



# AUBURN VILLAGE CRIER

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November

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## Longmeadow Church Breakfast

Longmeadow's public breakfast is on the FIRST Saturday of each month from 6:30 – 10:00 am. The breakfast in November is on Saturday, Nov 2nd, at Longmeadow Congregational Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town news and enjoy an "all you can eat breakfast" of French toast, English muffins, eggs your way, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, homemade beans and muffins, and beverages for a donation of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and under 5 free?

Due to the Snowflake Fair on Dec. 7th, the breakfast will be held on Dec. 21st.

Please come join your friends!

## Snowflake Fair

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:30am-2pm

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# Auburn Town Hall News



## Color Leaves and Tax Bills Mark the Fall

For municipal governments throughout New Hampshire, the fall is a busy time of year as budgeting for the next year is in full swing, while the setting of tax rates, the mailing of property tax bills and the preparation to close out financial records for the current year are also underway. And Auburn is no different.

With property tax bills likely to be in the mail by the last week of October, it may no longer be news to property owners the tax rate for 2019 was set at \$18.81 per thousand by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA).

Auburn realized a significant increase in additional property valuation from new homes, commercial buildings and additions in 2019 which results in slight more than \$15 million of new value being recorded. Auburn's net assessed property valuation now totals \$860,548,828.

The tax rate includes four components -- \$3.59 for the town; \$12.35 for the local education; \$1.96 for the state education, and \$0.91 for the county. For comparison purposes, the 2018 total rate of \$17.06 per thousand, was inclusive of

\$3.36 for the town; \$10.86 for local education; \$1.93 for state education and \$0.91 for the county.

Various budgets and warrant articles approved by local voters last March established total appropriations of \$21,558,985 for the town and school district combined. And the Town's share of the Rockingham County budget adds another \$781,399. Of that total amount, \$18,474,885 needs to be raised by taxes, which results in the \$18.81 tax rate.

## Mildred Eisman is 33<sup>rd</sup> Auburn Resident to Hold Boston Post Cane

The presentation of the "Boston Post Cane" began in 1909 as a marketing gimmick to increase the circulation of the Boston Post.

There were 431 of the canes produced to begin with, which were made of African ebony with 14-carat gold heads. Some say that Edwin A. Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post, had picked them up cheap at an auction before he came up with the idea of distributing them to New

England towns to be presented to each town's oldest citizen then passed along to the next oldest as each holder of the cane departed the earth.

Though intended at first only for men, by 1930 women were receiving the canes thus ensuring that truly the town's oldest citizen became the temporary holder of the cane. Auburn was ahead of the curve, however, with Sarah Watson being

the first woman recognized in 1919.

In October, the Board of Selectmen was pleased to recognize and present the Boston Post Cane to Mildred Bovarnick Eisman who, at 96 years young, is the oldest resident of Auburn.

The presentation took place at the Town Hall with Mrs. Eisman's family, neighbors and friends in attendance.

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Mrs. Eisman becomes the 33<sup>rd</sup> Auburn resident to be recognized with the Boston Post Cane. Although men had an early advantage of being the only ones to be recognized, there have been more Auburn women as holders of the cane than men. Of the 33 residents recognized, 15 have been men and 17 have been women.

The cane, or staff, is an ancient symbol of deference to age and reverence for ancestors.

Auburn is among a number of New Hampshire communities that has maintained the tradition of

presenting the Boston Post Cane. The Town has retained the ownership of the original cane on display at the Auburn Historical Association, while a replica is presented to the holders to keep as testament of the milestone.



## Salute Our Veterans and Happy Thanksgiving

As we head into November, please remember to honor our veterans and say "Thank you for your service" on Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>.

And we wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

*Richard Eaton*



*Keith Leclair*

*Todd Bedard*

*Auburn Board of Selectmen*



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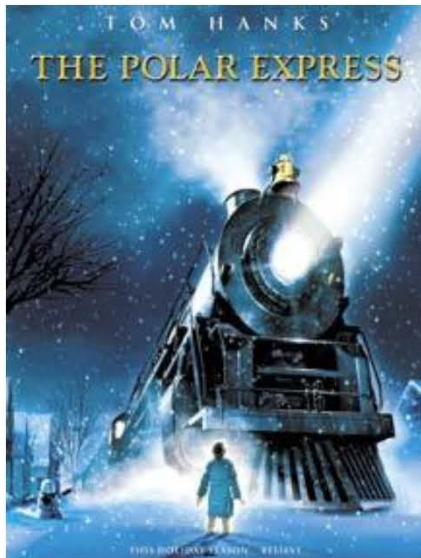


## Coffee House Concert

The Parks and Rec's annual Fall Coffee House Concert will be held on **Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Longmeadow Church**. This fall concert is a relaxed, indoor coffee house experience with the Coffee House "Regulars" Band. Come enjoy free coffee, hot cocoa & desserts while listening and singing along to some fun music. Everyone will receive a ticket for the raffle. It will be a fun evening of entertainment for the entire family.



## The Polar Express – Family Movie Night



Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at AVS Gymnasium

Doors open at 4:00 pm with movie starting at 4:30 pm

Hot chocolate and holiday cookies will be served throughout the movie

Come dressed in pajamas and bring your most comfy blanket

Everyone will receive a gift at the end of the movie and there will be a visit from a very special guest.

Tickets are \$5 per person

Pre-registration is required. To order your tickets, use the form on the following page or on our website at [AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation](http://AuburnNH.us/parks-and-recreation) under "Rec Forms". There are limited tickets available. Order today so you don't miss out on this fun holiday family event.

## Babysitting Class

There is still space available in the Child and Babysitting Safety Course. This class is designed for tweens & teens in grades 5-8 who wish to become babysitters as well as for children who may be left at home without a parent. This 2-day class will be held on Wednesday, November 20 and Thursday, November 21 from 2:45-5:30 pm at the Auburn Safety Complex. The fee for the class is \$59 per person. Preregistration is required. The registration form is on the following page.





## Painting Night for Adults

Why should the kids get all the fun? This painting night is just for the adults. JenMac Creates will guide each participant through the process by choosing and mixing colors, applying stencils, painting, and sanding to create a customized holiday project. All required materials will be provided.

This class will be held on Thursday, December 5th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Safety Complex. The cost for the evening is \$39 per person which includes all the supplies to create the 3-block festive creation. Please see the samples to the right for the project of the evening. To register, use the form below.



## Junior Chefs



Junior Chefs, with instructor Jen Anderson, is a cooking program for children ages 7 and over. At Junior Chefs, our young gourmets to learn how to mix, measure and bake their own delicious creations. This class will be offered once a month (see dates below) at the Longmeadow Church from 4:00-5:00 pm. Each class is \$22. Every month has a different class theme for the season. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Please use the registration form below.

November 21<sup>st</sup>- Festive Fall Food

December 19<sup>th</sup>- Edible Gift Ideas

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## **Parks and Recreation Program Registration Form**

*Babysitting Class, Painting Night, Junior Chefs & The Polar Express Movie Night*

Participant's Name: (or Family Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for \_\_\_\_\_ Babysitting Class \_\_\_\_\_ Painting Night \_\_\_\_\_ Polar Express (# tickets)

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Chef (November) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Chef (December)

Please return this form to Auburn Parks and Recreation, PO Box 309, Auburn, NH 03032 or you can drop it off at the Town Hall. Please call the Parks and Recreation office at 483-5052 x101 or email [Recreation@townofauburnNH.com](mailto:Recreation@townofauburnNH.com) with any questions. Checks can be written to "Town of Auburn".



Kathy Growney, Library Director

(603) 483-5374

director@griffinfree.org

www.griffinfree.org



## Programming Highlights

Thank you everyone who stopped by to get a library card or renew your account! We had a record 98 new patrons in September and 67 people renew their cards. Thank you for your support!

Just in time for the holidays, one stroke painting is back! Use your artistic side to make a gift for you or a loved one. Space is limited to ten and registration is required prior to the event.

November is National Novel Writers Month! We are again supporting our local writers by designating our front room for writers to work quietly from noon until 6:00 PM every Thursday in the month of November. Enjoy our free Wi-Fi and a cup of coffee on us!

## Collection Highlights

Did you know that your Griffin Free Public Library card now enables you to borrow material, including book, audiobook and movies, from over 200 NH Libraries online through the NHAIS catalog [<https://nhais.agshareit.com>]? All you need is your Griffin Free library card number and password. Items requested will be shipped to Griffin Free for you to pick up. Questions? Just contact the library and we will be happy to show you how it works.

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### Upcoming Adult Programming:

**Every Friday, 10:00 AM** – Knitting/Crochet  
NANOWRIMO/Write-In – Thursdays from Noon  
– 6:00 PM

**Friday, Nov., 1, 11:00 AM** – Coffee with a Cop

**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 PM** – Evening Book  
Club: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1:15 PM** – *Pachinko* by  
Min Jin Lee

**Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** – One  
Stroke Brush Painting – Limited space.  
Registration in advance required.

**Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 AM** – Genealogy Club

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:00 PM** – Healthy Living for  
Your Brain & Body

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### Upcoming Children's Programming:

**During November & December: *Stuff the Turkey with Books You Have Read***: Starts Nov.  
1 through Dec. 20

**EVERY Tuesday, 11:00 AM** – Infant/Toddler  
Storytime with Miss Mary

**EVERY Friday, 1:00 PM** – Infant/Toddler  
Storytime with Miss Mary

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 1:00 PM** - STEM on Saturday:  
Design a Park

**Saturday, Nov. 23, 11:00 AM** – Storytime: Let's  
Talk Turkey and make a turkey themed craft

### HOLIDAY HOURS

**Tues, Nov. 12:** CLOSED

**Wed, Nov. 27:** 1:00 – 5:00 PM

**Thurs, Nov. 28 – Fri. Nov. 29:** CLOSED



\*\*\*\*\*The 41st Annual\*\*\*\*\*

# Snowflake Fair

Silent Auction  
Baked Goods  
Snack Bar  
Plants  
Santa  
Gift Baskets  
Candy Table  
Cookie Walk  
Attic Treasures Table  
Hand Crafted Gift items

Saturday, December 7, 2019  
8:30am – 2:00pm

Longmeadow Congregational Church, Auburn NH  
(Corner of Wilson Crossing Rd. & Chester Rd.)

A supervised area will be available for children to make  
crafts and wrap their own gifts.



# The Massabesic Senior Group



The Massabesic Senior Group would like to thank Parks and Recreation, including guides Amy and Patty for a great day at the gondola on Cannon Mountain and a delicious meal at the Woodstock Inn. The views from the summit

were beautiful and the food and décor at the Inn were outstanding. Attending from our Senior group were: Dick Vee, Paul and Lyn Therrien, Lorraine Senechal, Yolande Labbe, Chris Hrycuna, Midge Dinsmore, Richard Cote. Pat Clement and Mary Brown. Looking forward to our next trip in the spring.

We've also had a busy summer and early fall. In addition to our regular meetings we also met at the Manchester side of the lake to picnic, enjoy the view and the fellowship of other members. We continue to visit friends, neighbors and other members who unable to get out.

Some of us lent our talents to volunteer for the Griffin Library at the Duck Race, either manning their booth or donating items for the Made in Auburn table.

Since we enjoyed the crafting so much we decided to dedicate one meeting a month to being creative. We have made a hanging battery operated candle holder. Our future projects include painting a sunflower on a ceramic tile and making a glittery Christmas ornament.



We have a new member, Rose Frost. Welcome! We hope all of you who live in the Auburn area will join us on Thursday afternoons at the Longmeadow Church meeting room. We meet at 1:00 PM.

Our thought for the month..."Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher" William Wordsworth

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving  
Massabesic Seniors*



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**Pre-registration is required for all programs**

*All programs registrations are available on-line at [www.nhaudubon.org](http://www.nhaudubon.org) under Events and News, then Calendar.*

## Full Moon Walk – Beaver Moon

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Cost: \$12M/\$15NM individuals, \$30M/\$40NM families

According to folklore, the full moon in November is named after beavers who become active while preparing for winter! Come celebrate the Beaver Moon with a nighttime hike to Battery Point. Join Jake King with Thrive Outdoors for the hike, a campfire, hot cocoa, marshmallows and a telescope for some moon and star-gazing before the hike.

## Cocktails & Crafts III

Joint Program with AARP

Friday, November 22, 5:30-7:30 pm  
COST: \$20M, \$25 NM

Get ready for the holidays at this fun event creating home decorations using natural materials. Let your imagination go wild! Greens, dried materials, glue and some containers provided (bring your own vase or basket if you'd like. This is a catered event that includes appetizers and adult beverages. Note: This is an adult event -21 or over, please. Registration is REQUIRED and space is limited! (This event sells out every year – be sure to register early.) Handicap accessible.

## Holiday Wreaths Available

Choose your ribbon color and wreath size and select to have it decorated by our talented volunteers who use natural gatherings such as pine cones, milkweed pods, cut flowers, etc. for a



beautiful welcome at your front door. The deadline to order is November 9. Wreath order forms are available at <http://www.nhaudubon.org/calendar/wreath-fundraiser/>

## EXHIBIT: NH Wild Photo Contest

Stop by to see the photos that were selected to be in the 2019 show. Categories include Birds (of course), wildlife, plants, landscape and Youth. AND these fabulous photos are also for sale so if you see one you just adore, it could be yours! Thank you to all the participants in this fun annual fundraiser. On Display through December 7.



## HOMESCHOOL/PRESCHOOL

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am (see dates below) Cost: \$12 M / \$15 NM (per child/parent pair)

Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. Please dress to be outside! Pre-registration required for all classes. Call us at 668-2045 or register online at <http://www.nhaudubon.org/learn/>

## Junior Explorers-Classes for Homeschoolers ages 7-12

Leader: Linden Rayton, Massabesic Audubon Center Naturalists.

### November 6: Hike to Blueberry Point

There are so many beautiful trails at the Massabesic Audubon Center. Today, hike as a group out to Blueberry Point. Practice your tree ID on the way, play some forest games, and enjoy a snack when we get to Massabesic Lake. Some snacks provided; please provide food if your child has dietary restrictions.

## November 20: Massabesic Tree Habitats

Take a close look at the trees around the center and see who might be using them for habitats. Mice, woodpeckers, chickadees, squirrels, insects and other wildlife all use trees for shelter. Bring your journal again to record the evidence you collect about which animals call your tree home. Afterward, gather the data as a group to look for trends and explore the evidence.

## Wee Wonders-Classes for Preschoolers ages 4-6

Leader: Amanda Klemm, Massabesic Audubon Center - Animal Care Specialist and Naturalist

**November 6: Sensational Snakes**  
How does an animal without ears hear sounds? Snakes have anatomical structures that allow them to sense things in a different way than humans can. Today we will learn what makes snakes special, talk about a few of the snakes found in New Hampshire, and have hands-on time with one of MAC's snake ambassadors!

## November 20: Searching for Shapes

Shapes and patterns can be found all around us, and are a great basis for creating art! Today we will learn shape names, discover where we can find them, then search for shapes and patterns around the classroom and outdoors. We will conclude with a shape-based art project.



## **News from Auburn Dollars for Scholars**

Have you started applying to post secondary schools?

**The cost of education is expensive!**

Here are a few tips when looking for scholarships to help pay for your education:

1. Visit **[scholarshipamerica.org](http://scholarshipamerica.org)** and make a list of scholarships for which you may qualify. Many of these are available to all students.
2. Search for scholarships often. Many open in the fall/winter while student are applying to schools.
3. Keep track of all scholarship due dates. You don't want to miss out on any financial help.
4. Apply to as many scholarships as you think you can complete! Most applications will require the same information. This should save you time, after the initial information is gathered.
5. Keep studying! Your high school grades can be a big influence on receiving a scholarship.

Auburn Dollars for Scholars offer 9 scholarships to all Auburn students currently attending or planning on attending a post secondary school for the 2020/2021 academic school year.

Auburn's scholarships open Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

**Visit: [auburn.dollarsforscholars.org](http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org)**

Good Luck!

Mary Hrubiec, President



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## ATTENTION NEW VOTERS

Interested in voting in the Presidential Primary election?

Do you need to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot?

If you are leaving town for the winter months you may want to come into the Town Clerk's Office before you go to get registered to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

Prospective voters will be asked to show proofs of identity, age (18 by the next election day), domicile/residence in Auburn, and U.S. Citizenship. A driver's license and a birth certificate or passport are useful. Affidavits may be signed under oath if proofs are lacking.

### Town Clerk Hours:

Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 noon



Auburn Village School PTA's

## HOLIDAY FAIR



The Auburn Village School PTA's Holiday Fair is fun for kids and adults of all ages. Starting at 8am on **Saturday, December 14th** and running in conjunction with The Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library's Santa's Breakfast, the fair offers you a chance to find unique gifts for those on your list while your kids play games, make crafts and shop. With over 40 vendors, you're bound to find something! There will also be raffles with exciting prizes! Among the raffles is \$500 cash prize. Who can't use a little extra cash this time of year?

Raffle entries will end at 1pm and there will be a live drawing from 1pm to 2pm. You don't need to be present to win. For more details, please visit our Facebook page at "AVSPTA". Admission is free but tickets are required for kids' crafts, games, and raffles. Tickets are \$1 a piece or \$10 for 15.

## 2019 “AUBURN PEOPLE” SCARECROWS

We are appreciative of the overwhelming support and community participation of the annual Auburn People scarecrow fundraiser. Here's a look at some of our favorite scarecrows from this year.



# News from the Auburn Historical Association

## MILDRED (BOVARNICK) EISMAN HONORED

On Tuesday, October 15, Millie Eisman was presented with Auburn's Boston Cane Post. The cane is given to the town's oldest resident and 96-year-old Millie is the 33rd holder of the cane.

Millie was married to Morris Phillip Eisman and they lived on Chester Road, across from Lake Massabesic.

Millie worked for many years at Elliot Hospital in Manchester and went on to become the head nurse of the French Unit at the hospital. She retired at 65-years-old and volunteered until she was 92-years-old at the hospital's library.

Millie was one of the first women on the Auburn School Board and a District Officer and was one of the original founders of the Auburn's Woman's Auxiliary.

Millie has three children (Nancy, Glenn and Alex), eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



## SAYING GOODBYE AND THANK YOU TO SUSIE

The Auburn Historical Association would like to send a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to Susie Thiboult. After five years of volunteering with the Historical Association, Susie has decided to hang up her duck socks and "retire".

Susie was responsible for spearheading annual fundraisers like the plant sale and daffodil project. She also spent countless hours sewing, painting and organizing the popular "Auburn People" scarecrows. With help from AHA President Dan Carpenter, Susie wrote, compiled and photographed the Town of Auburn, Auburn Barns, Old Homes and Auburn Elders books.

Susie is probably most known for being the mastermind behind the wildly successful Auburn Day and Duck Race. She organized volunteers, sought out vendors and worked tirelessly with her daughter, Morgen, to get the word out to local media outlets about the event.

Susie is a compassionate, dedicated and hardworking woman and she will be missed by the entire organization.

We wish Susie a happy "retirement", although we know she'll be busy with keeping up with her four grandchildren and taking care of her husband, Joe.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're always appreciative of volunteers and are looking for people to help with the following:

- Social media posts
- Website design and updates
- Event organization and execution
- Fundraising ideas

If you're interested in helping with future events, projects or fundraising, then please e-mail Dan Carpenter at [dancarpenterinc@gmail.com](mailto:dancarpenterinc@gmail.com)





## St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor

567 Manchester Rd.

603-623-5429

[www.stpeteraub.org](http://www.stpeteraub.org)

### Mass Schedule:

Sat – 4:00 pm

Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

New Mass Time: Please note that our Sunday morning Mass schedule has changed. The Masses are now at 8:00 am and **10:00 am**.

All Saints' Day Party: Friday, November 1 following the 5:30 pm Mass. Join us for food, games, prizes and more!

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 28 at 9:00 am. Please bring a canned good to share with local food pantries.

Baptism or Marriage: For information on scheduling a Baptism or Marriage, please contact Fr. Michael Gendron at 603-623 -5429, ext. 1.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry to adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and growing in their relationship with God. If you have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Jake Linxweiler, Director of RCIA at 483-5571, or the parish office at [stpeteraub@comcast.net](mailto:stpeteraub@comcast.net).



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## Longmeadow Serves!



As Autumn continues to decorate our beautiful community, your friends at the Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ invite you to join us as we continue our program year of Worship, Service and Fellowship. We are located at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn and invite you to join us as together we worship the God who is Still Speaking. We come together for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 with Sunday School and childcare available at the same time.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we have so much to celebrate and for which to give thanks. Our second breakfast of this new season brought over 200 people to the table and it was, as always, a joy to serve you. We wish to also thank those of you who joined with us at the breakfasts in supporting the work of Holy Joe's Café in equipping military chaplains to serve those who serve our country.

We would also like to thank all our neighbors in Auburn and beyond who have joined us in creating scarves to help people keep warm over the coming winter months. We have received hundreds of scarves and would like to invite you all to join us on **Wednesday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m.** to a special **"Scarves in the Park Tagging Party"** at the church followed by traveling to Manchester to deliver the scarves. At the tagging party we will provide a light breakfast (bagels, pastries, etc.) and

will add a tag to each scarf. Afterward we will travel to the park in Manchester to leave scarves for anyone who would like one. This year we will also be bringing scarves to the homeless shelter and other agencies around the city. You do not need to have knitted/crocheted scarves to participate in this event. We will be happy to receive your completed scarves up to that date



and will be happy to arrange a pick-up at your home if requested. Contact Pastor Ruth at the church for more information.

In November, we are also gearing up for our annual **Thanksgiving Basket** outreach program in which we provided baskets of food to local residents who might need just a little extra assistance in pulling together a special Thanksgiving meal. In the past we

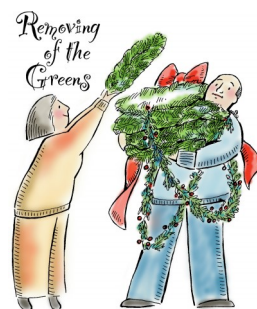


have been very blessed to receive generous donations from you, our Auburn neighbors. If you would like to be part of this special outreach to local families, you can bring non-perishable food to our Community Breakfast in November or contact Pastor Ruth at the church to arrange another drop off time. The food does not need to be limited to the Thanksgiving meal, our hope is to fill people's pantries for the coming winter. All non-perishable food donations are welcome but please make sure all food is within date and unopened. Our greatest need, however, is for **Grocery Store Gift Cards**. As we do not have the refrigeration facilities to provide turkeys and other perishable foods, in addition to the non-perishables, we provide each family with a grocery store gift card to pick up those things. And so, gift cards are the item most needed. They can be to any local grocery store (Hannaford's, Shaw's, Market Basket, Aldi), no donation is too small. However, for ease in distributing them proportionately, we

ask that the cards be in denominations of \$20 or less. Thank you for your generosity.

We know it is hard to believe, but the holy season of **Advent and Christmas** are also approaching and will begin before the next issue of the Crier is out.

If you are seeking a place to immerse yourself in the beauty and joy of this season, you will always find a welcome at



Longmeadow. We will begin the season with a **Greening of the Church** service on Sunday morning, December 1. This interactive service is for the entire family and we learn more about the purpose behind the traditional holiday elements we use to adorn our sanctuary and our homes. We will also be having a special evening service on Sunday December 8 to reach out to and support those for whom the holidays are a difficult time. Please see the December Crier for more details.

Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC is a place where you can really make a difference in the world. Through both large and small efforts, our motto of "Longmeadow Serves" guides our life together as we seek to be a light in the world. We provide a spiritual home where all faith questions are honored and respected. 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. Friend us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Longmeadow/>



# Auburn Police News

Hello Auburn Residents,

Fall is upon us, and with it... hunting season. You will most likely see an influx of vehicles not familiar to you. You will also probably hear gun shots, when the leaves drop off the trees, gun shots can sound a lot closer than they are. Be sure to wear bright orange whenever you are out in the woods or on the trails. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns.

With the Holidays here there are usually a lot more packages arriving at your home, we want everyone to remember some helpful tips so those holiday packages are delivered safely to you, and not stolen from your front door.

1. Have packages delivered to your work.
2. Schedule deliveries for times you will be home. This keeps packages from sitting unattended for long periods of time.
3. Buddy up with a neighbor.
4. Require a signature. This extra insurance ensures that you won't have packages piling up at your door.
5. Try a lockbox. Lockboxes can be used to protect packages until you can make it home and retrieve them.
6. Monitor your front porch. Security cameras or video doorbells can be used to keep an eye on your packages.

## AUBURN GIVING TREE IS UP!!

As of November 1<sup>st</sup> the Auburn Giving Tree will be up in our lobby. For those of you not familiar or new to town. Each year through the month of October The Safety Complex accepts forms filled out by residents who might need some assistance with Santa's holiday magic. We then put out a tree with ornaments on it.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. Santa's helpers here at the Safety Complex will ensure the items are delivered in time for Christmas morning.



Parents we have a special mailbox for letters to go directly to Santa!!

### Here's how:

1. Have the child write a letter to Santa and place it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole.
2. Write a personalized response to your child's letter and sign it "From Santa." To save paper you can write the response on the back of your child's letter. If you keep them together, your child will also be able to recall what he or she wrote.
3. Insert both letters into an envelope, and address it to the child.
4. Add the return address: SANTA, NORTH POLE, to the envelope.
5. Ensure a First-Class Mail stamp is affixed to the envelope.

Place the complete envelope into a larger envelope, with appropriate postage, and address it to:

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From all of us at the police department, we hope each of our residents have a safe and happy Thanksgiving! We will be out there if you need us.



Melissa@thePD





# Auburn Fire Department News

With fall upon us and winter approaching, it's a good idea to refresh your memory on fall fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm.

## **Time Changes Mean Battery Changes**

Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

## **Home Heating Tips**

No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

## **Central Heating System Safety Tips**

- Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it.
- If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

## **Space Heater Safety Tips**

- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space.
- Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

## **Fireplace Safety Tips**

- Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe.
- Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- Do not every use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- For gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season.
- Remember that outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units, and observe all safety precautions when using them.



# Troop 127

By Michael Lafond

Troop 127 has been busy. The troop climbed Mt. Kearsarge, a challenging, grueling, 10 mile hike. In a meeting, we talked about the last point in the Scout Law, Reverent. This means not necessarily going to church every Sunday or praying a lot. It means you respect other people's beliefs and means being faithful towards God.

On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Longmeadow Church held its monthly breakfast, which volunteered to help as part of my service hours. Many Troop 127 members were in attendance, as the breakfast there is always amazing. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Troop is planning on going to a World War Two re-enactment by the Collings foundation.

In November troop 127 will be participating in scouting for food. On Saturday, November 9th Troop 127 will collect the donated non-perishable food items left outside by mail boxes and collect and take them to the drop off locations to be dispersed to local food pantries to help those in need.



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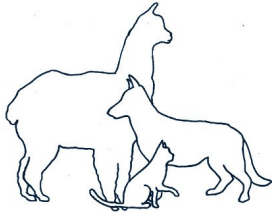
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# Girl Scouts



Girl Scout Troop 59007 had fun time at Elwood Orchards in October. They went on a hayride, picked apples and had fun in a corn maze. The girls were able to go on this field trip in part from selling cookies in the winter and nuts/candies in the fall. Thank you to all who support the Girl Scout fundraisers throughout the year. If you are interested in joining Girl Scouts visit [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org) for more information. Watch for cookie sales January-March!



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# Cub Scouts



## Cub Scout Pack 127

### Scouting for Food – Collection Date is November 9th

The Cub Scouts will be collecting non-perishable food items as part of their annual “Scouting for Food” drive. Did you realize that one of every three people served by food banks are children? It is reported today nearly one of four people in soup kitchen lines is likely to be a child. More than one in three households being helped by local food banks and pantries includes children. This year’s “Scouting for Food” effort will benefit more than 150 pantries, kitchens, and closets throughout New Hampshire. We appreciate your support!

### Cub Scouts Means Camping Adventures for the Whole Family

On October 12-13<sup>th</sup>, Pack 127 and their families participated in the annual Fall Blast overnight camping event at Camp Carpenter, the top Cub Scout camp in the country. Fall Blast is one of the Pack’s several outdoor overnight events held throughout the year. It is an opportunity for new and seasoned scouts alike to see what the scouting program has to offer. Our scouts had a weekend of camaraderie, skill building, and awesome adventures. Through activities such as archery, mini golf, gaga ball, BB guns, as well as an excellent turkey dinner and camp fire program, the scouts—and their families—went home happy and exhausted.



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# School Construction News

As the weather is changing so too is the construction focus here at AVS. The crew is working on wrapping up outside work including small roof areas, brick infills and of course the groundwork. We are expecting our spring sports to get off to a bang as the soccer and softball fields are close to being done while work on the new baseball field will begin shortly. The bathrooms near the gym are expected to open in early November to coincide with our move inside with sports etc. The modifications to the nurse's office and administration space is on schedule for completion in November as well and the last classroom wing will follow in December. Completion by the end of the year is in sight!

Everyone has been working together to get the details worked through. And there are a lot of details. It is incredible how everyone is working together to accomplish such a complicated goal. The level of construction that has been happening within our school environment is remarkable. So too is the ability of the school population to use the facility both for teaching and learning. This will be a year not easily forgotten by any of the daily participants.

We have scheduled a walk-through of the completed areas for the Budget Committee on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 prior to the Budget meeting. Other interested parties are welcome to attend. Happy leaf raking Everyone!



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# AVS School News



The AVS Health Office is excited to announce that we are holding the New Hampshire Lions KidSight vision screening on Friday, November 8th. The vision screening utilizes the Welch Allyn's Spot Vision Screener in a hands free vision exam of children. There is no subjectivity in this exam and is 98% accurate. The exam takes less than one minute with the device being held 3 feet from the face and the child only needs to look at the screen. Results will be available immediately and will be sent home within a few days. Parents of children with abnormal results will be contacted by the school nurse. What can be detected?

- Astigmatism
- Myopia (nearsightedness)
- Hyperopia (farsightedness)
- Anisometropia (differences between the two eyes)
- Strabismus (misalignment of the eyes)
- Amblyopia (lazy eye)
- Anisocoria (pupil size anomalies)



This exam will take place of the usual school vision exam. Each child must have a signed permission slip to participate.

PTA will be holding a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble on November 8th. All Auburn citizens are welcome to shop on that day and sales will benefit our PTA. There will be a special performance from the AVS Chorus. Guest readers are always welcome! Reach out to the school if you are interested in reading or helping out in any way.

Our kindergarten through fourth graders are learning to identify their state of mind or feelings by determining what “Zone” they are in.

The Red Zone is used to describe extremely heightened states of alertness and intense emotions. A person may be elated or experiencing anger, rage, explosive behavior, devastation, or terror when in the Red Zone.

The Yellow Zone is also used to describe a heightened state of alertness and elevated emotions, however one has more control when they are in the Yellow Zone. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness, the wiggles, or nervousness when in the Yellow Zone.

The Green Zone is used to describe a calm state of alertness. A person may be described as happy, focused, content, or ready to learn when in the Green Zone. This is the zone where optimal learning occurs.

The Blue Zone is used to describe low states of alertness and down feelings such as when one feels sad, tired, sick, or bored.

The Zones can be compared to traffic signs. When given a green light or in the Green Zone, one is “good to go”. A yellow sign means be aware or take caution, which applies to the Yellow Zone. A red light or stop sign means stop, and when one is in the Red Zone this often is the case. The Blue Zone can be compared to the rest area signs where one goes to rest or re-energize. All of the zones are natural to experience, but the framework focuses on teaching students how to recognize and manage their Zone based on the environment and its demands and the people around them. For example, when playing on the playground or in an active/competitive game, students are often experiencing a heightened internal state such as silliness or excitement and are in the Yellow Zone, but it may not need to be managed. However, if the environment is changed to the library where there are different expectations than the playground, students may still be in the Yellow Zone but have to manage it differently, so their behavior meets the expectations of the library setting.

When you talk to your child, use the “Zones” to help them identify and manage their feelings.



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