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Summer

Longmeadow Church Breakfast "CHANGE"

Starting this September, the public breakfast has been changed to once a month on the FIRST Saturday of each month from 6:30 – 10:00 am. The breakfast is at Longmeadow Congregational Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd.. Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news 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?

From September 2019 until May 2020 the only breakfast each month will be on the first Saturday. We look forward to seeing you and your friends to celebrate the fall!

AUBURN DAY AND THE 27TH ANNUAL DUCK RACE Saturday, September 7 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Downtown Auburn Village on Hooksett Road www.auburnhistorical.org



Held each September, Auburn Day and the Annual Duck Race is a family-friendly, fun-filled day and a celebration of the town of Auburn. The event is organized by the Auburn Historical Association and serves as the organization's major fundraiser.

Event highlights include: the famous duck race, Salmon Falls apple pie contest, Pretty Chicken Contest, Auburn Agricultural Anomalies, 5k Duckling Dash, NH artisans, crafters and vendors, children's activities, food and more.



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Auburn Town Hall News



Playing Under the Lights

Work will be starting soon on the installation of lights on the soccer field at the Eddows Recreational Fields off Priscilla Lane, while poles and infrastructure for future lights for the softball field will also be put into place.

In addition, a few parking lot lights will also be added to the parking area of the property to complete the project.

Athletic field lights of this type are custom made specifically for the field and poles to be used so the light & Recreation Commission, and had is directed onto the field without a spillover onto other portions of property. The lights were ordered in through the FY 2019 budget. early June and have a six to eight week lead time for delivery. Work is Several Auburn businesses are workanticipated to be completed in time for the fall soccer schedule, and will enable teams to utilize the fields longer for both practice and potential game schedules.

The project is being managed by Pat Kelley and Zach Eaton of the Parks been included in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan and funded

ing with the Town for the successful completion of this project including Tom Skeffington of USA (Utility Service and Assistance), Auburn Electric and Gemini Electric.

Town Boards and Committees

The Board of Selectmen have appointed Dennis Vieira to fill the vacancy on the Highway Safety Committee.

Shawn Matte stepped forward and has been appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire in March 2022.

Property Tax Exemption Proposal Received

The Town has already received a petition for a warrant article to establish property tax exemptions for solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood heating energy systems installed on local properties. As proposed in the petition, the property tax exemption would be for 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment.

Currently, there are 44 residential and commercial properties in Auburn that are assessed a total of \$945,000 for solar energy systems. In addition, there are building permits in process for an additional eight or nine properties which could add an additional \$144,560 of assessed valuation.

There are currently no windpowered or wood heating energy systems in Auburn's property assessment values.

This is an issue which Town officials hope to have public conversations about this year and prior to the January Deliberative Session of Town Meeting. If approved by voters, the loss of the current assessed value from the Town's property assessments would result in a two-cent tax rate increase based on 2018's total net assessed valuation.



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FY 2020 Budget Work is Underway

While many of us are beginning to enjoy the warm summer months and possibly some vacation time, work has already begun on the Town's FY 2020 operating budget.

At this point, Town department heads, boards and commissions are

preparing their budget requests for the coming year. This work is to be submitted towards the end of August to enable the Town administration to compile an overall Town budget and present it to the Board of to the voters for their consideration. Selectmen on September 9th.

Meetings with individual departments, boards and commissions will then begin as the Selectmen and then the Budget Committee work on the ultimate budget to be submitted

Save the Date for Hazardous Waste Collection and E-Waste Days

Mark your calendars now.

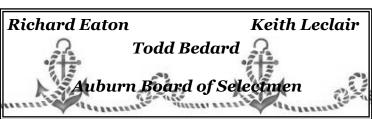
The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event for Auburn. Nottingham and Raymond residents has been scheduled for Saturday, September 14th from 9 AM to Noon in Raymond. The event will be held at the end of Industrial Drive off Old Manchester Road (Exit 4) across from the Raymond Safety Complex.

The maximum quantity per household is five gallons or five pounds, whichever is greater. No motor oil or latex paint will be accepted.

Auburn's annual Electronic "E-Waste" Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th from 9 AM to 2 PM. Plans right now are to hold the event at the Auburn Village School as long as it does not interfere with the school construction.

This annual program is set up to accept any appliance, TV, stereo, computer, printer, radio or other electronic device you need to dispose. Anything that can be plugged in is accepted.









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Summer Concerts in the Park



As we start to wind down the summer, join us for summer concert in the park with the Bob Pratte Band. Mark your calendars for free family entertainment, live music, hot dogs and hamburgers, raffle and popcorn provided by Longmeadow Church. Bring the kids to enjoy the playground and sit back and relax to the music. The concert will be held at the Circle of Fun playground starting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 15th. (In the event of rain, the concert will be rescheduled.)

ASC Fall K-2 Soccer Registration

Registration is open for the Auburn Soccer Club's K-2 Development League. Interested players can register at auburnsoccerclub.org. If you have any questions, contact ASC at info@auburnsoccerclub.org.



Senior BBQ

The Annual Senior BBQ, for Auburn Residents age 65 and over, will be held at the Longmeadow Church on **Saturday, August 10**th **at 1:00 pm**. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, salads, drinks and ice cream will be served at no charge. This event is always a big hit and will be even bigger this year. Please RSVP if you plan to attend before August 2rd by calling the Recreation Department at 603-483-5052 x101 or emailing Recreation@townofauburnNH.com.

Playdate in the Park

Parents/caregivers and their little ones are invited to meet at the Circle of Fun playground this summer to let your kids play together while we get to know each other. Playdate at the Park will be held on Thursday at 10:00 am throughout the summer. Each playdate will have a theme and a special guest to make it even more fun...

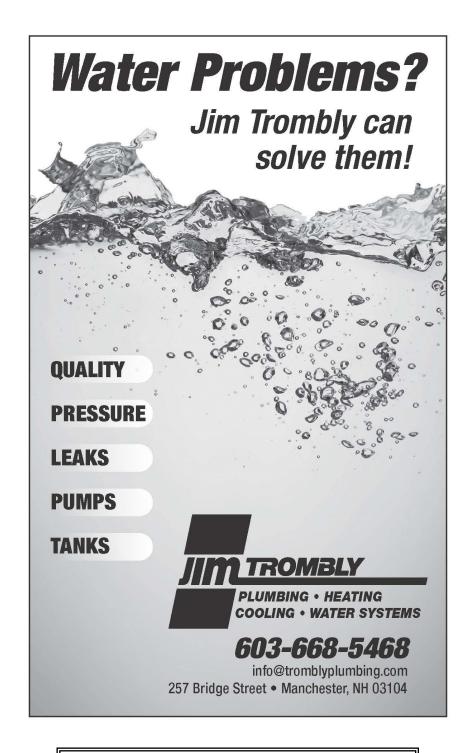
July 25- Stories with Miss Mary **August 8**- Fire Truck visit with AFD

August 22 - Back to school with AVS Kindergarten





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Thank you to everyone who made this year's Annual Book Sale a great success! We could not make this happen without all of our wonderful volunteer support! We are already collecting books for next year's sale, so come on by and drop them off when we are open.

Programming Highlights

Our Summer Reading Program continues in August! Are you a high school aged teen? Make sure to sign up for our first ever Teen Lock-in when the teens take over the library after hours! The fun will be Harry Potter themed with food, games and crafts for you to enjoy. This teen only event takes place on Friday, August 16 from 5 PM – 8 PM and is run by our volunteer Madeline Michaud. Contact the library for details.



We will also be hosting a FREE Humanoid Robot demonstration on Wednesday, August 7 at 1:00 PM titled: Summer Time is Robot Time. This one hour presentation will feature live demonstrations of a Humanoid Robot and a Tele-presence Robot. This presentation will address the state of the art in robotics, robot based autism interventions and social skills development, in home health care, and home schooling programs.

Upcoming Children's Programming:

EVERY Tuesday, 11:00 AM — Infant/Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary

*EVERY Friday, 12:00 - 1:00 PM - Summer Reading Program (thru Aug. 23)

Saturday, Aug. 3, 1:00 PM – STEM on Saturday: Mystery Bag Challenge

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1:00 PM – Summer Time is Robot Time! Demonstration of two humanoid robots

Saturday, Aug. 10, 11:00 AM - Marshmallow **Shooters Craft**

*Friday, Aug. 16, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Harry Potter Teen Lock-in

Saturday, June Aug. 24, 11:00 AM - Back to School Craft

*Registration Required

Upcoming Adult Programming:

EVERY Friday, 10:30 AM – Knitting / Crochet Friday, Aug. 2, 11:00 AM - Coffee with a Cop Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1:00 PM - Summer Time is Robot Time! Demonstration of two humanoid robots

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6:30 PM - Adult Author Series - David Preece

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1:15 PM - Day Book Club: Broken Girls by Simone St. James

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6:30 PM - Adult Author Series - Roxanne Dent and Karen Dent





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WANTED!

Are you an artist, a photographer, an overall crafty and creative person?

Then the Friends Of The Griffin Free Library really want **YOU**!

On Auburn's Duck Race Day the Friends will be selling items that are donated by Auburn residents. Look for the Friends exclusively "Made in Auburn." table.

Some of the items that have been donated so far are; gorgeous garden glass flowers (try saying that 5 times), handmade jewelry, whimsical crochet animals, fun dog and cat toys and unique pincushion mugs.

We'd really like to see what YOU have to share with the people of Auburn.

All proceeds from the Friends fund raising activities are instrumental with (to mention a few) supporting the many library's educational programs, providing books for the AVS and Pinkerton summer reading program, continuing the Ancestry program, table games and many museum discount/passes for families and seniors. *New England Aquarium now available in July and August, *Boston Children's Museum available April to September (for a full list of the 14 passes please go to griffinfree.org.)

Auburn's Duck Race Day will be on Saturday September 7. Any items that you donate can be left at the library. You are invited to leave any information cards with your donation.

Any questions please contact Pat Clement @ pclement60@yahoo.com

As always, the Friends really appreciate the Auburn Community's support.

Griffin Free Public Library Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Do you love your library? The Griffin Free Public Library Board of Trustees is looking for candidates to be an Alternate Trustee on the Board.

The Library is governed by a team of the Library Director, three Elected Trustees and two Alternate Trustees and we would like to add one more Alternate Trustee to the Board. The Board is responsible for the custody and management of the library, and we select a Director who is the administrator of the day-to-day operations. We are responsible for the budget and all financial decisions. Alternate Trustees should attend and participate in all meetings as they have voting rights when filling in for an absent Elected Trustee.

If you are interested in what a board meeting is like, you're welcome to join us on the second Monday of any month at 6:30 in the library. You can also go to the town website and review the minutes from previous meetings. If you would like to speak with a Board Member please leave your information at the library and someone will get back to you.

Please note - the annual Back to School Bonanza at AVS

will not be held this year! Due to school construction and the teachers/staff all being busy with moving classrooms and preparing for the coming school year we have decided to take a year off. We look forward to having the community join us next year before the 2020 school year begins to share all the great activities and clubs that Auburn youth can enjoy. If you haven't participated in the past but are interested in having a table at the event next year to represent your company, club or group, please contact Samantha at shortstacksam5@gmail.com to be put on the list! Enjoy the rest of summer!



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Tree & Plant ID

Saturday, Aug 3 10 am to 11:30 pm Leader: Jocelyn Duffy Cost: \$7M/\$10/NM

Can you tell a beech from a birch? An oak from a maple? Explore the summer world of woody plants of the Northeast and become a life-long learner about the trees, shrubs and woody vines around you. Learn basic terminology required for plant identification and use plant kevs and field guides on some local native and naturalized species. Get to know which plant parts and family characteristics are helpful when faced with an unknown plant. Suitable for beginners and people with basic botanical knowledge. Bring a hand lens if you have one. Indoor/ Outdoor program. Jocelyn Duffy is a MAC naturalist and UNH Coverts volunteer who loves almost any excuse to spend time outside enjoying the natural world.

Register online at www.nhaudubon.org under "Events

and News" then "Calendar" use the date to find this program and click to

Gardens for Pollinators

Wednesday, August 14, 6:30-8:30

Leader: Ron Christie – "Farmer Ron

Master Gardener" Cost: \$10M/\$15NM

Take a walk about MAC's gardens and find out which plants are loved by native bees, butterflies, moths, birds, bats and beetles and other insects and why. What makes a plant special for this purpose? What could you plant in your garden? No matter if you have a full garden or only room for one pot – be sure to make it is open to all amateur photographers. count by choosing plants that contribute to the habitat of our friends. Register online at

www.nhaudubon.org under "Events and News" then "Calendar" use the date to find this program and click to register.



Did you take a great picture in New Hampshire? Do you think it has what it takes to win a photo contest? Take a look at those snaps and submit your best photos to the 13th annual Wild NH photo contest! Categories include: Birds, Wildlife, Landscapes, Plants and an Under 18 group. The Wild NH Photo Contest The submission fee is used to help support the wildlife programs of NH Audubon's Massabesic Center. Timeline and Events: Photos can be submitted between now and September 4, 2019. Judging will be completed on October 9, and winning images will be invited to display during the Massabesic Center's Wild NH Photo Exhibit from October 16 through December 7, 2019.





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News from the Auburn Historical Association

FACES OF AUBURN'S ELDERS RECEPTION

Thank you to everyone who took time to join us for the Faces of Auburn Elders Reception, which was held on Saturday, May 18. We had an overwhelming turnout of people who were just as excited about this wonderful photo book project as we were. Thank you to all of our elders for sharing their stories with us.



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The Auburn Historical Association presents

AUBURN DAY AND 27TH ANNUAL DUCK RACE Saturday, September 7 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Auburn Village on Hooksett Road** Free to attend and held rain or shine

Duck race, local artisans, 5k road race, food, Salmon Falls Apple Pie Contest, kids' activities, live music, Pretty Chicken Contest, Agricultural Anomalies, music by Peabody's Coal Train, Pinkerton Marching Band and more!

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

3rd Annual Pretty Chicken Contest

Do you have a Plymouth Rock beauty or a stunning Rhode Island Red that everyone must see? If you think that you have the most beautiful hens in town, then bring them to this year's Duck Race and show them off!

The public will vote for their favorite girls and the top three vote-getters will receive cash prizes.



2nd Annual Agricultural | 5th Annual Salmon Falls **Anomalies Contest**

Are you growing a twisted tomato, crooked carrot or abnormal apple in your garden bounty? If so, then we want to see it! We invite all farmers and garden enthusiasts to show off their unique produce picks.

The public will vote for their favorite entries and the top three vote-getters will receive cash prizes.

Apple Pie Contest

The deliciously popular Apple Pie Contest is back for a fifth year. If you think your homemade apple pie is the best, then we want to taste what you've got!

Bakers will be blindly judged by a panel of local pie enthusiasts. The top three contestants will receive a beautifully made pie plate, courtesy of Salmon Falls Stoneware.

Find maps, entry forms and contest rules for all events at www.auburnday.com

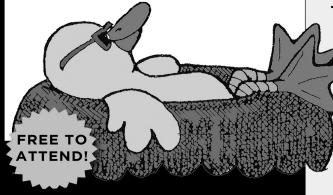


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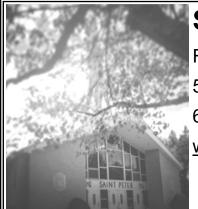
\$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

- Griffin Free Public Library
- Send us a message on Facebook: facebook.com/AuburnHistoricalAssociation
- Visit the AHA tent at the event on Sept. 7
- Contact an AHA officer: Pat Clement, Dan Carpenter, Dave Rogers, Susan Anderson, Lynn Bouchard, Wendy Smith or Jim Thompson



This event benefits the Auburn Historical Association and other local non-profit organizations.

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Longmeadow Serves!









Summer is in full swing and the Spirit is continuing to work in and through us here at Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. We are located at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn and invite you to 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.

In July we partnered with our sister church, The Chester Congregational Baptist Church to worship together in Union Worship Services, in which we strengthened our historical bonds in worship and fellowship.

It was a joy for us to once again serve free popcorn to our neighbors at the Free Summer Concert in July sponsored by our friends of the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department. We love when we can join with others in service and look forward to serving again at the August con-



In August we will be focusing on our annual outreach to provide School Supplies to children in need, both here in Auburn but also in other parts of SCHOOL the country and around the world. In past years we have been blessed with many of our Auburn



friends and neighbors joining us in this effort. Below is a list of the items we are collecting and we welcome any and all donations. There is a labelled bin on the porch of the Tiny Tots entrance or Pastor Ruth would be happy to come to your house to pick up any donations, just call the church.

Items needed:

- Blunt nose scissors
- 30-centimeter rulers (must include metric)
- Hand held pencil sharpeners Pencils
- 24 pack of crayons
- Erasers (approx. 1 X 2 inches)
- Glue sticks
- Composition books
- 70-page spiral notebooks
- 12 packs of ball point pens

September will bring new beginnings and we would love to have you join us in worshiping and learning. Our new Sunday School year begins Sunday, September 8 for children in Kindergarten and older. We also look forward to the start of a new Community Breakfast season on Saturday, September 7 and would love to welcome you back! Please note that this year we will be holding breakfast just once a month.

Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC is a place where you can really make a difference in the world. Through both large and small efforts, our motto of "Longmeadow Serves" guides our life together as we seek to be a light in the world. We provide a spiritual home where all faith questions are honored and respected. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a place to worship, we hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.

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Auburn Police News

Hello Auburn,

Hard to believe that June and July are already over. We have had a busy few months with more to come!

First we wanted to congratulate Officer Christopher Beaule, now **Master Patrolman Beaule** on his promotion in May.

Officer Beaule came to Auburn in 2006 from Candia Police Department. Besides his patrol duties, he is our L.E.A.D Officer, and works with the school in many ways. He also started out Coffee with a COP Program which meets at the Griffin Free Public Library.



We have had a We had a wonderful time at Auburn Old Home Day, and it's a great chance to meet new faces and see old friends for us. Thank you to everyone who helped and who came out to made it such a successful day!









Our new radar trailer has arrived!!! Thank you so much to all the citizens and businesses who made it possible for us to raise the money needed. You may have already seen the trailer set up around town, please feel free to reach out to Melissa at any time, via phone or email with suggestions of where you would like to see the trailer placed.



Over the last few months we have had many great visitors to the department. The Officers always enjoy a chance to show kids and kids at heart the station and our cruisers.









MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!! Tuesday August 6th 6PM at Eddow's Field!

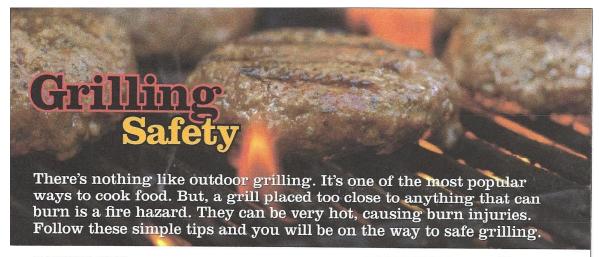
Auburn Safety Complex VS. AVS Staff Softball Game!!!!

We hope to see you there!!!!!!



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Auburn Fire Department Tips



SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
-))) Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Proughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.





AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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MVS Schoolyard News

LEAD

Law Enforcement Against Drugs at AVS

LEAD with Officer Beaule has been really fun! LEAD has been helping us make the right decisions and learn what we should do in hard situations that we find ourselves getting involved in. Some people do wrong things when they are given the chance to either try alcohol or drugs. Some examples of bad things that people do are, alcohol abuse, vape/juul, and take drugs! We have been learning about how our actions affect us and other people, and the consequences of drugs and alcohol, peer pressure, and much more!

We want to give a big thank you to Officer Beaule, he has taught us so much. Also, a big thanks to Sergeant Cashman for bringing in the police dog and showing us some of things that he can do.

After a few weeks of learning about LEAD, we got to see an amazing presentation with a police dog. They showed us some of the things that they do for training, and when they are in real situations. We are very grateful that we got the chance to take part in this, and without Officer Beaule, we would not have learned everything we had learned, and we would not have had as much fun as we had.

We had so much fun with everything that we did with Officer Beaule, and we will miss not seeing him every Thursday in 6th grade. We all wish that we could do it again, and we are so excited to see him again! We loved having him in our classroom and I am sure that everyone else feels the same!

-Ava Allard and Addison Moynihan 5th Graders







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School Improvement News

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting in plenty of trips to beaches, lakes, campgrounds, and parks. Between summer camps, summer academy, and the construction project, there's been a whirl of activity happening at the school this summer. It's hard to believe, but as this article is being written, the 2019-2020 school year starts in just over seven weeks and the construction project is in fifth gear to be ready for opening day. Here are some highlights:

- What a move! Over the course of a couple days in mid-June, the teachers and staff at AVS took on the Herculean task of moving more than 10 classrooms and spaces into the gym so that the renovation work could kick off. This was a large and well-planned undertaking that needed to be done quickly in order to give the renovation crew as much summer work time as possible.
- The portable and modular classrooms are gone. Shortly after the building emptied out in June, the excavators came in to remove these structures. With their removal, we edged closer to one of our original goals of the project to have all students and staff in a single building.
- The new classroom wing is starting to shine. Floors, walls, ceilings, lighting, paint, and tile are in place. Lockers are being installed and bathroom mirrors are going up. In addition to classrooms to replace the portable and modular classrooms, the wing is providing flexible work space, greater science lab capabilities, and much needed bathrooms and space for AVS staff.
- The cafeteria is getting its much-needed upgrade. The footprint has been expanded and all the equipment removed to allow for a more functional design. Our architecture team has given a lot of thought to this space, including managing sound and air conditioning, to make it optimal to serve both hungry students and to host community events.
- Renovation continues and will through the fall. While the new wing and some renovations will be complete by the start of school, renovation will continue through the fall in many parts of the building. Specifically, the main office, the classrooms on the left side of the building, and the bathrooms in the lobby near the gym will continue to be worked on after school starts. The school will send out some communications regarding how to enter the school and how parent drop-off/pick-up will happen as the new school year approaches.
- Sports fields are coming. While it may not look like it now, AVS will ultimately have sports fields again and they will be much improved. They won't be ready for the fall sports season, but we are looking at options to have them ready as soon as practically possible.

Beyond the physical transformation happening at AVS, there continues to be great collaboration among the architecture and construction teams, the school, the town, the Fire Department, Manchester Water Works, and other state and local entities to make all of this happen. It's been just over a year since we officially broke ground and a lot of people have come

together on this endeavor, focusing on both the internal changes described above as well as water, land, safety, and regulatory standards. It's been a true community effort.

Enjoy the rest of summer and look for our next update in the next Crier.



Removal of portable and modular classrooms



Renovation of existing space



Bathroom in new wing



Classroom in new wing

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