



March

Monday

3/4 - Friends of the Library meeting, 7 pm



Tuesday

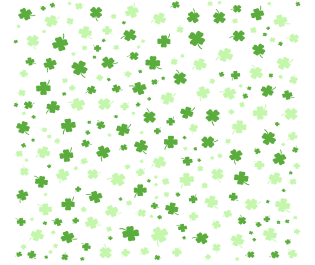
3/12 - Town Elections at AVS, 7 am - 7 pm



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Saturday

3/9 - CPR Class, 9 - 11 am, p. 5

3/16 - Auburn Historical Society Open House, 1 - 3 pm

3/16 - Pot O' Gold Scavenger Hunt, 9 - 4 pm, p. 8

3/30 - Bunny Brunch, p. 8

Sunday

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY

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.

HELLO
March

JOB OPENING AT TOWN HALL

The Town of Auburn is seeking a **Deputy Town Clerk** to join the team of hardworking, dedicated & fun-loving folks at Town Hall!

See page 3 for additional details.

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let spring begin



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Auburn Town Hall News

Dear Fellow Auburn Residents,

We enjoyed a better than average turnout at last month's deliberative session of Town Meeting. Voters sent the full warrant of articles to the ballot as proposed, and we will vote **March 12** on the 28 questions.

The annual Voter Guide will arrive in mailboxes shortly. This presents the ballot questions, and offers some background and explanation for articles proposed by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. In addition to those articles, another 12 have been placed on the warrant by citizen petition, all related to the 55-and-over housing section of the zoning ordinance. The Auburn School District voting is held at the same time, and this warrant information is in the Voter Guide as well.

We will also elect officers for the year ahead. There are a couple of contested seats this year, and candidate statements are in the following pages. Please mark your calendars to vote on March 12 from 7am-7pm at Auburn Village School!

Keith Leclair Michael Rolfe Tom Carroll
Auburn Board of Selectmen



Town Seeking Deputy Town Clerk

The Town of Auburn is seeking a Deputy Town Clerk to join the team of hardworking, dedicated & fun-loving folks at Town Hall!

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

Skills and Experience: strong customer service and communication skills, detail-oriented, basic accounting and computer skills. Must be bondable. Training provided on & off-site.

This is a full-time position (~35 hours per week to start) with excellent health, dental, and retirement benefits. Starting wage range \$17.48-\$18.91, dependent upon experience. The Deputy Town Clerk also works at all elections (1-4 per year, approx. 6:30am-8pm).

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

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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Auburn Residents,

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.

But what if I don't have an alarm? That is ok. Sometimes residents have information other than an alarm that they'd like officers to be aware of in case of an emergency. Examples could be, medical information, friendly or timid pets, a local contact who does not reside in auburn but have a key to the home if needed.

What do you do with this information? This information is kept in our computer system for our officers only; and is not released or shared with anyone outside the department.

I filled out a form once already, do I need to do another one? While we do have previous information given to us, it is good to idea to be sure that the information we have is still correct and up to date.

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. It is a work in progress, so please be patient, but we want to be sure everyone who would like to be part of the program is on our list. **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

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
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TOWN OF AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fire Department
55 Eaton Hill Road
Auburn, NH 03032
(603) 483-8141



Fire Chief Michael Williams

Deputy Fire Chief Robert Selinga

Community CPR/AED Class

March 9, 2024 @ The Auburn Safety Complex

Class Time: 0900-1100

The Auburn Fire Department is offering a community CPR/AED awareness class to Auburn Residents. This is a great way of learning both CPR and how an AED works.

Please RSVP at 603-483-8141 if you plan on attending, class space is limited.





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Tips FOR STAGING YOUR HOME FOR THE SPRING MARKET

Staging a home effectively is crucial, especially during the spring selling season when many potential buyers are actively looking. Here are some tips to help you capitalize on the spring market:

Enhance Curb Appeal:

- Ensure the lawn is well-manicured, and flower beds are planted with vibrant, seasonal flowers.
- Power wash the exterior, clean windows, and touch up any exterior paint.
- Place a welcoming doormat at the entrance.

Depersonalize:

- Remove personal items like family photos and overly personalized decor.
- Create a neutral canvas that allows potential buyers to envision themselves in the space.

Let in Natural Light:

- Open curtains and blinds to maximize natural light.
- Consider light, sheer drapes to enhance the feeling of openness.

Spring Cleaning:

- Thoroughly clean the entire home, paying attention to often overlooked areas.
- Declutter to create a sense of space. Pack away personal items and excess furniture.

Fix Minor Repairs:

- Address any minor repairs or maintenance issues. Spring is a time for renewal, and a well-maintained home sends a positive message to buyers.

Remember, the goal is to create a bright, welcoming, and universally appealing environment that allows potential buyers to see the full potential of the home. Pay attention to details, stay mindful of the season, and make adjustments based on feedback to optimize the staging process.

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SCAN TO CHECK YOUR HOMES VALUE



March 2024

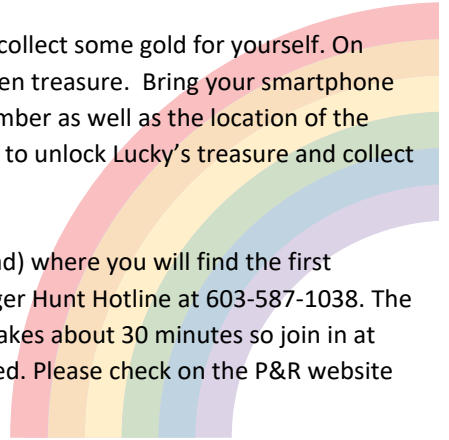
Parks & Recreation News

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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 16 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 Severance School Community Center (515 Manchester Road) 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 4:00 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



Hop on over to the Parks & Rec's annual Bunny Brunch! 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. The Bunny Brunch will be held on Saturday, March 30 at the Severance School Community Center. There will be 3 seating options: 8:00-9:00 am, 9:30-10:30 am and 11:00 am -12:00 pm. There is limited seating at each time slot so advanced registration is required. The fee is \$8 per person. (Children under 2 are free). You can register online at auburnparksandrec.com.

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 11 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.) To sign up to be included in the Town-Wide Yard Sale, register at auburnparksandrec.com. The deadline to register is Monday, April 29.

**Register for all programs online at
auburnparksandrec.com**

Adult Programs

Cookie Decorating- "Taylor Swift"

Thursday, April 11, 6:00-8:00 pm (\$52 res/\$62 non-res) at Severance School Community Center

Swifties know all too well that Taylor never goes out of style, regardless of the season! Get your cardigan on and join us for an all things Taylor Swift cookie class. In this class we'll be decorating 6 T-Swift themed cookies, involving multiple techniques and lots of fun! All instruction is beginner friendly and includes all tools and supplies needed to create our delicious masterpieces. This class is perfect for your lover, best friend, mom, or Swifty co worker, ages 15+ only please. Are you ready for it? We hope to see you there! If the class is full, please add your name to the waiting list. If there are enough additional people, a second night will be added.



Crafts with Kelley- Address Planter

Thursday, April 18, 6:00-8:00 pm (\$37 res/\$44 non-res) at Severance School

Get crafty with Kelley and create a customized address sign with attached planter.

Crochet Social Hour

Wednesdays, March & April, 7:00-8:00 pm at Severance School Community Center

If you are an experienced crocheter, drop-in to the new crochet social hour. Meet new friends and neighbors while you complete your current crochet projects. (No program 3/13 or 4/10)

Learn to Crochet

Wednesdays, March 20- April 24, 6:00-7:00 pm (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6 week session) at Severance School

Participants will learn the basic stitches of crochet (single, half double and double crochet). Mid-way through the session participants will be able to pick a beginner project (hat or scarf) from patterns provided. Yarn and hook will be provided for the practice swatches.

Game Night- BUNCO

Mondays, March 4 and 18, 6:00 pm at Severance School

Grab your friends and come join us for our first game night, featuring Bunco. It will be a fun evenings of excitement, laughs, and rolling dice. What is Bunco? Bunco is a social dice game, traditionally played with 12 players who are divided into three tables with four players at each table. It is s a popular game played with nine dice and a whole lot of luck. It's hard to explain but very easy to play. Come see what it's all about. **There is no fee to participate. However please send an email to recreation@townofauburnNH.com if you plan to attend so we can set up appropriately.**

Resistance Training

Mondays, March 11- April 29, 6:00-6:45 pm (\$74 res/\$89 non-res for the 8-week session) at Severance School

In this dynamic class, we merge the principles of traditional resistance training with modern techniques to create a comprehensive workout experience. Get ready to challenge your muscles, boost your metabolism, and enhance your overall strength. Our expert instructor will guide you through a series of exercises targeting major muscle groups. From arms to legs, back, and core, every part of your body will be engaged for maximum results.

Strength Training for Active Seniors

Wednesdays, March 13-April 17, 8:45-9:30 am (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6 week session)

Fridays, March 15-April 19, 8:45 am-9:30 am (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6 week session) at Severance School

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 yet encouraged to try your best and most importantly to have fun!

Drop-in Rate (for both Wednesdays & Friday classes)- \$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows

Tai Chi

Thursdays, March 14-May 2, 11:00 am noon (\$58 res/\$70 non-res for the 8 week session) at Severance School

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

Yoga

Tuesdays, March 12-April 30, 6:00-6:45 pm (\$74 res/\$89 non-res for the 8-week session) at Severance School

Welcome to our invigorating all levels Yoga class, where students of all experience levels come together to explore the transformative power of yoga. In this dynamic and inclusive class, we'll guide you through a balanced practice that combines physical postures, breathwork, and meditation techniques. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced yogi, this class is designed to meet you exactly where you are on your yoga journey.

Zumba

Tuesdays, March 5-April 16, 8:30-9:30 am (\$70 res/\$84 non-res for the 7 week session) at Severance School

Zumba Fitness classes are designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout with 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.

Drop-in Rate (for both Wednesdays & Friday classes)- \$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows

Weekend Yoga Workshop: "Unwind and Release"

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am-11:30 am (\$35 res/\$40 non-res) at Severance School Community Center

Indulge in a rejuvenating journey of self-discovery and relaxation with our "Unwind and Release" workshop, a 90-minute session designed to unlock tension, reduce/eliminate pain and promote overall well-being through the practice of self-myofascial release. This transformative experience combines the therapeutic benefits of foam rollers, specialized body release balls, and stretch straps to enhance your body's flexibility, release muscular tension, and restore balance.

Youth Programs

Babysitter Training Class

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 am- 1:30 pm (\$65 res/\$78 non-res) at Severance School Community Center

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.

Jumping Beans

Wednesdays, March 13-April 17, 9:45-10:30 am (\$42 res/\$49 non-res for the 6 week session) at Severance School

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!

Summer Basketball Camp

Monday, August 12-Friday, August 16, 8:30 am- 2:00 pm (\$225 for the week) at the Auburn Village School Gym
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. This camp is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2024-2025 school year. Register online at auburnparksandrec.com.

Camp Adventure- Week 4

At the time the Crier went to print, there was still room in week 4 of Camp Adventure, July 29-August 2. Visit auburnparksandrec.com for availability, details and to register.

Build your own Leprechaun Trap

Saturday, March 16, 10:00-11:00 am (\$20 res/\$24 non-res) at Severance School Community Center

Have you always wanted to catch that crazy leprechaun? Join us in creating an epic leprechaun trap using a variety of materials and your creativity. You will create your very own trap to bring home along with some crucial leprechaun lure such as gold coins, and leprechaun charm. This class is open to kids in kindergarten through 4th grade.

You & Me Art Class

Tuesdays, March 19-April 16, 10:00-10:45 am (\$70* res/\$82* non-res for the 5 week session) at Severance School

Join Mrs. Diorio (formerly of Tiny Tots) and share a special experience with your child as they create, experiment and discover art. In You & Me Art, you (or a caregiver) and your child, ages 2-4, will explore a variety of art materials, experience new textures and enjoy being creative in a group setting. (*Price increase for this session only. A special teddy bear workshop is included in this session)

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

Saturdays, May 4-June 8 (no soccer 5/25) at Wayne Eddows

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 4 through June 8 (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-olds 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.)

Friday Night Kids' Club

Friday, March 15, 6:00-9:00 pm (\$39) at Severance School Community Center

Join us for a fun, kids-only night for our Friday Night Kids' Club where kids in grades 1-5 can have a great Friday night out with their friends. Mrs. Lewis will lead a fun night of Candy BINGO, crafts and games. Pizza dinner and dessert is also included. This event will be held at the Severance School Community Center.

Karate

Friday, March 22-April 12, 4:30-5:15 pm (\$36 res/\$44 non-res) at Severance School Community Center

Come and learn Kenpo Karate. This class offers a four week introduction to the art of self-defense. Your instructor, Michelle Wurster, is a fifth degree black belt and been training students at Kenpo Academy in Derry for 20 years. The class is offered to students in grades K -4. Additional classes may be available, based on interest. Train for the Unexpected!

Register for all programs online at
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An Exciting Spring Ahead!

MOVING FORWARD AT FULL SPEED:

Library circulation and patron usage has continued at levels never before seen at Griffin Free Public Library.

Thanks so much to our community for keeping us busy! For the smallest library per capita in New Hampshire, those numbers make it clear that our tiny historic library is heading toward inevitable expansion.

As we move toward town voting day on March 12, we're so grateful for the community support as we continue to receive donations and kind words.

Please mark your calendars and come out to vote on the many warrants, including **article #20** which pertains to the library expansion. If you need information about voting or help with absentee ballots, rides to the election or just any kind of election information, we're happy to help. Stop by or give us a call.

News and Notes

March (and beyond) on Beanstack

The library always has reading challenges and fun for patrons up on our Beanstack. Simply register at griffinfree.beanstack.org or sign in to your Beanstack account, check out what the monthly challenge is and start tracking your books! At the end of the month, kids 5 to 15 who have completed the challenge will win book prizes!

March Beanstack Reading challenges will be Women's History Month Reading (15-adult) and Discover the Eclipse (5-15 years). Sign on the Beanstack to look over badges, and book/page counts to win!

It's PEEP Diorama Time, March 19: Once again, March/April means that our annual PEEP Diorama Contest will begin! This year's theme is "PEEPS on Adventure!" Between March 19 and March 29, PEEP builders can drop off their diorama creations using that theme. We'll put them all on display and the winners will be announced in April. We can't wait to see what you build!

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

Kids and Teen Programming

Sat., March 2, 12-2pm, Dr. Seuss Birthday

Party: Join us in this celebration of the one and only Dr. Seuss! There will be games and cookie decorating and of course Dr. Seuss books galore! No registration is required.

Sat., March 9, 12-2pm, Saturday STEM:

Join us for our popular Saturday STEM craft program. For this program, we'll construct Celtic Heart Knots! This project is geared for 7 to 12-year-olds. All supplies will be provided. The more the merrier, so bring your friends. Registration is required.

Tues., March 12 and March 26, 4:5:30pm,

D&D Club: Join Miss Jordan for a in

person/ZOOM adventure as our Dungeons and Dragons Club continues their quest. The club meets every other Tuesday and is geared for players over twelve. Registration is required.

Sat., March 23, 12-2pm, Saturday STEM:

Join us for our popular Saturday STEM craft program. For this project, we'll make a sundial craft! This project is geared for tots - 7-year-olds. All supplies will be provided. The more the merrier, so bring your friends. Registration is required.

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

Adult Programming

Sat., March 9, 10am-12pm, Grant's Games Presents the Art of Tabletop Gaming: Join us for a morning of game play. Ages ten years plus. Registration is required and parents please stay with your gamers!

Friday, March 15, 7-8pm, Brewing in NH Presentation and Event: Thanks to a grant from NH Humanities, scholar and author Glenn Knoblock will present "Brewing in NH: an Informal History of Beer in the Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present." Samples will be available to attendees over 21. Space is limited and registration is required!

Thursday, March 21, 6-8pm, Adult Craft Night: Join Janice for our monthly craft night fun. The topic will be painting. Space is limited and registration is required. This event is free and all supplies will be provided.

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

The Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30pm. The book for March will be "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick.

Special Events to Remember

Town Meeting Voting on Tuesday, March 12 at Auburn Village School: A special warrant article, Number 20, pertains to library expansion.

Big Events in Early April: Mark your calendars for two big library events happening in early April.

April 3 is National Library Giving Day. Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library will host a one-day fundraiser in support of the library. More details to come!

April 6 will be a Piggy Band Craft program to celebrate Financial Literacy Month, 12-2pm and all ages.

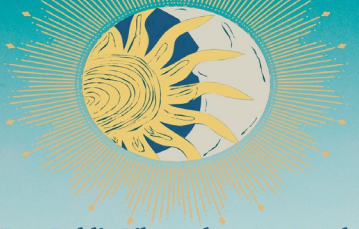
April 8 will be the library's big Eclipse Party. The library will be open that Monday from 1-5pm and the party will take place from 2-4pm. We'll have fun, music, and games to welcome the big eclipse. Auburn Audubon is co-sponsoring this event, which is free and open to the public. We'll give out eclipse glasses and Moon Pies. Bring your pin-hole shoe box viewer and let's celebrate! Call us for more information!



SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY

4/8/24

2-4 PM



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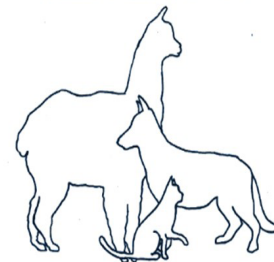


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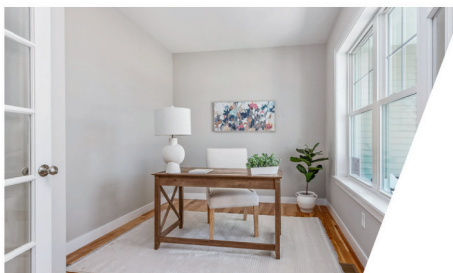
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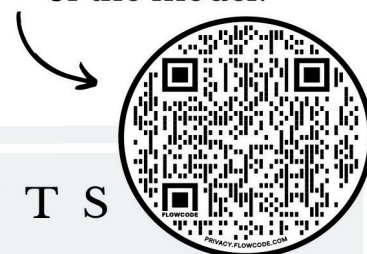
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Auburn Village School News

Our fifth through eighth-grade students recently showcased their exceptional spelling skills for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The school bee's final round was a close competition, between our grade level winners: Violet Monroe (5th), Brandon Hogan (6th), Katherine Sullivan (7th), and Ellie Sullivan (8th).

In a close race, spanning over 10 rounds, Katherine Sullivan took home the title as the AVS Spelling Bee Winner! We wish her the best of luck as she advances to the next round. Join us in applauding our talented spellers!





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LAST CALL for GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!

Our Cookie season is coming to an end by mid-March. If you haven't had a chance to get your cookies yet or want a few more boxes to freeze for later this year, please reach out to your neighborhood or family scout! We have 9 cookie flavors this year and due to costs rising everywhere, cookies are now \$6 per box. You can find our 5th grade troop at a cookie booth at the Mall of NH on Saturday 3/16 or we would be happy to drop off cookies to you before then. If you don't have a Girl Scout connection, please reach out to troop leader Jennifer Anderson at girlscoutsjen@gmail.com and we would be happy to help you with your cookie needs before the season ends! After March 17th you'll have to wait until February 2025 to get your favorite cookies! Don't miss out - get yours TODAY!



UPCOMING BIRDING OUTINGS WITH NH AUDUBON



All ages and skill levels of birders are welcome. If you are new to birding, come and learn the basics! If you are an avid birder, come to learn new techniques, network with other birders, or share your expertise with the group.

- MAR. 2, 8-9:30am at the Proctor Wildlife Sanctuary in Center Harbor
- MAR. 9, 9:30-10am at the Chase Wildlife Sanctuary in Hopkinton
- MAR. 16, 8-9:30am at the Merrimack River Outdoor Education and Conservation Area in Concord (FREE)
- MAR. 23, 8:30-10am at the Massabesic Center in Auburn
- MAR. 30, 8-9:30am at the Pondicherry Wildlife Sanctuary in Whitefield

Tickets are \$8/Members, \$10/Non-members. Binocular rental is included in ticket cost. See more information and reserve tickets by going to our Events Calendar: nhaudubon.org/events

SIGNS OF SPRING CAMP

April 22-26

Registration for 2024 New Hampshire Audubon April Vacation Camp is officially open! This year, we are hosting our Signs of Spring camp at the Massabesic Center in Auburn (and the McLane Center in Concord). Learn to read the signs that nature is telling us spring is coming. From plants changing and animals awakening from hibernation or returning from migration, spring is an exciting time to be out exploring nature. Come prepared to spend much of the day outside and expect mud and rain! The camp runs from 9:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday, April 22-26 for 6-10 year-olds. Before and after care (starting at 8:00am ending at 5:00pm, respectively) are available for an additional fee.

Online registration is available on our website and must be completed, along with all necessary forms, by April 8th, 2024. If you have any questions regarding camp registration, please contact Claire Adams, Camp Administrator, at cadams@nhaudubon.org or call (603) 224-9909 ext. 404.



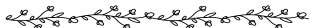
CAMP OPEN HOUSE: APR 11, 5-7PM at the Massabesic Center

Join Camp Administrator, Claire Adams to learn more about the upcoming camp season. She will present a slide show about the camp philosophy, program, schedule, and staff. A panel of NH Audubon education staff and the Community and Education Manager from Media Power Youth will be on hand to answer questions and facilitate activities. Bring the kids.

RSVP on our Events Calendar: nhaudubon.org/events

ENCOURAGING WILDLIFE DIVERSITY IN DESIGNED LANDSCAPES: MAR. 14

With NH Audubon and UNH Extension Master Gardeners



By understanding how pollinators, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians select their habitats during each season of the year, we can design landscapes that effectively attract and support a diversity of wildlife. This presentation will provide practical methods for how to design your landscaping to attract and benefit a diversity of wildlife species.

Visit our Event Calendar to register by Mar. 13 - \$10/NH Audubon members & Extension Master Gardeners or \$15/non-members.

WE'RE HIRING: CAMP EDUCATORS

NH Audubon is looking for full-time seasonal Camp Educators to further our mission at the Massabesic Center this summer. Camp Educators play a crucial role in planning, conducting, and supervising quality daily nature camp programming through games, hikes, and other hands-on activities for our campers. This is a great opportunity for new or up-and-coming environmental educators to develop skills and experience in inquiry-based, nature camp programming, effective child behavior management, and teaching in an outdoor setting. Hands-on training in implementing these job responsibilities is provided prior to and throughout the camp season.

For more information, visit the Job Opportunities page on our website at nhaudubon.org.

Visit us Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm! Come and explore the Center, meet our Animal Ambassadors, and pick up a souvenir from the Nature Shop. We are located at 26 Audubon Way in Auburn. Please follow Leave No Trace ethics and remember that dogs are not allowed on the Massabesic Center property. As a courtesy, our parking lot provides access to alternate dog-friendly trails on either end of Audubon Way.

| 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, NH | 603-224-9909/mac@nhaudubon.org | Open Tues-Sat 11am-5pm |

March Updates: The Friends of the Library

As the days start to get longer (and maybe even warmer!), we hope you have a wonderful month!

Vote Yes on Article 20

When you head to the polls on March 12, we hope you will support Warrant Article 20 to establish a Library Expansion and Community Center Capital Reserve Fund. This article is recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Over the years, as Auburn has grown, our library's programs and services have outgrown the physical space of the current building. Approving Article 20 is a critical first step in the necessary library expansion.

New Museum Passes

As part of our goal to make 2024 a record-breaking year for pass usage, we're thrilled to now offer library patrons a new pass to the Zoo of New England! This pass includes the following two zoos, both of which are open year-round with hours varying by season:

- Franklin Park Zoo (Boston, MA): The 72-acre zoo is home to animals from around the globe including gorillas, zebras, giraffes, tigers, lions, and more.
- Stone Zoo (Stoneham, MA): The 26-acre zoo is home to incredible animals, including snow leopards, flamingos, black bear, Mexican gray wolves, North American river otters, and more.

Coming soon: A pass to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover, NH! The Museum offers two floors of unique, interactive, hands-on exhibits for ages 0-12 to explore nature, STEM, pretend play, art, world cultures, and more.

Creative Bug

The Friends are thrilled to fund a membership to Creativebug, an easy-to-use, high-quality online art and craft education resource. The membership offers unlimited access to "1000+ award-winning HD instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking, holidays, parties, and more." All classes are taught by experts and new classes are added daily.

The sign-up information should be available on the library website in early March.

Questions or interest in joining the Friends? Reach us at secretary@friendsofgriffinfree.org or stop by our next meeting at 7:00 at the library on Monday, March 4th.

The Friends of Griffin Free Public Library

LIBRARY

Giving Day

April 3, 2024

From museum passes and author visits to the Santa Breakfast and Duck Race Day raffles, the Friends of the Library are always fundraising and looking for ways to enhance Auburn's Library offerings.

Please consider a donation showing how much the library means to you.



Donations can be made by scanning the QR code or visiting griffinfree.org, and selecting the yellow donate button on the Friends of the Library page. If you prefer to donate by check, please make it out to the Friends of the Library, and mail it to 22 Hooksett Road, PO Box 308, Auburn, NH 03032, or drop it off at the library.

March Notes from the Massabesic Garden Club

Hello and happy almost spring! How many of you have been peering into garden catalogs and dreaming of getting back out there? Spring is right around the corner!

We have been busy in the Club. We are preparing for spring in the Barn garden Committee – the garden that we have been helping with at the Audubon Center is waiting! We have broken off into several different subcommittees in anticipation of the work to be done there this season. Last summer was weeding and plant identification. This season will be some rearranging and longer term planning. If anyone is interested in coming out with us to work in the garden, please contact us via email Massabesicgc@gmail.com to get on the volunteer email list. There is something to be done for all abilities. You can come out just one time only or twice a month (each time we go). We are also looking for picture takers to record our progress.

We are also getting ready for our joint Plant sale with the Friends of the Library in May. We are looking for helpers to transport plants, get them into the planters and also assist that day at the event. Please email if you are interested.

Our March meeting topic has changed! We will have our own Pam Weeks to give a talk on “Quilted Gardens; Textile Flowers”. Pam is a renowned author and subject matter expert on the history and culture of quilting. We are looking forward to the presentation!

In April, we plan to have folks from the NH Audubon to talk to us about backyard birds and bird migration.

Please check our website for more information regarding meeting schedule or membership info: www.massabesicgc.org



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TOWN ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12. 7 AM -7 PM

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Planning Board - 3 Years - Jill Dross

Library Trustee - 3 Years – Nancy Mayland

School Board - 3 Years - Adrian Newton

Trust Fund Trustee - 3 Years – Debra Asquith

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years – David Zaleski

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 Years – Joanne T. Linxweiler

Selectman - 3 Years – Keith Leclair

Address: 115 Windsor Drive

Office for which you are running: Selectman

Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate: I've served 5 years on the School Board and 6 years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. During the last 11 years of town involvement, I've worked with most, if not all the boards, committees, departments, and employees of the town. Together we've built relationships that are invaluable in continuing the success of the Town of Auburn. More recently, the last three years have presented several challenges that we've been able to work through together. With the cooperation and support of town employees, police, and fire we're able to continue providing services during the COVID pandemic. We've been able to use federal and state emergency funds for some much-needed upgrades and renovations to town owned properties. I believe that my experience in town and in the private sector will allow me to assist in keeping Auburn one of the best places to live.

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

As we look forward to the next three years, we have some work to do. With the planned retirement of several key town employees and officials we have some big shoes to fill. We will also start to re-envision what the center of town might look like with repairs to the Griffin Mill Bridge and talks of a joint project allowing for the expansion and renovation of the Griffin Library as well as the creation of a town owned Community Rec Center. After the land swap with MWW is complete we will look to start the safety upgrade at the intersection of Depot and Hooksett Roads.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve for another 3 years and would be grateful for your support.



Selectman- 3 Years – John Herbert Tardiff

Address: 49 Shore Drive

Office for which you are running: Selectman

Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

I am running for selectman for the Town of Auburn. I am a widower and have lived in Auburn for 48 years raising three children and two grandchildren. During these many years, I have had multiple occupations including a public school educator, a systems analyst and a financial assistant. In addition, I have served on the Auburn School Board, the Police Commission and the school board representative to the Manchester School District for Technology and Curriculum . I also served Auburn as the welfare administrator for about 10 years. As a member of the school board, I helped purchase and install the first computer network for Auburn School.

I have a MBA in finance from Southern New Hampshire University and was a financial assistant for SAU15 which serves Auburn, Candia and Hooksett. In this position, I prepared accounts payable, accounts receivable and tracked high school enrollments. Through a computer software program that I created, I was able to save the districts more than \$50,000 a year in over charges or duplicate entries. My financial background will allow me to assist the Auburn Selectman in any fiscal matters.

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

As a selectman, I would like to focus on our senior citizens, many of whom have lived in Auburn their whole life. Many of these residents are living on fixed incomes and are struggling with the high cost of living. These seniors should be able to remain in Auburn for their final years. I would also like to see the use of technology such as the broadcasting of committee and town meetings. Many citizens of Auburn are not able to attend these meetings and would like to be informed about any actions from these committees. Seniors and others in need face many challenges such as transportation, nutrition, and snow removal.

I would like to see our neighborhoods develop their own identity and reach out to their neighbors (Neighbors Helping Neighbors). I would hope that Auburn could find more resources to help not only our seniors but anyone else in need. The town should have up-to-date information about services available such as Meals-on-Wheels and free clinics and a person to answer these questions.

Moderator - 2 Years - Kathleen A. Sylvia

Address: 56 Pond View Drive

Office for which you are running: Moderator

Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate: As Town Clerk I have worked closely with the last two Moderators, Jim Tillery and Tom Lacroix, whose excellence as moderators I will attempt to continue! I have seen how important the role of moderator is during the entire election process and I understand the duties involved. I believe this position could be a perfect segue as I retire from my eight years as Town Clerk.

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

The moderator's role is largely defined by statute, with guidance provided by the Secretary of State's office and New Hampshire Municipal Association. If elected, I would like to work with the town clerk in finding ways to optimize the end-of-day procedures at elections.



Moderator - 2 Years – Emily Sandblade

Address: 124 Manchester Rd

Office for which you are running: Moderator

Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate: With a history as a poll watcher in past elections throughout New Hampshire, I have come to strongly respect and support Auburn's well-established tradition of conducting clean and fair elections. I am familiar with state election law and its application. In addition, my professional background as a software engineer and scientist enables me to more readily identify potential issues with the technical aspects of the voting process. Throw in a willingness to commit to a few very long work days over the next two years (the length of the moderator's term), enjoyment from working with people--most of the time anyway, the capability to think analytically, and a touch of OCD (AKA "attention to detail").

Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office: I believe that the retiring moderator has performed well, and there are no major changes or improvements that are required. Because so many people participate in running the Auburn elections, there also isn't much chance of compromising election integrity. So my initial ambition is to simply make sure that the elections continue to be well run, that Auburn voters find it easy to vote and are confident that their votes are accurately counted, and that the whole process is as transparent as possible. Of course, if the election law changes, or if it becomes obvious that some aspect of the voting process can be improved within the constraints of election law, then I am quite willing to see that our procedures adapt accordingly.

School Board - 3 Years - Derek Berger

Address: 34 Willow Court

Office for which you are running: School Board

Police Commissioner - 3 Years – Patrick Bergeron

Address: 225 Hooksett Road

Office for which you are running: Police Commissioner

Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

I spent the last 25 years in Human Resources (17 of them were active duty Air Force) and I realize that with the ever changing environment there needs to be a mission first, people always mindset in every aspect of our lives. Auburn is an amazing town and the more we get involved the more we take individual ownership of our community.

This will be my second term as a Police Commissioner and I will continue to represent the best interests of the Town of Auburn and its residents.

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

Just to ensure the continued safety in our community.





Longmeadow Serves

March brings much joy each year with the return of Spring and this year the last week usher us into **Holy Week**. If you are seeking a place to worship, reflect, and serve, a place where you will find a welcome no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to join us at Longmeadow. Our planned services include:

Palm Sunday on March 24, at 9:30 a.m., a day of joy and celebration.

Maundy Thursday on March 28, at 7:00 p.m., a peaceful time of interactive observance of Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

Good Friday, on March 29, a contemplative service will be available on YouTube.

Easter, March 31, brings the return of joy as we celebrate the Resurrection at two different services. The first is a **Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.** on the shores of Lake Massabesic (in the parking lot near the Rt. 101, Exit 1 traffic circle).

Always a beautiful service as together we watch the sun rise and celebrate the rising of the Son. Our singing is often accompanied by the call of Loons on the lake and it is always a blessed time. Later in the morning we gather at the church for the **Family Easter Worship at 9:30 a.m.** We would love to see you there!

It has been such a joy over the past few months to have attendance at our **Community Breakfasts** increasing again. Held on the second Saturday of each month, we would love to serve you at these community gatherings where you can chat with neighbors over a delicious meal. Our Christian Education Committee have also been providing **activity kits** for children to grab at the breakfast either to use then or to take home.

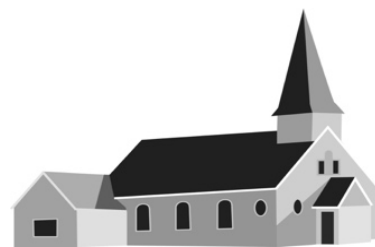
The **Save our Steeple** campaign is progressing well, thanks to the generosity of many of our neighbors and we are excited to be closing in on our \$60,000 goal. If you would like to contribute you can use the QR Code below or send a donation to the address provided.

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.

Since 1857 Longmeadow Congregational Church has been a beacon of light and hope, lovingly serving our Auburn neighbors and the surrounding communities. We have found our Church is in need of some critical repairs including some reconstruction of its iconic steeple. Our goal is almost \$60,000 and we are asking for your help to complete this project. No donation is too small and can be mailed in to: LCC-SOS, PO Box 356, Auburn, NH 03032-0356.

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News from the Auburn Historical Association

An Auburn Hero - John Newell Brown

Written by Dan Carpenter, Researched by Jim Thompson



Above: The Brown Homestead was just south of Deerneck bridge on the Londonderry Turnpike in Auburn.

FIRE!! 19th century Americans, especially urban city dwellers, were petrified of building fires—and with good reason! The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 when Mrs. O’Leary’s cow kicked over the kerosene lantern left 90,000 people homeless and burned down 1/3 of the city. Large swaths of Portsmouth burned in 1802, 1806, and again in 1813. Wooden houses built too close together with wood sheds, shops, barns, and outhouses filling up the backyards were a recipe for fire disaster. The entire city of Manchester was owned by the Amoskeag Corporate made up of Boston investors. They laid out a grid work of streets and left spaces for churches, schools, and parks. To mitigate the fire danger, the Amoskeag put their cotton warehouses on the West side of the Merrimack River and moved the cotton over specifically built bridges to the mills.

In the Front Room of Griffin Free Library is a framed poem entitled “An Auburn Hero”.
(Without regard for poetic license, it is abbreviated from 48 to 19 lines.)

Fair Auburn is a Town just over the line
That’s turned out great men, with records that shine;
Who by dint of hard work have made a mark in the world
And whose fame will long linger when their bodies are cold.

Take, for instant, John Brown; he hailed from that place.
With his long, waving curtains of Irish Point Lace (beard)
When John’s at his work, he is a fire engineer
And performs all his work without any fear.

The call went out from Box 53
Wallace sawmill was burning free.
Among the first there was the Machine and Old John,
The suction line blew off, John ran it back through his legs.

All this while he was tugging with might and with main,
And yelling blue blazes, like a man that’s insane.
‘Till at last other firemen arrived on the ground,
And at once Old John’s praises they loudly did sound.

And to John Brown of Auburn, belongs all the praise
Of stopping that fire. “Three cheers for Old John.”
One of the bravest of men that ever was born.

News from the Auburn Historical Association

Water Powered Dearborn and Pingrey Mills

Written by Dan Carpenter



Above left: The Dearborn Mill damage after the 1938 hurricane.

Above right: The remnants of the Dearborn Mill in 2020.



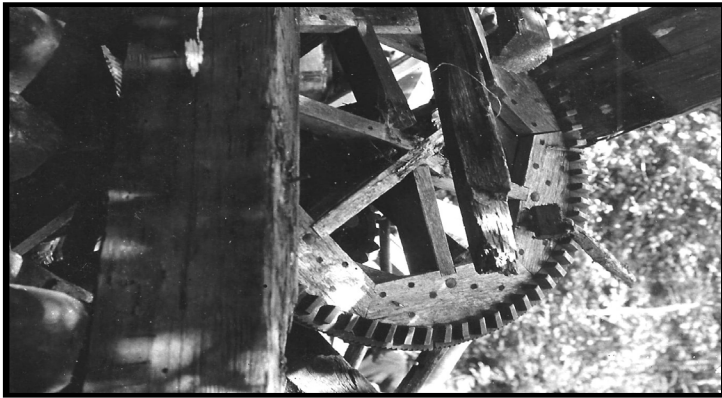
Left: William Pingrey (1830-1911) with his up-and-down saw.

In the 1700's, water power was utilized to grind grain, finish homespun cloth, and saw logs into heavy timber and boards. The Dearborn Mill is located on the Gospel Path, 100' East of Dearborn Rd. The water still flows but only the bones remain of that era.

The 12' foundation walls were necessary for an up-and-down sawmill. The dam was built in 1751 and rebuilt in 1843. By 1860 the up-and-down sawmill was made obsolete by circular saw and steam power. A hurricane in 1938 carried it away.

News from the Auburn Historical Association

(Water Powered Dearborn and Pingrey Mills, Continued)



Above left: The Ragg Wheel damaged during 1938 Hurricane. Above right: The Old Dearborn Road Mill Bridge between the mill area and Spruce Swamp. The original Dearborn Road went over the sand hill and came out at Stoney Brook.

Below left: Spruce Swamp was used as a holding pond for the Dearborn Mill. Below right: Pingrey Mill. Alvin Pingrey installed a circular saw in the 1870's. His grandson, Merton Grant sold the mill in 1939 to Manchester Water Works. They installed the concrete dam that is still there today.



The Auburn Historical Association Needs Your Help

We need baked goods for our table at the Town Meeting on March 12. Please prepackage your contributions for individual sale and drop off on your way in to vote.

We are again taking orders for **hanging plants**. They will be delivered to your door on Friday, May 10, just before Mother's Day. Each basket is \$30. To make delivery easier for our drivers, we would appreciate prepayment. Please make your checks payable to Auburn Historical Association and include your name, address, phone number and email address

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