



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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## Longmeadow Church Breakfasts

Come and join us for breakfast in January on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 10: 00 am. The breakfasts in the New Year will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month. Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town gossip and enjoy an "all you can eat breakfast", of French toast, English muffins, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and under 5 free?

We look forward to seeing you again and again and again. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## News From Auburn Dollars for Scholars

Mark your calendars!

Jan. 7th at 6:30 P.M. at the Griffin Library

University of New Hampshire Speaker

Robert Henry

will speak about

"The Transition from High School to College - What are the Issues?"

This is free and open to the public.

Auburn Scholarships open on Feb 1st at  
[auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org)

**Auburn Residents 65 years young or older**

You are cordially invited to the 43nd Annual

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

**When: Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

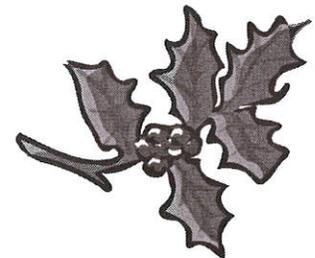
**Where: Longmeadow Congregational Church**

(corner of Rt 121 and Wilson Crossing Rd)

**R.S.V.P. by January 16, 2016 to:**

Margie McEvoy 483-8689 or Mary Royer 483-5194

(if no answer leave a message on the answering machine)



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



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

## News from the Auburn Town Hall



### **Town and Police Union Reach Three Year Agreement**

The Auburn Police Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the Auburn Police Union have reached a tentative agreement for the third collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Union that covers all full and part-time police officers and sergeants.

All parties ratified the tentative agreement in November and December, while the Auburn Budget Committee will vote on December 17<sup>th</sup> whether to recommend the funding to implement the first year of the contract. The cost items will 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 three year term, commencing on April 1, 2016 and ending on March 31, 2019. Details about the specific cost items will be outlined in the Voter Guide for the March voting. In general terms, however, the agreement provides pay increases in the same manner as other Town employees, 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 one full-time sergeant, four full-time officers and 11 part-time officers.

The tentative agreement is available for review at the Town Office, in addition to being posted on the Town's web site for public review.

### **Bunker Hill Road**

Not knowing when winter would actively set-in, the Board has accepted a plan for the shim and overlay of Bunker Hill Road in early spring 2016. Road Agent Mike Dross has recommending making the improvement to Bunker Hill Road from the intersection with Dearborn Road through to its intersection with Route 121. The Town has secured a proposal from Advanced Excavation and Paving of Suncook for \$118,346 for this work, which the Board has accepted. The remaining funds in the 2015 Road Reconstruction account, estimated to be approximately \$80,000, will be encumbered for this work with the balance to come from the 2016 appropriation.

### **Assistant Town Clerk & Tax Collector**

In late November, we were pleased to be able to appoint Patricia Rousseau of Auburn to the part-time position of Assistant Town Clerk & Tax Collector. Patty has a banking background and was chosen from a number of Auburn residents who had applied for the position. She will be assisting residents with motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses and other services from the Town Offices. She was recommended for the position by Town Clerk Joanne Linxweiler and Tax Collector Kathleen Sylvia.

### **Town Reviewing Raymond Road Contaminated Soils**

In October, it was brought to the Town's attention there could be the potential of soil being contaminated within the Town's right-of-way on Raymond Road. The Board asked the Town's engineers to perform some initial investigations, and samples of the soil on the Town road were pulled and sent to a laboratory. The results came back positive, although not at a level that endangers public health.

However, the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has advised the Town the soils are of sufficient concern that should they be disturbed, they would need to be removed and disposed of at an appropriate facility.

Needing to fully identify the extent of the Town's risk exposure, the Board authorized further review to determine what the Town's right-of-way was in this area. Research showed Raymond Road was laid out in 1846 as a four-rod road (66-foot wide) through Auburn, Candia and Raymond. The Town then had a surveyor pinpoint where the full right-of-way was located and where Raymond Road was within the right-of-way. This effort determined the right-of-way to be approximately 30-feet beyond travel surface of the road.

Additional soil samples were taken for testing on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board will be meeting with a representative of NHDES on December 21<sup>st</sup> for additional information and direction in this area.

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**Mark the Dates**

The public hearing on the 2016 Town and School District budgets will be held on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, with a snow date if needed of Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Deliberative Session of the Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Village School, while the annual Town and School District elections and voting on warrant articles will be held on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

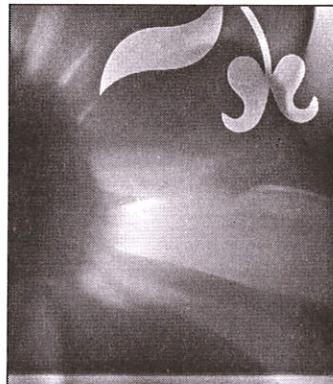


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**Auburn Police Department**

**By Captain Gary F. Bartis**

Another year is starting. I can't believe it! Twenty Fifteen just flew by without any warning. I remember when I was a kid and all the adults would say how fast time went by as you got older. Well, now I'm older, and they were right. So, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The year 2015 was very active from a law enforcement point of view. It started by someone getting into our computer system, making threats against some Officers, and creating a virus that shut us down. This became financially costly to the Town of Auburn, and costly in many other ways. It resulted in a major investigation, and I'm happy to say there will be a successful outcome to that investigation. Also, there have been over 8000 calls for service for the year. About two thousand of that total comes from motor vehicle stops for various violations. The Officers have been very busy. Although the final numbers are not complete yet, I am very happy to tell the residents that the burglaries have been reduced. This is partly due to the increased patrol hours on the Town streets. As I write this there have been about fifteen burglaries on the year. Amazing!

During the month of November and December the Auburn Safety Complex conducted a Christmas Giving Tree event. There was a tree in the lobby with ornaments on it. People were urged to come and take an ornament. Each ornament had the name of a family in Town, and the name of a gift request for a child in that family. We were amazed at the generosity of the Auburn citizens. The ornaments were gone in no time at all, and more ornaments had to be produced to meet the number of people that came to the complex to donate to the event. Thank you doesn't seem to be enough, but we thank you very much, and we are grateful for making this a success, and bringing happiness to many children in need during the Holiday. I know that many people were involved in organizing the event, but I must give a big thank you to our Office Manager Lil Deeb and Administrative Ass't Melissa Gates for organizing the event and keeping track of all the gifts that came in. Plus people donated wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, tape, and anything else needed for the gifts. Of course, the hard work of wrapping all the items was handled by the ladies also. Fantastic job!

Who knows what twenty sixteen will bring, but we will be prepared to serve the Town of Auburn as we always have. Let's hope for a safe and prosperous year.

Dear Auburn Residents,

*thankful*

18 months ago, I made the decision to leave my job of 14 years and come to work at the **Auburn Police Department**, a scary change, but one that would lead to a better quality of time with my young son, which was all I wanted. In those 18 months I have been so blessed with a wonderful community I've come to know and love. I've come to find such enthusiasm and support from the many members of Auburn Fire and Police at the Safety Complex with different ideas and projects. Last year I saw such enthusiasm with the toy drive, I suggested we give an "Auburn Giving Tree" a try to keep the generosity specific to this community. When the Safety Complex and community started discussing this last August we had no idea that the end result would be one of such joy.

I wanted to take some time, first to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I know I speak for all those involved when I say that. While I may have been the face of the project, I do not feel the success was my doing. I was only a middle man to bridge those who wanted to help, and those who would benefit from it. Because I was this "middle man" I feel I deprived the community from the true value of this project, so I'd like to take a moment to share some stories I experienced. I hope that in reading them, each of you can feel a tiny bit of the joy my heart over flows with.

We had 8 families, 23 children, 11 parents, and one grandparent. On November 1st we put out 200 tags, the majority of those tags were items related to the children. Each family filled out a form, basic sizes, favorite colors, hobbies, interests, favorite books, shows, and what they hoped for and what they needed. While parents did fill out their personal portion of the forms, they also all asked that the focus be for the kids. Within 15 days all 200 tags were gone, and people were still looking to help. We went back to the list and added more of the items the kids wanted, knowing that the first group of tags contained what they needed. Those were also gone before Thanksgiving.

We had people coming in, donating money for us to buy more items, which we happily did. A woman came to drop off items with her two kids. When she was leaving she said they were taking two more tags because her kids wanted to use allowance money to buy gifts too. One family that draws names for each other took tags in lieu of gift giving. The teachers at the school also did the same. I had a woman come in with a handful of tags, and said that she works at a bank and they also did the same. She got the tags, they got the gifts. The area we stored items in quickly became over run. We took over stairwells, offices, any place we could find room we used it. Each time someone came in, I'd take their bags and blink back tears as I walked back into the office. People often called or emailed asking if they were restricted to just the item on the tag or could they buy more. Not only was the Giving Tree idea working better than I hoped, it had exploded into a community effort unlike anything I had ever heard of before. We had people donating wrapping supplies and offering services of wrapping gifts, home improvement and snow plowing during the winter. For the last six weeks my pedometer has been off the charts in steps per day while I accepted gifts and put them in their designated places. (Weight Watchers thanks you.)

And then, the time came to call these families and make arrangements to get items to them. The first mom I delivered to said, "thank you" as I gave her a 55 gallon bag of items. "Oh wait, there is more," I told her as a few of us made trips from the truck to her home. What she thought was one bag at her front door, ended up crawling up her steps and flooding her living room. She was shocked and in tears when she realized it all. "You will never know how much this means to me," she said.

That shock and overwhelming emotion at trip after trip, from car to front door continued for 6 of the 8 families. Stories of how and why this helped and the circumstances that led to feeling the need to ask for some assistance were exactly the reasons we organized this and why all of you wanted to do this. Two families picked up their items and were stunned with the amount of help they were getting. A father came to pick up items, and shortly after he left his wife called me. She said that I had made a mistake and that all her children had asked for was each a fleece blanket, all this stuff couldn't really be for them too. I explained it wasn't a mistake, and it was truly all for her family. She cried and explained that her husband had temporarily been out of work for two months. They never expected all of these items, and had only hoped to get at least one of the two fleece blankets because money was so tight. When we were ending our conversation I said "Merry Christmas." Trying to steady her voice she managed to barely say through her tears, "We will now." That right there; is why each of you did what you did, to make sure that people had a Merry Christmas. You should all be very proud you succeeded so amazingly. The week before Christmas, WMUR aired a story about your generosity. And the next day I got a call from someone who's circumstances had changed just a few short weeks before Christmas, what little money he had been able to save to buy his children gifts, had to be spent on an emergency home improvement project. I didn't think I'd be able to help much, but put the call out to the community one last time, asking if anyone might have anything to help. Within hours I had items, and as the week before Christmas rolled to a close, I could say with 100% certainty that this family was going to have a wonderful Christmas after all.

I quickly became the face behind the Giving Tree project but that is all I was, the face, and there is no thanks necessary for that. Each of you, along with the men and women of the Safety Complex, deserve all the credit. This community; these stories, these moments, are how I know 18 months ago I made the right choice to join the Auburn Police Department and becoming a part of this community.

You will never know the lives you've touch, or the Christmas wishes you helped make happen. But please know this, in a world of negativity, and sadness, violence, and uncertainty, this community has renewed my faith in mankind, and we are teaching the next generation a better way of life.

Back in November, I asked for some elves to help Santa, but I got angels instead.

Hope each of you had happy and healthy holidays, and continue to have a safe winter.

We, at the Safety Complex, hope to see all of you in April at the 2nd Annual Silly Chili Cook Off, where the PD will rightfully claim that trophy over the FD.

Thank you all again, **Melissa "at the PD"**

The Trustees of the Griffin Free Public Library are pleased to introduce our new Director, **Kathy Growney**  
Welcome to Auburn Kathy!



## Griffin Free Public Library

by Kathy Growney, Library Director

It is with great pleasure that I greet you as the new Library Director. Thank you to everyone who has stopped by the library to welcome me to Griffin Free or liked our Facebook posting about my arrival. I look forward to working with the Trustees and staff to provide our community with the best library services and resources possible.

Although I have only been here a week, there has been a lot happening at Griffin Free this month.

- The Friends of Griffin Free held their annual Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 12. The AVS Chorus and Band provided wonderful holiday music and the children could not wait to speak with Santa. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make this year's event a great success!
- Adult coloring has become very popular and the staff of the library have heard your requests for more sessions. In response to demand, Griffin Free has increased the length of sessions from one hour to two hours in length. Check our website ([griffinfree.com](http://griffinfree.com)) for future dates.
- Comcast upgraded our modem and wireless router this month providing faster speed, better security and access that is more reliable. Thank you to Comcast for providing us with these services free of charge!

Starting in January, Griffin Free will be participating in the **NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten** early literacy initiative! **The single most important thing you can do to prepare your children to read is to read to them every day.** Research shows that children need to hear 1000 books before they begin to learn to read independently. Reading to children will increase their vocabulary as well as their listening and narrative skills. Reading with children will also help to instill in them self-awareness, confidence and an understanding of their place in the world. Does this sound like an impossible task? It's easy! Just read one book a day for three years or three books a day for one year! Every book you read to your child counts. Books your child hears in Storytime count. Books that others read to your child, count! It all counts!

Sign up at Griffin Free beginning in January 2016. We will give you sheets to help you keep count of the first 100 books. When you finish reading 100 books, come back to the library for another set of sheets and a prize. Register anytime after your child is born through five years of age.

Let the staff at Griffin Free help you prepare your child to read by coming in for Storytime! Mark your calendar with the following dates:

Tuesday January 5th at 11:00 A.M. - Infant/Toddler Story Time

- Saturday January 9th at 11:00 A.M. - Igloo Story Time. We will be building our own igloos from sugar cubes!
- Tuesday January 15th at 11:00 A.M. - Infant/Toddler Story Time
- Saturday January 23rd at 11:00 A.M. - Snowman Story Time. Make your own "sock" snowman to take home!

On the behalf of the Griffin Free Public Library staff, have a safe and happy New Year!

## Memorial Donations

It is with profound sadness we share the news of the passing of retired Auburn Village School Art teacher, **Mrs. Louise Latvis**, after an extended illness. During her thirty year tenure at A.V.S., Mrs. Latvis brought countless artists in residence programs to our school. She also instituted the annual Memorial Day program, which is regarded as a highlight of each school year. Yearbooks were designed and created for many years under her guiding hand. School plays, spring concerts, art shows, morning announcements, and instilling the love of art in many students, are just some of the ways she touched the lives of Auburn's children.

Mrs. Latvis leaves behind her husband, Steven, children, John and Stephanie, beloved siblings, her in-laws, and a large extended family. Condolences may be sent to the Latvis family at 24 Raymond Street, Nashua, NH. She was a treasured friend to many.

A memorial fund has been established to remember her in a variety of ways. Donations may be sent and checks made out to the Auburn Village School 11 Eaton Road, Auburn, N.H. 03032 by January 20, 2016.

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**Joan Marcotte**

**Members of the Louise Latvis Memorial Committee**

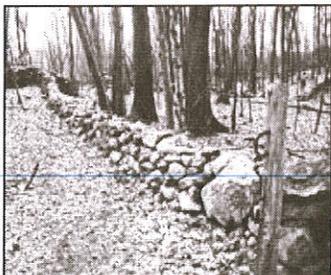
## Auburn Historical Association

By Dan Carpenter - President

**Stone Walls - Do you have one on your property?** The glaciers scattered rocks all over New England about 18,000 years ago leaving behind a huge mess. Early farmers cleared their fields and used the rocks to mark boundaries and create enclosures for their sheep. In order to improve domestic wool production, President Thomas Jefferson wanted to import Spanish merino sheep. By Spanish law, merino sheep could not be exported. Unfortunately for the Spanish, a war with France ended poorly and Napoleon was happy to sell merino sheep by the boatload. The merino sheep adapted well to the New England climate and Yankee farmers turned the New Hampshire forest into grassland lined by "stone fences".

**Wool Capitol of the World** - For about 30 years, between 1810-1840, New Hampshire was the wool capital of the world, which is why there are so many stone walls throughout the state. New England has about 250,000 miles of stone walls which were used to corral the sheep. New Hampshire farmers made fortunes in wool. If you are riding around in "hill" country, and come across a regal brick farm house, it was probably paid for with wool. By 1840, the wool bubble burst when tariff laws changed and wool came flooding in from Australia and New Zealand creating a glut on the market.

**Auburn Stone Walls** - Most single stack walls in Auburn were built for sheep. These walls stood about three feet high, but after almost 200 years they are reduced to a skeleton of themselves. Gravity, frost, earthquakes, and vandals all conspire against these walls. (Stone walls built after 1900 were strictly for ornamental purposes.)



**Rebuild the Walls** - For the most part, the stone is still there. You can fix a wall. Rummage around, find the lost fallen stones and return them to the wall. At the same time, remove the debris from around the base of the wall. It is fairly easy to return a foot of stone to the top of the wall and by cleaning around the base of the wall you may find another six inches of wall. What was once a rubble pile can be transformed into a beautiful New England stone wall once again.

**BUILDING OPEN—3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH 1PM—4PM**

**WWW.AUBURNHISTORICAL.ORG**

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

The following positions will be up for election at the Town and School District Voting to be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**. The filing period runs from **January 20<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>**. You may file for any of these positions at the Town Clerk’s Office during regular business hours. The Town Clerk’s Office will remain open for filings until 5:00pm on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS	JAMES F HEADD
MODERATOR - 2 YEARS	JAMES R TILLERY
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - 6 YEARS	BARBARA COAPLAND
LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS	LORRAINE SENECHAL
CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS	SCOTT NORRIS
TRUST FUND TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS	PATRICIA ALLARD
POLICE COMMISSION - 3 YEARS	KENNETH ROBINSON SR.
PLANNING BOARD - 3 YEARS	ALAN COTE
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - 3 YEARS	ALAN VILLENEUVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - 3 YEARS	ANITA GILDEA

**2016 BOAT REGISTRATION RENEWALS**

Remember–You can renew your boats with us right here at the Auburn Town Clerk’s office.

Monday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

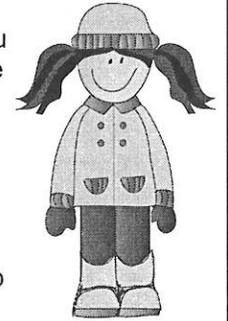
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 12 Noon

## Parks and Rec

by Helen Hiltz

Well 2015 is now behind us and the planning for the 2016 season is well underway. We hope that you all enjoyed your holidays. The first event will be the senior dinner that will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Longmeadow Church. Please contact Margie McEvoy for more details or email auburnnhrecdept@aol.com.



The Winter Carnival will be held at the skating rinks on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Parks and Recreation and the Auburn Fire Department will again partner up to provide a fun filled afternoon of skating, sliding, bonfire, barbecue, etc. We hope that you will join us. Keep your eyes open for Christmas tree pick up dates that will be posted by the Scouts. They will be offering this service as a fund raiser again this year.

The concert series, senior barbecue and a summer kick off event are all being planned. We would love to get some input from you! What would you like to see included or changed with the events. We are here to support our community and need your input to insure the success of these events. Do you have any suggestions for the concert series? Did you enjoy the barbecues that we added in 2015? What would you be interested in seeing or doing at the summer kick off event? Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Thank-you again for all of your support during 2015. We look forward to working with all of you in 2016!

## Massabesic Seniors

by Pat Clement

Nineteen members of the Massabesic Seniors attended their annual Christmas Party at the Manchester Buffet. We enjoyed good food, good company and a spirited Yankee Swap.

In addition to getting together every week, members also try to visit shut-ins at home and at nursing homes. Our Secretary, Paul Therrien and his wife Lyn, are members of the NH Amateur Ballroom Dance group. The week before Christmas they performed at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home. I got to accompany them and enjoyed watching the dancers light up the faces of the patients as they danced and even got some of the patients onto the dance floor. The group visits a different nursing home every month.

Wishing Jackie a Happy Birthday this month and to all a Happy and Healthy New Year!





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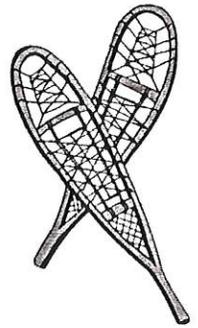


# Raven's Race 5K Snowshoe Event

Sunday, February 14

10:00 am

Sponsored by Massabesic Audubon Center



**Registration** \$20 if registered before 1/20  
\$25 from 1/20-2/10

\$30 after 2/10 and onsite day of the event  
\$40 couples entering together

**Start and finish at:** Massabesic Audubon Center • 26 Audubon Way • Auburn, NH

Enjoy a 5K course through the woods to Battery Point as a competitive event with the best views in the Manchester area. Or come with a partner to compete in the Couples Division.

Pre-register by February 2 to get 25% off a pair of snowshoes at Eastern Mountain Sports at the Mall of NH, Manchester NH. Snowshoe rentals available for reserve on a first come first serve basis.

Proceeds will be used to support "Raven" and other animals used for nature education at Massabesic Audubon Center.

**Bird of Prey demonstrations from Jane Kelly "On the Wing" after the race.**

**Register online at** <http://www.nhaudubon.org/events-and-news/ravens-race-5k/>  
**or by mail to** Massabesic Audubon Center • 26 Audubon Way • Auburn, NH 03032

**Maine Drilling  
& Blasting**

**Race-day registration:** Begins at 6:45 am at Massabesic Audubon Center  
Goodie bags to the first 100 race registrants.

**Results:** Computerized timing and results provided by **New England Timing** and sponsored by **Maine Drilling & Blasting**. Bibs sponsored by **Road ID**.



**Awards:** To all male and female winners in the following age groups:  
0-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, over 60. Plus fastest adult couple and adult/non-adult couple.



**More info:** At <http://www.nhaudubon.org/events-and-news/ravens-race-5k/>  
or email Race Director Peg Donovan  
at [macvol@nhaudubon.org](mailto:macvol@nhaudubon.org)

## Raven's Race Snowshoe Event Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ email: . \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card: MC/Visa# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of partner (if you are in a couples event) \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of this entry's acceptance, I hereby for my heirs waive and release all claims and damages I may have against City of Manchester, Manchester Water Works, Town of Auburn, Massabesic Audubon, and any individuals associated with the Raven's Race 5k, race officials, volunteers, and all sponsors for any and all injuries sustained before, during, and after the race. I further state that I am in proper physical condition. I grant my full permission for the use of any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any reasonable purpose.

# Cub Scouts Pack 127

by Jocelyn Malenchini

Happy New Year! Auburn's Cub Scouts wish you all a 2016 filled with kindness, wisdom, courage and serendipity.

In December, both Webelos dens and the Bears den met with Auburn Volunteer EMT, Mike Mozer, to learn about emergency first aid. The boys received an age-appropriate introduction to identifying various ailments, caring for an injured person, and calling 911. Andy, the training dummy, was very popular, and a good sport, as the Scouts practiced some of their new skills. Thanks so much, Mike, for sharing your expertise! And thank you, Jim and Kathy, for planning and hosting a fun and informative den meeting!



## Upcoming Cub Scout events include:

January 15, Friday, 7-8 PM

Pack Meeting, AVS Gym

January 24, Sunday

Snowflake Shuffle water stop

For more information on joining Auburn's Cub Scouts, please contact: [staceymelendy@gmail.com](mailto:staceymelendy@gmail.com)

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## Girl Scouts

by Stacey Melendy

Junior troop 20001 is looking forward to another successful cookie season. Last year we were able to send over 100 boxes to troops through Operation Cookie, and several cases to Liberty House in Manchester for our homeless Veterans. Even if you don't like cookies, you can brighten a soldier's day with a \$4 donation. Look for us around town!



GIRL SCOUTS

Cadette Troop 20973 recently helped at the Longmeadow Church Snowflake fair. The troop baked several dozen cookies to contribute to the "Cookie Walk." The girls joined in the event by helping at the table; assisting customers with cookie choices. The cookies were a big hit and the table was completely sold out by 11am. The troop also made chocolate lollipops for the Holiday Fair at AVS, and visited the Giving Tree to select a tag. They ended 2015 with a holiday party where they enjoyed some good food and companionship.

### Below: Written by Megan Miller

The girls in senior Girl Scout troop 10020 were in the holiday spirit. Many of us helped out at the Santa breakfast. We assisted in doing crafts and making sure the kids had fun. We wanted to make their day as magical as possible. Also, we decided on doing a Secret Santa gift swap and having a cozy night in. With movies, hot cocoa, and good friends, we were able to take a break and relax with our second family.

"Haven't seen a Girl Scout in your area? Call us and we'll come right to your door!" Cookie order taking begins on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Girl Scouts please contact Rebecca Roy at [northboundroys@gmail.com](mailto:northboundroys@gmail.com) or visit our website [girlscoutsgwm.org](http://girlscoutsgwm.org).

Troop 20973 prepares cookies:  
from left Grace, Maya, Katelyn,  
and Eve



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**Boy Scouts Troop 127**

By Anne Gagnon

The Troop has been busy going to Merit Badge College, where they are working on Personal Fitness, First Aid, Chess, Family Life, Disability Awareness and more. We enjoyed working on crafts with kids at the Longmeadow Church Snowflake Fair while their parents shopped the tables. We made toiletry kits for the veterans who visit Liberty House in Manchester and had a heated game of Boy Scout Jeopardy. We are looking forward to our Holiday Party at Launch Indoor Trampoline Park in December. By the time this article comes out we will have picked up many of your Christmas trees and delivered them to the bonfire site for you. Thank you everyone in advance for supporting Auburn Boy Scouts.

Troop 127 meets Tuesday nights at Longmeadow Church. Please visit our website if you are between the ages of 11 and 17 and interested in coming to a meeting. Boys are welcome to join our Troop at any time <http://auburn127.mytroop.us>

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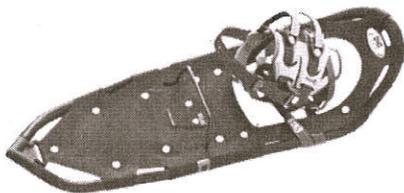
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Register online at: <http://www.nhaudubon.org/events-and-news/ravens-race-5k/>

Registration costs: \$20 if registered before 1/20/16; \$25 from 1/20-2/10; \$30 after 2/10 and onsite day of the event; \$40 -couples entering together (children free)

Goodie bags will be given to the first 100 race registrants.

Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

For more information e-mail the race director at: [macvol@nhaudubon.org](mailto:macvol@nhaudubon.org) or call the Massabesic Audubon Center at 603-668-2045.

# Longmeadow Congregational Church

by Rev. Ruth Gallot

## LONGMEADOW SERVES!

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

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

With the arrival of the New Year, the young people of our Christian Education program, which is active throughout the school year, look forward to one of our annual outreach projects. Learning to be God's hands in the world is a major objective of our program and so we organize opportunities for our children to learn the joy of working together to serve. This month the young people will be planning for our annual participation in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*, gathering together to make soup and raise money for local food pantries.

We love working with the local Boy and Girl Scout troops and our Christian Education curriculum this year fulfills the requirements for the "God and Me" religious emblems for both organizations. We look forward to celebrating Boy Scout Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> with Troop 127 who meet at the church, along with other Scouts in our church family. March will bring our celebration of Girl Scout Sunday.

**Café Church:** Have you been away from church... or have never been to church... but find yourself seeking? Then Café Church may be for you. Once a month (this month it will be **Monday, January 18th**) we will gather in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 6:00 for a light meal and time of interactive worship. No reservations are required, come as you are.

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

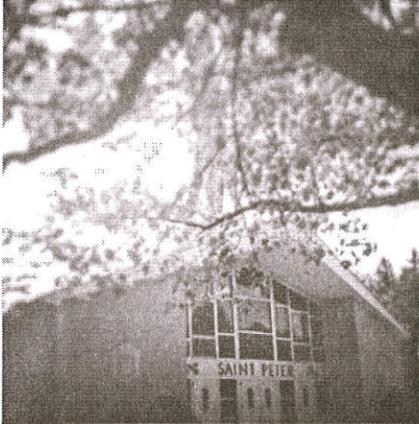
We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our brothers and sisters in Auburn a very Happy New Year. In the United Church of Christ, *we seek to "Be the Church"* in the world. If you are looking for a church home, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor,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



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**Year of Mercy:** On December 8, the Catholic Church began the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Year of Mercy is an opportunity for all people to both share mercy with others and to experience the mercy of God for themselves. A special way to experience God's mercy is through the Sacrament of Confession. Fr. Michael is available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 3:00 - 3:30 pm, or by appointment.



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

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

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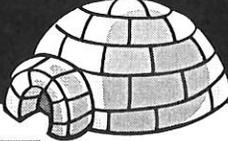
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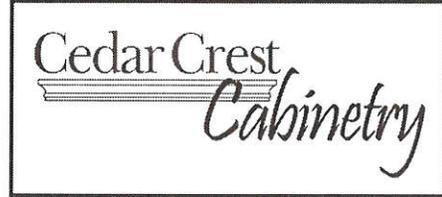




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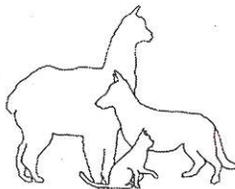
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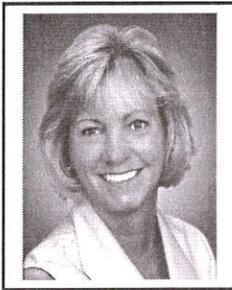
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