



AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER



2022

February

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13- Super Bowl LVI



☺monday



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SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
8:30AM—1:30PM
WHERE: SAFETY COMPLEX



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Auburn Town Hall News

Time for Auburn's Local Elections and Voting

Due to a quirk in the calendar that has five Mondays in January in 2022, Auburn's Deliberative Session of the annual Town Meeting is being held on Saturday, February 5th at the Auburn Village School. The meeting will begin immediately following the School District Deliberative Session, which begins at 9:00 AM.

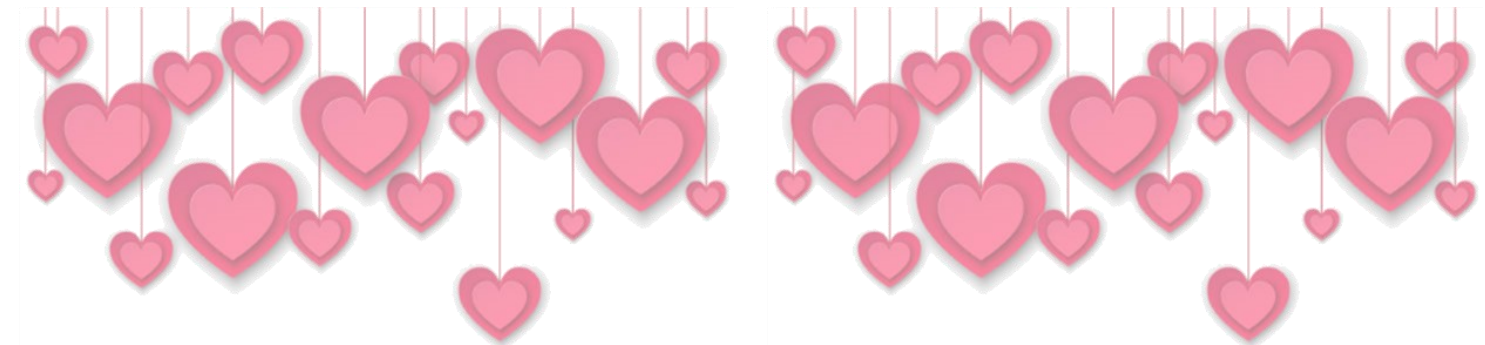
At this meeting, voters will discuss and possibly amend any one of nine warrant articles that deal with the Town's operating budget, collective bargaining agreements and other business for the coming year.

At this meeting, voters will advance all the proposed warrant articles in some fashion to the official ballot for March voting. We want to encourage as many Auburn voters as possible to participate in the governance of our community by casting their votes at both the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting in February and the ballot session of Town Meeting in March.

There are a number of elected positions on both the Town and School District ballots, which will also face the voters in March.

The Town and School District balloting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School.

We encourage as many voters as possible to participate in their local government by taking the time to attend the Deliberative Session on February 5th and to vote on March 8th.



Calef Lake Temporary Drawdown

The Board of Selectmen have been advised by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and engineers representing Hidden Trails Ventures, current owner of the Calef Lake Campground, that the lake will be temporarily drawdown approximately six feet from its reference level for approximately seven weeks.

The temporary drawdown was scheduled to commence no earlier than January 21st and is in association with the reconstructing of the Calef Lake dam in accordance with NHDES requirements.

When the work is completed, the water level of Calef Lake will be restored to its normal level.

Representatives from Meridian Land Services of Amherst provided a public information session on the project at the January 10th meeting of the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall.

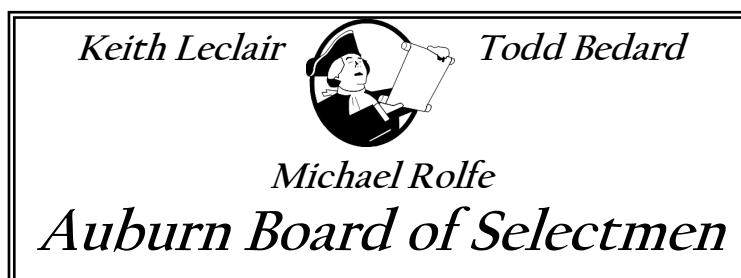
Interested in Serving on a Town Board or Committee?

Following the election in March, one of the efforts for the Board of Selectmen will be to fill positions on a number of Town boards and committees.

If anyone has an interest in getting involved in their community and has an interest in land use, regulation, parks and recreation, conservation activities, highway safety or other areas, now would be the time to indicate your interest.

The Board of Selectmen will be making appointments for members and alternate members on the Conservation Commission, Highway Safety Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Planning Board may also be in the position to fill an alternate member's position or two on that board.

Anyone who is interested in potentially serving on any of these boards, please contact the Selectmen's Office or send a short e-mail message to townadmin@townofauburnnh.com. All expressions of interest are welcomed.



2022 CAMP ADVENTURE

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.

We are happy to offer two week again this summer to accommodate all that want to participate. You may sign up for both weeks however some of the field trips will repeat both weeks.

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

Camp Dates: Week 1- Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29, 2022

Week 2- Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5, 2022

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 2022-2023 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 (22-23 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 you have any questions, please call the Parks and Rec at 483-5052 x101 or email recreation@townofauburnNH.com

This camp is NOT a school sponsored event



AUBURN PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Basketball Camp



Coaches DeGraffe and Howell are back for another year of Summer Basketball Camp. This is a week long basketball camp where players will have the ability to work on ball handling and defensive skills as well as learn about how to move and handle themselves on the court.

The basketball style that is the foundation of this camp is to teach players how to make choices on the court that maximizes their own set of skills. This style teaches players the basics "rules" for an offence and lets the player use their own creativity on the court to make decisions at game speed. Players will have the ability to practice these decisions in daily full scrimmages then take time to break down and learn about their choice on the court.

Defensively players will learn the basic and advanced skills for setting up and creating a man to man defence on their own and how to make adjustments at game speed. Concepts and position for different situations will be introduced and when they are used will become a part of their decision making process on the court.

Camp Dates: Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15, 2022

Camp Hours: 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. Camp location TBD

Ages: For students entering grades 5-8 in the 2022-2023 school year.

Fee: \$199 per week (full payment is due at the time of registration)



Summer Basketball Camp Registration 2022

Camper's Name: _____ grade (22-23 school year): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME continues in February but ends soon! Be on the lookout for friendly neighborhood Girl Scouts collecting orders and get your fix before the cookie season ends in mid-March. The Girl Scout cookie tradition helps teach 5 skills that last a lifetime including Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics. 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. 9 flavors are available this year including a new one called Adventurefuls which is a brownie and caramel flavor. All cookies are \$5 per box. We hope that you enjoy a few boxes this season or make a donation to our Gift of Caring options.

From the Girl Scouts of Auburn!

PS- If you don't have a neighborhood scout and would like to support 3rd grade Brownies you can reach out to Jennifer Anderson at girlscoutsjen@gmail.com or call 603-889-8920 to place an order.





Monthly Real Estate Market Update

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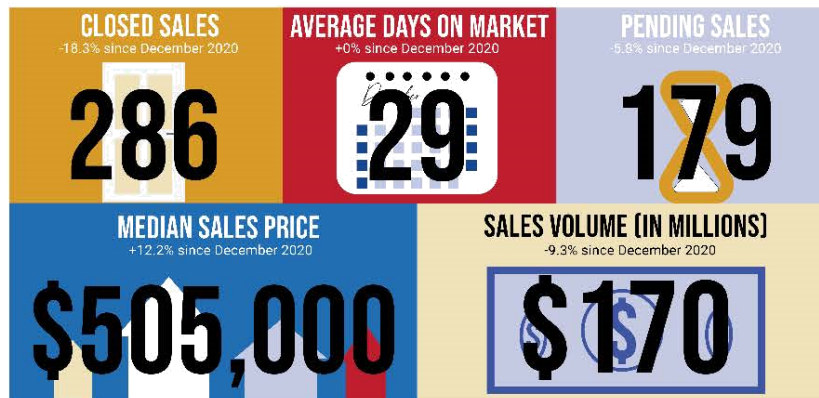
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Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for December 2021

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



NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

Veterans Count

Military service often presents hardships to individuals and families. You can help by supporting Veterans Count, a program of Easterseals.



Here are just a few ways you can get involved with Veterans Count:

- Register for or sponsor a Veterans Count event
- Volunteer as a board member, at an event, or help us raise awareness
- Own a business? Become a Veterans Count Provider by contributing in-kind services
- Make a donation. \$.90 of every \$1 goes directly to services for our veterans.

Learn more about Veterans Count at www.vetscount.org.

AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello Auburn Residents,

We hope everyone is able to stay healthy and safe through these chilly winter months. Just a reminder while we finish up these last few winter months:

Parking During Snowstorms

- 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.

The police department closed out the year with 10,687 calls for service in 2021. This included:

4,982 business and property checks
264 directed patrols
2,355 motor vehicle stops
338 suspicious activity checks
312 offense reports
And
112 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 you to send your 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 or mail in the form below.

PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

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ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Send to:
police@townofauburnnh.com or mail: PO BOX 339 AUBURN, NH 03032



AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS




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.



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News from the Massabesic Garden Club

Spring is just around the corner!



The garden club is all abuzz with plant talk as usual! We had our first Club virtual Zoom meeting in January due to the surge in covid cases. It was well attended, and it was still so good to see everyone even though we couldn't be in person. We may be virtual again in February. We will send out an email the week prior to 2/9 to let everyone know.

Our January presentation was by Chris Lavalley from LaValley Farms in Hooksett. We learned about their sustainable practices, soil and pest management and a lot more. We look forward to the return of the farm cart at the circle this summer with all the amazing vegetables! .

On February 9th, we will be having a winter sowing talk. We know people have been saving those milk jugs and plastic containers! We have received a power point from University of Maryland extension with all the instructions, with permission to share. Please email Massabesicgc@gmail.com if you would like to have a copy, or join the winter sowers page on Facebook, where all the info can be found in the files section. Winter sowing is a particular method credited to Trudi Davidoff (wintersown.org).

Our March meeting will be our official annual member meeting. Members will receive a recap of our accomplishments to date, and our goals for the coming year, along with a discussion on self care in the garden: proper body mechanics. We would also like to announce that we are looking for board members, please let us know if you are interested. We have a lot of fun as a board and it has been wonderful working with such a talented and fun group to get this club off the ground this past year. We are excited to add new talent to our board .

If you would like to join the garden club, please contact us so we can send you a member form, or just show up at a meeting. The cost is \$25/yr. (Under 18 and over 70 join for free!). We have over 55 members and are still growing!

Happy gardening!

Facebook: Massabesic Garden Club

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

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Thank You and stay safe,
Mary Hrubiec, president

Boy Scout Troop 127

The month of January was filled with fun winter activities and some important advancements for the Scouts of Troop 127. Starting the month, the Troop held a night of fun and adventure at the Vertical Dreams indoor rock climbing location in Manchester. Scouts enjoyed tough challenges, friendship and fun, and a good time was had by all. During the month, the Scouts worked on their trusty Klondike Sled in preparation for the upcoming February event at Camp Carpenter. Later in the month, they put it to the test at the Sanborn Fun Run, a friendly competition between Troops 127, 101, 603B and 603G. The Scouts were challenged on their knowledge of our country, first aid, fire building, winter survival, and much more. With great pleasure and pride, we would like to recognize William Berglund as Troop 127's newest recipient of the Eagle Rank. William achieved the highest rank in Scouting with his tireless service to the Troop, hard work on completing the 21 Eagle Required Merit Badges, and dedication to fundraising and labor to construct new flower boxes and a new flagpole for the Auburn Historical Society. We look forward to William's involvement in the Troop as an Adult Leader, and appreciate all of those in the community who help our Scouts advance and achieve the Eagle Rank.

Cub Scout Pack 127

Cub Scouts, Lion's, Tiger's, and Wolves (K, 1st, and 2nd graders) have been practicing the Scout Oath and Law. In recent den meetings they have been learning about eating healthy, exercising, and how to plan a healthy meal for their families. They have been working on their teamwork by playing games together. Some old favorite's such as Freeze Tag, and a few new one's, that they made up themselves. They have been practicing a new skit or two to perform at the Blue and Gold banquet in February.

Cub Scouts, AOL's Boys and Girls (5th grade) have been working on wrapping up a few small requirements before they Bridge to Scouts next month. The boys are looking forward to joining Troop 127 B and the Girls will be joining Auburn's newest Scout Troop 127 G. Scout Troop 127 G has a new Scout Master, Jon L'Abbe and Assistant Scout Master Jackie Lowe. They will both bring their past experiences as Den Leaders to their new roles. Jon, having been through the program before with his oldest son who is an Eagle Scout, Jackie having knowledge in the outdoors and with animals. We wish them all the best and for future success with the new Troop. For more information on Troop G, please email william-melendy@gmail.com

In December the Pack held its monthly Pack meeting at the Longmeadow Church fire pit. They played games at different stations such as, Pass the Bow, Search for Santa, Snowman drawing while not looking, and a game involving marshmallows and Chopsticks. A fun time was had by all. We wish to Thank the Longmeadow Church for the use of their Fire Pit and facilities for this event.

If you would like more information about the Cub Scout Program please contact our Cub Master Mike Kadlec, Pack127Auburn@outlook.com



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Mass Schedule:

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

First Friday Adoration: Friday, February 4th at 6:30-7:30 pm in the church.



Women's Bible Study – Walking with Purpose: The bible study meets in-person and virtually on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information, contact the parish office at stpeteraub@comcast.net or 603-623-5429, ext. 2.

Knights of Columbus Drive for the Manchester Battered Women's Shelter: February 5th-13th, 2022. 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.



Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Information on the times for distribution of ashes will be available on our website (stpeteraub@comcast.net).

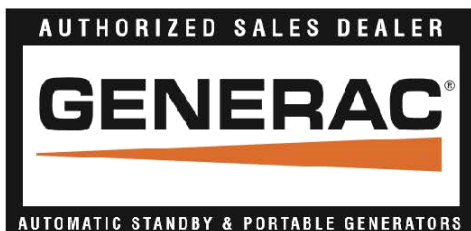
Baptism or Marriage: For information on scheduling a Baptism or Marriage, please contact Fr. Michael Gendron at 603-623-5429, ext. 1.

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.



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Longmeadow Serves!

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).

With the arrival of the new year 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.

Currently our church family is gathering in three ways:

- In person worship at 9:30, with precautions recommended and encouraged.
- On-line worship services, using Zoom at 11:00
- YouTube pre-recorded services

You may contact the church at 603-483-2907 to check on the current situation or ask any questions.



We are continuing with our annual Scarves in the Park outreach project and know that the colder winter months are the time when many people enjoy doing their knitting and crocheting. If you would like to join us in making scarves, hats or mittens/gloves, we have yarn available to give you for these projects. Please contact Pastor Ruth at the church office for more information.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all of our Auburn friends the ability to stay warm this winter and seek to serve where we can, following 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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Auburn Village School News

As part of their curriculum in their Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) Class, students in Grade 8 are recreating historical buildings in Auburn. This is just one activity in the many STEAM projects that use the design-thinking model to foster students' thinking, creativity, and compassion. Knowing the history and events which resulted in how the town currently looks gave new meaning to the construction of the models. After learning about the history of Auburn and its development, in 5th grade and revisiting it in their 8th grade library and STEAM classes, students picked buildings around town to reconstruct on a scale model.

Our Auburn History curriculum commenced in 2015, when Dan Carpenter reached out to the school to offer his support to develop a local history curriculum. Carly Cohen, Kathy Doar, Joan Marcotte, and Nell Keif, the fifth grade team at the time, jumped on board and organized an Auburn Historical bus tour. Dan Carpenter narrated the tour as we drove through the town of Auburn learning about the local architecture and past industries that supported the town. From there, the school deemed February as Auburn History Month. During this month, the library focused on the many books that the Auburn Historical Society published as well as historical artifacts that were housed in the school. This year, our fifth grade students will begin a research project on Auburn history and our seventh grade students will investigate the role that Auburn played in the Civil War.

Teachers, Andrea O'Neil and [Linda Reinelt](#), visited the Auburn Historical Association over their holiday break to get ideas and books to support the project. Some students created the Griffin Library, Longmeadow Church, Dockham Store and the Clarence Emery House.

Students learn that, in the end, everything we learn in school comes together – English, history, math, science, and technology. This hands-on learning helped give students a more tangible understanding of the development and history of their hometown!



2022– 2023 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Registration

KINDERGARTEN: All children living in Auburn who will be five years old on or before September 30th, 2022 are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2022. We are currently in the process of implementing an online registration system. We anticipate registration to be open in March. Please check out our website to complete a pre-registration survey. This information will be used to contact you once our system is available to accept registrations. Our website is: <https://auburn.sau15.net/registration/>

NEW FIRST GRADERS TO AVS: All children living in Auburn who will be six years old on or before September 30th, 2022 are eligible to enter first grade in the fall of 2022. New Grade 1 students will be able to register when we open registration in March. If your child currently attends kindergarten at AVS you do not need to register for the 2022-2023 school year.

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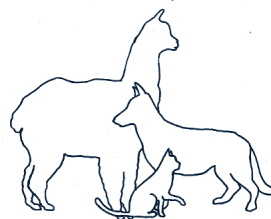
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News from the Auburn Historical Association

Winter Plowing

Written by Dan Carpenter



Snow removal of yesteryear—an ox drawn roller at Prescott's Store



Snow removal of today—some of the plow equipment ready to go!

When winter clouds start packing in from the East, the wind coming off the ocean carries a heavy load of dampness. For the men who plow snow and keep the roads open, it's only a matter of time before a Nor'easter storm arrives.

For old time Road Agents like Holley Rolfe and Joe Stacy, a storm coming in at night meant a very short night. They were up and out every hour checking the storms progress. Today, Auburn Road Agent Mike Dross, subscribes to a private weather service that gives him specific forecasts. 'Snow will start falling on the Londonderry Turnpike in 8 minutes and accumulate at 2 inches an hour.' So, these days, the Road Agent can sleep until the phone rings. He then calls his men with a start time. They usually put out a load of salt at the beginning of the storm and then start plowing. The job lasts until the storm is done and the roads are open. At that point, the plow drivers take a break and a short rest before returning to clean up the sides and put down a layer of salt and sand. Auburn Road Agents take great pride in black roads 24 hours after a storm.

A half century ago, the construction industry shut down as winter got stronger. Plowing snow was a way for equipment owners to make payments year-round. The trucks were smaller. Most of them were 6-wheel, gas powered, single drive wheel trucks. In cold weather, nylon bias tires develop a flat spot that thumps each rotation until they finally warm up and smooth out. The windshield wipers are driven by the vacuum advance which works fine until the engine needs more power and steals it from the wipers. Then the wipers slow down and the driver realizes how much he depends on them.

Before 1970, ice storms presented special problems. There were no sanders. Two men stood in an open truck and shoveled sand over the side. This was cold, wet, dangerous work made more so by the bottle some felt they needed to complete the task. An improvement was a pipe welded into the truck bed that allowed salt to be shoveled onto the dual wheels. Unfortunately, that pipe allowed the exhaust to find its way back to the shovelers. (Why do I have this horrible headache? Carbon monoxide?) The development of the modern sander was a huge improvement.

Before cell phones, drivers spent hours completely isolated in swirling, blizzard conditions with limited visibility. Wing Men were hired to watch the drag wing plow allowing the driver to concentrate on the road ahead. Early wing plows were controlled by chain falls. The truck stopped and the wing was adjusted by hand.

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(Winter Plowing, cont'd)



Left: Auburn Road agent Mike Dross (L) and Scott Rolfe are two of the hard working plow crew that take keep Auburn's roads clear in the winter. Other plow drivers include: Michael Rolfe, Jim Brooks, Scott Gingras, Ray Racicot, Dave Wilton, Bruce Rolfe, Brian Heselton, Mark Vigneault, Jess Furman and Jared Dube.

Wing men were also an extra set of hands when a breakdown occurred. When monotony and fatigue threatened, drivers relied on their wing men to keep them awake. Drivers complained that wing men always seemed to be asleep when they needed them most.

Walt Jamroz was plowing Pingree Hill Rd near Eaton Park where the pine boughs heavily laden with snow came right out to the edge of the road. Wingman Les Emery was asleep. Over the roar of the truck, Walt yelled, "Les, open the window!" Lester complied and the snow filled the passenger side of the truck, covering Les! Les was not amused and decided it was time to sleep in his bed. The practical joke energized Walt and helped him get through the night. He was still laughing about it when the crews finished up at daybreak.

Keeping the windshield de-iced was another winter problem. Some drivers plowed with the heat on high and the windows open. Kevin Cole bought ski goggles so he could drive with his head out the window. Some drivers used a can of Sterno on the dash. It helped but left the driver with a headache.

Every plow had a route and when the routes crossed, drivers looked for each other. Ray Racicot plowing Wilson's Crossing noticed that Joe Stacy had headed into Sun Valley. Two hours later, having completed another turn, Ray noticed that Joe never returned. Ray followed his tracks and found Joe broke down on Hunting Rd. He was wet and cold from rolling in the snow trying to fix the problem. Joe got into the truck with Ray and threw a couple of candy bars on the heat vent. "Are you OK?" "Will be, soon as these Nutter Butters thaw out."

Auburn stored its sand and salt in the Town Barn next to the old Fire Station on Raymond Rd. The plows would stop at the Auburn Village Store for gas, coffee, snacks, and just to say hello. The store closed at 10:00. When Dottie Young was closing, stormy nights made her nervous. If the plows were out, someone would be at the store at 9:45 to make sure Dot got home. Different organizations also put in requests. For example, Boy Scout Troop 127 is meeting on Hooksett Rd. Could someone plow at 8:00 to make sure everyone gets started safely home?

Road Agent Mike Dross and his crew are experienced. Mike has plowed for 44 years (legally). Ray Racicot is on his 50th year. They are not likely to make typical rookie mistakes. Never empty the load of sand heading into a low spot (Spofford Gorge, Lakeview Cul-de-sac). The truck needs the weight to climb back out the other side. 20 MPH is about optimal speed. Too fast and the snow may come over the plow and bury the windshield. Most mailbox problems are not caused by the plow directly but by the avalanche of snow coming off the end of the plow. Do not take it personally if the plow comes along and plugs up your driveway just as you thought the job was done. Everyone wants to put the job behind them.



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Adult/Teen Programming

Are you looking for spring cleaning inspiration? Then we have the program for you! Shannon Huneycutt will be bringing the life-changing magic of tidying to you through her **Spark Joy®** program via Zoom on **February 8 at 7 PM**. Space is very limited so don't wait to sign up for this interactive program.

The Evening Book Club is reading *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro and we have plenty of copies at the library. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 2 at 6:30 PM**.

The Day Book Club is reading *The Silent Patient* by Ales Michaelides and will meet on **Wednesday, February 9 at 1:30 PM**.

Cookbook Club will be meeting on **Saturday, February 12 at 12:30 PM**.

Library Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 10 AM – 6 PM

Wednesday: 1 PM – 8 PM

Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Children's Programming

The Winter Olympics will take place this February. To help your little ones get into the spirit of the games, Miss Mary is holding the first ever, **Griffin Free Olympic Luge Challenge!** This activity is geared towards children ages 6 -12 and will be held on **Saturday, February 19 at 11:00 AM**. Details and registration are on our website.

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

Miss Mary will be hosting **Wednesday Craft Clubs** between 4 PM and 5:30 on Wednesday, February 9 and 23. Stop in after school to create a simple hands-on craft suitable for ages 6 and up.

Through February 14, Miss Mary will be holding a reading challenge called **"Stuff the Snowman"**. Children will be encouraged to write down the title of each book they read and stuff the snow man with it. The child that reads the most books will win a prize.

Miss Jamie will be putting together a **STEM** themed kit for February. Watch our website for details.

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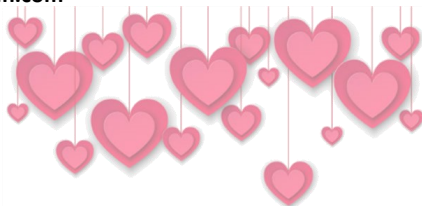
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