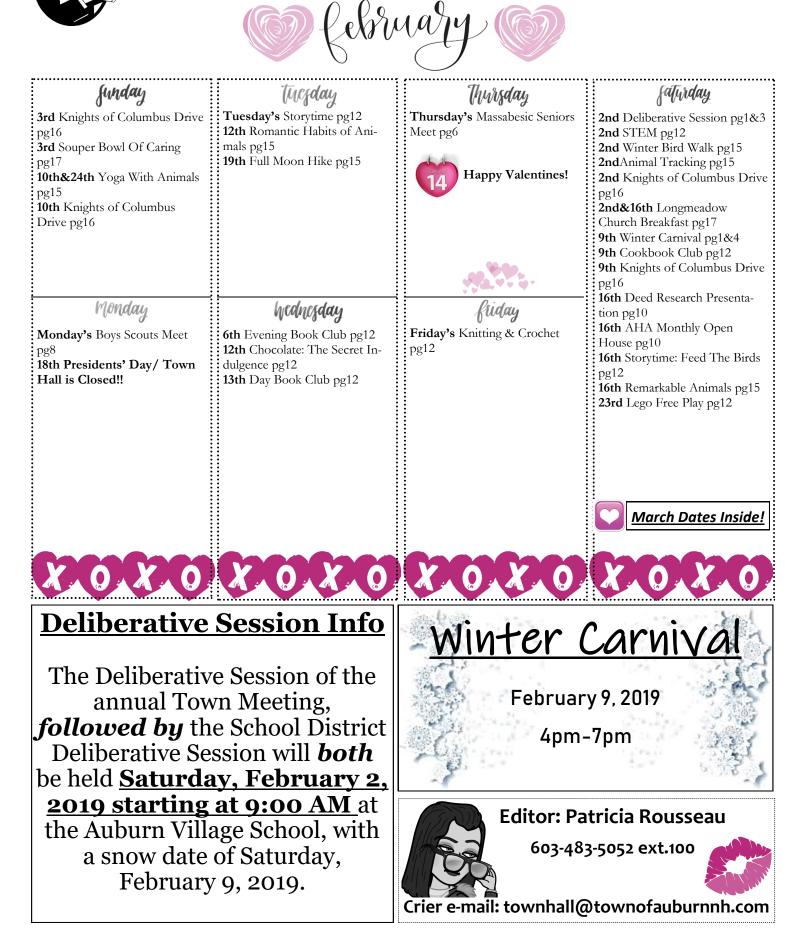


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A Sustained Focus for 2019

As we look forward to the coming year and beyond, the Board of Selectmen was able to take some time in mid-December to participate in a facilitated workshop meeting intent on identifying goals for the Town during the coming year.

This was the third consecutive year the Board has participated in a goal setting process to help focus attention on major items of attention and interest.

Part of this process involved looking at the four goals identified for activity in 2018 and gauging what level of success was achieved. A quick recap of 2018 includes:

 Focus on potential economic development efforts to bring either water and/or sewer service to areas on By-Pass 28 and/or the Wellington Business Park off Rockingham Road, and to develop and promote a positive economic development culture for Auburn.

This had been acknowledged to be a long-term goal that will take many years to achieve. Some success was achieved in examining the south end of Town for water development, while the potential for a natural gas line through the Route 101 corridor has formally been proposed. But a proposed zoning amendment to expand the commercial zone adjacent to Exit 2 was turned down by the voters.

- Study and examine the future of the Parks and Recreation function in Auburn to determine how they should be structured and operated moving forward. Through a multi-level effort of hosting several focus group discussions, conducting a community-wide survey and holding a large facilitation meeting, input was gained to have Parks & Recreation remain a predominately volunteer operation supported by Town staff. Steps have been taken to give the **Recreation Coordinator** budgeting and purchasing authority, as well as supervision for part-time employees. A recreation Revolving Fund was also approved by voters to help self-fund recreation programs and activities.
- Infrastructure improvements including potential garage & storage building on the Safety Complex property and improved storage capacity for Parks & Recreation. During 2018, this continued to be a work in progress with a new review committee established and a general consensus for the need for a small addition and renovation to the Safety Complex to meet the needs of the Police Department is the best approach. A smaller separate storage facility for Parks & Recreation would still need to be considered. The potential of these projects have been pushed back to 2020 - 2022.

 Redesign the Town-wide budget process to provide the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee with an entire Town budget proposal prior to the beginning of the budget process.

This was accomplished in 2018 which enabled the Selectmen and Budget Committee to see the big picture of the entire Town budget before meeting individually with each department for their specific requests. The process needs some refining, but was generally helpful in completing the FY 2019 budget proposal. The Board has just received and published a formal document detailing their thoughts and discussions for the goal setting for 2019, which has been shared with department heads, boards and committees, and the public as a whole. We are pleased to indicate in general the three main goals our Board identified for our collective efforts in 2019.



- Development of the south end of Auburn along By-Pass 28 including the potential of the provision of water to the area. Propose potential zoning amendments to encourage development. And reauthorize the Auburn Development Authority to develop innovative ideas and practices to expand commercial development in and around Town to expand the tax base.
- Continue effort to develop a sound plan for the addition to the Safety Complex to address long-term needs of the Police Department. In addition to developing a solution to resolving storage issues for Parks and Recreation.
- Explore and develop plans for the digitizing of Town Records to meet modern legal standards for records storage, in addition to working to minimize need for physical storage space.

As we move forward in 2019, we are optimistic these are goals that can be worked on and achieved or at least moved forward during the next 12 months.

Town and School District Deliberative Sessions on February 2nd

For the first time, the annual Deliberative Sessions of Town Meeting and School District Meeting will be held on the same day. The Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2nd at 9 AM at the Auburn Village School. The Deliberative Session of the Auburn School District will immediately follow the Town Meeting on February 2nd.



Sign up for the New Parks and Rec E-Newsletter

Sign up for the new Parks and Recreation E-newsletters that will be delivered directly to your email. Now you can get the latest updates on recreation programs and events in town right to your inbox. Signing up is easy. Just visit <u>www.auburnnh.us/subscribe</u>, enter your email address in the top (twice), scroll to the bottom of the page and check off the box Parks and Recreation under Newsletter.

Winter Carnival/Burning of the Trees

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, February 9, 2018 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)

Ice Skating Rink is OPEN

Thanks to the cold weather, the skating rinks at the Safety Complex are open for the season. Please note that this may change day to day as the weather fluctuates. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page (@AuburnNHParksandRec).

- If you would like to skate at night, the lights may be turned on by pressing the button above the green light in the light box. This can be found between the two sheds in the parking lot. The lights are set to automatically go off at 10:00 pm
- From the parking lot, the rink on the left is for hockey and the rink on the right is for family skating. They are clearly marked.

A huge thank you to the Auburn Fire Department for filling the rink. We appreciate all that you do.









Camp Adventure 2019

Don't make any summer camp plans until you've registered your child for Camp Adventure. This camp, for Auburn students entering grades 5-8, will run for only one week, July 29-August 2 ... it's a week full of fun adventures. We will meet at the Safety Complex at 8:30 am, hop on the bus and head to the beach, lake and even the water park and return back to Auburn at 4:30 pm. Our favorite counselors, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Cohen, Mr. DeGraffe and Mr. Howell, are returning for second year. Everyone had a great time last year and this year will be even better.

The registration form can be found online at auburnnh.us/parks-and-recreation/pages/rec-forms. Space is limited to the first 40 campers registered. We heard many campers say last year that this was their favorite camp of the summer. You won't want to miss out.

Painting and Pizza Wooden Sign Making Workshop for Teens

JenMac Creates will guide each participant through the process creating a custommade wooden sign by choosing and mixing colors, applying stencils, painting, and sanding to create a customized sign from a piece of wood.

All required materials will be provided. You will be given a blank 10 x 16" board, all paints, brushes, tools and stencils to create your own personalized sign. You are able to choose/mix colors, and personalize your sign however you like! When you are finished, a hanger will be attached, and you will go home with a beautiful wooden sign that YOU created!



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This event is open to Auburn Teens (ages 13-17) and will be held on **Thursday, March 14th** at the Safety Complex. The doors will open at 5:45 pm with the class running from 6:00-8:00 pm. The cost for the evening is \$34 per person which includes all the supplies to create your custom wood sign as well as pizza for dinner. Project selections are listed on the registration.

Preregistration is required. Please return the form below to: Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. Checks can be made payable to the Town of Auburn. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 483-5052 x101 or email Recreation@townofauburnNH.com with any questions.

Painting and Pizza Registration- March 2019

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December and January were busy months for our Massabesic Seniors. We started the month by making "goody bags" for our members and friends who are unable to come to our meetings. We pulled out our recipes and mixing bowls and made cookies and other treats for 12 baskets to be delivered for Christmas time.

Then came our Christmas party at the Auburn Tavern. We enjoyed great food, friends and a spirited Yankee swap.

The Seniors want to thank the children and teachers of Tiny Tots. They came to our meeting and treated us to a "Christmas concert". The little ones were so cute and we sang along with a few songs. We also appreciate the Parks and Recreation Department and all the helpers for the delicious Senior Dinner served at the Longmeadow Church. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

On a sad note, we lost Jackie one of our treasured members after a short illness. We will miss her bright smile.

We have many plans for 2019. We hope you will join us at Longmeadow Church every Thursday at 1pm.



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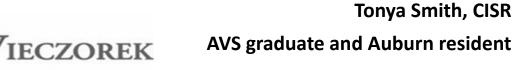
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BOY SCOUTS TROOP 127

Troop 127 has started the year off with a bang with going to skyzone for their yearly holiday party and yankee swap. The jumpy 2 hour trip to sky zone ended with the pizza party and Yankee swap. A fun time was had by every scout and parent

Thank everyone for the successful tree drive last month as we collected over 30 trees for the winter carnival. Troop 127 uses these donations to help fund fun Troop activities like summer camp or cam-



pouts in general.

On the 19th of January, 3 cub scouts from pack 127 joined our troop, they are a welcome addition. The troop looks forward teaching the new boy scouts about the basics of boy scouting and teaching them many useful merit badges.

Watch the Auburn Community Group on Facebook and future Crier articles for upcoming fundraising activities that we are planning for the fall and early winter.

Troop 127 meets Monday nights 6:30 at Longmeadow Church. Please visit our website if you are interested in coming to a meeting.

<u>http://</u> auburn127.mytroop.us





Moving On & Moving Up - Cub Scout Pack 127 Holds Annual Blue and Gold Celebration

Cub Scout Pack 127's annual Blue and Gold Banquet held in January was a wellattended and fun event. Each den leader presented their scouts with belt loops, pins, patches, and awards they had earned to move up in rank; there were smiles all around! After dinner and dessert, the scouts performed creative skits to keep the audience entertained.

Arrows Shining Bright

The highlight of the evening was the five Webelo II Scouts (AOLs) receiving the Arrow of Light award, the highest rank a Cub Scout can earn. Congratulations to Colby Geddes, William Kadlec, Michael Lafond, Olivia Baker, and Ryan Baker who with this award also "bridged over" to local troops, including Auburn Troop 127 and Manchester Troop 135.

In scouting we develop good citizenship, personal responsibility, life skills, and leadership with a heavy dose of fun and fresh air. Over the years our AOLs have learned that being a scout is not about something your parents tell you to do or something you do for one season. They have learned that a scout is someone who can be counted on to help others, someone whose respect has been earned, and someone who lives by the 12 points of the Scout Law. They know to ask themselves, "Have I done my best?" We are blessed to have these kids growing within our community! Den leader Mike Kadlec has enjoyed the privilege of guiding these young people since they began their scouting experience. "Being these scouts' den leader for the past five years and watching them grow up to be young outstanding people has truly been an honor. I hope to see them continue in Scouts all the way to Eagle."

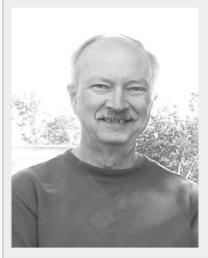
Scout Leaders Recognized

There was a passing of the Cub Master baton. Tom Baker has served in this capacity for the past four years. His dedication to the Cub Scout oath – instilling honor, integrity, and character, assisting with the organized pack events, and for everything else he has done to ensure the continued success of Pack 127, will not be forgotten. Tom ceremoniously handed the reins over to Mike Kadlec who will assume this role and continue to assist Pack 127 in the coming years.

The event also recognized Janice Baker, Treasurer; Stacey Melendy, Committee Chairperson; and Mike Kadlec, AOL Den Leader and Assistant Cub Master, who are retiring from their posts, for their tireless contributions to Cub Scout events and activities over the years.

News from the Auburn Historical Association

GET TO KNOW YOUR HOUSE AND PROPERTY Special program: Saturday, February 16 at 1 p.m. Location: AHA Meeting Room at 102 Hooksett Road



Have you ever wondered about your land and how was it used in past generations? Are you curious about how and when your property was subdivided over the years? Maybe you'd like to learn more about your house, when it was built or learn about who lived in your house a hundred years ago. Did you know that that the answers to many of your questions are within your reach. Actually, the answers are probably as close as your own computer.

Join us on Saturday, February 16 at 1 p.m. for a deed research presentation with Auburn Historical Association's own Jim Thompson. Jim will be in the AHA's Meeting Room and this interactive presentation will teach people how to use the internet to learn more about their own homes and property. The session will last about an hour and people are encouraged to bring their laptops along.

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

The town of Auburn is a wonderful, close-knit community and we invite you to join us to learn more about the fascinating places, people and businesses that have shaped our town.

We hope that you and your family will consider joining the Auburn Historical Association as a member or at one of our open houses, special programs or signature events in 2019. We always welcome volunteers at our events and hope to see you soon.

Open houses happen on the third Saturday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at the Historical Association's Museum at 102 Hooksett Road.

3RD ANNUAL PLANT SALE Saturday, May 11 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

AUBURN DAY AND 27[™] ANNUAL DUCK RACE Saturday, September 7 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MONTHLY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, February 16 Saturday, March 16 Saturday, April 20

HONORING AUBURN'S ELDERS

We're excited to announce a new project: Honoring Auburn's Elders. Inspired by the drive, ingenuity and tenacity of Auburn's older community members, the Historical Association is putting together a photograph and text book dedicated to people ages 80 and older.

We're eager to hear their stories, learn more about the town's past and how things have changed over the years.

A participation form and sample questions can be found at our website: auburnhistorical.org or by contacting Susan at chestnutquilter@hotmail.com.





Auburn Historical Association Physical Address: 102 Hooksett Road Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6 Auburn, New Hampshire 03032 www.auburnhistorical.org

2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the form below, enclose a check, and return to the Auburn Historical Association (P.O. Box 6, Auburn, NH 03032) at your earliest convenience.

□ Membership: \$10 per person or \$20 for a family membership

□ Program Sponsorship: □ \$25 □ \$50 □\$100 □Other Amount \$____

Donation: \$_____

Your membership makes you a part of a community of supporters devoted to preserving and studying the heritage of the town of Auburn and the state of New Hampshire.

We also regularly need volunteers to help staff and organize events like the Duck Race and Plant Sale or to help with fundraising efforts like the Daffodil Project or Auburn People Scarecrows. Please consider adding yourself to our volunteer list.

□ Keep me in mind for volunteer opportunities.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas to help make the Auburn Historical Association a stronger community organization.

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Programming Highlight

Do you love chocolate? Is it good for you? Is some chocolate better for you than others? Find out by joining us on February 20, 2019 at 6:30 PM for **Chocolate: The Secret Indulgence.** During this delicious and entertaining program, Professor Mike Cross will discuss how chocolate affects the human brain, making chocolate the perfect indulgence. During the presentation, you will also learn how to taste chocolate for quality and how to eat it, too! Chocolate samples will be provided.

Registration in advance is required for this program. Please call or email the library to reserve your spot today. Questions? Contact Griffin Free Public Library at 603.483.5374 or <u>staff@griffinfree.org</u>. This program is through the Northern Essex Community College Speakers' Bureau.

Collection Highlight

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston is America's founding genealogical organization and the nation's leading comprehensive resource for family history research. We currently have a free trial to their research database, American Ancestors, at Griffin Free. Are you interested researching your family tree? Stop by Griffin Free during the months of February and March, give this database a try and let us know what you think.

Upcoming Programming for Children:

EVERY Tuesday, 11:00 AM and Friday, 1:00 PM Infant/Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary

STEM on Saturday Sat., Feb. 2 @ 1:00 PM

Storytime: Feed the Birds Sat., Feb. 16 @ 11:00 AM

LEGO Free Play Sat., Feb. 23 @ 1:00 PM

Storytime: Build an Igloo Sat., Mar. 2 @ 11:00 AM

STEM on Saturday Sat., Mar. 2 @ 1:00 PM

Upcoming Programming for Adults:

Knitting / Crochet EVERY Friday, 10:30 AM – Noon

Evening Book Club Wed., Feb. 6 @ 6:30 PM

Cookbook Club Sat., Feb. 9 @ 12:30 PM

Day Book Club Wed., Feb. 13 @ 1:15 PM

Chocolate: The Secret Indulgence REGISTRATION REQUIRED Wed., Feb. 20 @ 6:30 PM

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AVS PTA Reflections Art Contest

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Auburn Village School's PTA Reflections Art Contest!



AVS PTA Reflections Participants: Gia Cannamucio, Grace Gauthier, Andrew Newton, Anna Stanton, Connor Cote, Eloise Koestner, Rylen Petri, Mary Lachance, Sage Konick, Scarlett Koestner, Lauren Marsh, Angelina Newton, Ava Audet, Connor Welch, Oliver Monroe, Desheng Goodall, Siddharth Krishna, Harper Cote, Olivia Magnan, Paige Sullivan, Jonah Koestner, Cassandra Anderson, Violet Monore, Isabella Falcone, Delaney Petri, Zachary Fish



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News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars®

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5. All applications are <u>reviewed anonymously</u> and scored based on the national organization's numeric system?

6. Scholarship <u>decisions</u> are made <u>anonymously</u> by our board members, town leaders, teachers and donors after the April 30th deadline?

To begin the application process visit our web site:

Auburn.dollarsforscholars.org 🚽 🛶

Feel free to contact us with any questions Good Luck Mary Hrubiec, president





Yoga with the Animals

Sundays, Feb 10, Feb 24, 5:30-7 pm Cost: \$20/person

Leaders: Kara O'Connell or Felicia Jastrzebski, certified yoga instructors Enjoy a 1 hour yoga class in our live animal room, surrounded by frogs, turtles, and chirping crickets! After class, we'll take out some of our center's live turtles for you to touch and hold. Bring your own mat; turtles are provided! Handicap accessible.

Winter Bird Walk

Sat, Feb 2, 10-11:30am Cost: \$10 M/ \$15 NM; \$25 M/\$30 NM Families Leader: Jocelyn Duffy, NHA naturalist Winter is a great time to get into birding. Easier visibility (no leaves!) and fewer species (those hardy souls that overwinter in New Hampshire) help ease you into the great sport of birdwatching. We'll spend some time inside discussing binoculars and a few keys to bird identification, then head outside to see who we can find. Add to your enjoyment of the visitors to your backyard feeder and participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Bring your binoculars and come dressed for the weather. Ages Families 10+, please.

Animal Tracking Workshop

Sat, Feb 2, 1-2:30 Cost: \$10 M/\$15 NM Individuals; \$25 M/\$30 NM Families Leader: Angie Krysiak, NHA Massabesic Program Director Ever see tracks in the snow and wonder who made them? We'll watch a slide show to learn the basics of tracking, then head out to the trails to see what tracks, scat, and other signs of wildlife we can find. Dress for the weather! All ages welcome.

Romantic Habits of Animals

Tues, Feb 12, 7-9pm Cost: \$10 M/\$15 NM Individuals

Leader: Kelly Dwyer, expert birder and NH 2018 Environmental Educator of the Year.

Warm up to Valentine's Day by learning about the courtship behaviors of

Audubon Massabesic Center

Pre-registration is required for all programs



some of our native animals. Many mammals and birds spend February and the coming months finding mates through a variety of interesting calls, behaviors, and habits, some of which are fascinating to observe. Refreshments provided and ves, there will be chocolate! Adults only, please. Handicap accessible.

Remarkable Reptiles-with LIVE animals

Sat, Feb 16, 1-2 Cost: \$8 M/\$10 NM Individuals; \$20 M/\$25 NM Families Leader: Angie Krysiak, NHA Massabesic Program Director 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. Handicap accessible.

Full Moon Hike

Tuesday, Feb 19, 7-9pm Cost: \$10 M/ \$15 NM Individuals, \$20M/\$30 NM

Leader: Jake King, Thrive Outdoors Come celebrate the full moon with a nighttime hike to Battery Point. Join Jake King with Thrive Outdoors for the hike, a campfire, hot cocoa, marshmallows and a telescope for some moon and star-gazing before the hike. Bring your own snowshoes or rent a pair of ours for \$5.

Snowshoe Rentals!

Wednesday through Saturday between 9 am and 2 pm (with a minimum of 6" of snow cover)

Cost: \$8 M / \$10 NM dollars per pair Enjoy nature in winter at the Massabesic 25-Mar 1 Audubon Center as you trek the trails on Let you kid have some natural fun! snowshoes! Limited pairs available for little children. Call to reserve if bringing a large party.

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Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am. Cost: \$12 M/\$15 NM (per child/parent pair) Pre-registration required for all classes. Call us at 668-2045 or visit http:// www.nhaudubon.org/learn/ to register online. Classes continue to June! Check out our website for details.

Wee Wonders- ages 4-6

Leader: Kim Murphy and Iris Fischer-**McMorrow**

Discover the changing seasons through hands-on activities, songs, crafts, stories, and outdoor discovery! Parents are required to stay and encouraged to participate. Please dress to be outside and wear appropriate footwear.

> Feb 13-Life Under Ice: Fish, frogs and turtles spend their winter under ice. Who else might we find in this wintery water world? How do they survive? Explore this hidden world under the ice, and meet a few of the animals that spend their winter there!

Junior Explorers- ages 7-12

Leader: Paula Chouinard and Linden Ravton, NHA Naturalists Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. Please dress to be outside! Preregistration required for all classes.

> Feb 13-Life Under the Snow and Ice: What is happening under that ice and snow? Discover New Hampshire's native species that hunker down for the long New England winter. Fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals-learn how they adapt to survive the winter.

SCHOOL VACATION CAMP - Feb

We'll teach them about nature and wear them out with fresh air and activities. Registration on-line at www.nhaudubon.org

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church



Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor 567 Manchester Rd. 603-623-5429 www.stpeteraub.org Mass Schedule: Sat – 4:00 pm Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

Knights of Columbus Drive for the Manchester Battered Women's Shelter:

February 2-3 and February 9-10. See our website (www.stpeteraub.org) for a list of items that are needed at the shelter. Donations can be left on the back porch of the rectory.

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 <u>stpeteraub@comcast.net</u>.









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

The cold weather is definitely upon us but you will always find a warm welcome at Longmeadow. In February young people of our church plan to participate in our eighth annual Souper Bowl of Caring. On Sunday, February 3, 2019, 140 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be food and fun for many people watching the game. At the same time, there will be people struggling to feed themselves and their families for the day. And so after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, our young people will be serving delicious soup they have made themselves, asking only a donation, with all proceeds going to local food pantries.

Encouraged by the success of previous efforts, our Missions Committee is once more organizing a project we call **Scarves in the**



Park. We will be accepting donations of handmade scarves (any color, any style, long enough for an adult to wear, that is 4-5 feet long) which we plan to deliver next winter to parks where we know that homeless people gather and to offer them with our love, no strings attached. If you would like to join our efforts, please contact Pastor Ruth (phone number below) who will be glad to pick them up from you or you can speak to any of the volunteers at our Community Breakfasts. We have recently received a new, generous donation of yarn for this project. If you would like to participate, let us know and we will be delighted to provide you with yarn.

Community Office Hours: Pastor Ruth holds office hours out in the community on Wednesdays from 11-1:00, and is available to speak with anyone during that time. In February, she will be at Dunkin Donut's at exit 2 off Route 101. The location may change throughout the year, please see our Facebook page for location or call the church office.

And as the winter progresses, you'll find no warmer welcome than at our

Community Breakfasts,

held on the first and third Saturday of each month, 6:30 -10:00 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. For just \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, you can enjoy not only an allyou-can-eat delicious meal but also the joy of time with your wonderful Auburn friends and neighbors.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our brothers and sisters in Auburn warm homes and hearts this winter. In the United Church of Christ, we are called to "Be The Church" and reach out to and support our neighbors in Auburn and around the world. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us in worship and service. Our church is growing and there is always a place for you at the table. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor. Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907. "Friend" us on Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/groups/ Longmeadow/





The Auburn Volunteer Firemen's Association would like to thanks the residents of the Auburn Community for donating to our Fund Drive. We are looking to replace our current our 2003 Avon Inflatable Sea Rider to an Aluminum All-Purpose Jon Boat. Over the last few years we have seen more activity on Lake Massabesic. We have had multiple fires on Brown Island and with our current boat it does not provide us with adequate space to respond.

The Auburn Volunteer Firemen's Association is currently raising money to purchase a new boat for the Fire Department. Currently with the help of the community we are halfway to our goal of \$22,000.00. We have formed a committee to help us outline all of the specifications to purchase the boat. Most importantly the boat we will need to be able to bring man power and gear to any emergency situations that arise on the Lake.

Again, we would like to thank all that have donated to our Fund Drive. If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out to us either on FaceBook or you can call the Fire Station and leave a message.



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News From The Auburn PD



Hello Auburn,

We are almost through "winter" and so far haven't had too many storms, but we have all seen them come as late as April some years. We wanted to remind people to watch the weather closely, as it changes often. Please remember Jessica's Law requiring you to remove the snow from your vehicle. Our officers have already written citations for failure to do this. Also, Auburn has a Town Ordinance for Parking during Snow Storms:

- A. From November 2nd to April 1st each year no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public way between the hours of 11PM and 8AM or at any time in such manner as to impede snow removal operations.
- B. Any vehicle parking in violation of this may be towed by the road agent, the Chief of Police or their agents or by independent contractors engaged by the road agent or Chief of Police; any vehicles so towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing and storage by the owner.
- C. Any person violating Section A hereof shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each offense.

SPEED TRAILER UPDATE



Last January we started raising funds through donations to purchase a new speed trailer. We are happy to say in one year we met our goal thanks to MANY donations, during our events, from businesses in town, and the residents. We are in the next phase, working with New Hampshire Highway Safety to purchase our new speed trailer, which we hope to have up and running by this Spring.

Thank you so much to all of the residents and businesses who have helped us achieve this!!!

Working for the police department we get to interact with so many people. We get to hear and witness so many amazing things and would like to once in a while share those stories with our residents.

This month I wanted to send a special thank you and acknowledgement to Dreama Duncan and her family.

Five years ago, when we started the Giving Tree, I got a call from Dreama asking if we thought the people on our Giving Tree could use some turkeys. Her family owns a business and she had ordered extras specifically for the Giving Tree. I had asked for her name, or the name of the company so we could thank them, and she declined to give either. She reached out again at Christmas time with hams that year and continued to do so each year. Sadly, Dreama passed away in the summer of 2017, but the following November her husband showed up with turkeys for our Giving Tree recipients. He told me that donating the turkeys and hams was Dreama's idea and she enjoyed giving back to the community in this way. He and his daughter will carry on this tradition in her honor. The police department and the community are incredibly grateful to Dreama and her family, and we wanted to thank them for their kind gesture.





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Girl Scout Troop 59007

It's COOKIE TIME! Yes it's the time of year Girl Scouts will be walking around your neighborhoods, at local stores and even at voting day on 3/12 at AVS. All cookie flavors still just \$5 per box so pick up a few of your favorites this year before they are gone at the end of March. (Did you know they freeze well?!)

Girl Scout Troop 59007 is Auburn's newest troop. They are a group of 15 fantastic Kindergarten girls who are just getting started in their Girl Scout journey. They have kicked off the year



learning about all the parts of the Girl Scout Law including being honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong. They also had a meeting to learn about talking to customers about cookies for their very first cookie season. Here are a few pictures of the fun they are having while learning new skills.







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It's been a busy winter for the building project at Auburn Village School. While many of us were cleaning up after holiday festivities last month and reflecting on how much we spent, ate, and enjoyed visits with family and friends, work on the school continued. And accelerated even! The construction team has built its plan around the school calendar, so any day or week students and teachers are out of the building represents a golden opportunity to push the project forward and get us closer to completion. Here are the highlights this month:

- New Wing & Cafeteria Renovation The steel framing and decking is near complete for the new classroom wing and as you may have noticed, a lot of the work recently has been in the 'knuckle' – the part of the building where the rear entrance was previously located. We are in the process of building temporary walls that will run across the side of the cafeteria facing the rear parking lot and into the old rear entryway. Once the temporary walls are in place, the existing walls will be removed so the remaining steel elements can be installed. The temporary walls will mean less space in the cafeteria through the end of the school year, but it gets us closer to having a larger, updated cafeteria for next year.
- **Renovation Planning** as we reported in last month's update, there's been a lot of discussion around the logistics for renovating the existing classrooms and other spaces. The renovation of the school is going to be the most challenging part of the project due to the short summer window available to do the work. To better assess the renovation level of effort, the February and April vacation weeks will be used for exploratory work. The construction team will explore ceilings, drainage lines, electrical systems, etc. to assess the 'veins' of the building and prepare for demolition and reconstruction once the last bell rings in June. Some renovation will begin prior to the end of school and some will continue into the fall of 2019, but classrooms and hallways need to be done this summer so that teachers have sufficient time to reestablish their classrooms in time for the next school year.
- Summer Activities AVS, PTA, and Parks & Recreation summer planning has already begun and we're working with the construction team to determine which activities will be able to be held at the school and which won't be. Student and adult safety is our number one priority and having classrooms ready for next school year is number two. We'll be reviewing everything with these goals in mind.

The Building Committee comprised of AVS and SAU 15 leadership, town officials, construction management and architecture companies, and School Board members continues to meet each week to discuss the progress of the project, review designs and vendor bids, and address any day-to-day needs of the school.



Aerial View of New Classroom Wing



Temp Access Road Connecting AVS & Safety Complex





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