



AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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AUGUST 2011

SENIOR'S SUMMER TRIP IS TO BOSTON HARBOR!

Wednesday August 17, 2011

The Senior Summer Trip will be a cruise around Boston Harbor. We will have lunch at the Sail Loft restaurant. The following are your meal choices:

Please Select Your Choices

Appetizer: Choice of Soup, Salad or Clam "Chowda"

Entrée: Choice of one: 8oz Scrod Filet w/rice and vegetables, Fish and Chips, Grilled Teriyaki Steak Tips w/rice and vegetables, Sautéed Chicken Pomodoro w/tomatoes topped with cheese over pasta, Sail Loft Salad w/grilled chicken breast over tossed greens, potatoes, green beans, artichokes and roasted red peppers.

Dessert will be Warm Apple Crisp w/Vanilla ice cream

Reservations for this trip **MUST be in no later than Friday August 12, 2011** so group reservation can be made. No Exceptions. Please have proof of Auburn residency. The cost for this trip is Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Please make checks payable to "Town of Auburn" and mail to Armand Miclette 198 Eaton Hill Rd. Auburn, NH 03032. The Bus will depart St Peters Church parking lot at 8 AM sharp and return at approximately 4 PM.



Library Assistant Needed

The Griffin Free Public Library seeks a friendly, intelligent, literate, articulate, motivated and organized, attention-to-detail reader and library user to assist on a part time basis.

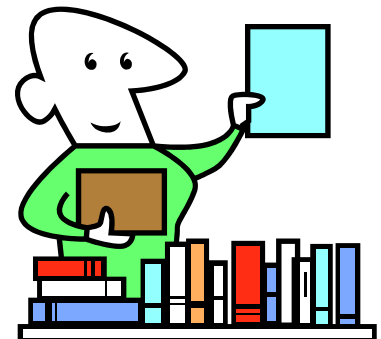
Begins: August, 2011 Schedule: 8 hours per week. The person hired must also be able to cover any other library hours when needed. Full Job Description can be seen at the library.

Please submit your resume to:

The Griffin Free Public Library,
Edie Cummings Director,
PO Box 308, Auburn NH 03032.

Or email Nancy Mayland, Trustee, n.mayland@comcast.net

Applications will be accepted until August 16th.



News from the Auburn Town Hall

Old Candia Road Bridge Project / Tower Hill Road

Work will be commencing at the beginning of this month on the repairs to the Old Candia Road Bridge. In 2009, the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) cited deficiencies in this bridge which has led to the project to replace approximately two-thirds of the deck of the bridge.



The project will be spearheaded by Road Agent Michael Dross with assistance from local forces and Dulac Concrete Foundations of Auburn.

A majority of the funding for the project (80%) is coming from the Municipal Bridge Aid program administered by NHDOT, while the remainder of approximately \$60,000 is from the Town of Auburn's undesignated fund balance as directed by the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration at the request of the Board of Selectmen and the Auburn Budget Committee in 2008.

As part of this effort, Tower Hill Road will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the bridge repair project due to safety concerns that will exist at the intersection of Tower Hill Road and Old Candia Road.

During the course of the construction project, traffic on Old Candia Road will be restricted to one lane. Temporary traffic signals will be directing the flow of traffic during the duration of the construction project.

The project is scheduled to commence on August 1st, and the construction effort is expected to last approximately two months.

Highway Safety Concerns

The Board of Selectmen, at the recommendation of the Highway Safety Committee, has approved the establishment of a "No Parking Zone" on two heavily trafficked roads in Auburn.

No Parking signs will be erected for an approximate 300-foot stretch of Rockingham Road adjacent to the Auburn Pitts, and on Eaton Hill Road Extension in front of the field used for athletic events.

On Rockingham Road, parking will be prohibited on the "O'Brien side" of the road to ensure the road is not blocked to traffic by vehicles being parked on both sides of the road. Of particular concern to Town officials is the ability to get emergency vehicles through the area if necessary.

On Eaton Hill Road Extension, cars have been lining up on both sides of the road adjacent to the field and the Safety Complex. This has caused some concern for emergency responders both in terms of being able to get through, but also with young children playing among the parked cars. The Town established a gravel parking area on the field property which is where these vehicles should be parked.

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State Budget Impacts

With the budget for the State of New Hampshire having become law as of July 1st, there have been some specific impacts to the Town of Auburn that will affect the Town’s current operating budget.

One area of impact is in the area of employer costs associated with the NH Retirement System (NHRS) for police and fire personnel. The Town will be fully responsible for these costs as of July 1st as the State government has chosen it will not be providing its 35% share. The financial impact to the Town budget for the remainder of this year is approximately \$18,500 for the police department and \$5,100 for the fire department.

Another area of impact is a reduction of nearly \$25,000 in Highway Block Grant funds the Town receives from the State. The Legislature eliminated the surcharges that had been added to motor vehicle registrations two years ago. A portion of these funds were shared with municipalities through the Highway Block Grant program. Instead of the \$157,541 that was anticipated for Auburn this year, the amount is now set at \$132,543.

E-Waste Collection - October 22nd

Mark your calendars now. The Town’s annual E-Waste Collection event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd from 9 AM to 2 PM. Planners are looking at either the Auburn Village School or the Town Hall for the location.

Keep an eye out for more information to come.

Russell Sullivan

James Headd

Paul Raiche

Auburn Board of Selectmen



With heartfelt thanks we would like to express our gratitude to the people of Auburn for their outpouring of sympathy and generosity following the passing of our beloved father and grandfather. For more than 100 years our family has called Auburn home and now more than ever you have shown us that we live in an exceptional community. For your cards, donations, flowers, thoughts and prayers we Thank You.

The Family of David Griffin

Janice, Jim, Connor, Undice and Ken

Lower Electricity Rates for Auburn's Home and Small Business Owners



The Town of Auburn has recently partnered with Resident Power to provide lower electricity rates for the town's home and small business owners. Most of the smaller residential and commercial customers in the Granite State are unaware that they have the freedom to purchase their electricity from companies besides PSNH, and at lower cost. Resident Power hopes that by partnering with many of the towns and cities in New Hampshire, such as Auburn, they will be able to educate the residential marketplace about the ability to switch away from the utility company, as well as the potential for savings.

The Town of Auburn, itself, began purchasing electricity from an alternative electricity supplier just this past year and has already realized hundreds in savings against the PSNH rates.

"Many people just don't know that they have a choice when it comes to electricity. They stay with the utility mainly because no one has ever pointed them towards a better deal, or told them that one exists." says Managing Director and Founder of Resident Power, Bart Fromuth. "In other de-regulated energy markets like Connecticut, Texas, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania purchasing your home's electricity from companies besides the utility has become common place. There's no reason New Hampshire cannot some day be added to that list."

According to PSNH, nearly a third of their customer load has migrated towards private suppliers since the state was de-regulated in 1999. The vast majority of that migration has been made up of the larger commercial and industrial customers. By contrast, only a third of a percent of the 422,300 households served by PSNH have switched.

In order to find out more about Resident Power and their residential and small commercial offerings visit www.ResidentPower.com today, or click on their ad on the Town of Auburn website (enter Auburn URL). Reference the Town of Auburn in your enrollment, and receive a special promotional rate. Customers interested in enrolling will need to have their PSNH account numbers handy. A stack of Resident Power mail-in enrollments will also be available at the Auburn Town Hall.

Griffin Free Public Library

by Edie Cummings

Here's hoping you are having a wonderful summer!! As I write this it is only July 15th. and we have been very fortunate that the weather has been just beautiful. (I hope I didn't jinx it!!)

We have survived another "Annual Media And Book Sale" thanks to the hard work and over the top efforts of the staff, trustees and many faithful volunteers. You know who you are!!! Give yourself a big pat on the back for all of your efforts. I love the way this town pulls together to help on many occasions.

This year we so missed David Griffin's friendly face and greetings as he would organize folks boxes and hand out the bags for everyone to fill on Sunday at the Book Sale. The library has lost a dear, dear friend. There is such a void here. For instance who will make the cupcakes for story time? (the children don't like ours-just "Mr. Griffin's")!!! We will miss his trips over with "treasures" that he had found in the attic or barn. Above all I will miss my good friend who has been a constant in my library life for 19 years. He kept me on the straight and narrow.

Our Summer Reading Program is in full swing and Miss Mary has great things in store as the youngsters travel around the world and learn about many cultures.

Be sure to watch the signs and E-Mails for the many programs that are planned for the rest of the summer.

There are many exciting things coming to the library. We have WiFi now and will be having the ability to download Audio Books & E-books from home on your cards.



Auburn Fire Department

by Gordon L. Butcher



The Fire Warden and You:

Recently, a local resident asked one of our Deputy Fire Wardens what gave him the authority to go on private property; declare that materials were being burned illegally and force the resident to put out his fire. Since we're in the summer months when yard clean up and outdoor parties are the norm, it's a good time to address this. The Chief of the Auburn Fire Department is the area Fire Warden who, based on a recommendation from the town selectmen, is appointed by the State Forester (Director, Division of Forests and Lands) to serve under the authority of law to protect New Hampshire woodlands from fire. The area Warden is an agent of the State Forester who issues fire permits and enforces forest fire laws. In order to facilitate a balanced and equitable workload, the Department Chief appoints Deputy Fire Wardens. This is an additional responsibility over and above normal fire fighting duties. There are four Deputy Wardens who act as agents of the area Fire Warden. As stated, the appointed Warden and Deputy Warden serve under **authority of law**. This being said, let's take a look at some excerpts from New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated (RSA) 227-L: 17 entitled "Permits; Damages; Penalties" (Note RSA 227-L covers Woodland Fire Control).

227-L: 17-II. No person, firm, or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material, and no city or town shall kindle or maintain a fire on a public dump, except when the ground is covered with snow, without **first obtaining a written permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless it is in the presence of the warden or the warden's agent.**

227-L: 17-IV. Camp or cooking fires may be kindled only with written permission of the landowner or the landowner's agent and **written permission of the forest fire warden of the town in which the fire is to be kindled and only at suitable times and in suitable places when the fire will not endanger woodlands**; except in such towns as have adopted bylaws or regulations equally as stringent as provided in this paragraph (towns are allowed to have stricter rules than state law).....As used in this paragraph, a camp or cooking fire shall be a small fire suitable for cooking purposes used in connection with camp, picnic or lunch purposes **and does not include** the burning of household rubbish, or large amounts of brush or other flammable material. Whoever shall kindle or cause to be kindled any such fire or use an abandoned fire in or near woodlands shall totally extinguish the same before leaving it.....

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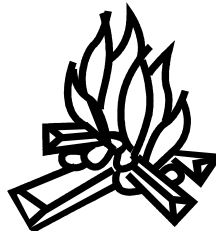
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227-L: 17-V. Any person causing or kindling a fire without permit of the forest fire warden, when such permit is required.....shall be liable in a civil action for the payment to the town, or the state or the United States, or any or all of the same, of the expenses incurred by the forest fire warden or deputy warden in attending or extinguishing such fire.

The Auburn Fire Warden and Deputy Wardens serve to protect town woodlands from fire and hazardous burning. People often burn materials such as household trash, packing materials, plastics, coated papers, rubber, painted or treated wood, treated cardboard, oily rags, and animal waste. All of which are illegal to burn in New Hampshire under state law. When burned, these items can produce toxic fumes and residues, as well as environmental damage. Further, weather conditions may not be conducive to safe burning. Overly dry or windy conditions can create dangerous or even deadly situations. It is the duty of the Fire Warden and Deputy Wardens to protect life, property and town resources through rule enforcement and careful monitoring of activities and conditions. They are there to help and assist the public, and prohibit unlawful or unsafe activities. They are there to protect you.

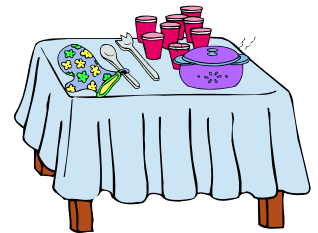
Call Log for June 2011

Fire: 38 Emergency Medical Service (EMS): 12



Auburn Historical Association

The regular meeting of the Auburn Historical Association will be held at 102 Hooksett Road on **Friday, September 9, 2011**. A potluck supper will start at **6pm** with a business meeting to follow at 7pm. We will have a round table discussion on selected items from the AHA Museum and make final plans for the next day's Great Massabesic Duck Race will be discussed. We welcome all to our meetings and encourage you to visit the museum on the third Saturday of every month to view the exhibits and learn the history of Auburn.



Parks and Recreation

by Helen Hiltz

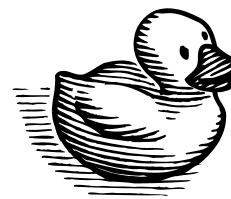


The Town Bazaar was a huge success again this year! Everyone enjoyed the food provided by the Food Guy and the music provided by Tom Ballerini's band. Face painters, Diane Coyle and Ashley Tillinghast, the Traveling Barnyard, the Shriners Clowns and Reptiles on the Move kept the children occupied when they weren't wearing themselves out in the bouncy houses. Parents and children alike were able to shop for a wide variety of items, ranging from glow sticks to jewelry to exotic olive oils and pocketbooks. The fields were strewn with blankets and comfy chairs as everyone settled in to watch the spectacular fireworks display provided by Hooksett Fireworks. It was a fun day for all. We would like to thank all of the volunteers and vendors who helped to make this such a success. A huge "Thank-you" to the Auburn Police and Fire Departments who supported this effort again this year.

Phase two of the Circle of Fun Playground project is nearly completed. The King Arthur play structure has been installed by the many volunteers. Thank-you everyone! **We are planning a grand re-opening event on August 27th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** There will be many activities scheduled for the children and the Auburn Moms Club will be selling a hamburger or hot dog, a bag of chips, a drink and a cookie for \$3.00. The children can enjoy the day exploring the new equipment and enjoying the activities before returning to school for the new year! Keep your eyes open for more details!

The Auburn Parks and Recreation Committee

MAKE WAY!
THE DUCKS ARE COMING!



THE GREAT MASSABESIC DUCK RACE XVIII, sponsored by the *Auburn Historical Association* will take place at the **Griffin Dam on Saturday, September 10th**, starting at 11 a.m.

Scores of yellow rubber ducks will be launched at the bridge by the Village School at 2:30 p.m. They will bob and splash their way down the brook, tumbling over Griffin Dam, under the bridge and race to the finish line below making winners 'quack' with delight.

There are ten cash prizes from \$1,000.00 to \$25.00. Tickets for the numbered ducks are available for a donation of \$5.00 per duck and you do not have to be present to win. They can be purchased at Myles Travel Plaza, Griffin Library or by calling Jim Fusco at 483-3083.

The *Auburn Historical Association* is a nonprofit organization chartered for the gathering and preserving of historical materials as related to the Town of Auburn, the original Town of Chester and the State of New Hampshire. We are totally self-supporting and this annual event is our primary source of income.

We encourage you to attend this community event to meet neighbors, learn about different organizations in town and enjoy a fun filled day rain or shine.



Space at the Duck Race?

The Auburn Historical Association will be holding its 18th Annual Duck Race on Saturday, September 10th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Griffin Dam and we invite all **Auburn non-profit organizations** to join us without any charges whatsoever. We would love having you participate in this wonderful family-oriented day.

If you would like to be part of our annual event, please call 483-3083 to register and so we can coordinate space, time, etc. We look forward to having you join us.

Massabesic Audubon Center - August 2011 Programs and Events



Visitors can enjoy walking trails, picnic tables, live animals and a large working garden sponsored by the UNH Extension 4-H. The wide, flat walking trails lead to an abandoned osprey nest on Lake Massabesic and eventually to Battery Point, also on the lake. The live animal room is a favorite spot. Turtles, frogs, snakes, hermit crabs, an adopted chipmunk and a raven delight visitors of all ages. Bird watching and photography are also visitor favorites.

Many varieties of birds can be seen feeding at the numerous birdfeeders that line the back of the center. A must-see is the Children's Garden, sponsored by UNH Extension and 4-H. The garden provided over 20,000 pounds of food last year for the Manchester Food Bank. Several picnic tables, located under large shade trees, are available for picnicking or just taking a break after a walk.

Visitors are encouraged to take a look at the many inexpensive programs that are scheduled for the summer and fall. Whether it's for an hour or a day, the Massabesic Audubon Center looks forward to your visit!

For registration and more information about these programs please visit www.nhaudubon.org or contact Jane Hanson at 668-2045.

Programs marked with a * are free or available at a reduced rate to Auburn residents.

Adult Programs

**Shorebirds Talk*, Saturday, August 20, 2 - 4 pm.

Shorebirds Field Trip, Sunday, August 21, 8:30 - 10:30 am.

Family Programs

**Snake Feeding*, Sundays, 11:30 am.

**Raven Feeding*, Sundays, 12:30 pm.

Passport to Adventure, until October.

Campfire Sing-A-Long, Saturday, August 13, 6 - 8 pm.

The Massabesic Audubon Center, operated by the Audubon Society of New Hampshire and supported by local volunteers, is conveniently located at 26 Audubon Way, here in Auburn. The mission of the center is to provide environmental education programming for all people, to demonstrate sustainable land and resource use, to provide undeveloped habitat for birds and other wildlife, and to offer an easily accessible setting for recreation and retreat. The center is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 - 5. Visit www.nhaudubon.org or call 668-2045 for more information.

Girl Scouts



by Stacey Melendy

Although the Girl Scout troops don't hold regular troop meetings in July or August, two of the troops have special memories of their Girl Scouting year that they would like to share with you.

When Girl Scout Cadette Troop 20396 from Auburn NH, sat down to decide what to do with the funds raised from the fall product sale, cookie sale, and flocking proceeds they came up with some great ideas. Some of the ideas the group of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students came up with were helping the newly formed garden club; helping with the local mother's group and their playground dreams; and donating bears to children in distress. They decided to go ahead and contact the Elliot Hospital to see if they would be willing to accept their donation. After consulting with the Public Affairs and Marketing Specialist the group decided they would donate 30 bears to the Elliot Pediatric Emergency Care Unit. They then visited the Build A Bear store in Manchester and selected bears that could be loved by both boys and girls alike and began building. Finally, on June 23rd the troop visited the Pediatric Emergency Unit and delivered the bears. They were given a tour and presentation about the unit. The Girl Scouts wish all the recipients of their gifts a "Beary quick recovery!" Pictured are some of the girl scouts from troop 20396 along with their leader.

Junior Troop 20256 was excited to bridge to Cadettes, but what they didn't know was that the Auburn Mom's Club would make the night extra special by personally presenting a plaque to recognize their fundraising efforts for the Circle of Fun Playground. In March, this troop of ten 5th graders planned and hosted their inaugural AVS Father/Daughter Dance and donated proceeds of \$1818.47! Many thanks to those community businesses and supportive parents who helped the girls to far exceed their fundraising goals to help improve our community!

We would also like to Thank the community for the support of their spring "Flocking," fundraiser. The girls plan to use the proceeds toward an overnight field trip to Pilgrim Plantation next fall.

Massabesic Seniors Club

by Sheriyann Manley

Meetings every Thursday 1:00 pm

Visiting Angels Offices 14 Hooksett Road

First, we would like to thank **George Gosselin** for the years he has served as our Publicity person - seeing that information about our group reached the public, especially through the *Auburn Village Crier*. We appreciate your humor and faithfulness in typing up the information on your trusty old typewriter.

Massabesic Seniors is delighted to welcome four new members in the past couple months. They have already become an integral part of the group. New members are always welcome!

New membership lists have been made and passed out so we can keep in contact with each other between meetings.

We will greatly miss one of our members, **Ralph Banks**, who died recently. Many of our members were able to attend his graveside service. He will be remembered for his love of animals, gardening, and sharing stories with others.

We will also remember **David Griffin** with fond memories. Even though he was not a member of our group, he delightfully shared Auburn history and memorabilia with us on more than one occasion.

July was been a busy month, starting with a picnic hosted by member, Irene Lessard. Everyone brought a dish to share and swimming, cards, and lots of fellowship were enjoyed by all.

In July we also had a guest speaker, Alan Villeneuve, who spoke on land conservation.

On August 18th we will have a talk on "Aging in Place" by a guest speaker from Visiting Angels. The general public is always invited to come join us when there is a guest speaker.

Ongoing activities: each week everyone brings a non-perishable food item or paper goods for our food pantry donation box. The following occur after meetings when there is no guest speaker - weekly: scotch auction and cards, 2nd Thursday: "Show and Share", 3rd Thursday: recipe swap.

It's important to note the group voted in July to make a donation to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society through Doris Norwood whose daughter will be participating in a fundraiser "run" for LLS in October.

Come join us for fun, fellowship, and lots of laughs every Thursday at 1:00 pm. See you there!

President, Lorraine Senechal: 483-2572

Vice-President, Muriel Lesko: 483-8471

Secretary, Sherryann Manley: 483-2946

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

567 Manchester Road



On July 13, 2011, St. Peter Church welcomed **Fr. Michael Gendron** as Pastor. Fr. C. Peter Dumont, who just celebrated 40 years in the priesthood, has retired.

Beginning in August, Fr. Michael will celebrate morning masses on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 am. He can be reached at 623-5429 (Parish office), or by e-mail at frmichaelgendron@comcast.net.

We are now taking registrations for our 2011-12 Christian Formation year.

For grades K-3: weekly dismissals at all Masses. First Communion is celebrated in the second grade, and is a two-year program (1st and 2nd grade).

Grades 4-10 and parents: Generations of Faith, held once a month. Our first session is Sunday, October 16, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Confirmation classes (Grade 10) begin Sunday, September 18.

For more information, or to volunteer to teach, contact Jake Linxweiler in the Christian Formation Office (669-5134) or e-mail to stpetercf@comcast.net

Both Parish Registration Forms and Christian Formation Registration Forms can be found on the parish website: www.stpeteraub.org, and at the entryways to church.

Longmeadow Breakfasts Reminder



On your **September** calendar, please keep open the **3rd** and the **17th** for the beginning of Season 5 of the popular breakfasts at the Longmeadow Church, corner of Wilson's Crossing Rd and Chester Rd (Rte 121). As in past years the same great crew returns after a summer of resting! The price will continue to be the same - \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids and under 6 free for the "all you can eat" breakfast - the best bargain in Auburn.

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