



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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-24th Closing @ 1pm

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## The 41st Annual Snowflake Fair

December 7th 2019

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# Auburn Town Hall News



## FY 2020 Budget Near to Completion

As we are writing this near the end of November, the Board of Selectmen is near to completing its work on the FY 2020 Town operating budget and warrant articles which should total approximately \$5.7-million. As we write this article, the Board's overall spending proposals appear to be coming in at approximately \$50,000 more than the budget and warrant articles approved by the voters in

March 2019.

But the Town will also be receiving an additional \$43,000 in Municipal Aid from the State of New Hampshire that was not available last year to offset the expense.

The Board's budget effort is only part of the Town budgeting process. The Budget Committee is also working on the Town and School budg-

ets. The Budget Committee is on track to complete most of its work prior to the Christmas holidays, ahead of the January 16, 2020 public hearing on the budgets they will propose to the voters for their approval.

## Robie Burial Ground No Longer Abandoned

The Trustees of the Cemetery have been putting a lot of effort into restoring the Robie Family Burial Ground since the Town accepted the maintenance for the abandoned burial ground at the end of last year.

Dating back to 1843, the Robie Family Burial Ground is a small, private family burial ground located near the Auburn / Derry town line in a wood-

ed area off Hemlock Spring Road, which today is known as Winters Way.

With work efforts lead by Cemetery Trustee Jim Thompson, the Robie Family Burial Ground has been more clearly defined and marked, and all of the original headstones have been erected. A lot of the site work has been contributed by Road Agent

Mike Dross and Michael Rolfe.

Congratulations to the Cemetery Trustees for undertaking this effort. The burial ground is a part of Auburn's history and one which the Town is proud to help preserve.

## 2020 Will Mark Auburn's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Town of Auburn will mark its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a town in 2020. The Town was originally incorporated in June 1845.

Initially brought to the Selectmen's attention by the Auburn Historical Association, the Selectmen and the Budget Committee feel there should be some sort of appropriate recogni-

tion for this historic milestone of Auburn.

The Selectmen will be working with the Auburn Historical Association, in addition to possibly appointing a special 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to spearhead an appropriate observance.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for such a celebration or if you would like to be involved in some fashion, please contact the Selectmen's Office and provide your input.



## 'Tis the Season . . . . .

As we head into December, we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and holiday season. And a Happy and Healthy New Year.



### ATTENTION NEW VOTERS

Interested in voting in the Presidential Primary election?

Do you need to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot?

If you are leaving town for the winter months you may want to come into the Town Clerk's Office before you go to get registered to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

Prospective voters will be asked to show proofs of identity, age (18 by the next election day), domicile/residence in Auburn, and U.S. Citizenship. A driver's license and a birth certificate or passport are useful. Affidavits may be signed under oath if proofs are lacking.

Town Clerk Hours:

Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

### AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Join the almost 500 Auburn Residents, that help keep watch over the neighborhoods of Auburn. It's free and easy to become involved!

For more information contact:

[mgates@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:mgates@townofauburnnh.com) or call 603-483-2134



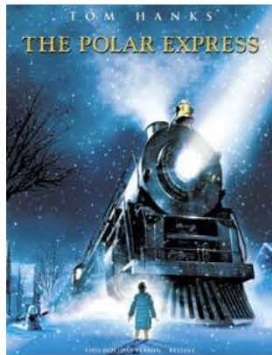
## Auburn Tree Lighting

A group of community members have come together to bring you the Auburn Tree Lighting to kick off the holiday season. All residents are invited to help us light the tree on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. The tree and the event will be at the Auburn Historical Association at 102 Chester Road. The Auburn Village School chorus will perform holiday songs and lead everyone in a sing-a-long. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.



## The Polar Express – Family Movie Night

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at AVS Gymnasium



Doors open at 4:00 pm with movie starting at 4:30 pm. Hot chocolate and holiday cookies will be served throughout the movie. Come dressed in pajamas and bring your most comfy blanket. Everyone will receive a gift at the end of the movie and there will be a visit from a very special guest.

Tickets are \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required. To order your tickets, use the form on the following page or on our website at [AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under "Rec Forms". There are limited tickets available. Order today so you don't miss out on this fun holiday family event.

## Foxwoods Casino Trip

Try your luck at Foxwoods Resort and Casino with Auburn Parks and Recreation on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. The motor coach will meet at the front parking lot of Auburn Village School at 8:00 am and will return at 7:00 pm.

Foxwoods Resort Casino, one of the largest casinos in the world with more than 380 gaming tables for blackjack, craps, roulette and poker, not to mention more than 4,700 slot machines and bingo. It features no fewer than 24 restaurants, ranging from casual to gourmet, including a Hard Rock Café. And don't forget the great shopping at the Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods! Take your shopping experience to the next level with brands such as Calvin Klein, Fossil, Nike, H&M, Kay Jewelers, Gap Factory Outlet and many more under one roof.

The price is \$30 per person, which includes motor coach transportation, \$10 for slots and a buffet. *Auburn Seniors (over 65) only pay \$15!*



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## **Painting Night for Adults**

Why should the kids get all the fun? This painting night is just for the adults. JenMac Creates will guide each participant through the process by choosing and mixing colors, applying stencils, painting, and sanding to create a customized holiday project. All required materials will be provided.

This class will be held on Thursday, December 5th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Safety Complex. The cost for the evening is \$39 per person which includes all the supplies to create the 3-block festive creation. Please see the samples to the right for the project of the evening. To register, use the form on the following page.



## **Junior Chefs**



Junior Chefs, with instructor Jen Anderson, is a cooking program for children ages 7 and over. At Junior Chefs, our young gourmets to learn how to mix, measure and bake their own delicious creations. This final class of 2019 will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-5:00 pm at Longmeadow Church. The theme of the class is "Edible Gift Ideas". The class is \$22. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Please use the registration form on the next page.

## **Winter Carnival**

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Fire Department will once again be sponsoring the Annual Winter Carnival. This event will be held on Saturday, January 11 at the Skating Rink at the Safety Complex from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

The Winter Carnival will include open skate time with a DJ, the annual burning of the Christmas Trees, roasting marshmallows as well as hamburgers, hotdogs and hot chocolate. Please keep in mind that this event is dependent on the weather. As we get closer to the day, we will post any updates or changes on our Facebook page (@AuburnNHParksandRec) and on the website (AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation)



## **Christmas Tree Drop Off**

Christmas Tree are accepted at the Safety Complex for the Burning of the Trees. You can drop them off after Christmas. Please only leave trees in the marked location. Or, to make it easy for you, the Boy Scout Troop 127 will pick up your Christmas Tree for a donation. See their article in the Crier for more details.

## **Senior Dinner**

The 2020 Senior Dinner will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>.  
More details will be available in the January Crier

## Welcome to New Parks & Recreation Commissioner

We are pleased to announce that Patty Rousseau was recently appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Patty has been involved in Parks and Rec events such as Old Home Day and Trunk or Treat. She will be a great addition to the group. Welcome Patty!



**Congrats to the  
2019  
Trunk or Treat  
Winners!**

Thank you to Pasquales Ristorante, Texas Roadhouse Manchester and T-Bones/Cactus Jack's for the donation of gift certificates and Kronos Incorporated for the Yetis for the Trunk or Treat winner.



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### **Parks and Recreation Program Registration Form**

*Foxwoods Trip, Painting Night, Junior Chefs & The Polar Express Movie Night*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for \_\_\_\_\_ Foxwoods Trip \_\_\_\_\_ Painting Night \_\_\_\_\_ Polar Express (# tickets)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Chef (December)

Please return this form to Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 483-5052 x101 or email [Recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:Recreation@townofauburnNH.com) with any questions. Checks can be written to "Town of Auburn".





## Deputy Tax Collector

### Town of Auburn - Job Posting

The Town of Auburn is seeking a part-time Deputy Tax Collector.

- **General Duties:** The position is responsible for assisting in processing the collection of taxes, preparing reports, and perform basic secretarial duties.
- **Skills and Experience:** Knowledge of secretarial practices and procedures, basic accounting and computer skills, strong customer service orientation with good communication skills. Ability to work independently and collaboratively with accuracy and organization. Minimum of High School Diploma or the equivalent.
- **Flexible hours and schedule -** Hourly rate of pay dependent on experience, range to be \$15.15 to \$15.76 to start.

**To apply:** Send cover and resume to:

Auburn Tax Collector, PO Box 146, Auburn, NH 03032 or [towntax@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:towntax@townofauburnnh.com)

Resume reviews to start immediately - position will remain open until filled.

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## Town Hall Job Opening Deputy Town Clerk

The Town of Auburn is seeking a **part-time** Deputy Town Clerk to join the team of hard-working, dedicated & fun-loving folks at Town Hall!

**General Duties:** The position is responsible for assisting in processing motor vehicle & boat registrations, vital records, dog licenses, voter registration and elections.

**Skills and Experience:** Basic accounting and computer skills, strong customer service and communication skills, detail-oriented and minimum of High School Diploma or the equivalent.

**Pay:** Hourly rate of pay dependent on experience, range to be \$15.15 to \$15.76 to start.

**Hours:** Up to 624 hours per year to include:

Wednesdays 7:45am -2:30pm

The last Monday of every month 3:00pm – 7:30pm

Approximately ten additional weeks per year (Monday 9:45am-7:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 7:45am-2:30pm & Friday 7:45am-12:30pm)

The Deputy will also need to attend training, workshops & certification for motor vehicle, boat, elections and vital records.

The Deputy Town Clerk works at all elections (1-4 per year, approx. 6:30am-8pm)

**To apply:** Send letter of interest and resume to Auburn Town Clerk, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or [townclerk@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:townclerk@townofauburnnh.com)



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*Pre-registration is required for all programs*

Shop Local! Come in for unique gifts of nest balls, homemade soaps, games, puzzles and birdhouses. NH Wild Photo Contest photos for sale through December 7.

## Winter Tree Identification

Sat, Dec 7, 10-11:30 am Cost: \$10 M/\$15 NM

Leader: Jocelyn Duffy, NHA naturalist and UNH Coverts volunteer

Can I figure out what trees are in my backyard if they don't have leaves? What weeds and wildflowers will be blooming in this field come spring? Solving your winter plant mystery is easier than you might think. Discover the clues that can help you identify a plant in any season. Suitable for budding beginners and people with basic botanical knowledge. There will be an indoor and outdoor component to the program, so come dressed for the weather. Adults only, please.



## Remarkable Reptiles-with LIVE animals

Saturday, December 21, 1-2pm  
Cost: \$10 M/\$12 NM Individuals; \$20 M/\$25 NM Families  
Leader: Madeline Champlin, NHA Massabesic Education Program Manager

Come and learn about the various reptiles that call NH home, then hold or touch some of Massabesic's live ambassador animals! We'll show off a number of native turtle species, as well as our (very docile!) Ball Pythons. Admission fee helps cover



the cost of our animal care. All ages welcome. Wheelchair accessible.

## HOMESCHOOL/WEE WONDERS

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am (see dates below) Cost: \$12 M / \$15 NM (per child/parent pair)

Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. Please dress to be outside! Pre-registration required for all classes. Register online at <http://www.nhaidubon.org/learn/> or call 668-2045.



## Wee Wonders-Classes for Preschoolers Ages 4-6

Leader: Amanda Klemm, Massabesic Audubon Center - Animal Care Specialist and Naturalist

## December 4: Feathered Friends (repeats December 11)

We have many birds that live around the Massabesic Audubon Center, and one very special bird ambassador (do you know who he is?) Today we will learn about a bird's features: what feathers are for, how wings work, and what a bird does with its beak. We will also practice identifying common New Hampshire birds and go birdwatching around the center.

## December 18: Chilly Changes

We can observe many visual changes as autumn turns to winter, and we can feel some changes too. Today we will talk about winter temperatures and



weather, animal adaptations related to winter, and discuss how we can prepare ourselves for the season of snow. We will also use special tools to investigate the weather conditions of the day!

## Homeschool – Classes for ages 7-12

Leader: Linden Rayton, Massabesic Audubon Center Naturalists.

## December 4: Can Your Tree Win Adaptation Jeopardy?

As our climate changes, every tree species is valuable in keeping our planet cool and healthy; yet many trees face challenges such as over-harvesting or invasive pests. Play this fast-paced jeopardy game to win special survival adaptations on behalf of your assigned tree. Will your tree win turbo-charged seeds? Or maybe just some sunglasses to beat the heat? Play Adaptation Jeopardy and get your tree some new tricks!



## December 18: Your Tree Topic: Presentations and Party



Culminate with a special session of presentations and a party. Create a short presentation about a tree topic from the fall lessons that excites you. "Presentations" are flexible in nature today; multimedia, written word, posters, art are all encouraged- the goal is to communicate with, and educate, fellow students about your tree topic in a way that suits your creative and scientific expression. There will be an introduction to these presentations prior to this class, and opportunities to consult with Linden. Bring some seasonal snacks to accompany this educational party!



Kathy Growney, Library Director

(603) 483-5374

[director@griffinfree.org](mailto:director@griffinfree.org)

[www.griffinfree.org](http://www.griffinfree.org)



## Programming Highlights

It's December, which means it is time for **Breakfast with Santa!** Join us on Saturday, December 14th between 8 AM and 11 AM at the Auburn Village School for the Friends of Griffin Free's annual fundraiser. This is a great opportunity for the children to meet Santa when he arrives by Fire Truck at 8:30 AM. There will be wonderful Christmas music as well by the AVS choir and band. Menu includes pancakes, sausages, pastries and beverages. Tickets will be sold at the door – (adults \$6, children \$3 and under three are free).

Thank you to our wonderful community for making this year terrific. On behalf of the Trustees and library staff, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season.

### Upcoming Children's Programming:

**During November & December: *Stuff the***

***Turkey with Books You Have Read:*** Starts Nov. 1 through Dec. 20

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

**EVERY Friday, 1:00 PM** – Infant/Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 1:45 PM** - STEM on Saturday: Math with Aliens!

**Wednesday, Dec 11, 6:30 PM** - Storytime & Craft with Miss Mary: Snowglobes!

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 8 AM – 11 AM** - Breakfast with Santa at AVS

**Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 PM** – Storytime with Santa!

### Upcoming Adult Programming:

**Every Friday, 10:30 AM** – Knitting/Crochet

**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:30 PM** – Evening Book Club – Bring a book to swap!

**Friday, Dec. 6, 11:00 AM** – Coffee with a Cop

**Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30 PM** – Friends Meeting

**Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM** – Trustee Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1:15 PM** – Day Book Club: *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 8 AM – 11 AM** - Breakfast with Santa at AVS

**Saturday, Dec. 21, 10 AM – 12 PM** – Genealogy Club

### GRIFFIN FREE HOLIDAY HOURS

#### CLOSED:

DECEMBER 22 – 25 (SUN. – WED.)

DECEMBER 29 – JAN. 1 (SUN.–WED.)





Auburn Village School PTA's

# HOLIDAY FAIR



The Auburn Village School PTA's Holiday Fair is fun for kids and adults of all ages. Starting at 8am on **Saturday, December 14th** and running in conjunction with The Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library's Santa's Breakfast, the fair offers you a chance to find unique gifts for those on your list while your kids play games, make crafts and shop. With over 40 vendors, you're bound to find something! There will also be raffles with exciting prizes! Among the raffles is \$500 cash prize. Who can't use a little extra cash this time of year?

Raffle entries will end at 1pm and there will be a live drawing from 1pm to 2pm. You don't need to be present to win. For more details, please visit our Facebook page at "AVSPTA". Admission is free but tickets are required for kids' crafts, games, and raffles. Tickets are \$1 a piece or \$10 for 15.

## It's Breakfast With Santa Time!



Join us on Saturday, December 14 between 8am and 11am at the Auburn Village School for the Friends of Griffin Library's annual fundraiser. Santa will arrive on a firetruck at 8:30 complete with jingle bells, and he's hoping to see some excited boys and girls to greet him.

The kitchen elves will be busy cooking up pancakes, sausages, pastries and beverages. Tickets will be sold at the door- adults \$6, children \$3, under 3 are free.

It will be a fun morning, and after breakfast please think about shopping at the PTA Christmas Fair in the gym. It's a wonderful opportunity to start your holiday shopping.

So, come along, bring your appetite, and get ready to sing Christmas Carols with the AVS Chorus and Band! Santa will be waiting to see you.



# News from the Auburn Historical Association

## AHA ACQUIRES UNDERHILL TOOL COLLECTION

**The Auburn Historical Association is excited to announce that it recently made room at the museum for some Underhill Edge Tools, including some forged edged steel chisels and axes.**

People who work with their hands, use tools to make or shape wooden creations and people who repair machinery might be interested to learn that Auburn was once home to the Underhill Edge Tool Company.

Underhill Edge Tools was a vibrant hand tool business in the 1800s and was operated by the Underhill family; the Underhill's family home, built in 1766, still stands on Chester Road.

In the 1820s, the Underhills were making edge tools at their forge on Chester Road, and in 1835, they purchased the mill site in Auburn Village. For 30 years, the Underhills, along with the help of friends and family, produced axes, chisels, adze, and other sharpened tools at the dam in the Village.

Underhill Edge Tools were sold to woodworkers all over the United States and many pieces can still be found for purchase on eBay and, more often than not, in piles in dark corners of old barns, basements or antique shops. Each tool was stamped by its maker and the earlier tools also had "Auburn NH" stamped on them.

Auburn once had a number of tool collectors, Ed Locke, Carl Mayland, as well as brothers Paul and Jim Wood. Ancestors of the Underhills still living in Auburn include: Herb Chase, Don Dollard and Nancy Allen Mayland.

Don Dollard began collecting Underhill tools over 30 years ago. He went to tool auctions, bargained with antique dealers, and talked to other collectors. Over the years, he amassed a large collection of Underhill tools and especially loved the early ones stamped "Auburn NH". Don wanted to keep the collection in Auburn, so he sold the tools at a discount to the Auburn Historical Association, who received contributions from individual members to make this possible. The AHA thanks everyone involved in making this important acquisition possible and is especially grateful to Don Dollard to helping us preserve this slice of Auburn's history.

We invite you to come see the Don Dollard Underhill Tool Collection and learn more by visiting us at the museum, which is open the third Saturday of each month from 1-4 p.m.



Current President of the Historical Association Dan Carpenter and Past President Don Dollard overlook the extensive collection of Underhill Edge Tools that were made in New Hampshire in the 1800s. The tools were recently acquired by the Auburn Historical Association.

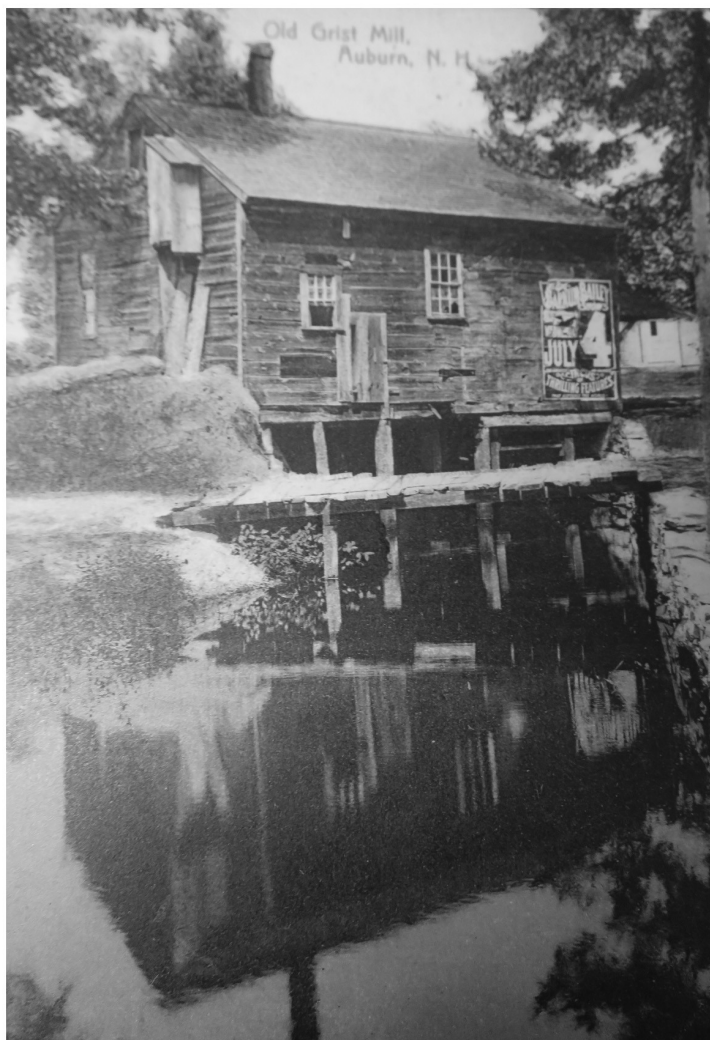
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The Underhills purchased the mill site in downtown Auburn Village in 1835 and produced tools here for 30 years.



Don Dollard looks over some of the tools made in Auburn by his ancestors in the 1800s at the Underhill Edge Tool Company. The Historical Association recently purchase a collection of these tools and they will be on display at the museum.



Each tool was stamped by its maker as well as the town it was made in.



# St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor  
567 Manchester Rd.  
603-623-5429  
[www.stpeteraub.org](http://www.stpeteraub.org)

## Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am



New Mass Time: Please note that our Sunday morning Mass schedule has changed. The Masses are now at 8:00 am and **10:00 am**.

The Season of Advent: The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas and also to Christ's second coming at the end of time. We invite you to participate in some of our Advent devotions, including **LESSONS & CAROLS on Sunday, December 15 at 5:30 pm**. Lessons & Carols is a service of Scripture, song, and prayer.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 – 10:00 am

## New Year's Day Mass

Wednesday, January 1 – 9:00 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](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net)



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# Longmeadow Serves!

As we enter the holy season of Advent, there are so many things, events and people that vie for our attention, and our lives can feel too hectic and hurried to truly experience the wonder and awe of the season. But there is a haven in the midst of all this and your friends at the Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ invite you to join us as we walk together through this season of joyful expectant waiting with Worship, Service and Fellowship. 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 childcare available at the same time.

You will read elsewhere in the Village Crier about our wonderful Snowflake Fair on Saturday December 7 and the fact that our monthly Community Breakfast is moved this month to the third Saturday of the month, December 21. We hope to see you at both of these festive events to share a little hometown community spirit building.

But the true and deeper focus of Advent is in the glorious worship in expectant joy for the coming of the Messiah and we invite you to join us in this season:



Sunday December 1, 9:30 a.m. We begin the season with the **Greening of the Church**. This interactive service is for the entire family as we learn more about the purpose behind the traditional holiday elements, we use to adorn our sanctuary and our homes.

Sunday December 8, 9:30 we will gather for our regular **Sunday Advent Worship** with Sunday School at the same time. At 7:00 p.m. we invite you to join us as we reach out to support those for whom the holidays are a difficult time. Have you or someone you know experienced the loss of a loved one or other major life change that



makes the season of constant jolly ho-ho-hos difficult to carry? Then we invite you to join us this evening for our annual **Blue Christmas Service** in which we remember that Jesus came to be with us in both the joy and the sorrow of human life, "Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28)



Sunday, December 15, 9:30  
**Family Advent Worship and Sunday School**

Sunday, December 22, 9:30  
**Christmas Can-**

**tata.** Are you a music lover? Then you can't miss our annual glorious worship of the coming Messiah in song.



Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 **Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Worship**, join us as we gather to welcome the long-expected Jesus. This service is child friendly and interactive. If the peace of the late-night hours increases your wonder and engagement, you are welcome to join us at the **11:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** as we gather in the last hour before the holy day.

Sunday, December 29, 9:30 **Family Interactive Worship**, we gather one last time for a casual

time of celebration together in this season, for our Emmanuel, "God with Us" has come. We invite you to come in your favorite "Ugly/Festive" Christmas Sweater and participate in an impromptu **"Brown Bag Nativity"** that will get everyone involved in the wonder of the holy day one last time. Worship will be followed by a fun time of fellowship with a Hot Cocoa Bar and cookie decorating. What a perfect way to end the holiday week.

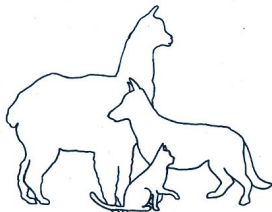
We could not end this month's article without saying thank you to our Auburn neighbors for joining us in our outreach efforts in the past month. Thanks to all who created scarves for the annual "Scarves in the Park" when we were able to distribute 443 colorful, handmade scarves not only free for the taking at Veterans Park but also were able to bring hundreds to four different shelters in Manchester. We also received more yarn, so the winter is a great time to get started making them for next year. Give Pastor Ruth a call and she will get yarn to you. We also give thanks for all who helped us provide **Thanksgiving Baskets** to local families in need. Special Thanks this year to the families of Tiny Tots Preschool, the good families of the Wethersfield neighborhood and, new partners this year, the Auburn Family Dentistry group. We are blessed to work with you all.



We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all of our Auburn friends and neighbors joy in this holy season. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a place to worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.

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# Auburn Police News

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

We have already had our first snowstorm of the year but still wanted to remind people of the dangers of driving in the snow. Give yourself extra time to get where you need to be. Keep an extra blanket and warm clothing in the trunk of the car in case you are stranded in an emergency. Also remember black ice could be there without knowing it, so please be cautious when braking.

Lastly, when cleaning off your car after a snow-storm, make sure the roof is clear! It is the law, and you could be given a summons for not doing so.



## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

THE AUBURN SAFETY COMPLEX IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> SANTA CLAUS PARADE!!!

**December 14th  
(rain date will be December 15<sup>th</sup>)**

The Safety Complex elves are still working out the details and we will announce them as soon as we have them for you! Please check the Auburn Police Facebook page for updates and the parade route! Or feel free to reach out to [Melissa@thePD](mailto:Melissa@thePD) if you do not have access to Facebook.

## **-AUBURN GIVING TREE UPDATE -**

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year with the Auburn Giving Tree program, and each year it still continues to astonish me at the kindness and caring you show to your fellow residents. Each year I go through and make tags for the item's residents requested they need. Almost always its winter coats, winter boots, jeans, sweatshirts... critical items that are important for everyone to have. I also put down one or two toy tags for children. Those are the items I always hope will get fulfilled. When they are gone, (and every year they all are) I go through again and make a second set of tags with additional items and toys. For example, this second set of tags makes it so someone who needed jeans, will now get 2 or 3 pairs instead of the one pair I put out originally. On November 5<sup>th</sup> I put out 300 Giving Tree tags. When I came into work on November 13<sup>th</sup> most of those tags are already gone. I cannot express my gratitude to the residents for making these holidays special for families.

There is still time to grab a tag or return items to the police department. For those of you who have grabbed tags, please return items to the Safety Complex by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Santa will take it from there, and make sure it is all delivered by Christmas.

## **GIVING TREE WRAP (IT UP) PARTY**

Do you LOVE to wrap? OR do you hate to wrap, and have left over supplies you'd like to get rid of? Our "WRAP PARTY" will be at the Safety Complex on **Monday December 16th at 6PM**. We can always use an extra pair of hands, this is great chance for younger (and young at heart) elves to be a part of the Giving Tree, and we are always in need of supplies.... Particularly shirt boxes of all sizes for clothing items, if you can't make it that night. Items can be dropped off at the Safety Complex anytime. Hope to see you there!!!

*Melissa@thePD*





# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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# AVS Renovations Update



Welcome to the holiday season and hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we near the end of 2019, we are nearing the end of the construction and renovation project at Auburn Village School. There will likely only be a couple more updates like these as the project winds down and the last construction zones pack up. Here's where things stand:

**Rear entrance restrooms** – The restrooms next to the cafeteria and gym are complete and now include a boys restroom, girls restroom, and handicap accessible family restroom.

**Five-classroom elementary wing** - These are the classrooms to the left when you're looking at the front of the building. We're on track to open this wing at the end of the year and are working on plans to move the three third grade classrooms into the wing for the second half of the school year.

**Main entrance, front office, and nurse's office** – Final touches are being made on our new entrance, front office, and nurse's office. The front entrance will have additional waiting room space and has been carefully designed to accommodate the flow of students, parents, and materials that come through each day. And after many years of making do with a very tight front office area, our administrative team will have more space and better-designed space built around their job functions. As we've reported in previous updates, the nurse's office is significantly larger and has been designed to accommodate the varied needs of students ages 5 to 14. Like the elementary wing, plans are underway to move the administration and nursing teams into their new spaces for the second half of the school year.

**Athletic Fields and Grounds** – Many of you have likely seen a sea of green grass behind the school. It's wonderful to report that seeding, sodding, and irrigation are complete on our soccer/lacrosse and softball fields. Our spring teams will have the benefit of being the first teams to use the fields. Work has begun to clear the new baseball field which will be beyond the soccer/lacrosse field, and while the field won't be ready for spring 2020, it will certainly be so for spring 2021. Having a baseball field at Auburn Village School after 10+ years will be a nice capstone to a tremendous investment in our town's school.

As this article is written, the town Budget Committee will have a tour of the school on November 21 and we are planning for an additional tour at the Deliberative Session in February 2020. We invite as many folks in town to come out and tour the school in February and see how our facilities, together with great instruction provided by our teachers, are in place to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education to our young people.

Happy Holidays!

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## News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

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# AVS School News

## Cross Country Boys Team Won Tri County Championships! Congratulations Boys Team!

Auburn Cross Country had a very successful 2019 season. Both boys and girls teams won the SAU 15 cups against Hooksett and Candia respectfully as well as winning many meets throughout the season. The Athletes worked hard all season practicing and preparing for Tri County Championships. Girls took a hard fought 3rd place losing 2nd by one point. Boys took home first place overall winning the tri county championships with a great team score and effort! Great job to all athletes.



## Auburn Village School Elects a Kid Governor!



The AVS fifth graders have been participating in NH's Kid Governor Program. New Hampshire's Kid Governor® is a national award-winning civics program led by the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics and created by the Connecticut Democracy Center (CTDC). Students learned about the history of voting rights and the roles and responsibilities of all three branches of NH Government. Then, they all participated in the campaign process for all of those running for kid governor. They made campaign posters, researched issues, and analyzed speeches. One candidate was nominated from each Social Studies Class. Then, the entire grade met to hear campaign speeches. Once the final school candidate was elected, their campaign team worked nonstop to create a campaign video to be sent to the state committee for review. Our students continue to



amaze us!! Congratulations to Oscar D'Amelio for being elected the AVS Kid Governor. Find out more about NH's Kid Governor by visiting <http://nh.kidgovernor.org/>.



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