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2023 EDITION

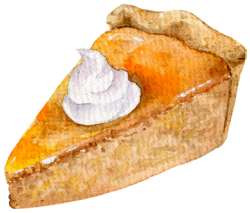
NOVEMBER

Monday

11/6 - Friends of the Library Meeting, 7 pm, p. 15

Tuesday

Wednesday



Thursday

11/2 & 11/9 - Town Clerk Closed

11/9 - Veteran's Day Breakfast, 9:15 am, p. 11

11/24 - Thanksgiving

Friday

Saturday

11/4 - Boy Scouts Annual Scouting for Food Collection, 8 am, p. 12

11/11 - Longmeadow Church Breakfast, 6:30 am - 10 am, p. 20

11/11 - Veteran's Day

11/18 - Auburn Historical Association's Open House, 1 - 3 pm

Sunday

11/26 - 5th Annual Auburn Tree Lighting, 6 pm, p. 8

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

This calendar highlights special events and meetings happening this month

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

5th Annual Auburn Tree Lighting

Kick off the Holiday Season with the Lighting of the Tree!

SUN. NOV. 26TH
6 PM

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSURE

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed

Thursday, Nov. 2nd and Thursday, Nov. 9th

for training.

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Auburn Town Hall News

The NH Department of Revenue Administration has finalized the Town's 2023 tax rate at $12.61 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

A few factors go into determining the tax rate:

- The amount needed to cover budget appropriations, as approved by voters at Town and School District Meetings. These are offset by revenues;
- The amount needed to cover State School Tax and County Tax obligations. These are set by the state and county, not locally; and
- The total value of property in Town.

The total value of property increased dramatically with this year's full revaluation. This explains the large drop in the tax *rate* ($17.85 to $12.62 per thousand).

The total amount raised through property taxes taxes changed as follows ($ million):

	2022	2023	
Town	$ 3.1	$ 3.3	+ 5.0%
County	0.8	0.9	+ 5.4%
Local + State Education	12.0	13.6	+ 13.3%

Two tax bills are issued each year. The June bill is generally equal to one-half of 2022's bills. The December bill calculates the full year 2023 using the *new tax rate* and *the new value assessment*. The June payment is subtracted from that calculation to set the December bill amount. Therefore, the December bill could be quite different (higher or lower) than June for many properties. Please feel free to call town hall with any questions. The tax bills will arrive in early November and be due in early December.

The setting of the tax rate is effectively the final step of the budget process for 2023, and the 2024 process is underway. The Selectmen and Budget Committee will be reviewing department requests through December. A public hearing is expected January 11, 2024, and the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting is expected to be held on February 3.

In other news, the e-waste and paper shredding day was a success, with several dumpsters of electrical appliances and over 6,200 lbs of paper processed. We recently welcomed Caitlyn Folia of Auburn as our new Deputy Town Clerk. She began training immediately to help Town Clerk Kathleen Sylvia, who has been 'holding down the fort' by herself for a few months. With elections and town meeting on the horizon, that office is particularly busy this season. Welcome Caitlyn!

Keith Leclair *Michael Rolfe* *Tom Carroll*

Auburn Board of Selectmen

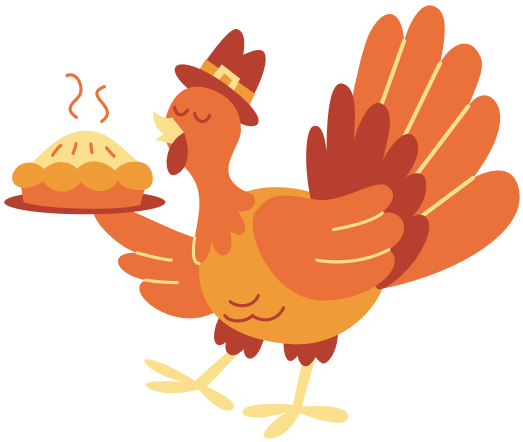
Auburn Checklist Supervisors

Interested in getting involved in elections?
The Checklist Supervisors are looking to train future supervisors.
Duties include but not limited to:

- Registering voters
- Maintaining voter checklist
- Preparing for and attending all elections
- Must be a registered voter

For more information contact:

Sue Jenkins – towntax@townofauburnnh.com
Joanne Linxweiler – jtlinx@comcast.net



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AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello Auburn Residents,

As of November 1st, our Auburn Citizen Police Academy Cadets are more than halfway through this year's program. These residents have had time to learn more about the workings of the Auburn Police Department and law enforcement as a whole. So far, our "cadets" have been able to interact with many of our APD officers and staff. They have learned about the various aspects of law enforcement and had a chance to use our tasers, learned defensive tactics techniques, visited our shooting range for firearms training, and tried their hands at evidence collection at a crime scene.

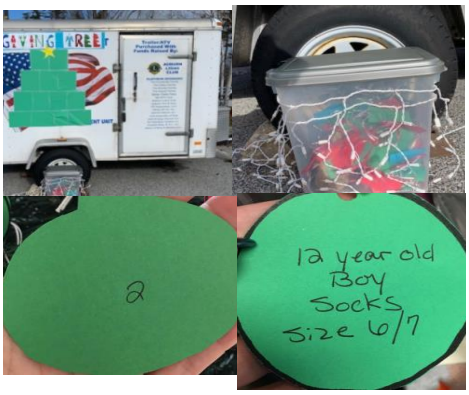
VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11th

We have many officers here at APD who are also military veterans. In honor of Veteran's Day, we would like to acknowledge the many women and men who have served our country that live in Auburn. If you or a resident you know is a Veteran please email a photo with their name, branch of service and dates of service to us here at the police department. We will be making a display of each Auburn Veteran to be displayed around the Veteran's memorial across from the Auburn town Hall.

****If you have already submitted a photo for our display in past years, please also reach out to be sure we still have it. Some of our photos have started to fade.****

Please email Melissa with your photo and information or any questions you may have at mgates@townofauburnnh.com

AUBURN GIVING TREE IS UP!!



The Auburn Giving Tree "trailer" will be set up in our parking lot shortly. There is a bin with tags in front of the trailer, items can be placed inside the trailer, and they will be taken into the station regularly.

For those of you not familiar or new to town. Each year The Safety Complex accepts information from residents who might need some assistance with Santa's holiday magic. We then put take those requests and put them on "ornaments." Each ornament has a gift or gift suggestion for someone on our list. Take the tag, purchase the item, and return both to the safety complex by December 17th. Santa's helpers here at the Safety Complex will ensure the items are delivered in time for Christmas morning.

If you have questions or your family could use a little help with holiday magic please feel free to contact the police department.

During this time of year, we start to see an increase in phone and internet scams. Here are some tips to help keep you safe:

- Do your homework on the retailer/website/person to ensure legitimacy.
- Conduct a business inquiry of the online retailer on the Better Business Bureau's website (www.bbb.org).
- Be wary of online retailers who use a free email service instead of a company email address.
- Beware of purchases or services that require payment with a gift card.
- Beware of providing credit card information when requested through unsolicited emails.
- Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited email or respond to them.
- Check credit card statements routinely. If possible, set up credit card transaction auto alerts, or check balance after every online purchase. It is important to check statements after the holiday season, as many fraudulent charges can show up even several weeks later.
- Avoid filling out forms contained in email messages that ask for personal information.
- Be cautious of emails claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders. Scan all attachments for viruses if possible.
- Make charitable contributions directly, rather than through an intermediary, and pay via credit card or check. Avoid cash donations if possible.

If you are still unsure, please feel free to contact our office at any time and we will try to help. (603)483-2134

New Hampshire 911 CARES

New Hampshire 911 CARES is a program which allows individuals to register specific medical conditions under their phone number.

That way if you ever needed to call 911 from one of the registered phone numbers, the 911 dispatcher would be able to see the name, physical address (not necessarily the location of the caller), and medical condition of the CARES Individual and relay that information to first responders before they arrive on scene.

The 911 CARES database can be accessed by going to cares.desc.nh.gov. If you do not have access to a computer / internet, paper forms can be requested by calling 603-271-6911 and mailed to:

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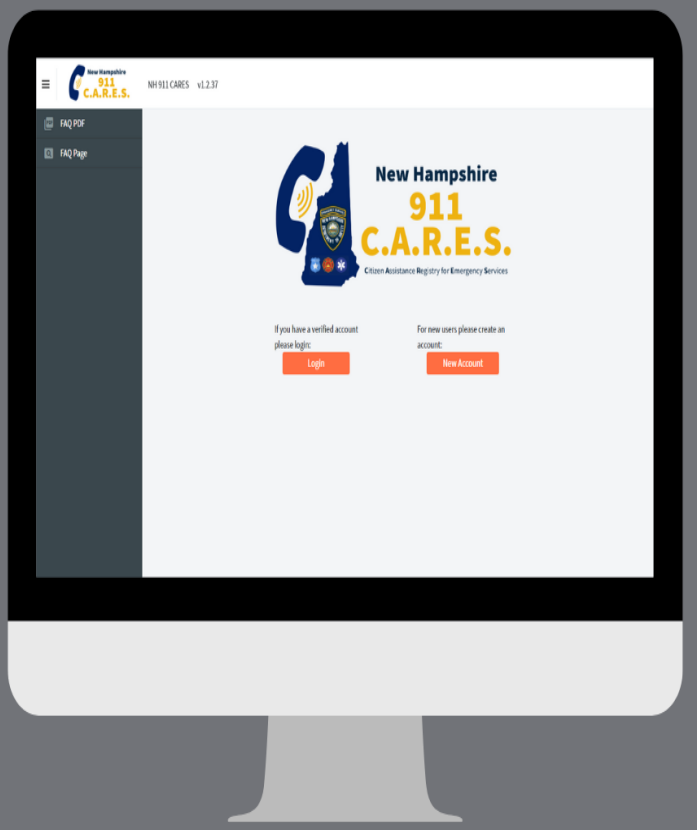
Laconia, NH 03246.



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Fire Chief Michael Williams ***Deputy Fire Chief Robert Selinga***

Auburn Firefighters Memorial

The Auburn Firefighters Association, with the assistance from Alliance landscaping built our own fallen firefighters memorial here at the Safety Complex. Special thanks go out to all the members who assisted with building this memorial to recognize our fallen members.

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

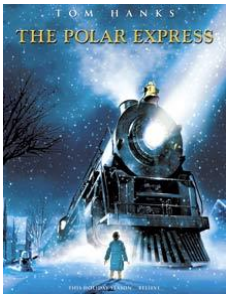
5th Annual Auburn Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season with the 5th Annual Auburn Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 26. We will again be lighting the tree at AVS in the front parking lot.

The event will begin at 6:00 pm with festive music, hot chocolate and cookies. Santa will arrive on the fire truck and lead the countdown to light the tree. The Grinch will also be there again to cause a little "mischief".

Please also note that the building will be closed so there will be no restroom facilities at this event. The front parking lot will be closed for the event so please park in the back of the building.

Polar Express Movie Night



Gather with your friends to watch the holiday classic, The Polar Express on Friday, December 8th at the AVS gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the movie starts at 6:30 pm. Hot chocolate and holiday cookies will be served in the cafeteria. Come dressed in pajamas and bring your most comfy blanket. Everyone will receive a gift at the end of the event.

Tickets are $5 per person if paid in advance or $8 per person at the door. To preregister, visit auburnparksandrec.com.

The Auburn Elf

Parker is back! Auburn's own elf is not on the shelf, but instead will be hiding around town with a puzzle for you to solve. He had so much fun last year that he's excited to visit again.

Throughout the month of December, we will post clues on our Facebook page, Instagram page and website to help you find Parker. He will move 6 times throughout the month of December. To solve his puzzle, make note of the letter he will be holding or will be next to him. Once you have all 6 letters, unscramble them to solve the puzzle and discover the holiday mystery word. Drop off your solved puzzle to Parks & Rec to be entered , three names will be drawn from all the completed puzzles for a Target Gift Card. If you aren't able to stop by the Town Hall during the open hours, leave your completed puzzle, with your name and email address or phone number on it, in the drop slot next to the front door. The gift card drawing will be held on Tuesday, January 2.

As with all north pole elves, please do not touch Parker. We do not want him to lose his magical powers. He does love selfies though. If you take a picture with Parker and want to post it on social media, include tag @AuburnNHparksandrec so we can see all Parker's visitors.

Auburn Apparel

Back by popular demand, Parks and Rec will be selling t-shirts (long and short sleeves) and hoodies. All you need to do is visit the special link below to our store to place your order. **The store will close on Friday, November 17th.** All orders will be ready for pick up the second week in December. Everyone who orders will receive an email with pick up instructions.

Order at…. **https://stores.inksoft.com/auburn_nh/shop/home.** T-shirts $14, Hoodies $24, Long Sleeve T-shirt $17 (There is an additional charge for sizes 2XL and over) Each available in sport grey, red, military green, and navy. Adult and youth sizes. These shirts make great holiday gifts!

Early Winter Programs

The following is a list of Parks & Recreation programs offered in the months of November and December. Unless it states otherwise, the program will be held at the Severance School Community Center at 515 Manchester Road. For a full description of each program and to register, please visit our website at auburnparksandrec.com

Adult Programs

Adult Cooking Classes
Thursday, November 9 at 6:00-7:30 pm- Mile High Apple Pie Make & Take ($49 res/$50 non-res)
Thursday, December 14 at 6:00-7:30 pm- Holiday Cookie Make & Take ($49 res/$50 non-res)

Cooking Decorating
Wednesday, November 15 or Thursday, November 16- Thanksgiving theme- at 6:00-8:00 pm ($52 res/$62 non-res)
Holiday Cookie Decorating… Dates TBD. Please check our website at auburnparksandrec.com

Crafts with Kelly
Tuesday, November 28, 6:00-7:30 pm- Create your own Auburn wood sign. ($39 res/$47 non-res)

Game Day- (Mexican Trains Dominoes)
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm starting November 15 (No games on 11/22)
As the weather is getting colder, let's head inside to play games and socialize! Games will be provided, the primary game being this month will be Mexican Train Dominoes. If you've never played, there will be someone there to teach everyone on the first day. If you aren't into Mexican Trains Dominoes, other games will be available to play!

Holiday Card Making Workshop
Wednesday, December 5 at 1:00 pm. Join us for a holiday card making class. You will make three different cards using rubber stamps with a holiday theme. All supplies are included. ($12 res/ $15 non-res)

Strength Training for Active Seniors
Wednesdays, November 1-December 20 (no class 11/22). 8:45-9:30 am- Beginners. 10:45-11:30 am for Intermediate.
(7 week session $70 res/$84 non-res)

Fridays, November 3-December 22. (no class 11/10 or 11/24) 8:45-9:30 am for all levels
(6 week session $60 res/$72 non-res)
New Drop-in Rate (for both Wednesdays & Friday classes)- $14 res/$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows

Tai Chi
Thursdays, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm, November 2- December 28. No class 11/23 (8 week session $58 res/$70 for non-res)

Yoga
Tuesdays at 6:00-6:45 pm, November 7-December 19. No class 11/21**.** The fee for the 6 week session is $56 for Auburn residents and $67 for non-residents.

Zumba
Morning Zumba- Tuesdays at 8:30-9:30 am, October 31-December 19. No class 11/21
Evening Zumba- Thursdays at 5:30-6:30 pm. November 2-December 21. No class 11/23
(7 week session $70 res/$84 non-res) *New Drop-in Rate- $14 res/$16 non-res per class, paid at class, as space allows*

Youth Programs

Crafty Kids
Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm, November 14-December 19. No class 11/21. This program is open to kids in grades 1-4.
(5 week session $62 res/$73 for non-res)

Jumping Beans
Wednesdays, 9:45 am -10:30 am. November 1-December 20 (no class 11/22). For ages 2-4. (7 week session $49 res/$58 for non-res)

Junior Chef
Wednesday, November 8 at 4:30-5:30 pm- Hand Pies Make & Take- open to grades 4-8 ($42 res/$49 non-res)
Wednesday, December 13 at 4:30-5:30 pm- Pizza Pockets Make & Take- open to grades 4-8 ($42 res/$49 non-res)

You & Me Art
Tuesdays, November 14-December 12 at 10:00-10:45 am. No class 11/21. This program is open to children ages 2-4. Join Mrs. Diorio (formerly of Tiny Tots) and share a special experience with your child as they create, experiment and discover art. In You & Me Art, you (or a caregiver) and your child will explore a variety of art materials, experience new textures and enjoy being creative in a group setting. ($48 res/$58 non-res for a caregiver/child pair)

Sign Up for our Email Newsletter

Don't miss out on any Parks & Rec programs or events… Sign up for our new email newsletter. Just scan the QR code and enter your email address. It's that easy.

Auburn Village News

Each year, the students and staff of Auburn Village School plan events and activities to honor our community's active military/veterans. This year, we would like to honor the active military/veterans of Auburn, NH and the relatives of our school community who have served with our beloved Veteran's Day Breakfast! On Thursday, November 9th at 9:15 am we will honor our veterans at Auburn Village School. Our students will serve breakfast to veterans and their guests. The program will also include a band performance as well as a song or two. The culmination will be a presentation of each veteran accompanied by a picture and information about their service. AVS students related to the veteran will enjoy breakfast as their guest!

Please contact Principal Lori Collins at lcollins@sau15.net or Sixth Grade teacher Laura Villeneuve at lvilleneuve@sau15.net if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Sign up here!
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Auburn's BSA Scout Troop 127

Upcoming Activities at a glance

October 21st: Assisting with the PTA "Spooky Walk"
November 4th: Our Annual Scouting for Food Collection
January 6th and 13th: Our Annual Christmas Tree Collection Fundraiser

Auburn's BSA Troop provides hundreds of man-hours of community service on an annual basis.

Coming up in November, Scouts will collect food donations to be used to assist our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. The residents of Auburn have always been very generous with their support for this annual food drive. Please consider leaving a food donation by your mailbox by 8am on Saturday November 4, 2023.

It's never too early to be prepared. Mark your calendars for the Scouts annual Christmas Tree collection fundraiser. Once the holiday has passed, the Scouts will cheerfully help collect your Christmas Tree for a suggested donation of $10 per tree. Scouts will collect Christmas Trees on January 6th and January 13th 2024.

Auburn's BSA Troop has been very active over the past several months. In September, the Troop attended a Camporee at Hidden Valley Scout Camp in Gilmanton Iron Works where older Scouts offered skill and game instructions to younger Cub Scouts from NH, Maine and Mass. Over 600 people attended this event, which concluded with a morning of target shooting opportunities on the archery and rifle ranges.

In early October, Troop 127 and our neighbors from Chester (Troop 163) and Londonderry (Troop 521) conducted a sunset hike at the Tower Hill. The older Scouts helped younger scouts understand the necessity of a hiking buddy and reviewed map and compass skills.

The Auburn and Chester Troops have been meeting together regularly now for the past few months. The Scouts agree that more scouts = more fun so our 2 small Troops have elected to hold meetings and outings together.

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

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

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

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Library Expansion News:

Moving Full Steam Ahead!
After our successful Community Open House last month, the pieces of the expansion project are falling into place.
Architect – Our architects are SMP Architecture our of Concord, a firm with much library experience.
Construction Manager – We have Bonnette, Page and Stone Corp. out of Laconia on the job, the firm that helped with the AVS expansion.
Fundraising Consultant – Andrews Consulting out of Manchester has been directing our Expansion Committee as we develop and pursue our Capital Campaign.
Expansion Committee – For the past two months, our Expansion Committee has been hard at work developing a fundraising campaign and reaching out to donors. We're also applying for grants and have created a tiered Naming Opportunities program for the new library.

Community Sessions and Involvement: You can join us at an Expansion Committee meeting or just reach out for ways you can help, which could include anything from giving donations to contacting town leaders to spread the word. We have a current set of plans on display at the library along with a digital walk through. If you are interested in learning more about the expansion, please contact Dan Szczesny at director@griffinfree.org.

Information available: Learn more about your library's expansion by visiting our Expansion Hub website anytime for constant updates and info.
https://griffinfree.org/gfpl-expansion-hub/

Notes and News

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

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

Kids and Teen Programming

Sat., Nov. 18, 12pm, Saturday STEM: Join us for our popular Saturday STEM program. This month, Balloons over Broadway! We will be creating GIANT balloon characters

just like the Macy's Day Parade. Decorate a 36" yellow balloon any way you like - dragon, minion, bee etc... All supplies will be provided. The more the merrier, bring your friends. Registration is required.

Sat., Nov. 25, 10:30-12:30, Grant's Games Presents The Art of Tabletop Gaming: Join us for a morning of game play. Ages ten years plus. Registration is required and parents please stay with their gamers!

Thursday, Nov. 30, 6-8pm, Adult Craft Night: Join host Janice Griffin in creating snowmen out of glass! Seating is limited, so be sure to register ahead of time!

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

Adult Programming

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

The Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6:30pm. This month's book will be "Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain.
The club's December meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6:30pm. The book that month will be "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng.

Holiday Hours

In November, the library will be closed Saturday, Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day. During Thanksgiving week, the library will close at 5pm on Nov. 23 and be closed Nov. 24 and on Nov. 25.

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November Updates: The Friends of the Library

As we enter the season of thanks, we at the Friends of the Griffin Library would like to extend our gratitude for all of your community support. We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you December 3rd!

Oh My Goodness, Santa's Back!

On Sunday December 3rd, the Friends of the Griffin Library will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa from 8am -11am at the Auburn Village School Cafeteria.

We heard from a semi reliable source that Santa will be arriving on a fire truck about 8:45am. We hope we have some little elves ready to greet him. Santa is looking forward to seeing the children from Auburn. He is also excited to visit with them and hear about each child's holiday wishlist.

Meanwhile Santa's helpers will be busy in the kitchen preparing and serving sausage, pastries, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, of course pancakes, and new this year, waffles with optional fruit topping!

We tried to keep our prices reasonable for our all you can eat breakfast.
Prices are $10 for adults, $5 for children up to grade 8, and free for children under 3.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Friends of the Griffin Library and be used for programs and events.

Also stop by and see the plans for the Library Expansion - even Santa is excited about that!

Questions or interested in becoming a Friend? Reach us at griffinlibraryfriends@gmail.com or stop by one of our upcoming meetings, held at 7pm on the first Monday of every month (except holidays).

Our next meetings will take place at 7:00 at the library on Monday, November 6th.

Why people of the town of Auburn should consider expanding Griffin Free Public Library

In 1893 Sebastian Griffin donated his personal "library and museum" to the town of Auburn. The small building was only 396 square feet. The library is historic. Griffin realized the importance of and founded this public library four years before Carnegie began funding public libraries in cities across the rest of the United States.

Since then, volunteers and builders, mostly from the town, have enlarged the library with two additions and renovations. An addition to the north and installation of a septic system occurred in 2004 and the outhouse was no longer needed. (Dan Carpenter, personal interview.) Following installation of the septic system, the state allowed the library to participate in Interlibrary Loan and the number of materials available to patrons and library usage expanded exponentially. However, the library itself remained small.

In 2020, Patience Jackson, a library consultant completed a building needs assessment of the library. She described the library as "a small, friendly place that offers current book and media collection with community space and a limited collection from Sebastian Griffin's own collection."

However, Jackson continues, the "Griffin Free Public Library is dramatically the smallest by far of ALL of the towns in NH with a population less than 6,300. In fact, it is at the very bottom of in almost every aspect of library resources and functions within that population group". It is too small for its current usage. For example, there are only 10 seats for adult patrons, 1 chair for a young adult, 3 chairs for school age children, and 1 table for preschool children.

It is a very small public space. Perhaps, because of this small public space, the library has the fewest items available for circulation of any library in the comparison group mentioned above.

Jackson concludes, Griffin's "library building—a gift enlarged by donors and volunteer workmen-is just physically too small to function adequately or to serve the present population". Never mind to serve the needs of the future.

The Griffin Free Public Library Expansion Committee is always looking for new members and interested community members who wish to participate. Please email koperrin@gmail.com for more information

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BIRD CARVING EXHIBIT

12/8/23 – 1/12/24

Auburn artist Dee Cleary will be exhibiting her carved birds at Griffin Free Library from December 8 - January 12. You are invited to attend the exhibit opening on 12/8 from 5 – 8 pm, where you can meet the artist, enjoy refreshments and learn about the process of carving birds.

On exhibit will be songbirds and waterfowl that were carved from basswood and eastern white cedar. Opening night will include a demonstration of how to carve a bird from a block of wood.

Cleary earned a BFA from NH Institute of Art with a focus in clay sculpture, and has recently been working under Master Bird Carver, Don Combs, also of Auburn.

Massabesic Garden Club

Hello and happy fall! We missed our article last month as we were busy in the gardens. It's that time of year again where we are getting ready for hunkering down a bit. However, the garden club has been ratcheting up for an amazing club season.

To kick off our 2023-2024 season, we had a wonderful talk in September from Ron Trexler of the UNH cooperative extension about putting our garden to rest for the winter. We also had a lovely tour of the Massabesic Audubon center, hosted by the master gardeners - thank you for treating us! We felt spoiled with the yummy refreshments provided. Hopefully the chores have been completed for your yard and gardens. If you are looking for more info and didn't catch our talk, you can find an article at extension.unh.edu. You can add "Putting the Garden to Bed" in the search box on the site.

We have many exciting events planned for this year ! We co-hosted a talk from Wintergreen Botanicals with the library in October. Maria Noel Groves shared an abundance of interesting facts regarding what we can grow in our own backyards for all sorts of medicinal purposes. As we are entering the brown, white and grey months, you may want to check out her beautiful website (wintergreenbotanticals.com) and her 'virtual walks' through all seasons to see some green and get inspiration for your own gardens.

We have a trip to Frizz home Gardens in Bedford on November 8th for a private tour of their amazing green house. If you are a houseplant lover, this is not to be missed! Jeff from Frizz Home is a wealth of knowledge and his green house is akin to the best of botanical gardens on a smaller scale.

In December we will have our annual holiday party, this year at Severance school. Aside from a potluck and fun times, we will be showcasing the barn garden committee's hard work at The Massabesic Audubon Center. Under the leadership of Master Gardener Candidate Stephanie Hanson, this groups has spent the past season pulling invasives and plant identification. A donation was made by the Garden club for native plants for the garden, purchased at a deep discount through Found Well Farm. A deep thanks to Stephanie for providing this opportunity for the club to get our hands dirty and revive this beautiful garden. The garden is in need of hardscape, so if there are any aspiring Eagle Scouts or other folks in need of projects, please let us know.

Our January meeting will consist of a demonstration of Winter Sowing by members and Master Gardener candidates Patti Ellwell and Stephanie Hanson. Save your milk jugs or other clear containers as you will have the winter sowing bug after this workshop! In February, we will have Ayn from Foundwell Farm in Pembroke, a native plant nursery In Pembroke. The talk will be "Gardening for the Cheap and Lazy". That is one not to be missed! Ayn's humor and extensive knowledge will make for a fun evening.

If you haven't joined our club yet, feel free to contact us prior or just show up and join at any of our events. The energy and camaraderie of this club is second to none. A word of gratitude - we cherish the friendships we have made both in the club and networking out in the gardening community for our speakers. We would not have a club without our wonderful members. This club was formed in 2020 during covid as a way to cope with the isolation, the desire to do something good, share common interests, to be with like-minded folks, and to bring community together. We are up over 80+ members! We are open to surrounding towns as well, and do have folks from other towns that choose to come to OUR club. We welcome you to come join us! If you have a topic that you think would be of interest for a talk, please share your ideas. For more information on the Massabesic Garden Club, including the calendar of events, please see our website www.massabesicgc.org. We can also be found on Facebook.

Longmeadow Serves

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Greetings from your friends at the **Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ** at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn in this glorious Autumn season.

November is always a full and joyful time at Longmeadow as we bring back opportunities to learn and grow together. In addition to our regular Sunday worship services (9:30 in-person, 11:00on Zoom, and on YouTube) We have brought back our monthly Dinner Church where we gather around a shared meal to create a safe place to engage deeply with topics of faith in our daily lives such as last month's discussion on forgiveness.

We also continue following the call we feel to put our faith in action. Last month we were blessed to learn more about the work of Sleep in Heavenly Peace and become more involved in their ministry. This month we will learn more about the work of Church World Service and gather after to worship to assemble School Kits and Menstrual Health Kits.

We also look forward to two annual outreach events this month and invite our Auburn friends and neighbors to join us as you have so often in the past:

- ***Scarves in the Park:*** November is the month we deliver and distribute all the scarves made to help people keep warm over the coming winter months. If you have created scarves or other items for this program, please contact Pastor Ruth at the church to arrange drop off or pick up.
- ***Thanksgiving Baskets:*** For decades our church has served our Auburn neighbors in need with our annual Thanksgiving Baskets in-gathering of food to help make the festivities of the season brighter. Over the past few years we have learned that it is more helpful for the people we serve to provide ***Grocery Store Gift Cards* only**, which we can mail to the families and they can use to purchase the items they need. Donations of Gift Cards in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please contact Pastor Ruth at the church to arrange a pick-up or simply mail any gift cards, from any of the local grocery stores, to the church office (P.O. Box 356 Auburn, NH 03032).

We often speak about how the church is not the building. The Church is the people who listen for and follow God's call in the world. But we are also mindful and grateful to have our beautiful historic building that has been lovingly cared for by generations before us and given us a place where we can worship, learn, serve, and grow together in faith. And now, as the structural integrity of our iconic steeple has begun to show signs of age it is our turn to faithfully care for this building so that it may continue to be a place where we and future generations can continue to worship, learn, serve, and grow together in faith. If you would like to support our efforts and keep the steeple of our historic building please see the information below for ways you can donate. Thank You.

Remember, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. If you are seeking a place to worship, we hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907.

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

Thanks very much and God Bless

Save Our Steeple Campaign

Donations also accepted by Venmo @Longmeadow Congregational Church (comment: Steeple)

Longmeadow Congregational Church

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Saturday, December 2, 2023

8:30am – 2:00pm

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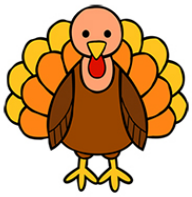
Longmeadow Church Breakfasts

Please come join your friends for breakfast in November at the Longmeadow Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. The Community Breakfast is **November 11th from 6:30 to 10:00 am**. The "all you can eat breakfast" includes French toast, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, toast, English muffins, and beverages for a donation of $8 for adults, $5 for children 6-12 and under 6 free.

Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy a great meal? See you!

THANKSGIVING  WORD SEARCH

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Deer Hunting, Part 1
by Dan Carpenter

Left: The shed in Brandon O'Brien's right hand was found in Auburn in 2014.

Right: He killed the same deer in Nov 2022. NH wildlife biologists determined that this deer was 13-1/2 years old.

Brandon O'Brien grew up hunting with his father and grandfather, and killed his first deer at the age of 10 (a big doe weighing 145lbs). That is still his biggest doe he has ever taken. As a teenager, he had serious discussions with as many older deer hunters as possible that had several decades of experience in the woods. He listened and learned their tactics, secrets, and philosophies. Road Agent Joe Stacy would grade the road during deer season to make it more obvious where and what deer were in the neighborhood. Joe Stacy would drive his truck slowly down the dirt portion of Raymond Rd looking for tracks. Today, too many hunters have used this trick and Brandon says he has not seen a big buck track cross Raymond Rd during the season in years. The deer are still there, but most mature bucks no longer want to cross the road during the season as they know it can be very dangerous for them. The deer have learned and adapted in order to survive the deer season.

After graduating from college, Brandon decided to utilize his knowledge and work harder. After the deer season is over, deer will naturally shed their antlers. Finding a shed proves that a particular deer survived hunting season. In addition to spending time in the woods, Brandon uses modern technology like an ebike to get further into the woods. He can park at a Manchester Water Works gate and within minutes be a mile or more away and quietly up a tree stand. The modern hunter uses trail cameras. A motion detector detects and records all movement within the camera's eye. Brandon checks his cameras, reads the cards, and looks for deer with the largest racks in the area. He may see the same animal multiple times over several years. He keeps track of where and when he saw a particular deer, scouts areas and uses that information to plan his hunts. He may also see a deer that will be a little bit bigger in a year or two and will wait to see how it develops.

Deer hunters today can extend the hunting season by utilizing different weapons - bow, muzzleloader, shotgun, and rifle. Hunters also travel to other districts within NH or hunt in other states like Vermont, Maine, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Every deer killed in NH is registered and tagged with a metal tag that has an identifying number and year (this system has recently changed.). Over the past decade, Brandon has a collection of 38 tags from deer taken in New England. It feels like there are fewer hunters in the woods, but the ones who are out there are working hard at their craft.

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News from the Auburn Historical Association

Short Stories about Auburn, New Hampshire Hunters

The McDuffy's had a big farm on Dearborn Road. In 1894, they put up a huge barn with a cupola. Burt McDuffy's (1861 -1927) garden was behind the house and alongside the barn. Over the first half of the 20th century, there were enough deer around that they traveled in small "flocks". Four or 5 deer can do an awful lot of damage to a garden. NH state law allows farmers to protect their crops. From his kitchen table, Burt could see the deer in his garden. He could walk through the house and enter the barn. From there, he climbed up into the cupola where he kept a rifle.

From that vantage point, the sound of a shot did not travel back to the ground and spook the other deer. Burt could kill a deer and the others would continue to graze the garden. The deer would only run off when he dragged the animal into the barn to be butchered. In a few days, the deer would return to the garden and the whole process would begin again.

More short stories about hunting in Auburn, NH will be in next month's Crier

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Scarecrow Contest!

Winners of Each category will receive a $25 prize. This was truly a "town event" and we appreciate everyone who submitted to the contest.

Top left: Most creative - Auburn Village School "3 Little Pigs", 11 Eaton Hill Road

Top right: Scariest - Matt Wenger's 'Big Foot', 645 Pingree Hill Road

Bottom Left: Funniest - Lainee Gilroy's "Jimmy Buffett' scene at 11 Wood Drive

Bottom right: Historical - Martha Zogopoulos's "Smokey the Bear" at 14 Spofford Road

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