



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

WINTER  
2021  
Edition

## December

### sunday

**12–** Gingerbread House Day



### monday

**6–** Last day of Hanukkah



### tuesday

**7–** Story Time  
11am weekly, Griffin Free Library, Page 18

**21–** Giving Tree “Wrap Party”  
6pm, Safety Complex, Page 8

### saturday

**4–** Snowflake Fair  
8:30am-2pm, Longmeadow Church, Page 5

**18–** Auburn Historical Association Open House  
1pm– 4pm

**25–** Christmas Day

### Future Dates Inside!!

### wednesday

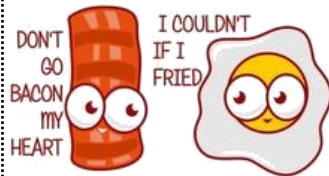
**1–** The Evening Book Club  
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**8–** Wednesday Craft Club  
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**15–** Massabesic Garden Club Meeting  
6:30pm, Longmeadow Church, Page 10

### thursday

**30–** Bacon Day



### friday

**3–** Story Time  
1 pm weekly, Griffin Free Library, Page 18



**Note:**  
Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates, times, and cancellations.

## TOWN HALL & LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

### CLOSED:

Friday, December 24th  
Saturday, December 25th  
Friday, December 31st  
Saturday, January 1st

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

2/5/22- 2022 Deliberative Session of Town Meeting  
1/29/22- Auburn Senior Holiday Dinner

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# *Auburn Town Hall News*



## **Colored Leaves and Tax Bills Mark the Fall**

For municipal governments throughout New Hampshire, the fall is a busy time of year as budgeting for the next year is in full swing, while the setting of tax rates, the mailing of property tax bills and the preparation to close out financial records for the current year are also underway. And Auburn is no different.

With property tax bills in the mail by the first week of November, it may no longer be news to property owners the tax rate for 2021 was set at \$18.14 per thousand by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA).

Auburn realized a significant increase in additional property valuation from new homes, commercial buildings and additions in 2021 which results in slightly more than \$12 million of new value being recorded. Auburn's net assessed property valuation now totals \$886,024,130.

The tax rate includes four components -- \$3.29 for the town; \$12.02 for the local education; \$1.95 for the state education, and \$0.88 for the county. For comparison purposes, the 2020 total rate of \$18.48 per thousand, was inclusive of \$3.22 for the town; \$12.44 for local education; \$1.91 for state education and \$0.91 for the county.

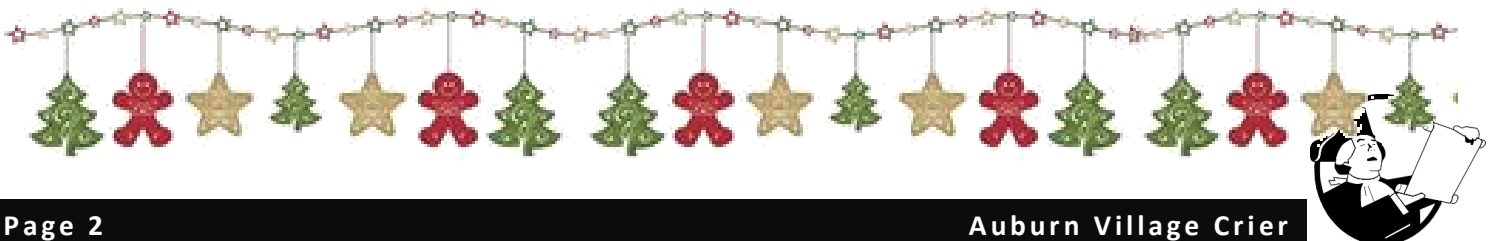
Various budgets and warrant articles approved by local voters last March established total appropriations of \$22,291,329 for the town and school district combined. And the Town's share of the Rockingham County budget adds another \$778,977. Of that total amount, \$16,050,599 needs to be raised by taxes, which results in the \$18.14 tax rate.

## **Two Final Members Named to Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Since our report last month, James Carroll resigned from his position of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) due to plans to relocate from Auburn.

The Board has appointed Shawn Matte of Spruce Lane as a full member of the ZBA having been the senior alternate member of the board. The Board also appointed Nick Pappas of Rattlesnake Hill Road to fill an alternate member position on the board.

These appointments enable the ZBA to have a full complement of five full members and three alternate members.



## **FY 2022 Budget Development Nearing Completion**

Work is nearly complete by the Board of Selectmen on the review and discussion of the budget requests developed by Town boards and departments for the FY 2022 Town budget.

The Selectmen initially received the total Town budget package at it's September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, and then began meeting with the individual Town officials on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The budget that is developing will total \$6.3 million, which represents a 3.12% increase over the approved FY 2021 budget.

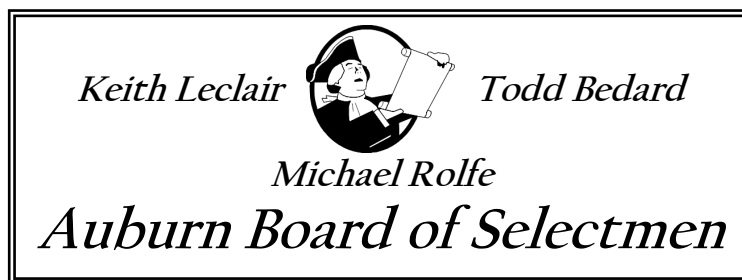
On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Budget Committee also began its work on the FY 2022 budget by also receiving the total budget package for consideration before beginning individual meetings with Town boards and department heads.

Moving forward, the Board of Selectmen will wrap up its budget efforts by the end of November before considering potential warrant articles items. The Budget Committee will be meeting into early December to manage its work on the proposed Town budget, in addition to consideration to the proposed budget for the Auburn School District.

The 2022 Deliberative Session of Town Meeting is expected to be held on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> when voters will have the opportunity to initially consider budget and warrant article proposals.

### **Happy Holidays!**

We want to take this opportunity to wish all Auburn residents a happy and health holiday season, and all best wishes for a bright New Year in 2022.



### **Seniors– Save the Date**

We are in the early planning stages of the Auburn Senior Holiday Dinner for 2022. Please mark this date on your calendar, Saturday, January 29, 2022.

More information will be in the January Crier.

The Red Hats wish you a wonderful Holiday Season!

## The Auburn Elf

Parker is back! Auburn's own elf is not on the shelf, but instead will be hiding around town with a puzzle for you to solve. He had so much fun last year that he's excited to visit again.



Throughout the month of December, we will post clues on our Facebook page, Instagram page and website to help you find Parker. He will move 6 times throughout the month of December. To solve his puzzle, make note of the letter he will be holding or will be next to him. Once you have all 6 letters, unscramble them to solve the puzzle and discover the holiday mystery word. Bring that word to Parks & Rec in the Town Hall and get a little treat from Parker.

As with all north pole elves, please do not touch Parker. We do not want him to lose his magical powers. He does love selfies though. If you take a picture with Parker and want to post it on social media, include tag @AuburnNHparksandrec so we can see all Parker's visitors.



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# Snowflake Fair

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**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**8:30am – 2:00pm**

*Located @ 4 Wilsons Crossing Rd, Auburn, New Hampshire*

**~ Masks are Required ~**

# MASSABESIC SENIORS

The Massabesic Seniors at last are back to our meeting room at Longmeadow church, not used since the Covid-19 pandemic began. It's good to be back! We have been enjoying comradery at both formal and informal meetings. We had a club sponsored lunch at Manchester's Golden Corel, on 20 October, which proved to be a good time.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, seven of our members, along with a full bus load of Auburn seniors, thoroughly enjoyed the Auburn senior trip to Lake Sunapee. We had a narrated boat tour of the lake and a lunch onboard that was really good. The weather, the water, the company, and the bus trip were all perfect, giving us all a grand day!

To top it all off, the Massabesic Seniors have two new members, Ruth DaCosta and John DePaulo, (who has a lovely poodle) both living in Auburn. Welcome Ruth and John, glad to have you! Enjoy! Merry Christmas to all!- Deck Vee



**NATIONAL RECOGNITION** – Two Auburn residents were among 18 Americans recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund with the Carnegie Medal as individuals who risked their lives for others. Alan R. Cote and Stephen P. Carkhuff, both of Pingree Hill Road, were recognized for helping to save the lives of Cohen Bergeron and Fallon Andrews from a late-night automobile crash outside their home. The car they were in hit a roadside tree and immediately burst into flames on October 23, 2019. Both individuals were saved from burn injuries because of the duo's efforts. Carnegie Hero Fund Commission President Eric Zahren made the presentations during a ceremony held at the Auburn Town Hall on November 4th. Auburn Police Chief Ray Pelton and Fire Chief Michael Williams were part of the presentation program.



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# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

We all hope for a bit of snow during the holidays... but still wanted to give residents a few reminders when it comes to snow removal and driving.

-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.

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

-Lastly, please don't forget when clearing your driveway **DO NOT** push snow into the roadway.



## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

THE AUBURN SAFETY COMPLEX IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 4<sup>TH</sup>

**SANTA CLAUS PARADE!!!**

**Tentative date: December 4<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 7<sup>th</sup> year with the Auburn Giving Tree program. Each year we go through and make tags for the items residents requested they need. Almost always its winter coats, winter boots, jeans, sweatshirts, socks and underwear... critical items that are important for everyone to have. We will also put down one or two toy tags for children. As we put out tags for each family, we do so with the hope that Auburn can help fulfill some of their needs and wishes, and each year it continues to astonish us at the kindness and caring you show to your fellow residents. Words cannot express our gratitude to the residents for making these holidays SO special for families.

There is still time to grab a tag or return items to the police department. For those of you who have taken tags or still plan to, please return items to the Safety Complex **by December 20<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 **Tuesday, December 21st 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!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Melissa@thePD](mailto:Melissa@thePD) at any time.

We hope everyone has safe and happy holidays this month and into the New Year.



# AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



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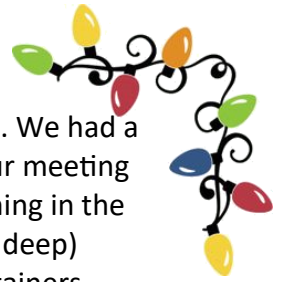
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## News from the Massabesic Garden Club



Happy Holidays to all! We are full swing into our Fall/Winter/Spring meeting season. We had a fun meeting in November and are planning out the schedule for the remainder of our meeting season, and projects for next year. We have some informative and fun speakers coming in the months ahead. Start saving your plastic milk jugs or other plastic (at least 3-4 inches deep) containers for our winter sowing workshop in early 2022. I sowed about 10-15 containers

worth myself last year and got plenty of veggies, annuals, perennials from seed. We will do a hands on demonstration, with seed and soil on hand in January or February.

Our monthly member meetings run from October to May on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30, at Longmeadow church. There is plenty of room to social distance.

During our November meeting, we unearthed a lot of gardening tips! We brought our favorite gardening tools and explained why we love those particular tools. We had an antique tool guessing game with prizes. We talked about how to put the fall vegetable garden to bed for the winter. Most importantly, we enjoyed each other's company and had some good laughs.

For our December meeting, the regular date has been changed due to the senior trip. We will hold our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Longmeadow Church at 6:30pm. We will celebrate the holidays! The activities are all optional, you can just bring yourself if you wish, of course. We will have a mini fundraiser- if you wish, please bring a homemade gift- ornament, book mark, seed pack, baked good, etc, that other members will purchase for \$3. We will have 50/50 raffle. The funds raised will go to the church for use of their space. We will have an ugly sweater contest! Winner gets a prize. We will also have an appetizer and dessert potluck. Due to covid 19, if you wish to bring food for the potluck, make sure it is able to be picked up without a shared serving spoon. Members suggested that it may be easiest for all to package in cupcake papers or paper cups, or to bring bars, cookies or other finger food that is easily picked up. We want everyone to be as safe as possible. We will also be doing a Yankee swap for those who wish to participate. Please bring a wrapped garden themed gift with a \$10-\$15 value. We will also try to save time for general questions and discussion about various gardening topics- the members really seemed to enjoy that last time! Look out for the rsvp email, or directly on our website.



If you would like to join, please contact us so we can send you a member form, or just show up at a meeting. The cost is \$25/yr. at this point, \$25 gets you from now until 12/31/22! (Under 18 and over 70 join for free!). We are up to 54 members! By the way, where are all the men? We know you are out there!

Happy gardening!

Facebook: Massabesic Garden Club

Website: <https://www.massabesicgc.org>

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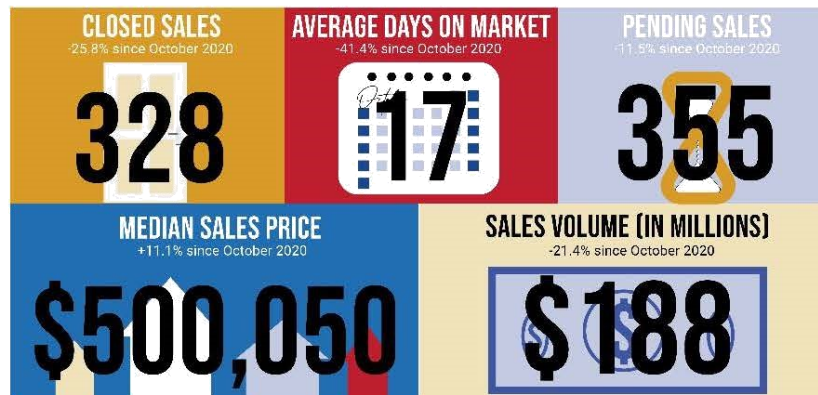
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## Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for October 2021

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



## NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

As Chaplain of Troop 127 I am proud of the hard work and dedication of our Scouts. This year we have several Scouts that are approaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank. A key part of earning Eagle is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project. To be kept updated on the service projects and donation opportunities please email me at ChristianScott@kw.com.





(Photo courtesy of Jean Wozniak)

### St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor  
Fr. David Gagnon, Parochial Vicar  
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#### Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 pm  
Sun – 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

**Advent Study Series:** Our Advent study series continues on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 pm. Please contact the parish office for more information.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm  
Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 – 10:00 am

### New Year's Day Mass

Saturday, 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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In any year, as we enter the holy season of Advent, many things, events and people vie for our attention, and our lives can feel too hectic and hurried to truly experience the wonder and awe of the season. And in this year when life has continued to feel so unpredictable and many things are outside of our control, the traditional beauty and joy of the season can feel hard to find. But the light of Christmas continues to shine, and we will rejoice in it.

We want to thank our Auburn neighbors who generously joined us last month in providing **grocery store gift cards** to assist Auburn families in need to enjoy a **Thanksgiving** meal and stock their shelves. Working together we can make a real difference in people's lives. Thank you also to all who supported the efforts of our **Ladies' Circle** by pre-ordering pies and look forward to welcoming you to our **Snowflake Fair** (see page 14 in the Crier for more information).



We also want to thank all who participated in our annual **Scarves in the Park** efforts. Hundreds of scarves, hats and mittens were created and provided to help keep people warm this winter and we were blessed to once again partner with Anchored in Hope in their efforts.

As of this publication's deadline, we have made plans to worship in a variety of different ways, including in-person worship - both outdoors and indoors, as well as on Zoom and YouTube. 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 Wishes you JOY** **in this Holy Season!**



We invite the community to join us for worship in this holy season:

**-Sunday December 5, 9:30 a.m.** we will gather for our regular *Sunday Advent Worship* with Holy Communion (indoors)

**-Sunday December 5, 4:00 p.m.** we invite you to join us as we reach out to support those for whom the holidays are a difficult time at our annual **Blue Christmas Service**. In the past we have focused this service on providing support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. But 2021 has been filled with so many losses, including worship. And so, our focus will expand this year to include all the grief we have experienced, and we invite the community to join us at an **outdoor gathering, at the fire pit** near our upper parking lot. Social distancing is requested to protect all who attend.

**Rain/Snow Date: December 12.**

**-Sunday, December 12, 9:30 a.m.**  
*Family Advent Worship with Special Music (indoors)*

**-Sunday, December 19, 9:30 a.m.**  
*Family Advent Worship (indoors).*

**-Friday, December 24,** join us as we gather in three different ways this day to welcome the long-expected Jesus.

**4:00 p.m. Outdoor Special Children and Family Service, gathering at the fire pit** near our upper parking lot. Social distancing is requested to

protect all who attend. This service is child focused and interactive. (will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube).

**7:00 p.m. Zoom Christmas Eve Worship**, including our now "famous" virtual Christmas Pageant.

**11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (indoor)**, if the peace of the late night hours increases your wonder and engagement, you are welcome to join us as we gather in the last hour before the holy day.

**-Sunday, December 26, 9:30 a.m.**

**Family Interactive Worship**, we gather again for a joyful 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. What a perfect way to end the holiday week.

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 community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.



**Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc.**  
**Awards 2021 Erik Cogswell Memorial Award to NH Kid Governor Charlie Olsen**

PORTSMOUTH, NH - Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc. (SMHC) was honored to award Charlie Olsen, New Hampshire's Kid Governor (NHKG) the 2021 Erik Cogswell Memorial Award.

The award is presented annually by SMHC to recognize an individual for their outstanding contributions to help improve the lives of people living with bipolar disorder and other mental illnesses. The recipient provides Hope, Education or Support for those living with mental illness, as well as those who care for them and/or contribute to the community at large in New Hampshire.

SMHC President and CEO, Jay Couture, praised Olsen for his inspiration to both his peers and adults, as well as for his impactful work throughout his tenure as NHKG.

"Charlie has embodied the meaning of the Cogswell Award. He has used his platform as NH Kid Governor to bring awareness to mental health and to work to erase the stigma often associated with mental health and its treatment" Couture shared. "By sharing his personal experience, Charlie has been able to bring awareness about the struggle many face who are diagnosed with a mental illness. His message of not being alone and to not be afraid to seek care when it is needed, is one that many youth need to hear during a very challenging time as they navigate the pandemic and social isolation. There is not a more deserving individual of the 2021 Erik Cogswell Memorial Award. We are honored to offer him this recognition."

"I am so honored to be receiving this award. It is humbling to be included with the amazing people that have been chosen to receive this award. Thank you to the Seacoast Mental Health Center and the Cogswell family for considering me," expressed Olsen. Throughout his speech, Olsen illustrated why SMHC chose him as the clear winner for 2021. "I have been fortunate to work with so many amazing people over the past year...I never thought that I'd be able to be involved with so many amazing groups of mental health advocates and be able to reach so many kids around the state....My main goal is to eliminate the stigma around mental health issues and get kids talking....You don't have to be afraid to talk about it....You don't have to do this alone...You are not alone."





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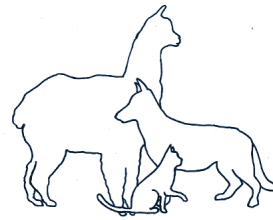
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### ANSWERS:

1. O Holy Night
2. Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow
3. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
4. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
5. Baby, It's Cold Outside
6. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
7. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
8. Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer
9. Jingle Bell Rock
10. The Christmas Song
11. 12 Days of Christmas
12. Run, Run, Rudolph
13. Have a Holly Jolly Christmas
14. Silent Night

# *News from the Auburn Historical Association*

## *The Village Santa, 1950-2001*

Written by Dan Carpenter



George Bartholomew as Santa  
with Tim and Mark Dollard,



Brad Sargent as Santa with his  
son, Roy in 1982



George Bartholomew as Santa  
in 1972

For a generation of Auburn Village children, George Bartholomew was Santa Claus. For George, it started as a family event. Santa appeared for Marcia Trombly and Norm Bouley and as time went on, other kids in the Village were included. Santa arranged for a present to be left outside. He had a driver. Santa arrived at the house, checked his costume, gathered up the presents, and entered the house with a cheery “HO HO HO”. Pandemonium ensued!

Five year olds can be a tough sell. Kit Harris sat on Santa’s lap and peaked behind that fake beard. It sure looked like Bucky Bart (George’s nickname). Another year, Kit saw his Father (Bob Harris) pulling into the yard. Santa was seated in the back of the pickup. What kind of a Santa travels in the back of a truck? Five year old Norm Bouley put out carrots for Santa’s reindeer. He was really not that interested in Santa or his present. He wanted to see the reindeer. Norm looked outside and saw Santa’s driver, Don Dollard. Realizing his credibility was on the line, Santa ran out of the house and right by his driver yelling, “My reindeer ran off.” And then there were the kids who knew Santa too well. A young Jon Dollard asked his Mother : “Why is Santa wearing Grampa’s shoes?”.

Brad Sargent lived through all three phases of the Auburn Santa. As a child, he was visited by Santa George. Later, he drove Santa on his rounds around the Village. From 1970-2001, Brad was Santa. The McGraph family lived in the old Pine Bluff Inn on Bunker Hill Road. Even with a one present per child rule, the gift bag is large when a dozen children are involved. Brad was pulling out presents when a live lobster latched onto his glove. Some present, Patty McGraph Stanton! The older kids thought it was hilarious- Santa didn’t know what was in his own bag of presents. That same day, Patty was going up Roy Davis Hill on Chester Road when she passed Santa. He had slid off into the ditch. That can be a nasty hill on a snowy day but Santa in the ditch? Hard to believe!

These Christmas’ weren’t that long ago but it feels like another era.



# *News from the Auburn Historical Association*

It was a lot of fun seeing all the creative scarecrows around Auburn. Thank you to all who purchased a scarecrow to help support the Auburn Historical Association! This is just a small sampling that were shared to our 'Auburn NH Scarecrows' Facebook Group. Visit [auburnhistorical.org](http://auburnhistorical.org) to view more photos



To submit a photo for our 2021 Facebook scarecrow album, please email your photos with the location to [info@auburnhistorical.org](mailto:info@auburnhistorical.org)





## New Board Game

Did you know we have a growing collection of games that you may take home and play? Our newest game is ***Dragonwood: A Game of Dice & Daring***. This game of strategy and probability is for two – four players ages 8 and up and takes about 20 minutes to play. Check it out and let us know what you think!

## Museum Pass Update

We now have two passes that you may reserve and print at home (without the need to stop in the library). The printable passes are the SEE Science Center in Manchester and the New England Aquarium in Boston. You will find a complete list of passes available on our website. Thanks to the Friends of Griffin Free who donate all of our passes!

## New Magazine

We have a collection of print magazines that you may check-out and take home to read. Thanks to a donation, our newest addition is ***Runner's World***. The current issue has a rundown of the best gear of the year.

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## Children's Programming

**Story Times are twice a week.** Join Miss Mary in the library on **Tuesdays at 11 AM or Fridays at 1 PM**. Space is limited so registration in advance is recommended.

Miss Mary will be hosting **Wednesday Craft Club** between 4 PM and 5:30 on Wednesday, December 8. Stop in after school to create a simple hands-on craft suitable for ages 6 and up.

## Adult Programming

**The Evening Book Club** is currently reading ***Tying Rocks to Clouds* by William Elliott**. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30 PM**. You attend in person or via Zoom. Visit our website to register.

## Holiday Hours

### Closed:

Friday, December 24

Saturday, December 25

Friday, December 31

Saturday, January 1



## CUB SCOUT PACK 127



Our Arrow of Light Scouts met with Dan Carpenter at the Auburn Historical Society in October. They enjoyed a tour of the buildings and were able to ask many questions about the history of our town. They also participated in a regular Troop 127 meeting to see if they would like to join the troop when they advance forward early next year.

Our Lion, Tiger, and Wolf dens met at the Audubon early in the month and embarked on a small hike to learn the importance of locating trail markers when hiking. They were also introduced to the six essentials you should take with you. The Wolves started practicing the first knot they will learn to tie, the Square Knot.

All our Scouts worked together with Troop 127 for the Annual Scouting for Food drive. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we collected over 2200 items!

We do not currently have a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade group but would be interested in starting one, if you would like to consider becoming a leader, please contact our Cub Master, Mike Kadlec at [pack127auburn@outlook.com](mailto:pack127auburn@outlook.com) for more information. Cub Scouting is available to grades K to 5.

## BOY SCOUTS NEWS

As the eventful month of November comes to a close, the Scouts of Troop 127 send off the fall weather and we look forward to the upcoming events of winter. To start the month, the Troop hosted a new idea for a meeting; Trick-or-Treat Trivia with the Cub Scouts! The Cubs answered questions, played games, and earned plenty of candy (right before bedtime) during a night of fun to remember.

Life Scout William Berglund completed his Eagle project; raising funds for and installing a flag pole and flower boxes at the Auburn Historical Society. Well done William; Auburn will have a new Eagle Scout very soon.

Scouting for Food, the annual Scout led food drive, was conducted by Pack 127 Cub Scouts who traveled around Auburn to collect nonperishable foods for those in need. Scouting for Food is the largest service project organized through the Daniel Webster Council. The donations we collect help support hundreds of food pantries and kitchens in the State of NH. BSA Troop 127 assisted in sorting and loading up the foods into trucks to donate. This year our neighbors generously donated just under 2300 food items. Collectively, Troop and Pack 127 contributed 60 hours of service time to the project.

The boys then rewarded their efforts with a Dungeons and Dragons session after the event.

Troop 127 also hosted the annual Turkey Roast, inviting the families of all of the scouts, as well as Pack 127 and many esteemed guests to participate in the feast. We cooked Trash Can Turkeys, ate many delicious homemade foods, and hosted a Court of Honor where the Scouts received badges and advancements. A good time was had by all!

-Dylan Roy, Scribe, Troop 127

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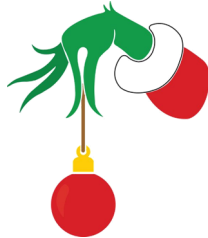
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