



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

hello february

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## Longmeadow Church Breakfast

Please come join your friends for breakfast in February at the Longmeadow Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. This month it is on Feb 1st from 6:30 to 10:00 am. The "all you can eat breakfast" includes French toast, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, toast, English muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and under 6 free.

Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy a great meal? See you soon!

## Deliberative Sessions of Town Meeting & School District Meeting

February 1, 2020

9am

Held At AVS

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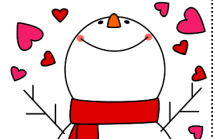
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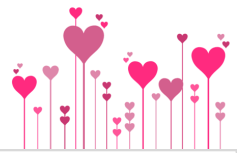
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# Auburn Town Hall News



## Town and School District Deliberative Sessions on February 1st

For the second year, the annual Deliberative Sessions of the Town Meeting and School District Meeting will be held on the same day. The School District Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st at 9 AM at the Auburn Village School, and the Deliberative Session of the Auburn Town Meeting will immediately follow the School District Meeting.

For those who may not have had an opportunity to tour the new addition and renovations to the Auburn Village School, the School Board is planning to offer tours of the school to interested residents immediately following the two deliberative sessions.

Should weather force a delay, the two meetings will be held on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM.

A copy of the Town Meeting Warrant and Town budget has been sent to all residents separate from this edition of the Auburn Village Crier.

## FY 2020 Budget Near to Completion

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have completed their work on the FY 2020 Town operating budget and warrant articles which totals nearly \$5,717,000. The overall spending proposals are coming in slightly under the total budget and warrant articles approved by the voters in March 2019.

While the general spending amounts are about level, we are anticipating a reduction in the Town portion of the tax rate of a minimum of 12-cents.

The anticipated tax rate reduction is the result of approximately \$43,000 in additional Municipal Aid funds from the State of New Hampshire, using nearly \$150,000 from the Town's undesignated fund balance to cover some one-time expenses, and an increase in the Town's net assessed valuation due to the continued residential and commercial building in the community.

The work of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee was pre-

sented during a public hearing on the Town and School District budgets held on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The budgets and warrant articles acted upon during the deliberative sessions will be presented to the voters for their final action at the Town and School District ballot voting on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Village School from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

## Walter Milne Named Deputy Tax Collector

Tax Collector Susan Jenkins and the Board of Selectmen have jointly selected Walter Milne of Auburn to fill the vacant Deputy Tax Collector's position effective February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr.

Milne has served as Town Treasurer for the past three years, and will resign from that position in order to accept the Deputy Tax Collector's position.

It is anticipated over the next three years or so Mr. Milne and Mrs. Jenkins will likely reverse roles as Mrs. Jenkins looks at cutting back in her work efforts in the future.



## NHDES Renews Auburn's Groundwater Management Permit

Since closing the Town's landfill and incinerator facility back in 1996, the Town has had to maintain and monitor the closed landfill property. Part of that effort consists of the installation of groundwater monitoring wells and annual groundwater testing to ensure there is no unacceptable pollutants coming from the former landfill.

To maintain this effort, the Town is issued a Groundwater Management Permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), which is reviewed every five years. The NHDES just renewed Auburn's permit for another five years but, in doing so, has required the installation of two additional monitoring wells with a focus on additional

testing for PFAs. The Town has not had issues to date in this area, and already tests for these items in the existing monitoring wells. The additional two wells will provide additional information in a different area of the closed landfill.

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# Girl Scouts

## It's still GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

Be on the lookout for friendly neighborhood Girl Scouts continuing to collect orders for cookies. The initial orders of cookies arrive to troops in our community on 2/29 and continue through the end of March with cookie booths in various locations including at Auburn Village School on March 10th voting day. Each box of cookies raises funds for both the individual girl who is selling, and her troop, so that new activities, skills and adventures can be funded. 8 flavors are available this year and are \$5 per box. We hope that you enjoy a few boxes this season or make a donation to our Gift of Caring options.

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# Boy Scouts

Troop 127 has had a busy month. We did our Christmas tree pickup fundraiser on January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank the people who let us pick up your trees we appreciate your generosity. The funds raised help the troop do more activities.

This month's theme was the rifle merit badge. We had a meeting on rifle safety to help our progress on the rifle merit badge. We will be completing the merit badge over the coming months.

We will be attending the Klondike Derby on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Klondike is derby is a winter campout where scouts will be tested on their knowledge of different scout skill such as first aid and knot tying. The Klondike will be hosted in Camp Carpenter in Manchester NH. We will be also hosting the Blue And Gold Banquet, the award ceremony for cub scouts who will be moving into the boy scout troop.

## Cub Scout Pack 127 Spotlight: The Wolves of Auburn

The Wolf Den from Auburn's Cub Scout Pack 127 has had a busy few months. This energetic group of second graders has been working hard to complete their Wolf Rank! This particular advancement requires each scout to learn a variety of skills through various adventures. Some of their favorite adventures over this past year have included hikes, community service, lessons in communication skills, including some sign language, as well as various physical relay races.

Most recently they learned about coins and where our money comes from. Thus far it has been a very busy year for these scouts filled with friendship and new experiences that encourage a sense of community and leadership skills. With any luck these active and curious scouts will be seeking more adventures over the next few months!

## Junior Chef

Get your kids cooking with Auburn Parks & Recreation's Junior Chefs Cooking Classes. Each month kids are introduced to new recipes, kitchen safety tips and fun themes. Join in one class or every month. Grades K-8 are welcome, younger kids may need parent helpers to stay.

**New in 2020... classes are now 90 minutes!!** All classes are held at Longmeadow Church from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm. The dates are listed below. The class fee is \$24 per class. Preregistration is required for each class as space is limited. Please use the registration on the following page or on our website and return to the Parks and Rec.



**February 4** – Food that you will LOVE

**March 3** – Think Green

**April 7** – Spring foods

**May 5** – Cinco de Mayo Fun

## Camp Adventure

Camp Adventure is back again for its 3rd year! This summer, for one week only, the Parks & Rec is offering a full day summer camp that will travel to fun destination throughout the state. We will hit the beach, lakes, waterpark and other locations full of fun. The last 2 summers were such a blast and we are excited to bring it back again with the same awesome counselors. This camp does fill up so don't wait too long to send in your registration.

**Camp Dates:** Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31, 2020

**Camp Hours:** Meeting at the Safety Complex at 8:30 am and returning at 4:30 pm

**Ages:** For students entering grades 5-8 in the 2020-2021 school year.

**Fee:** \$279 for the week (full payment is due at the time of registration)

**Registration Dates:** Auburn Residents-starting January 1, Non-Residents- starting May 1



## How to Register for Parks and Rec Programs

The registration forms for Junior Chef and Camp Adventure programs can be found on our website at [auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under the "Rec Forms" tab. The completed forms along with payment can be mailed to Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. Checks can be made payable to "Town of Auburn".

If you have any questions, you can call Amy at 483-5052 x101 or email at [Recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:Recreation@townofauburnNH.com).

You can also follow us on Facebook or Instagram at **AuburnNHParksAndRec**



Presidential Primary – February 11, 2020

Auburn Village School

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

## You Can Register to Vote on Election Day

Any Auburn resident, who is at least 18 years old, may register to vote on Election Day.

What to Bring:

- **Photo ID** – Driver's license, Passport or School ID
- **Proof of Residence** – Driver's license with Auburn address, Mail or Bill
- **Proof of Citizenship** – Birth Certificate or Passport

Register with the Supervisors of the Checklist

Questions? – Contact Susan Jenkins – Checklist Supervisor – 483-2281



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# News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

## Scholarships open Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>!

These applications are for the 2020/2021 academic school year and are available for high school seniors and students who are currently attending a post secondary school and are Auburn residents.

Visit our website: [auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org) and click on the **"student and parent"** tab to begin your application.

Please read and follow the instructions **carefully and thoroughly!**

For tips on writing your essay, visit the "about us" tab on our website.

The Griffin Public Library also offers many titles on college and school financing and the application process.

All sections must be 100% complete to be considered for any scholarships.

The dead line to submit applications is **April 30, 2020!**

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions  
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# Audubon Massabesic Center



*Pre-registration is required for all programs*

All programs registrations are available on-line at [www.nhaudubon.org](http://www.nhaudubon.org) under Events and News, then Calendar.

**Full Moon Hike – Snow Moon**  
Sunday, February 9, 6-8pm  
Leader: Jake King, Thrive Outdoors

Cost: \$12 M/\$15 NM Individuals, \$30 M/\$40 NM Families

Native Americans used the moon to track the seasons, and names were often given to each month's moon. Traditionally, the moon we see in February is called the Snow Moon due to the heavy snowfall of February. 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 ours for the special event rate of \$5/pair.

**Romantic Habits of Animals**  
Thursday, February 20, 6:30-8pm  
Leader: Kelly Dwyer, expert birder and NH 2018 Environmental Educator of the Year.

Cost: \$12 M/\$15 NM Individuals  
Warm up to Valentine's Day by learning about the courtship behaviors of 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 yes, there will be chocolate! Adults only, please. Wheelchair accessible.

**Animal Tracking Workshop - Intermediate**  
Saturday, February 29, 1-2:30pm  
Leader: Angie Krysiak, NHA Naturalist

alist  
Cost: \$12 M/\$15 NM Individuals, \$30 M/\$40 NM Families  
Footprints in the snow tell us stories about the secretive lives of wild animals. Put your animal tracking skills to the test! We'll watch a slide show to review 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.

**Snowshoe Rentals!**  
Wednesday through Saturday between 9 am and 2 pm  
Cost: \$8 M / \$10 NM dollars per pair

Enjoy nature in winter at the NH Audubon Massabesic Center as you trek the trails on snowshoes! Snowshoes for use on-site only with a minimum of 6" of snow cover. Limited pairs available for small children. Call to reserve if bringing a large party.

**HOMESCHOOL/PRESCHOOL**  
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. Call us at 668-2045 or register online at <http://www.nhaudubon.org/learn/>

**Junior Explorers-Classes for Homeschoolers ages 7-12**  
Leader: Madeline Champlin, Education Program Manager

**February 5: Winter Birds**

Not all birds go to Florida for the winter. Some birds will stay in NH, or others like the Snowy Owl, migrate down from Canada to winter in New

Hampshire when food is scarce. We'll discover, and learn how to identify some of our irruptive winter visitors. Prepare to take part in NH Audubon's Backyard Winter Bird Survey the second weekend in February!

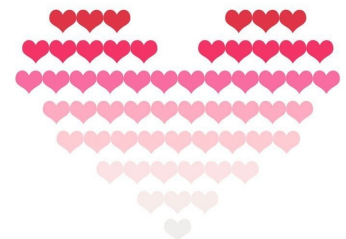
**Wee Wonders-Classes for Preschoolers ages 4-6**  
Leader: Amanda Klemm, Massabesic Center Animal Care Specialist and Naturalist

**February 5 & 12: Science of Snowflakes**

The making of a snowflake is a very complicated process! Today we will discuss the relationship between water, temperature, altitude, and symmetry with the creation of snowflakes, examine snowflakes up close, and learn how snowflakes have been studied and photographed over the years.

**February Vacation Camp**  
February 24 through February 28

On-line Registration at [www.nhaudubon.org](http://www.nhaudubon.org)  
Active learning, outdoor adventures, fun!



# News from the Auburn Historical Association

## The “Little Red House”



Above: Summer 1959. Dearborn Road is still a dirt road and the grass is growing on Chester Turnpike. Dutch elm disease kills all the elms. The barn was destroyed by arson in 1969.



2019 - How the old Cooper's shop looks today. The entire house was refurbished in 2000. Out with the indoor outhouse—in with the plumbing. A new roof line and round window in the loft were added.

The “Little Red House, situated on the five corners (intersections of Dearborn, Coleman, and the Chester Turnpike), was originally built as a cooper's shop, making barrels. It catered to the farmers who took their produce to markets in Haverhill, Methuen and Boston. Two hundred years ago, barrels were as essential to commerce as the cardboard box is today.

In 1852, William A. Pingrey and Hannah (Colman) Pingrey purchased the property. They made several additions to the house and built the barn. Their only daughter, Rosa, married Frank Forsaith who moved in with them. Two boys and 12 years later, the Forsaith's purchased the old Clay's Tavern and moved across Dearborn Road.

After William Pingrey died in 1909, the “Little Red House” sat empty until his grandson Carl and his wife Grace Forsaith retired. They turned it into a summer guest house and moved into the old tavern. Stephen Lafay and Debbie Asquith now live in the tavern.



## News from the Auburn Historical Association



Left: The little red house in the winter of 1968/1969.

The snow is 10' to the eaves.

On January 1, 1969, there is enough snow for snowmobiles to run over 5' blueberry bushes and not damage them! A late February storm dropped 50" of snow.



### ***Auburn, NH is 175 years old!***

The Auburn Historical Association will be selling pewter commemorative ornaments to celebrate this milestone! We are hoping they will be available for sale at the Feb 5th primary election. We will also be selling them at the AHA open houses, every 3rd Saturday of the month from 1-4.

**Election of officials—President: Dan Carpenter, Vice President: Dave Rogers, Treasurer: Susan Anderson, Secretary: Nancy Mayland and Directors: Jim Thompson and Pat Clement.**

#### *Important Dates:*

*Feb 11—NH Primary (we need bakers for our table!)*

*Feb 12—Regular business meeting of AHA, 6:30 at museum. All welcome!*

*Feb 18—Canterbury Shaker Village Presentation at the Museum. 7pm*



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### Programming Highlight

Are you interested in learning more about bees and how to best encourage healthy pollinators to your yard? Then join us at Griffin Free Public Library at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 15 for **For the Love of Honey Bees and Pollinators**. We will be joined by beekeepers Dean and Jodi Turner of Imagine That Honey who will review habitat creation/conservation, pollinators and honeybees. And, if you are ready to take on a new hobby, they'll offer several suggestions and answer your questions. They will demonstrate several beekeeping techniques, as well as ways to pollinate your garden with Mason Bees, how much fun it is to make seed bombs, *and provide a honey tasting!* This workshop will be dynamic, informative, interactive, and hands-on. This program is free and open to the public.

In the Children's Room, Miss Mary has a couple of special programs for the Children. *Random Acts of Kindness* runs until February 14. Then from February 17 until March 17 is *Find the 4-Leaf Clover*. Contact Miss Mary at the library for details.

### Collection Highlight

The **Friends of Griffin Free** have done it again! They fund-raise to help the library meet the demands of the residents of Auburn. This time, they have provided an annual subscription to **HeritageQuest® Online**. HeritageQuest® Online is a treasury of American genealogical sources—rich in primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more. Now, here is the best part. HeritageQuest® Online may be accessed from the comfort of your own home! All you need is an active Griffin Free Public Library Card and we will provide you with a username and password.

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#### Upcoming Programming for Adults:

##### **Knitting / Crochet**

EVERY Friday, 10:30 AM – Noon

##### **Evening Book Club – *Where the Crawdad's Sing* by Delia Owens**

Wed., Feb. 5 @ 6:30 PM

##### **Cellphones 102 – with Luke Melendy**

Sat., Feb. 8 @ 10 AM

##### **Cookbook Club – *Italian Cooking***

Sat., Feb. 8 @ 12:30 PM

##### **Day Book Club – *Where the Crawdad's Sing* by Delia Owens**

Wed., Feb. 12 @ 1:15 PM

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##### **For the Love of Honey Bees and Pollinators**

Sat., Feb. 15 @ 10 AM

##### **Genealogy Club -**

Sat., Feb. 22 @ 10 AM

#### Upcoming Programming for Children:

##### **EVERY Tuesday, 11:00 AM and Friday, 1:00 PM**

Infant/Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary

##### **STEM on Saturday - *Create your very own make believe animal and habitat.* Sat., Feb. 15 @ 1 PM**

##### **Craft Club: *Sparkle Snowflakes***

Wed., Feb. 12 @ 4:15 PM

##### **Craft Club: *Sock Snowman***

Wed., Feb. 26 @ 4:15 PM

##### **Special Storytime with Elsa –**

Fri., Feb. 28 @ 1 PM

##### **Family Craft Activity – *Feed the Birds***

Sat., Feb. 1 @ 11 AM

##### **STEM on Saturday - *Come test your math skills and make a magic turtle square.***

Sat., Mar. 7 @ 1 PM



## Thank you from the Friends

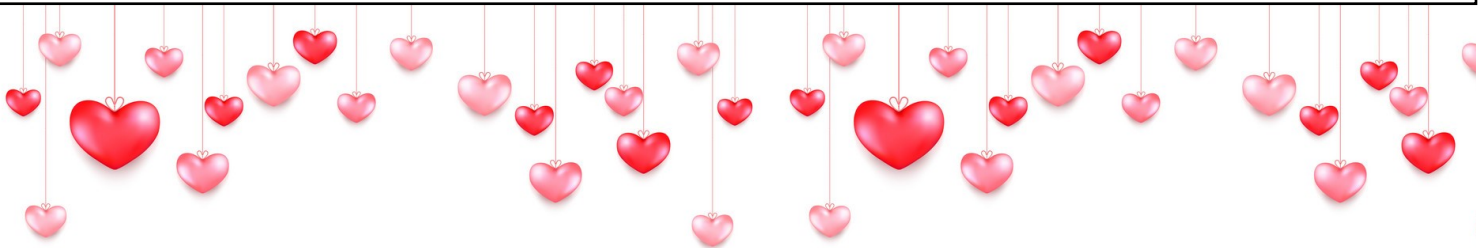
Our 2019 Santa Breakfast was a success thanks to so many volunteers. Santa John Mayland handed out candy to the good boys and girls as they told him about their Christmas wishes. As always, the smiles and photos were plentiful.

The AVS band and chorus added festive music to entertain family and friends in the new large cafeteria. Thank you, Matt Szopa and Chrissy Ouellette, for your time, and to the students for sharing their musical and vocal talents with the community. Christmas carols are timeless and always enjoyed by everyone.

The cooking crew, under the direction of Gary Poulin, were in the new kitchen flipping pancakes and sausage galore. The Friends would like to thank Gary, Lynn Howard, Dave Silva, Roland Davis, Ray Garon, Frank Hanscomb, and Jim Davenport for all of their help. We couldn't have this fundraiser without them. Of course, the support of the members of the Friends that helped in every part of the event from set up, decorating, and distributing hot beverages and whipped cream, are so very appreciated.

As 2020 begins, The Friends of The Griffin Free Library would like to thank the Auburn Community for your support. These fundraisers allow the Friends to purchase library passes for our Auburn patrons and extra programs for community education. Best wishes and a Healthy 2020 to all.

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### Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

Knights of Columbus Drive for the Manchester Battered Women's Shelter: February 1-15, 2020. See our website ([www.stpeteraub.org](http://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.



Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Ashes will be distributed at our Masses, which are at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm. During Lent, our daily Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 am and Friday at 12:00 noon.

First Friday Adoration: Friday, February 7, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Church

*Walking with Purpose* Women's Bible Study: Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information, contact Michelle Paul at 603-623-5429, ext. 2 or [stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).

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

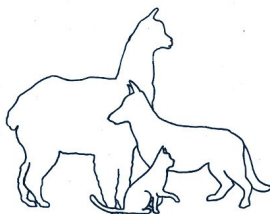
Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry to adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and growing in their relationship with God. If you have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian 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!



We may be in the depths of winter, but you will always find a warm welcome at Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. We hold our congregational annual meeting each year at the end of January and so February brings many new beginnings for our church family. We invite you to join us as we walk together through this new year. 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.

February is always a wonderful month for youth at Longmeadow, beginning with our young people participating in the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring, a youth led initiative to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities. Each year our youth gather together on Saturday and create two different, delicious homemade soups. And then after our worship service on Super Bowl Sunday (February 2) they will serve the soup to worshipers, inviting them to donate what they wish. All money received will be donated to the Chester Food Pantry, which serves Auburn residents.



Also in February, we celebrate our relationship with Boy Scout Troop 127, who have been meeting at our church for many years, at Scout Sunday on February 9. This year we are also celebrating our new relationship with Cub Pack 127 and look forward to welcoming all of the Scouts, Leaders and Families as we worship together.



We begin the holy season of Lent on February 26 with Ash Wednesday when we gather with our sister church, the Congregational Baptist Church of Chester to begin the season remembering who we are and whose we are. This year we will worship at the Chester Church and invite you to join us on our journey with Jesus through Lent.

In the cold winter months, as you are "hunkering down" and keeping warm, it is good to also think of those who struggle to keep warm. Our

Scarves in the Park offers a wonderful opportunity for you to use these winter evenings working to help those in need by knitting or crocheting scarves, which we bring each November to local shelters as well as leave in a park in Manchester for anyone who is cold to take. We have recently received a very generous donation of yarn that we would love to put into your talented hands. Contact Pastor Ruth if you would like some to make your creations.

In this season of Epiphany, we seek to follow the light that leads us and invite you to join with us in worship where we listen for God's word. We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC are grateful for the generosity of our Auburn neighbors and look forward to welcoming you to our Community Breakfasts on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month as well as to Sunday worship. Pastor Ruth also holds Community Office Hours on Wednesday at the Dunkin Donuts at exit 3 off Route 101 and would welcome you stopping by for a cup of coffee to ask any questions you may have about the church. 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



Hello Auburn Residents,

January has been pretty good to us with weather, but we wanted to remind everyone about parking during Snow Storms as we head into February.

## Parking During Snow Storms

- A. From November 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

If you notice a new face in our cruisers, take a moment to say hello to Part-Time Officer Chance Spinney. Officer Spinney grew up in Deerfield, and graduated Concord High School in 2016. Spinney is currently in his junior year at UNH Manchester working on his B.S. in Homeland Security with a minor in business. He enlisted in the New Hampshire Army National Guard as a military police officer in 2017 and has been serving since alongside attending UNH.

Officer Spinney was hired as a part-time officer by the Hampton Police Department in January of 2019 for which he attended the 277<sup>th</sup> Part-Time Police Academy in the spring of 2019, graduating in May and receiving his part-time certification. Spinney worked in Hampton throughout the summer and fall before being hired by Auburn in December.



Lastly, since we have many new residents in town, I wanted to take a moment to mention the incredible **Neighborhood Watch Program** Auburn has. Many here who have been involved in law enforcement for a long time find Auburn's Neighborhood Watch Group the most organized, and impressive that they have seen.

If you would like more information, or to join the group please feel free to fill out and send the form to me. Or you can email me directly. I will put you in touch with a leader based on where in town you live.

## **PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

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# Auburn Fire Department News



## **Fire Safety** **during Winter Storms**

**Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.**

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



### **Fact**

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

# AVS School News

Come and join Sonia McDaniel,  
elementary reading specialist, and  
Christina Spain, math support for some fun literacy and math games. Discover ways to  
help your child learn and review reading and math skills while having fun!!!!



This daylong event for parents and students takes place at the Tower Hill Church in Auburn and is a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow with your child. Please be on the lookout for more detailed information being sent home in January. Feel free to contact Mrs. Avellino with any questions. Mrs. Avellino can be reached at 483-2769 ext. 2218.

Winter Sports Awards Night will be Thursday, February 13th 6:30-8 PM in the AVS Gym.

The fourth graders are excited to be learning about New Hampshire's unique First in the Nation primary election! We will answer questions about why New Hampshire gets to hold the first primary and how that affects our state, the overall presidential election, and individual New Hampshire citizens like them! If you have a chance, talk to your child about current events and our state. Have them look out for examples of retail politics in the next few weeks leading up to the primary. The New Hampshire Historical Society has developed a fantastic new curriculum for teaching about New Hampshire and its history. For more information visit the NHHS website below.



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Well, after almost two years, ~45 classroom and office moves, more concrete, bricks, flooring and windows than we can count, and enough grit, perseverance and patience to fill a school, the Auburn Village School construction project is coming to a close. Everyone who learns or works in the building is now in their true classroom or office space, and our traditional front entrance is open again. With everyone 'home', this will be the last update for the Crier and while there are details to share as to what work will continue (and there will be some), we need to take a moment and look back at what we set out to achieve.

In 2014, the Auburn School Board identified four goals for the school:

**Remove portable & modular structures and have all kids in the same brick and mortar building** – Remember the portable and modular classrooms? They served their purpose, but we were happy to see them go. After 24 years of using these temporary classrooms, all students and teachers are in the same building. And while we didn't think of it at the time, removing them gave us a beautiful recreational space in the rear of the building.

**Comply with safety & security findings from the Department of Homeland Security survey, including improving access to the building and traffic flow** – While it's not always visible and we purposefully don't provide a lot of details on this topic, the school has received a host of safety & security updates. Among the improvements is a new fire alarm system, addressable fire alarms, more secure front entrance, new phone and communication system, and the ability to monitor our doors and mechanical systems remotely. It's reassuring to our professionals who work in and protect the building to know they have upgraded and integrated systems behind the scenes.

**Address space shortages and add space for additional classroom, special education, nursing, teacher and cafeteria space** – In 2018, we were 22% over capacity and our space utilization rate was 125%, much higher than the NH Department of Education's recommended rate of 90%. Our new classroom wing brought new, larger classrooms to replace those in the portables and modulares, as well as much needed storage space for equipment for the town, school, and community organizations. We also expanded our cafeteria which has brought more kids eating closer to the noon hour and given them a longer time to eat.

**Allow room for student enrollment growth and changing educational needs over time** – Like anything else, education changes with time. How we reach, teach and engage kids with different capabilities and needs evolves and we learn new methods of instruction. And in many cases, those methods require different types of learning spaces. With this in mind, our building has flexible, multi-use space to accommodate activities like small team discovery and projects and will accommodate full-day kindergarten at some point. Through our project, AVS has the facility to accommodate the demands of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

With these achievements behind us, our construction company is crossing things off their punch lists and putting the final touches on the building. Site work will continue on the baseball field as the ground allows to position us for spring 2021 opening day, and additional fire and safety improvements will be made over the summer months.

As noted in prior posts, the construction and renovation project was possible because of the many people involved in it, starting with the great residents of Auburn who approved the funding for the much-needed upgrade. Beyond Auburn residents, a hearty thanks goes out to the School Improvement Committee, Auburn Fire Department, Auburn Building Inspector, State Fire Marshall's Office, The Turner Group, Bonnette Page and Stone, Jobin Construction Consultants, and the many companies and trades, many of which are Auburn companies, who did their part. A big thank you also goes out to our Superintendent, SAU Business Manager, AVS's school principal, facility director, and technology director who spent many hours every week above and beyond their day jobs to make decisions and weigh in as issues arose. Finally, a nod to our students, teachers, and others who work and learn in the building every day. You weathered the moves and changes like champions. We hope you love your new space and we look forward to hearing how it's supporting our collective goal of educating Auburn's young minds.

--The Auburn School Board

*\*\* We will be providing a tour of the school at the February 1 Deliberative Session. The School Board session will be followed by the Town session – and the tour will be provided after that.*



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