

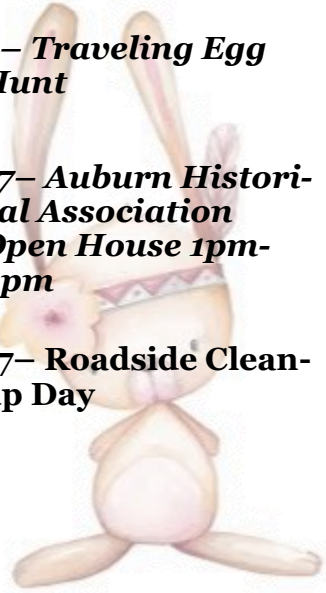

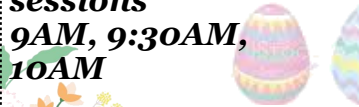





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<p><i>☺ wednesday</i></p> <p>7-Library Giving Day</p> <p>7- Understanding & Analyzing Your DNA Matches via Zoom</p> 	<p><i>☺ thursday</i></p> <p>8- Child Find Clinic</p> <p>15- Getting Start with Libby virtual sessions 9AM, 9:30AM, 10AM</p>  <p><u>Future Dates Inside!!</u></p>	<p><i>☺ friday</i></p> <p>30- Dog Licenses Due</p> <p>30- Auburn Dollar for Scholars® Closing Date</p> 	

Save the Date Shred Day on May 15th

For those who have older documents, financial records and paper items that you are interested in having disposed, Auburn's annual "Shred Day" event has been scheduled for Saturday, May 15th from 9 AM until Noon in the parking lot of the Town Hall.

This is an environmentally friendly way to dispose of paper records, files and documents in a way that protects the privacy of your identity and personal information.

A note from the Editor...

As Patricia announced in last month's *Auburn Village Crier*, my name is Mimi Friolet and I will be taking over as the Editor of this publication as well as the town's new Finance Assistant.

As a life-long resident of Auburn I am looking forward to working for the town I grew up in and seeing some familiar faces here at the Town Hall.

A big thank you to Patricia for the warm welcome and well wishes! Although I have big shoes to fill, I am hoping to continue Patricia's legacy as Editor.



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Auburn Town Hall News



As we write this after the March 9th Town and School District election, we want to congratulate and thank all the Auburn residents who volunteered to run for office to help make our community a better place.

We look forward to working with all Town boards, commissions and residents in the year ahead for the betterment of Auburn.

Volunteers Sought for Review of Broadband Service in Auburn

In recent months, there has been informal conversations around the community concerning the availability of broadband service in Auburn. The conversations made their way to the Board of Selectmen's meetings, with the Board agreeing to involve the community by appointing a citizen's advisory committee to assist the Board in looking at this issue.

This is a topic the New Hampshire Legislature has also grappled with in recent years, and which lead to significant modifications to RSA 33:3-g, III in 2020 that addresses the potential of municipal financing of broadband deployment.

One of the first steps a community would need to take is determining whether the community is currently underserved, in whole or in part, by broadband service.

The statute requires a municipality to first send a request for information to all broadband providers that may be currently serving the community seeking information identifying locations in that community that are served by broadband.

After receiving responses to that information request, a decision would need to be made whether the community is underserved in terms of broadband. Should the decision be the whole community or parts of the community are underserved, a municipality may then issue Requests for Proposals (RFP) to engage in private-public partnerships to deploy broadband infrastructure in those areas determined to be underserved.

Should the municipality determine that no current broadband provider has met the criteria in the RFP, the municipality may consider issuing bonds for the purposes of constructing a broadband service, including open networks.

To fully consider the potential of this issue, the Board of Selectmen last month agreed to ask for volunteers to serve on an Auburn Broadband Advisory Committee to assist the Board of Selectmen in carefully looking at this issue and developing a recommendation for what direction might be best for Auburn.

Ideally, the Selectmen would like to identify as many as five Auburn residents who might be willing to work on this issue as part of Citizens Broadband Advisory Committee. This will not be something where a quick decision is reached. It is likely going to be the type of issue that will take a couple of years to work through to determine what might be the right approach for Auburn.

The Selectmen invite any Auburn resident interested in serving on the committee and looking at broadband service in our community to drop a short letter or e-mail to the Board of Selectmen (townadmin@townofauburnnh.com) to let us know of your interest in serving and why you would want to be a member of the advisory committee.



Looking for a Volunteer for Zoning Board of Adjustment

Just as the Selectmen were able to fill one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment last month when Patrick Bergeron volunteered to fill the vacant alternate's position, another position has become vacant.

After several years of service to the community as an alternate ZBA member, Dale Phillips made the decision it was time to step aside and allow another Auburn resident a chance to serve.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Dale for her service to Auburn. Not only on the ZBA, but also her prior service as a Selectman, School Board member and membership on other Town boards.

Generally, the Zoning Board of Adjustment meets once a month, depending on whether there are any applications pending. The board is responsible for applying and interpreting the Town's zoning ordinance. The ZBA considers applications for special exceptions, variances and equitable waivers.

The members and alternate members of the ZBA are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The current vacant alternate member's term of office would be for three years through March 2024.

Any Auburn resident interested in serving on the ZBA should drop a short letter or e-mail to the Board of Selectmen (townadmin@townofauburnnh.com) to let us know of your interest in serving.

Keith Leclair



Todd Bedard

Michael Rolfe

Auburn Board of Selectmen

Roadside Cleanup Day

Saturday April 17th, 2021

(Rain date - April 24th, 2021)

Starts at 8:00am at the Fire Station.

Ends at Noon.

(Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions no lunch this year)

Help us make a clean sweep of the town.

Groups, Teams, Individuals, everyone is welcome!



Auburn EMS
911 Fire

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AFD EMS 911 Fire

Town-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 15

The Town-Wide Yard Sale is back in 2021! If you cleaned out your attics, basements and garages during quarantine and are ready to get rid of your old stuff, join the Auburn Town-Wide Yard Sale. This event will be held on **Saturday, May 15 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**. You price and tag your own items, set the sale up outside at your own house and then you keep the profits. The registration fee is only \$15. When you register with the Parks and Recreation department, your house will be included on the official town wide yard sale map, you will receive location sign to help shoppers find your sale easily and we will take care of all the advertising for you.

SELLERS: To sign up for the Town-Wide Yard Sale, please complete the registration form (found on the Parks & Rec website at AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation under the tab "rec forms") and return it to the Parks and Recreation Department along with payment. The deadline to register is April 30th.

SHOPPERS: To shop the Town-Wide Yard Sale, you can pick up the map at the Town Hall starting on Monday, May 10th. They will also be available at AuburnNH.us or on the Auburn Parks and Recreation Facebook page starting on Wednesday, May 6th. You can also pick up a copy the day of the event from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm at the Auburn Town Hall. There is no charge for the map.



Spring Tot Soccer

Saturday, May 8-June 5



Auburn Parks & Recreation and the Auburn Soccer Club are teaming up to bring soccer to the youngest players. Tot Soccer is back this season for 4-year olds and just like the "big kids", the Tots will be led by the soccer pros from SNHU. The kids will learn basic soccer skills as well as develop strength, coordination, listening skills, and teamwork.

This program will run for 5 weeks on Saturdays starting May 8 through June 12 (no program Memorial Day weekend) at 10:00-11:00 am at Wayne Eddows. The fee is \$50 for 5-week program. Preregistration is required & space is limited



Flag Football

Wednesdays, May 5-May 26

Experience the excitement of football with Skyhawks Flag Football Fueled by USA Football. Using a curriculum developed by the experts from USA Football, coaches will teach skills like passing, receiving, kicking and flag pulling. Participants will gain confidence and learn important life lessons in a fun, positive environment. This program is perfect for the beginning to intermediate football player.



Flag Football will be held at the Safety Complex field at 2:45-3:45 pm for grades 5-8 and 4:00 – 5:00 pm for grades 1-4. The 4-week programs begin on May 5 and run through May 26. The fee for the program is \$60 which also includes a flag belt that you can take home at the end of the session.

Jumping Beans

Wednesdays, May 5-June 9

Jumping Beans is a class for children ages 2-5 to get out and get moving with the wonderful Miss Joelle!

This class offers moms (or dads, aunts, uncles, grandmas, etc) and kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of the kiddos favorite songs. We will do simple dance moves to go along with the music. Jumping Beans is a fun upbeat class that offers kids the opportunity to be themselves whether that is dancing with their friends or running around and enjoying the music. Miss Joelle is a fellow Auburn mom) that understands the importance of little ones getting out and finding something to put their energy into.



The spring session will run for 6 weeks from May 5 - June 9. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 10:30 am **outside at the Safety Complex Field**. In the event of rain, the class will be rescheduled. Participants should bring their own mat, beach towel or blanket to each class. The fee for the 6-week session is \$37.

How to Register for Parks and Rec Programs

To register for Parks & Rec programs, visit auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation where you will find the registration forms under the “**Rec Forms**” tab. The completed forms along with payment can be mailed to Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. Checks can be made payable to “Town of Auburn”. If you have any questions, you can call Amy at 483-5052 x101 or email at Recreation@townofauburnNH.com.

For the most updated information on Parks and Rec activities, follow us on Facebook or Instagram at **AuburnNHParksAndRec**



AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

APRIL IS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH



This month Auburn Police Department will join law enforcement agencies nationwide to remind drivers about the dangers and consequences of texting and distracted driving.

As part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Auburn officers will be putting an emphasize on patrols to enforce New Hampshire distracted driving laws.

WE HAVE SOME NEIGHBORS MOVING IN!

You may notice as you drive by or are in the vicinity of the Safety Complex two bald eagle's flying around. This pair is currently building a nest behind our building, and have been very active throughout the day flying around the wood, breaking off branches from the trees, to build their home.



PHONE AND INTERNET SCAM

We have had an increase in residents reporting fraud to the department. There are a lot of different scams circulating lately. People are reporting email scams, reports or unemployment or tax returns being filed under a resident's social security number, or phone scams where the caller is reporting there is warrant or outstanding bill that must be paid.

We want our residents to stay safe. Below are some tips to help you identify if this is a legitimate claim or possible scam. If you feel you may have become the victim of this type of fraud, and have lost money please feel free to contact our department.

Signs it may be a scam:

Scammers pretend to be from an organization or company you know.

Scammers say there is a problem or a prize.

Scammers pressure you to act immediately

Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.

What you can do to avoid a scam:

Block unwanted calls, text messages or emails.

Do not give your personal or financial information in response to a request you didn't expect.

Resist the pressure to act immediately.

Relay the information to someone you trust, to get a second opinion.

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



Exciting news from the Auburn Garden Club



Spring has Sprung...up a Garden Club here in Auburn!



We are a brand new garden club and are looking for new members of all ages and levels of gardening knowledge and experience from Auburn and surrounding towns. Come join us!

This is our mission statement:

The Auburn Garden Club strives to enhance the knowledge and love of gardening through captivating horticultural activities and information sessions for all ages.

Club meetings and activities will provide opportunities to share your love of gardening with others with similar interests. We will be establishing annual events that engage both youth and adults. The club will provide opportunities for all to become involved with our community. We will be hosting guest speakers on various garden related topics. Both adults and youth will be able to assume leadership roles both in the club and for specific activities/events.

Currently we are in the planning stages. Stay tuned for more to come! We are planning to have first meeting in May- hopefully outside and in person!

If you have interest in membership or assisting with the formation of this club,
please email : auburngardenclub603@gmail.com.
Please visit our Facebook page- Auburn Garden Club



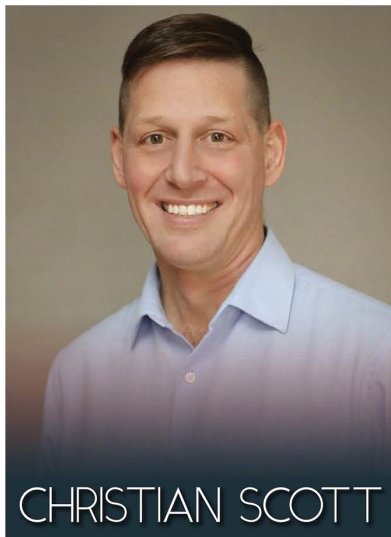
Happy Spring!
Julie Salois-Tourville and Tracey Noonan



Child Find Clinic

The Auburn School District will be conducting a Child Find Clinic on May 8th, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School. The Child Find clinic involves screening your child in speech, motor and learning skills. The professional staff of the Auburn School District will administer the screening. To be eligible your child must live in Auburn, be 3-6 years old, and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you suspect that your child has a disability that affects his or her learning please call the school at 483-2769 ext.1005 to make an appointment. Appointments must be made and walk-ins will not be accepted.

- *Covid-19 protocols will be put in place to ensure the safety of the parents/Guardians, children and staff. Screening questions and temperatures will be taken at the start of the appointment. A waiting room will be provided to ensure proper social distancing and only one family at a time will be allowed in the building. Masks are mandatory for adults and are strongly encouraged for all children. The professional staff will practice safety and cleaning protocols and may wear a face shield to ensure proper protection at their discretion. We ask that you do not arrive early as we will need time in between each child to properly sanitize. Please do not attend the clinic if you or your child are experiencing any cold symptoms and are not feeling well. Thank you for your understanding.*



Monthly Real Estate Market Update

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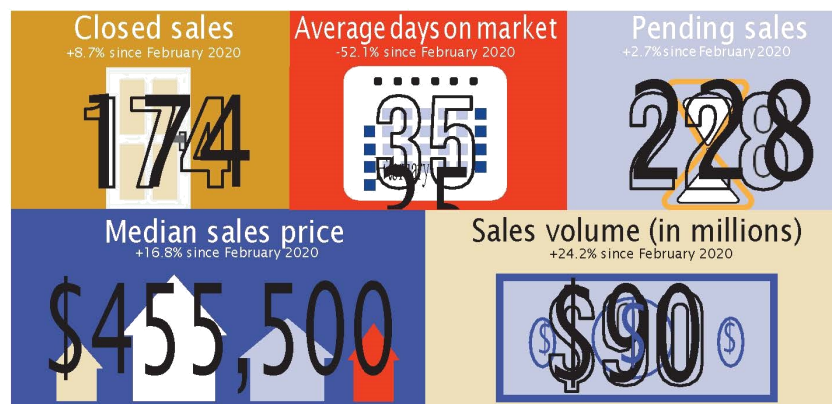
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Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for February 2021

All data is taken from the NHar.org for single family residential activity.



NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

Once a month my son Enzo and I serve at the Sonshine Soup Kitchen. I'm usually cooking over the stove and Enzo is organizing and cleaning the stockroom. Since COVID, Sonshine has adapted its methods to create a drive-thru service that feeds 50-60 meals a day. It's a well-oiled machine. Sonshine Soup Kitchen is a ministry that is supported by the Derry area communities including churches, individuals, businesses, civic organizations, and schools. They provide a place for needy individuals and families to eat a nourishing meal in an uplifting environment five nights per week.

As a non-profit, they are needful of continued support in the way of money, food, volunteers, and prayer.

<https://www.sonshinesoupkitchen.org/> | (603) 437-2833



Boy Scouts

Klondike Derby

Scout BSA Troops from Auburn (Troop 127) and Hooksett (Troops 603B and 603G) gathered in the woods of Auburn NH on Saturday February 13, 2021 to participate in a local Klondike Derby. A Klondike Derby is a long-time winter tradition in scouting, based on the heritage of the Klondike Gold Rush. The Scouts use “people power” to move a scout-built sled through the snow-covered landscape. The troops act as a team and visit 6 challenge stations along the wooded trails. The challenge stations included: fire building, emergency shelter building, an obstacle course, a team challenge, GPS/Geocaching, and demonstration of knots/lashings and use of critical thinking.

2021 marks the first year these neighboring troops gathered for some friendly competition and fellowship at their own Klondike Derby. Troop leaders Will Melendy (Auburn Troop 127), Heidi Fraser (Hooksett Troop 603G), and David “Hutch” Hutchinson (Hooksett Troop 603B) originally developed this local event as a “plan b” contingency in case the Covid-19 restrictions prevented the larger Klondike Derby from taking place at Manchester’s Camp Carpenter in early February. After the Manchester Klondike was held, the youth leaders from the Hooksett and Auburn Troops decided to go forward with the smaller, local event as a way to keep active and safely socialize.

Auburn Troop 127 scored the highest number of points during the event and was recognized at the end of the afternoon during a fun filled award ceremony.

After the day’s main event, the Troops invited Arrow of Light Scouts (grade 5), from the local Cub Scout packs to join them in order to learn more about the opportunities each troop provides and to safely enjoy the beautiful afternoon.



Troop 127 displayed their fire building skills.



Troop 603G poses for a picture during a short break between challenge stations.



Troop 603B works together during a “helium stick” team challenge.



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Auburn Neighborhood Watch

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Hello, Neighbors!

It has been a quiet month in Auburn, which is wonderful! It is important even when it is quiet not to let our guard down- if you see something, say something! With the nicer weather coming, residents will no doubt be out and about walking, riding bikes, and playing. Lets help keep everyone safe and follow posted speed limits and keep our eyes on the road. It is also important during this time to make sure your dogs are leashed while walking on trails or around your neighborhood. There is a leash law that the Town follows (RSA 466:31,II(a) that states a dog cannot run loose without owner or keepers control. Also, as the weather continues to get warmer, we will see an uptick in animals coming out of hibernation and visiting our yards and parks. The ice will also be melting and we hope everyone takes precautions to stay safe on the ice while it lasts. Finally, if you haven't done so already, we would love to add you to our email list for the monthly newsletter and to keep you posted on important items the NWG wants to get out to residents! Please feel free to email any of the group leaders below so we can add you to the list. We also have a Facebook page that we would love for you to visit and follow- link is below! Have a great month, and as always, please feel free to reach out to any of the group's leaders with any questions you may have.

Jenn

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Tarah Bergeron - bergeron.patrick.d@gmail.com - North Auburn

Look for the Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group on Facebook. This is a private group open to town residents. Anybody wishing to join the group will be required to answer a few security questions. More information about the Auburn Neighborhood Watch can be found here. We encourage you and your neighbors to join and help keep Auburn safe.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/auburnneighborhoodwatch>

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News From Auburn Dollars for Scholars®

THE END IS NEAR!

Scholarships will close April 30th!

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To apply visit: auburndollarsforscholars.org and click on the parent/student tab.
Your application must be 100% complete before April 30th to qualify.

Try these Websites to search for more scholarships:

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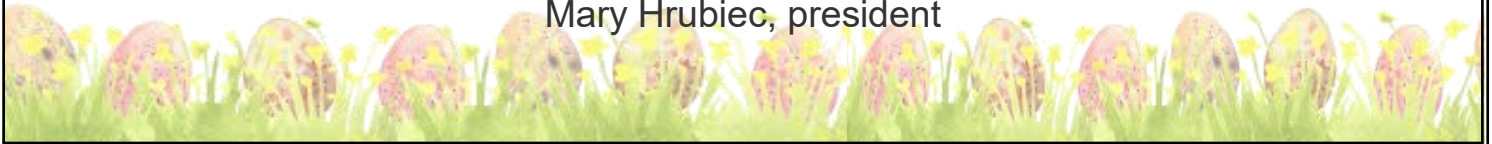
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Sun – 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

Live Streamed Mass: We continue to live stream Sunday Mass on our parish Facebook page on Sundays at 10 am for those who are homebound, experiencing symptoms of illness, or are concerned for their safety. You can watch the video by going to our parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeteraub/>).

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule:

Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 pm

Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross – 3:00 pm; Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 3: Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday Masses – 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Baptism or Marriage: For information on scheduling a Baptism or Marriage, please contact Fr. Michael Gendron at 603-623 -5429, ext. 1.

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.





***Do not fear, for I have
redeemed you;
I have called you by
name, you are mine
Isaiah 43***

As the year moves forward, we of the Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC in Auburn, continue to place our hope in one who is beyond the divisions of our world and binds us together. We look forward to Holy week and Easter at the beginning of April and the possibility of new worship options becoming safer with the expansion of vaccine deliveries.

In light of the on-going rates of infection, as of this publication's deadline, our plans are to continue with on-line worship services, using both Zoom and YouTube platforms through the end of April. As the course of the virus is unpredictable, and things can change quickly, we recommend that you contact the church (483-2907) to check on the current situation.

Longmeadow Serves!



Our plan is to begin trials of outdoor, socially-distanced worship on **Easter, April 4, 2021**. We will offer 7:00 on-line worship on Zoom plus an outdoor service at our regular 9:30 time by the firepit built on our grounds by Boy Scout Troop 127, which has been an unexpected blessing to us in this year. If this service goes well, we hope to have regular outdoor and on-line services throughout the summer.

Again, please note that all of these plans are subject to change pending the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please contact the church or watch the Auburn Community Facebook page for updates.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all of our Auburn friends and neighbors a Blessed Easter as we look forward with hope and gratitude to the God who claims us, protects us and calls us by name. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth



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News from the Auburn Historical Association

Prescott General Store—The Heart of the Village

By Dan Carpenter



Left and center: The Prescott General Store once stood where the Auburn Supermarket and gas station are now.

Right: The old ice house once used by the store can still be seen behind 7 Chester Road at the 4 corners.

At the turn of the 20th century, Prescott's Store in Auburn Village was the economic center of everything Auburn. Originally, the store was located on the brookside of Chester Road. In 1894, Simon Prescott agreed to sell the lot to the Manchester Water Works if his son Frank could move the store. Frank used a windlass and log rollers to move the store to its present location.

Wide wooden steps were built across the entire front of the store. These steps became a place to socialize for both locals and summer tourists. Small boys could scoot under the steps and look for lost coins (Charlotte Hunkins McDonald Story). Eventually, the wooden steps were replaced with concrete which was not nearly as inviting to sit on and chat with friends. In the 1940s, I remember those concrete steps as being too high, or was my leg too short? Frank purchased two large plate glass windows which he mounted on either side of the front door. The windows came by rail and were off-loaded at Massabesic Depot (across from the entrance to Front Park). Then, they were put on a steamboat and brought across the lake to the dock at Hall's Landing (the boat launch at the foot of Bunker Hill Rd).

Just inside the front door stood a large pot bellied wood stove. In the winter, people would gather around the stove for a bit of warmth before heading back outside. In the late 1800s, most men who lived in the Village were self employed shoe makers. Many of them would head over to the store in the late afternoon to see their neighbors and socialize. For the farmers and others who were outside all day, the wood stove was a place to dry your boots and watch the outside world through those oversized windows.

On the right side of the building, a wide outdoor staircase lead to the second floor. The whole second floor was a single room which the Prescott's rented out for dances, wedding receptions and town meetings. Before the telephone, young people might send a postcard to a friend with a message like, 'Will I see you at the dance? Meet me on the stairs.'

Before electricity, everyone depended on ice for refrigeration. The store needed a lot of ice for its produce, meat, and ice cream. New England has always been crazy for ice cream and a good supply with multiple flavors kept the tourists flocking into Prescott's. (Prescott's ice house with its 2 foot walls is the red barn behind the Big House on the corner of Chester and Raymond Road.)

Frank Prescott was also a good amateur photographer. At the turn of the 20th century, he took pictures around Auburn. When the postcard craze hit in 1908, he had them turned into postcards and sold them at the store to locals and tourists alike.



News from the Auburn Historical Association

Prescott General Store—The Heart of the Village, continued...

Frank also developed pictures at the store for his customers. Some of the hotels took weekly group pictures of their boarders. Frank would develop these pictures for the hotels. The pictures became mementos of their vacation in Auburn and at the same time were advertising for the hotels.

Most people had large gardens and canned produce to get them through the winter. A country store like Prescott's tried to carry a little bit of everything that could not be grown. There was penny candy and a pickle barrel. Housewives truly cooked from "scratch". For example, bread was not sold by the loaf but a 50 lb. sack of flour would provide bread and pie dough for a month or more.

"Auburnites" would go to Prescott's Store looking to buy molasses, sugar, coffee and spices. They would also be looking for things like cloth, needles, and nails.

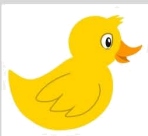
The Auburn Post Office was located in the back of the store. Before Rural Free Delivery (RFD in 1896) all mail was picked up at the Post Office. (That is why a 19th century envelope only needed a persons name and post office.). People were used to "Going for the mail." Farmers would make weekly trips to town, pick up what they needed at the store and check the mail. Most summer boarders rented by the week and could also check for mail.

The local store was also important for financial transactions. Most people did not receive a regular paycheck so store credit was essential. It was important to be able to 'run a tab'... until the calf was sold...until the logs delivered to the mill last week were paid for... or barter a dozen eggs for black pepper. In addition, Frank Prescott also made loans and wrote mortgages. These were business transactions and Prescott expected to make money. But, by making these investments in his community, he improved the lives of his fellow "Auburnites" and made Auburn a better place to live.

Hanging Plant Sale



Once again this year, the Auburn Historical Association will be selling hanging plants. We have purchased from the same local grower for 5 years. If you are interested in buying one, ***please place your order by email to info@auburnhistorical.org.*** The first basket is \$30. Each basket ordered after that is \$25. We will deliver them to you on Friday, May 7. Please let us know if you have any questions.



Auburn Day and the 28th Annual Duck Race!!!

**Saturday, September 11th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Downtown Auburn Village on Hooksett Road.**



The Auburn Historical Association is really looking forward to holding the Auburn Day and 28th Annual Duck Race event! Plans are in the works and we hope we will see everyone there!

Parks and Rec will be joining us is making this an extra special event! Highlights will include great music and food, local artisans, crafters and vendors, children's activities, local authors, a climbing wall, petty zoo, apple pie contest, pretty chicken contest and much more!

Please contact us at www.auburnhistorical.org and ask to be added to our mailing list. Also, we will be sure to post any updates on Facebook —be sure to "like" our page.



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Library Giving Day

The **Friends of Griffin Free Public Library** need your support! They provide over \$4,200 in library funding each year through their fundraising events. As they were not able to hold in-person fundraisers this year, they are looking for your support during **Library Giving Day, April 7**. The Friends purchase all museum passes, pay for programs and support our Summer Reading Program. Details are available at <https://griffinfree.org/friends-of-griffin-free/>.

Services

Yes, we are **open by appointment**! We also continue to provide our very popular **Porch Pick-Up** option.

Programming Highlights

For those of you interested in your family history, this event is for you! **Understanding and Analyzing Your DNA Matches** uncovers what you might find after you DNA test. Several testing companies are featured and matches lists discussed in this fun and informative program. Presented by Eric Migdal from It's All Relative Genealogy, LLC on April 7 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Registration required.

Our ebook and audiobook collection is a convenient way to discover and borrow titles anytime from anywhere. If you'd like to take advantage of our digital offering but don't know how or where to begin, OverDrive's **Getting Started with Libby** virtual sessions have you covered! Join us on April 15 – three sessions are available starting at 9 AM, 9:30 AM or 10 AM.

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Adult Paint Kits available during the month of April (while supplies last). See our website for details!

Children's Coloring Pages will be available from the library throughout the month.



ONLINE DAY OF GIVING TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF THE GRIFFIN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Giving Day

The Friends of Griffin Free Public Library are raising funds through a Library Giving Day Campaign.

Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) that helps the library build its collection and resources, offer programs for patrons of all ages and better serve the needs of our community. The Friends do this by securing and managing donations from the community to support the library beyond what public funding provides.

Currently, the Friends have paid for Ancestry Library Edition; all museum passes; TixKeeper, an online museum pass registration system; and books and programs for the Summer Reading Program.

Last year the Friends did not host any fundraising events due to COVID-19 restrictions. **This one day online fundraising event will occur on April 7, 2021 and will help offset costs for these programs** and allow the Griffin Free Public Library to continue to be WHERE AUBURN COMES TOGETHER TO DISCOVER, CREATE, CONNECT AND SUCCEED!

Donations may be contributed online from the library's website griffinfree.org. Checks should be made out to **Friends of Griffin Free Public Library** and mailed to: *The Friends of Griffin Free Public Library, PO Box 308, Auburn, NH, 03032.*

Thank you in advance for your support of the Friends of Griffin Free Public Library!

Marie Sullivan, President / Pat Clement, Vice President

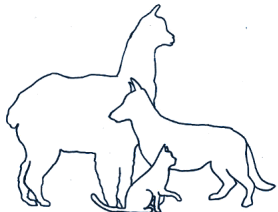


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