



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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Note:

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## A note from the Editor...

This will be my last issue as editor of the *Auburn Village Crier*. I have been at it since June 2016.

Although I have enjoyed working on each publication and will miss it dearly, I am confident that our New Editor will make it as great if not better.

Taking over as editor will be Mimi Friolet. Mimi also serves as the new Finance Assistant here at Town Hall.

The email address to which you should send articles and advertisements remains the same:

[townhall@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:townhall@townofauburnnh.com)

Please join me in welcoming Mimi!

## Last call for Girl Scout Cookies!

Time to stock up before they are gone for the year. If you would like some of your favorite flavors they are just \$5 per box or you can donate boxes to local heroes. If you haven't seen a Girl Scout in your neighborhood, we have troops in town who would love to help you. Just reach out to leader Jennifer Anderson at [girlscoutsjen@gmail.com](mailto:girlscoutsjen@gmail.com) or 603-889-8920 to place your order by 3/15.



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# Auburn Town Hall News

## A Change at Town Hall as We Head into 2021 . . . . .

As we move towards the pending retirement of Finance Director Adele Frisella at the end of March and the promotion of Finance Assistant Patricia Rousseau to the Finance Director's position, we are pleased to welcome Amanda Friolet of Auburn to the Town Hall as the new Finance Assistant.

Following a search of several months, Mrs. Friolet was selected from seven applicants for the position. She will be working with both Adele and Patty during March to enable a smooth transition between everyone in the finance office.

With a background that closely matches the job skills necessary for the Finance Assistant's position, Mrs. Friolet will be learning the specifics of the Town Hall operations during the transition period to enable the new Finance Director and Finance Assistant to hit the ground running as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 pro-

vides details on the various issues and proposals to face voters for both the Town and School District on March 9<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 them-

selves for these positions.

Voters who may not be able to physically get to the polls on March 9<sup>th</sup> may contact the Town Clerk's office and arrange to cast an absentee ballot. Or plan on going to the Town and School District elections on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Auburn Village School.

## New Alternate Member for ZBA

Last month Patrick Bergeron volunteered and was appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). His appointment is for a three-year term to ex-

pire in March 2024.

One of the leaders of Auburn's Neighborhood Watch effort, Mr.

Bergeron is also a candidate for the open seat on the Police Commission at the March election.



## Paving Contract for 2021 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.

## Let Your Vote be Counted

Please do not forget local Town and School District elections will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Auburn Village School.

*Keith Leclair*



*Todd Bedard*

*Michael Rolfe*

*Auburn Board of Selectmen*



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



**All dogs need to be re-licensed every year by April 30**

**The 2021 dog tags are Green colored.**

**See the dog licensing link at [www.auburnnh.us](http://www.auburnnh.us)**



## **2021 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.



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

**Saturday, March 13 & Sunday, March 14**

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 13 and Sunday, March 14, 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.

## **Town-Wide Yard Sale**

**Saturday, May 15**

The Town-Wide Yard Sale is back in 2021! If you cleaned out your attics, basements and garages during quarantine 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 15 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.

**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 the map at the Town Hall starting on Monday, May 10th. They will also be available at [AuburnNH.us](http://AuburnNH.us) or on the Auburn Parks and Recreation Facebook page starting on Wednesday, May 6th. 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.



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## **Junior Chefs Virtual Cooking Class**

**Tuesday, March 9**



Get your kids cooking again with Junior Chefs VIRTUAL Cooking Classes. Jen Anderson is back teaching holiday themed treats but this time the students will be learning at home. This class, for kids age 6 and over, will be held live on Zoom. Jen has planned projects that the child can do on their own, along with her instruction, however a parent may be needed to help with the oven.

The St. Patrick's Day class, where we will make mint brownies and surprisingly delicious green food, will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, also 4:00-5:00 pm. Pre-registration is required with a deadline of March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the St. Patrick's Day class. The form can be found on the Park & Rec website at [auburnNH.us/parks-and/recreation](http://auburnNH.us/parks-and/recreation) under the tab "Rec Forms". The fee for the class is \$12. Ingredients are not included in the class fee. When you register, you will be sent the link to log on to Zoom so that your child can experience the class live. You will also be sent a list of ingredients and tools that will be needed for the class.

## **NH Rec Esports League- Spring Session**

**Season Starts April 12**

**Our second season of Esports is here.** Esports is one of the fastest growing competitions in the world. This league is a safe way for players to compete with friends on your own in the comfort and safety of your own home.

We are offering the following games in our Spring competitions:

Rocket League (3 v 3, any device)  
Rocket League (1 v 1, any device)  
Madden21 (1 v 1, Playstation or Xbox)  
Super Smash Bros. (1 v 1, Nintendo Switch)  
Fortnite (1 v 1, any device)  
Fortnite (2 v 2, any device)



**\*\*New this season- There are three age categories: 8-12, 13-17 and 18+\*\***

Leagues will be run through GGLeagues online gaming and will consist of a six-week season where players will play one game a week. At the end of the season, players will participate in a single elimination tournament to crown the champion. All games will be played within the NH Rec Esports League. All players will be registered through their own town recreation department. The link to the Auburn registration page through GGLeagues is [www.ggleagues.com/organization/town-of-auburn](http://www.ggleagues.com/organization/town-of-auburn). The season starts April 12<sup>th</sup> with the deadline to register is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$25 per person per league (players can play in multiple leagues).

*To play, you must have a console/computer to play on, email address, own the game you are registering to play and have the ability to play live. All games are monitored by GGLeagues and players are held to a code of conduct to maintain a fun and safe gaming atmosphere.*



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## **Traveling EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 3**

New this year, we have created an egg hunt that we are taking on the road! In a covid-safe version of a traditional egg hunt, you will drive to 4 different locations to collect eggs. At each location, you will be greeted by a special character, given candy filled eggs and directed to the location of your next stop. When you reach your final location, the Easter Bunny will be there to hand out a special craft for you to do at home.

The fee to participate is \$7 per egg hunter. This event is designed for kids up to age 10 but older kids are welcome to participate too. Pre-registration is required with a deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>. Once registered, you will be sent a "ticket" that will instruct you when and where to go for your first stop. Start times will vary so there is not a long wait at each location. The exact times will depend on the families registered, but we expect start times to fall somewhere between 10:00 am and 11:30 am. Masks will be required to participate in this event.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....** We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the eggs as well as hand them out at the event. We will need at least a dozen volunteers of all ages. If you are interested in helping, please contact Amy at [recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:recreation@townofauburnNH.com)



## **Spring Tot Soccer**

**Saturday, May 8-June 5**



Auburn Parks & Recreation and the Auburn Soccer Club are teaming up to bring soccer to the youngest players. 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 through June 12 (no program Memorial Day weekend) at 10:00-11:00 am at Wayne Eddows. The fee is \$50 for 5-week program. Preregistration is required & space is limited

## **Camp Adventure**

**July 26-30 and August 2-6**

Camp Adventure is back again for another year of friends and fun!! Auburn Parks & Rec is offering a full day summer camp that will travel to exciting destinations throughout the state. New this year... we are offering 2 weeks of camp! This camp does fill up fast so do not wait to send in your registration. The registration form was in the February edition of the Crier. At the time this Crier is going to print, both weeks are over half full. If you plan to sign up, please do not wait.



Week 1 will be held Monday July 26 through Friday, July 30 and week 2 is Monday August 2 through Friday, August 6 starting at 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Camp is open to students entering grades 5-8 in the 2021-2022 school year. Registration began on February 1 for Auburn residents and will open on May 1 for non-residents if space is available. The fee for the camp is \$279 per week. Full payment is due at the time of registration. If camp needs to be canceled due to covid restrictions, all registered will receive a full refund.



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## **Helen Hiltz Community Service Award 2020**

Presented by the Auburn Parks and Recreation Commission, the Helen Hiltz Community Service Award is given to a citizen, or citizens, whose voluntary efforts throughout the year have improved the quality of recreation and leisure opportunities for the residents of Auburn. This award is named after Helen Hiltz who served as the Parks and Recreation Secretary for many years. It was through her many efforts that recreation flourished in the Town of Auburn.

This past year, when the town, as well as the world, was sent into their homes and required to social distance from friends and family, these three Auburn citizens jumped into action and brought smiles to many Auburn families. They started the birthday parades throughout town and gathered residents to safely celebrate these special occasions. What could have turned into another typical day at home became an extra special memory that these kids and their families will never forget.



But it doesn't stop there for these three. When it looked like Easter celebrations were going to be cancelled, they started the East Bunny Parade throughout town. They volunteered at the drive-in Senior BBQ, Trunk or Treat drive-thru and the PTA's outdoor spooky walk. Whenever help was needed for an event, they were there without hesitation.

Congratulations to Mort Alling, Shawn Matte and Tom Zapora on receiving the 2020 Helen Hiltz Community Service Award. Thank you for all you do!

### **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) where 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. Checks can be made payable to "Town of Auburn". If you have any questions, you can call Amy at 483-5052 x101 or email at [Recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:Recreation@townofauburnNH.com).

All programs are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are minimums for most P&R programs. If we do not reach the minimum, programs may be cancelled. Please do not wait to send in your registration forms so your program does not get cancelled.

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



# AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

In November, Master Patrol Officer Christopher Beale, retired from the Auburn Police Department after having been with us for many years. Chris came to us from the Candia Police in June of 2006 and was our DARE officer and de facto School Resource Officer during much of his time with us. Chris was truly dedicated to helping the youth of Auburn and loved his time at Auburn Village School.

Chris was an outstanding patrol officer who worked many hours to help make Auburn the great community that it is by giving of his time at our frequent community events.

Many of us who worked with Chris considered it a privilege. He will be missed by all of us here and we wish him the best of luck on his next adventure.

The department will be honoring Chris at our Annual Awards Ceremony in April. Anyone wishing to send cards or congratulations to Chris can send them to Melissa at the PD via email [mgates@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:mgates@townofauburnnh.com) or via mail at C/O Auburn Police Department PO Box 339 Auburn, NH 03032



The Department knows when it's tax season because we receive a lot more complaints of phone scams, concerning someone posing as a debt collector for the IRS. These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things are a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will they call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

We want our residents to be safe, unfortunately we cannot stop these calls, but if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us to help you determine if this is a phone scam.

Check out the IRS web site for more information at:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>

## WHO LOVES CANDY!!!!

Maybe you gave up sugar or chocolate as a New Years Resolution, or maybe you just love it!! Each Monday in the month of March we will post a photo like this one to our facebook page... Every Friday whomever guesses closest to how much candy is in the jar, will win the candy for that week! Don't have social media? That's ok, we will also display the jar in the window so you can pull up to the lobby and check out the jar for yourself through the window.

Guesses or any questions can be emailed to [mgates@townofauburnnh.com](mailto:mgates@townofauburnnh.com); or commented on our social media photo for that week.



## 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.

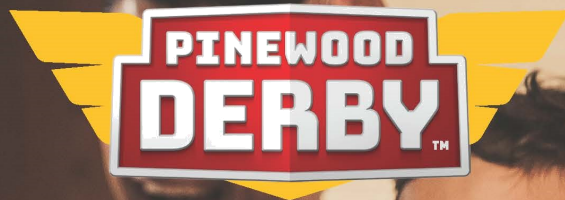
### FACTS

- ❗ 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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## Auburn Neighborhood Watch (NWG)

### "See Something - Say Something"

Vehicle Break-ins - There has been an increase in vehicle break-ins in Auburn and neighboring towns. The offenders seem to be trying to break into automobiles that are readily accessible. We cannot stress enough to lock your doors to your vehicle(s). One thing about criminals is that they are lazy, so they will try to pick vehicles that are unlocked and that are not in plain sight of your residence. Motion sensor lights/cameras are very reasonably priced and are worth the investment for the safety of you, your family and your property.

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter - The first edition of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter went out by email recently. It has detailed information about crime statistics and the locations they are happening in. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter or you didn't receive one and should have, please email one of the NWG Leaders below.

Steve Grange - [smgrange@comcast.net](mailto:smgrange@comcast.net) - East Auburn

Audrey and Thomas Heath - [ladybaboon@aol.com](mailto:ladybaboon@aol.com) - South Auburn

Jen Raspuzzi - [jraspuzzi@aol.com](mailto:jraspuzzi@aol.com) - West Auburn

Patrick and Tarah Bergeron - [bergeron.patrick.d@gmail.com](mailto:bergeron.patrick.d@gmail.com) - North Auburn

#### **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](mailto:mgates@townofauburnnh.com) or call 603-483-2134



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>



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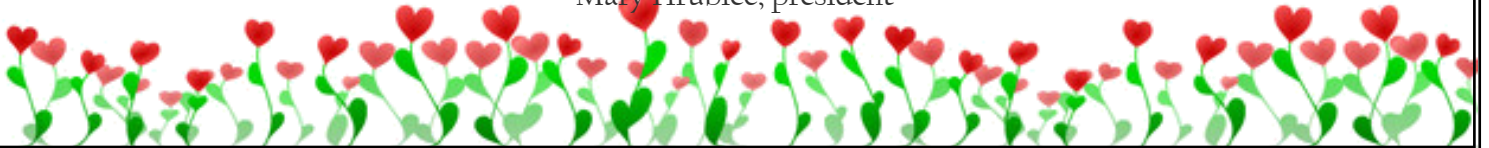
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### **Mass Schedule:**

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

**Live Streamed Mass:** We continue to live stream Sunday Mass on our parish Facebook page on Sundays at 10 am for those who are homebound, experiencing symptoms of illness, or are concerned for their safety. You can watch the video by going to our parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeteraub/>).

**Lenten Resources and Devotions:** See <https://stpeteraub.org/lent>. Visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeteraub/>) for Virtual Soup & Stations on Fridays during Lent.

### **Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday Masses – 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 pm

Friday, April 2: Stations of the Cross – 3:00 pm; Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 3: Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday Masses – 8:00 am and 10:00 am

**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).





# Longmeadow Serves!



*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

2021 has continued to present challenges for us all but hope continues to rise and lead us into this new year. We give thank for the continued distribution of vaccines and for all who are working under such challenging conditions, standing in the cold to vaccinate hundreds of people each day. The work you are doing is life giving and we thank you for being a blessing to us all as we continue to live patiently to work through the process. Hope in the future that God promises is where we focus and we of the Longmeadow Congregational Church UCC in Auburn, place our hope in one who is beyond the divisions of our world and binds us together. We move forward into the future with thankfulness for all this community has done for each other and for those in greatest need.



In light of the on-going rates of infection, as of this publication's deadline, our plans are to continue with on-line worship services, using both Zoom and YouTube platforms.

As the course of the virus is unpredictable, and things can change quickly, we



recommend that you contact the church (483-2907) to check on the current situation.

When we began remote worship, a year ago this month, none of us anticipated that we would still be doing so at this point. And as difficult as it has been for all of us, we know that it remains the most loving thing we can do to protect the most vulnerable. However, our hope is that by Easter, on April 4, 2021, we will be able to hold outdoor worship, both at sunset on the shores of Lake Massabesic and at our regular 9:30 worship by the firepit built on out grounds by Boy Scout Troop 127, which has been an unexpected blessing to us in this year.

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.

Scarves in the Park – with the cold months upon us, we are finding that this is the optimum time for the knitters and crocheters in our church to be creating the beautiful warm garments we distribute each November to individuals in need each November. This year, we made a change and delivered them directly to six different service agencies to distribute safely. With the continued generosity of our friends in the community our plan for 2021 is to return to adorning a local park with the scarves for anyone to take as well as providing them to local service agencies where they were so enthusiastically received. If you are working on scarves and would like to have them picked up for storage, please contact Pastor Ruth at the church who will be delighted to meet you.



We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all of our Auburn friends and neighbors sightings of God's light in this darker season as together we wait with gratitude and trust in where God will lead us. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a community for worship, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.

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## News from the Auburn Historical Association



Above: George Bartholomew at Eddie Hale's Barber Shop

### *A Man of the Village*



Above: George and Lil Bartholomew lived at 12 Hooksett Road since the 1950s



Above: George Bartholomew at the Firemen's Muster

George "Bucky" Bartholomew (1905-1985) spent his entire life in Auburn Village. Born there, he grew up there, raised his family there, and in the end, died there. He did leave Auburn occasionally but as he said he "felt better sleeping in his own bed." Over an 80 year lifetime, there were very few times that he did not sleep in the village.

Bucky made himself available whenever an emergency arose and took civic responsibilities seriously. In the mid 1930s, he was among the first group that organized the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department and stayed connected to the AVFD for the rest of his life. He was the forest fire warden and during WWII he served on the crash crew at Grenier Field. When he was too old to answer alarms, he found other ways to serve. Bucky, and his wife Lil helped man the 'Red' phone that toned out alarms for the Fire Department. Living next door to the four corners in Auburn Village, he also took it upon himself to flag the fire trucks answering calls through the intersection.

George and his friends went to Town Meeting prepared. Over the winter, they discussed and debated the issues facing the Town. But the meeting itself presented problems. The acoustics in the school gymnasium were horrible. Speakers did not use the microphone or the mike itself did not function properly. George himself was quite deaf. He sat upfront but it did not help. Town Meeting so eagerly looked forward to left him dissatisfied because he could not hear well enough to follow the discussion. However, the inability to hear was not an excuse not to attend!

In the early 1980's, a good size crowd attended Town Meeting and it went on for 3 or 4 hours. I was a Selectman in 1985. The Selectmen sat up front and either answered questions or found someone who could. About 2 hours into the meeting, I got up to use the facilities near the rear exit. Sitting in the last row was George. I sat down next to him. No, he could not hear and had decided to go home. I knew something was wrong and looked around for someone to give George a ride. George noticed, tapped my knee to get my attention and said he was fine. He would be on his way in a minute. I continued on to the bathroom and when I returned, George was gone. Checked the parking lot but he was out of sight.

At Town Meeting, the Fire Department sat together in the back right corner of the gym. They voted enthusiastically and that block of noise, 'yeas', could carry the room. If the vote was close, it might influence Moderator Don Stritch to call it their way. While Town Meeting was underway, 3 or 4 wives would be cooking a corn beef and cabbage supper at Chief Sullivan's house on Bunker Hill. After Town Meeting, the firemen celebrated the 'end of Winter', early St. Patrick's Day, or another successful Town Meeting for the Fire Department.



## News from the Auburn Historical Association

### George Bartholomew "A Man of the Village" continued...

About 6:00, the party was well underway when the 'Red' phone went off. The Chief picked up the phone and announced, "Medical at Bucky Bart's". He and 4 firemen left on a trot and a pall settled over the festivities. George was the last of the originals.

He represented the 'good old days' and could tell stories over all the years. About 45 minutes later, the medical response team returned and announced that Bucky was on his way to Eliot Hospital. That sounded encouraging. Privately, Chief Sullivan whispered in my ear, "He did not make it." For George, Town Meeting Day ranked right up there with the 4th of July and Christmas. George died Town Meeting Day, 1985, only after he did his part. He went to Meeting.

Most of his life, George Bartholomew was in Auburn Village and whatever the emergency, fire, drowning, or auto accident, he was there to help out. This willingness to help is what makes a community great. Have you considered doing something to improve Auburn? It does not have to be a lifetime commitment but a few hours a month could pay huge dividends for both you and your community.



### AUBURN DAY AND THE ANNUAL DUCK RACE

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After a year of everyone feeling housebound, the Auburn Historical Association is really looking forward to holding the Auburn Day and Duck Race event! Plans are in the works and we hope we will see everyone there!

Parks and Rec will be joining the Auburn Historical Association is 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, petty zoo apple pie contest, pretty chicken contest and much more!

If you are not getting our email notices, please contact us at [www.auburnhistorical.org](http://www.auburnhistorical.org) and ask to be added to our mailing list. Also, we will be keeping people posted on Facebook —make sure to "like" our page.



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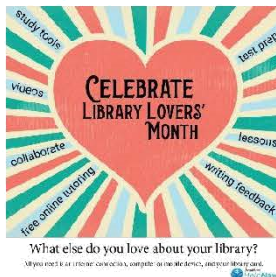


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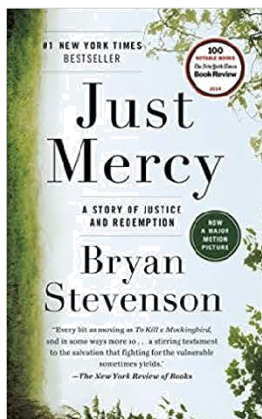
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## Collection Highlights



Griffin Free is also pleased to announce the launch of a one-year trial of **Brainfuse HelpNow**— on demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning for all ages and levels. Students communicate with live tutors using an interactive whiteboard to chat, write, draw, copy/paste text or images and graph homework problems. Brainfuse HelpNow™ will be available to all library patrons with internet connection for the 2021 calendar year. To access Brainfuse™, please visit the library's website.

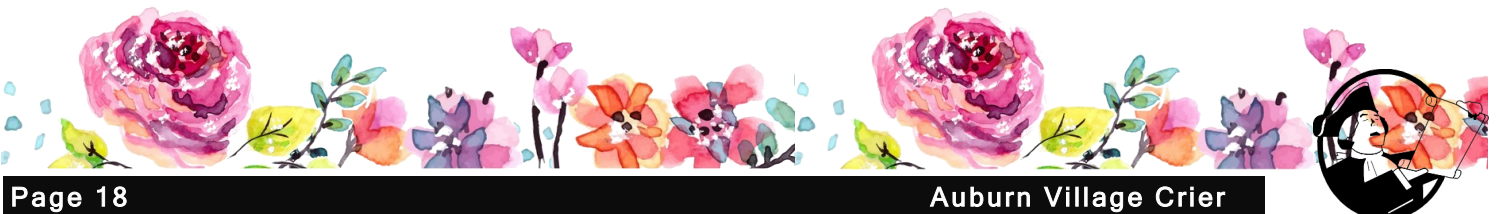
## Programming Highlights



Join Hope Garner for the presentation *Intro to Garden Design, Part 2*. It will be held on **Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM via Zoom**. The registration form is available on our website.

This month, the **Evening Book Club** will meet on **March 3 at 6:30 PM via Zoom** to discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Print copies are available from Griffin Free and the eBook and streaming audio are available at [nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com) or the Libby App.

**Children's Activity:** Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! For the month of March, you can request a "Party" bag filled with crafts and games to help you celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (1 per child, please). Reserve yours by calling Griffin Free or emailing [staff@griffinfree.org](mailto:staff@griffinfree.org).





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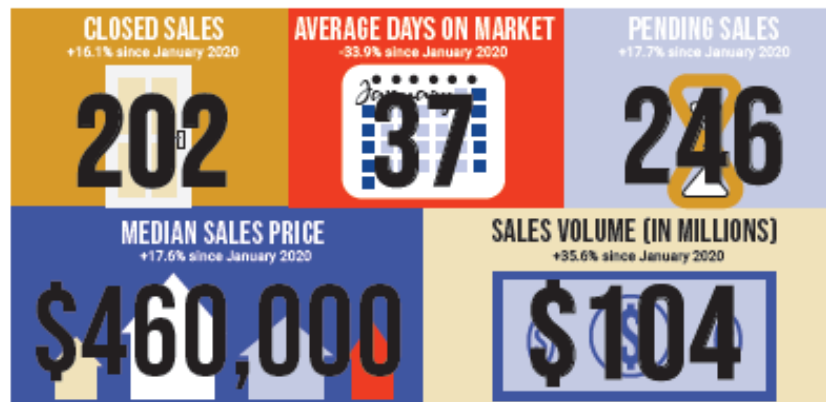
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## Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for January 2021

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



### NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

*At about this time last year I was returning from a short-term mission trip in Nicaragua. It was there that I had the pleasure of serving alongside Scott Esposito and his team at REAP Granada. In the week that I was there we worked on building projects, fed the poor, went on prayer walks, sang with prisoners, and took part in the huge sports ministry that REAP puts together. In their own words "We believe that transformation happens through relationship. Every day at REAP, we intentionally engage with our neighbors through Touchpoints that create opportunity for connection and friendship. Ranging from meeting people on the basketball court to working together on the farm to discipling men and women in Bible study, Touchpoints drive both our mission and vision to transform lives through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We rely on the power and presence of God in all that we do. We are dedicated to modeling the life of a follower of Christ, marked by grace and mercy, love and service, humility and forgiveness." If you'd like to be a part of this ministry please go to [www.REAPGranada.com](http://www.REAPGranada.com).*



# **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

## **Selectman 3 Years**

### **Keith Leclair**

**Address:**

115 Windsor Drive

**Telephone Number:**

603-234-8104

**Reason for running:**

I'm running for the same reasons that I ran 3 years ago. I enjoy being involved in our community and I believe I add value to the board based on my personal, professional, and town experiences. I've met and built relationships with many great people in our community. As a board, we've accomplished many goals and initiatives over the past three years and I look forward to continuing to set and achieve goals for the town over the next 3 years. Our board has changed members each of the last 3 years and while we have not always been able to agree, we have been able to discuss, debate and compromise.

**Comments:**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have and continue to volunteer in our community. We are always looking for good people that want to be involved. Whether it be an official town board or as a member of one of the many community based groups we are always looking for volunteers. There are so many great organizations and committees in town that are always looking and would be grateful for the help.

## **Highway Agent 3 Years**

### **Michael Dross**

## **Library Trustee 3 Years**

### **Nancy J. Mayland**

## **Cemetery Trustee 3 Years**

### **Real Mongeau**

## **Trust Fund Trustee 3 Years**

### **Debra Asquith**





## **Police Commission 3 Years**

### **Patrick Bergeron**

#### **Address:**

225 Hooksett Rd

#### **Telephone Number:**

603-703-8407

#### **Educational Background:**

BS in Human Resources Leadership, Associates in Human Resources, Associates in Electronic Systems Technology, SHRP Certification, Project Management Certification, and Professional Manager Certification

Occupational background including current employer: Previously HR/IT Director for Families in Transition. I have 15 years experience in Strategic Leadership/Planning, Employment Law, Employee/Labor/Union Relations, Recruiting, Professional Development, Succession Planning and Marketing

#### **Reason for running:**

I am a firm believer that a partnership between the community and Law Enforcement is key to a safe and successful town. I was excited to hear Auburn was one of the few towns that has elected officials on the Police Commission Board. As an elected official, it would be my honor and privilege to represent the residents of Auburn to ensure we continue to have one of the safest communities in New Hampshire.

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

I served 20-years in the United States Air Force and during this time I learned the importance of working together with every department is what makes the overall mission, or in this case town, run smoothly.

Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office: To establish the Auburn Police Department as the "employer of choice." We do this with a solid strategic plan and operation capabilities that support this plan.

#### **Comments:**

Auburn reminds me of the small town in New Hampshire that I grew up in. My Wife, Tarah and three kids have found our "forever home" in this amazing community. The goal of everyone is to preserve the "Auburn way of life" the best that they can. I believe my role in this is becoming involved and to give back to the community for many years to come.

## **Planning Board 3 Years**

### **Ronald Poltak**

### **Jill Dross**

## **Planning Board 1 Year**

### **Michael O'Callaghan**



## School Board 3 Years

### Derek Berger

#### Address:

34 Willow Court

#### Telephone Number:

810-650-0428

#### Educational background:

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Central Michigan University

Master of Arts in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education, Ball State University  
Doctorate of Education in Adult, Higher, and Community Education, Ball State University

#### Occupational background including current employer:

My professional background is in higher education fundraising. I have served at a national non-profit, two doctoral research universities, and at a statewide community college system. Currently, I serve as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Development at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where I oversee the fundraising efforts of the university.

#### Reason for running:

I moved to New Hampshire in 2019 from Indiana and was attracted to the Auburn community because of the excellent schools, location, and natural beauty. I believe that two key elements to continued community development are quality of place and high quality public schools. It would be my goal to help ensure our schools maintain their excellence and continue to grow as high quality learning environments. My oldest daughter is currently in pre-school and I look forward to sending her to kindergarten at Auburn Village School in 2021.

#### Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

Since October 2020, I have served as a member of the Auburn School Board, filling a vacated seat. These past several months have helped me to understand school operations and various policies of the school, as well as SAU 15. Additionally, I have past board experience with other organization and was a licensed classroom teacher where I taught 9<sup>th</sup> grade science.

#### Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office:

A key focus of mine would be helping the school develop a strategic plan focused on post-pandemic education. During this process we would solicit the feedback and input of the community to shape our collective vision and goals for AVS.

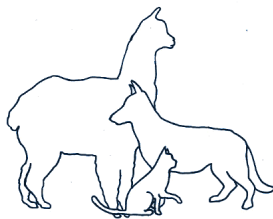
#### Comments:

I believe it is the fundamental education that occurs in K-8 schools that is the foundation of future success for our students. It would be my honor and privilege to continue to serve on the Auburn School Board as a way to shape educational opportunities for students in our community.

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## School Board 3 Years

### Adrian Newton

#### Address:

136 Bunker Hill Rd

#### Educational background:

Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education, Masters of Education Degree

#### Occupational background including current employer:

Middle school teacher of 20 years for the Manchester, NH School District

#### Reason for running:

My children are students at AVS, and I have always been impressed with the school community and how it exemplifies "It takes a village." I would love an opportunity to be able to support Auburn Village School in a more active role than just as a parent.

#### Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

My life's work has been focused on what is best for students. My background and interests make this a great opportunity to serve my community.

#### Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the realm of this office:

The pandemic put all school districts in uncharted waters this past year. However, how can we start to transition beyond this and continue to look towards the future of our school and the needs of Auburn's children post-pandemic? Our current school board has already started thinking and planning for this, and I would like to be a part of continuing this work.

## School Board 1 Year

### Jason Tyburski



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