Fire Rescue must dress appropriately for the duration of their ride. Business casual or professional attire is preferred. However, blue jeans, tennis-shoes, and other casual attire is acceptable if it is not offensive or in disrepair.

Any person riding along must agree to follow all lawful instructions provided to them by any member of the Auburn Fire Rescue during the time the person is participating in the ride-along. Failure to adhere to these rules and guidelines may result in the ride-along being terminated early at the discretion of the Auburn Fire Rescue.

If interested in a reide along, and submit your request in person or email to mwilliams@auburnnhfire.org.

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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We are in the tail end of winter (hopefully.) Don't pack away those shovels just yet, as we often have had a least one visit from mother nature with a snowstorm, freezing rain, or ice during the month.

As the nicer afternoons come our way please remember to take extra caution for adults and children walking and playing. Especially while the large piles of snow continue to melt.

As the warm weather continues and you start thinking about spring cleaning, we wanted to remind everyone this also a great time to update any information you may want the department to have on hand in case of any emergency.

Our residential and business alarm form can be found on our department website, auburnnh.us under forms.

RE-JOIN (OR JOIN FOR THE FIRST TIME) AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TODAY!!!!

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 or mail in the form below.

PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Send to: police@townofauburnnh.com or mail: PO BOX 339 AUBURN, NH 03032



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?



The department is looking into to holding a Life Line Screening Event. These screenings can help detect if you are at risk for stroke, vascular disease, heart disease, and diabetes. Life Line Screening identifies disease **BEFORE** it can cause damage.

The vascular screenings are recommended for anyone 50 and older, or 40 and over with cardiovascular risk factors including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, family history of stroke or heart disease, lack of exercise, and diet high in fat. They are non-invasive, painless, and take 60 minutes to complete. **All individual results are confidential.**

screening would be about \$160.00 per person. To host this event we would need a minimum of 60 people and it looks like the event day would be sometime in late August or early September. If this is something you would be interested in please email the department with your name, phone number and email address and we will keep you updated. mgates@townofauburnnh.com

If you'd like to learn more about Life Line Screening you can also visit their website at www.discoverlifescreeing.com

MEET THE CANDIDATES



TOWN ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14. 7 AM -7 PM

Selectman- 3 Years – Michael J. Rolfe

Town Clerk- 3 Years – Kathleen A. Sylvia

Treasurer- 3 Years –Christine Tewksbury

School District Clerk- 2 Years –Kathleen A. Sylvia

Trustee of the Trust Funds- 3 Years –Barbara Carpenter

Cemetery Trustee- 3 Years –James D. Thompson

Cemetery Trustee- 1 Years –David Zaleski

Address: 4 Juniper Circle

Office for which you are running: 1 Year Cemetery Trustee

Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

I believe it is important to support and be involved in both family and community. This role and time dedication seems to fit inside the current needs of my family and profession alike. From a business perspective, I have managed extensive budgets, teams across the US, and client relationships.

Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office:

I have not had enough exposure to the grounds, processes, and/or financial needs of the cemeteries to make that judgement today, but believe my analytical and business knowledge would help develop suggestions that positively impact those celebrating life departures and the town alike.



School Board Member- 3 Years –Janice A. Baker

Address: 31 Miner Road

Office for which you are running: School Board

Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

I've been involved with the Auburn School District in a variety of capacities over the last seven years and understand how it works, its strengths we need to preserve, and where it needs to improve. I'm currently the Vice Chair of the School Board and through our annual goals & initiatives, budgets, and contracts, I've been able to touch the many areas that come together to make our District run efficiently and effectively.

Professionally, I have more than 20 years of experience in the public sector at the federal and state levels and have spent the last eight years in private industry. Most of my career has been focused on the development of enterprise information systems for health and human services government agencies. I'm currently the Vice President of Commercial Business for Point32Health.

Throughout my career and over the last seven years with the Auburn School District, I've focused on improving how we educate our young residents while being reasonable and balanced. I hope to continue serving the District and do my part to advance education in Auburn.

Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office:

The Auburn School District is wrapping up a year-long strategic planning process and I'm looking forward to working with our education leaders to implement the initiatives to better prepare our learners for college, career, and citizenship and attract high-impact education professionals to Auburn.

Police Commission- 3 Years –David C. Dion

This year, I am seeking re-election to the Auburn Police Commission. My wife Charlotte and I raised our 4 children in this community, and have been residents of Auburn for over 30 years.

I continue to be committed to seeing our town prosper and flourish. My business experience, coupled with my love for the Town of Auburn, and my continued commitment to maintaining a strong relationship between the police department and the community make me the ideal candidate.

As a Police Commissioner, one of my goals will be the continuation of support for the Neighborhood Watch Program and strive for any improvements in communications available. I would continue to welcome any suggestions that would benefit the town and strengthen the relationship between the community and their police department.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to seeing you at the polls.



Planning Board- 3 Years –Jeffrey Porter

Address: 261 Coleman Rd

Office for which you are running: Planning Board

Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

I am currently serving on the Planning Board, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the town I've lived in for 27 years. I am also an active member of the Auburn Conservation Commission for 12 years currently serving as the chairman. I provide advisory information to both the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Planning Board when Conservation questions arise.

Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office:

To continue the success and to preserve the character of Auburn, it is very important to continue the development of proper 'land use'. We want to provide for smarter use of our local resources with planning rules that consider all that Auburn has to offer us.

Each of the land use boards (Planning, and Zoning) has enlisted the information from the Conversation Commission when needed as well as strengthening our planning rules for Auburn. This has proven to have a beneficial impact to the residents of Auburn and will continue to be important that all the land use groups work together.

Library Trustee- 3 Years –Marilyn Cavanaugh

Address: 128 Spruce Lane, Auburn

Office for which you are running: Griffin Free Public Library Trustee

Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

I have lived in Auburn for over 40 years and have been an ardent supporter of Griffin Free Public Library. I am completing a three-year term as trustee, a time of challenges and significant accomplishments. We faced the Covid pandemic and with our committed library staff not only endured but emerged stronger, increasing both circulation and programs. The next three years will be exciting as we work on expanding the library to meet our community's needs. I believe that my experience in team building, outreach and being part of the GFPL Board of dedicated trustees as well as my deeply rooted belief in the importance that a library serves in our community make me qualified to serve another term.

Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office:

Griffin Free Public Library is both bustling and bursting at the seams. From storytime for young kids to author talks for adults, knitting club to genealogy, physical books to ebooks to a library of things. We are traditional and innovative. We have a devoted staff, an enthusiastic group of Friends and an engaged community. That community is growing and, as the smallest library per capita of any in the state, we don't have the parking, bookshelf space, areas for reading or writing, and, most importantly, the community meeting space that we need. I see Griffin Free Public Library as a hub in Auburn, a place where people come together and connect. As part of this vision, I would like to see young and old participate in the expansion process, to look at drawings, to discuss priorities, to commit to supporting a library that reflects our values and our community.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Hey Whats Happening Here?

I don't know about the rest of you, but my bulbs are already starting to poke their tender green shoots up. I am worried that sudden cold weather will raise havoc with our flower gardens! I sure hope that Mother Nature will save them.

Speaking of bulbs and gardens, at our last Friends meeting a date was chosen for the Annual Library Plant Sale. Our event will be held on Saturday, May20 at the Library. Time to be decided.. Of course we love your donated outdoor and indoor plants ,so please keep us in mind this spring as you repot and divide your plants. We'll have more information in the up coming Town Crier.

Attention Library Lovers!

The Griffin Free Public Library serves as a cornerstone for the Auburn, NH community, working to serve and support many needs of the growing population. #LibraryGivingDay is a one-day fundraising event with the goal of encouraging people who depend on and enjoy public libraries to donate to their individual library system. In turn, that support will go toward the incredible programs that promote lifelong learning, connecting patrons to technology and public services in the community, and of course, well-loved books for every patron.

Library Lovers can support their Library and Community anytime now through April 4th! Email friends@griffin-free.com for more information about how you can support your local library. If you are just curious, and want to see what the Friends are all about, our meetings are the first Monday a month @7pm. All are welcomed to attend.



Massabesic Seniors

The Massabesic Seniors have moved to our new meeting place, at the newly refurbished Severance School on Manchester Road under direction of Auburn Parks & Recreation. The new meeting area is quite large, enjoyable and has plenty of parking.

The Auburn Senior Citizen's January lunch of turkey pot pie was a big hit. Most of our senior group met at the home of Lorraine Senechal, making the meal and day so much better than eating alone. Thank you both Auburn and Lorraine.

We have six new members, Bill Wentworth, Hanena Aslouj, Amina Hajjara, Karen Pommerening, and John & Donna Roy. Welcome all! I hope you enjoy as much as we older regulars do!

We hold our business meetings on Thursdays at 1pm, an informal meeting at a local Dunkin Donuts at 10am on Tuesdays and then a gathering at a members home Sundays at one also. The two informal meetings get a smaller group, but proves to be a good time.

We're really looking forward to spring and warmer weather so we can begin meeting outdoors again. If you're a senior tired of being alone or just bored, consider coming to one of our meetings on Thursdays at 1pm and start enjoying.

By Dick Vee



2023 PEEP Diorama Contest

PEEPS AROUND THE WORLD

Submit your dioramas via email or drop them off at the library between March 15th and March 31st. Contest judging will be held April 6th at noon. All ages are welcome to participate. One entry per person or group. Teamwork is encouraged!

Rules:

1. Entries must be on a base no larger than 10 inches by 12 inches and must be free standing.
2. Diorama must include 1 or more Peeps.
3. No other food items are allowed, only Peeps.
4. Entries must be family friendly.



Get creative with your Peeps!

Please pick up your entries before April 14th or it will be discarded.

News from the Auburn Building Department

The ability to secure permits associated with property improvements has been restored. Not unlike many setbacks in construction – it has taken us more time than we expected, so we are excited to finally “move in” to our new system.

We have a new vendor and are utilizing the PermitEyes software. The on line service is now available through the link on the Town of Auburn website, which requires users to establish a user name and password, from there you can navigate the various types of permits (building, electrical, plumbing, swimming pools, septic) and submit supporting materials as attachments.

Payments can be made on line using a credit card for convenience. If you prefer, we can still accept check and cash payments at Town Hall.

The new system will issue your permit electronically and you can follow status of inspections by viewing your on line portal account.

Thank you for your patience as we worked to bring this service back. We are here to assist you with any questions and welcome any comments you may have.



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Boy Scouts Troop 127

During the month of February, scouts from Troop 127 stayed warm and enjoyed many winter activities. From pickup indoor basketball with Chester's troop, to Klondike and winter camping, February was a great month for Troop 127 as we got out there and had a lot of fun. Troop 127 and many other troops across southern New Hampshire faced off at the annual Klondike Derby, where scouts battled the cold and the mud with their trusty Klondike sleds (powered by scout spirit.)

Scouts used hands on skills like Fire Building, Woods Tools, Knots and Lashings, and First Aid, as well as knowledge like Map and Compass, survival scenarios, and difficult Scout trivia. Scouts cooked their own breakfast and lunch (which was roughly edible,) and cleaned up all on the trail like true pioneers. Ask any scout and they'll tell you that all who went had a great time.

That's all I've got for this month,
Troop 127 Scribe

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ... So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. James 2: 14 and 17

At the end of January, we had our church annual meeting to review the previous year and discuss goals for the year to come. We have come a long way in rebounding from the pandemic with bringing back many beloved traditions along with maintaining many new initiatives and feel enriched by both. We are so thankful to see attendance growing again at our Community Breakfasts. We welcomed 150 to the last breakfast we look forward to welcoming you to our next one on March 11. Sadly, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have needed to cancel our plans to revive our St. Patrick's Day dinner. We are very disappointed and are looking for another opportunity to plan a dinner.

It is one of the oldest debates in the history of Christianity; does salvation come from our good works or from our faith? We fully embrace that it all begins with faith but at the same time embrace James' words that our faith should lead us to action in the world. And so, as we enter this year, we are reclaiming our guiding watchwords "Longmeadow Serves" and this year are actively seeking ways that we can put our faith into action. In February we were blessed to provide a thank you breakfast for those who serve our town in the Police and Fire Departments. Our Education Committee began an active outreach providing "grab-and-go" lesson plans for families that could not make it on Sunday mornings as well as providing seasonal activity kits to any



Longmeadow Serves

children at our Community Breakfast. Our Ladies Circle created and sent Valentine messages of love and support to people who were ill or struggling.

On February 19 we were delighted to strengthen our long relationship with Scout Troop 127 by inviting them to join us in worship for Scout Sunday. On the same day, we also welcomed a representative of Engineers Without Borders who shared their work in drilling wells to provide clean, healthy water around the world and we were blessed to be able to partner with



them in this ministry. On February 26 we were equally blessed to learn about the amazing ministry of Sleep in Heavenly Peace which works with various organizations to build beds for children in need and we are looking into ways we can join them in this ministry.

In March after worship we will gather to assemble School Kits and our Ladies

Circle will be assembling Menstrual Health Kits, both for Church World Service (CWS), and we will be joining churches throughout NH to deliver all of these to the CWS depot in early May.

This variety of options provides everyone in the church, no matter what their gifts and interests, to find a way to serve. If you are seeking ways to put your faith into action, let us seek together.

All of these activities are exciting but we do not forget that we are a community of faith first and it is our faith that leads us out into the world to serve. Worshipping together is core to our fellowship and we look forward to the holy days coming early next month and invite you to mark your calendars and join us for Holy Week including the celebration of Palm Sunday on April 2 at 9:30 a.m., observance of Maundy Thursday on April 6 at 7:00 p.m., a contemplative Good Friday service on YouTube on April 7 and the joy of Easter on the shores of Lake Massabesic at 6:00 a.m. or at the church at 9:30 a.m. More details to come in the April Village Crier.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish all of our Auburn friends the ability to stay warm this winter and seek to serve where we can, following with gratitude and trust in where God will lead us. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 603-483-2907.

News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

Applications for the 2022-2023 scholarships
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Scholarships are available for Auburn students
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Massabesic Garden Club

The next meeting of the Massabesic Garden Club will be held at the Severance School Community Center, 515 Manchester Road, Auburn, NH, on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 PM. The topics will include instruction on winter sowing using plastic milk jugs, and the protocols for saving and storing seeds. Yes, under the right conditions, you can start your spring planting now!



Our last meeting was held at the Griffin Free Library with more than twenty-five members joining us to christen the Seed Library in the meeting room. All are welcome to come to the library to browse the seeds, and take what they wish after recording their choices. The library staff asks for that information so they can track and provide the most popular choices. These range from flowers to vegetables to other ornamentals. It's a great resource for our area!

The Massabesic Garden Club was invited by the Massabesic Audubon Center to take over the redesign and care of the "Barn Garden." Three of us met with the staff, viewed the area, and when the snow melts and things begin popping up, we'll inventory what's there, and begin planning to convert this area to a native species teaching garden. Our long term goal is to become a UNH and Maine Extension certified pollinator garden.

For more information, check out the UNH Extension website: www.extension.unh.edu/pollinator-garden-certification. Upcoming Massabesic Garden Club meetings will be held on April 12, and the last meeting of the spring will be held on May 10. Always check the website for updates and program details. www.massabesicgc.org

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Friday Night Lenten Devotions: Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in the church

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule:

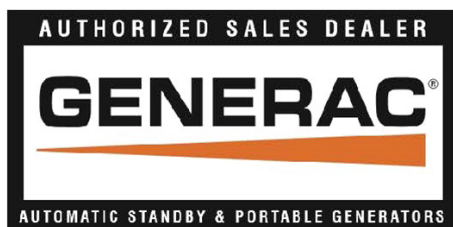
Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday Masses – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Monday, April 3 – Individual Confessions – 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5 – Individual Confessions – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 6 – Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 7 – Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.;
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8 – Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday Masses – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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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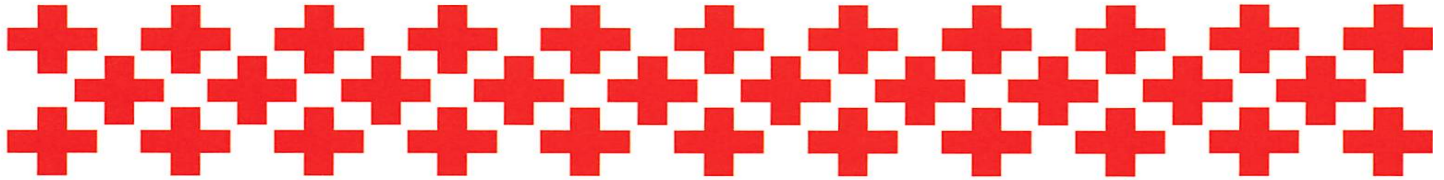
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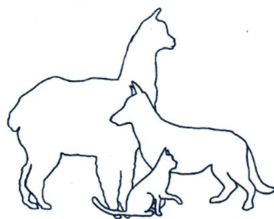


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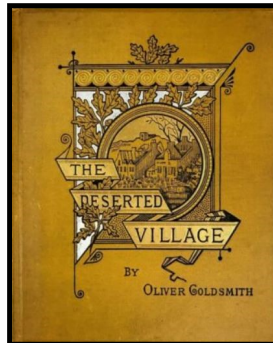
News from the Auburn Historical Association

A New Name for A New Town

By Dan Carpenter



A horse named Prince grazing in "Sweet Auburn"



"The Deserted Village"
by Oliver Goldsmith



The Mount Auburn Cemetery overlooking Boston

In the 1840's, forces inside and outside the Chester community threatened to divide the town. In 1828, the Chester Post Office designated a separate office as West Chester. So, for 17 years, Auburn residents received their mail in West Chester.

The Chester Presbyterian Church was torn apart by the anti-slavery movement and temperance movement (Use alcohol in moderation.). Locally, anti-slavery sentiment was very strong and Chester church members pledged to abstain from all alcohol. The Chester Presbyterian Church (located in Longmeadow Cemetery) closed and reopened as the Second Congregational Church of Chester. Congregationalists, now the largest religious group in West Chester (Auburn), had complained of the distance traveling to the center of Chester. Although it was more convenient for West Chester, separating the congregation probably worked to increase the idea of total independence from Chester.

The growth of the mills on the Merrimack River and the emergence of the City of Manchester would also tend to divide the loyalties of West Chester. Because of their proximity to the city, West Chester farmers were selling produce to the mill workers in the city.

The Town of Chester had tried to keep the community united. They invested money in the West Chester side of town. When the Bank Of America closed in 1837, Chester received a check which it used to pay Town debt and then divided the remainder evenly between all of the district schools. Chester financed the building of the Borough Rd (Birch Rd) connecting Candia Rd in Chester with the Dearborn Sawmill in West Chester. This directly benefited West Chester and then the owners completely renovated their mill.

Ultimately, in 1845, the residents of both communities, Chester and West Chester, voted to ask the N.H. Legislators to divide their community. This was not done without controversy. Benjamin Pike Chase and his son, Benjamin Chase, hired a lawyer and circulated a petition against the breakup of the community. The Underhill Family Of West Chester seemed to embrace the idea of a new town. They never stamped any of their tools "Chester " but immediately began using an "Auburn NH" stamp in 1845.

News from the Auburn Historical Association

A New Name for a New Town (continued)...

The N.H. Legislature took up the issue and allowed Chester and Auburn to be separate entities. AUBURN - Where had that name come from? The request had been for a new town called West Chester. The most plausible explanation is that the name 'Auburn' comes from a poem called "The Deserted Village", written by Oliver Goldsmith (1728-1774).

The poem begins: 'Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain...

What is the American connection? Harvard students studied classical literature. In 1817, Harvard freshman Ralph Waldo Emerson, wrote that bands of students flocked to 'wild land' overlooking the City of Boston that they called "Sweet Auburn".

In 1830, this same property was purchased for use as a new type of rural park-like cemetery outside of Boston. It was named Mount Auburn and rapidly became one of America's biggest tourist destinations. Among the crowds that toured the new cemetery were writers Emily Dickinson, Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, And Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

In 1847, Henry Flagg French from Chester in a letter to his brother alluded to the bitterness of the breakup of Chester and then "naming it after a damn old grave yard". Perhaps, this is how the Town of Auburn came to be named after a cemetery that is named for a mythical English Village. Is that, perhaps, why everyone claims amnesia on the true origins of the naming of our community, Auburn?

★ *Upcoming Events* ★



March 30, 6:30 at the AHA. Author Rebecca Rule presents "That Reminds Me of a Story". Rebecca will share some of her New Hampshire stories (her favorites are the funny ones) and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own. Sponsored by the NH Humanities.



March 14 Election. The Auburn Historical Association will have a bake sale at the Town and School District Voting. We are looking for people to donate baked goods—can you help us out? Baked goods can be dropped off at our table in the morning. Thank you to all the volunteer bakers who donated delicious goodies for the Nov 8th bake sale—you're the best!



The Auburn Historical Association will be selling and delivering hanging baskets for Mother's Day. To make delivery easier for our drivers, we are asking for prepayment. Each basket is \$30. If you would like to order, please send your prepayment to Auburn Historical Association, c/o Brenda Beer, P.O. Box 124, Auburn, NH 03032. Please be sure to include your name, street address, telephone number and email address. We will confirm that we have received your order. Thank you for supporting the Auburn Historical Association.

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