



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

## february



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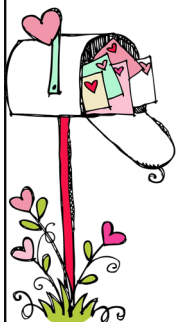
***Future Dates Inside!!***

Note:

Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates, times, and cancelations.

### It's Girl Scout Cookie time!

Be on the look out for neighborhood scouts this year, although many girls are opting to only use their digital cookie websites for orders during this pandemic. If you would like some of your favorite flavors they are just \$5 per box and the online sites allow you to pay but choose to have cookie delivered to your door step by Girl Scouts. If you haven't seen a Girl Scout in your neighborhood, we have troops in town who would love to help you. Just reach out to leader Jennifer Anderson at [girlscoutsjen@gmail.com](mailto:girlscoutsjen@gmail.com) or 603-889-8920 to place your order.



### Auburn Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner 2021

A reminder for all seniors that called to reserve a dinner for Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>; we can't wait to see you. If there is a snowstorm, we'll have it ready on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions feel free to call Mary 483-5194 or Margie 483-8689.



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# Auburn Town Hall News



## Time for Auburn's Local Elections and Voting

With Auburn's Deliberative Session of the annual Town Meeting now behind us, we want to encourage as many Auburn voters as possible to participate in the governance of our community by casting their votes at the ballot session of Town Meeting.

During the January 30<sup>th</sup> Deliberative Session, voters advanced all eight warrant articles on the Town warrant to the official ballot without amendment. Whether these articles are ultimately approved or not will depend on the ballots cast by voters

on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

There are a number of elected positions on both the Town and School District ballots, which will also face the voters, in addition to one zoning question.

The Town and School District balloting will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are profiles submitted by various candidates for local office who are seeking

your vote. By the time you are reading this, you should have also received a "Town of Auburn Voter's Guide" that provides detailed information about the one proposed zoning amendment and six warrant articles on the Town warrant, and the two articles on the School District Warrant.

We encourage as many voters as possible to participate in their local government by taking the time to vote on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Seeking Volunteers for Planning Board

Unless things dramatically change between now and Election Day, the Planning Board will be looking for at least two volunteer members for the way forward.

Two incumbents have chosen not to run for re-election, leaving positions vacant for the Planning Board to fill.

Are you interested in serving your community? If so, the Planning Board would give you as much opportunity to learn about the Town of Auburn as any of the Town boards would.

The Planning Board generally meets twice a month. In this Covid era, the

board is meeting remotely by way of teleconference.

Should anyone be interested, they are encouraged to contact Planning Board Chair Ronald Poltak at: [rpoltak3@gmail.com](mailto:rpoltak3@gmail.com).

## Save the Dates – Shred Day in May and E-Waste Day in September

The Town of Auburn will again be sponsoring a paper shredding event and an E-waste collection event for any resident who has documents they wish to have shredded or elec-

tronics to dispose.

The Shred Day event will be held on a Saturday in May from 9 AM until Noon in the parking lot of the Town

Hall, while the E-Waste Collection Day will be held most likely on the last Saturday in September 9 AM to 2 PM. The location is to be determined.

*Keith Leclair*



*Todd Bedard*

*Michael Rolfe*

*Auburn Board of Selectmen*





## News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars®

### SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN!

Please apply on line between February 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>:

[Auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://Auburn.dollarsforscholars.org)

Our scholarships are offered to Auburn residents that will be attending a post-secondary school for the 2021-2022 academic year.

These scholarships are available to current post-secondary undergraduate students, adults and high school seniors.

We have scholarships for those interested in education, technology, engineering, music and the arts, vocational studies, nursing and R.O.T.C. participants.

Please visit our web site for more information:

[Auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://Auburn.dollarsforscholars.org)

Our scholarships are only possible through your generous support!

Good Luck and Stay Safe,

Mary Hrubiec, President



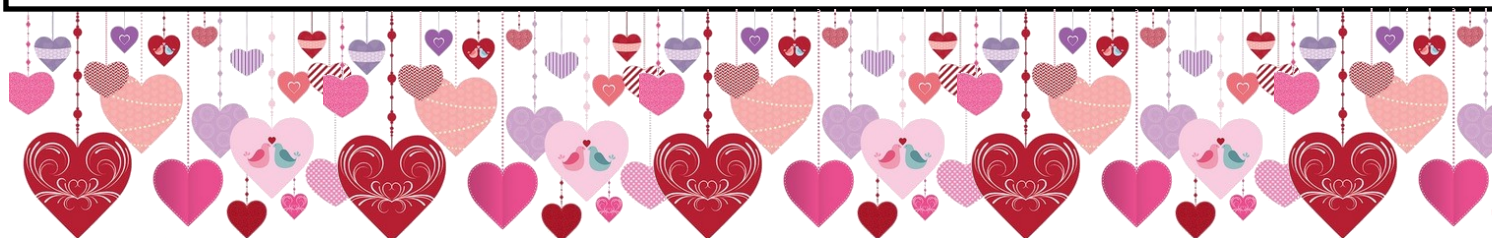
## MASSABESIC SENIORS

The Massabesic Seniors are still meeting once a week, but due to Covid-19 the members attending has shrunk. We have been meeting with 5 to 7 members despite wearing masks and sitting a distance apart.

Even worse, we've lost two members, Bonnie Rancourt and Marjorie (Midge) Dinsmoor, who almost never missed a meeting. Bonnie took care of Mary who was physically challenged, and passed in last November. Midge was 95 years young, very active and passed in December. Both were special ladies and will be sorely missed.

Enjoy what we have for as long as you can and don't let things get to you!

submitted by Dick Vee





## Galentine's Day

Friday, February 12

Galentine's Day is a fictional holiday that was created by the character Leslie Knope on the TV show "Parks and Recreation". Galentine's Day is like Valentine's Day, only instead of celebrating the love you have for your significant other, you spend it with your best girlfriends, who deserve a holiday all to themselves too.

This year, we will celebrate Auburn's first Galentine's Day with a girls' night out to honor the important friendships our lives. The party will be a Chunky's in Manchester on Friday, February 12th. They will be showing the "classic" movie, Bridesmaids. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the movie starts at 7:00 pm.

To be part of this event, you will need to preregister through Parks & Rec. The form can be found on the P&R website at [auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under the tab "Rec Forms". The \$15 fee includes admission to the event and a special Galentine's Day gift. Dinner is not included with your admission. You will be able to purchase your dinner and drinks from the menu (individual checks will be available). Space is very limited due to covid restrictions. Please confirm availability before you send in your registration form by emailing [recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnNH.com).



## Pot O'Gold Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 13 & Sunday, March 14

Lucky the Leprechaun hid his pot of gold somewhere in Auburn. It's your job to find it and collect some gold for yourself



On Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14, there will be 5 rainbows throughout town that will lead you to his hidden gold. Bring your smartphone with you because on each rainbow will be a QR code. Scan that code and you will find a number as well as the location of the next rainbow. All the numbers that you collect along the way will give you the combination to unlock Lucky's treasure and collect your gold.

Check our Facebook and Instagram pages as the date gets closer for the starting location and additional details. Good luck finding Lucky's gold!



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at **AuburnNHparksandrec**





## **Junior Chefs Virtual Cooking Class**

**Tuesday, February 9 and Tuesday, March 9**



Get your kids cooking again with Junior Chefs VIRTUAL Cooking Classes. Jen Anderson is back teaching holiday themed treats but this time the students will be learning at home. This class, for kids age 6 and over, will be held live on Zoom. Jen has planned projects that the child can do on their own, along with her instruction, however a parent may be needed to help with the oven.

The Valentine class will be held on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00 pm. The class will be making heart shaped mozzarella cheese 'sticks' and strawberry nutella heart poptarts. The St. Patrick's Day class, where we will make mint brownies and surprisingly delicious green food, will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, also 4:00-5:00 pm.



Pre-registration is required with a deadline of February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Valentine's class and March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the St. Patrick's Day class. The form can be found on the Park & Rec website at [auburnNH.us/parks-and/recreation](http://auburnNH.us/parks-and/recreation) under the tab "Rec Forms". The fee for the class is \$12 each. Ingredients are not included in the class fee. When you register, you will be sent the link to log on to Zoom so that your child can experience the class live. You will also be sent a list of ingredients and tools that will be needed for the class.

## **Coming Soon... Virtual Trivia Night**



Watch our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website for the date, time, and registration information.

## **Ice Skating Rinks**

Thank you for your patience as we wait for some cold weather to get the ice rinks open. Hopefully by the time this Crier has gone to print, they will be filled, frozen and ready to go. Thank you to the Auburn Fire Department for filling the rinks.

When using the ice rinks, here are a few things to keep in mind....

- The larger rink on the left is for hockey while the smaller rink is for family use. Both are clearly marked. Please be respectful of others sharing the ice.
- If the caution tape is up, please stay off the ice. On a sunny day, the ice can quickly start to melt, and we want to keep it in good condition. If you have questions about whether the rinks are open or not, you can contact the Parks and Rec through email or Facebook messenger or check out our Facebook or Instagram pages @AuburnNHParksAndRec.
- The controls to turn on the lights are in the box between the two glass huts. Just press the top button (see picture to the right). They will automatically turn off at 10 pm. If you find they are not working correctly, please inform Parks and Rec.



# AUBURN PARKS & RECREATION



Camp Adventure is back again for another year of friends and fun!! Auburn Parks & Rec is offering a full day summer camp that will travel to exciting destinations throughout the state. We will hit the beach, lakes, waterpark and other locations full of adventure. Our favorite counselors from AVS are returning for another year. **New this year... we are offering 2 weeks of camp!**

This camp does fill up fast so don't wait to send in your registration.

**Camp Dates:** Week 1- Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30, 2021

Week 2- Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 2021

**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 2021-2022 school year.

**Registration Dates:** Begin February 1 for Auburn residents, May 1 non-residents

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

Scholarships are available. Contact Parks & Rec for the details.



**Camp Adventure Registration....** \_\_\_\_\_ **Week 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Week 2**

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade (2021-22 school year): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This form can be returned to Parks & Recreation at PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032. Checks are made payable to the Town of Auburn. If camp is cancelled due to Covid, you will receive a full refund.

**If you have any questions, please call the Parks and Rec at 483-5052 x101 or  
email [recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnNH.com)**

**This camp is NOT a school sponsored event**

## STATE REP ROLES IN NEW SESSION

With the election of Representative Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) as Speaker of the NH House on January 6, 2021, House leadership and committee assignments have been finalized. The 2020 elections resulted in the advancement into leadership positions for Sandown, Chester, and Auburn's State Representatives as well as key committee assignments.

Representative Jason Osborne (R-Auburn) has become the House Majority Leader. In that capacity, Jason will be challenged with the goal of prioritizing bills and keeping a relatively small majority of Republicans united. Jason will also serve on the Commerce & Consumer Affairs, Legislative Administration, and Rules Committees.

Rep Chris True (R-Sandown) enters his fourth term and will serve as the Assistant Majority Whip. Additionally, Rep True will hold a seat on the Criminal Justice and Public Service Committee after three terms on the Transportation Committee.

Rep Jess Edwards (R-Auburn) has been named as the Chairman of Division III Finance. Division III is one of three component committees of the House Finance Committee and directs the resourcing for the Department of Health and Humans Services as well as the NH Veterans Home, approximately 46% of the state budget. Jess will also serve on the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee and as an alternate on the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee.

Rep Tony Piemonte (R-Sandown) will serve as the Vice Chairman of the Municipal and County Government Committee. The Committee considers all matters pertaining to town, city and county officers; changes in municipal and county government; local revenue, including fees, property taxes and exemptions; and such other matters as may be referred.

Newly elected Rep Oliver Ford (R-Chester) will take his decades of experience leading colleges and universities to the Education Committee. The Committee considers the regulation of school districts and schools; the postsecondary college system; the University System of New Hampshire; and other matters concerning education. The Education Committee will be responsible for key legislation as part of the Majority's policy agenda.

Contact information for each Representative can be found on the NH General Court House of Representative Members page (<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/default.aspx>).



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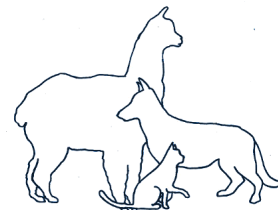
290 Mammoth Road  
Londonderry, NH 03053

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[www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)  
Email: [peabodyfh@comcast.net](mailto:peabodyfh@comcast.net)

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### Tower Hill Animal Hospital

Amy Bright, DVM  
Allen Tucker, DVM



175 Old Candia Road  
Auburn, NH 03032

Phone 603/483-4050  
Fax 603/483-2906

[www.TowerHillVet.com](http://www.TowerHillVet.com)



# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello Auburn Residents,

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

## Parking During Snowstorms

- 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.

The police department closed out the year with 11,183 calls for service in 2020. This included:



5,301 business and property checks  
228 directed patrols  
2,468 motor vehicle stops  
370 suspicious activity checks  
327 offense reports  
And  
86 arrests



While we do have officers on duty 24-hours a day, 7 days a week we would like to take the time to thank the Auburn Community for continuing to be safe and reporting suspicious activity to our officers. It is with your help that the crime in Auburn continues to be very low.

For those residents who may be new to town, we have a very active **Neighborhood Watch Program**. In January the leaders began updating members who may not know about Auburn Neighborhood Watch, or those who are already members, but information has changed.

If you have been a member of the neighborhood watch group in the past, or are new to the program, we urge everyone to send you current information. We will then put you in touch with the leader based on where you live. You can call the station directly at 603-483-2134, email your information to [police@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:police@townofauburnnh.com) or mail in the form below.

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

[police@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:police@townofauburnnh.com) or mail: PO BOX 339 AUBURN, NH 03032



# Service Reminder

Manufacturers strongly recommend servicing gas fireplaces annually.

Service is required to ensure safe and proper operation.



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



### *Services*

Yes, we are **open by appointment!** We also continue to provide our very popular **Porch Pick-Up** option.

For in-person appointments, you can choose to browse either the entrance room [where we have moved all of our New Adult Books, Audios, DVD's, Large Print and Young Adult titles in addition to our Adult Fiction collection] or the Children's Room via the patio entrance. Just give us a call to schedule your appointment.

### *Collection Highlights*

**WIFI mobile hotspots** are now available for Griffin Free Public Library! These devices allow you to connect up to 10 other devices via WIFI access on the go (laptops, tablets, etc.) and access mobile data via the Sprint Network. To reserve a hotspot please login to our catalog, search for "hotspot" and you will be brought to the record "Sprint mobile hotspot : Coolpad surf." From there, you can place a hold and we will call you when it is ready for pick-up.

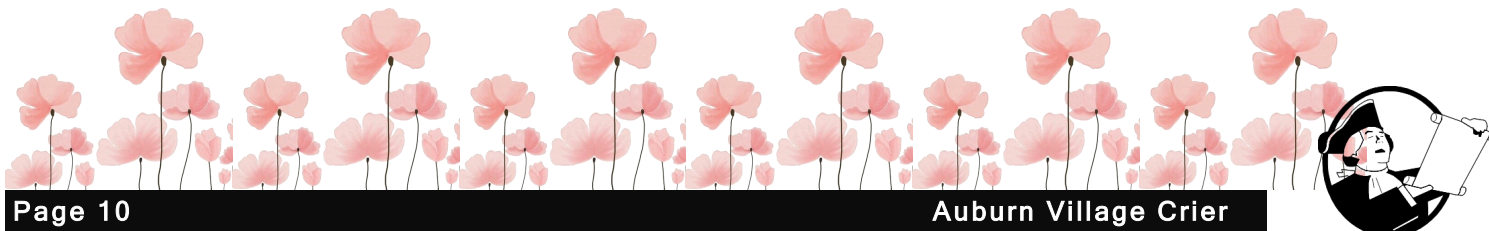


Griffin Free is also pleased to announce the launch of a one-year trial of **Brainfuse HelpNow**— on demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning for all ages and levels. Students communicate with live tutors using an interactive whiteboard to chat, write, draw, copy/paste text or images and graph homework problems. Brainfuse HelpNow™ will be available to all library patrons with internet connection for the 2021 calendar year. To access Brainfuse™, please visit the library's website.

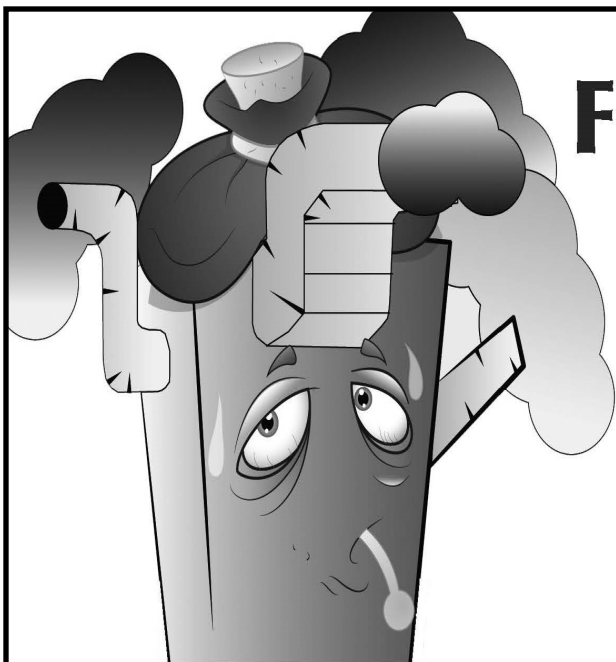
### *Programming Highlights*

This month, the **Evening Book Club** will meet on **February 3 at 6:30 PM via Zoom** to discuss ***Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah**. Print copies are available from Griffin Free and the eBook and streaming audio are available at [nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com) or the Libby App.

Drawing on material from her book ***Ireland's Great Famine in Irish-American History***, Dr. Mary Kelly will discuss the role of the Famine in shaping Irish-American ethnic identity. Focusing on the long-term impact of the episode between the 1840s and 1990s, she explores the shadowed landscape of Famine legacy and its status in Irish-American culture today. This presentation will be held on **Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM via Zoom**.







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## News from the Auburn Historical Association



### **JUST THE BEAR FACTS**

By Dan Carpenter

Over the past 50 years, wildlife in New Hampshire has rebounded. Back then, there were very few beaver in southern NH. Today, nature's engineers are the bane of Road Agents and despised by municipal water supply people. There were no turkeys in the state until 1977 when 48 birds were relocated from New York State. Today, NH holds a turkey hunting season in both Spring and Fall. Fifty years ago, no one would believe it possible to photograph the majestic Bald Eagle in the town of Auburn. Up until 1955, the State Of NH paid a bounty for every black bear killed and there were very few bears in Southern NH.

Today, the black bear is once again in Auburn at a time when more people live here than ever before. The bears are coming for backyard chickens and bird feeders. The black bear will walk in a straight line from one bird feeder to the next. ( More efficient than using the driveway.). If you want to know what happens in your yard after dark, set up a game camera with a flash attachment. (These pictures were taken in a Pingree Hill neighborhood.)

When I used to talk to a lot of Auburnites, it was possible to track bear movement in town. The big males came down from Bear Brook State Park into the Tower Hill area. Hopefully, they use the underpass to cross Rt 101 and go around Clark Pond, the Little Massabesic Pond and on to Spruce Swamp. From there, they cross Rt 121 and enter the Cohas Brook watershed which covers the Pingree Hill area and departs Auburn at the intersection of 28 By-Pass and Wilson's Crossing Rd. From reported sightings, it appears most bears reverse their direction and head back North basically the way they came.

In the 1970's, Dottie Carpenter had a 120 pound dog named 'Ms.'. The husky/shepherd/wolf mix dog was extremely intelligent and loved to take walks. Starting from the 5 Corners, a favorite walk was down the Chester Turnpike, up the garden path to the field, across the field and back through the woods to the house. One year, we had a mild Fall and the first big winter storm did not arrive until Christmas. When Dot and Ms. came back from a walk, it was snowing hard. She came in the house yelling about bear tracks. I went out to look and found prints way bigger than my hand with very visible 2 inch nails in the fresh snow. Days later, Dot announced that Ms. no longer wanted to go to the field. I told her not to make the dog go anywhere it did not want to go. Come March, Dot and Ms. came charging into the house with the announcement that the bear was back. "No," I said. "He just left." "What do you mean?", asked Dot. I told her that during the Christmas blizzard, the bear must have found a place to spend the winter.

I did not want to know where a hungry bear was headed but I did want to know where he had been. After finding his track, I back tracked him to the garden path where 25 feet off the roadway he laid up against a big broken pine log. The log protected one side and snow created a cave around him. It appeared that he spent the winter quite comfortable. And that explains why Ms. stayed away and gave up her favorite hike.





# Auburn Historical Association

P.O. Box 6  
102 Hooksett Road  
Auburn, NH 03032

The Auburn Historical Association is looking for new members and for current members to extend their membership through 2021. By supporting the Auburn Historical Association, you are enabling us to continue to preserve Auburn's heritage, obtain local artifacts, educate the public and local students, offer interesting and informative programs and maintain the building and grounds.

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

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership amount enclosed (\$10/person - \$20/family): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount (any amount will be greatly appreciated) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Auburn Historical Association**. Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Send checks to:

Auburn Historical Association

P.O. Box 6

Auburn, NH 03032

## Suggestions/Comments


*Incorporated in 1976 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) institution to collect, preserve, and make known Auburn's history.*

**Website: [www.auburnhistorical.org](http://www.auburnhistorical.org), email: [info@auburnhistorical.org](mailto:info@auburnhistorical.org)**





## **St. Peter Roman Catholic Church**

Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor

567 Manchester Rd.

603-623-5429

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



### **Mass Schedule:**

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

**Live Streamed Mass:** We continue to live stream Sunday Mass on our parish Facebook page on Sundays at 10 am for those who are homebound, experiencing symptoms of illness, or are concerned for their safety. You can watch the video by going to our parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeteraub/>).

**First Friday Adoration:** February 5, 6:30-7:30 pm in the church

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

February 6-14, 2021. 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.

**Men's Book Study:** Join Deacon Chris for our Men's Book Study every other Thursday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. For more information, contact Michelle Paul at 603-623-5429, ext. 2 or [stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).



**Women's Bible Study – Walking with Purpose:** In-person sessions Thursdays from 6-7:30 pm (St. Peter Parish church hall); Thursdays from 9-10:30 am (St. Pius X church hall); Virtual sessions Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 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).





*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15: 13).*



January brought images of heartache for so many people, but we do not let go of hope, for as we move forward into 2021, we of the Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC in Auburn, place our hope in one who is beyond the divisions of our world and binds us together. We move forward into the future with thankfulness for all this community has done for each other and for those in greatest need.

In light of the on-going rates of infection, as of this publication's deadline, our plans are to continue with on-line worship services, using both Zoom and YouTube platforms. 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 Serves!



On February 17, 2021, we will begin the holy season of Lent, in which we prepare ourselves for the resurrection by listening to the teachings of Jesus. We will be gathering on-line for a special Ash Wednesday service that evening on Zoom, with a pre-recorded version also available on YouTube. If you are interested in joining us for this, or any service, you are welcome to contact Pastor Ruth at the church or any church member for links.

Again, please note that all of these plans are subject to change pending the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please contact the church or watch the Auburn Community Facebook page for updates.

The Longmeadow Ladies' Circle would like to thank all in the Auburn Community who donated to their Hat, Glove and Warm Sock Drive in January. As of the mid-



month Village Crier deadline, we had already received over 100 donated items for Anchored in Hope, an Auburn based program that reaches out to those who are homeless and in vulnerable situations to provide direct and tangible assistance. Both handmade and store purchased items were received and appreciated. If you still have items but were not able to get to the church to drop them off in January, contact Pastor Ruth at the church office for a contactless pick-up.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all of our Auburn friends and neighbors joy in this season when we wait with gratitude and trust in where God will lead us. 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.



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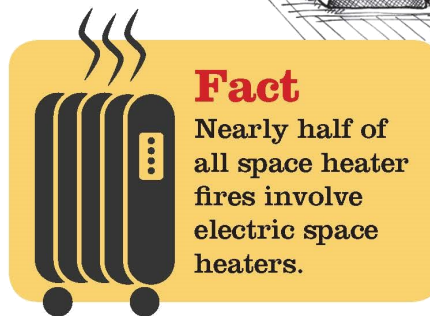
**Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.**

- 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.

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**IT'S DOG LICENSING TIME AGAIN!**

**All dogs need to be re-licensed every year by April 30**

**The 2021 dog tags are Green colored.**

**See the dog licensing link at [www.auburnnh.us](http://www.auburnnh.us)**





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You can register your boat at the Town Clerk's office.

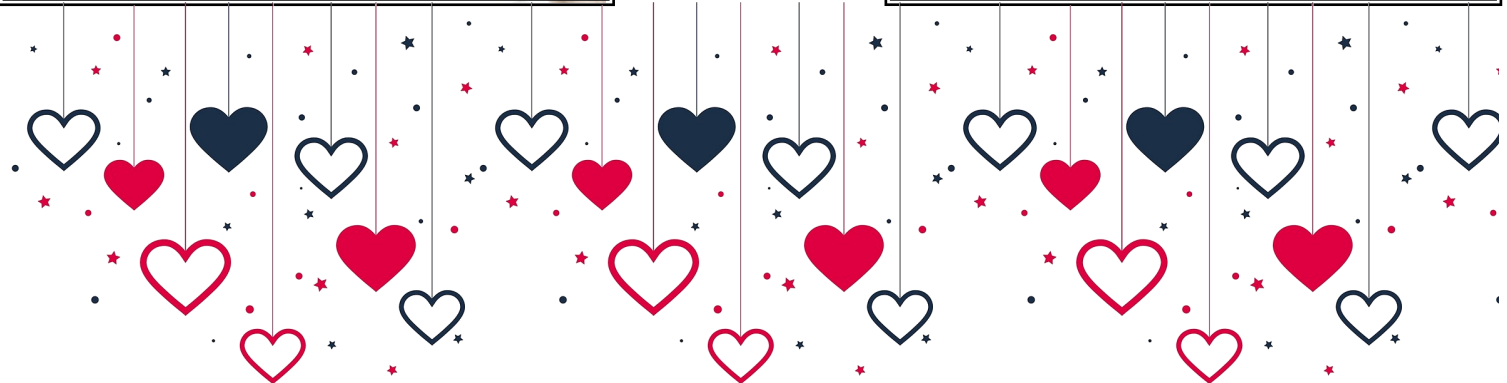
\*The town gets an additional \$5.00 fee to process boats for the State.

**Monday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

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## Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group - February

### "See Something, Say Something."

As the Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group (NWG) continues to grow, we wanted to focus on an important aspect of the community, taking care of yourself, your family and your neighbors during this pandemic. Wellness checks have been on the rise since the first cases of COVID-19. A wellness check is performed by a Law Enforcement Agency and is normally initiated by a family member, or a friend, who is worried about the well-being of a loved-one. Last year the Auburn Police Department responded to 64 calls for wellness checks.

As family members, friends or neighbors, you have the best perspective to make sure our fellow residents are doing well and are safe. This could be as simple as a door knock, phone call or text to just say "hello". If you have any concerns about yourself or someone else, please reach out to the Auburn Police Department at 603-438-2184.

We will be starting an Auburn NWG monthly newsletter. This newsletter will allow us to be more detailed on recent criminal activities in Auburn, to give us all a little bit more insight on what are the areas we have for concern in Auburn. The newsletter will be coming out by e-mail to all Auburn NWG members. If you are interested please send along your e-mail address to one of the NWG leaders listed below! We will also be rebuilding our email listing, so when in doubt send along your email address.

Steve Grange - [smgrange@comcast.net](mailto:smgrange@comcast.net) - Central Auburn

· South/East of/to include Raymond Rd to North of/to include South Bunker Hill Rd, Spofford Rd and Chester Line.

Audrey and Thomas Heath - [ladybaboon@aol.com](mailto:ladybaboon@aol.com) - Southern Auburn

· South/West of and including Chester Rd., South of Spofford Rd. to Manchester, Derry, Chester town line.

Patrick and Tarah Bergeron - [bergeron.patrick.d@gmail.com](mailto:bergeron.patrick.d@gmail.com) - North Auburn

· North/East of Raymond Rd. to Hooksett and Candia Line to include North of Massabesic Lake

Look for the Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group on Facebook. This is a private group open to town residents. Anybody wishing to join the group will be required to answer a few security questions. More information about the Auburn Neighborhood Watch can be found here. We encourage you and your neighbors to join and help keep Auburn safe.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/auburnneighborhoodwatch>

### AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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**Market Update.** According to New Hampshire REALTORS® December is normally one of the slowest months of the year but strong buyer demand across most segments of the market, buoyed by near-record low interest rates, continue to drive a healthy sales pace in the face of a new wave of COVID-19 infections and a softening jobs market.

New Listings increased 29.9 percent for single family homes and 20.3 percent for townhouse-condo properties. Pending Sales increased 33.8 percent for single family homes and 29.6 percent for townhouse-condo properties. Inventory decreased 61.8 percent for single family homes and 47.1 percent for townhouse-condo properties.

The Median Sales Price was up 16.6 percent to \$349,900 for single family homes and 23.5 percent to \$271,750 for townhouse-condo properties. Days on Market decreased 47.6 percent for single family homes and 19.1 percent for townhouse-condo properties. Months Supply of Inventory decreased 62.5 percent for single family homes and 47.4 percent for townhouse-condo properties.

With low mortgage rates and strong buyer demand in most market segments, the housing market of early 2021 looks to continue the trends we saw in the second half of 2020. Low inventory and multiple offers on in-demand properties and market segments are likely to remain common while the market waits and hopes for a boost in new construction and a surge in home sellers to help provide more balance to the market.

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