



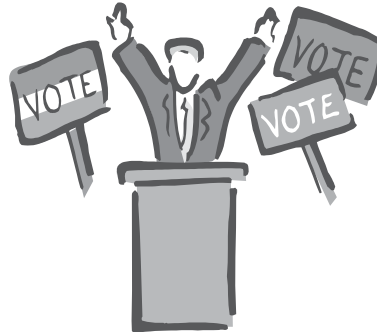
AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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JANUARY 2012



Town offices will be closed
Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Day



Presidential Primary Election
Tuesday, January 10
7:00 am – 7:00 pm
AVS Gym

IMPORTANT TOWN DATES

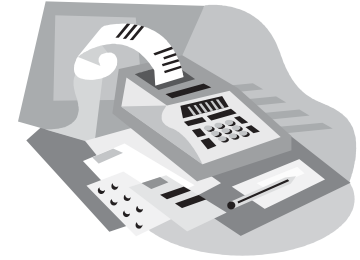


- JANUARY 10 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
- JANUARY 25-FEBRUARY 3 FILING PERIOD FOR TOWN / SCHOOL POSITIONS
- FEBRUARY 4 TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION 10:00 am
(SNOWDATE ± FEBRUARY 11 - 10:00am)
- FEBRUARY 6 SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION 7:00pm
(SNOWDATE ± FEBRUARY 8 - 7:00pm)
- MARCH 13 TOWN ELECTION DAY 7:00am - 7:00pm

ELECTIONS & DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL GYM.



News from the Auburn Town Hall



FY 2012 Budget

Since the fall, town boards and commissions, department heads, the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee have been working on proposals for the 2012 Town operating budget.

As this edition of the Village Crier is being prepared, work on the budget and warrant articles is nearly complete. At this point, the bottom line of the proposed Town budget for 2012 is coming in at \$4,786,431, compared to this year's approved budget of \$4,601,285. The main difference between the two budgets are increased operating expenses for the highway department (\$42,528) generally due to increased costs of materials and fuel; the police department (\$40,875) generally due to the increased costs of labor; the fire department (\$20,948) generally due to increased costs of equipment, dispatch services and labor; the library (\$14,368) generally due to increased costs for labor; and elections (\$15,343) due to the Town facing four elections in 2012 instead of just the Town election in 2011.

The Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed budgets for the Town and School District on Thursday, January 12th beginning at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

The Town's Deliberative Session of Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 4, 2012, with the Town election and balloting taking place on Tuesday March 13, 2012.



New Town Moderator

The Supervisors of the Checklist are pleased to announce the appointment of James Tillery to serve as Town Moderator. The Supervisors made their selection after making inquiries of a number of local residents and interviewing two potential candidates. Jim is a former member and Vice Chairman of the Auburn Planning Board, and will serve as Town Moderator for the January 10th Presidential Primary election, the February 4th Deliberative Session of Town Meeting and the March 13th Town elections.

Congratulations Jim on your appointment. We look forward to working with you.

Building Inspector Recognized

We are very pleased and proud to report Auburn's Building Inspector, Carrie Rouleau-Cote, has been recognized by the NH Building Officials Association as the Granite State's Building Inspector of the Year. The Association is comprised of nearly 200 members, so Carrie's selection for this recognition is not a small feat and came as a total surprise to her at a presentation in Concord last month.

Congratulations Carrie!

Town Employees as Leaders

Several of our Town employees are currently serving in leadership positions of their respective professions - which reflects well not only on them, but the Town of Auburn as well. We would like to acknowledge these individuals.

Building Inspector Carrie Rouleau-Cote is serving as secretary of the NH Building Officials Association, while Tax Collector Kathleen Sylvia was recently elected to serve as the Second Vice President of the NH Tax Collector's Association. Town Administrator Bill Herman was also recently elected as secretary of the NH Association of Certified Public Managers, in addition to being elected as a member of the Municipal Advocacy Committee (MAC) of the NH Municipal Association (NHMA). The MAC is a group of 31 elected and appointed municipal officials that serve as the governing board for the NHMA.

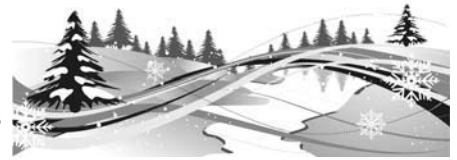
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TOWN HALL

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Winter Weather Warning

With the exception of the Halloween Nor'easter snow storm, we have had a mild winter so far. Road Agent Mike Dross and his crew have done their usual good job in keeping Auburn's roads open to the traveling public. Often times, Auburn's roads are in better condition than many communities in our region.



We would like to remind all residents that you should please keep items out of the Town's right-of-ways (ROW), especially during winter months, so as not to hamper road maintenance efforts. Unfortunately, if you leave vehicles, fencing and other property unattended in the ROW or near the road, there is a chance of damage. And should significant snow accumulate, it only makes the snow removal efforts harder to complete for the safety of the travelling public.

Please make all efforts not to leave anything in the right-of-way that could hamper winter maintenance efforts.

Happy New Year!

As we embark on 2012, we wanted to take this opportunity to wish all Auburn residents and their family and friends a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Russell Sullivan James Headd Paul Raiche
Auburn Board of Selectmen

Auburn Fire Department

by Gordon L. Butcher

Gift Received from FOMBA



Jack Chapman, President of the Friends of Massabesic Bicycling Association (FOMBA) recently presented the Auburn Firemen's Association a check in the amount of \$1,000.00. This generous donation is in response to the continued support provided by both the Auburn Firemen's Association and the Auburn Fire Department to FOMBA events. FOMBA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting trail access, responsible riding, and maintaining trails open for mountain bicyclists in the Lake Massabesic watershed area. Both the Auburn Firemen's Association and The Auburn Fire Department appreciate their on-going relationship with FOMBA and Mr. Chapman. The funds will be used to further community service and public safety for the residents of Auburn, NH. The Auburn Firemen's Association wishes to thank Mr. Chapman and FOMBA for their kind and generous donation.

Burning of the Greens Update

Mark your calendars for the First Annual Burning of the Greens sponsored by the Auburn Volunteer Firemen's Association! On the afternoon of January 14, 2012, residents of the Town of Auburn will be able to bring their Christmas trees to the Auburn Safety Complex for burning. Donations will be cheerfully accepted, but are not required to get your tree onto the fire. Hot chocolate and light refreshments and baked goods will be served. We have every expectation that this will be a fun and worthwhile event for the entire family. We look forward to seeing you!



Call Log for November 2011

Fire: 21 Emergency Medical Service (EMS): 15

Police Department



Happy New Year Auburn!

Another new year, and new opportunities, endeavors, and new challenges to be faced by the Auburn Police Department.

Looking back at 2011, the one thing that stands out over and above all others is the burglary rate, and the resulting formation of the Auburn Neighborhood Watch groups. Nothing impacted the operation of the Police Department more.

First, just the number of burglaries was staggering, creating an investigative nightmare for the members of the Department, especially Detective Sergeant Chip Chabot. The frustration of observing the trauma the victim-s experience, as well as the frustration of collecting enough evidence to develop a case that will result in an arrest that will lead to prosecution.

Second, there-s the feeling of being inadequate, and ineffective, when so much of the property of the victims will never be recovered. Each member of the Department has felt the pain of each victim when it is known that irreplaceable family belongings are gone forever. The most disturbing thought is that all the Department members know that these senseless crimes are usually committed by individuals who have no other care in life but to get money for a drug habit.

We will continue to fight to rid our town of the burglary trend. Fortunately for the Auburn Police Department, we now have a dedicated partner in the Auburn Neighborhood Watch groups. As a result of the increased calls for service from the groups, we have had some success in solving some burglaries, and making a couple arrests. We also speculate that there have been a number of burglaries that never happened because of the diligence of the Neighborhood Watch groups. Thank you very much, and let-s expend upon those efforts in 2012.

Going forward, we ask that all residents keep some basic security methods in their minds. Make sure you always lock your doors. If you have an alarm system, arm it when you-re not home. Make your home look like someone is home when you-re not there. When you see something in your neighborhood that doesn-t look right, CALL US. Never, never, never think that you-re bothering us. We are here 24/7, and our job is to serve you, the residents of Auburn.

Thank you for all your support; let-s make 2012 a safe year in Auburn.

Non-Emergency: 483-2134

Emergency: 911

E-mail: auburnpolice@comcast.net

Auburn Historical Association

Open Saturday, January 21 1:00 # 4:00

The regular meeting of the Auburn Historical Association will be held at 102 Hooksett Road on **Friday, February 10**, 2012. A potluck supper will start at 6pm with guest speaker Ray Cresswell at 7pm; he will present his program on the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company and its Machine Shop production. Mr. Cresswell has been a Staff Curatorial Volunteer at the Manchester Historic Association since 1998, during this time he became interested in the history of the Amoskeag Mills. Please join us for what is sure to be an intriguing and informative look back at the history of the first occupants of the beautiful brick mill buildings on the Merrimack River.

A business meeting will follow the speaker. 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.



NOTICE FROM THE TOWN CLERK AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

The following positions will be up for election at the Town and School District Election to be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. The filing period runs from **January 25th through February 3rd**. 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 5:00 pm on February 3rd.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Selectman – 3 years	Russell Sullivan
Moderator – 2 years	James R Tillery
Treasurer- 3 years	Linda Zapora
Highway Agent – 3 years	Michael Dross
Supervisor of the Checklist – 4 years	Barbara Coapland
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years	Margo Cox
Library Trustee – 3 years	Nancy Mayland
Cemetery Trustee-1 year*	
Cemetery Trustee – 2 years*	
Cemetery Trustee – 3 years*	
Trust Fund Trustee – 3 years	Dorothy Carpenter
Police Commission – 3 years	Dennis McCarthy
Planning Board – 3 years	Carol Peterson
Planning Board – 3 years	
School Board Member – 3 years	Kathleen A Porter
School Board Member – 3 years	Brian D'Amelio

*New positions Longmeadow and Auburn Village Cemeteries were merged by Town vote March 2011.

Parks and Recreation News

by Helen A. Hiltz

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and 2012 is here. There were several projects completed this year. The fence and parking lot were added to the Safety Complex Field. We also purchased and installed the King Arthur play structure at the Circle of Fun Playground. The walkways were paved at Bicentennial Park and the parking was expanded at the Skating Rink. We are finishing up our year end activities and are planning for next year. Given the current economic state, the Parks and Recreation Committee is attempting to tighten its belt and purse strings to cut as much spending as possible for the upcoming year while still maintaining beautiful and safe parks for our residents.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to thank all of the people in our community who donated so much of their time, funds, equipment, etc. to make this past year such a success. We would also like to thank the following groups/sub-committees and their respective chairmen/leaders for donating a great deal of time to their respective organizations and working so closely with the Parks and Recreation Committee: the Auburn Moms Club (Stacey Shula & Lisa Canavan), the Auburn Soccer Club (James Demers & Scott Komaridis), the Auburn Little League (Brian D'Amelio & Tim Therrien), The Manchester YMCA (Chris Webster), and the Auburn Ski Club (Brian D'Amelio, Sharon Rolfe and Carla Kane). Special thanks also go out to the Auburn Police and Fire Departments, the Lion's Club and the Historical Society for working closely and supporting the Parks and Recreation Department. We also appreciate the support that the Board of Selectmen, Bill Herman, the town administrator, and the Budget Committee has given to the Committee.

Thank-you everyone— Have a happy and safe New Year—

The Auburn Parks and Recreation Committee:

David Nye, *Chairman*

Margie McEvoy, *Vice Chairman*

Lisa Canavan, *Commissioner*

Alex Eisman, *Commissioner*

Tim Therrien, *Alternate Commissioner*

Patrick Kelly, *Alternate Commissioner*

Scott Komaridis, *Alternate Commissioner*

Jim Headd, *Selectmen Representative*

Helen Hiltz, *Secretary*

Armand Miclette, *Facilities Supervisor*



St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

567 Manchester Road

Our pastor is Fr. Michael E. Gendron. Fr. Michael can be reached by phone at 623-5429, or via e-mail at frmichaelgendron@comcast.net

The parish office e-mail is stpeteraub@comcast.net

Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday at 4:00 pm, and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Our weekday Mass schedule is 7:00 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Our K-3 grade dismissals continue each weekend. Our next Generations of Faith will be on Sunday, January 8, 2012, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. GOF is for grades 4-10, and parents. Any questions, call Jake Linxweiler or Mary Stevens in the Christian Formation Office at 669-5134.



Our Knights of Columbus offer coffee and donuts on the third Sunday of each month (January 15 this month) following the 8:00 am Mass. Our Knights are also planning a Ham and Beans supper on Saturday, January 28, following the 4:00 pm Mass.

Massabesic Seniors Club

by Sherryann Manley

Meetings every Thursday 1:00 pm Visiting Angels Offices 14 Hooksett Road

Our group continues to grow' Welcome to June and Michele. We are now 29 members strong'

Election for 2012 officers was held in December. Our new officers are:

President	Lorraine Senechal	Secretary	Sherryann Manley
Vice President	Gladys Clavette (welcome)	Co-Treasurers	Walter and Sherryann Manley

Motions made and passed for December:

- A gift certificate be bought for Visiting Angels owners for allowing us meeting space
- \$25 be donated to the Santa Fund in memory of Ralph Banks
- Annual dues (January - December) increased to \$10

December -thank you's-:

Retiring Vice President

- a very special thank you to Muriel Lesko for her years of service to the group. Your willingness to help and your smile will be missed at the front table.....

Christmas party

- to Lorraine Senechal for coordinating the food
- to everyone who brought delicious food and interesting Yankee Swap gifts
- to Jim Blute for bringing his keyboard and sharing his musical talents



Visiting Angels Christmas basket

- to Irene Lessard for donating a decorated basket
- to Jackie Baroody for donating a box of chocolates
- to the many members who brought in homemade gifts to add to the Christmas basket

December snack

- to Lorraine Senechal, Louise Abbott, and Mary Latuch who provided snack. It's always appreciated'
- Show and Share--and --Recipe exchange--
- to all those who continue to participate.

Especially interesting was the Christmas tree made from used Christmas cards made by Michele Mudge. She's even offered to show us how to make them.

Hand-painted sled decoration donation

- Gladys Clavette brought a sled to a meetings to be given to one of the members. Mary Latuch was the happy recipient.

Reminders:

- Bring a paper or canned good each week for the Scotch Auction.
- Donations for the soup kitchen donation box are always welcome'
- Dues for 2012 are now due. NOTE: Dues are now \$10 a year (January - December).
- At present no speakers scheduled for January.
- Monthly Show and Share is the 2nd Thursday, 01-12-12.
- Monthly recipe exchange is the 3rd Thursday, 01-19-12.

President, Lorraine Senechal:	483-2572	Secretary, Sherryann Manley:	483-2946
Vice-President, Gladys Clavette:	483-5708	Treasurer, Walter Manley:	483-2946

Auburn Residents 65 years young or older You are cordially invited to the 39th Annual Auburn Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner

When: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Longmeadow Congregational Church
(corner of Rte 121 and Wilson's Crossing Rd)

R.S.V.P. by January 7, 2012 to:

Margie McEvoy 483-8689 or Mary Royer 483-5194

(if no answer, please leave a message on the answering machine and we'll get back to you)

Please fill out the information below and bring it with you:

Name: _____

Street: _____



Longmeadow Congregational Church

4 Wilson's Crossing Road

Happy New Year –First Breakfasts#January 7 and 21

As the New Year begins, please join us for breakfast at the Longmeadow Church (corner of Wilsons Crossing and Chester Rd). In January 2012 the best all you can eat breakfasts in Auburn are on the 7th and 21st. It is served at the church from 7-10am for a donation of \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 6-12, and free for children under 5. Offered on the menu is eggs - your way, various types of pancakes, home fries, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, assorted homemade muffins, David Griffin's recipe for homemade beans, toast, juice, and coffee. The price is made possible by the generous donations of our monthly sponsors. If you have any questions or would like to be a sponsor, please call the church at 483-2907 and leave a message. Start the New Year with a great breakfast with your friends and family#



Annual Messiah Sing

Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 PM

Bring your voices or just listen as we undertake the performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. Refreshments will be served afterwards and the program will last about an hour. Please call Herb Tardiff at 483-2881 for more information.



Second Annual Valentines Dinner

Saturday February 11 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



The Longmeadow Church will resume our popular Second Saturday Suppers on February 11, 2012. This will be our second annual Valentines dinner with a delicious menu including: a fresh garden salad, chicken cordon bleu with a cream sauce, rice pilaf, glazed carrots, beverage, pudding & freshly baked cookies for dessert. Tickets will be available at the door. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 7-12, and children under 6 are free. Please call the church with any questions: 483-2907

Tiny Tots Preschool By Cathy Mayotte

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR# We cannot believe it is that time of year again to start planning for the next school year. Our registration schedule is as follows: Current Tiny Tots Families January 3rd to 13th, Longmeadow Church Members and Tiny Tots Alumni Families January 17th to 19th. ***Open Registration Thursday, January 19th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.*** It will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please visit our web site: www.TinyTotsAuburn.com for more information. Call Cathy at 483-0200 or email at TinyTotsAuburn@hotmail.com with any questions.



From the Town Clerk's Office


One Check

For those wishing to pay by check - we are now a "one-check" town* when paying you will only need to write one combined check payable to the Town of Auburn to complete your registration.




Credit Cards

We are now accepting **credit cards** for payment of motor vehicle registrations and dog licenses. There is a 2.95% fee (\$1.50 minimum) charged per transaction - this is a processing fee and is not retained by the Town of Auburn. We are not able to accept VISA at the counter; however, if you renew using the E-Reg online program then VISA is accepted. This is a VISA rule which we must follow.

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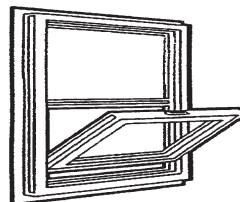
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Girl Scouts

by Stacey Melendy



GIRL SCOUTS

I know what you're thinking. The Holidays are over. Your visitors have gone home. Your freezer is empty. What a great time to stock up on Girl Scout Cookies— The Girl Scouts are now taking orders for 2012 cookie fundraiser. Many of your favorites are returning as well as a new lemon cookie, #Savannah Smiles.\$

Daisy Troop 20001 Would like to thank all who came out the Griffin Library to hear the troop sing their Holiday Carols— They began with a practice run for the students at the Village Children's Center and then walked in traditional caroling style to the library. The troop also made cards for the Visiting Angels clients to spread cheer to those who were unable to make it out of their homes that day. The troop, with the help of a wonderful group of parents, is looking forward to planning their journey activities and earning more Daisy petals in 2012

Brownie Troop 11080 continued on their World of Girls journey, and learning about words and stories. They used words on flashcards (and a little teamwork) to create their own story, and played their own version of "I'm going on a picnic" to create a unique story round-table style. At our last meeting, they talked about needs in our worlds - school, family, and community - and discussed ways our little troop can make a difference by solving these needs. We voted to host a road race in the Spring, which will be our service project for our journey. Stay tuned for details—

Cadette Troop 20256 has continued with their aMAZE—journey by playing teamwork games and learning about the different ways to work together. The troop also talked about "I-statements" to help the girls productively work through tough situations with friends, teachers and family. After these activities, the girls had a better understanding of cliques and conflicts, and how to be a better citizen in all of their environments. Now that we are 3 months away, the troop has also started serious planning for the Father Daughter Dance on March 30th - Keep an eye out for the *new* features the girls have planned for this year's event—

Any Auburn girl in grade K-12 may join the Girl Scouts and may join at any point during the year and will be placed in the appropriate troop according to her grade. She may not be placed immediately as it may take some time to process her registration. The current registration fee for girls and adult volunteers is \$12.00. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For additional information please contact Caylene Mottola at caylene.mottola@gmail.com

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves 16,000 girls and is supported by more than 6,000 trained and dedicated volunteers in New Hampshire and Vermont. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, Call 888-474-9686, or visit our website: www.girlscoutsgwm.org



Daisy Troop sings Christmas Carols at the Griffin Library



Brownie Troop working on their World of Girls Journey

Cub Scouts

by Kevin Binda

Happy New Year to all from the Cub Scouts of Pack 127, and we hope that everyone out there had a Merry Christmas or a Happy Holiday Season. Early reports indicate that this was a coal-free holiday for this merry group of Scouts. By the time you read this the Pack will have already held its Christmas Party/December Pack Meeting on December 16th. This is a festive night of funny skits and Christmas songs, Christmas treats and awards, culminating in the grand prize for each Den's high popcorn-seller: the privilege of throwing a pie in the face of his respective Den Leader.



The pack showed that they could really bring the Christmas Cheer at the inaugural running of The Santa Claus Shuffle road race in Manchester hosted by Millenium Running. The Scouts ran the water stop for this terrific event, and I can't think of a better way to kick off the Holidays than to put on some festive duds, crank up the Christmas Carols, and hand out water to 1500 Santas as they jog by. Nobody likes a dehydrated Santa'

As for upcoming events, Pack 127 will send 18 Scouts to the Museum of Science Sleepover in Boston on January 21st, a real highlight of the Scouting calendar. Scouts from all over take over the joint from closing time on Saturday until the place opens back up on Sunday. The Scouts get breakfast in the cafeteria, and their own special shows in the Planetarium and the Imax Theater. Hey, where else can you sleep in the shadow of a dinosaur, or the world's largest Van de Graaff lightning generator.

In Den news, Den 3 Tigers would like to thank the Griffin Free Public Library for hosting them on November 16th. The Tigers learned about the library's history, got their very own library cards, and even made their own books. Also the Tigers received their Bobcat Badges at the November 17th Pack Meeting that was held at the Audubon. This is the first award earned by a Scout in his Scouting career. Congratulations! Den One Bears are proud to announce that each of its new Scouts has also earned his Bobcat Badge. Den One also kept up what has become a great Holiday tradition: making Christmas cards for the troops at Walter Reed Medical Center.



Scouts help 1500 Santas stay hydrated!



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