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## january

2024  
EDITION

### Monday

1/8 - Friends of the Library Meeting



### Tuesday

1/16 - Last Day to Register to Vote

1/16 - Checklist Supervisors Meeting, 7 - 730 pm



### Wednesday

1/24 - 2/2 - Filing period for Town and School District positions



### Thursday



### Friday



### Saturday

1/6 & 1/13 - Boy Scouts Annual Tree Collection

1/20 - Historical Society Open House, 1 - 3 pm



### Sunday



Note: Please check with event/project coordinators first for dates, times and cancellations.

This calendar highlights special events and meetings happening this month

Please read all article for MANY more important events, activities and meetings!



## **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED**

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on  
Thursday, January 11

The staff will be attending Presidential Primary  
Election Training



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# Auburn Town Hall News

This is peak season at Town Hall, with the annual budget and town meeting process this year coinciding with a presidential primary election. Over the next ten weeks voters shape the national debate as part of the First in the Nation Primary, and set the budget and priorities for Auburn for the year ahead.

We will also consider a large number of amendments to the zoning ordinance, as the Planning Board will propose a few and another 12 have been submitted by resident petitions. Before the warrant for town meeting is finalized, public hearings will be held by the Planning Board and Budget Committee about proposed articles. The annual Voter Guide will be mailed to residents prior to Town Meeting.

The two-part Town Meeting process may be new to some. The first part, or “deliberative session,” is an actual gathering which allows residents to learn about, discuss, and possibly amend the warrant articles. Those warrant articles become the ballot for the second meeting, when voters go to the polls in March to make final decisions. The Town of Auburn and the Auburn School District are separate government units, but take these steps together. This year the Town’s deliberative session will start following the School District’s session, which starts at 9am on Feb. 3.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us, or the staff in town hall if you have questions about the process, voter registration, or the subjects to be voted upon.

## **Key Dates:**

Public hearings on zoning amendments – begin Jan. 3

Public hearing on town and school budgets – Jan. 11

Filing period for elected offices – Jan. 24 – Feb. 2

Deliberative session of Town Meeting – Feb. 3

Voting session of Town Meeting – Mar. 12

*Keith Leclair   Michael Rolfe   Tom Carroll*

*Auburn Board of Selectmen*

# ATTENTION NEW VOTERS

*Interested in voting in the Presidential Primary election?*

*Do you need to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot?*

If you are leaving town for the winter months you may want to come into the Town Clerk's Office before you go to get registered to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

Prospective voters will be asked to show proofs of identity: age (18 by the next election day), domicile/residence in Auburn, and US Citizenship. A driver's license and a birth certificate or passport are useful. Affidavits may be signed under oath if proofs are lacking.

## Town Clerk Hours:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 - 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b>	<b>8:00 am - 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am - 12:00 noon</b>

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# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Happy New Year Auburn Residents!

We hope everyone had happy and healthy holidays last month and are looking forward to what 2024 will bring.

Once again, we are so proud of this community with the response of the Auburn Safety Complex Giving Tree. We had 11 families this year. These families had wish lists consisting of the most basic essentials, dental care products, hats and gloves, sheets and pillows. With your help the Giving Tree was able to provide nearly EVERYTHING on these wish lists, as well as provide toys and fun gifts for the children.

We keep this as anonymous as possible, but wanted you to know that these families were moved to tears at the generosity and assistance each of you have provided. Thank you again for helping with some holiday magic for your neighbors.

While most of us love the snow during the holidays, its AFTER the new year that New England seems to be hit with the majority of the storms and snow. A few things to remind each of you as we count down to spring...

## Parking During Snow Storms

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



-Please be sure to check on elderly residents and neighbors during storms and times of power outages.

-Prepare your vehicle in case of emergencies. Be sure your cellphone is charged, check your tires, add items to your vehicle such as extra hats and gloves, warm blankets, a flashlight and first aid kit.

-Prepare your homes for winter emergencies. Be sure to have flashlights with working batteries, check and clean fireplaces and chimneys, check the batteries in your CO and fire alarm detectors.

-Take precautions when outdoors, even if you think you are only going to be outside for a moment. Wear appropriate clothing, hats and gloves. Be sure you have proper footwear and add shoe spikes to your boots for ice.

-Don't forget your fur babies! There are many ways their paws can be injured besides freezing ice and snow. Salt, antifreeze and other de-icers can irritate and injure their paws, as well as cause infections.

We know even in the most cautious of moments, accidents and emergencies can happen. Should you need assistance officers are on patrol 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Please call our 24 hour dispatch should you need help. 603-483-2922



# Voter Registration and Voting

## In-Person or Absentee

**In-Person** - If you are a new voter and you want to register you may do so with the Town Clerk during regular business hours. **Last day to Register to vote before the Presidential Primary is January 16, 2024.**

**Absentee Registration** – If you are not a registered voter and will NOT be able to vote in person you may request an absentee ballot and register to vote with the Town Clerk up until January 22, 2024.

We would encourage people to register at the Town Hall rather than waiting until Election Day.

### Documents needed to Register to Vote:

- **Citizenship:** Passport/Birth Certificate/ Naturalization Papers
- **Photo ID:** Drivers Lic, Student ID – etc.
- **Domicile:** Mail showing Auburn address

### Checklist Supervisors Meeting

**January 16, 2024**

**7:00PM – 7:30 PM**

**Additions/Corrections**

**No Party Changes**



**2024**

**NOTICE FROM THE TOWN CLERK AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK**

The following positions will be up for election at the Town and School District Voting to be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**. The filing period runs from **January 24, 2024 through February 2, 2024**. You may file for any of these positions at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. The Town Clerk's Office will remain open for filings from 3:00pm until 5:00pm on Friday, February 2, 2024.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
SELECTMAN – 3 YEARS	KEITH LECLAIR
MODERATOR – 2 YEARS	THOMAS LACROIX
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST – 6 YEARS	JOANNE T. LINXWEILER
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS	NANCY J. MAYLAND
CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS	DAVID ZALESKI
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS	DEBRA ASQUITH
POLICE COMMISSION – 3 YEARS	PATRICK BERGERON
PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS	JILL DROSS
PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS	RONALD POLTAK
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 YEARS	DEREK BERGER
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 YEARS	ADRIAN NEWTON

The School District Deliberative Session will be held **Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM** at the Auburn Village School, with a snow date of Saturday, February 10, 2024.

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting will be held immediately following the school session.



Auburn  
**2023**  
Market  
Recap



**80**

homes  
listed

**\$293.65**

Avg LIST Price  
Per Square Foot



**54**

homes  
sold

**\$298.04**

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# LOOKING TO 2024

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# Parks & Recreation News

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## Camp Adventure Registration

It's time to start thinking warm thoughts and plan for Camp Adventure to be part of your summer 2024.

The always popular Camp Adventure is back again for another year of friends and fun! This year we're again 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 **FOUR WEEKS** this summer to accommodate all that want to participate. You can sign up as many weeks as you'd like however some of the popular field trips will be repeated each week.

**Camp Dates:** Week 1- Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12, 2024

Week 2- Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19, 2024

Week 3- Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26, 2024

Week 4- Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2, 2024



**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 2024-2025 school year.

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

**Fee:** \$325 per week (full payment is due at the time of registration)

**Register online at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com) beginning February 1**

Registration will begin on February 1 for Auburn residents and May 1 for non-residents. The registration form will be posted on the Parks & Rec website and Facebook page January 31 if you'd prefer not to register online. This camp does fill up fast so please do not wait to register. We take a maximum of 40 campers per week.



## Basketball Camp

Basketball Camp, for grades 5-8, has tentatively been set for August 14-18, 2024. More details and registration information will be available in the February Crier.

## Online Program Registration

You can register online for all Parks & Rec programs at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com).

If you haven't signed up before, it's easy to get started. Start by clicking 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 you 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 at [recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnNH.com) or 603-483-5052 x101 to help you through the process.

## **Winter Yoga Workshop: *Unwind and Release***

Indulge in a rejuvenating journey of self-discovery and relaxation with our "Unwind and Release" workshop, a 90-minute session designed to unlock tension, reduce/eliminate pain and promote overall well-being through the practice of self-myofascial release. This transformative experience combines the therapeutic benefits of foam rollers, specialized body release balls, and stretch straps to enhance your body's flexibility, release muscular tension, and restore balance.

This workshop will be held on Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 am until 11:30 am. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing that allows for free movement. As you explore different myofascial release techniques, you'll have the freedom to move without restriction. Don't forget to bring your own mat to enhance your comfort during the session. The fee for the 90 minute class is \$35 for Auburn residents and \$40 for non-residents. You can register online at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com).



## **Senior Valentine Tea**

We are starting a new tradition in 2024. Instead of the annual Senior Dinner in January, we will be hosting a Senior Valentine Tea on Saturday, February 24th for all Auburn Seniors, 65+. There will be desserts, entertainment and, of course, tea. Please save the date and watch for the February Crier with all the details.

## **Puzzle Palooza**

Gather a team and sign up for Parks & Rec's first jigsaw competition, *Puzzle Palooza*. Teams of 2-4 will race against each other to finish the same 500 piece puzzle within 2 hours. If no teams complete it before the time ends, the winner will be chosen by the fewest number of loose pieces left. All teams get to keep their puzzle. The winning team wins a prize and bragging rights as the winner of Puzzle Palooza!



Puzzle Palooza will be held on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 am until noon at the Severance School Community Center. The fee to participate is \$40 per team which includes the puzzle to take home and light refreshments. **Only 1 team member needs to register with your whole team.** Deadline to register is Saturday, January 20.

## ***Severance School Community Center Winter Programs***

The following is a list of Parks & Recreation programs offered in the months of January and February. Unless it states otherwise, the program will be held at the Severance School Community Center at 515 Manchester Road. As with all our programs, please visit our website at [auburnparksandrec.com](http://auburnparksandrec.com) to register for programs.

## ***Adult Programs***

### **Crafts with Kelley**

Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 pm. HOME Sign. \$39 res/\$46 non-res (\$5 for each additional insert)

Whether you're looking to add a unique touch to your living space or create a thoughtful gift, this workshop will allow participants to customize their very own "Home" sign. The wooden sign is approximately 8inx7in and 1.5 inches deep. Using a variety of paints, you will create a design that fits your aesthetic. The interchangeable "O" will come with a customizable snowflake insert. During the registration process you can purchase additional inserts for other seasons and holidays.



## Learn to Crochet

**Wednesdays, January 17 through February 28, 6:00-7:00 pm (no class 2/7) (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6 week session)**  
Participants will learn the basic stitches of crochet (single, half double and double crochet). Mid-way through the session participants will be able to pick a beginner project (hat or scarf) from patterns provided. Yarn and hook will be provided for the practice swatches but not for the project. Participants will need to purchase a worsted weight, light colored yarn for the beginner project. The instructor will give suggestions on supplies needed at that point.

## Crochet Social Hour

**Wednesdays, starting January 17, 7:00-8:00 pm (no class 2/7)**

If you are an experienced crocheter, even "new experienced" crocheters, drop-in to the new crochet social hour on Wednesdays, between 7:00-8:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center. There will be no instruction but more experience people may help others who need help. There is no fee to join this group but please register on our website so we know how many people to expect.

## Cookie Decorating

**Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00-8:00 pm. Intermediate Class- Winter Village. (\$65 res/\$69 non-res)**

This winter we're adding a new challenge for those who have tried our popular cooking decorating class with Allison. In this intermediate class, you will create 7 house shaped cookies that will connect together to create a small village. It will create a more "centerpiece" type cookie creation. This is considered an intermediate class because there are more intricate details on each cookie. You will be creating 7 cookies instead of the usual 6 in the same 2 hour class timeframe so a little previous experience will be needed.

**Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 pm. Valentine Cookies. (\$52 res/ \$62 non-res)**

In this class, that is open to beginners and experienced cookie decorators, 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 valentine themed cookies with demonstrations throughout and get to take home their delicious masterpieces!

If either class is full, please add your name to the waiting list. If there are enough additional people, a second night will be added.

## Resistance Training

**Thursdays, January 11 through February 1, 6:00-6:45 pm (\$37 res/\$44 non-res for the 4-week session)**

In this dynamic class, we merge the principles of traditional resistance training with modern techniques to create a comprehensive workout experience. Get ready to challenge your muscles, boost your metabolism, and enhance your overall strength. Our expert instructor will guide you through a series of exercises targeting major muscle groups. From arms to legs, back, and core, every part of your body will be engaged for maximum results.

## Strength Training for Active Seniors

**Wednesdays, January 10 through February 21, 8:45-9:30 am (\$70 res/\$84 non-res for the 7 week session)**

**Fridays, January 12 through February 23, 8:45 am-9:30 am (\$70 res/\$84 non-res for the 7 week session)**

This strength training class for active seniors will be a mixture of light weights and your own body weight. 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!

\*Drop-in Rate (for both Wednesdays & Friday classes)- \$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows\*

## **Tai Chi**

**Thursdays, January 11 through February 29, 11:00 am noon (\$58 res/\$70 non-res for the 8 week session)**

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

## **Yoga**

**Tuesdays, January 9 through January 30, 6:00-6:45 pm (\$37 res/\$44 non-res for the 4 week session)**

Welcome to our invigorating all levels Yoga class, where students of all experience levels come together to explore the transformative power of yoga. In this dynamic and inclusive class, we'll guide you through a balanced practice that combines physical postures, breathwork, and meditation techniques. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced yogi, this class is designed to meet you exactly where you are on your yoga journey. Nicole will lead you through a series of asanas (poses) that focus on building strength, improving flexibility, and enhancing body awareness. No matter your age, body type, or level of experience, this class is a safe and inclusive space for everyone. Come as you are and allow the transformative power of yoga to unfold within you.

## **Zumba**

**Tuesdays, January 16 through February 20, 8:30-9:30 am (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 6 week session)**

**Wednesday, January 17 through February 21, 6:00-7:00 pm. No class 2/7 (\$50 res/\$60 non-res for the 5 week session)**

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. 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. (Please note that there is a minimum of 6 participants to hold the class.)

\*Drop-in Rate- \$14 res/\$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows\*

## **Start the New Year with Free Fitness Classes**

As we welcome in the new year, 2 of our favorite fitness classes will be free for you to try during the first week of 2024. Strength Training for Active Seniors will be held on Wednesday, January 3 at 8:45 am and Tai Chi will be Thursday, January 4 at 11:00 am. If you have wanted to give these classes a try, this is your opportunity. A new session of each class begins the following week.

## ***Youth Programs***

### **Jumping Beans**

**Wednesdays, January 10 through February 21, 9:45-10:30 am (\$49 res/\$58 non-res for the 7 week session)**

Jumping Beans is a fun class for children ages 2-4 to get out and get moving with Miss Joelle. This parent/child class kids 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!

### **You & Me Art Class**

**Tuesdays, January 16 through February 13, 10:00-10:45 am (\$60 res/\$72 non-res for the 5 week session)**

Join Mrs. Diorio (formerly of Tiny Tots) and share a special experience with your child as they create, experiment and discover art. In You & Me Art, you (or a caregiver) and your child, ages 2-4, will explore a variety of art materials, experience new textures and enjoy being creative in a group setting.

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Some units in this subdivision have not yet been registered with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. Until such a time as registration has been issued, only non-binding reservation agreements may be accepted.

# **Girl Scouts Troop 59007**

Happy New Year from Girl Scout Troop 59007! Our troop of 5th graders will be reaching out to neighbors and friends in January and February to see if you'd like to get some of our delicious Girl Scout Cookies. Yes - it's that time of year!

We have 9 cookie flavors this year and due to costs rising everywhere, cookies are now \$6 per box. We hope you'll support your neighborhood or family Girl Scout this season as the funds we raise help us to participate in many fun activities. If you don't have a Girl Scout connection, please reach out to troop leader Jennifer Anderson at [girlscoutsjen@gmail.com](mailto:girlscoutsjen@gmail.com) and we would be happy to help you with your cookie needs!



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## **Auburn's BSA Scout Troop 127**



### **January 6th and 13th:** Our Annual Christmas Tree Collection Fundraiser

Not sure what to do with the tree after the holiday? Consider making a donation to BSA Troop 127 and the scouts will remove the tree from your property. This is an annual fundraiser for the local BSA Troop right here in Auburn.

**To schedule a tree pickup, please contact Mike Ouellette via email ([Mike@Sailingman.net](mailto:Mike@Sailingman.net)) or via phone (603-475-1616)**

Our older scouts are now planning a hiking trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in the summer of 2024. The Philmont Scout Ranch consists of over 140,000 acres of wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in NM. The scouts will begin training hikes and exercises to build the needed endurance for the planned week long trek in the wilderness.

In November, Troops 127 (Auburn), 163 (Chester) and our guests from Troop 402 (Derry) camped at Hidden Valley Scout Camp for a Thanksgiving celebration. Our older scouts cooked turkeys using metal cans and charcoal along the shore of Lake Eileen. While our older scouts were sharpening their culinary skills, the younger scouts assembled model rockets and engaged in other fun activities with their peers.

The Scouts BSA program in Auburn is open to boys in grades 5 through High School (ages 11 - 17). The program is youth lead and the elected youth leaders are mentored by well trained adults. The Scouting program focuses on character development, leadership skills, being active in your community and maintaining physical fitness.

Troop 127 typically meets on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. We alternate between meeting spaces in Auburn at the Longmeadow Church and the old school in Chester located at 84 Chester St. (next to the Police Station)

To learn more about Troop 127, please visit our website <https://auburn127.mytroop.us/home> or email Will Melendy at [WilliamMelendy@Gmail.com](mailto:WilliamMelendy@Gmail.com).



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## Happy New Year Auburn!

**LOOKING BACK:** Thanks to all your amazing support, the library ended the year with the highest yearly circulation totals in its history! And talk about growth! Over 2023, as of this writing, we're on track to have welcomed 10,000 patrons into the library or to library events. In the summer of 2023, Auburn (mostly) kids read nearly 95,000 pages during our summer reading program!

As we move toward Town Meeting, the community continues to support us with all of your donations and kind words as we gear up for our first phase of expansion.

We're feeling really positive about 2024 and have so many wonderful programs and projects on the horizon for you. In 2024, we're working with NH Humanities to bring some wonderful programs to Auburn, including an event on NH Brewing and one on Robert Frost.

Our Maker Space ought to be up and running by mid-winter and we hope to have our gazebo built in the back Story Trail Park by summer.

So on behalf of myself and the best library staff in the business, thanks for a wonderful 2023. We can't wait until 2024! As always, reach out if there's anything I can help you with.

## News and Notes

### January (and beyond) on Beanstack

The library always has reading challenges and fun for patrons up on our Beanstack. Simply register or sign in to your Beanstack account, check out what the monthly challenge is and start tracking your books! At the end of the month, kids 6 to 12 who have completed the challenge will win book prizes!

Here's a look at all the wonderful events and programming coming in January:

### Kids and Teen Programming

**Sat., Jan. 13, 12-2pm, Saturday STEM:** Join us for our popular Saturday STEM program. For the first STEM of the year, we'll be making snowmen out of marshmallows and toothpicks! All supplies will be provided. The more the merrier, bring your friends. Registration is required. Ages 6-12.

**Tues., Jan. 16, 4:30-5:30pm, Jordan's Virtual Game Night:** Join Miss Jordan via ZOOM for a new, virtual program – a rotation of games. This month, JackBox Games! Registration is required as ZOOM call info will be emailed.

**Sat., Jan. 27, 12-2pm, Saturday STEM:** Join us for our popular Saturday STEM program. For this program, we'll be making Q-Tip Snowflakes. All supplies will be provided. The more the merrier, bring your friends. Registration is required. Ages 2-6.

**REGULAR STORY TIMES:** Join Miss Mary for regular Story Times in January on **Tuesdays at 11 AM or Fridays at 1 PM**. Free coloring pages for the kids are always available. No registration needed!

## Adult Programming

**Sat., Jan. 6, 10:30-12:30pm, Grant's Games Presents the Art of Tabletop Gaming:** Join us for a morning of game play. Ages ten years plus. Registration is required and parents please stay with their gamers!

**Saturday, Jan. 20, All Day 10am-2pm, Craft Supply Swap:** Join us for our first ever Craft Supply swap! All craft enthusiasts welcome to bring extra and/or unwanted craft supplies to swap with other members of the community. Maybe you took up knitting, sewing, pyrography, or soap making during shut down and haven't picked up the supplies since. Bring it them to the library and see what someone else has brought in. One person's "not for me" is another person's "cup of tea"!!

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

**The Evening Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 6:30pm. They will also meet on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30pm. The book for February will be "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

## Special Events

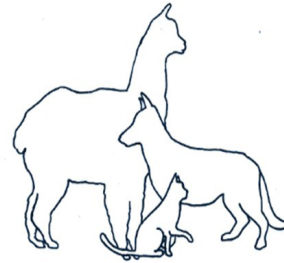
**Through Friday, Jan. 12, Bird Carving Exhibit:** Auburn artist Dee Cleary will be exhibiting her carved birds at the library in our front history room. Stop by to have a look!



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# VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT!

**Tuesday, Jan. 16  
4:30-5:30 PM**

**Join Miss Jordan for some virtual fun featuring Jackbox Games - free to play with any access to a browser. Registration and Zoom access required, recommended for grades 5+.**

**For more info, contact us at:**

**☎ 603.483.5374      [www.griffinfree.org](http://www.griffinfree.org)**





# **NEWS FROM AUBURN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

## **Scholarships Open February 1st!**

It is time to gather all the information you will need to apply:

1. Your F.A.F.S.A. and financial information. *(This information is not shared with board members)*
2. Your S.A.T. and/or transcript information *(check with your guidance office for this information)*
3. Your activity hours. This includes clubs, sports and any extracurricular activities.
4. Your place of employment, hours you work and description.
5. You will need a person to write a recommendation for you and complete the form on-line.
6. Practice writing an essay!

We offer 10 different scholarships from the Arts to Vocational studies.

Any Auburn resident attending a post-secondary school can apply.

Visit:

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

**If you are interested in becoming involved, please join us Jan. 9th at 6:15 in the Auburn Historical building.**

**Thank You and Stay Safe,  
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## January Updates: The Friends of the Library

*The countdown to 2024 is on! Happy, healthy holidays, Auburn!*

### **A Successful Breakfast with Santa!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a festive, fun breakfast. We're especially grateful for your support and the help of so many volunteers including:

Andrea Johnston & the AVS Bands  
Auburn Fire Department  
AVS PTA  
Dave Sylvia  
Freihofer Bakery Outlet  
Gary Poulin  
Hannaford (Derry)

Heather Bronson (Photographer)  
Pat Clement  
Santa  
Sarah Belanger, AVS Food Service Director  
Shaws (Derry)  
The Traynor Family  
& Many volunteers from Friends of the Library

We're already planning for next year and will see you on the first Sunday of December!



### **New Museum Pass!**

We are thrilled to announce a pass to the **Boston Museum of Science** is now available thanks to funds raised by The Friends!

The Museum of Science features over 700 interactive and informative exhibits centering around math, engineering, biodiversity, and more. Every season brings new traveling exhibits, so you'll experience the latest in science, technology, and more.

This pass will admit up to 4 people at a 50% discount on tickets to the Museum's Exhibit Halls. Children under 3 are not included in the count of 4 and are always admitted for free.

Please visit the Museum Pass page on [GriffinFree.org](http://GriffinFree.org) to learn more including how to borrow the pass.

Questions or interest in joining the Friends? Reach us at [griffinlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:griffinlibraryfriends@gmail.com) or stop by one of our meetings. Our next meeting will take place at **6:00** at the library on **Monday, January 8th**.



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## St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

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

### Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 p.m.

Sun – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Mon, Tues, Fri – 7:00 a.m.

Wed – 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, January 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church

Wednesdays in January from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church



### Baptism or Marriage

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



**Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry to adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and growing in their relationship with God. If you have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Jake Linxweiler, Director of RCIA at 483-5571, or the parish office at [stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).

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## WINTER WONDERS CAMP



This winter, come participate in the New Hampshire Audubon Winter Wonders Vacation Camp! From February 26th – March 1st, NH Audubon will be hosting day camp sessions at both the McLane Center and in Concord and the Massabesic Center in Auburn. Vacation camp is the perfect way to enjoy the cold and snow through outdoor exploration and discovery. Each day is designed to build the skills of budding naturalists through hands-on activities, storytelling, crafts, games, outdoor exploration, and live animal observation. Learn about how our native species endure the winter weather, go snowshoeing or hiking on the trails, and discover the fascinating science of snow! Make sure to dress for the weather!

Registration will be open in late December on NH Audubon's website. If you have any questions, please email Claire Adams at [cadams@nhaudubon.org](mailto:cadams@nhaudubon.org).

## NEW ART EXHIBIT: COMING JANUARY 24

Submission  
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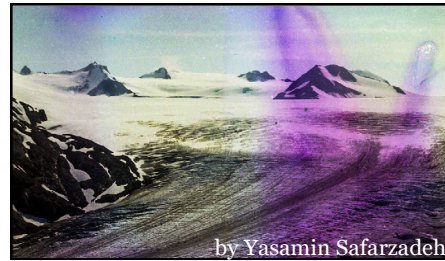
### Blossoming Beyond: Celebrating Queerness in Nature

Blossoming Beyond explores the connection between queerness and nature, showcasing pieces of work that represent the resilience, strength, and beauty of both the natural world and the LGBTQ+ community. The exhibition celebrates diversity and the intrinsic bond between individuals and the environment.

NH Audubon Massabesic Center  
26 Audubon Way, Auburn, NH  
03032

Exhibition dates: Jan. 24-Mar. 30  
Opening Reception: Jan 27  
2:00PM-5:00PM

NH Audubon is thrilled to be partnering with Queerlective to provide a space to showcase their “Blossoming Beyond: Celebrating Queerness in Nature” exhibit. Explore the profound connection between queerness and nature in this exhibit. It showcases work that embodies the resilience, strength, and beauty of both the natural world and the LGBTQ+ community



Visit during open hours to enjoy the exhibit! Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm.  
Join us for an artists' reception on Jan. 27, 2pm-5pm.

## JANUARY 20: WINTER SOWING OF NATIVE PLANTS WORKSHOP

With NH Audubon and UNH Extension Master Gardeners



Winter is a great time to sow native seeds. Many native seeds need to be exposed to prolonged cold and moist conditions to break their dormancy and germinate. Join us as we introduce you to native plants and guide you through this hands-on, 6-step process. You'll leave with a pot of native perennial seeds that will grow all year and be ready to plant in your garden next fall.

Visit our Event Calendar to register by Jan. 16. \$10/NH Audubon members & Extension Master Gardeners or \$15/non-members.

## WE ARE HIRING

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and how to apply.

Visit us Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm! Come explore the Center, meet our Animal Ambassadors, and pick up a souvenir from the Nature Shop. We are located at 26 Audubon Way in Auburn. Please follow Leave No Trace ethics and remember that dogs are not allowed on the Massabesic Center property. As a courtesy, our parking lot provides access to alternate dog-friendly trails on either end of Audubon Way.

| 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, NH | 603-668-2045/[mac@nhaudubon.org](mailto:mac@nhaudubon.org) | Open Tues-Sat 11am-5pm |



## Longmeadow Serves!

A New Year has begun and with it comes hope. Every day God is doing a New Thing and we wait in expectant hope for where God will lead us. We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC move forward into the future with thankfulness for all the community has done for each other and for those in greatest need.

We give thanks for those who joined us in our Advent worship services in December with special thanks to the Scouts who helped light and safely tend the fires in our firepit where we gathered. Between these and several special services on-line, we have continued to BE THE CHURCH in these different but expectant times.



Longmeadow  
Serves



Thank you to all who joined us in donating socks for Ascentria New American's Program which assists refugees in resettlement. Thanks to you were able to provide hundreds of socks to keep people warm this winter. And speaking of the Breakfast, we were delighted to have served over 1500 people over the last year and look forward to welcoming you on the second Saturday of each month in the year to come.

We were delighted with the success of our **Snowflake Fair**. The response from the Auburn community was wonderful and we hope that you enjoyed your crafts, baked goods, and attic treasures, not to mention those delicious Pork Pies!

**Scarves in the Park Update** – We are very grateful to all the knitters and crocheters who created over 250 scarves, hats and mittens for this annual project. As you are doing your New Year's clearing out, remember that we will gladly accept any donations of yarn that you would like to move out of your house.

Our regularly scheduled worship services are currently Sundays at 9:30 am in the sanctuary, 11:00 a.m. on Zoom and a pre-recorded version of the service is ported to YouTube each Sunday.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our Auburn friends and neighbors joy in this new year. 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.

Since 1857 Longmeadow Congregational Church has been a beacon of light and hope, lovingly serving our Auburn neighbors and the surrounding communities. We have found our Church is in need of some critical repairs including some reconstruction of its iconic steeple. Our goal is almost \$60,000 and we are asking for your help to complete this project. No donation is too small and can be mailed in to: LCC-SOS, PO Box 356, Auburn, NH 03032-0356.

Thanks very much and God Bless

## Save Our Steeple Campaign



Donations also accepted by Venmo  
@Longmeadow Congregational Church  
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Greetings from the Massabesic Garden Club! We had our annual Yankee swap and pot luck in December - a good time was had by all!

Please check our website for upcoming events and membership info: [www.massabesic.com](http://www.massabesic.com)

In the coming months, we will host informational talks on such topics as winter sowing, native plants, and backyard birds!





# *News from the Auburn Historical Association*



## **Wintertime Fun!**

**Short stories  
by Dan Carpenter**

Left: Mark and Bruce Seavey (Ralph Seavey's sons) on Al Preston's sleigh. Right: the boys with their uncle Roy Seavey. The sleigh was eventually purchased by Morris Rolfe and donated to the Auburn Historical Association by the Rolfe family. It is now housed in the AHA's barn.



**Ice Racing:** About 1980, Ray Racicot was asked to create a race track on the ice at the foot of Bunker Hill Rd. He took his 1 ton plow truck onto Massabesic and discovered that the snow pushed back. He could not get any traction- The wheels just spun. He was stuck. If the truck would not do the job, get Stacy's little dozer. They drove the dozer right down Bunker Hill Road (Ignoring the possibility of damage to the road which irritated the Road Agent) and pushed out a round track. The snow pushed up on the outside created a barrier that helped keep the racers on the track. The motorcycles had knobby tires with hundreds of screws embedded to provide traction. It only lasted a year or two but it was good wintertime fun for kids who enjoyed riding motorcycles.

Under pressure from the State of NH to plow Candia Rd (Old NH 101) Auburn purchased its first snow plow (a grader) in 1927. Before that, all Town roads were 'rolled' for sleigh traveling. Town roads remained dirt and perfect for sledding until the late 1950's when most had been 'oiled' (Liquid tar solidified by a thin layer of sand).

The use of salt to make winter roads black came in the 1970's. Mickey Rolfe remembers standing in the back of a truck shoveling salt by hand. That put an end to kids sledding in the road. There are 7 hills in Auburn and kids in every neighborhood used the closest hill for their sledding runs.

The Josiah Davis kids (Corner of Eaton Hill and Colman Road) could use Eaton Hill to slide toward their grandparents' (Benjamin Eugene, Sarah) home or they could make a longer run from their barn, down Colman Rd, across Preston Brook, and up toward the 5 Corners. Addie Davis (1904-2005) who lived her whole life on the farm made at least one pass down Colman Rd up until the 1970's when she was over 60 years old.

The Case kids (Andy, Harold, Cecile, and 5 more) lived on what is now Penny Lane. They slid down Dug Hill, the gorge on Spofford Rd. Harold's (1939-2022, built house at 5 Spofford Rd) sled once flew off the road and he ran headlong right into a tree. He cut his tongue and they had the devil of a time stopping the bleeding.

Selectman Michael Rolfe and his brothers Bruce and Craig slid down Bunker Hill from the old schoolhouse at Dearborn Rd all the way to Panzieri's (Past Gardner Rd).

Continued...

# *News from the Auburn Historical Association*



(Wintertime Fun, continued..)

Patti Allard's "Winter Memories": Patti Allard and Fay Hanscomb lived around the corner from each other. At the time, there were only two houses on Maple Farm, a dirt road that they used to sled with their girls. Patti and Fay would make the first round then make numerous runs with the kids. "We always wondered who was having more fun, the girls or us."

Patti's daughters, Brenda and Bonnie, remember turning snow banks into snow forts and their Mother's concerns about safety. The girls heard but continued to burrow into the snow. After a long session of work on the forts, Mom would have hot cocoa and cookies ready. Both girls remember skating both at the Town Rink on Chester Rd and on the Lake. When it started snowing, Bonnie knew that Christmas was coming. Both kids would make lists for Santa using the Sears Christmas Catalog.

In the 1960's, Auburnites prepared for power outages. Outages were frequent and lasted for days. At the first sign of trouble they would bring in wood for the stove and fill the bathtub with water. Life without electricity is hard but possible with heat and water.

Skating on Calef Pond: The Mason kids skated often and there was a lot to do preparing for a trip to Calef Pond. Mrs. Mason would make a gallon thermos of cocoa. Bruce, Gail, and Donna would round up their skates, socks, and shovels. They would also let the Case kids know of their plans and finally 5 or 6 kids would be ready to make the trek to the Pond. As they left the yard, someone picked up one of Charlie Case's discarded racing tires.

When they got to Cedric Davis' on the corner of Calef Rd, they checked to see if John, Dean, or Dale wanted to skate. Once they reached the Pond, everyone put on their skates and got to work shoveling and cleaning a spot to skate. Someone would be in charge of gathering kindling. Once a spot was clear, the tire was filled with kindling and set ablaze. The burning tire and wet wood made for a smoky blaze that kept everyone upwind. As the afternoon wore on, the ice around the bonfire would start to melt forming a puddle. At the end of the day, the fire burning down, the bigger kids would jump over the embers. If they fell, the puddle around the fire would guarantee a long, uncomfortable, wet walk home.

Just wondering... does anyone still make cocoa today?





# Auburn Historical Association

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