



AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER



February 2018



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>			
	Monday Nights Boy Scouts meetings 6:30 <i>Pg8</i>	Tuesday's Storytime 11am <i>Pg12</i>	Wednesday's Homeschool Programs 10-11:30am <i>Pg 11</i>		Friday's Knitting/Crochet 10:30am <i>Pg12</i>	3rd Deliberative Session @9:00am <i>See Below</i>			
	5th School Deliberative Session 7:00pm <i>See Below</i>		Wednesday's Friends Book Club <i>Pg12</i>		Friday's Storytime <i>Pg12</i>	3rd Lego Challenge 1pm <i>Pg12</i>			
	19th Presidents Day Town Hall Is Closed!!		<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 21st New York Poet Michael Czarnecki 6:30pm <i>Pg12</i>		<u>Saturday</u> 10th & 24th StoryTime <i>Pg12</i>	3rd & 17th Longmeadow Breakfast 6:30-10am <i>See Below</i>			
					MORE GREAT DATES INSIDE	17th Cookbook Club 12-1:45pm <i>Pg12</i>	10th Winter Carnival 1-4pm <i>Pg10</i>		

Longmeadow Church Breakfast

In 2018 the bi-monthly breakfasts are continuing at the Longmeadow Church! This **February** they are on the **3rd** and the **17th** from 6:30 - 10:00 am. The breakfasts are the **1st and 3rd 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?



A Note From The Town Clerk

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.**



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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 was able to take some time during the first week in January to participate in a facilitated workshop meeting intent on identifying goals for the Town during the coming year.

This was the second consecutive year the Board has participated in a goal setting process to help focus attention on major items of attention and interest.

Part of this process involved looking at the four goals identified for activity in 2017 and gauging what level of success was achieved. A quick recap of 2017 includes:

- *Focus on potential economic development efforts to bring either water and/or sewer service to areas on By-Pass 28 and/or the Wellington Business Park off Rockingham Road.*

This had been acknowledged to be a long-term goal and although discussed several times in 2017, not a lot of activity took place.

- *Infrastructure improvements including potential garage & storage building on the Safety Complex property and improved storage capacity for salt storage at the Highway Department.*

The salt storage building was built in December 2017 with the use of unanticipated Highway Block Grant funds from the State of New Hampshire, while the garage & storage building has been designed and is awaiting voter approval.

- *Focus on the implementation of recommendations from the Operational Reviews and Risk Analysis of the Fire and Police Departments, and to have a similar review conducted of general Town Hall operations. The*

Town Hall review will include a focus on overall staffing and a look at Town building and property maintenance functions and responsibilities.

The recommendations received through the operational review of the Police Department have been nearly 99% accomplished, while the recommendations received for the Fire Department are nearly 40% accomplished and remains in process. The operational review for the Town Hall is expected to be received by February 2018.

- *Review all property owned by the Town to enable the Board to consider the Town's property holdings and make decisions as to whether continued ownership of the individual properties made sense for the Town.*

The Town reviewed nearly 20 properties it owns and has determined a number of them to be conservation or green space lots, while the Board also sold three properties at public auction generating \$311,000.

In the not too distant future, the Board will have a formal document detailing their thoughts and discussions for the goal setting for 2018, which will be shared with department heads, boards and committees, and the public as a whole. But in advance, we are pleased to indicate in general the four main goals our Board identified for our collective efforts in 2018.

- *Re-establish the Auburn Development Authority to focus on potential economic development efforts to expand the business and commercial base of the community. The first major effort would be to consider the feasibility of bringing water from the Town line to commercial properties on By-Pass 28 that could be developed.*



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- Focusing attention and decision making on what the future of Auburn's Parks & Recreation efforts should be in order for the Town to then plan accordingly and meet the expectations of the community.
- Implementation of the proposed garage / storage building project.
- Redesign the Town's budget process to enable the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to see the entirety of the potential Town budget before beginning their individual meetings and presentations from departments and boards. Inclusive in this effort will be the annual updating and following of the Capital Improvement Plan for the larger capital items and project.

As we move forward in 2018, we are optimistic these are goals that can be worked on and achieved or at least moved forward during the next 12 months.

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 10th.

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

Happy New Year!

James Headd

Dale Phillips

Richard Eaton

Auburn Board of Selectmen



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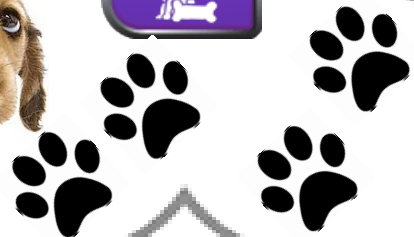


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2018 BOAT REGISTRATION RENEWALS

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MON. 10:00AM-7:00PM

WED.-THURS. 8:00AM-2:00PM

FRI. 8:00AM-12 NOON





Historical Association

Sebastian Griffin's Library

Nathan Griffin (1788-1866) left Weare, NH for the Long Meadow section of Chester (becomes Auburn in 1845) in 1810. He purchased land across from the Blanchard Mills in Auburn Village and married Sally Evans in 1820. Four boys were born at the Old Griffin homestead over the next decade. (Page S Griffin, 1820-1894; George Gould Griffin, 1823-1891; French B Griffin, 1825-1863; Sebastian S Griffin, 1831-1899)

The 1830's and 40's were an exciting time to grow up in Long Meadow or West Chester. Much of the cultural and social life of a community revolved around the Church. The Methodist Church was growing and they held tent meetings in Auburn which attracted believers from surrounding towns. As their numbers grew, the Kent family donated their sheep barn on Eaton Hill. It was disassembled, moved to the Village, and put back up as The Methodist Church. (Today, it is the Auburn Town Hall). The Congregational Church was also growing. They took down their old building at the Long Meadow Cemetery and Warren Spofford built the present Long Meadow Congregational Church in 1847.

In 1845, Chester petitioned the State Legislature to set up a new town called West Chester. In their infinite wisdom, the Legislature approved the request and named the new town Auburn.

Economic activity drew people to the Village. The Blanchard Mills at the dam in Auburn Village ground grain, cut shingles, sawed lumber, and pressed cider. The Underhill Edge Tool Company was one of the largest cutting tool companies in the State. They used a penstock to carry water from the mill pond about 100 yards down the west side of Sucker Brook to their factory. Deacon David Currier ran a store and Post Office out of his house on the west side of the brook. The Griffin boys would meet new people and would grow up seeing how people lived in a farming, commercial, and industrial small town.

Chester built a new No 3 District Schoolhouse on Griffin land North of the Blanchard Mills in 1828. (Pat Clement property across from Auburn Village School). The Griffin boys lived next door and they received their formal education at No 3. On their own, Sebastian and his brothers explored Lake Massabesic and the woods and fields surrounding the Village. Sebastian became a collector and found many Indian relics in the neighborhood. (George Bartholomew, 1905-1985, found many arrowheads weeding carrots in the Griffin field). To improve his

education, Sebastian began purchasing books of history, literature, and scientific knowledge.

At age 18, Sebastian got a job with the Amoskeag Mills in Manchester. (Sebastian continued living in Auburn and commuted by horseback. A 10 hour work day made for a long day). After 25 years of working in a mill without ventilation or facial masks, his health broke down and Sebastian "retired" in 1872 at the age of 42. (Breathing cotton fiber over a prolonged period of time can create an occupational disease nicknamed 'cotton lung' or 'brown lung')

After leaving the Amoskeag, Sebastian continued to collect artifacts. He also wrote histories of the Methodist Church in Auburn, North Chester, and Candia, a book titled "Legends of Massabesic", and a book of poetry. He also wrote articles on local history which he submitted to all the local papers.

In 1885, Sebastian set up a subscription library and museum in a separate building next to his home. There was a charge to tour the museum or use the Library. He soon realized that most people read for pleasure and weren't that interested in bettering themselves. Seven years later, the Griffin's offered the two-room Library and museum to Auburn and the Town accepted the gift. To reduce the danger of fire, the building was moved away from the Griffin homestead to its present location. The museum was set up as an old fashioned kitchen with other artifacts from the 'good old days'. The reading room had more than 600 books and a table for writing.



In 1893, the property was big enough to accommodate an out-house. Moving into the 20th century, without running water and a septic system, the Griffin Free Library could not be certified by the State of NH. Without the State's stamp of approval, the Library could not participate in NH programs like the Lending Library.

The Town of Auburn purchased additional land in 1987 which made it possible to drill a well in the front yard and put a septic system out back. An addition in 1999 to the left side of the building and then a parking lot improvement in 2015 maxed out the lot. The purchase of an additional 1.9 acres at this year's Town Meeting should meet the Town's needs for the foreseeable future.

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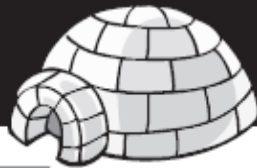
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School News

The School Improvement Committee held the first of 3 open houses on January 10th. Additional open houses will be held as follows and include a presentation, tours and time for questions/answers.

Saturday, February 17th at 9am and Thursday, March 8th at 6:30pm

In summary, the project proposes a modest addition keeping the front facade of the building intact. It removes all portables and modular classrooms and adds a new classroom wing to replace these spaces as well as provide 5 additional classrooms. The additional classroom space will accommodate 21st century educational needs and allow for growth in enrollment (e.g. all-day kindergarten in the future). The project also renovates existing spaces including nursing, administrative and special education spaces and expands the cafeteria and kitchen space to accommodate more students per lunch period. The total cost will be \$14.3M which is a 42% decrease from last year's warrant article. The School Improvement Committee hopes you will attend an Open House to learn more so you have the information needed to make an informed vote. To stay up to date on the project you can visit - www.fixauburnvillageschool.com

Auburn Village School Proposed Improvement Plan for Voting Day - March 13, 2018

Goals:

1. **Remove portable & modular structures** and have all kids in the same brick and mortar building.
2. **Comply with safety & security findings** from Dept. of Homeland Security survey, including improving access to building.
3. **Address space shortages** & add space for additional classroom, special education, nursing, teacher & cafeteria space.
4. **Allow room to accommodate 21st century educational needs** and for growth in enrollment.

Plan Highlights

New Classrooms and Space

- The renovation and addition will add 5 classrooms to accommodate 21st century educational needs and allow for growth in enrollment. It will also add 6 spaces for special education and group learning.

Instructional Space	# Today	# After Project	Resource & Group Learning Space	# Today	# After Project
Classrooms in the building	22	35	Resource / Special Education	7	8+
Science labs	1	2	Small Learning Spaces	0	4
Portables/modular classrooms	9	0	Teacher Meeting Space	1	2
Total Instructional Space	32	37	Total Resource & Group Learning Space	8	14+

Larger Cafeteria

- The cafeteria will be renovated/expanded, allowing more kids to be served faster and have fewer lunch periods.

Renovations

- **Several areas of the school will be renovated:**
 - Larger, more secure entrance, front office and administration space
 - More space for Nurse's Office
 - Renovated bathrooms for students
 - More bathrooms for teachers
 - More storage, including ability to store and minimize wear & tear on voting booths

Items NOT included in this new proposed project:

- No Gymnasium addition, but space planned on property to add later if desired
- No complete renovation to exterior facade or all interior spaces - only portions being renovated
- No complete upgrade to mechanical systems - upgrades will be done over time with annual maintenance budget

- No additional parking/change in traffic flow at this time

Additional areas included in this new proposed project:

- Redoing the ball fields and creating a new exterior basketball court/paved play area
- Redoing roof on majority of building

Total cost is \$14.3M

- This is 42% lower than last year's \$24.8M plan
- 15 year bond at 3% rate (as of 1/5/2018)
- 15-year estimated tax rate increase is \$1.76 per thousand

Assessed Value	Annual Tax Increase	Monthly Equivalent	Daily Equivalent
\$ 150,000	\$ 264	\$ 22	\$ 0.72
\$ 200,000	\$ 352	\$ 29	\$ 0.96
\$ 250,000	\$ 440	\$ 37	\$ 1.21
\$ 300,000	\$ 528	\$ 44	\$ 1.45
\$ 350,000	\$ 616	\$ 51	\$ 1.69
\$ 400,000	\$ 704	\$ 59	\$ 1.93
\$ 450,000	\$ 792	\$ 66	\$ 2.17
\$ 500,000	\$ 880	\$ 73	\$ 2.41

Auburn Village School

2018 – 2019 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Registration

KINDERGARTEN: All children living in Auburn who will be five years old on or before September 30th, 2018 are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2018. Registration packets will be available at the main office beginning Tuesday, March 6th. Completed registration information packets are due in the main office by Friday, March 23rd. There will be a kindergarten parent information meeting on Tuesday, May 1st in the Media Center at 6:30 pm.

NEW FIRST GRADERS TO AVS: All children living in Auburn who will be six years old on or before September 30th, 2018 are eligible to enter first grade in the fall of 2018. Registration packets will be available at the main office beginning Tuesday, March 6th. Completed registration information packets are due in the main office by Friday, March 23rd. The students will be given a vision and hearing screening as well as a phonemic awareness assessment to help determine reading readiness skills. Screening will be held in May.



Congratulations to the Auburn Village School's PTA Reflections Art Contest Student Winners!



School Finalists Pictured Above: Oliver Monore, Connor Welch, Rylen Petri, Hayden Newell, Connor Cote, Mary Lachance, Danielle Goodall,, Harper Cote, Jonah Koestner, Olivia Kittle, Ella Bronson, Delaney Petri, Anna Stanton, Isabella Falcone, Jillian Lynch, Tommy Lacroix, Anna Martin, Siddharth Krishna, Samantha Brackesy, Angelina Newton, Sage Konick, Shea Carpenter, Carleigh Lacroix



BOY SCOUT TROOP 127

Jonathan Wallin

Troop 127

The scouts had a lot of fun on their winter campout at Camp Sanborn in January. The cold wasn't too bad and they were able to work on rank, cooking and other outdoor skills. Scouts had a lot of fun and hope to do this again next year.

In early February the scouts are going to be participating the Klondike Derby. The Klondike Derby is an event where many other troops compete at different activity stations throughout Camp Carpenter by completing challenges and working together to get the best score. This year we hope to get through all of the stations just like last year and end with a really high score.

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.us>

Jonathan Wallin is excited to be working on his Eagle Project, which is building a Bee Hotel for the Massachusetts Audubon. A Bee Hotel is safe environment for solitary bees to live and thrive. Right now he is working on fundraising activities so that he can have it complete for their Earth Day Celebration. At the Earth Day event the scouts will also be assisting children to build their own bee houses. If you are interested about his eagle scout project you can send an email to jon-wallin113@aol.com.





Girl Scouts



It's Girl Scout COOKIE time! Auburn Girl Scouts of all ages will be visiting neighbors, friends and family to see if you'd like to support the annual Girl Scout Cookie sale. Cookie booths and deliveries start the weekend of February 17th and the season runs until the end of March. This year, Girl Scout Cookies will sell at \$5 per package, including our 6 classic favorites and 2 specialty flavors – S'mores and Gluten-free Toffee Tastics. Customers can also support Scouts by donating boxes to charities. Girl Scout Troop 10518 will be selling cookies at Auburn Village School on Voting Day – March 13th.

Girl Scout Troop 10518 is having fun in their final year of Cadettes. They have finished their aMaze journey by presenting an assembly on bullying, cliques and stereotypes to their peers at AVS and are working toward their Silver Award (the highest level a Cadette can earn.) They also completed

a Going Pink Patch that helped to raise awareness of the importance of women taking care of their health. As part of the patch, they volunteered at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Manchester, NH. They also have prepared and served a dinner meal to a senior group in Derry and had fun making holiday cookies as a troop. These 3 young women will be spending the remainder of their 8th grade year working on their Silver Award and planning a celebratory trip to New York City.





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)

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.

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 contact Parks & Rec @ 603-483-5052 ext. 101 or email: recreation@townofauburnnh.com

Ice Skating Rink is OPEN

Thanks to the cold weather in early 2018, the ice skating rink at the Safety Complex is open for the season. Please note that this may change day to day as the weather fluctuates.



Parks and Rec clears the rink of snow and keeps it clear to create a great surface for you to skate. There are 2 rinks available... one for ice hockey and one for family skating. Those rinks are clearly marked. If you have any questions about the skating rinks, please contact the Parks and Rec at 483-5052 x101.

A huge thank you to the Auburn Fire Department for filling the rink. We appreciate all that you do.

NH Audubon Massabesic Center February Events



Winter Tree and Shrub Identification

**Saturday, February 3,
10:30am-noon**

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

Leader: Jocelyn Duffy, NHA naturalist and UNH Coverts volunteer

Learning to identify plants in the winter is a fun adventure and not as difficult as you might think! We'll take a look at the structure of some common trees and shrubs, examine their buds, and discover other clues to help us recognize them. Suitable for budding beginners and people with basic botanical knowledge. There will be an indoor and outdoor component to the program, so come dressed for the weather.

Live Reptile and Amphibian show

Saturday, February 17, 1-2:30

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

Leader: Angie Krysiak, NHA Program Manager

Come spend the afternoon hanging out with some of Massabesic's live turtles, frogs, and snakes. Learn which species live in NH, how to identify them, and what strategies they use to survive the winter. You can even touch or hold a turtle or a snake! All ages welcome. The price of admission helps support our animal care.

Homeschool/Preschool Programs - Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

Cost: \$12 M / \$15 NM (per child/parent pair) Register On-line at

www.NHAudubon.org

Wee Wonders (ages 4-6) February 14: Burrowing Through Snow

As a layer of snow blankets the ground, some animals choose to burrow underneath. Today we will take a look under the snow to discover the fury of activity taking place as our smallest animals are struggling to survive. Parents are required to stay and encouraged to participate.

Please dress to be outside and wear appropriate footwear.

Junior Explorers (ages 7-12) February 14: Waiting to Bloom

Discover new plant life, hidden and dormant in winter, just waiting to explode! What's in a seed? The trees will bud sooner than you think, and signs of spring are just around the corner. Learn how trees and other plants wait out the winter. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. Please dress to be outside! Pre-registration required for all classes.

February School Vacation Week

February 26 through March 2

On-line Registration at www.nhaudubon.org
Active learning, outside adventures, fun!





There is a lot happening at Griffin Free in February. Join us for a special winter evening of poetry featuring oral memoirist and storyteller Michael Czarnecki. Michael will bring his unique blend of poetry and oral tradition to Auburn on the heels of the publication of his newest collection "There Is Only This Moment." This reading and signing will take place on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM. Michael will read and recite poetry from his recent books and share memories from his life as a poet and writer.

We also have a new program for the older children called STEM on Saturday. One Saturday each month Miss Jamie will lead children ages 6 – 12 in a fun STEM project. The first one will be a Lego challenge on February 3 at 1:00 PM. Check our website and Facebook page for details and future programs.

Our COOKBOOK CLUB is going strong and new members are welcome. This is a great group for those of you who like to cook or bake. The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 17. How does it work? Borrow this month's cookbook from the library, select and make a dish at home, then bring it to the meeting to share with the group. Cookbook Club meets from Noon – 1:45 PM.

Are you interested in learning about your family history? Thanks to the Friends of Griffin Free, we will continue to offer access to ANCESTRYLIBRARY.COM at Griffin Free for 2018. Although access is only available at the Library, you are welcome to bring in your own laptop or tablet and we will get you connected.

Kathy Growney, Library Director

www.griffinfree.com



Upcoming Programming for Adults and Teens:

- **Fridays at 10:30 AM** – Knitting / Crochet @ the Library
- **Wednesday, February 14, 1:15 PM** – Friends Book Club
- **Saturday, February 17, Noon – 1:45 PM** – Cookbook Club
- **Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 PM** – New York Poet Michael Czarnecki
- **Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 PM** – YA/ Teen Book Club

Upcoming Programming for Children:

- **Tuesdays at 11:00 AM** – Infant / Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary
- **Fridays at 1:00 PM** – Infant / Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary
- **Saturday, February 3, 1:00 PM** – STEM on Saturday – Lego Challenge with Miss Jamie
- **Saturday, February 10, 11:00 AM** – Saturday Storytime with Miss Mary – Valentine's Day Gifts
- **Saturday, February 24, 11:00 AM** – Saturday Storytime with Miss Mary – Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!



News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN!

If you are an Auburn resident and are planning on or currently attending a post secondary school for the 2018-2019 academic year, you qualify for all 11 of our local scholarships!

Visit our web site: auburn.dollarsforscholars.org
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Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am



Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Ashes will be distributed at our Masses, which are at 7:00 am and 6:30 pm. During Lent, our daily Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 am, and Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Knights of Columbus Drive for the Manchester Battered Women's Shelter: February 3-4 and February 10-11. See our website (www.stpeteraub.org) for a list of items that are needed at the shelter. Donations can be left on the back porch of the rectory.

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



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Longmeadow Serves!

Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ sends greetings and invites 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.

The cold weather is definitely upon us but you will always find a warm welcome at Longmeadow. In February young people of our church will be participating in our seventh annual *Souper Bowl of Caring*. On Sunday, February 4, 2018, 140 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game.



There will be food and fun for many people watching the game. At the same time, there will be people struggling to feed themselves and their families for the day. And so after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, our young people will be serving delicious soup they have made themselves, asking only a donation, with all proceeds going to local food pantries.

In February we will enter the holy season of Lent, it is a time of reflection as we journey toward the Easter Resurrection. We welcome anyone, no matter where you are on your life's journey to join us in worship. Information about special services will be available on our Facebook page and we invite any of our Auburn neighbors to "Friend" us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Longmeadow/>.

Encouraged by the success of previous year's efforts, our Missions Committee is once more organizing a project we call **Scarves in the Park**. We will be accepting donations of **handmade scarves** (any color, any style, long enough for an adult to wear, that is 4-5 feet long) which we plan to deliver next winter to parks where we know that homeless people

gather and to offer them with our love, no strings attached. If you would like to join our efforts, please contact Pastor Ruth (phone number below) who will be glad to pick them up from you. We also plan to have drop-off boxes at our Community Breakfasts in the autumn. We have received a generous donation of yarn for this project. If you would like to participate, let us know and we will provide you with yarn.

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 February.



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 February, 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 warm homes and hearts this winter. In the United Church of Christ, we are called to *"Be The Church"* and reach out to and support our neighbors in Auburn and around the world. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us in worship and service. Our church is growing and there is always a place for you at the table. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.



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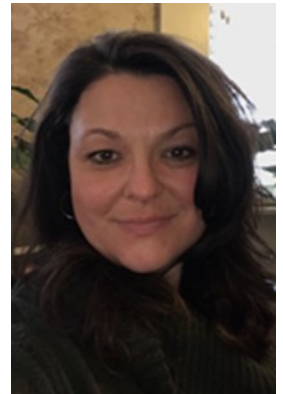
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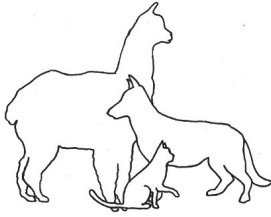
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- B. Any vehicle parking in violation of this may be towed by the road agent, the Chief of Police or their agents or by independent contractors engaged by the road agent or Chief of Police; any vehicles so towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing and storage by the owner.
- C. Any person violating Section A hereof shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each offense.

Dog Ordinance

- A. RESTRAINT: All dogs shall be restrained from running at large within the limits of the town, except when they are on the owners' or keepers property or being used for hunting or training purposes.
- B. PENALTY: Any person or persons, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction be fined not more than fifteen (\$15.00) dollars for each offense.

Lastly, since we have many new residents in town, I wanted to take a moment to mention the incredible **Neighborhood Watch Program** Auburn has. I've been involved in law enforcement for 18 years now, and Auburn's Neighborhood Watch Group is the most organized, and impressive one I have ever seen.

If you would like more information, or to join the group please feel free to fill out and send the form to me. Or you can email me directly. I will put you in touch with a leader based on where in town you live.

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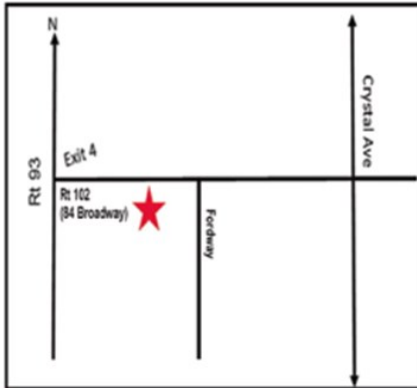
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