



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

spring  
2022



## ☺ sunday

**13-** Parks & Rec  
Pot O'Gold  
Scavenger Hunt  
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## ☺ monday

**14-** International Ask  
a Question Day???



## ☺ tuesday

**8-** Local Town and  
School District  
Elections

## ☺ saturday

**5-** Red Cross Blood  
Drive, *info below*

**12-** Parks & Rec  
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**19-** Auburn Historical  
Association Open  
House  
1pm– 4pm

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### **Future Dates Inside!!**

## ☺ wednesday

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

## ☺ thursday

**3-** Early Spring Tai Chi  
begins, Page 6

**17-** St. Patrick's Day!!



## ☺ friday

**25-** International  
Waffle Day



### **SAVE THE DATE – CORRECTION**

**WHAT:** RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, **MARCH 5TH**  
8:30AM—1:30PM

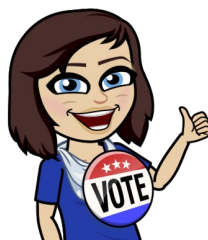
**WHERE:** SAFETY COMPLEX



### **Let Your Vote be Counted**



Please do not forget local Town and School  
District elections will be held on Tuesday,  
March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Auburn  
Village School.



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# *Auburn Town Hall News*

## **A Change for the Selectmen as We Head into 2022 . . . . .**

As we move towards the March elections and voting, Todd Bedard announced at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectmen's meeting he was resigning from his position that he had already decided not to seek re-election to. He reported his plans to secure his master electricians license and the first step to that is taking required courses through the Manchester Community College. Unfortunately, the class schedule conflicts with the Board's meeting schedule, so he felt it appropriate to resign his position.

The remaining Selectmen thanked Mr. Bedard for his service as a Selectmen and his contributions to their various deliberations, discussions and efforts. He had been the driving force for, among other things, looking at upgrading the Town's streetlights with LED units, which have more than cut the Town's annual power expense in half.

In discussing the position and that only one resident had stepped forward to run for the position on the March ballot, Selectmen Leclair and Rolfe voted to appoint Thomas "Tom" Carroll of Copley Court to fill the remainder of Mr. Bedard's term until March 2022.

## **Time to Focus on Local Government**

March is the time for local governments throughout New Hampshire to conduct their business for the year. Candidates for both School District and Town government positions stand for election, annual operating budgets are proposed, potential zoning amendments are put forward, in addition to other proposals in the form of warrant articles.

By now, a Voter's Guide that provides details on the various issues and proposals to face voters for both the Town and School District on March 8<sup>th</sup> should have arrived in your mailbox.

Elsewhere in this edition of The Crier are profiles of individuals who have filed to run for various School District and Town positions. We congratulate all these individuals for stepping forward and offering themselves for these positions.

Voters who may not be able to physically get to the polls on March 8<sup>th</sup> may contact the Town Clerk's office and arrange to cast an absentee ballot. Or plan to go to the Town and School District elections on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Auburn Village School.

## Paving Contract for 2022 Awarded

Planning for road improvement work to be accomplished during the coming year, the Board of Selectmen have approved the proposed paving contract with Advanced Excavating and Paving of Allenstown presented by the Road Agent.

Advanced Paving has performed most of Auburn's paving work for a number of years for both road reconstruction projects, in addition to shim and overlay efforts.

*Keith Leclair*



*Todd Bedard*

*Michael Rolfe*

*Auburn Board of Selectmen*



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

Don't forget that your fur baby needs to be licensed by April 30th, 2022.  
See the dog licensing link at:  
[www.auburnnh.us](http://www.auburnnh.us)



### **2022 BOAT DECALS ARE AVAILABLE!**

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

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

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

**Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Friday 8:00 AM – Noon**

Remember: When you complete your boat registration in town, the town fees collected will remain in Auburn, otherwise they go to the State.



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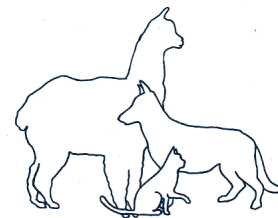
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## **Pot O'Gold Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday, March 12 & Sunday, March 13**

Lucky the Leprechaun hid his pot of gold somewhere in Auburn. It is your job to find it and collect some gold for yourself. On Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13, there will be 5 rainbows throughout town that will lead you to his hidden treasure. Bring your smartphone with you because on each rainbow will be a QR code.



Scan that code and you will find a number as well as the location of the next rainbow. All the numbers that you collect along the way will give you the combination to unlock Lucky's treasure and collect your gold.

You will start your search at the Town Hall where you will find the first rainbow. If at any point you need a hint or have a question, you can call or text the Scavenger Hunt Hotline at 603-587-1063. The rainbows will be placed outside at 9:00 am and removed at 5:00 pm each day to keep them safe. In the event of bad weather, the hunt may be postponed. Please check on the P&R website or Facebook and Instagram pages before you head out if it looks questionable

## **Tot Soccer for 4-year-olds**

**Saturdays, May 7 – June 11**



Tot Soccer is back this season for 4-year-olds and just like the "big kids", the Tots will be led by the soccer pros from SNHU. The kids will learn basic soccer skills as well as develop strength, coordination, listening skills, and teamwork.

This program will run for 5 weeks on Saturdays starting May 7 through June 11 (no program Memorial Day weekend) at 10:00-11:00 am at Wayne Eddows. The fee is \$65 for 5-week program. Preregistration is required & space is limited. (Players must be at least 4 years old during the session.)

## **\*NEW\* Tiny Tot Soccer for 3-year-olds**

**Saturdays, May 7 – June 11**

NEW in 2022 ... TINY TOT SOCCER for the littlest soccer players. This program for 3-year-olds, will also be led by the SNHU soccer pros. Tiny Tot Soccer will run for 5 weeks on Saturdays starting May 7 through June 11 (no program Memorial Day weekend). The 30-minute program begins at 9:30 am at Wayne Eddows. The fee is \$50 for 5-week program. Preregistration is required & space is limited. (Players must be at least 3 years old during the session.)





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## **Town-Wide Yard Sale**

**Saturday, May 14**

It's time to start planning for the Town-Wide Yard Sale. If you are spending the winter cleaning out your attics, basements and garages and are ready to get rid of your old stuff, join the Auburn Town-Wide Yard Sale. This event will be held on **Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**. You price and tag your own items, set the sale up outside at your own house and then you keep the profits. The registration fee is only \$15. When you register with the Parks and Recreation department, your house will be included on the official town wide yard sale map, you will receive location sign to help shoppers find your sale easily and we will take care of all the advertising for you.

Do you want to participate in the Town-Wide Yard Sale but live on a road that is too busy or unsafe for visitors to stop? This year we are offering a public location for Auburn residents that want to join the sale but are unable to set up at their own home.

**SELLERS:** To sign up for the Town-Wide Yard Sale, please complete the registration form (found on the Parks & Rec website at [AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under the tab "rec forms") and return it to the Parks and Recreation Department along with payment. The deadline to register is April 30th.

**SHOPPERS:** To shop the Town-Wide Yard Sale, you can pick up a map at the Town Hall starting on Friday, May 6th. A link to a google map will be available on the Parks and Rec website and Facebook page. You can also pick up a copy the day of the event from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm at the Auburn Town Hall. There is no charge for the map.



## **Bunny Brunch**

**Saturday, April 2**

Hop on over to the Parks & Rec's first Bunny Brunch! Join us for a pancake brunch that will include bunny activities and crafts at each table. The Bunny will be there for pictures so be sure to bring your camera capture the moment.

The Bunny Brunch will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Auburn Village School. There will be 3 seating options: 8:00-9:00 am, 9:30-10:30 am and 11:00 am -12:00 pm. **There is limited seating at each time slot so advanced registration is required.** The fee is \$8 per person. (Children under 2 are free) The registration form can be found on the Parks & Rec website at [AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under "Rec Forms".



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## **Spring Jumping Beans**

**Wednesdays, May 4 - June 8**

Jumping Beans is a class for children ages 2-5 to get out and get moving with Miss Joelle! This class offers moms (or dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc) and kids an opportunity to make new friends and dance to some of their favorite songs. We will do simple dance moves to go along with the music.

The spring session will run from May 4 through June 8. 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 6-week session is \$42. The registration form can be found on the Parks & Rec website at [AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under the tab "rec forms. Pre-registration is required.



## **Tai Chi (Early Spring Session)**

**Thursdays, March 3 – April 21**

The next session of Tai Chi is starting March 3 and all are welcome to join. 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.



This 8-week session will start on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am at the Town Hall. (We'll head outside to Bicentennial Park when the weather is nice.) This session will run through April 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost for the session is \$58. The registration form for this program can be found on our website, [AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under the "Rec Forms" tab.

## **How to Register for Parks and Rec Programs**

To register for Parks & Rec programs, visit [auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://auburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation). You will find the registration forms under the "**Rec Forms**" tab. The completed forms along with payment can be mailed to Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall (the after-hours drop box is located to the right of the front door of the Town Hall). Checks can be made payable to "Town of Auburn". If you have any questions, you can call Amy at 603-483-5052 x101 or email at [Recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:Recreation@townofauburnNH.com).

For the most updated information on Parks and Rec activities, follow us on Facebook or Instagram at **AuburnNHParksAndRec**





Dear Griffin Free Public Library Community,

As of February 17, I will be stepping down as Library Director of the Griffin Free Public Library. It has been such a pleasure to serve as Director for the past six years and as I near the end of my term, I find myself reflecting on my time in Auburn. During this time, the library Trustees, staff and Friends have worked hard to make Griffin Free the place in town *where Auburn comes together*. This is reflected in the remarkable growth Griffin Free has seen in its usage and number of library card holders. Growth that I was honored to be a part of.

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on parts of this amazing journey with all of you.

- *Getting to know Auburn and the staff at GFPL:* What an honor it was to get to know all of you! This is such a lovely small town filled with wonderful people who go out of their way to help one another. I also can't speak highly enough about the Trustees, staff and Friends of the library. It will be no surprise to any library user for me to say we have a truly friendly and caring team at Griffin Free. The staff embody the library's core values of compassion, innovation, and service. Thank you for letting me be part of it!
- *Rapid flexibility and adjustment during the pandemic:* Throughout the pandemic, the library remained true to our core values of adaptability, cooperation and respect while finding innovative ways to support our community's educational, recreational, and cultural needs. This meant adapting our service model to support virtual access to resources and development of our "Porch Pick-Up" service to provide safe access to physical material.
  - We focused on community engagement through our virtual programming and providing quality and innovative programming to citizens of all ages.
  - We supported digital literacy through expanded Wi-Fi and circulation of wireless hotspots in our community.
  - We enhanced access to library resources by moving library card registration online.
  - We added an online component to our Summer Reading Program
- *Significant growth in library usage:* Library card holders have grown over 117 percent in recent years resulting in Griffin Free winning the annual NH State Library Card Challenge Trophy in 2019. Physical and online usage also continues to grow, despite the pandemic reaching our highest usage to date of over 28,000 borrowed items in 2021.

I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting the library, and for helping to make it thrive. I am grateful and feel so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the Auburn community and have many wonderful memories of my time as director. Although I will no longer be working at the library, I will still be in Auburn, and I look forward to bumping into all of you around town.

I leave the library with great confidence in the staff, knowing that they are capable of overcoming any hurdles that may come up. I am grateful to the Board of Trustees for providing me this opportunity and all the support they have provided as well as to the Friends of Griffin Free Public Library for all of their financial support and dedication to providing great programs and resources for the library.

Best regards,

Kathy Growney



# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We are in the tail end of winter (hopefully). Don't pack away those shovels just yet, as we often have had at least one visit from mother nature with a snowstorm, freezing rain, or ice during the month.

As the nicer afternoons come our way, please remember to take extra caution for adults and children walking and playing. Especially while the large piles of snow continue to melt.

As the warm weather continues and you start thinking about spring cleaning, we wanted to remind everyone this is also a great time to update any information you may want the department to have on hand in case of any emergency.

**But what if I don't have an alarm?** That is ok. Sometimes residents have information other than an alarm that they'd like officers to be aware of in case of an emergency. Examples could be, medical information, friendly or unfriendly pets, a local contact who does not reside in auburn but has a key to the home if needed.

**What do you do with this information?** This information is kept in our computer system for our officer only; and is not released or shared with anyone outside the department.

**I filled out a form once already, do I need to do another one?** While we do have previous information given to us, it is a good idea to be sure that the information we have is still correct and up to date.

Our residential and business alarm form can be found on our department website, [auburnnh.us](http://auburnnh.us) under forms.



**Let's shake off the cold winter blues with a contest for our K-9's!!!!**

**All you must do to ENTER is to have registered your dog before May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

On May 1<sup>st</sup> Auburn Police Department will randomly pick 10 DOG LICENSE NUMBERS from those who have registered their dog before the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**1<sup>st</sup> place:**

150.00 Gift Certificate to Woof Meow of Derry

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:**

75.00 Gift Certificate to Woof Meow of Derry

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:**

50.00 Gift Certificate to Woof Meow of Derry

**10 runner ups:**

An Auburn Police Department K9 Unit Leash

**BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>!!**



# AUBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Smoke Alarms at Home

**SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART** of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



### FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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# **MEET THE CANDIDATES**



**Selectman 3 Years - Thomas Carroll**

**Town Moderator 2 Years - Thomas Lacroix**

**Library Trustee 3 Years - Elizabeth Michaud**

**Cemetery Trustee 3 Years - Walter Milne**

**Trust Fund Trustee 3 Years - Danyle Lane**

**Planning Board 3 Years - Michael O'Callaghan**

**School Board 3 Years - Jason Tyburski**

**School Board 3 Years - Alan Villeneuve**

**School Moderator 3 Years - Thomas Lacroix**

**School District Treasurer 3 Years - Linda Zapora**

**Supervisor of the Checklist 6 Years - Barbara J. Coapland**

**Address:**

PO Box 61

**Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate:**

I have been a Supervisor of the Checklist for several years already. The freedom we have in New Hampshire is very precious to me and serving allows me to help in any miniscule way I can.



# **MEET THE CANDIDATES**



## **Police Commission 3 Years - David Oliveira**

**Address:** Westford Dr.

**Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate:**

Hello residents of Auburn! I would like to take a few minutes of your time to introduce myself, provide some background and touch on philosophy when approaching the job of Police Commissioner for Auburn. My name is Dave Oliveira – our family is extremely grateful for this incredible town and all the people we have met throughout the years. Over the past several years we have strived to be active within the community, ranging from coaching Auburn youth sports to sitting on multiple town committees. Having two boys who are now getting older and more independent has freed up time allowing myself to become more involved and continue to contribute to this great town we call home, which is why I am seeking your vote as the next Police Commissioner. As a Police Commissioner, I will leverage my leadership background to represent the residents of Auburn as well as the people of our Police Department and simultaneously work to improve operations and efficiencies. The goal is to successfully give Auburn's Police department the tools and resources required to successfully continue protecting the town of Auburn and create a sought-after department within the State of New Hampshire.

## **Police Commission 3 Years - Joseph A. Rossino**

**Address:** 423 Manchester Rd.

**Why do you see yourself as a qualified candidate:**

Please allow me to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about my career in public service as I would like to be considered as a candidate for the Auburn Police Commissioner position. I have been a resident of Auburn, NH for 17 years and am currently an active member of the Auburn Fire Department. As the police commissioner, I would bring over 40 years of public service (including police, fire and EMS experience) to the town of Auburn. I am thankful for the support of Dennis McCarthy, the current police commissioner, who has endorsed my candidacy.

Initially, I started my public service career as a supervisor for Action Ambulance, Melrose, MA. While there, I enrolled in the NH State Police Academy; in 1986 I was appointed and served as a full-time police officer for the Hudson NH Police Department on the motorcycle and the technical accident reconstruction units.

Additionally, I participated in the 9/11 ground zero search and rescue in NYC from 9/12/2001 through 9/14/2001.

I have 3 degrees; business management, business administration and criminal justice. Presently, I operate my own plumbing company with my son, Avery: Rossino & Son Plumbing & Heating in Auburn, NH.

## Scout News

During the month of February, Troop 127 had many important events. First, the troop attended the Klondike Derby: Return to the Yukon at Camp Carpenter. The boys tugged their sled around Crystal Lake, stopping along the way to complete tough challenges and answer vital Scout Questions regarding First Aid, Fire Building, Orienteering, and other essential outdoor skills. The Troop fared well with overall score, but truly shined in the light of Scout Spirit earning all possible "Nuggets" (morale points) at every single station except for one.

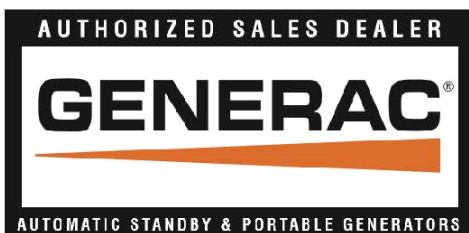
The following weekend, Scouts were esteemed guests at the Blue and Gold Banquet, an elegant but fun ceremony to celebrate the Birthday of Scouting and the bridging of the "Arrow of Light" Scouts of Pack 127 into the Troop. Pack 127's 4 female AOLs created a new Troop, designated as 127G, and are planning events already.

Troop 127B received 3 new boys after the Blue and Gold who've already begun working on their Fireman Chit, a badge which permits them to start and manage fires, and their Totin' Chip, which allows them to handle Axes, Knives, and Saws. Keep your eyes peeled for more Scout Info in the future, as Troop 127G will begin writing its own Crier Article soon!



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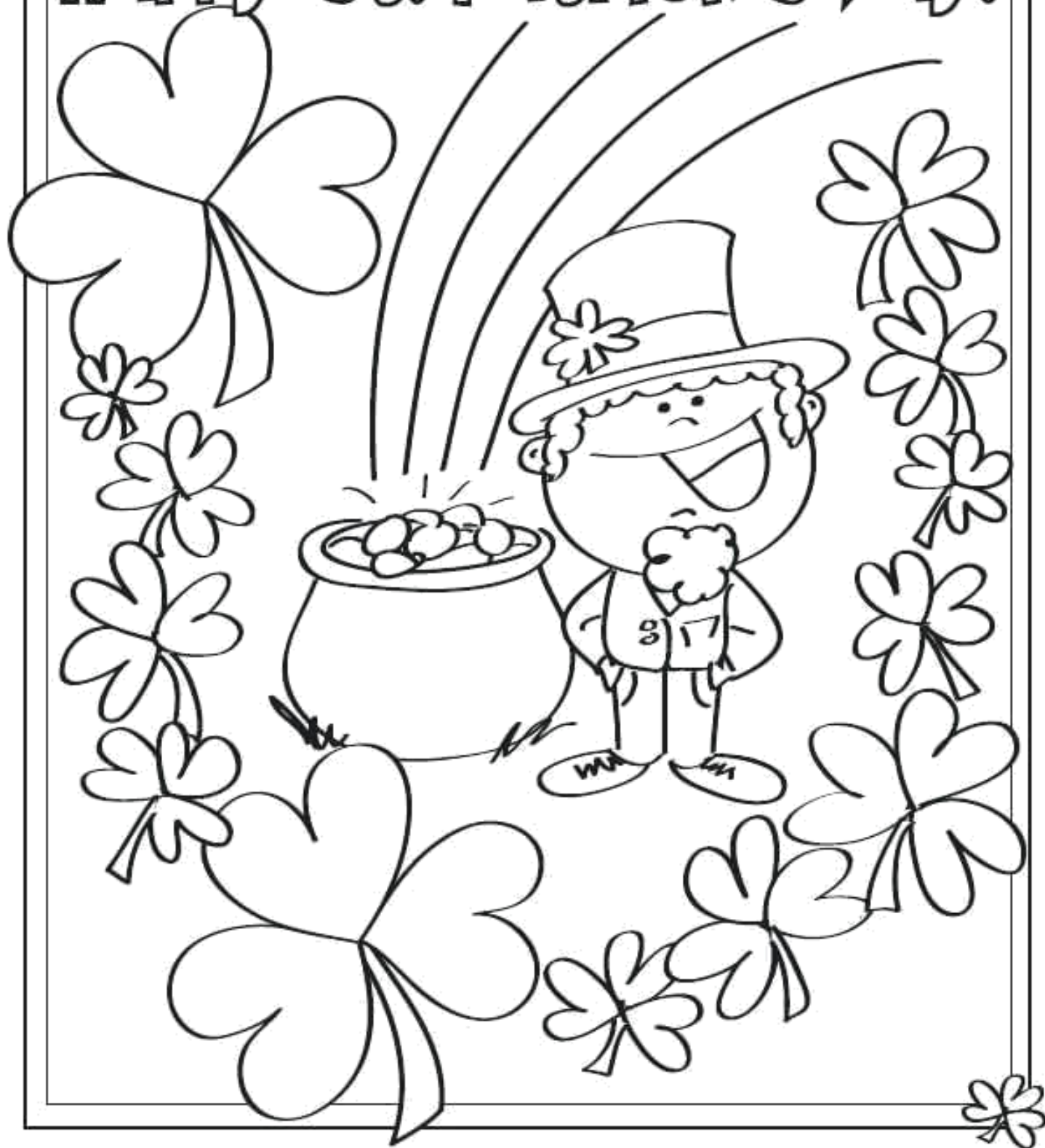
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# HAPPY St. Patrick's Day!



# News from the Massabesic Garden Club

*"Earth laughs in flowers" -Ralph Waldo Emerson*

I went for a walk in the woods yesterday, in the 50 degree weather and saw some partridge berries and princess pine exposed. It was very exciting as the change of season is coming and that's why living in New Hampshire is so wonderful. How many of you are immersed in seed catalogs thinking about your beautiful gardens for the year?

We held our meeting virtually in February. We had a presentation on the topic of winter sowing from our Club President Tracey Noonan. Several members also had experience in winter sowing and we had a great discussion!! Next year we will hold this workshop in person, it will be lot more fun. Please email [Massabesicgc@gmail.com](mailto:Massabesicgc@gmail.com) if you would like to have a copy of the power point from University of Maryland that was used .

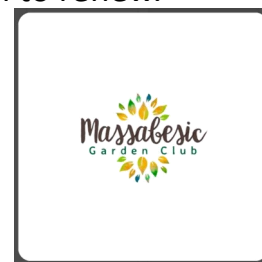
Several of our Board members will be meeting with the Auburn Historical Association in February to discuss possibilities for an upcoming joint garden project at their location. Stay tuned for information on the theme and details of this exciting collaborative project! If it goes forward, we will be looking to form a committee of a 'dirty dozen', people of all talents and backgrounds to assist with the planning. Please let us know if you are interested in this, whether or not you are a member of either group. We are also considering projects in other areas of town.

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

If you would like to join the garden club, please contact us so we can send you a member form, or just show up at a meeting. The cost is \$25/yr. (Under 18 and over 70 join for free!). We have 58 members now. What a fantastic turnout for a group formed during a pandemic, that is less than one year old. Member renewals will occur in May, existing members will receive a renewal form and will be able to bring a check to a meeting, or mail a check in to renew.



Facebook: Massabesic Garden Club  
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Fr. David Gagnon, Parochial Vicar

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### Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am



**Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Information on the times for distribution of ashes ([stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net)), Stations of the Cross and Mass schedule will be available on our website.

**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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***Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16).***

As we continue to move forward with so many challenges before us, we of the Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC in Auburn, will be entering the holy season of Lent this month seeking to be a light in the world and to shine brightly where we are in the world. We continue to give thanks for all this community has done for each other and for those in greatest need.

Currently our church family continues to gather in three ways:

In person worship at 9:30 on Sundays, with precautions recommended and encouraged.

On-line worship services, using Zoom on Sundays at 11:00

And YouTube pre-recorded services (all Sunday Worship and Wednesday Children's Messages can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZuV4b91h\\_8LYHqYRATqhw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZuV4b91h_8LYHqYRATqhw))

Additionally, we are planning a few special outdoor gatherings for Easter, as well. You may contact the church (483-2907) to check on the current situation or ask any questions.



### **Lent – Being a Light in the Darkness**

This is a season of preparing ourselves for the joy of Easter and the Resurrection. Although we understand that for many this means a time of sacrifice and denial, we are seeking to add to the light of the world rather than to the darkness. We plan to do this through a combination of personal devotional time, worship and service, both locally and globally. We are

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working on writing a weekly devotional booklet and we invite you, our Auburn neighbors and friends to join us at any of our regular and special gatherings for worship.



### **March 2, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday.**

We will begin the holy season of Lent, in which we prepare ourselves for the resurrection by listening to the teachings of Jesus. We will be gathering for a special Ash Wednesday service that evening in the Sanctuary, with a pre-recorded version also available on YouTube (see link above). **Special Children's Message Series on Caring for God's Creation:** Pastor Ruth and several members of our congregation are working on a series of special messages for the children about how we can care for the environment as part of our discipleship. These will be posted each Wednesday morning for you to watch (See link to the channel above).

**Outreach and Service:** Our Missions Committee is actively working to offer opportunities to serve during this season both locally and globally. These include:

Church World Service Hygiene Kits: We love joining with other churches to serve and CWS provides us the opportunity to make a real difference in the world in times of crisis. In the summer many of you joined us in assembling School Kits and during the months of March and April, we will be assembling Personal Hygiene Kits. In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, hygiene kits can mean the difference between

sickness and health for struggling families. If you would like to join in this effort, we would be happy to accept your donations of complete kits, contact Pastor Ruth at the church for pick up or drop off information. Each kits should be packaged in a one-gallon zip lock bag and include all of the following items:

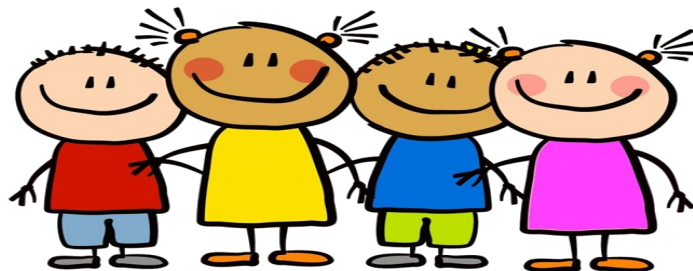
One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber), One washcloth, One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth, no pocket combs or picks, rattail and combs without handles are acceptable), One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable), One bath-size bar of soap in the original package, One toothbrush in the original package, Ten standard size Band-Aids.

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

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish all of our Auburn friends the ability to stay warm this winter and seek to serve where we can, following with gratitude and trust in where God will lead us. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 603-483-2907.



# AVS SCHOOLYARD NEWS



AVS students in Kindergarten through 8th grade participated in the Great Kindness Challenge during the week of January 24th. Last year over 33,000 schools participated in this event across the world. Students are each given a checklist of kind deeds and challenged to see how many of the 50 kindness acts they can complete. Many students created Kindness Matters signs and thank you cards for people in our community. Students were encouraged to create their own deeds for others as well. Many students worked very hard to complete as many kind acts as they could.



Thank you cards for Facilities staff.



Mrs. Kyzer's 5th grade class completed over 500 kinds acts!



## **CHILD FIND CLINIC**

The Auburn School District will be conducting a Child Find Clinic on March 26th, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School. The Child Find clinic involves screening your child in speech, motor and learning skills. The professional staff of the Auburn School District will administer the screening. To be eligible your child must live in Auburn, be 3-6 years old, and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you suspect that your child has a disability that affects his or her learning please call the school at 483-2769 ext. 1005 to make an appointment. Appointments must be made and walk-ins will not be accepted.

*Covid-19 protocols will be put in place to ensure the safety of the parents/Guardians, children and staff. A waiting room will be provided to ensure proper social distancing. Masks are not mandatory for adults or children but are strongly encouraged for all. The professional staff will practice safety and cleaning protocols. We ask that you do not arrive early as we will need time in between each child to properly sanitize. Please do not attend the clinic if you or your child are experiencing any cold symptoms and are not feeling well. Thank you for your understanding.*



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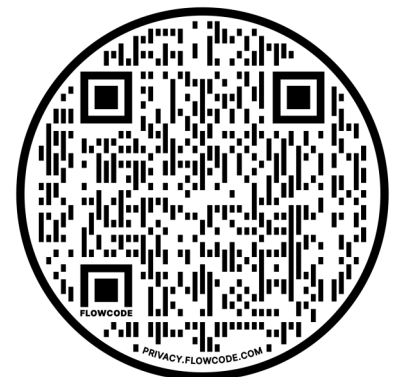
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## *News from the Auburn Historical Association*



### **Health Dilemmas**

Written by Dan Carpenter

Left: Gravestone of Jacob Luskin who died of consumption in 1872 at age 47.

Right: Jacob's daughter Anna, age 18 died of consumption in 1873, six months after her father.

Both are buried in the Longmeadow cemetery in Auburn.



COVID 19 has ravaged our country and the world for the last two years. Roughly 18% of Auburnites have contracted the disease (Over 1,100 cases in Auburn in a population of 6,000, as of this writing). Fatalities that I am aware of were elderly residents of nursing homes outside Auburn. COVID is the worst epidemic since a polio outbreak in the late 1940's and at that time, people got the Salk vaccine.

In the 1800's, seemingly random epidemics of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, measles, and flu rolled across America destroying families and upending communities.

In 1851, Frederick and Lavinia Underhill had four children. In one horrible four day period, Lydia age 4, Richard age 6, and 1 year old Susan died and were buried in Auburn's Longmeadow Cemetery. Soon after, the Underhill family moved to Vermont. There, their sole remaining child lived a long life. When he died, his body was returned and interred in the Longmeadow Cemetery next to his siblings.

During the Civil War, the 14th, 15th, 16th New Hampshire Regiments were raised and men volunteered for nine month enlistments. Many men who had never been further than 6 miles from their homes traveled to Louisiana and took part in the Battle of Fort Hudson. The successful outcome opened the Mississippi River. No soldiers from the 16th died from bullets. However, fully 1/3 of the Regiment was dead within a year mostly from disease laden mosquitoes. Of the 600 survivors, many suffered malaria type symptoms the rest of their lives.

One hundred years ago, 700,000 Americans died from the Spanish Flu of 1918. As of this writing, America has lost 800,000 people to COVID in a country three times larger than the population in 1918. The Spanish Flu of 1918 did not affect the mortality rate in Auburn. During that time period, about a dozen Auburnites died every year. In 1918, a cause of death was listed and one person died of the "flu".

In addition to these epidemics that swept the country, Americans were plagued by another disease that mystified them. It was called consumption. People seemed to 'wither away'. They were 'consumed'. Everyone seemed vulnerable to the disease but young adults more so, women more than men, and poor more than middle class. Henry David Thoreau (intellectual, writer, naturalist, botanist) succumb to consumption at age 44. Doc Holliday (Dentist, Gun slinger at the OK Corral) went West seeking relief from consumption and died at age 36.



# *News from the Auburn Historical Association*

*(Health Dilemmas, cont'd)*



Left: many schools remained opened in 1918 during the flu pandemic and children wore masks to school. Above and right, ladies wearing masks while out in public.

In Auburn, Jacob Lufkin died of consumption in 1872 at age 47. He was a Civil War veteran, blacksmith, and part owner of the Edge Tool Mill in Auburn Village. Six months later, his 18 year old daughter, Anna, died of the same horrible disease. On her deathbed, Anna married A. C. Watson. A decade later, Watson died of the same disease. All three are buried in the Longmeadow Cemetery.

In 1900, consumption was the leading cause of death in America. Consumption became tuberculosis (TB), a highly contagious airborne disease passed from person to person. It could also be carried from infected cows mostly via raw milk. Between 1917-1940, the US government purchased and destroyed 3.8 million cows that tested positive for TB. At the same time, a major push was made to pasteurize milk. Combined, these two programs saved 25,000 lives a year.

It's been 70 years since Americans were scared to death by iron lungs and crippled children. Penicillin and other miracle drugs helped keep the worst diseases at bay

For the COVID 19 pandemic, scientists used new ideas and new methods to develop a vaccine in record time. Hopefully, we are about done with COVID and the future looks brighter.

*The Auburn Historical Association is always on the lookout for unique antique photos and/or memorabilia to preserve for our town. Do you have something you think might be of interest that you would like to share? If so, please visit us during one of our open houses—every third Saturday of the month from 1-4. Or you can email us at [info@auburnhistorical.org](mailto:info@auburnhistorical.org) to set up an appointment with one of our volunteers!*

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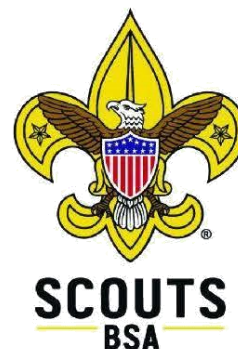
*All data is taken from the NHAR.org for single family residential activity.*



## Non-Profit Spotlight

### BSA Troop 127

On February 12th, Pack 127 had 7 Arrow of Light Scouts bridge over from Cub Scouting to Scouting BSA. Four of those Arrows of Light are female and they will be forming our first ever Troop 127G (Girl). This is an historic moment for our town and our Troop. I couldn't be more proud of the young men and women who are learning to be better leaders and citizens through Scouting.



*If you or your children would like to learn more about Scouting please let me know.  
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