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spring
2021
Edition



☺ sunday



☺ monday

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☺ tuesday

18- Junior Chef's Virtual
Cooking Class
4pm- 5pm

☺ saturday

15- Auburn Historical
Association Open House
1pm-4pm

15- "Shred Day"
9am-12pm @ Town Hall

15- Town-Wide Yard Sale
8am-2pm

☺ wednesday

5- Evening Book Club
6:30pm via Zoom

5- Jumping Beans Classes
Begin
Wednesdays
9:30am-10:30am
@ Safety Complex Field

☺ thursday

13- Massabesic Garden
Club Meeting
Location: TBD
6pm-7:30pm

☺ friday



15- Mini Book Sale
8am-2pm @ Griffin Free
Public Library

22- Plant Sale
8am-2pm @ Griffin Free
Public Library

Note:

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

Future Dates Inside!!

Voter Registration Information

Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting

Tuesday, May 4

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

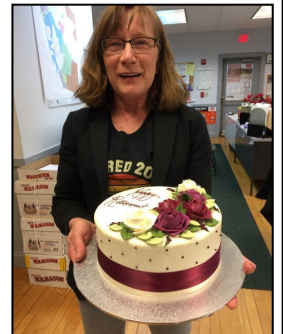


Additions - Corrections

Removals, and Party Changes

Auburn Town Hall

Congratulations to Adele Frisella,
Finance Director of the Town of
Auburn, on her Retirement! Her
presence and knowledge will be
sorely missed!



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Auburn Town Hall News

Auburn Responds to Covid-19 – A Year Later

It is hard to believe that Auburn, like the rest of New Hampshire and the world, has been dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic for the past year. We are optimistic that we are collectively beginning to come out of the worst of things and can see some light ahead that may have us returning to a form of normalcy.

As we indicated in this space a year ago, we have been extremely proud of the professional manner in which Auburn's emergency responders have met the ever changing needs of the community. Many of them have more recently stepped forward to be of assistance at the Covid-19 vaccination sites in our area.

Our local government officials and employees have done extremely well in maintaining our Town services under these unusual circumstances, whether in person or online.

And we applaud the efforts of the administration, staff and officials of the Auburn School District for their efforts to continue to meet the needs of Auburn students in the safest manner possible throughout this difficult time.

At the beginning of the year the federal government approved the "American Recovery Plan" Act that included \$1.9 trillion in relief funds for individuals, businesses, education, state, county & local governments and more. Auburn has been advised the Town government is in line to receive approximately \$550,000 in federal funds over two years. Administrative rules and guidance are still being developed by the U.S. Treasury Department to inform us as to how these funds can be used. We are told we should receive that information by mid-May. At this point, the only thing we know for certain is it cannot be simply treated as general revenue to the town.

Town Boards and Committees

A number of Auburn residents have been re-appointed by the Board of Selectmen to various town positions, boards and committees.

Reappointed to the Highway Safety Committee for one-year terms were Dan Carpenter, Mike DiPietro and Dennis Vieira, while Diana Heaton was re-appointed to a three-year term on the Conservation Commission and Mark Ampuja was re-appointed as an alternate member of the Commission.

Stephen Carroll re-appointed to a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Margie McEvoy, Zachary Eaton and Mary Royer were all re-appointed to three-year terms on the Parks & Recreation Commission.



Health Officer Resigns

Unfortunately, the Town is looking for a new Health Officer at this time. After a number of years of service, Paul Raiche submitted his resignation from the position. Paul was able to bring a sound professional background and knowledge following his employment with the NH Department of Health and Human Services in the area of public health services, in addition to his previous service as the Health Officer for the Town of Derry.

Beyond his efforts as Health Officer, Paul has offered decades of service to Auburn as both a two-term member of the Board of Selectmen, in addition to being a long-time member and chair of the Auburn Conservation Commission. We thank Paul for his record of service to Auburn.

Town Buildings Get Some Attention

During the past month, the Town awarded two different projects to local firms for work to complete the improvements to the Pingree Hill Fire Station. Gemini Electric of Auburn was chosen to replace lighting units in the bays of the fire station with new LED units at a total cost of \$2,562, while JTE Painting of Candia was awarded the work of painting the bays at Pingree Hill Station for \$3,680.

Quality Insulation of Nashua has been awarded a contract to insulate a portion of the Police Department facility at the Safety Complex. The project is to cost a total of \$11,767 with nearly half of the project cost to come back to the Town in the form of an energy saving rebate from a program managed by Eversource.

Board of Selectmen Organization

At the first Board meeting following the March elections, the Board of Selectmen re-elected Keith Leclair to serve as Selectmen Chair, while Todd Bedard was re-elected as Vice Chair.

The Board also designated its ex-officio committee assignments by selecting Keith Leclair as the Selectmen's representative to the Budget Committee. Todd Bedard will continue to serve as the Selectmen's representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Highway Safety Committee, while Michael Rolfe will serve as the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board.

Save the Dates!!

Please mark your calendars for these two annual activities.

"Shred Day" will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 9 am until 12 Noon in the parking lot of the Auburn Town Hall. Any Auburn resident with papers and documents they would like to dispose of in a safe, identity protection manner should make use of this no cost event.

The Town's 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-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 15

It's almost time to shop the Auburn Town-Wide Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 15 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Maps that show all the yard sale locations can be picked up starting on Monday, May 10th at the Town Hall or found online at auburnnh.us/parks-and-recreation. You can also pick up your map on the day of the sale at the Town Hall from 7:30 am-12:30 pm. The Boys Scouts will be set up at the map pick up location selling breakfast treats and coffee (while supplies last). Just follow the yellow "Town-Wide Yard Sale" signs around town. Have fun and happy shopping!



Junior Chefs Virtual Cooking Class

Tuesday, May 18th

Get your kids cooking again with Junior Chefs VIRTUAL Cooking Classes. Join Jennifer Anderson for virtual kids cooking and learn new recipes, tips and fun in the kitchen. 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 next session will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 4:00-5:00 pm. The theme is "Let's get ready for summer celebrations with red, white and blue recipes". Deadline to register is Thursday, May 13. The fee for the class is \$12 per family. Ingredients are not included in the class fee. Registered participants 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.

Jumping Beans

Wednesdays, May 5-June 9

Jumping Beans is a class for children ages 2-5 to get out and get moving with the wonderful Miss Joelle!

Jumping Beans 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. The spring session will run for 6 weeks from May 5 - June 9. 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. Participants should bring their own mat, beach towel or blanket to each class. The fee for the 6-week session is \$37.



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, June 17 "Auburn Night" featuring Auburn's own Stephanie Murphy
Thursday, July 14 The Raging Rockaholics
Thursday, August 19 Studio Two- Beatles Tribute Band



How to Register for Parks and Rec Programs

To register for Parks & Rec programs, visit 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.

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



AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello Auburn residents,

In April we held our annual awards night at the safety complex. In the past this night was designed by Chief Pelton to commend officers on years of service, retirements, promotions, and instances where officers have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

This year we did things a little differently, working in conjunction with the fire department, we held a Safety Complex Awards night, not only commend police officers, but members of the fire department and citizens who were credited with saving lives in emergency situations.

Chief Pelton and Chief Williams were honored to give a citizen life-saving award to college student, Sam Stys. In January of 2021, Sam was driving when he noticed a man had fallen through the ice at Lake Massabesic. Sam called 911 to start fire and rescue personnel, then went onto the lake himself, freeing the man and pulling him to safety before emergency personnel arrived. The man who had fallen through the ice, was also able to attend our awards night, and spoke of the incident. He told the story that he had accepted he was about to die, when he heard Sam's voice. He watched as Sam came onto the ice, falling through multiple times, and then reaching into the water to free the man's feet from the mud below. He later asked Sam why he would have gone onto the ice like that knowing Sam was risking his own life, and Sam replied, "What else was I going to do?"



Sgt. Cashman, Officer Goulet and Officer Lennon were each commended with Meritorious Service Award for emergency calls they have handled over the last year. Office Manager Lillian Deeb was awarded the Chief's Achievement Award for her diligent hard work to keep officers safe and stocked with protective supplies and directives during the COVID pandemic.



The evening ended with the bitter-sweet retirement of Master Patrolman Chris Beaule. We are very happy for him as he starts this new phase of his life and wish him well. But "Chris" will be very missed at the police department and throughout the community that he served for the last 14 years.



FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED BY LAW

In New Hampshire RSA 227-L:17 requires that a fire permit be obtained by the person conducting and responsible for the open burning whenever the ground is not covered with snow within a 100 foot radius of the burn site. For additional information on open burning laws and applicable administrative rules please visit <http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/> or contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department.

Please be advised that some communities may also have additional restrictions regarding open burning and specific local permitting requirements.

Options for Obtaining a Required State of NH Fire Permit

- ☐ **Contact your local Forest Fire Warden, Deputy Warden or a fire department official to obtain a written fire permit.**
- ☐ **Utilize the convenience of the Online Fire Permit System in participating communities. Simply scan the QR code below to visit the Online Permit website**

www.nhfirepermit.com



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nh.gov/nhdf/



We have sprouted a new Garden Club....



We at the **Massabesic Garden Club** are so pleased to announce that we have made a lot of progress putting the club together this past month. We have a lot of exciting news to share with you! We are now incorporated and have non profit status. Some of you may notice that we are now under a new name. This was decided in the spirit of including folks from surrounding towns.



Our membership form is now out! Our new Facebook page, as some of you already know, is named **The Massabesic Garden Club**. Our membership form can be found there, and will also be emailed out to those who provided their emails to us already. You can also request a form by emailing us at Auburngardenclub603@gmail.com. We may be changing this email at some point to match our name, but for now, we will use it. Details are on the form, which can be mailed to:

PO BOX 91 , Auburn NH 03032

Drum roll, please! This is the most exciting news of all: we will have our first members meeting on May 13 from 6-7:30, location to be determined. Save the date! Please keep an eye out on Facebook/email for details. For planning purposes, as we will be mindful of social distancing, please RSVP for this meeting by 5/10/21 to Pam Weeks: Pamela.weeks@gmail.com. We would love to have you come and meet us, and learn about the club, and exchange ideas. This is your club! We will be taking ideas on the membership form about activities and events that everyone is interested in. We have received wonderful communication from long time members of other garden clubs who have a wealth of experience and knowledge. We have had interest from brand new gardeners. We welcome all to come with ideas about how to make this a fun, informative and vibrant club. Please get your membership forms in as soon as possible so we can compile the responses to report out to you and can use the information for planning purposes moving forward.

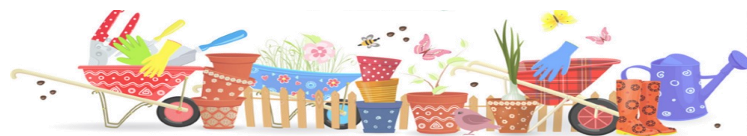


Sneak preview: some responses of what folks are looking for so far include: meeting like-minded people, hosting a garden tour, learning, having fun, sharing knowledge, volunteerism, beautification of the town. If this sounds like you, come join! If you have other thoughts, bring them forward! We are working on member benefits and will share as we have more info!

We look forward to seeing you and hope that you are excited as we are!



Happy planting!



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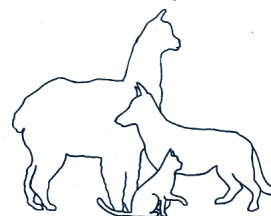
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Rockingham County Market Data Snapshot for March 2021

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



NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

In 2019 I was introduced to KWKC. KWKC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to empowering young adults 18-28 to unlock their greatest potential through self-development events, coaching and scholarships. Our interactive learning experiences shatter limiting beliefs and help budding entrepreneurs, college students, and next-generation leaders define their personal mission and discover their path to a fulfilled life. I fell in love with the mission and became a certified instructor. On May 27th I will be delivering **Mastering the Basics of Money** as an online workshop. This deep dive into the basics of wealth building is designed for beginners who are interested in building wealth but are not sure where to start. We'll explore basic tools that anyone can use to begin taking control of their financial future. What you'll learn: Four basic rules of money, How to make compound interest work for you instead of against you, How financial wealth is built. You can register for this free event at <https://app.kwkc.org/event/9349074c81>.





Boy Scouts

Troop 127- Luke Melendy – Troop Scribe

As we ease into spring, Troop 127 has begun to meet outdoors once again. During the month of February the scouts had a hard time finding a time to meet due to the weather, but they still managed to refresh on their cooking skills. The month after the scouts came up with the idea to create their own ropes course at Camp Sanborn, the scouts meeting place. As the meetings in march went by, the camp was getting vandalized repetitively. The troop hopes that some signs and cameras should bring the vandalization to an end.

As the scouts were roaming through the camp, they stumbled upon an abandoned old fort made out of some rotten trees and old rope. The scouts have chosen to dedicate the meetings in the month of April to restoring the old fort and changing it into a brand new hangout spot they like to call "Skybase".

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Auburn Cub Scouts Earn Second Place

Several Auburn Cub Scouts from Pack 127 recently participated in a Scouting competition called The Chuck Wagon Derby and earned 2nd place! Ian F., Christopher K., Caitlyn L., Taylor L., Carmita L., Hudson B., and Andrew K. showed off their knowledge and skills in the fields of Map and Compass, Fire Safety, First Aid, Cub Knowledge, and Citizenship. Their teamwork impressed the judges enough that they also received the "Scout Spirit Award."





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Auburn Neighborhood Watch

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Hello, Auburn!

Spring has sprung and so has the activity! Be vigilant- if you see something, do not be afraid to say something! With the incident of someone scoping cars out in broad daylight, it is better to be safe than sorry. There have also been some incidents in surrounding towns of catalytic converter robberies, and we have had a report recently in town. The Auburn PD would like everyone to do what you can to keep your cars safe- if you have a security system, make sure to park your vehicles in the span of the camera, park in your garage when possible, and make sure not to leave any valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. As stated last month, with the warmer weather comes the animals emerging from hibernation. There have been reports all around town of bears. Please keep your eyes peeled and bird feeders out of reach.

The outside activities are also in full swing! Please remember during your spring cleanup, and all summer long, to NEVER put your grass clippings or other yard debris into the road. If you are having work done on your home, please make sure the debris from the construction vehicles is also off the road. This creates a driving hazard for all vehicles, especially motorcycles and bicycles, and we have already seen issues in town with this. Taking the time to properly dispose of your yard and construction debris could save a life!!! Please make sure when enjoying the outdoors that you are doing so legally- keep your dogs on their leashes, get your fishing licenses, and please make sure you check to see if your four-wheelers are allowed where you are riding. There is more private property than one may think! Let's keep everyone safe and follow the rules and the laws, and just as important- have fun! Finally, the NWG leaders wanted to give a special shoutout to the residence who have taken the time to endlessly clean up the litter around town. Per RSA 163-B:3, if you are caught littering you could face a fine, lose your license or be ordered to pick up litter. Please do your part to keep our town clean! We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

If you haven't done so already, we would love to add you to our email list for the monthly newsletter and to keep you posted on important items the NWG wants to get out to residents! Please feel free to email any of the group leaders below so we can add you to the list. We also have a Facebook page that we would love for you to visit and follow- link is below! Have a great month, and as always, please feel free to reach out to any of the group's leaders with any questions you may have.

-Jenn

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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

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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.



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LET'S REUNITE!

*Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. Isaiah
43:18-19*

Spring is a time of new growth, new life and new beginnings. After over a year of on-line worship, it was a joy for our church family to gather for a special outdoor worship service on Easter morning. It took the effort of many people working together, but it was worth the effort to experience the joy of how God is continuing to work in and through our community.

The expansion of vaccine delivery and distribution has begun to open up new possibilities for all of us. As of the deadline for article submission for the Village Crier, a firm decision on a date has not been made, however, our church is working actively toward resuming in person worship in ways that will both follow CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe and come together in ways that will help to heal our spirits, which have been tried by these days.

The plan is to begin weekly, outdoor Sunday worship services soon and we are grateful to have the perfect setting next to our church building. As the improving situation permits, the goal is to move to regular worship services in our church sanctuary, which has already been made ready. Knowing that not everyone will be



ready to come together in groups, we will be continuing to offer worship gatherings on Zoom and pre-recorded messages of worship on YouTube. As these steps prove successful, we will eventually open the church building to our other community outreach activities such as our breakfasts. We have been encouraged and heartened by the number of people who have asked about restarting our Community Breakfasts and we thank you all for your support. We look forward to that day.

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.

As we move forward with great hope following the new things God is doing in our midst, we want to use this space and opportunity to express our extreme gratitude for all of the people in our community, state, nation and world who have been continuing to work hard at both developing and distributing these life-saving vaccines along with those in medical facilities who care for the sick and frightened. But we also wish to express our thanks for the people who work hard every day in our community, providing the services and goods we need to continue to live and



thrive through this time – the teachers, school personnel and librarians, the police, fire and public safety and service workers, the grocery and retail store workers, those who transport and move goods, those who work in the food service industry – preparing, serving and delivering food. You are the heroes of this year and we have been praying for you throughout this time. Although we understand that it is not said enough, our church family would like to say that we see you, we are grateful for all you do and we love you very much.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our Auburn friends and neighbors a joy filled Spring which is bringing us new life, new joy and new hope. We are moving forward, a way in the wilderness is being made by us all working together for the benefit of everyone.

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.

**Keeping one
another safe,
healthy & loved!**



News from the Auburn Historical Association



A Passion For Flight By Dan Carpenter



Above: A painting of the planes that Gene Cleary owned. It was painted by his friend John Sargent.



Above: Gene Cleary (on the left) with a friend in front of the Luscombe plane—his first aircraft.

Jack and Alice Cleary lived outside Boston and summered in Auburn renting one of the six cabins that the Hall's set up at the foot of Bunker Hill. They liked the cabin so much they purchased it and eventually turned it into their retirement home (13 Bunker Hill). Their son Gene was born in 1928. Hanging out at Lake Massabesic Gene met and eventually married Veneta Preston. They had 4 children: Michael, Karen, Jill, and Deidre.

Gene was a self motivated entrepreneur. He was buying gas in Watertown, Mass when a complete stranger suggested that he try painting appliances with electrostatics. The electricity created a charge that attracted the paint to the appliance and allowed painting on location. Gene took the advice and created the "ARC" company which became very successful. Today, his son Michael runs the company. They paint heavy equipment and industrial components.

According to his friend and neighbor, George Gagnon, Gene was a thinker and a doer. His ideas were well thought out and with little talk, carried out before most realized that there was a plan. Gene built his house on Chester Road and added to it for his growing family. When they outgrew it, the Cleary's purchased the old Bay View Hotel on 33 Bunker Hill Road. An ell containing 12 rooms was torn off and Dana Wood, (the "building mover" from Bunker Hill), moved the main house 150 feet back from the road and Gene attached a 3 car garage.

Gene was always fascinated by flight. As a young person, he made wood and canvas airplane models and continued right through high school. While he was still living in the house on Chester Road, Gene purchased a wrecked airplane, brought it home, and rebuilt it in the cellar. He was still gluing canvas to wood - just on a larger scale. That first plane was launched in the big field behind the house. Going downhill, Gene figured that he could be airborne before the big pines that abutted Lake Massabesic rose up to greet him. He won that bet and flew his new airplane to the Nashua Airport.

News from the Auburn Historical Association

A Passion for Flight, continued...



Left: A "Pitts Special".—an aerobatic plane made of wood and fabric.

Right: The "Waco" being repaired



The Bay View property had a lot of land - room enough for an airstrip! Gene with his old and under-sized bull dozer set about building an airstrip. George Gagnon, a Hazelton Equipment employee, kept the machine going and became friends with Gene. Soon they were flying to places like Labrador, Canada, over the ocean to Provincetown, Cape Cod, and out to New York State. Other friends like Charlie Therriault, Ron Tanner, and John Carroll purchased land along the airstrip, built hangers, and flew out of the new airstrip. On sunny Sunday mornings, 8:00 AM, 3 or 4 planes would take off for places like Moosehead Lake in Maine. A dozen or so passengers would eat breakfast and then fly home. Jim Trombly, his brother Dan, and Judge George Grenell from Derry had planes and were in and out of "Auburn International".

All together, Gene Cleary rebuilt 11 different planes. His built a stunt plane, a bi-wing with an over-powered engine. It could roar straight up into the sky, loop over, and come screaming back to earth. On his last flight in the bi-wing, Gene took off from Nashua Airport and almost immediately lost power! He turned back toward the Airport manually pumping his fuel pump to no avail. His wheels caught the top of an earthen berm, the plane flipped over, and Gene was lucky to survive! An investigation found that a small piece of neoprene had been sucked into the fuel line. Gene continued to run his company until his passing in 1986.

Hanging Plant Sale



Once again this year, the Auburn Historical Association will be selling hanging plants. We have purchased from the same local grower for 5 years. To buy one, **please place your order by email to info@auburnhistorical.org**. The first basket is \$30. Each basket ordered after that is \$25. We will deliver them to you on Friday, May 7. Please let us know if you have any questions.



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 is really looking forward to holding the 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 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!

Please contact us at www.auburnhistorical.org and ask to be added to our mailing list. Also, we will be sure to post any updates on Facebook —be sure to "like" our page.



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THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Friends of Griffin Free's Library Giving Day fundraiser! With your help, the Friends raised over \$2,500 which will allow them to continue supporting Griffin Free. A very special thank you to Andrea O'Neil's 6th grade class at AVS that held a special raffle and raised over \$200 for the Friends. You all rock!

Services

Yes, we are **open by appointment!** We also continue to provide our very popular **Porch Pick-Up** option. And details are available on our website. Although we are discussing what a full reopening will look like, we are not able to accomplish this just yet and a date has not been set, but we are working on it!

New Discount Pass – The Friends have donated a **NH State Parks Library Pass**. Each pass is valid for the date listed on the pass. The pass grants admission for two adults and four children to any day-use park at no additional charge. [Not valid at the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, the Flume Gorge, Hampton Beach State Park – South Beach, Wallis Sands State Park, or metered parking]. The pass may not be used for camping fees. This pass does not guarantee access to the park in the event it is full to capacity. Due to COVID-19, NH Parks are currently operating a maximum of 50% of normal capacity. Due to decreased capacity, NH Parks have moved to advanced day-use reservations at all parks. Passes may be reserved online at our website. To also ensure space is available, reserve a space at <https://www.nhstateparks.org/planning/day-use-reservations>.

Programming Highlights

The Evening Book Club will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 PM to discuss, ***Normal People* by Sally Rooney**. Print copies are available from Griffin Free. Are you new to Book Club? Call or email the library to join.

This year we will be holding a scaled down **MINI BOOK SALE** on Saturday, **May 15 from 8 AM to 2 PM** at the Library. It will be located outside on our patio so keep your fingers crossed that the weather cooperates with us! Yes, we are accepting small donations **prior** to the sale by appointment. Donations will not be accepted during the sale. Please call the library for more information.

The **Friends** will be holding their annual **Plant Sale** at the library this year on **Saturday, May 22 from 8 AM to 2 PM**. This year, it will be held outside at the library.



THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PLANT SALE



ATTENTION GARDENERS!



It's time to grab your gardening tools and get your hands dirty! This year we'll be holding our plant sale outside at the Griffin Library. We'll have a beautiful and healthy assortment of herbs, perennials, annuals and veggies for sale this year that have been grown in local greenhouses.

Do you have extra plants that you'd like to donate? I'm sure we can find a good home for them. We do ask that they are identified and what type of growing conditions they require. The library will have gardening containers on the porch if any are needed.

To add to your flower garden's beauty, we will also have some gorgeous glass art flowers for sale. By the way we do accept credit cards.

All profits of our plant sale will go to Friends sponsored passes and programs.

Plant sale to be held Saturday, May 22 from 8-2pm outside at The Griffin Library.

We'll have a sign behind the library where donations can be left during the week of May 17th.

Please be sure to identify the plant and growing conditions.

We're looking forward to seeing you. Questions? Email: fay.frank@comcast.net

Please be sure to wear your mask, we know you'll be smiling anyhow.



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