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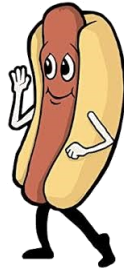
4th of July!!



8/8- "Pay it Forward"
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7/19- National Hot Dog Day!



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7/13- Pickleball with Paul
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AVS Staff Softball Game
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begins
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☺ saturday

7/17- Auburn Historical
Association Open House
1pm-4pm

7/17- Pickleball with Paul
10am, Pickleball Courts
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**8/21- Senior "Splish-
Splash Beach BBQ Bash"**
1pm, Safety Complex bays
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SAVE THE DATE!!

ANNUAL E-WASTE COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 25TH
9AM-2PM

Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting

Tuesday, July 21st

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Auburn Town Hall

**Corrections, Party Changes, and
Additions to Checklist**



THE 2021 AUBURN DAY AND 28TH ANNUAL DUCK RACE

Saturday, September 11, 2021
from 10am to 3pm

Downtown Auburn Village on
Hooksett Road

Tickets can be purchased at the
Griffin Free Public Library



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Auburn Town Hall News



With Warm Weather Comes Issues with Off-Road Vehicles

With the earlier than normal warm temperatures comes an interest to get outdoors for all sorts of activity including the use of off-road vehicles in various locations.

One area that has posed more of a problem than normal this year has been the conservation easement property owned by the Town off Steam Mill and Nutt Roads.

This approximate 10-acres parcel is adjacent to, but is not a part of, the Wethersfield development or the open space land that is part of that development. This parcel of land was formally designated as conservation land by the Board of Selectmen working with the Conservation Commission in 2005.

As part of the conservation designation, the Town determined no motorized vehicles would be allowed to be used on this property. Despite posting the property for the motorized vehicle ban, there has been a noticeable increased use of this area by motorbikes, off-road vehicles and even golf carts. These motorized vehicles cause damage to the overall property and can not be allowed to continue.

Residents are encouraged to take note of this standard. The Auburn Police Department has been asked to take note.

Auburn to Receive Federal Funds

As reported last month in the *Auburn Village Crier*, the Town of Auburn will be receiving funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that is intended to assist the Town and its taxpayers over the next several years.

Since last month's report, a final determination has been made that Auburn will receive a total of \$585,123 for use locally. The funds will be coming in two payments of equal amounts – one this year and one next year.

The U.S. Treasury Department has just issued guidance for this program that is being reviewed now to ensure Auburn utilizes the funds for purposes allowed under the federal law and regulations. It appears the Town will have upwards of three years (through December 2024) to spend or obligate the money, and will have through December 31, 2025, to spend all the funds.

Details of the requirements for the Town to report how the funds are utilized are still being determined.

Negotiations to Commence with Auburn Police Union

It has been three years since representatives of the Town and the Auburn Police Union have met to negotiate terms of the collective bargaining agreement that covers the majority of the full and part-time law enforcement positions within the department.

With the current contract expiring on March 31, 2022, the time is at hand for representatives for management and labor to meet to discuss the potential terms of a new contract to commence April 1st.

The teams will begin meeting this summer with the goal of reaching agreement by the end of the year in order to have the funding for a new contract considered during the Town's budgeting process in order to be before the voters in March 2022.

The Police Union's team include Sergeants James Huard and Kevin Cashman and a Police Officer to be determined, while the Town's team includes Police Commissioner Patrick Bergeron, Police Chief Ray Pelton and Selectmen Chair Keith Leclair.

The Auburn Police Union and the Town have had three successful collective bargaining agreements since the establishment of the union in 2016.



Save the Date!!

Please mark your calendars for the annual E-Waste Collection event.

The annual "E-Waste Collection" event will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 9 am to 2 pm in the front parking lot of the Auburn Safety Complex on Eaton Hill Road. Auburn residents may dispose of "anything with a plug" from computers and monitors to TVs, radios, stereos and more.



Keith Leclair

Todd Bedard

Michael Rolfe

Auburn Board of Selectmen



Town Hall Job Opening: Deputy Town Clerk

The Town of Auburn is seeking a **part-time** Deputy Town Clerk to join the team of hard-working, dedicated and fun-loving folks at Town Hall.

General Duties: The position is responsible for assisting the Town Clerk in the processing of motor vehicle and boat registrations, vital records, dog licenses, voter registration and elections.

Skills and Experience: Basic accounting and computer skills, strong customer service and communication skills, detail-oriented and minimum of High School Diploma or the equivalent.

Pay: Hourly rate of pay dependent on experience, range to be \$15.38 to \$16.32 to start.

Hours: Up to 624 hours per year to include:

- * Wednesdays 7:45am – 2:30pm
- * The last Monday of every month: 3:00pm – 7:30pm
- * Approximately 10 additional weeks per year (Monday 9:45 m – 7:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 7:45am to 2:30pm and Friday 7:45am – 12:30pm).
- * The Deputy will also need to attend training, workshops and certification for motor vehicles, boats, elections and vital records.
- * The Deputy Town Clerk also works at all elections (1 – 4 per year, approx. 6:30am – 8:00pm).

To apply: Send a letter of interest and resume to Auburn Town Clerk, P.O. Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or townclerk@townofauburnnh.com.

The position will remain open until filled. Resume reviews will begin on June 18th.



Senior BBQ “Splish-Splash Beach BBQ Bash”

Our traditional, in -person Senior BBQ is back this year! Our “Splish-Splash Beach BBQ Bash” themed BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, August 21 at 1:00 pm. Thanks to the Auburn Fire Department, this year our BBQ will be held at the Safety Complex, in the bays around back where their vehicles are parked. They will be moving out all their truck for us so we can have the outdoor experience of a BBQ while being out of the sun and comfortable. This event is free and open to Auburn residents 65 and over.

So that we have an accurate count, please pre-register for this event by August 7th. Call Amy at Parks & Recreation at 603-483-5052 x 101. If I am not in, please leave a message with your name and phone number and you will be added to the list. We do love a theme party! Please come in your best summer beach attire!



Summer Concerts in the Park

The Parks and Recreation’s annual summer concert series is back!! Mark your calendars for free family entertainment. Bring the kids to enjoy the playground and sit back and relax to the music. All concerts are held at the Circle of Fun playground starting at 6:00 pm.

Thursday, July 15
Thursday, August 19

The Raging Rockaholics
Studio Two- Beatles Tribute Band



Pickleball with Paul



Come learn the basics of playing pickleball with Paul Therrien on Tuesday, July 13th at 10:00 am and Saturday, July 17th at 10:00 am (weather permitting). No registration is required. Just stop by the pickleball courts that are located at the skating rinks next to the Safety Complex. He’ll teach you the rules, show you the equipment and get you started on the court.



Follow us on Facebook or Instagram at
AuburnNHparksandrec



Summer Jumping Beans

It's time to register for the summer session of Jumping Beans with Miss Joelle. Jumping Beans, for children ages 2-5, is a fun upbeat class that offers kids the opportunity to be themselves whether that is dancing with their friends or running around and enjoying the music. We will do simple dance moves to go along with the music.



The summer session will run for 5 weeks from July 14- August 18 (no class on 7/21). Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 10:30 am outside at the Safety Complex Field. In the event of rain, the class will be rescheduled. The fee for the 5-week session is \$32. Preregistration is required and space is limited. The registration form for this program can be found on our website, AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation under the "Rec Forms" tab

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is back!! 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 and more seniors are doing Tai Chi to improve their health and reduce their risk of falling.

The 6-week session, with new instructor Greta, will start on Thursday, July 15th at 11:00 am at the Safety Complex field and run through August 19th. In the event of rain, the class will be rescheduled. The cost for the program is \$36. The registration form for this program can be found on our website, AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation under the "Rec Forms" tab



P&R to join the 2021 Duck Race

Parks and Recreation is excited to be part of the Auburn Historical Association's Annual Auburn Day/Duck Race on Saturday, September 11th. We will be setting up some fun activities on Hooksett Road along with all AHA already has planned. We will have the climbing wall, McDonnys Farm petting zoo and an inflatable corn maze. Thank you to the AHA for inviting us to be part of their event.



Upcoming Events

As there is no Crier in August, be sure to check our website and Facebook page for information about upcoming fall programs including...

- Tot Soccer for 4-year-olds
- Flag Football for elementary and middle school students
- Archery
- October Senior Trip (details and registration information will be in the September Crier)
- Auburn Day Kick-Off Event with FIREWORKS



AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Auburn Residents!

Summer is here, and it's shaping up to be a great one! We do hope that any vacations and summer plans that needed to be cancelled in 2020 are now in the works for each of you. While masks and social distancing restrictions have been lifted, we do urge our residents to diligently continue maintaining safe practices for you and your family.

Also with summer and warm weather comes an increase in people walking the roads, kids on bicycles, or playing in their yards. We want to keep all our residents safe, so please be cautious while driving. The department continues to take resident's concerns of high traffic areas into consideration when we are placing our radar trailer around town.

In May we took over 10 theft calls, which is more than any other month this year. A lot of these calls were people parking near the trails, and having valuables taken from their vehicle while they were walking. We do have a suspect in these thefts, but wanted to take a moment to remind residents how important it is to remove valuables from your vehicles. Please remember to do this and lock your cars even when your vehicle is parked in your own driveway.

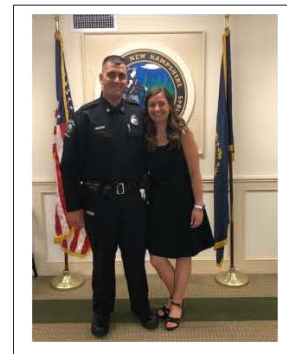
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

August 10th Auburn Safety Complex VS. Auburn Village School Staff Softball game!!!



We are still working out the details, and will post them on our facebook page once they are available!!!

You will start seeing a familiar face in a new role around town. We would like to introduce our newest part-time officer, Matt Barsaleau. Officer Barsaleau grew up in Holland, Massachusetts and graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in 2004. After playing baseball at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester for two years, he joined the United States Navy, serving as a Seabee with NMCB 74 deploying to Kuwait and Afghanistan. Upon completion of active duty, Officer Barsaleau continued his college baseball career with Bridgewater State University, graduating with a Masters Degree in Athletic Training in 2014. Officer Barsaleau currently serves as a Firefighter/Paramedic for the town of Londonderry and has been a call member of the Auburn Fire Department since 2016. He has lived in Auburn since 2018 with his wife Ashley and dog Hazel. He enjoys camping, woodworking, golf, and spending off-time with family and friends. Please be sure to say hi when you see Officer Barsaleau out and about!



AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS




Exciting News for NH Forest Fire Wardens and Fire Departments!

The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is offering an updated online fire permit system at no cost to you! With increased functionality, these enhancements for 2021 will save you time with less over-the-phone hassle, fewer fire station visits, and allow you to manage your town's fire permits in a more organized manner.

Some features of the system include:

- Search permittees from 2013-present
- Add new customers to the system
- Log in-person permits online for no fee and print at the station
- Quick burn tracking and lookups with a visual map (Great for Dispatch Centers)
- Easy messaging to permittees via email and text to inform them of permit changes or cancellations
- Updated print template
- Administrator ability to immediately stop all sales or specific sales if weather condition change and add a restart time

The new online system is live

- Customers/Permittees can log in at the same address as always:
www.nhfirepermit.com or QR code: 
- You as the Warden/Fire Department/Agent, can log in at the new address:
<https://NH-Agent.BurnSafeAmerica.com>
 - Log-in with your old credentials
 - If you have an issue it may be because an email address was never set up in the old system or your old password may not meet the criteria for the new system
 - Contact Jen Little for assistance
 - Jennifer.r.little@dncr.nh.gov



NEWS FROM THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

By the time you read this, summer will have already begun and we will be out and about trying to recreate and enjoy ourselves and after what we all went through last summer we deserve it.

Many of us pursue our enjoyment of the outside in different ways. We camp, fish, hike or mow the lawn (just kidding-I can't stand to watch my wife push that old mower).

Another kind of recreation that has been rapidly growing in popularity is ATV riding.

We receive our fair share of complaints concerning ATV's or OHRV's (Off Highway Recreation Vehicles), such as people ATVing on the property of another without permission.

We have been hearing about ATV riding in the Nutt Rd conservation area between Wilson's Crossing Rd and Steam Mill Rd.



In case you did not know:

- OHRV's were specifically restricted from the Conservation area when it was established and,
 - No person shall operate an OHRV on the property of another unless such person has obtained written permission from the land owner-NH RSA 251-A: 29 XI
- Like any violation, a person runs the risk of being cited for the infraction.

So, like many fun things, there are rules to go by. In case anyone is interested, the State of NH laws concerning ATV's (OHRV's) can be found in NH RSA 215-A

The following link also provides a breakdown of NH OHRV laws

<https://atvman.com/nh/>

Have fun and be safe!

Hello, Auburn!

Happy summer! It has been a busy couple of months, and we hope everyone is able to enjoy some of the beautiful weather we have been having! That leads us to a very important topic- with the nice weather comes people parking around town to utilize the trails. There has been an uptick in the thefts/break-ins of vehicles parked at various spots around the lake and Tower Hill. The Auburn PD is urging everyone to lock the doors to their vehicles, even when parked in your own driveway, and to not keep valuables in your vehicles. We also again urge residents to

mind the speed limits so everyone can enjoy the great outdoors safely! Also, please keep an eye out for information in the coming months about the next Citizens Academy! It looks like it will be held in September, dates TBD.

Also, if you are not a member of our Facebook group, we encourage you to become one! We post helpful information and time-sensitive requests to residents there. It is a great way to be an active part in keeping our community safe (link is below). As you may have seen, we posted some helpful information on our page concerning the Auburn PD hours of operation and important contact numbers. Our police department works 24 hours a day. However, the safety complex is not accessible 24 hours a day. The lobby is only staffed Monday thru Friday from 8-4, and the business line that is manned during that time is 603-483-2134. At anytime you can reach the police by dialing 9-1-1. Outside of normal business hours, you can call 603-483-2922, which is manned by the Rockingham County Dispatch 24/7. Our animal control officer is Jarlene Cornett and can be reached at 603-759-5937. Finally, please do not be afraid to speak up if you see something suspicious. You are not being the nosy neighbor by making reports of something that does not seem right- if you see something, say something! The Auburn PD and your fellow neighbors would rather be safe than sorry. If you have an elderly neighbor, don't be afraid to check in on them to make sure they are okay. That one simple act could save a life! Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

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Jenn Raspuzzi - jraspuzzi@aol.com - West Auburn | Audrey and Thomas Heath - ladybaboona@aol.com - South Auburn
Look for the Auburn Neighborhood Watch Group on Facebook. This is a private group open to town residents. Anybody wishing to join the group will be required to answer a few security questions. More information about the Auburn Neighborhood Watch can be found here. We encourage you and your neighbors to join and help keep Auburn safe. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/auburnneighborhoodwatch>

AUBURN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Join the almost 500 Auburn Residents, that help keep watch over the neighborhoods of Auburn. It's free and easy to become involved!

For more information contact:

mgates@townofauburnnh.com or call 603-483-2134



THE NH COVID-19 FAMILY RELIEF FUND AT ELLIOT HOSPITAL

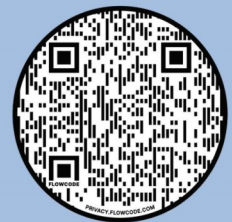
Mark Hagopian, a COVID-19 survivor, has partnered with the Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation at The Elliot to raise needed funds to support the patients and families who are feeling the on-going impact of COVID-19.

Funds raised will support ongoing health related or financial challenges of those who have experienced COVID-19.

100% of your donation will make a direct impact to patients and families.

To hear more about Mark's journey with COVID-19, please scan the code below to link to his story.

You can donate to make a difference at
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Green Grass & Clear Water

Water-quality friendly lawn care and fertilizer recommendations for northern New England

According to a recent survey, it's likely that you and your neighbors believe having a lawn that is safe for the environment is very important.¹ However, some lawn care practices can create water quality problems. Plants need nutrients to grow, but excess nutrients (including nitrogen and phosphorous found in fertilizers) that run off our properties into local waterbodies can trigger algal blooms that cloud water and rob it of oxygen.

Many of us enjoy the time we spend working on our lawns and are willing to try new practices as long as our lawns continue to look good.¹ Here are some easy practices for creating and maintaining a truly healthy lawn that is both attractive and safer for the environment.



For additional fact sheets and videos, please visit:

www.extension.unh.edu/tags/home-lawn-care

Simple Recommendations for Every Lawn

1. Choose the Right Grass Seed

Consider limiting lawn area to locations where grass will grow easily and will actually be used for outdoor activities.

Choose grass varieties that require less maintenance. For northern New England, choose seed mixes with higher percentages of turf-type tall fescues, compact-type tall fescues and/or fine fescues. Choose mixes with smaller percentages of Kentucky bluegrass and/or perennial ryegrass. Overseed bare spots.

In shaded areas, select shade-tolerant turf grasses like fine-leaf and tall fescues.

Up to 10% of total seed mix can be white clover to help fix nitrogen in soil naturally. Avoid clover if anyone in the household is allergic to bee stings.

2. Don't Overwater

1" of water per week (from rain or irrigation) is usually enough. Overwatering can cause excess nutrients to move out of the root zone and into waterbodies or groundwater.

3. Test Your Soil

To have your soil tested, please visit this site:

extension.unh.edu/programs/soil-testing-services.

Sometimes adjusting the soil pH or organic matter are the only treatments needed to improve a lawn. If your soil test results are acceptable but your lawn is not, check for other problems like pests, grass variety, or sun/shade conditions.

4. Mow Smart

Mow grass no shorter than 3" high. Cut no more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the blade each time you mow to encourage longer, stronger roots. Leave the clippings after mowing so they can return nutrients to the soil. NEVER dispose of clippings in drainage areas, storm drains, or waterbodies!



Recommendations for Lawns That Need Fertilizer

1. Determine How Much to Apply

Measure the dimensions of the area where you plan to apply. The square footage of the area will determine how much fertilizer to purchase and use.

Only use what you need. Nearly half of homeowners mistakenly use the entire bag whether it is needed or not.¹ Seal and store opened fertilizer bags in an airtight container or share excess with others.

Lawns older than 10 years usually need less nitrogen than newer lawns, especially if the clippings are left, so apply only half of the amount directed on the bag. Only apply more if there's no improvement over time in turf color and density. Staying under four applications per season at this reduced rate helps keep the overall application at the recommended level² for water-quality friendly practices.

Lawns less than 10 years old may need the full amount of nitrogen as indicated on the fertilizer instructions. Apply less than four times per year.

2. Know When & Where to Apply

Avoid applying fertilizers mid-summer when turf growth naturally subsides or before a big rain when it can run off into nearby waterways or leach into ground water.

In northern New England, apply no earlier than spring green-up and no later than mid-September to ensure the proper soil temperature for grass to take up the nutrients.

Know your local and state laws related to fertilizer application. For example, do not apply any fertilizers within 25 feet of water bodies in New Hampshire.

3. Choose the Right Fertilizer

Avoid combination products that include both pesticide and fertilizer unless confident you need both. Unnecessary applications of fertilizers and pesticides can lead to soil and water contamination.

Select lawn fertilizers with low or no phosphorus unless your soil test indicates otherwise. The fertilizer formula (e.g., 20-0-15) tells the relative percentages of nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K), in that order.

3. Choose the Right Fertilizer, cont.

Slow release formulations (>50% water insoluble nitrogen, "WIN") are generally preferable. Only use quick release products when there is a need to grow turf very quickly, for example, to prevent erosion of bare soil during a new seeding. Check the product label to see what type of nitrogen it contains.

Organic fertilizers are typically slow release and contain micronutrients that are beneficial to soil. They are not petroleum-based like most synthetic fertilizers. Overapplying any type of fertilizer or over-irrigating fertilized turf can lead to water quality problems.

For more home lawn care information:

www.extension.unh.edu/tags/home-lawn-care

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²Recommendations adapted from:

New England Regional Nitrogen and Phosphorus Fertilizer and Associated Management Practice Recommendations for Lawns Based on Water Quality Considerations. 2008. Karl Guillard (ed.). Turfgrass Nutrient Management Bulletin B-0100. College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Connecticut. USDA CSREES project # 2006-51130-03656.

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News from the Massabesic Garden Club



The Club continues to grow in membership! The Board has been busy planning community projects, field trips and future educational talks. We will be meeting with Parks and Rec, the School, and Massabesic Audubon Center shortly to determine what projects they may have that might be in our scope to take on as a club. I can't report on how our June meeting went as it hasn't happened as of this writing. The plan is for our very own Patti Elwell to speak about herbs: gardening tips and culinary usage. The Board is surprising the members with special herbal mocktails to sample. We will continue to work to form our club structure with the formation of committees.

Summer is for garden tours! Our first field trip was to the Creative Feast in Hollis on June 27th. We are also working on a trip to Evergreen in Goffstown and also a private Club tour of the Massabesic Audubon. Join up to get member news via email and on our Facebook page.

Our plan is to have guest speakers/member meetings on a monthly basis from September to May or June. Meeting time and location to be determined. We compiled an interest list from a poll at our May meeting and will be working on speakers for those topics. Again, we would like to thank our sponsors:



Osbornes Agway: 15% off for members (bring your member card, use your own account to get extra points- refer to Mike if there is an issue, you do not have to use the clubs account)

Bagley Pond Perennials: 10% off for members

Lake St Garden Center: 10% off on Tuesdays for members

Spring Look Farm Garden Center: 15% off all the time

We are so appreciative for all that our sponsors have offered. We will also be looking for other private and corporate sponsors once we get started with our projects please let us know – any type of assistance is appreciated!

If you would like to join, please contact us so we can send you a member form. The cost is \$25/year (under 18 and over 70 is free!) Happy gardening!

Facebook: Massabesic Garden Club

Email: Massabesicgc@gmail.com

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Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for May 2021

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

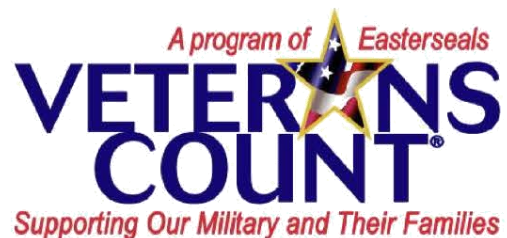


NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

For more than 14 years, Veterans Count, the philanthropic arm of Easterseals Military & Veterans Services, has provided critical and timely financial assistance and services when no other resource is available to service members, veterans, and their families, to ensure their dignity, health, and overall well-being.

We continue to ensure that 90% of every net dollar raised for Veterans Count is spent to provide services and grow resources for NH service members, veterans, and their families.

For more information please visit, vetscount.org/nh



Auburn Working to Develop Database on Local Drinking Water Sources

The Auburn Conservation Commission and Planning Board are jointly working to develop a database of Auburn's residential, commercial and community drinking water wells.

Included as part of the Town's 2021 budget, the development of the database and ultimate recommendations for potential regulations will be of assistance to both of the land use boards as they consider future proposals for development within the community.

The boards have retained Stantec Consulting Services of Auburn to assist with this undertaking.

Please take a few minutes to assist the Town with this effort and answer as many of the following questions as you can:

1. What date was your well drilled or dug (installed)?
2. What type is your well, – Bedrock (drilled), Overburden (dug)
3. Is your well for a single family residence, duplex, commercial, or small community water supply?
4. If you have it, what is your well ID # - typically from your Well Installer's paperwork and/or from NHDES records
5. How deep is your well, below ground?
6. What is the water yield or pumping rate (in gallons-per-minute) of your well?
7. Since installed or since purchasing the property, have you noticed any changes in yield (i.e. a drop in pressure or flow)?
8. Have you ever had your water quality tested? If so, please include those results with your survey answers.
9. Do you have a water treatment system (i.e. softener)? If so, what is it treating for?

Your responses can be emailed to dan.tatem@stantec.com or hard copies can be mailed to Dan Tatem, C/O Stantec Consulting, 5 Dartmouth Drive, Suite 200, Auburn, NH 03032.

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Cana Couples: Cana Couples is a group of married couples who meet monthly to share a meal and enjoy each other's company. Our monthly gatherings were suspended for a year due to Covid-19, but we have begun meeting again with a few modifications. Our next gathering is Saturday, July 17. We will be meeting outdoors at 1 pm, and ask that each couple bring their own picnic lunch and beverages. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Gendron at 603-623-5429, ext. 1.

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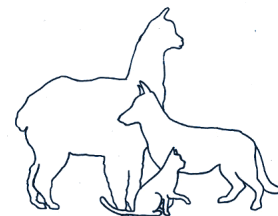
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Summer 2021 is continuing to be a busy season for Longmeadow as we move toward resuming our regular indoor worship services. We rejoice and give thanks for all who have worked so hard at developing and distributing the different vaccines which are allowing us to resume many of our beloved activities. We give thanks to God for continuing to work in and through our community and we give thanks for and to all who have worked so hard to bring our church, community, state and nation to this day.

As of the deadline date for submissions to this Village Crier edition, we are continuing to offer three different worship options. On Sundays at 9:30 we have in-person worship outdoors, on the lawn next to our upper church parking lot and we invite the community to join us in this joyful time of community reunion. We are also continuing to offer worship gatherings on Zoom at 11:00 each Sunday and pre-recorded messages of worship on YouTube. You can contact the church for links to participate.

With the continued improving situation our church is actively working towards the goal is to move to regular worship services in our church sanctuary, which has already been made ready. **Again, please note that all of these plans are subject to change pending the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please contact the church or watch the Auburn Community Facebook page for updates.**

We thank our Auburn friends



and neighbors who donated to our annual **Peanut Butter and Jelly drive** to benefit the Chester Food Pantry, which serves Auburn residents. By working together we were able to make a significant donation to help stock the shelves of the Food Pantry during the traditionally lean summer months.

In July and August, we will be holding a School Supply drive to assist both students at AVS and around the world in areas where people are struggling with desperate poverty. We will be filling backpacks for local students and school bags for Church World Service to distribute. In the months of July and August, a lidded plastic tub on the Tiny Tots porch will be available to accept your donations of the following school supply items. Please note that each bag must contain the same items and so we can **only** accept these specific items:



Round nose scissors
70-count spiral bound notebooks
30-centimeter / 12" ruler (must have centimeters)
Hand-held pencil sharpeners
Large eraser (approx. 1 X 2 inches, no pencil cap erasers)
New, unsharpened pencils with erasers
Box of 24 crayons (only 24)
2 pocket folders
Bound composition books

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our Auburn friends and neighbors a wonderful summer. 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 the Auburn Historical Association

Talking family and community with Jim and Norma Guinesso

Written by Dan Carpenter



Jim and Norma Guinesso



Briarwood fire, 1967. Personal possessions in front yard.

Briarwood Farm on the flat top of Pingree Hill was established by Stephen Pingrey. Pingrey and his family loaded all of their possessions into an ox cart and headed North. Reaching NH, they vowed to push hard and long for 3 days. After 3 days of goading the oxen forward, they reached the edge of Chester (Auburn today) and they purchased what would become Briarwood Farm.

Andrew Guinesso, Sr. purchased the farm in 1912. Six years later, he married Lillian Pingree of Derry who was related to the original Stephen Pingrey. Like many farmhouses, Briarwood rented out to summer visitors. Enough visitors stayed at the farm that a dance hall with its own piano was attached to the back corner of the building. Unfortunately, the farmhouse never had a good well. All water was trucked in from a spring a 1/2 mile away. When the building burned in 1967, this lack of water, the wind that blew unremitting across the top of the hill, and the distance from the Auburn Fire House all played a role in the total destruction of Briarwood.

Jim's Mother, Lil Guinesso, was a teacher. She started out at Auburn No 1 and was there in 1940 when the schoolhouse caught fire during recess. Although the fire created mostly ceiling and roof damage, the school never reopened and the kids were bussed into Auburn Village. Mrs Guinesso then worked in Methuen, Ma and in the early 1960's, opened a school for the severely handicapped at Grenier Field.

Jim hung out with Chuckie Preston. The 2 of them were driving around and creating trouble when they came across an abandoned car at the intersection of Pingree and Calef. Almost immediately, up drives Chief of Police Emerson Heald. Chuckie announces that the car was stolen in Windham last night. The Chief calls the incident in and to the boys amazement, they hear the Police Dispatcher announce that the car was stolen in Windham. The boys figure that they have talked themselves into trouble. But Emmett never missed a beat... "You two are not smart enough to steal a car".

Chief Heald would open the Auburn school gym and let the kids play basketball. He often played with the kids. Some felt that his patented 'Chief' moves were just 'dirty'. The Chief once stopped Jim 3 times within 50 feet. "Where is your front plate?" "What's with the back plate?" Finally he said, "Take this thing home and don't let me see it until it's fixed." Of course, behind Briarwood barn were 85 cars with various problems. So, it wasn't much of a punishment to banish one.

News from the Auburn Historical Association

(Talking family and community with Jim and Norma Guinesso, continued)

In time of emergency, the Town Road Agent would ask for volunteer help. Hurricane Carol, 1954, roared through Auburn and left trees blocking roads all over Town. The Guinesso boys helped the roadways. Blizzards would leave Pingree Hill closed. The Road Agent would call and report that the plow truck could not make the Hill. The Guinesso boys would shovel out the drifts and then spend the rest of the day sledding in the road.

Briarwood Farm is almost exactly 1 mile to a Derry school bus line. If Eva Guinesso Linnie could get there, the Derry bus would take her to Pinkerton Academy. Unfortunately, a small corner of Chester crosses Pingree Rd for about 1/2 a mile. Without any houses for Chester to be concerned about, they never seemed to get around to plowing this section. So Eva, who had polio as a child and suffered permanent leg problems, had to hand shovel a path close to a mile long. Eventually, Auburn took responsibility for Chester's section and I'm sure Chester reciprocated in some fashion.

"Fire!" was a constant threat for country folk. Everyone burned wood and chimney fires in unlined chimneys could burn down the house. Short of water, the Guinesso's went up on the roof during a chimney fire and used 10 gallons of milk to cool down the chimney. (If you have never seen a chimney fire.....the flames are like a blow torch reaching 25' out of the chimney and the sound, a jet engine taking off.)

Back to the Briarwood Fire - The storm windows for the house were stored on the second floor of the barn. As the fire accelerated, the windows started breaking and the overheated glass was pouring into a box stall below housing 3 ponies. Before the ponies could be freed, the hot glass badly burned them. Taken outside, the ponies rolled and large chunks of their flesh just fell off. What to do? There were those in the crowd of onlookers that felt that the only solution was 3 shotgun shells. Frank Seavey (93 Raymond Rd) disagreed and offered to take the ponies to his barn. He did and the ponies responded. They survived.

A few more of Jim Guinesso's memories:

Andy Guinesso, Jr was color-blind... but he did not realize it. He came home with paint looking for a nice "Barn Red". He set to work and was pleased with the results. Most passerby's thought "Pink" but the can said "Fuchsia".

As a Halloween prank, Jim and his friends put a large stuffed alligator on top of Emery's Oak Farm (50 Chester Rd) in Auburn Village. He assumes that the Griffin Museum was its rightful home.

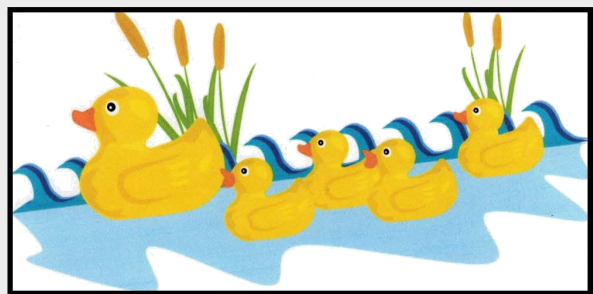
In the 1950's, Jim's Mother, Lil, would pick wild blueberries and sell them to the bakery in Derry for 50 cents a quart. Friday was shopping day in Derry. Lil would take 20 quarts in on a Friday giving her \$10 in cash to go shopping.

Today, both Jim and his son, Jim live on the site of the original farm, Briarwood. Young Jim owns a construction company and to honor his family's heritage, he calls it Briarwood Construction.

Auburn Day and the 28th Annual Duck Race!!!

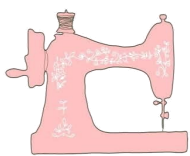
Saturday, September 11th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Downtown Auburn Village on Hooksett Road



The Auburn Historical Association holding its annual Auburn Day and 28th Annual Duck Race event! Plans are in the works and we hope we will see everyone there!

Parks and Rec will be joining us, making this an extra special event! Highlights will include great music and food, local artisans, crafters and vendors, children's activities, local authors, a climbing wall, petting zoo, apple pie contest, pretty chicken contest and much more!



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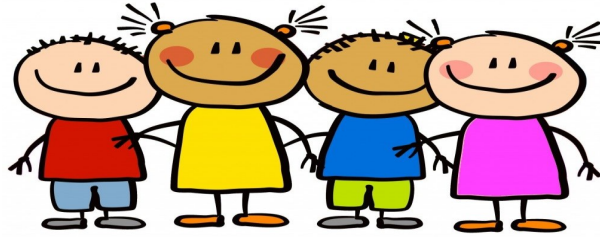
Duck Race, please contact us at

info@auburnhistorical.org for more info!



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AVS SCHOOLYARD NEWS



Auburn Village School (AVS) has flexibly managed to keep its students in school for 160 out of 181 student days this year, 88% of the school year, which likely ranks among the most days a public school in southern NH has been in-person vs. remote!

Thank you to our committed administrative staff, teachers and paraprofessionals, food service, and custodial staff, for enabling students to continue many of the activities they were accustomed to with COVID-19 modifications. COVID-19 infections remained remarkably low, while students enjoyed outdoor learning days, virtual field trips (e.g. 4th grade – the State House, with Virginia Drew, Director of the Visitor's Center, and 7th grade – Lowell Mills to learn about the Industrial Age), a sledding day, outdoor award ceremonies and Kindergarten graduation, and virtual annual projects continued, including the 3rd grade Market Day and 4th grade Wax Museum project. The student-led AVS Leadership Group for 7th and 8th graders led spirit weeks, raised money for a local charity, and executed an outdoor learning day for the middle school. Using health screenings and requiring masking, team sports were held throughout the year.

We were able to offer Field Day events, (A BIG shout out to Mr. Tewksbury!) and the students had a great time. As many schools have canceled Field Day, team sports, and most in-person learning opportunities this year, AVS was able to continue to offer many of these fun activities to their students. We ended the year with honoring our 8th graders by arranging many culminating events such as a Camp MiTeNa Day, a staff organized fun day, a drive-in graduation, and eighth grade dance. A tremendous thank you to Tower Hill Church and, especially, Mike and Kendra Sullivan whose hard work and dedication made the fun day, graduation and dance decorative and fun for all! These are just some of the activities that highlight the successes AVS had this year, despite the pandemic. Another big thank you to our parents and staff for making all of this happen in such uncertain times. Who would have thought we would have had "normal" 88% of our school year at AVS!



Figure 1- Field Day goes on!



Figure 2- Signs provided by the Sullivan Family





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Happy Summer, everyone! It has been wonderful welcoming so many of you back into the library and meeting so many families new to town. In fact, *Griffin Free card holders are now borrowing more print and physical items than ever before!*

We are also happy to announce that **appointments are no longer needed** to browse at the library, so stop on in. **Porch Pick-up services will continue** to be offered for your convenience. As children are not yet able to be vaccinated, the door to the Children's Room will remain open so that you may access the Children's area without having to walk through the rest of the building.

Summer Reading Program

Our children's **Summer Reading Program** runs from June 22 through August 3 and this year's theme is TAILS AND TALES which is geared towards individuals aged 6 – 12. There is still time to sign up and participate! We will again be using the online platform griffinfree.readsquared.com. Each week, participants will also be able to pick up a mission bag from the library.

We will celebrate the end of children's Summer Reading Program with a special

outdoor event on August 18 at 2:00 PM with a fabulous puppet show! Details are available on the ReadSquared platform to all Summer Reading participants.

We are also very excited to offer our summer **Adult Author Series** via Zoom. Space is limited to head on over to our website to register. Here is the list of this year's authors:

- **July 8** - Award winning novelists and friends *Virginia Macgregor* and *Margaret Evans Porter*
- **July 15** - Survivalist and adventure writer *Ty Gagne*
- **July 22** - Texas action/historical novelist *Brendan Greenwood*
- **July 29** - Publisher and non-fiction memoirist *Christopher DiLoreto*
- **Aug. 5** - Local writer, actress and film-maker *KJ Traynor*

Museum Passes

The Library now has the pass to the **American Independence Museum** in Exeter thanks to an anonymous donation. All our passes may now be reserved online from the comfort of your home. Check out our website or give us a call for details.



News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars

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Thank You and Stay Safe,
Mary Hrubiec, President

Report from the Friends of the Library

On May 22nd the Friends hosted a plant sale at the Griffin Library. The event brought in a total of \$1,600, thanks to beautiful Glass flowers donated by Jess Traynor, and Nancy Mayland. The many unique and beautiful donated plants were, as always, very popular. Thank you to all for your donations. The funds will be used to purchase family passes and for the Summer Reading Program entertainment. Thank you again to the patrons that purchased plants that day and to the gardeners that donated plants to the sale.

On September 11th the Friends will be taking part in the Duck Race Day event. Be sure to stop by and see us at one of the vendor tables that we sponsor. We'll be selling popcorn, raffle tickets for theme baskets, and the very popular Pick a Duck table. Because the library will be closed that day, an added feature will be a library information table to answer questions and sign up new patrons.

As always another thank you for supporting your local library.

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