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2023
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Please check with event/
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ONLINE CAR REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Did you know you can renew your vehicle registrations online?



If we have an email address associated with your name you will get an email reminder that you can link through to renew online. You can also just go to the Town website (www.auburnnh.us) and click on the E-reg button to do your renewals.

There is a 2.79% surcharge plus other fees for cards, but if you choose the ACH payment option you will only pay a total extra cost of \$3.45 for the convenience of having your registrations mailed to you!

Mark your calendars.....

• Deliberative Session
February 4, 2023

• Voting Day
March 14, 2023



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Auburn Town Hall News

Time for Auburn's Local Elections and Voting

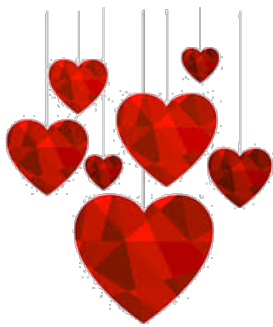
February and March are the culmination of the Town's preparations for the year ahead, when voters elect officials for open positions and decide the Town's budget and other matters at Town Meeting.

Town Meeting has two sessions – the first is coming up quickly – the Deliberative Session will be held Saturday, February 4th at the Auburn Village School. The Town meeting will commence at 9:00AM and the Auburn School District session will follow immediately after.

At this meeting, voters will discuss and possibly amend warrant articles that deal with the Town's operating budget, collective bargaining agreements, zoning changes, and other business for the coming year. The Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Budget Committee are recommending a total of eleven articles on this year's warrant. Voters at the Deliberative Session will advance all of these articles in some form to the official ballot for March voting.

Later in February, all households will receive a 'voter's guide' that explains the warrant articles, and March's edition of the Crier will have information about candidates for office. The second session of Town and School District Meetings – official ballot voting – will be held on Tuesday, March 14th.

We encourage all voters to participate in their local government by taking the time to attend the Deliberative Session on February 4th and to vote on March 14h.



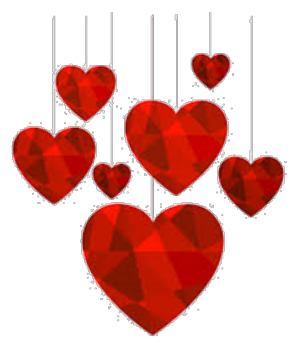
Keith Leclair



Michael Rolfe

Tom Carroll

Auburn Board of Selectmen



Longmeadow Church Community Breakfast

Please come join your friends for breakfast in February at the Longmeadow Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. The Community Breakfast is Feb 11th 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 \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and under 6 free.

The next breakfast will be on March 11th! Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy a great meal? See you!

AVS SCHOOLYARD NEWS

Welcome to the Auburn Village School!

2023– 2024 Kindergarten & New Students in Grades 1-8 Registration



KINDERGARTEN: All children living in Auburn who will be five years old on or before September 30th, 2023 are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2023. We are currently in the process of implementing an online registration system. Our registration will be open in

February. Please check out our website to complete a pre-registration survey. This information will be used to contact you for further information. The website link for registration is:

<https://auburn.sau15.net/registration/>



NEW FIRST GRADERS TO Auburn Village School: All children living in Auburn who will be six years old on or before September 30th, 2023 are eligible to enter first grade in the fall of 2023. New Grade 1 students are able to register now. You will be asked the year of [enrollment in the preregistration survey](#). Please

be sure to note 2023-2024. *If your child currently attends kindergarten at AVS you do not need to register for the 2023-2024 school year.*

NEW STUDENTS (grades 2 – 8) TO Auburn Village School: To register a child for grades 2 – 8, [please complete this online form](#). We will need the following information:

- The Child's Birth Certificate
- Picture ID of Parent/Guardian
- 2 Proof of Residency (examples include a current Utility Bill, Tax Bill, Mortgage Statement, Purchase and Sale Agreement, Certificate of Occupancy, or a Lease/Rental Agreement)
- Residency Affidavit – only if living with another family (please ask office for form)
- The Child's Immunization Record
- Documentation of the child's last physical exam (must have occurred on or before September 1st for the start of a new school year)
- Court Order/Custody Agreement – Parenting Plan

AUBURN PARKS & RECREATION



The always popular Camp Adventure is back again for another year of friends and fun! This year we're adding another week!! 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.

Due to high demand last summer, we are happy to offer **THREE WEEKS** this summer to accommodate all that want to participate. You can sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 weeks however some of the field trips will repeat each week. This camp does fill up fast so don't wait to register..

Camp Dates: Week 1- Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21, 2023

Week 2- Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28, 2023

Week 3- Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4, 2023

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 2023-2024 school year.

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

Fee: \$299 per week (full payment is due at the time of registration)



**REGISTER ONLINE AT AUBURNPARKSANDREC.COM
 OR
 SEND IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM**

Camp Adventure Registration.... ☐ **Week 1** ☐ **Week 2** ☐ **Week 3**

Camper's Name: _____ grade (23-24 school year): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

You can register online at auburnparksandrec.com or 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

Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals- FREE Puppet Show

LINDSAY & HER PUPPET PALS



Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals will be entertaining our town! Lindsey Aucella offers a high energy evening of thoughtful storytelling via her puppet pals. This amazing interactive storytelling evening is targeted for young children (pre-K, K and 1st grade) inspiring creativity and pro-social behavior. Don't miss this fun family event!

Thanks to a sponsorship from *It's a Child's World*, this event is free to the community. The show will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm at the AVS Cafeteria.



Skating Rinks Updates



For updates and conditions of the skating rink next to the Safety Complex, please visit auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation under the tab "Skating Rink Status".

Online Registration!

If you haven't already tried our new registration website, visit **auburnparksandrec.com**.

It's easy to get started. After you click on "Create a New Account", enter all information for the **main account holder first**. Add the remainder of your family members and then you are ready to register! Just click the drop down "Register" menu to see all that is offered.

You will be able to pay for your programs on this website with credit card. There is an additional 3% (or minimum of \$2) fee per transaction that is paid directly to the credit card processing company. (This fee is non-refundable.)

If you have any problems or questions with the new website, please contact Parks & Rec to help you through the process.



More Programs to Come

More programs are being added all the time. To keep up with the most updated information on Parks & Rec activities, follow us on **Facebook or Instagram at auburnNHparksandrec**. Information will also be added to our registration website at auburnparksandrec.com or even the Parks & Rec page on the town website at auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation. Some of the programs that are coming soon are...

- Summer Basketball Camp Registration
- Salsa Dancing Class
- Pot O'Gold Scavenger Hunt
- Bunny Brunch & Egg Hunt

Early Spring (March & April) Session Classes **at Severance School Community Center**

The following programs will be held at the **NEW Severance School Community Center at 515 Manchester Road**. You can register for all these programs online at auburnparksandrec.com. Pre-registration is required as space is limited in all of our program. If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Rec at recreation@townofauburnNH.com or call 603-483-5052 x101

Strength Training for Active Seniors

This strength training class for active seniors will be a mixture of light weights and your own body weight. This class will be a combination of pilates, yoga and weight training. With Joelle Ray as your trainer, you are sure to be challenged but yet encouraged to try your best and most importantly to have fun! Our goal in this class is to build muscle and increase flexibility to create a healthy body and mind. There will be fun music to help motivate our iron pumping! ***NEW... We are now offering 2 sessions for different levels.***

Dates: Wednesdays, March 8-April 12 (6-week session)

Time: 8:45-9:30 am for lighter level and/or beginner

10:45-11:30 am for more challenging and/or intermediate

Cost: \$62 for Auburn Residents, \$75 for non-residents

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a mind-body exercise from China. It has its roots in martial arts, philosophy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine. The Tai Chi forms are slow, gentle choreographed movements that gracefully flow from one to the next like a dance. More seniors are doing Tai Chi to improve their health and reduce their risk of falling.

Dates: Thursday, March 2-April 20 (8-week session)

Time: 11:00 am – Noon

Cost: \$58 for Auburn Residents, \$70 for non-residents

Zumba

Zumba Fitness classes are designed to bring people together to sweat it on. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you'll see why Zumba® Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. ***NEW... Evening Zumba classes are now being offered.***

Dates: Tuesday, March 7-April 11 (6-week session)

Time: 8:30-9:30 am

5:30-6:30 pm

Cost: \$62 for Auburn Residents, \$75 for non-residents

Crafty Kids

Crafty Kids with Kristy is a new class for kids in grades 1-4 that combines great stories and fun crafts. Each week, Kristy will read a story to the group and then create a craft based on that book

Dates: Tuesday, March 7- April 4 (5-week session)

Time: 4:00-5:00 pm

Cost: \$65 for Auburn Residents, \$78 for non-residents

Jumping Beans

Jumping Beans is a fun class for children ages 2-4 to get out and get moving with Miss Joelle. This parent/child class gives kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of their favorite songs. With simple dance moves and sing-along songs, our little beans will definitely be jumping!

Dates: Wednesdays, March 8-April 12 (6-week session)

Time: 9:45 -10:30 am

Cost: \$42 for Auburn Residents, \$50 for non-residents

Cookie Decorating

Why should kids have all the fun? This cookie decorating class is for adults. In this class, each participant will learn the basics of royal icing including how to handle a piping bag, pressure, and piping techniques. Using these skills, participants will then decorate 6 spring themed cookies with demonstrations throughout and get to take home their delicious masterpieces!

Dates: Wednesday, March 22 OR Thursday, March 23 (1 night)

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm.

Cost: \$52 for Auburn Residents, \$62 for non-residents

Blast! Babysitter Training Class

This BLAST! (Babysitter Lessons & Safety Training) class, from the American Academy of Pediatrics, will teach potential babysitters how to handle the basics of infant and childcare. Participants will gain knowledge in many basic childcare skills, as well as the fundamentals of emergency care. The training will include pediatric first aid, household safety and fundamentals of childcare.

This class is open to students in grades 5-8. Participants receive a certificate of completion, easy to follow first aid instructions and a sitter checklist to copy for each job. Participants should bring a drink and a lunch to class.

Date: Saturday, March 18

Time: 10:00 am – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$65 for Auburn Residents, \$78 for non-residents

Introduction to Acting

Come be a part of an inviting and fun environment where students will learn fun foundational aspects of performing and acting using techniques designed specifically for their age groups. Important skills such as exuberance, diction and projection, creative thinking and problem solving, teamwork, and getting into character are just some of the topics we will explore.

Every class will have fun activities, working both with scripts and improvising, helping build talents that will make students more successful both on and off-stage. Gain awesome experience in the theatre without the pressures of being in a full production. A great way to sample theatre for the curious and build technique and tools for those who wish to start taking theatre more seriously.

Dates: Monday evenings. March & April Dates TBD. Check our website for updates.

Times: Grades 1-4, 5:30-7:00 pm

Grades 5-8, 7:00-8:30 pm

Cost: \$65 for Auburn residents, \$78 for non-residents

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 9,811 calls for service in 2022. This included:

5,269 business and property checks
115 directed patrols
1,851 motor vehicle stops
338 suspicious activity checks
260 offense reports
And
131 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

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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



New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center

February's Center Hours:

Tuesday – Friday and Sunday 11am to 5pm

Saturdays and Federal Holidays: Closed

Gardens and Trails are accessible every day during daylight hours.

26 Audubon Way, Auburn NH 03032

Admission is **FREE**. Donations are welcomed.

Visit our Animal Ambassadors or buy a souvenir from the gift shop!

Please remember, dogs are not allowed on Massabesic Center property (fields, trails, gardens).

For maps and more information, visit:

<https://www.nhaudubon.org/lands/sanctuaries/massabesic-wildlife-sanctuary/>.

Birding Walks (all ages)

- ❖ \$8/members, \$10/non-members
- ❖ Feb 3, Feb 11, Feb 17, Feb 25, 9am-10:30am

Family Programs

- ❖ \$10/members, \$15/non-members
- ❖ Cold Creatures and Hot Cocoa – February 4, 12pm-1pm
- ❖ Winter Woodland Wander – February 18, 12pm-1pm

Adult Programs

- ❖ \$12/members, \$15/non-members
- ❖ Photography Workshop – Feb 16, 5pm-6:30pm
- ❖ Tracking the Signs of the Season: Exploring Phenology with Diane De Luca (*webinar*)
– February 23, 6:30pm-7:30pm

FREE Webinar

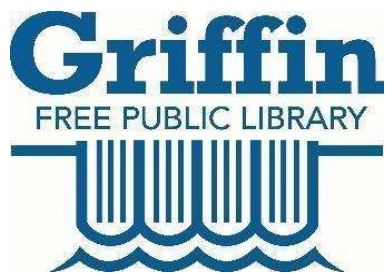
- ❖ Resilient Raptors (*webinar*) – Feb 28, 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Registration is required for all events.
For a full list of events and to register,
visit**

<https://www.nhaudubon.org/events/>



The Audubon Society of New Hampshire was founded in 1914 as part of a movement to protect and restore migratory bird populations. For more than 100 years, NH Audubon has built on that early mission, utilizing science-based research and conservation, legislative efforts, and public education to save critical habitat and threatened wildlife species. We are independent of (and older than!) National Audubon and rely on public support through donations and membership.



Great Things Ahead This Year!

Library Expansion: By the time you read this, our architects will have spent the day taking measurements of our current space in order to create our first set of conceptual plans for our expansion. And the wheels have been set in motion to build a Capital Campaign Committee to begin the process of raising funds, reaching out to donors and sponsors and searching for grants. If you have an interest in participating in upcoming committees or just learning more about your library's expansion, please visit our Expansion Hub website anytime for constant updates and info. We're on our way! <https://griffinfree.org/gfpl-expansion-hub/>

Meantime, here's a look at all the wonderful events and programming coming up in February, starting with...

National Bring Your Child to the Library Day!

Sat. Feb. 4 from 10am-2pm

Stop by with your whole family for a fun-filled day of library activities and tours! We'll have a book themed scavenger hunt, open crafts and more. Help us celebrate us!



Dan Szczesny, Library Director

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director@griffinfree.org

www.griffinfree.org



Kids and Teen Programming

Fri., Feb. 10: Teen Movie Night!

Join us for a special showing of "**Groundhog Day**" with the fabulous Bill Murray. The PG film will begin at 5:30pm inside the library. This event is free, but registration is required and seating will be available for 20. Snacks will be served!

Wed., Feb. 15: Kids Movie Night!

Join us for our monthly kids' movie night with a showing of "**Ice Age**." The PG movie will begin at 6pm inside the library. Registration is required and seating is limited to 20. Snacks will be served!

Wed. Feb. 22: Kids Craft Night!

Drop into the library for a fun and free craft night. Stop by any time after school, from 4pm on to join in on the fun of building Sugar Cube Igloos! No registration needed, all ages welcome.

REGULAR STORY TIMES: Join Miss Mary in the library for regular Story Times on **Tuesdays at 11 AM or Fridays at 1 PM**. Free coloring pages for the kids are always available. No registration needed but be sure to check for weather closing updates during winter.

MARCH PEEPS CONTEST

Watch this space or the library Socials for our big PEEPS Around the World Diorama Contest announcement. Drop off will begin March 15.

BEANSTACK FOR FEBRUARY

Love your Library is our theme through the month! Sign on to your Beanstack Account, read and track your books and win prizes. Ask us how!

Adult Programming

Thurs., Feb. 23: Adult Craft Night

Join us at the library from 6-8pm for our monthly series of adult crafting events! This month, crafter Cindy Berling will be leading a class on bead and stamp jewelry making. The event is free but registration will be required as seating will be limited to 10.

The **Evening Book Club** will **not** meet in February but will be back on March 1 at 6:30pm to talk about "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.

The **Knitting Club** will meet every Friday at 10:30am in December!

The **Cookbook Club** is back on Sat. Feb. 18 at 12:30pm to reorganize and plan for 2023. If you'd like to become a member or just offer some ideas, stop by to say hello. And feel free to bring a dish of your choosing.

Blind Date with a Book will run through the month of February in honor of Valentine's Day! Stop by the library, check out a wrapped book and see what you get!

Seed Library Social: Stop by the library on Wed. Feb. 8 at 6:30 and join members of Massabesic Garden Club for the official opening of the library's Seed Borrowing Library! Browse the library, meet garden club members and chat about all things gardening. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your seed wish list and watch your love of gardening grow!

Now Open! **D C Hair Design**

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formerly of MacPherson
Art Studio & Hair Salon
previously located in Auburn,
is the owner and stylist.

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Friends of the Library

Happy 2023. Hello from the Friends of the Library. How quickly time goes by, and I just got comfortable writing 2022!

This is just a head's up for some upcoming plans that are in the works. The Friends have been brainstorming some possible plans for fundraising events. In April we plan on taking part in on '603 Library Giving Day', as a way to invest in our Speakers Fund to supplement our Authors events. Our last presentation by Author, Paul Doiron in November, was very well attended by over 90 enthusiastic readers. We were excited to have so many interested in the event.

Speaking of Authors, on April 20th The Friends will be hosting an evening with Author, Brendan DuBois. Details will follow in the March article. So for now just save the date. Next month we will have more information on upcoming events.

This is an open invitation to all residents to attend any of our meetings. They are held the first Monday of every month at the library starting at 7pm. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, fay.frank@comcast.net Fay Hanscomb

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Boy Scouts Troop 127

During the month of December, Troop 127 started many of our favorite winter activities, despite the lack of snow. We worked on repair plans our sled for the upcoming Klondike Derby and also sent volunteers to the monthly Longmeadow Church Saturday Breakfast. In January, Troop 127 rang in the new year with a festive Holiday party comprised of watching *Finest Hour* with the troop and cooking a one pot stew, a ramen trail-cooking meal, and frying potato skins (we are teenage boys, so we tend to fry everything in sight.)

Troop 127 held a joint meeting with Chester's Troop 163 which comprised of more cooking, this time in a 3-team competition, and a fun time was had by all. Troop 127 plans to hold the Practice Klondike Derby and participate in the annual Daniel Webster Council Klondike Derby for the grand prize of bragging rights and a trophy! We also look forward to some fun winter sports and potentially snowshoeing!

Thanks for reading,

Troop 127 Scribe

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 the 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 for worship in three ways:

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

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

Although it feels as if we just celebrated Christmas, we are already looking toward the beginning of the season of Lent, beginning the contemplative road to Easter with an Ash Wednesday on February 22th at a 7:00 service. Come as you are, for all are welcome.



ASH WEDNESDAY



Longmeadow Serves

Save the Date: Next month we will be bringing back our famous St. Paddy's Day Dinner here at Longmeadow. Plans are still in progress, but it will include the traditional Irish Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. More details will be available in the March Auburn Crier, but until then, we hope you will mark this dinner for Saturday, March 18th on your calendar and plan to join us for a delicious meal.



As we said in the last Village Crier, due to a new Manchester city ordinance, we were unable to fulfill our usual Scarves in the Park activities, but we were able to find places to donate all of the beautiful scarves that were created, including shelters, food pantries, meals on wheels

and other agencies that serve those at risk and in need to warmth and comfort. And so, we plan to continue this project in a new way, finding ways to keep people warm in the winter months and we are so grateful to all of our Auburn neighbors and friends who create these expressions of love. 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.

News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

Applications for the 2022-2023 scholarships are now being accepted

Scholarships are available for Auburn students furthering their education through post-secondary degrees.

Visit www.auburn.dollarsforscholars.org for a list of available scholarships and to apply.

Any questions, please email tarah8806@gmail.com

Applications open February 1 and awardees will be announced mid-late May



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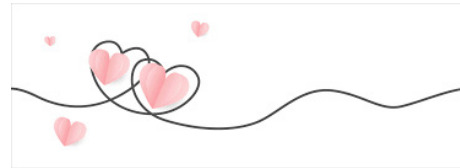
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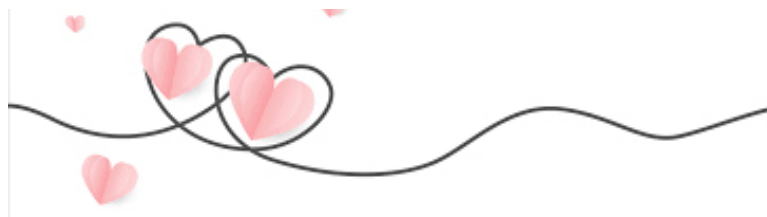


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Massabesic Garden Club

Our February member meeting will be on Wednesday February 8th at 6:30 pm at the library to celebrate the opening of their brand new seed library! This is open to the public. All are welcome to come mingle and take away some seeds for your gardens.



To further honor our seed library, we will also be co hosting a presentation on Saturday, February 25, 12 pm, at the library by Pollinator Pathways NH. Pollinator Pathways NH is a community group which focuses on restoring habitat one yard at a time. They have a wonderful facebook page that showcases all sort of beneficial pollinators that you can attract to your back yard.

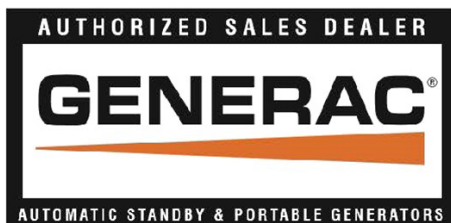
When most folks think about pollinators, they likely think of bees. More specifically, they likely think of honey bees. The honey bees that are here today were imported by settlers from Europe and Asia to pollinate crops. To cultivate a rich home habitat, it is easy to attract a wide variety of native bees. According to UNH, there are could be from 100- 250 different types of bee species that are native to NH. Some of these include Bumble, Sweat, Carpenter, Leaf Cutter, and Mason Bees. 70% of bees live underground, the other 30% are cavity nesters. Ground dwellers can often be seen in the spring in a sandy or bare earth part of the yard. Pictures are easily found on the UNH cooperative extension website. You might see the stinger-less male flying just above the ground to find a suitable mate. Most ground dwellers are not aggressive, the exclusion to this being the yellowjacket wasp, so it is helpful to identify the inhabitants. Yellow jacket nests will have many bees coming and going, instead of just one single bee. Most solitary ground dwellers tend to seem to disappear after spring. Native bees have great ecological value to fruit trees, vegetables and flowers so it is worth considering leaving the nest or creating a bare, sandy area off the beaten path for these hard workers. According to UNH, one out of every three bites of food we eat is delivered by an animal pollinator. What other pollinators are out there aside from bees, you ask? Butterflies, moths, wasps, flies, beetles(including the firefly!), and birds are all pollinators. Bats in NH are insectivores; however, elsewhere, they are pollinators and if you drink tequila, you can thank a bat who pollinated the agave plant.

If you'd like more information on how to cultivate a productive habitat in your yard, come listen to the pollinator pathways talk later this month. If you prefer to study at home, Doug Tallamy also has several books, pods casts, and documentaries on creating a 'hometown habitat'. For more information on membership in the Massabesic Garden Club, please see our website www.massabesicgc.org. We can also be found on facebook.



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First Friday Adoration: Friday, February 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Knights of Columbus Drive for the Manchester Battered Women's Shelter: February 4th-12th, 2023. 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.



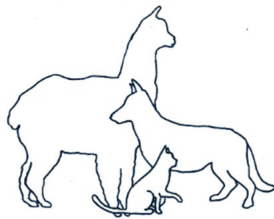
Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Information on the times for distribution of ashes will be available on our website (stpeteraub@comcast.net).

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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News from the Auburn Historical Association

Winter-Time Ice (Some Very Short Stories)

By Dan Carpenter



Left and
right:

Firehouse
engine #6



Little Massabesic Pond is an often overlooked Auburn “Gem”. It is small, shallow, and above the Griffin Dam on the Village Brook. (Manchester Water Works pumping has no impact on Little Massabesic.). It is a great place to take a kid skating or do a little ice fishing. Last December 22, Dee Cleary and her friends were skating on 3 inches of ice on Little Massabesic. At that time, Lake Massabesic was still open water.

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In the winter of 1887, Willard Griffin wrote in his “journal”, that he, his wife Frances, and 5 year old son, George, attended church. After lunch, they rode over to the Severance hotel to watch them cutting ice. Before electricity, everyone used ice for refrigeration. Cutting ice on the lakes and ponds was cold, hard, dangerous work for man and beast. Just days after watching the Severance’s ice operation, Willard noted in his “journal” that a Severance horse has fallen in and drowned.

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Tom Martin lived with his dog on the old Nixon place just east of the Longmeadow Cemetery on Chester Rd. In early December, 1985, Tom and his dog drove up to Tower Hill Pond to hike the Water Works trails. The dog ran out onto the ice and fell through. Tom rescued the dog but in the process ended up in the pond himself. Completely soaked, Tom made his way back to the car and drove home. He got out of his wet clothes and went to bed trying to get warm. They found him the next day - dead of hypothermia. The dog was fine.

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Government regulation and associated paperwork is not a new phenomenon. The ice on Lake Massabesic could make a level, smooth highway - perfect for wintertime travel. From his barn on Spofford Rd, George Spofford walked his oxen down to the Lake that was behind the house, got on the ice, and eliminated the hill above Deerneck Bridge. But in order to utilize this winter highway, George had to get permission from both the Town of Auburn and the City of Manchester. In 1900, Spofford spent a whole day walking first to the Village, then to City Hall on Elm Street filling out the necessary paperwork. After all of that, he walked home.

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An Everitt Seavey Story: There was a Mr. Bramhall that lived just North of the Griffin Mill Pond in Auburn Village. One winter, he cut two holes in the mill pond ice - He dove in one and surfaced in the other - like a seal!

News from the Auburn Historical Association

Winter-Time Ice (Some Very Short Stories), continued..

David Raiche (1951) lived across from Severance School on Manchester Rd. Donnie Sowa who lived above Deerneck Bridge on the Londonderry Turnpike was his best friend. In the wintertime, the quickest route to Donnie's house was over frozen Massabesic in a straight line. On an early Spring walk, everything seemed fine but as David neared Deerneck the ice began undulating up and down. David flopped on his belly and 'swam' the last 100 feet. He was very wet but he was off the ice. When it came time to go home, he walked the road.

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In 1974, the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department purchased their first new fire truck, a Mack, No 4. The committee had worked extremely hard to get everything right. Unfortunately, the pump was located on the front of the truck and on a cold Winter day it would freeze up enroute to the fire. Eventually, they figured out that if the pump PTO was engaged before leaving the Fire House, circulating water would not freeze and the truck would be ready when they arrived on the scene.

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Sunday mornings the volunteer firemen gathered at the Fire House for work details, training sessions, and repair projects. In the winter, it was not unusual to drive Engine 6 onto Lake Massabesic at Clair's Landing (foot of Bunker Hill Rd). A hole was drilled into the ice, suction line inserted, and water pumped into the sky to make perfect rainbows. When No 4, a much larger truck was still fairly new, it was taken onto the ice. Fortunately, things went well and No 4 came off the ice. All of the 'What Ifs' remained hypothetical and it never went on the ice again.



Upcoming Events



March 30, 6:30 at the AHA. Author Rebecca Rule presents "That Reminds Me of a Story". Rebecca will share some of her New Hampshire stories (her favorites are the funny ones) and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own. Sponsored by the NH Humanities.



March 14 Election. The Auburn Historical Association will have a bake sale at the Town and School District Voting. We are looking for people to donate baked goods—can you help us out? Baked goods can be dropped off at our table in the morning. Thank you to all the volunteer bakers who donated delicious goodies for the Nov 8th bake sale—you're the best!



The Auburn Historical Association will be selling and delivering hanging baskets for Mother's Day. To make delivery easier for our drivers, we are asking for prepayment. Each basket is \$30. If you would like to order, please send your prepayment to Auburn Historical Association, c/o Brenda Beer, P.O. Box 124, Auburn, NH 03032. Please be sure to include your name, street address,

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