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An Update from the Auburn Village School's Master Planning and Facilities Committee Thursday, February 20, 2014
7:00 PM



AVS Library/Media Center

To build on last year's facility assessment the committee has recommended to the School Board that the School District move forward with a conceptual plan for improvements at AVS. AVS was originally constructed in the late 1940s and has had four additions, the last one in 1988. Since then temporary classrooms have been added to accommodate increases in student population. In the past 26 years much has changed in the delivery of education, most significantly the incorporation of technology but also the make-up of students and teachers including small group teaching and flexible learning spaces. The committee is anxious to explore what modifications can be made at AVS in order to create a 21st century learning environment that will endure for the next 25 years. This requires the talent of an architect that can lay-out options, translate the School District's vision and present it in a way that allows us, as the community, to envision what the possibilities are.

We want to hear your thoughts now and as we move forward or perhaps you would like to be a part of the committee as we enter this exploration and planning stage. For more information please contact Brian D'Amelio at 603/370-2186 or at bdamelio@sau15.net. We hope to see you on the 20th.

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TOWN ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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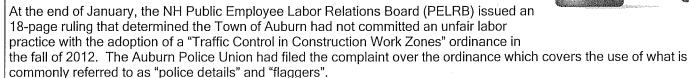
"Meet the Candidates" will be in the March edition of the *Auburn Village Crier*



Town offices will be closed Monday, February 17 President's Day

News from the Auburn Town Hall

State Board Rules in Favor of Town



The basis of the complaint filed was that the new ordinance, adopted without negotiations with the union, changed the terms and conditions of employment for officers by allowing work that may have been assigned to police officers to be assigned to flaggers.

Following a hearing before the PELRB on July 25, 2013, a unanimous decision from the three-member board dated January 23, 2014 found the Town of Auburn had not committed an unfair labor practice and that the Auburn Police Union did not present evidence that would prove the ordinance primarily affects the terms and conditions of their employment.

Since the initial filing of this complaint on November 19, 2012, the union and the Town have successfully negotiated two collective bargaining agreements - one covering the period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, and a second covering the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016.

Griffin Mill Bridge Work to be Handled Through Town Budget

Following nearly six months of discussions, the Board of Selectmen have agreed to handle the costs of repairs to the Griffin Mill Bridge within the Town's FY 2014 operating budget through the "Road Reconstruction" account.

The estimated cost of repairing the bridge is approximately \$277,000, while an additional \$45,000 was anticipated to provide a temporary access way from Manchester Road during the bridge construction activity.

What had complicated the Town's consideration of how to approach this project is a change in state regulations that would not make Bridge Aid Program funds available for the project until 2023 at the earliest. The Bridge Aid Program covers 80% of the construction costs, but the rules change at the state level now prevents the work from being done before the state funds are available. The work needed for Griffin Mill Bridge can not wait until 2023.

After considering various warrant article approaches to try addressing the project, the Selectmen have determined that instead of raising additional town funds by way of a warrant article, the Town, through the Selectmen, would handle the project through the Road Reconstruction funds that are historically included in the Town operating budget.

With this approach, the Town would manage the bridge work under the overall direction of the Road Agent with assistance provided by the Town's engineering firm. This approach may lead to some other road construction projects being delayed until later in the year or possibly to next year. Those decisions will be made in April once voters have taken action on the proposed budget in March.

Town and Police Union Reach One Year Agreement

The Auburn Police Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the Auburn Police Union are pleased to announce they have reached a tentative agreement for the second collective bargaining agreement covering all full and part-time police officers and sergeants.

All sides ratified the tentative agreement on January 13th^h and the Auburn Budget Committee voted on January 16th to recommend the funding to implement the first year of the contract. The cost items will now be submitted for approval by the voters at the annual meeting in a separate article appearing on the warrant.

The tentative agreement is for a two year term, commencing on April 1, 2014 and ending on March 31, 2016. More details about the specific cost items will be forthcoming elsewhere. In general terms, however, the agreement provides pay increases while maintaining benefits at the same levels as all other Town employees.

The Auburn Police Union, as established by the NH Public Employee Labor Relations Board, includes 16 positions including two full-time sergeants, two full-time officers and 12 part-time officers.

Copies of the tentative agreement will be available at the Town Office, in addition to being posted on the Town's web site for public review.

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Deliberative Session of Town Meeting

The Deliberative Session of the annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st. A special mailer containing the warrant and an outline of the FY 2014 Town budget has been sent out separately to all boxholders in Auburn.

By the end of February, a detailed Voters Guide will be sent out to all boxholders that provides detailed information on all of the individual warrant articles; any changes made at the Deliberative Town Meeting Session; financial impacts of proposals on the Town tax rate; a listing of all candidates for local office; and similar information on the issues facing the Auburn School District.

Please participate in your local government buy attending the February 1st Deliberative Session and exercising your right to vote on March 11th.

Russell Sullivan

James Headd

Paul Raiche

Auburn Board of Selectmen



AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL PTA TO HOST CHILDREN'S STAGE ADVENTURES PRODUCTION OF ANDROCLES AND THE LION

The Auburn Village School PTA will be hosting the Children's Stage Adventures (CSA) program from Monday, March 10th through Saturday, March 15th. Based on the extreme interest demonstrated in previous years, the AVS PTA budgeted to run two CSA shows again this year, with the elementary show held last October. For the spring show, AVS middle school students as well as kindergartners are invited to audition. This spring's production is Androcles and the Lion.

After auditions on Monday, March 10th, participating children will rehearse each day after school to finalize the production. The rehearsals will be directed by Stephanie Figer, from Auburn, NY, and Ben Regan, from Long Branch, NJ, who will serve as the team of Actor/Educators from Children's Stage Adventures. After these daily rehearsals, the performances will be held on Friday, March 14th at 6:30pm and Saturday, March 15th at 11:00am in the Auburn Village School gymnasium. Please mark your calendars now to come out and support the youth of the Auburn community while enjoying a great show!

More information regarding auditions will be provided mid-February to middle school students and kindergartners. If you have additional questions, please contact

Ami D'Amelio at amidamelio@gmail.com or Kara Costello at mkhrcostello@aol.com.

Police Department

www.auburnpolice.org

There are two words that immediately come to mind when I think about the citizens of Auburn. WOW and THANKS! I have been like a broken record in recent months explaining the virtues of driving slower. I've really emphasized slowing down since the snow and freezing rain has graced our streets. My initial word - WOW - is to explain how I feel that you're all listening (or



reading) to me. Since the beginning of the bad weather, and especially the first part of January, we have had only eight crashes. All eight crashes were in the month of December. That can be attributed to those first winter jitters behind the wheel, because our memories fail us every year during that first snow fall. However, January, 2014 has been accident free. What a great testament to each Auburn driver. That brings me to my next word - THANK YOU! Please keep that trend going the rest of winter and the rest of 2014.

Keeping with theme of WOW and THANK YOU, I want to mention our calls for suspicious vehicles and people. Members of the Neighborhood Watch and other caring residents have made over 150 calls to check out these suspicious activities. Most of the calls were found to be quite innocent, but some have produced a number of outcomes. We'll never know how many burglars were deterred from breaking into a house, but we know there were some. Also, a number of arrest were made as a result of these calls, because the Officer would learn a driver was under suspension, or had some drugs on them, and/ or an illegal weapon. Some of these calls produced information that was later developed and used to solve a burglary and make a n arrest. Detective Sergeant Chabot has solved 40% of the burglaries during 2013, and has a number of pending arrests from his investigations. All though all the stolen items have not been recovered, and some may never be, Sergeant Chabot has recovered a large number of items from the burglaries, Some of the items have been returned to their owners, and some are awaiting court before they can be returned.

As a Police Department we are very fortunate that the residents of Auburn care. With the formation of the Auburn Neighborhood Watch we have seen a very impressive shift in the criminal activities in Auburn. When we add the vast experience of the Officers, we are having great success in solving many incidents. There have been a couple Manchester shootings that ended up with an Auburn connection. Our Officers were involved and assisted Manchester Police with a safe and successful end to those incidents.

So one last WOW and THANK YOU, you deserve it. We do our job for you and we do it well because we care and we have an unendless supply of extra eyes in Town giving us vital information that we can act on. We will continue to do so.





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Auburn Fire Department

by Gordon L. Butcher



Auburn Fire Department Announces Newly Certified Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters.

The Auburn Fire Departments extends hearty congratulations to the following personnel who are our newest

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs):

Brandon Baril Doug Brown Alex Chapdelaine Mike Mozer Jim Terrero

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is responsible to provide pre-hospital emergency medical care. As part of the emergency medical treatment team they are usually the first medically trained responders at the scene of an emergency or accident. People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of the EMT. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, drowning, childbirth, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs provide this vital attention as they care for and prepare the sick or injured for transportation to a medical facility.

The Auburn Fire Department also congratulates three newly certified firefighters. They are:

Rob Aliberti - Fire Fighter Level 2 Rachel Fredrickson - Fire Fighter Level 1 Alex Phillips - Fire Fighter Level 1

The Level I Firefighter has been trained in areas such as fire suppression; fire chemistry; fire behavior; rescue; firefighting tools; appliances; equipment; built-in fire suppression systems and firefighter safety, rescue and survival, as well as emergency apparatus driving and operation. The Level II Firefighter has received more in-depth training in many of the same areas, but has also received schooling in topics such as vehicle rescue, flash-over, fire foam operations, specialized rescue rigging, and lifting and jacking rescue operations.

As residents of Auburn, you can be very proud of the fire department and its members.

Call Log for December 2013 Fire: 12 Emergency Medical Service (EMS): 21

Total calls for 2013:

Fire: 249 Emergency Medical Service (EMS): 228

Griffin Free Public Library

Ricky J. Sirois, Library Director

Have you been to Griffin Free lately? As of this year, we are acquiring new books - fiction, non-fiction, childrens, and biographies - as well as new audiobooks and DVDs every single month! For most of you, that means you can find new items at Griffin Free pretty much on every visit. We are dedicated to getting the most popular new books and movies, and making sure that everyone has something that will interest, entertain, and educate them. Whether you are a regular visitor, or you haven't dropped in a while, we hope to see you soon and show you what we have to offer!



This month brings two great new things we are very excited about - our strategic plan and our new monthly movie nights and matinees!

Our strategic plan is a result of many meetings worth of planning by the Board, the director, and members of staff. We hope that you will take a minute to look it over and see what the future holds for Griffin Free. We are inviting everyone to ask questions or submit feedback about what they see - and inviting anyone interested to join the strategic plan committee next fall when we reconvene to gauge progress of the plan. You can see our strategic plan on griffinfree.com, or by stopping into the library.

Our monthly movie nights are a chance for grown-ups to have a night out in town, without spending much. And our monthly movie matinees will give children and families the same opportunity, but during a friendlier hour. Movie nights may feature movies rated PG-13 or R, but matinees will be PG and G rated movies only. Due to regulations on our film license. I cannot advertise the titles of the movies here, but you can get a full list at the library anytime, or call to get the current or future titles. Movie nights will be the 1st Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. at the library. Movie matinees will be held on various Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

We will also host movie matinees for children and families on a monthly basis

Friends of the Griffin Free Library

The Friends of the Griffin Free Library would like to thank everyone who attended the Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 14. Guests who attended were able to meet Santa and enjoyed seasonal music performed by the AVS Chorus directed by Crissy Ouellette and the AVS Band directed by Matt Szopa. The students did a wonderful job and were a welcomed addition to the breakfast.



The Friends would like to thank the individuals and the companies who supported us, without whose help we could not have been successful. Thank you: Bill Cote, Roland Davis, Ray Garon, Lynn Howard, John Mayland "Santa", Gary Poulin, David and Max Smiley. Thanks also go out to Carol Whittemore of AVS for sharing her kitchen with us and to the Longmeadow Congregational Church for allowing us to use some of their equipment.

Special thanks to the following businesses who supported our efforts through donations:

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February Griffin Library Events

Here is the full list of events for February (for all movie events, call or come by Griffin Free for exact title and movie information).



Saturday, Feb. 1 - 7:00 p.m.

Movie Night - Summer in February. Enjoy this summery movie musical to cure the wintertime blues - fans of popular Swedish bands of the disco era won't want to miss this one.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th - 6:30 p.m.

Ice Fishing storytime - explore this unique winter pastime by looking at a real "tip-up" and learning how ice fishing works. Make your own mini "tip-up" to take home!

Thursday, Feb. 13th - 6:00 p.m.

Griffin Free is delighted to welcome back Jean Wozniak for another class on digital photography. More information can be found on griffinfree.com or at the library. Note: there will be a fee for this class, and signup is limited to 12 people. The class runs for four consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m..

Saturday, Feb. 15th - 10:30 a.m.

"O is for Olympics" storytime - Join our Auburn Olympics team at Griffin Free. We will be holding our own version of the games for fun prizes. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Wednesday, Feb. 19th - 6:30 p.m.

Build your own igloo storytime - Using frosting and sugar cubes, make your very own igloo, and enjoy some stories.

Saturday, March 1st - 2:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee - End your winter vacation with this heartwarming tale a father looking for his son in the big blue ocean. You'll meet all kinds of fun sea creatures along the way!

Saturday, March 1st - 7:00 p.m.

Movie Night - Oscar weekend. This recent Academy Award Best Picture winner tells a true story from the Cold War era and how Hollywood helped save the day.

Parks & Recreation News

by Helen Hiltz

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to wish you a Happy New Year! We are hoping that you all enjoyed the Winter Carnival. We would like to thank the Auburn Fire Department, the Highway Department and Dee Cleary for all of their help. It is great to see everyone enjoying the skating rink.

The Committee had the honor of presenting Liam Rooney and Ms. Margie McEvoy with community service awards for their dedicated service. Liam worked with the Parks and Recreation department to build benches and hockey goals for our new rink. Ms. Margie McEvoy worked on the project to complete the Korean War and Vietnam War memorial at Bi-Centennial Park. It was a pleasure to work with both Liam and Margie. Our community is a better place to live because of civic minded people like Liam and Margie. Their efforts are very much appreciated!

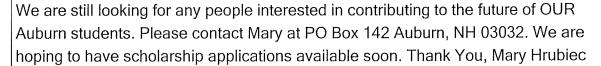


We are in the process of planning the Memorial Day Bazaar. If you have any suggestions for the event, please contact Helen Hiltz at <u>auburnnhrecdept@aol.com</u>.

Thank-you.

The Parks & Recreation Committee: Tim Therrien, *Chairman* Kim Lufkin, *Vice Chairman* Lisa Canavan, *Commissioner* Alex Eisman, *Commissioner* Patrick Kelly, *Alternate Commissioner* Margie McEvoy, *Alternate Commissioner* David Nye, *Alternate Commissioner* Jim Headd, *Selectmen Representative* Helen Hiltz, *Secretary* Armand Miclette, *Facilities Supervisor*

News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars





Girl Scouts



GIRL SCOUTS

by Staces

by Stacey Melendy

When many of us hear the name Girl Scouts our mind instinctively thinks of cookies. It may be you are craving your favorite and are looking forward to its arrival, which is early February this year, or it may be that you might have a box in the freezer to finish before your fresh boxes arrive, either way Girl Scouts equal cookies. The next time you enjoy your delicious Girl Scout cookie snack, I want you to think about this question..."What can a Cookie Do?

Our troop leaders know that the cookie sale plays an important role in the girls' lives. Many leaders will use the proceeds to teach the girls how to budget their funds for what they want to accomplish this year. Sure, they will go camping, have fun parties, and do some fun activities, but many will also embark on projects to help in their community. For example you may have read about Cadette Troop 10020 who worked closely with the Visiting Angels to provide warm clothes for those in need this past December. Some of their proceeds went to provide attractive drop off containers in various locations around town. Also you may have read about Brownie troop 20001. They have been working on their Water Journey and have been learning about Lake Massabesic. As you are reading this, they are planning a service project to benefit the health and beauty of the lake they have grown to love and enjoy.

Please know how much we appreciate your support for our Troops and the next time you sit down to enjoy a cookie or two, remember that a Girl Scout cookie can, "Change the World!"





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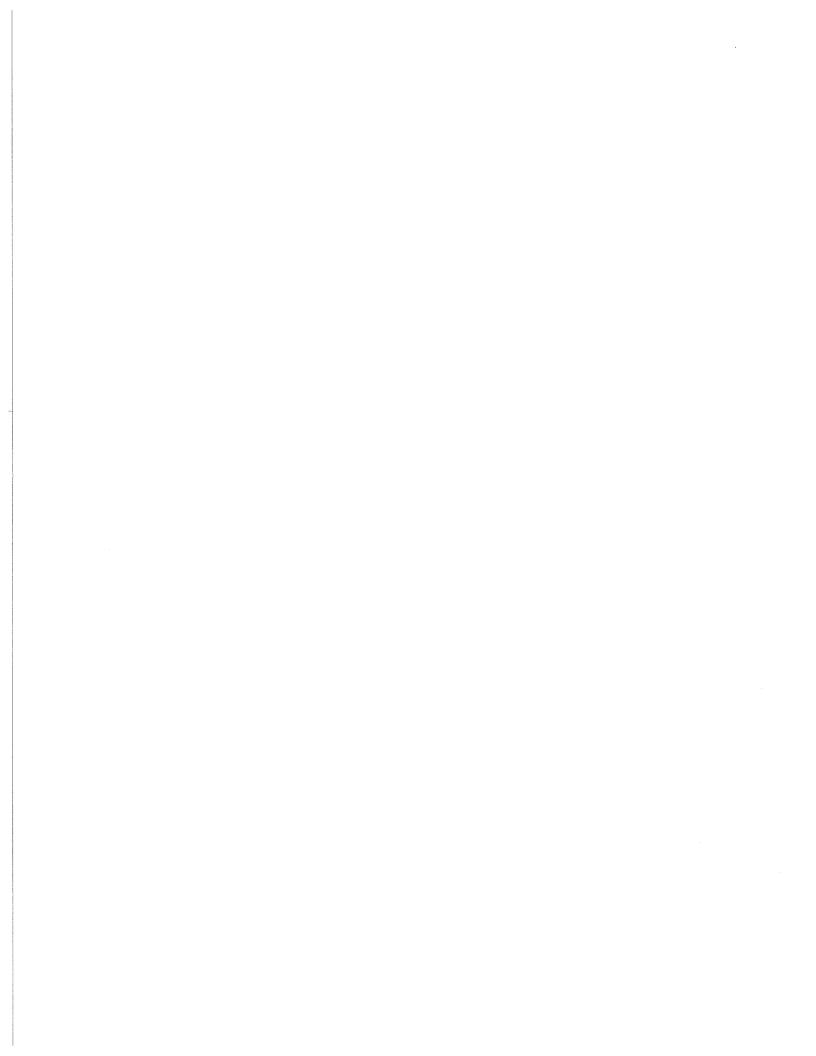


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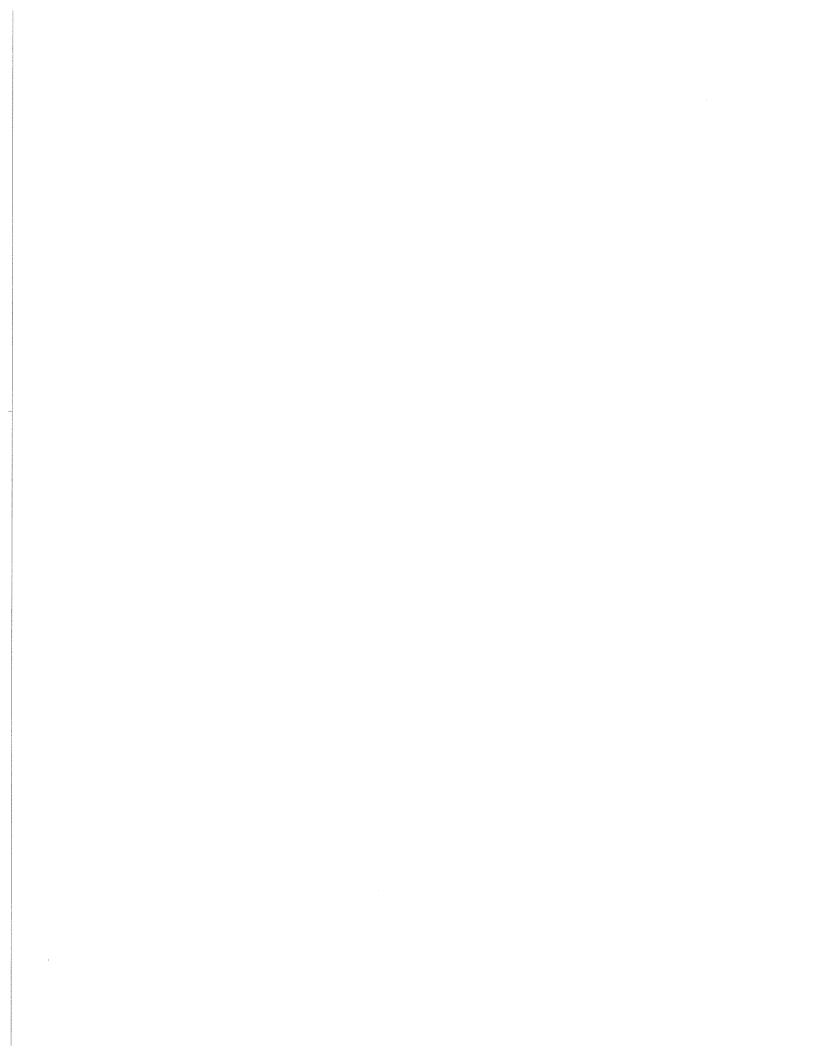
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The History of Auburn's Ice Harvesting



Before electricity and modern refrigeration, the residents of Auburn relied on ice to preserve their food and dairy farmers would harvest ice to keep the cows milk cold. Harvesting ice from Massabesic Lake became a thriving business, given the purity of the water and its proximity to the B&M Railroad. In 1896 The Manchester Coal & Ice Company built one of the largest ice houses in the area on Rt 121 just east of the railroad bed. They shipped ice to Boston by rail and then on to clipper ships, with destinations to other parts of the globe.

Before the invention of plow trucks, pairs of horses were used to scrape the ice with a 10' to 12' scraper at the harvesting area. Bill Blake said that the horse owners would make a diaper out of grain sacks and place them under the horses' tails to catch their droppings! Everett Seavey said that Eddie Locke drove a team of horses which were kept in a barn east of the old ice-house. The barn has since been converted into a home. If Auburn residents had their own horses, they would harvest their own ice from the lake. Harland Eaton's father would drive his horse driven sleigh down from Eaton Hill Road, cut the ice and muscle it onto the sleigh via a ramp.

George Gagnon said that before WWII, ice was brought to area homes by horse & buggy and then later by truck. It was very similar to the milk delivery system. People would put a cardboard "ice card" in their window to show the ice man that they needed ice. How the card was placed in the window would determine how big a block of ice was needed. The ice man would drape a piece of rubber on his back for protection from the wet and cold ice and deposit it into the customer's icebox for 15, 25, 30 or 35 cents. The coolers stood about 5' high with two doors on the front. The top would hold the ice, and the bottom door was where they put the food goods.

Harland Eaton shared that Roy Seavey, Warren Delaware and he worked inside the building back in 1942. Once the ice was harvested, it was moved onto a conveyor that went over Rt 121 and into the upper level of the building. Harland's job was to slow the 300 lb. blocks of ice down as they came down the angled chute by digging ice picks into the ice. The other two boys would push the ice blocks into bays. The ice was then covered with sawdust.

In the late 50's, Bill Blake said that he worked part time for Bob Sell, who was an ice plowing contractor for the Manchester Coal & Ice operation. They would drive onto the ice via the old boat ramp at Severance Beach and plow all the snow from the shore out to a big cone in the middle of the ice harvesting area. The weight of this mountain of snow would cause the ice to sink, and water would flood the surface. The foot of water would freeze, they would harvest that ice.

After the war people gradually bought refrigerators and by the late 1950's the industry eventually collapsed because there was no longer a need to use ice for refrigeration. The last cutting was in 1961, and the following year the roof collapsed. To learn more, please join us at the Auburn Historical Association on February 14th for a presentation of the history of ice harvesting in Auburn!!

On Friday, February 14th, the Auburn Historical Association will hold its Annual Meeting in the basement of the Museum, 102 Hooksett Road. A potluck supper will be at 6 p.m. followed by a program showing some of the Museum items relating to our recent articles in the Crier; namely, boarding houses and the ice cutting operations of years past. If you have any personal items on these subjects that you wish to share, please bring them to the meeting. A short business meeting will follow.

The 15th of February the Auburn Historical Association Museum will have its monthly open house from 1 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to review the collection of artifacts and photographs. Please note: Arrangements can be made to visit the Museum at other times by calling 483-8323 for a convenient time.

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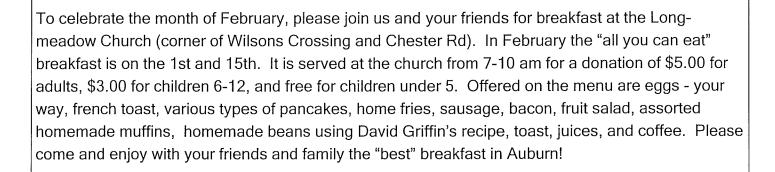
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<u>Longmeadow's February Breakfasts!</u> Saturdays, February 1 and 15 7-10 AM







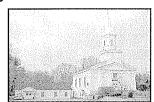
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Longmeadow Congregational Church

by Rev. Ruth Gallot



Are You Looking for a Place to Worship?

Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn invites you join us as together we worship the God who is Still Speaking. We come together for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 with Sunday School and child care available at the same time.

Worship is central to our life as a congregation, but we also believe that as disciples we are called to live out our faith in the world and so, Outreach and Mission work are also high priorities for us. In February we will be having two special mission projects and invite you to join us.



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Our young people will be participating in our fifth annual *Souper Bowl of Caring*. On Sunday February 3rd, 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, asking only a donation, with all proceeds going to local food pantries.

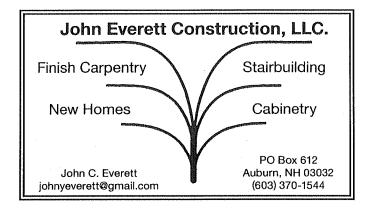
Also in February, our Missions Committee will be helping to warm hearts through the ministry of *Holy Joe's Café*. Over 150 Chaplains in Iraq, Afghanistan and other remote areas set up cafes to provide a safe place to minister to the emotional and spiritual needs of those serving in the military. As one Chaplain put it, "A Cup of Joe is more than a cup of coffee when offered by a chaplain, it is an invitation to a soul-reviving conversation and a reminder that somewhere back home people care." For the month of February, during our after-worship fellowship time and at our twice-monthly breakfasts, you can find a donation jar by the coffee urns. All money received will be used to buy coffee and supplies for this important ministry.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our brothers and sisters in Auburn a safe winter season. If you are looking for a church home with people who long to live their faith, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.



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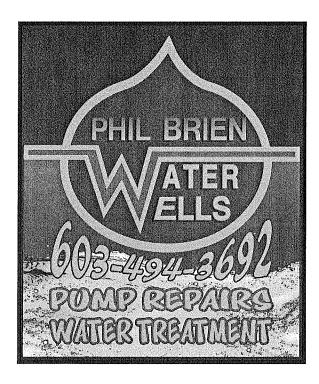


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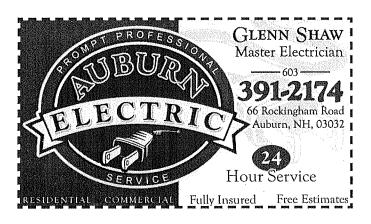


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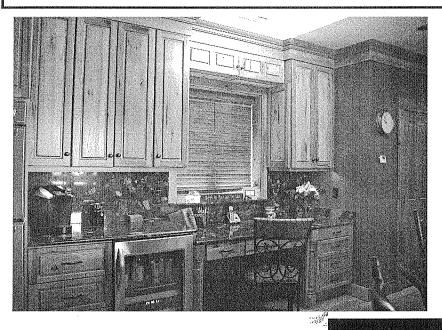


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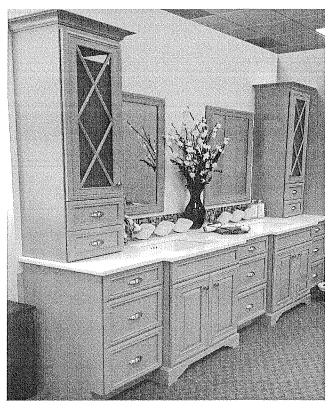
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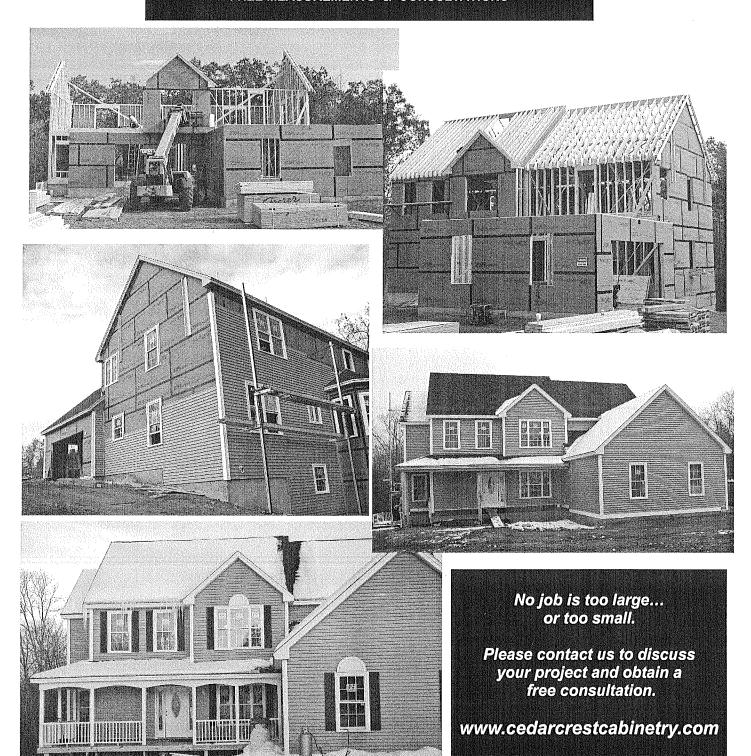


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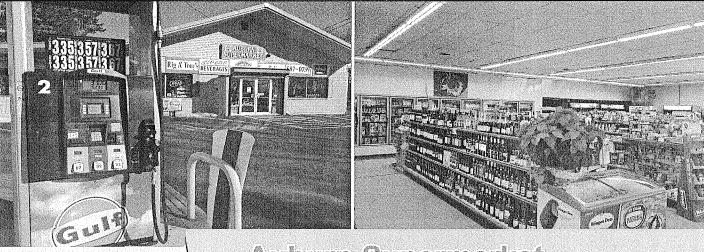
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