




# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER



## January 2018



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### Longmeadow Church Breakfast

In 2018 the bi-monthly breakfasts are continuing at the Longmeadow Church! This **January**, they are on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 10:00 am. The breakfasts are the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays** of each month from September until May at Longmeadow Congregational Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy an "all you can eat breakfast", of French toast, English muffins, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and under 5 free?

We look forward to seeing you and your friends this New Year! Happy New Year to you and yours from the Longmeadow Congregational Church!



### BOY SCOUT TROOP 127

**Save the Dates:** We will once again be collecting Christmas trees on the two Saturdays after the holidays (January 6th and 13th) and delivering them to the Safety Complex for the bonfire. If you are interested, please email Shirley at [cap-s@comcast.net](mailto:cap-s@comcast.net) or call her at 603-867-3699 and she will contact you with the details.



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# *Auburn Town Hall News*

## **Looking Forward to 2018**

As we look forward to the coming year and beyond, the Board of Selectmen will be taking time in early January to participate in a facilitated workshop meeting focused on identifying goals the Board has for the Town during the coming year.

The Board held its first goal setting meeting a year ago, and will be reviewing goals that were set then to determine what was accomplished in 2017 before casting an eye forward to establish goals for the coming year.

In the February edition of The Crier, we will be able to publish what main goals were identified by the Board for 2018.

## **Ambulance Service Contract Renewed**

Last month, the Board agreed to renew the Town's current ambulance services contract with the Town of Derry. The new contract will take effect July 1, 2018 and will run through June 30, 2025.

The terms of the agreement were worked out administratively by the Fire Chiefs and Town Administrators of Auburn and Derry. Generally following the terms of past contracts, the renewed contract provides a more defined training program offered to Auburn Fire Department members which Fire Chief Gannon requested, while the first year of the contract was level funded with no increase to Auburn that Town Administrator Herman requested. For their part, the Town of Derry sought clarification of a couple operating points, and

requested a seven year contract period instead of five-years.

Members of the Derry Town Council will consider the agreement at their meeting to be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **FY 2018 Budget Near to Completion**

The Board of Selectmen has completed its work on the FY 2018 Town operating budget with a total of \$5,450,558. The Board's budget proposal represents a total increase of \$161,917 (3.06%) over the approved 2017 budget of \$5,288,641.

The single biggest increase in the 2018 budget, nearly \$60,000, is funding for a State required property revaluation

The Board's budget effort is only a part of the Town budgeting process. The Budget Committee is still working on the Town and School budgets, and will complete their work by the January 11, 2018 public hearing on the budgets they will propose to the voters.



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## **Anderson Way Accepted as a Town Road**

In late November, the Board accepted Anderson Way off Pingree Hill Road as a Class V Town road. The approximately 1,600-foot road features eight lots on the new road, six of which have new homes on them.

Upon the Board's vote, the Town accepted the ownership and responsibility for the road and its maintenance.

## **Save the Dates . . . . .**

As we look ahead, the annual Deliberative Session of Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 9 AM at the Auburn Village School, with a snow date of Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

The annual School District and Town Election Day will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Auburn Village School.

**Happy New Year!**

**James Headd      Richard Eaton      Dale Phillips**  
**Auburn Board of Selectmen**

## **TIME TO LICENSE** **YOUR DOG!!!**



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## **2018 BOAT REGISTRATION** **RENEWALS**

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## **NOTICE FROM THE TOWN CLERK AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK**

The following positions will be up for election at the Town and School District Voting to be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018**. The filing period runs from **January 24, 2018 through February 2, 2018**. You may file for any of these positions at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. The Town Clerk's Office will remain open for filings until 5:00pm on Friday, February 2nd.

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>INCUMBENT</b>
SELECTMAN – 3 YEARS	DALE W. PHILLIPS
MODERATOR – 2 YEARS	JAMES R. TILLERY
HIGHWAY AGENT – 3 YEARS	MICHAEL DROSS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS	NANCY J. MAYLAND
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SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST – 6 YEARS	JOANNE T. LINXWEILER
POLICE COMMISSION – 3 YEARS	GLENN SHAW
PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS	RONALD POLTAK
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 YEARS	MAUREEN MURGO
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 YEARS	KEITH LECLAIR

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting will be held **Saturday February 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM** at the Auburn Village School, with a snow date of Saturday, February 10

The School District Deliberative Session will be held **Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM** at the Auburn Village School.





## Press Release

Contact: Timothy Fortier, Communications and Member Services Coordinator  
New Hampshire Municipal Association  
603.226.1305; [tfortier@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:tfortier@nhmunicipal.org)

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 15, 2017

**Auburn's Town Administrator, Bill Herman, Receives Prestigious *Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year* Award from the New Hampshire Municipal Association**

(Photo: Bill Herman, Town Administrator, Town of Auburn, this year's recipient of NHMA's Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year Award)



Each year, the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) awards the *Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year* award to a member based on our interactions with municipal officials during the legislative session. NHMA established this award in 2011 to recognize an elected or appointed local official(s) for his or her non-partisan contributions toward the advancement of NHMA's legislative policy goals and for the advocacy of municipal interests generally.

In 2011, NHMA staff selected Russ Marcoux, town manager in Bedford, as the first-ever recipient of the Municipal Advocate of the Year award because Russ did all the things we want members to do in support of our legislative policy and to enhance the success of our legislative agenda. Russ passed away just days before the 2011 Annual Conference and he never knew we had created such an award or that he had been selected the first recipient. So in his honor, the NHMA board of directors renamed this recognition as the *Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year* award.

At its recent annual conference in November, NHMA recognized Bill Herman, town administrator in Auburn, with its 2017 *Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year* award.

In his presentation remarks, NHMA Government Affairs Counsel Cordell Johnston recognized Bill Herman for his

consistent work in advancing NHMA's legislative agenda. He noted that Bill has been an effective advocate for many years who frequently comes to Concord for legislative hearings, often bringing one of his selectmen with him. On important bills, Bill can always be counted on to contact his senator and representatives. Johnston mentioned one instance in which a single e-mail from Bill to his senator tipped the balance in getting the Senate to kill a bill that NHMA opposed.

When the NHMA staff was overwhelmed with legislative work this year, Bill happily agreed to take full responsibility for shepherding one of NHMA's policy bills through the legislature. He testified at the House and Senate hearings, spoke to legislators, and did everything necessary to get the bill to a committee of conference; the bill ultimately passed. Bill also wrote op-ed pieces on several other important pieces of legislation that were published in major newspapers around the state.

In presenting the award, Johnston noted that it was particularly fitting because when Russ Marcoux died in 2011, Bill Herman was elected to take his place on the NHMA board. He has been an outstanding contributor to the board and to NHMA's legislative advocacy efforts ever since.

Past recipients of this recognition are:

- 2011 Russell R. Marcoux, town manager, Town of Bedford
- 2012 James Michaud, assessor, Town of Hudson
- 2013 Don MacIsaac, selectman, Town of Jaffrey
- 2014 Julia N. Griffin, town manager, Town of Hanover
- 2015 Shaun Mulholland, town administrator, Town of Allenstown
- 2016 Portsmouth City Council, City of Portsmouth

**About the NHMA.** *The New Hampshire Municipal Association is a non-profit, non-partisan association working to strengthen New Hampshire cities and towns and their ability to serve the public as a member-funded, member-governed and member-driven association, in operation since 1941. NHMA serves as a resource for information, education and legal services, and advocates for municipal interests before the New Hampshire legislature.*

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## **Auburn Residents 65 years young and older**

You are cordially invited to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual

### **Auburn Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner**

When: Saturday, January 27, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm

Where: Longmeadow Congregational Church  
(Corner of Rt 121 and Wilson Crossing Rd)

**R.S.V.P. by January 14, 2018 to:**

Margie McEvoy 483-8689 or Mary Royer 483-5194  
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# Room to Grow

Dan Carpenter

For 124 years, the Griffin Free Public Library has served the interests and needs of Auburn. Sitting on a half-acre lot, the last major improvement was an expansion of the parking lot to accommodate 10 vehicles. The lot is now maxed-out.

Town officials recognized years ago that the future of the library was limited. In order to maximize their space, the library staff and Trustees installed movable shelving to open up meeting space and used a patio area for outdoor events. Still, the current space limits their options.

Despite the limitations, foot traffic in the library is up 34% over the last two years. The number of programs, clubs and activities at the Griffin Free Public Library continues to grow. The number of people participating in these activities is up 100%.

Approximately five years ago, land immediately adjacent to the library property went on the market. Recognizing a potential opportunity for the Town, the Library Trustees and Board of Selectmen met with the property owners. Unfortunately, the parties could not agree.

Late in 2016, other potential uses of this property were under consideration. Knowing that the Town was not in a position to act quickly and that the property owners did not want to wait until a March Town Meeting vote, a group of 15 Auburn residents and officials formed the "Friends of Auburn". They met with the Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to determine the Town's interest in potentially owning this property. Receiving positive encouragement, the Friends of Auburn negotiated with the property owners and secured a 1.9-acre parcel of land adjacent to the library property.

The Friends of Auburn raised \$200,000 to purchase the property with the sole intent of holding it for the Town. In doing so, they are providing an interest-free loan to the Town with the full support of the Board of Selectmen.

There is nothing specifically planned now and nothing would happen immediately. Without the addition of the land, nothing is possible and future library growth can only happen somewhere else. If the Town acquires this property, it opens up a host of potential opportunities. That could mean an expansion of the library. It could mean a "community center" type facility. It could mean different things for young and senior alike. With the land, Griffin Free Public Library and the Town of Auburn can plan for the future.

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## BOY SCOUT TROOP 127

Jonathan Wallin  
December 9, 2017  
Troop 127

We will once again be collecting Christmas trees on the two Saturdays after the holidays (January 6th and 13th) and delivering them to the Safety Complex for the bonfire. If you are interested, please email Shirley at [cap-s@comcast.net](mailto:cap-s@comcast.net) or call her at 603-867-3699 and she will contact you with the details.

The scouts will continue to plan for the winter camp out. These campouts will include education on how to survive in very cold conditions and how to build a fire in the snow and even earn their wilderness survival merit badge.

The scouts fund raised at the avs holiday fair. It was a great day for the kids to

connect with the community. The scouts sold poinsettias and collected names for the Christmas tree collection.

Troop 127 meets Monday nights 6:30 at Longmeadow Church. Please visit our website if you are interested in coming to a meeting. <http://auburn127.mytroop.u>



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# Attend an AVS School Improvement Open House Event!

Learn more about our proposed school renovation  
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00AM  
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THURSDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM  
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# Parks and Recreation News

## Winter Carnival

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Fire Department will once again be sponsoring the Annual Winter Carnival. This event will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Skating Rink at the Safety Complex from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Fingers crossed that we will have great weather with lots of ice and snow.



The Winter Carnival will include open skate time with a DJ, the annual burning of the Christmas Trees, roasting marshmallows as well as hamburgers, hotdogs, hot chocolate, and if the weather cooperates, a snow hill! Please keep in mind that this event is dependent on the weather. As we get closer to the day, we will post any updates or changes on our Facebook page (@AuburnNHParksandRec) and on the website (AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation)

The Fire Department is accepting Christmas Trees for the Burning of the Trees. You can drop them off at the Safety Complex. Or, to make it easy for you, the Boy Scouts will pick up your Christmas Tree for a \$10 donation. For

more information or to sign up for this service, contact Karrye Berglund at kar-ryeb@gmail.com.

## Child and Babysitting Safety Course

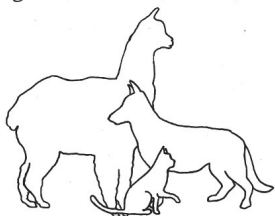
There is still room in the upcoming babysitting class that will be held on Tuesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 11 from 2:45-5:30 pm at the Auburn Safety Complex. This Child and Babysitting Safety Course is designed for tweens & teens in grades 5-8 who wish to become babysitters as well as for children who may be left at home without a parent. The fee for the class is \$59 per person. Preregistration is required. The registration form can be found on the website at AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation under "Forms". The completed form and payment can be returned to the Parks and Recreation department. Space is limited



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### Lil' Yogis January session



We are ready to start another session of Lil' Yogis for children ages 3-5. The next 4-week session will begin on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15-10:00 am at the Safety Complex. Lil' Yogis blends yoga, play, dance, music and drama. Your child will enjoy simple poses, games, music and breathing exercises, in a fun family atmosphere.

To register for this class, please send the registration form (found on our website at [AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under "Forms") and return with payment of \$40 for the session to the Parks and Recreation department.

### Women P.O.W.E.R. Self Defense

Join 5th Degree Black Belt Todd Bedard on Saturday, February 3rd at Auburn Village School from 9am to 12pm for his Woman P.O.W.E.R. self-defense course for women ages 18 and over. This comprehensive 3-hour course will cover all the necessary minimums that all women should know in concerns to their own self-defense. Wrist grabs, choke holds, and ground defense; those are just a few of the things that you will learn to defend yourself against with confidence. You will learn how to use an attacker's size, strength, and ego to YOUR advantage. You will learn that you are stronger than you may think you are. We will also cover strategies and methods to avoid attacks all together.

Todd will be assisted by Brenda Finnegan (an Auburn resident and accomplished Martial Artist and self-defense practitioner). The fee for this class is only \$10 that will be donated to Emily's Place, a shelter for women and their families that have suffered through domestic abuse.

To register for this class, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parks and Recreation Department at the Town Hall or mail to PO Box 309, Auburn. Checks can be written to "YWCA NH". Class size is limited so register today. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at 603-483-5052 x101 or email at [recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnNH.com).

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### Women P.O.W.E.R. Self Defense- February 2018

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Kathy Growney, Library Director

[www.griffinfree.com](http://www.griffinfree.com)



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Breakfast with Santa this year and supporting Griffin Free! I hope everyone had as much fun as I did seeing the little ones faces light up when Santa arrived. Special thanks also to all of our volunteers and sponsors who make this event possible!

Now, turning to upcoming events, we are very excited to be hosting Chef Liz Barbour for an interesting slide presentation and cooking demonstration titled ***Feasting with Recipes***. Join us on **Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 PM** as Chef Barbour explores our modern journey back to the local farm and your great-grand mother's kitchen to learn why we have moved our food preparation so far from home. Enjoy a cooking demonstration with tasting of some historic recipes and learn how to alter them for today's shopping and palate. This event is free, **but there are limited seats available so registration is required**. Please call or email the library at 603.483.5374 or [staff@griffinfree.org](mailto:staff@griffinfree.org) to reserve your spot today.

Staying on the food theme - Cookbook Club is back after taking the month of December off. Join us and explore vegetarian cooking through the number one bestseller, *Plenty: Vibrant Vegetable Recipes from London's Ottolenghi* by Yotam Ottolenghi. The next **Cookbook Club** will be on **Saturday, January 20 at 12:00 PM**. Copies of this month's cookbook are available for loan from Griffin Free.

We also have a lot of great programming for the children in January with not one, but two Saturday Storytimes in addition to our regular Tuesday and Friday Infant/Toddler Storytimes. Both Saturday Storytimes have a fun theme and crafty project for the little ones. See below for dates and times.

Finally, please note that the library will be closed on Tuesday, January 2.

### Upcoming Programming:

**Every Tuesday, 11:00 AM and Friday, 1:00 PM – Infant/Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary**

**Every Friday, 10:30 AM – Knitting / Crochet @ the Library**

**Monday, January 8, 6:30 PM – Library Trustee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 10, 1:15 PM – Book Club Meeting to discuss *The Snow Child***

**Saturday, January 13, 11:00 AM – Storytime: Feed the Birds**

**Thursday, January 18, 6:30 PM – Feasting with Recipes with Chef Liz Barbour**

**Saturday, January 20, 12:00 PM – Cookbook Club: Vegetarian Dishes**

**Saturday, January 27, 11:00 AM – Storytime: Griffin Olympics**





## First Assembly of God



### The Process

A Group to help people overcome their grief and find peace meets on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm at First Assembly of God 45 Myles Dr. Auburn, NH 03032. It is free and led by a licensed counselor with years of experience. For more information, contact us at 603-483-2272 or [info@manchesterassembly.org](mailto:info@manchesterassembly.org)

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Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

Married Couples Day of Enrichment: *His Needs, Her Needs*. Saturday, January 13 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. \$30 per couple includes all day seminar and lunch for two. Register online at [vitanova.org](http://vitanova.org).



**Sock Drive:** The St. Peter Parish Women's Guild will hold their annual Sock Drive on the first three weekends in January. Collection baskets will be located at the entrances to the church. The socks they collect will be donated to New Horizons, Liberty House, and Angie's Place.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry to adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and growing in their relationship with God. If you have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Jake Linxweiler, Director of RCIA at 483-5571, or the parish office at [stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).

## News from the Auburn School Board

To stay up to date with meeting times and minutes, please go to the following link at the school site: <http://auburn.saul5.net/>

### Important Dates:

January 3 – Special School Board Meeting @ 5pm in the AVS Media Center

January 9 – School Board Meeting @ 6pm in the AVS Media Center

January 16 - PTA Meeting @ 6:30 in the Media Center

The School Improvement Committee will post meeting dates and times once they are determined.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD

## Longmeadow Serves!

Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ sends to all of our Auburn neighbors best wishes for joy in this New Year. We invite you to join us in worship at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn as together we worship the God who is Still Speaking. We come together for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 with Christian Education for children and child care available at the same time.

December was a very busy time for us and we thank all of our friends in town who supported our Snowflake Fair and joined us in worship at Christmas time. As we enter the new year, we do so with thanksgiving for all God has done for us and bright hope for all that God holds in store for our future together.

With the arrival of the New Year, we look forward to some special outreach events. Learning to be God's hands in the world is a major objective of our religious education program and so we organize opportunities for our children to learn the joy of working together to serve. This month the young people will be planning for our annual participation in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*, gathering together to make

soup and raise money for local food pantries. Our Confirmation Class will be hosting an "Undies Sunday", collecting packages of underwear to donate to local homeless programs. This is an item of clothing

that is often more difficult to obtain as it cannot be purchased used. If you would like support their work you are welcome to bring sealed packages of underwear - male or female, any adult size (though larger sizes are the most

needed), and any style - to any of our Community Breakfasts in January.

**Grace at the Table:** Have you been away from church... or have never been to church... but find yourself seeking? Then Grace at the Table (formerly called Café Church) may be for you. Once a month (this month it will be **Monday, January 15th**) we gather in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 6:00 p.m. for a light meal and time of interactive worship. No reservations are required, come as you are.

**Community Office Hours:** Pastor Ruth holds office hours out in the community on Wednesdays from 11-1:00, and is available to speak with anyone during that time. In January, she will be at Turnpike Pizza. The location may change throughout the year, please see our Facebook page for location or call the church office.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our brothers and sisters in Auburn a very Happy New Year. In the United Church of Christ, *we seek to "Be the Church"* in the world. If you are looking for a church home, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907. "Friend" us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Longmeadow/>







# Cub Scout Pack 127

## Cub Scout Pack 127 Squeezed Out Every Last Ounce of Fun in 2017

Happy New Year from Cub Scout Pack 127! The Pack was treated to an amazing presentation by Rita Tulloh, an Auburn resident and falconer, who brought in her red-tailed hawk, Scarlett, to show the boys and teach them about the sport of falconry.



**Lions (Kindergarten):** Our youngest pack members have been busy completing their Mountain Lion adventure. The boys hiked around the Audubon and learned about outdoor safety, what to bring on a hike, and respecting nature. Most of all they had lots of fun discovering nature right here in Auburn.

**Tigers (1<sup>st</sup> Grade):** The Tigers made homemade ornaments and cards and brought them to patients in the Rehabilitative Medical Unit (RMU) at Catholic Medical Center. These patients are often in the hospital for long periods of time and were delighted to have the boys bring some holiday cheer. Way to go, Tigers!

**Bears (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):** The Bears hit a major milestone – earning their Whittling Chip, which allows them to carry a pocketknife at scout functions. The boys reviewed knife safety rules, built their own wooden knife, learned how to sharpen their blades, and perfected their skills by carving fun animals out of soap. Congratulations Bears!

**Wolves (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade):** The Wolves visited the Safety Complex in December, and Captain Walters gave them a tour. They learned about fire safety and got to explore one of the trucks. Each boy also had a turn operating the jaws of life (with the Captain's help of course). The boys had a ton of fun!

**Webelo 1 (4<sup>th</sup> Grade):** The weather cooperated for a late-in-the-season camping trip and hike around Tower Hill. The boys learned about utensil-less cooking and made bacon in a bag and boiled eggs in a paper cup. They are also learning how to start fires without matches. Who wants to invite them over to cook breakfast sometime?

**Webelo 2 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade):** The boys are in the home stretch of their Cub Scout journey. They have been busy finishing up the last of their requirements to earn Arrow of Light, the highest rank in Cub Scouts, before becoming Boy Scouts. Home stretch, boys – you've got this!

Pack 127 has lots of exciting events planned for 2018. Upcoming events include (dates subject to change):

Blue and Gold Banquet – 2/17/18  
Winter Carnival – 2/24/18  
Pinewood Derby Race – 3/24/18  
Chuck Wagon – 4/14/18





# Santa Has left the Building!

By the time you are reading this article Santa will have come and gone. The jolly man made his appearance to the AVS cafeteria on December 9<sup>th</sup>, riding in the AFD fire truck to the delight and excitement of the many boys and girls waiting to see him.

The cafeteria was festively decorated for the event with bright striped paper table covers and centerpieces provided by Ann Robinson and Stacy Melendy. The kitchen was bustling with elves that were busy flipping the pancakes and browning the sausage. A big thank you goes to head cook Gary Poulin, and his kitchen crew, Bill Calder, Ray Garon, Roland Davis, Dave Sylvia and Frank Hanscomb.

Everyone enjoyed the music provided by the AVS Band led by Matt Szopa, and the AVS Chorus directed by Chrissy Ouellette. The music added so much to the occasion, and attendees enjoyed being serenaded by the students.

The winners of the Library raffle were; Chrissy Ouellette—fudge, Jess Traynor—dremel tool, Andrea O'Neil—quilt, Chris Chickering—basket of crochet animals, and Chris Fortuna—Bernstein Bears basket.

The Friends of the Library would like to thank the children, parents and volunteers that supported the fundraiser. And a special thank you to John Mayland, for helping Santa to make his appearance.

All proceeds from our Breakfast with Santa will go to the Griffin Library.



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# Massabesic Seniors

December was a busy month for the Massabesic Seniors. We started with a visit to the Griffin Library to sing along to Christmas music with Ramblin' Richard. We had fun singing and learning the history of many of our favorite holiday songs.

Next we had our Christmas party at the Great Buffet. We enjoyed the food, friendship and a spirited Yankee Swap. In the end everyone got a great Christmas gift.

There are a number of our members who are shut-ins, so thanks to Denise, we brought goodies to fill miniature sleighs to deliver to all. We hope to bring the holiday spirit to all. We want to send special get well thoughts to Dick and Jackie.

At our election of officers for 2018 the following were elected:

President	Pat Clement
Vice President	Chris Hrycuna
Secretary	Paul Therrien
Treasurer	Lorraine Senechal



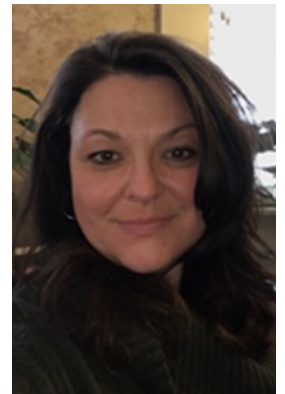
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## **News from Auburn** **Dollars for Scholars**

### **Scholarship applications open** **Feb. 1st 2018**

Auburn dollars for Scholars scholarships open Feb. 1st for the 2018-2019 academic year and are open to all Auburn residents planning on or attending a post secondary school.

Visit: [auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org) to begin creating your student profile.

Auburn Dollars for Scholars is a chapter of the national Scholarship America organization.

For more information on national scholarships and how to maximize your scholarship potential, visit: [scholarshipamerica.org](http://scholarshipamerica.org) and the "scholarship coach".

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# Audubon Massabesic Center

## January Happenings at NH Audubon's Massabesic Center

Registration required for all events. Call 668-2045

Winter Hours: Tues-Friday 9-4 Sat 9-3

### Tracking and Snowshoe Workshop

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am-noon

Cost: \$10 M/\$15 NM Individuals, \$25 M/\$30 NM Families (includes snowshoe rental)

Leader: Angie Krysiak, NHA Program Manager

Start with our naturalist for an indoor introduction to the art of tracking animals-learn about prints, scat, and other sign of a variety of NH's winter mammals. We'll also touch on the history and types of snowshoes, then put on a pair and head outside to look for animal signs. All ages welcome but snowshoes for children under 8 are limited. Dress to be outside.

### Winter Bird Walk (An introduction to birding)

Saturday, January 20, 9-10:30am

Cost: \$8 M/\$10 NM Individuals, \$20 M/\$25 NM Families

Leader: Jocelyn Duffy, NHA naturalist

Winter is a great time to get into birding. Easier visibility (no leaves!) and fewer species (those hardy souls that overwinter in New Hampshire) help ease you into the great sport of bird-watching. We'll spend some time inside discussing binoculars, bird topography, and four keys to bird identification, then head outside to see who we can find. Add to your enjoyment of the visitors to your backyard feeder and participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Bring your binoculars (or borrow ours) and come dressed for the weather.

### Once In A Blue Moon Snowshoe Hike

Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6-8pm

Cost: \$10 M/\$15 NM Individuals, \$25 M/\$30 NM Families

Come celebrate January's second full moon with a nighttime snowshoe hike to Battery Point. Join Jake King with Thrive Outdoors and Massabesic Naturalist Angie Krysiak for the hike, a campfire, hot cocoa, marshmallows and a telescope for some moon and star-gazing before the hike. Bring your own snowshoes or rent a pair of ours for \$5 each. Limited pairs available for young children.

### Snowshoe Rentals!

Tuesday through Saturday between 9 am and 2 pm

Cost: \$8 M / \$10 NM dollars per pair

Enjoy nature in winter at the Massabesic Audubon Center as you trek the trails on snowshoes! Snowshoes for use on-site only with a minimum of 6" of snow cover.

Limited pairs available for little children. Call to reserve if bringing a large party.

### Homeschool/Preschool Programs

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am (see dates below) Cost: \$12 M/\$15 NM (per child/parent pair)

Pre-registration required for all classes. Register online at <http://www.nhaudubon.org/learn/>

Wee Wonders-ages 4-6 Leader: Kim Murphy. Discover the changing seasons through hands-on activities, songs, crafts, stories, and outdoor discovery! Parents are required to stay and encouraged to participate. Please dress to be outside and wear appropriate footwear. Pre-registration required for all classes.

January 17: Life Under the Ice - Fish, frogs and turtles spend their winter under ice. Who else might we find in this wintry water world? Come and explore this hidden world, and meet some animals who live there.

January 31: Amazing Evergreens

Most trees are bare this time of year, but some still provide color to the wintry white forest. Come and explore the world of evergreens, and discover which animals rely on them for winter survival.

Junior Explorers-ages 7-12 Leaders: Kelly Dwyer, NHA's Director of Education and Paula Chouinard, Massabesic Audubon Center's Naturalist. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. Please dress to be outside!

Life Begins in Three Ways: This season, explore the beginnings of life from winter through the summer. Look for seeds, eggs, and babies of NH's plants and wildlife as each comes out in their own proper time.

January 17: Tracks, Scat, and All of That!

Set out on snowshoes (weather permitting) to discover "stories in the snow." Learn to identify animals that remain active in winter by the traces they leave. We'll look for tracks, scat, and other sign-like food middens, chewed twigs, and fur/feathers left behind.

January 31: Songs in the Sky, Signs in the Snow

Learn to identify common winter birds by their songs, as well as learning what their winter plumage and distinct footprint patterns in the snow look like. We'll talk about songbirds and raptors that stay here for the winter.

Classes continue until June!



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# Police News

Hello Auburn Residents,

I could not be more proud to say I work for the town of Auburn. Just like previous years the Giving Tree was a wonderful success, and 13 families had a magical Christmas! I cannot express my gratitude to each and every one of you!!! It truly is amazing.

We had our "Wrap Party" on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and had over 30 kids and adults join us to wrap over 300 gifts! It was a great time, and always great chance for me to meet people!!! Thank you again, from myself, the Safety Complex and the families who were so grateful for all you have done!!!



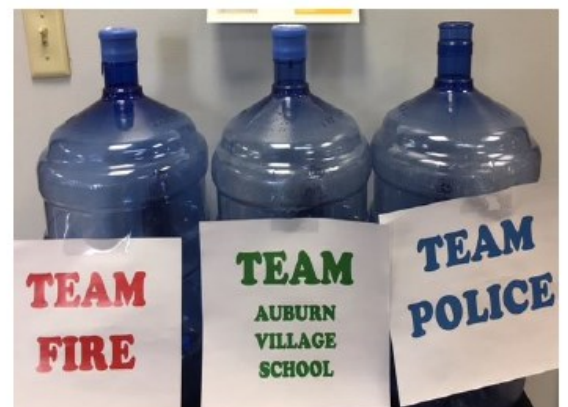
Last Spring during town voting, the police department had a warrant article to raise approximate \$7,500.00 towards the purchase of a new speed trailer. This money would be combined with a 50/50 matching grant awarded to the department by the New Hampshire Department of Safety. The article was voted down, and the money awarded by the state was returned. Speeding continues to be our biggest complaint in town, and we still need a radar trailer. We are going to attempt to raise the funds with private donations and fundraising till we reach the \$7,500.00. It could take a year, it could take five. Once we have reached that level of funding, we will reapply for the matching grant, and if awarded will purchase the radar trailer for the town.

When we went to the Selectmen with this idea, Karen Norris and the Skate Park Committee reached out with a generous offer to kick off our fundraising. The Skate Park Committee was unable to reach the goal they needed to build the skate park, and in turn, graciously offered to donate that money to our fundraising efforts. Because the funds donated to the Skate Park, were for that purpose, Town Administrator Bill Herman must first reach out to the donors and offer to refund their donation, or ask permission to transfer it to the Speed Trailer Fundraising. Once the donors have gotten back to Mr. Herman with their answer, we will have a better idea of how much we already have towards our goal! Going forward any donations made to the department will go towards the funds needed. Each time we hold an event and people make donations, we will put that into our speed trailer bucket!

To kick off this plan, and to add a little fun to the winter months, we have challenged the Auburn Village School and the Auburn Fire Department to a penny war!!!! Just a fun competition between Team Police, Team Fire, Team Auburn Village school, all money raised will go towards the radar trailer though!!!

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE  
See our flyer to explain the rules further!!

May the best team win!!!!  
Melissa@thePD





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WE WILL DECLARE THE WINNER IN THE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> CRIER!

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