

# Auburn Village Crier

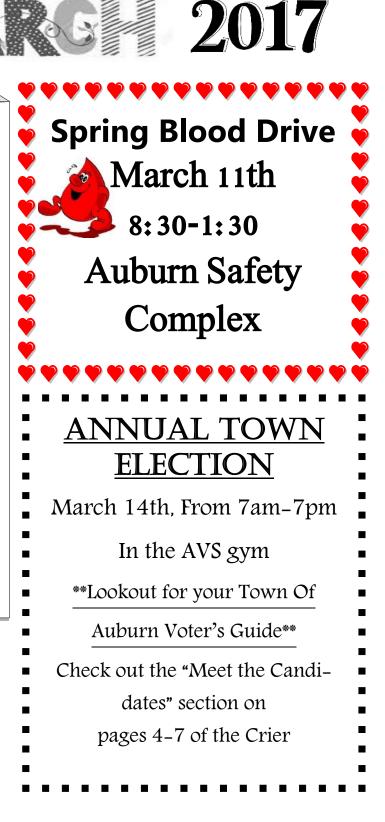


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## News from the Auburn Town Hall

With Auburn's Deliberative Session of the annual Town Meeting now behind us, we want to encourage as many Auburn voters as possible to participate in the governance of our community by casting their votes at the ballot session of Town Meeting.

During the February 4<sup>th</sup> Deliberative Session, voters amended the warrant article for a mosquito control program to provide \$0 dollars for this effort. All other warrant articles were advanced to the official ballot without amendment. Whether these articles are ultimately approved or not will depend on the ballots cast by voters on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

There are a number of elected positions on both the Town and School District ballots, including contested races for the positions of Police Commission and Cemetery Trustee.

The Town and School District balloting will be held on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Village School.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are profiles submitted by various candidates for local office who are seeking your vote. By the time you are reading this, you should have also received a "Town of Auburn Voter's Guide" that provides detailed information about the four proposed zoning amendments and nine warrant articles on the Town warrant, and the four articles on the School District Warrant.

We encourage as many voters as possible to participate in their local government by taking the time to vote on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Parks & Recreation Coordinator

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Amy Lachance of Auburn to fill the vacant position of Parks & Recreation Coordinator. With prior experience in parks & recreation for two other communities and also a senior citizen community, Amy is filling the position Helen Hiltz used to hold.

Amy will be working out of the Town Hall three days per week, in addition to supporting activities and events hosted through the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Welcome aboard Amy!



#### No Parking Zone on Rockingham Road

With officials of both the Auburn Fire Department and Auburn Police Department expressing strong concerns for public safety in being able to move emergency vehicles through a congested area of Rockingham Road, the Board has approved the establishment of a "No Parking" zone on the north side of Rockingham Road between Champagne Lane and Shea's Drive.

There have been numerous times in this immediate area where vehicles have been parked on both sides of the street making it difficult for regular automobiles to pass through and impossible for a fire truck or an ambulance to make it through that area if they had to respond to a call. The Town's Highway Safety Committee reviewed the circumstances and recommended the section of road be posted for "No Parking" on one side of the road.

As a result, the Board of Selectmen have agreed to post the north side of this portion of Rockingham Road for "No Parking".

#### New Board Member Appointments

In the past month, we have appointed Stephen Carroll to fill a vacant position as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. And following the recommendation of Cemetery Trustees Don Dollard and Scott Norris, we appointed Donald Marzloff to fill the vacant position of Cemetery Trustee until the March election.

#### Save the Date - Shred Day - May 13th

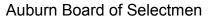
The Town of Auburn will again be sponsoring a paper shredding event for any resident who has documents they wish to have shredded.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until Noon in the parking lot of the Town Hall.

James Headd

Richard Eaton

**Dale Phillips** 





## **Meet The Candidates**

## Name : Richard Eaton

## Address: 228 Eaton Hill Rd

### Office for which you are running: Selectman

## Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

After being a Selectmen for the last 3 years and going thru a huge learning curve I think now I am better qualified to be a Selectmen for the next 3 years. Also being a business owner for the last 40 years and a lifelong resident of Auburn gives me the experience to help the town of Auburn

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

I would like to see the board of Selectmen continue to work in the spirit of cooperation, my agenda is not personal it is to represent all of the people of the town of Auburn and to make sure every voice is heard.

In the next few years the town of Auburn could be faced with an impact on our tax base as we possibly move forward with the addition and renovations to our school. This will take a steady hand at the wheel as we still need to keep our police, fire, highway, parks & recreation and town administration funded in a manner that keeps Auburn strong.

### <u>Name</u>: Joseph G. Forest <u>Address:</u> 201 Wilsons Crossing Road <u>Office for which you are running:</u> Library Trustee <u>Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:</u>

While I have long appreciated having access to libraries and the seemingly tireless assistance of librarians since my days as an undergraduate student, my appreciation rose to a new level when I worked as an adjunct at local colleges. I frequently found myself stopping by several libraries, including the Griffin Free Public Library, to do research. Not infrequently, that search came to include insights from the librarians on related issues as well.

One such conversation with a former director at Griffin led to my accepting an invitation to join the library trustees. In the last year-and-a-half, I've learned about the state regulations for libraries, attended monthly meetings, participated in a number of meetings involving the yearly budgeting process and, of course, joined with other residents in the annual book sale at the end of July. I have the experience and commitment to be a valuable member of the board of library trustees, and respectfully ask you, and thank you, for your vote on election day.

## Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the

**realm of this office:** While the number of patrons to the library is steadily rising, I suspect many residents of the town do not realize the many different activities in which the library is involved. And it's not just about "books" either, although the library provides patrons with all kinds of physical and electronic books.

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The Griffin Free Public Library offers much more.

- story time readings for our younger residents, and book clubs for our more seasoned citizens.
- appearances by local authors and appearances by authors from half way around the world.
- activities in the evening when families can learn to enjoy new games together and museum passes and telescope loans for a family to enjoy worlds they might not be able to see otherwise.
- and more...

How can a little library do all these things? Well, it starts with an enthusiastic and friendly staff and an enthusiastic and personable director - and Auburn, believe me, you have those people in your library.

What change would I like to see? I'd be delighted to see some new faces join the trustees to continue supporting the efforts of the staff and their activities into the future.

## <u>Name:</u> Dick Vee Vecchione <u>Address:</u> 107 Bunker Hill Road <u>Office for which you are running:</u> Cemetery Trustee <u>Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:</u>

In the past, I served as trustee of the Auburn Village Cemetery, guided by long term trustee, David Griffin. As a retired person, I am available for daytime burials, most important. I am familiar with all necessary paper work and proper filing. I created a good working relationship with funeral directors and grave excavators.

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

I hope to carry my experience when joining with the current trustees.

## <u>Name:</u> David C. Dion <u>Address:</u> 46 Pasture Rd. <u>Office for which you are running:</u> Police Commission <u>Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:</u>

This year, I am seeking re-election to the Auburn Police Commission, a position I have held for the last 6 years. I am a NH native and have been an Auburn resident for over 30 years. My wife Charlotte and I raised our 4 children in this community, all of our children .having attended Auburn schools, and my family was actively involved in the community through sports and town events. As my children have grown I have continued to participate in many community efforts through donations and time to school occasions, town wide organizations and Safety Complex events.

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

I have been known for many years as Dave "DQ- Dion because 2017 marks the 44h year I have been actively operating multiple Dairy Queen franchises , employing over 90 staff members. Prior to serving on the Police Commission, I served 6 years on the Budget Committee. I am dedicated to our town and committed to seeing it prosper and flourish. My business experience, coupled with my passion and love for the Town of Auburn, and my commitment to continue maintaining a strong relationship between the Police Dept. and the community makes me the

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ideal candidate Moving forward, I plan to work with the department see the implementation of many of the recommendations made by the MRI Management Study report in respect of the Police Department operations. As a Police Commissioner, I'd ensure the continuation of support for the Neighborhood Watch Program and strive for any improvements in communications



available. Lastly, I would ensure maintaining an. "open-minded." point-of-view with any changes, thoughts, or suggestions that might be deemed beneficial for the town, and welcome citizens to bring their ideas to the Police Commission.

### <u>Name:</u> Michael "Mickey" Rolfe <u>Address:</u> 416 Bunker Hill Rd <u>Office for which you are running:</u> Police Commission <u>Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:</u>

I have lived and worked in Auburn for 50 years, and I am currently serving as a member of the planning board. As a 3rd generation Auburn resident, I have seen our community grow from a very small community to a larger town with modern issues and concerns. Like many people, I have expressed my opinions at some meetings in the past, but haven't stepped up to be a part of the leadership of our town. I believe we shouldn't just offer suggestions or complain, but we should be part of the solution. I feel my life-long understanding of Auburn coupled with my business experience and willingness to work with the other commissioners can be a positive contribution to the citizens of Auburn.

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

I believe Auburn is very fortunate to have a community-orientated police department. Although there have been some negativity in recent years, we are at a point of transition which I believe can lead to an even better future for the Town and the department. Last year, the Board of Selectmen hired Municipal Resources, Inc. to perform a review and analysis of the police department. I would like to be a part of implementing the recommendations of the MRI study and to provide support in meeting the needs of the community. As a member of the general public, I would like to see more accountability through the Commission and the Department, and based on past events, I think there has to be more transparency.

By running for office, I think I would bring a new set of eyes, an outside perspective, a willingness to learn and the desire to work with the other members of the Commission and the department. That doesn't mean we will always agree on all issues or all courses of action. But together, we can ensure Auburn remains a community we are all proud to call home.

I believe I am ready to do a good job for the residents of Auburn and I would ask for your vote to the Auburn Police Commission.

## <u>Name:</u> Jeffrey Porter <u>Address:</u> 261 Coleman Rd

## Office for which you are running: Planning Board 3yrs Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:

I've been an active member of the Auburn Conservation Commission for 9 years currently serving as the chairman. I provide advisory information to both the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Planning Board when Conservation questions arise. I am currently an alternate on the Planning Board as well.

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

Each of the land use boards (Planning, and Zoning) has enlisted the information from the Conversation Commission when needed. This has proven to have a beneficial impact to the residents of Auburn. In order to continue this success and preserve the character of Auburn, it is very important to continue the development of the 'land use' relationship while also spending time listening to residents.

#### **Comments:**

Thank you for your time and your vote. I hope to see you on election day

### Name: Janice Baker

Address: 31 Miner Road

## **Office for which you are running:** School Board **Why you see yourself as a qualified candidate:**

As a New Hampshire native and a resident of Auburn since 2003, I have 20+ years of experience studying and working in the public sector. I hold a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire.

I've spent my career managing start-up companies and programs in the health care and human services industries. Much of this experience has been in the development, implementation, and maintenance of enterprise information systems for large government agencies. The systems have ranged from 600 to 1M+ users, annual program budgets of \$3M to \$100M+, and team sizes of 10 to 400+ people.

For the past 11 years, I had my own company and worked for myself, providing professional services to both public and private sector clients. Currently, I am the Vice President of Strategy and Operations for Benevera Health, a new company in NH working to contain health care costs while improving the quality of care.

Throughout my career, I've been focused on achieving results, hitting deadlines, and bringing value – skills I'll carry with me to the School Board.

In 2016, I was selected as the Committee Chair to conduct the study to determine if the Auburn School District should withdraw from SAU15. I worked closely with the Committee members, School Board members, AVS leadership and staff, and SAU15 leadership and staff – and through that process, already have a leg up on the people and issues I'll work with/on as a School Board member.

Finally, I'm the mother of four children, three of whom are still at Auburn Village School. As a result, I have the knowledge, expertise and personal incentive to be a productive and results-oriented member of the Auburn School Board.

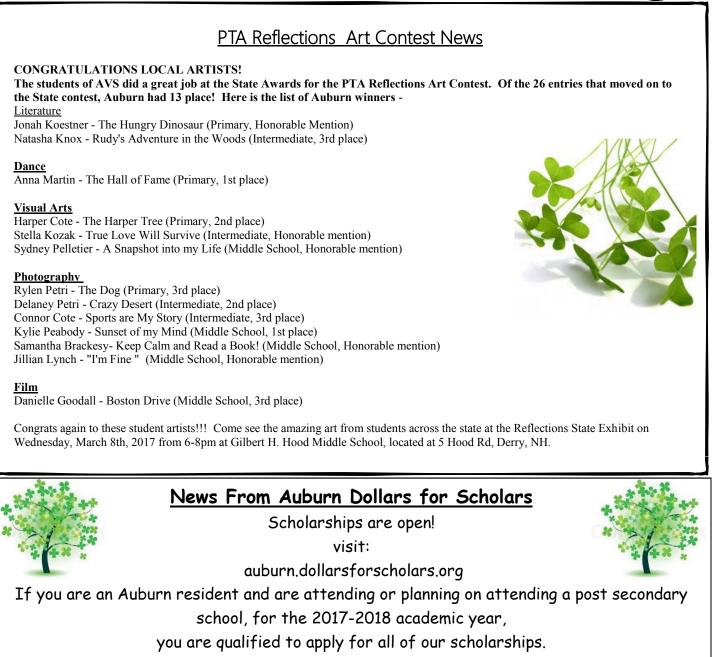
### <u>Any changes or improvements you would like to see within the</u> <u>realm of this office:</u>

I'd like to improve the working relationship between the Auburn School Board and SAU15 addressing some of the issues the SAU15 Withdrawal Assessment Committee identified. A better working relationship will positively impact our kids and teachers in so many ways – student instruction, professional development and growth, the physical condition of the school, and others.

I'd also like to ensure we recruit and retain high quality teachers that can readily connect with our student population.

Finally, with every change in political administration at both the state and federal level, there are changes in education strategy and policy that Auburn will need to be aware of and ready for. I'm focused on understanding those changes and advocating for what Auburn needs to continue to be a great school.





Post secondary schools include: colleges, universities, and vocational schools.

Students include: those attending now, high school seniors, and adults in undergraduate

studies.

You can apply for our 12 scholarships at our web site (only) before May 15th,

the web site also offers national scholarships!

Look for workshops on how to begin your application in the "events" section of our web site.

Good Luck

Mary Hrubiec, president



## St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Michael Gendron, Pastor 567 Manchester Rd. 603-623-5429 www.stpeteraub.org

Mass Schedule: Sat – 4:00 pm Sun – 8:00 am & 10:30 am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri – 7:00 am

Lenten Schedule:

Daily Masses will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 am, and Tuesday at 12:00 noon. Stations of the Cross on Fridays, beginning March 3, at 6:30 pm in the Church.



Bible Study – The Gospel of Matthew: The next 4-week session begins on March 6 at 6:30 pm in the Church hall. See our website or contact the parish office for more details.

Youth Group Grades 5-8: Friday, March 17, 6-8 pm. Register on our website (<u>stpeteraub@comcast.net</u>).

Youth Group Grades 9-12: Thursday, March 23, 7-8:30 pm. Register on our website (<u>stpeteraub@comcast.net</u>).

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 <u>stpeteraub@comcast.net</u>.



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## Fire Department News

#### Are your house numbers visible

Here's a game for the kids to try next time you are out. Whenever you vehicle turns onto a different street have the kids count to ten and then try to find the number of the first house you pass on the left and right. If they can find it before you pass, that house is a winner if not sorry and emergency response would be delayed. No winner here. The Fire Department responded to 618 emergency calls last year. Too many times our response time is delayed because the house number is not visible from the street. The problem normally falls into one of several categories.

- The house number is not posted anywhere.
- The house number is posted on the mailbox but only from one side. (We may approached from the opposite direction)
- The number is on the house put in an unusual spot. (next to the front door is expected)
- The number is posted but looks like a sign or other decoration.

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• Only part of the number is posted, the other part is missing or blocks by obstructions.

If your house is fully involved in fire it's normally easy to spot but if its dark out and only a room in the back corner is a blaze then it may not be nearly as visible from the street. Many times when companies arrive we look for a number but we are also looking for any conditions that are dangerous to firefighters or the general public. We also try to quickly determine if any additional Firefighters or equipment will be necessary to handle the call. Remember these conditions and decisions are made in seconds not minutes.

Medical Emergencies bring a different set of problems. Often times there are no indications of where the emergency is, so if your house number isn't there we can't find you or your loved ones. Patients in cardiac arrest and stroke have a very small window of time before the brain starts to die so every second counts.

Another common problem is people who stand in the street and watch us go by. Lots of people do this mostly to see the trucks or where the call is. Please if you see us coming and the calls is at your home flag us down so we know which driveway to pull into. Even our smallest vehicle takes more time to turn around than your normal car or truck. We handle every emergency like it's our own and having to stop and turn around because of a missed driveway is as frustrating to us as it is you.

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## Boy Scouts Troop 127

In January Troop 127 collected 32 Christmas trees from Auburn residents. We'd like to thank the people that donated, it really helps the troop. We also have some exciting fundraising ideas for the Spring. Watch for the Crier's April Edition for more details.

In February Troop 127 also helped, the Audubon Center with their Raven's Race on Saturday, February 11, 2017. The Troop snowshoed around the course and cleared any debris from the path to allow the race participants to move around the course with little complication, the Boy Scouts also provided, assistance as needed the day of the race.

On February 12, 2017; The Boy Scouts attended services at Longmeadow Church for Scout Sunday. The Scouts helped by handing out fliers, greeting parishioners and collecting donations for the church. Special thank you to the church community for supporting us.

Troop 127 meets Monday nights 6:30 at Longmeadow Church. Please visit our website if you are interested in coming to a meeting. http://auburn127.mytroop.us

#### By Jonathan Wallin



## <u>Girl Scouts</u>

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#### **By: Jennifer Anderson**

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 10518 has been having fun this year with the aMaze journey learning about relationship challenges and skills. They served a Senior Dinner in Derry after making homemade chicken pot pie, salad with homemade croutons and chocolate lava cake. Recently they had a dinner and movie night to practice more cooking skills and watch a movie about cliques as part of their Interact Badge. Come visit the girls at AVS on voting day, March 14th to get your supply of Girl Scout Cookies including our newest cookie - Girl Scout S'mores!



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by Jocelyn Malenchini

Cub Scouts Pack 127

It has been a busy and wintry month for Auburn's Cub Scouts as they continue to work on their badge requirements, build their Pinewood Derby cars, and get out into the snow.

Within the past month, a few boys from Pack 127 helped Boy Scout Troop 127 hand out water at the Audubon snowshoe race. The snowy weather made it an ideal day for snowshoeing. Despite the cold, the boys spend about three hours in the woods. They trekked two miles out to the water stop location, made sure racers were hydrated, and then trekked two miles back. Great work, boys!



On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Arrow of Light Den 7, the Eagle Patrol, had the privilege of visiting Senator Sharon Carson at

the New Hampshire State House. The boys had each prepared a question for the senator, which she patiently answered, demonstrating her vast knowledge of the State of New Hampshire, the political system, and current issues. The boys learned about current energy concerns, solutions for veterans, and what it is like to be a state senator. She addressed concerns that were close to the boys' hearts, such as local school matters, vandalism, and crime. She encouraged each of them to become part of the solution by

speaking to adults about the issues, volunteering in the community, and participating in student government. We are so grateful to Senator Carson for so generously giving of her time and talent.

Will Melendy reports: Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Auburn and surrounding towns celebrated Scout Sunday at Longmeadow Church on February 12th. Being reverent is part of the Scout Law. To be reverent is to feel or show a deep and solemn respect. The Scouts participated in an opening flag ceremony, led the pledge of allegiance and greeted people attending the morning service. Some Scouts elected to earn religious achievements and were recognized for their efforts.

In the coming weeks, members of the pack will begin construction on two new wagons for the annual Chuckwagon competition. We hope to complete the project in time for the event, to be held at Camp Carpenter in early April.

Upcoming cub Scout Events Include: March 11, Saturday Blue and G March 26, Sunday Shamrock

Blue and Gold Banquet, Camp Carpenter Shamrock Shuffle Water Stop

For more information on joining Auburn's Cub Scouts, please contact: <a href="mailto:staceymelendy@gmail.com">staceymelendy@gmail.com</a>

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## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Kathy Growney, Library Director

#### www.griffinfree.com

This month we have a wonderful New Hampshire Humanities event happening. Join us on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. for GALILEO GALILEI, THE STARRY MESSENGER presented by

Michael Francis. Galileo (dressed in 17th century costume) will arrive at Griffin Free to present a public lecture on his most recent discoveries made using his newly devised spyglass. As he describes those discoveries, Galileo's new method of observation and measurement of nature become apparent. Throughout the presentation, the esteemed scientists in attendance are actively involved in experiments and demonstrations. After the lecture, Galileo invites his audience to ask questions about his life, times and experiment. This program is free and open to the public. This program is made possible by support from the New Hampshire Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org. Additional local support provided by the Friends of Griffin Free.

Despite all the snow, our February **COOKBOOK CLUB** had an excellent turnout and we are looking forward to more food that is delicious at our March meeting. This is a great group for those of you who like to cook or bake. The theme for the March 11 meeting is Soup and Bread. How does it work? Borrow a cookbook from the library, select and make a dish at home, then bring it to the meeting to share with the group. Cookbook Club meets from Noon – 2:00 p.m. and registration is required for this wonderful event.

Additionally in March, Miss Mary will begin providing a second weekly STORYTIME on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. and the **KNITTING/CROCHET** group will change their meeting time to 10:30 a.m. on Fridays.

Upcoming Programming for Adults and Teens:

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. – Knitting / Crochet @ the Library Wednesday, March 8, 1:15 p.m. - Friends Book Club Saturday, March 11, Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Cookbook Club: Soup and Bread Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. - NH Humanities Program - Galileo Galilei, the Starry Messenger

**Upcoming Programming for Children:** 

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. – Infant / Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary Friday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m. – Toddler and Sibling Storytime: Luau Starting March 10 - Every Friday at 1:00 p.m. – Infant / Toddler Storytime with Miss Mary Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. - Storytime with Miss Mary: St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Hunt Saturday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. – Storytime with Miss Mary: Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

## Auburn Historical Association

## Important Dates—2017

## **Programs:**

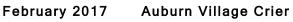
- 3/28 Galileo The Starry Messenger (Griffin Free Library)
- 4/25 Covered Bridges of New Hampshire
- 6/21 Liberty is Our Motto (Griffin Free Library)
- 9/9 Auburn Day–25th Annual Duck Race
- 10/5 New Hampshire Roads Taken or Not

## March – Membership Month – Join or Renew

\$10 per person or \$20 per family

## **Membership Application**—Detach and Mail

Date:							
appreciated)							
Program Sponsorship: \$							
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## Information From The Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer

After much anticipation the Town of Auburn has activated the On Line Permitting Icon on the Town Website





#### https://epaypermit.com/consumer-portal/municipality/100000026/permits

Residents and Contractors can apply for permits from the convenience of their home or office for projects such as minor additions and renovations, shed, decks, swimming pools, new and upgrades to electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems. Payment is made with credit card during the on line process, or if you prefer, an invoice can be printed and payment made in person at Town Hall with check or cash.

It is our intention for this on line option to be a benefit to residents and make the process of securing a building permit a bit easier to fit into busy schedules. During this initial "launch" period we welcome your comments and suggestions to make any necessary adjustments and improvements to the program.

For those wishing to secure permits in the "traditional" fashion, applications and issuance of permits at Town Hall will remain the same. As always, residents and contractors are encouraged to contact the Building Department if they have any questions about permitting requirements.

Contact The Auburn Building Department at bldginsp@townofauburnnh.com or call 603.483.5052 x3. The Building Official is available during office hours Monday through Thursday mornings and typically conducts field inspections afternoons after office hours.

Carrie Rouleau-Cote Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Town of Auburn, New Hampshire

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## Parks and Recreation

The Auburn Parks and Recreation Dept. is excited to introduce and welcome our new Program Coordinator, Amy Lachance. She is a welcome addition to our staff and we ask that you also welcome her with open arms. She is a fellow Auburnite with experience in our towns youth athletic programs and she comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the running the operations, coordination and implementation of Parks and Recreations responsibilities and functions. We're all excited you're here and look ahead to moving forward to providing even better services and programs to Auburns youth, seniors and to the town in general. Welcome aboard!

We have a lot of things going on to get ready for spring. It's just around the corner. I know according to Phil, we were in for 6 more weeks of winter and I think he was correct. We have been working on the picnic tables (Way to go Margie and thanks Davey for the use of the barn), moving snow, getting our seniors out for a great time at the Turkey Dinner at the very end of January. We had over 100 of Auburns finest attend and everyone left with a full belly and lots of laughs under their belts. I would like to thank all the volunteers (too many to list) and the Longmeadow Church for making this one of our most successful senior events we've hosted.

We are all looking forward to warmer weather and we are going to make this spring and summer (weather permitting) the best one yet! Please stay warm, help your neighbor and perform those random acts of kindness. They matter!

Mike Dobmeier,

Interim Secretary, Parks and Recreation Dept.









St. Paddy's Day Supper

The Longmeadow Church will be having their Annual St Paddy's Day dinner on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7. Served will be the traditional home cooked meal which will include corned beef, carrots, cabbage, boiled onions, potatoes, rolls, and homemade dessert. Tickets will be available at the door. The prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for Seniors, \$10 for children 6-12 and free under 6. Any questions, please call 483-2907. Come and join your friends for an evening of great food and friendship! See you on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Longmeadow Church Breakfast

Start your Saturday with breakfast at Longmeadow Church. In March, they are on the 4th and the 18th from 6:30 - 10:00 am. The breakfasts are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Longmeadow Congregational Church, 4 Wilson's Crossing Rd. Where else can you meet your old friends, catch up on town gossip 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?

We look forward to seeing you and your friends in March!





## LONGMEADOW SERVES!

Longmeadow Congregational Church, United Church of Christ at 4 Wilson's Crossing Road in Auburn invites you 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 child care available at the same time.

In March we begin the holy season of Lent and invite you to journey with us through this season of reflection. Please join us as we begin the season with an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday March 1st at 7:00 p.m. where we prepare ourselves for the days ahead by acknowledging the "ashes" of our lives and seeking to turn them over to God.

Our church places a special value on young people not only attending but also participating actively in the life of the church. In February those in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older participated in the nationwide **The Souper Bowl of Caring**. They gathered on February 4<sup>th</sup> to create two delicious types of soup which they then served after worship on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. They raised \$290.00 in donations, all of which went to the Chester Food Pantry to help stock their shelves. Nationwide over 2000 church groups raised over \$5 million dollars, and all money raised stays locally to help "tackle hunger" Thank you to our young people for this ministry!

In February, we also welcomed Troop 127, Pack 127 and members of our congregation in troops in other towns who gathered at our church on February 12th and led worship for **Boy Scout Sunday**. We are honored to sponsor this Troop and are blessed by their outreach to our church. Each month you will see volunteers from the troop working alongside us at our Community Breakfast and they also have volunteered to be greeters for our worship services once each month. Thank you to the young men and leaders of Troop 127!

In March our younger children will be participating in an outreach program of their own for *Heifer Project International*. Seeking to provide a means of livelihood for families around the world, our program is hands-on including a visit from our chosen animal, learning how that animal can provide an on-going source of income for a family, preparing a themed fellowship hour where the children make serve foods based on the animal and other fun activities.

**Café Church:** Have you been away from church... or have never been to church... but find yourself seeking? Then Café Church may be for you. Once a month (this month it will be **Monday**, **March 20th**) we will gather in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 6:00 for a light meal and time of interactive worship. No reservations are required, come as you are.



*Community Office Hours*: Pastor Ruth holds office hours out in the community on Wednesdays from 11-1:00, and is available to speak with anyone during that time. In January, she will be at Turnpike Pizza. The location may change throughout the year, please see our Facebook page for location or call the church office.

We of the Longmeadow Congregational Church, UCC wish to all our brothers and sisters in Auburn a blessed Lenten season. In the United Church of Christ, *we seek to "Be the Church"* in the world. If you are looking for a church home, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastor, Rev. Ruth Gallot at 483-2907. Friend us on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/Longmeadow/</u>



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Greeting Auburn Residents,

For as mild as the weather had been, February made up for it. So far, we have no major accidents or injuries from the weather, and we credit that to each of you for staying safe when you have to drive in these bad times. Just as a reminder, with the snow comes high snow banks, it can be tough to see around corners. Please be extra cautious of on-coming traffic, children playing, animals running, and residents walking on the street.

Police News

March 14<sup>th</sup> marks town voting day. Just a reminder that there are a couple of warrant articles on the ballot that directly impact the police department, warrant articles 7 and 8. Please feel free to refer to our Facebook Page, or the Auburn New Hampshire Police YouTube channel for more information.

With all this winter weather; we are ready to think about Spring, and that means the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silly Chili Cook-Off fundraiser between Auburn Fire and Auburn Police is around the corner. The date is April 8<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 5PM. Tickets can be purchased at the Safety Complex, or through the flyer located here in the Crier.

Last year we had an overwhelming interest to get in on the cook-off action and have decided to put it out there to anyone interested in participating to submit their chili on behalf of either Team Fire or Team Police.

Simply enter a 1-Quart sample, indicating whether it is for Team Fire or Team Police. All taste -test samples MUST be submitted on March 15<sup>th</sup> or March 16<sup>th</sup> to the Auburn Safety Complex between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. They will be marked with either a red or blue sticker depending on the team you are looking to represent. On March 17<sup>th</sup> your samples will be laid out before a panel of judges in a blind taste test. One entry from each team's submissions will be selected to represent Team Fire or Team Police, at the Annual Chili Cook-Off on April 8th. Join in on the friendly competition for a great cause. For more details contact (603) 483-2134 or (603) 483-8141.

Please stay safe and warm this month. Think SPRING!

Melissa@thePD





## SILLY

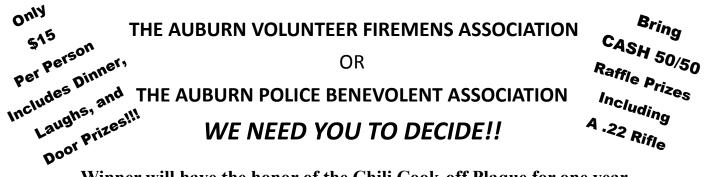
## CHILI COOK-OFF & COMEDY

## NIGHT

## SATURDAY APRIL 8th 2017

PLEASE JOIN THE AUBURN SAFETY COMPLEX

FOR A FRIENDLY COMPETITION TO DETERMINE WHO MAKES THE BETTER CHILI



Winner will have the honor of the Chili Cook-off Plaque for one year Displayed in the Safety Complex lobby.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM @ THE AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL

START WITH CHILI DINNER, FOLLOWED BY MULTIPLE COMEDIANS STARTING AT 6:00PM

## ORDER EARLY, ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD \*SHOW INCLUDES ADULT CONTENT, NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED\*



Joe Flynn



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	Buy tickets at the <b>Auburn Safety Complex</b> or To Order Tickets, mail this form to:
	PO BOX 339
	Auburn, NH 03032
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	or
	Auburn Police Benevolent Assn.
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AVS Addition & Renovation Highlights

#### Warrant Article #2



#### Primary Goals:

- Remove portable and modular classrooms (9 classrooms)
- Improve safety and security of entire school
- Increase primary education, special education and group learning space
- Improve the function of key common areas, including the gymnasium, nurse's office, and restrooms

Why? The gymnasium is too small to accommodate an entire school assembly.

The nurse's office does not currently meet minimum health standards.

Restrooms are insufficient for students and staff.

#### Proposal Highlights:

• A single secured building for students, staff, and community

• Over 50,000 square feet of new space (additional multi-age media lab, capacity compliant gym, accommodations for classrooms currently on the exterior, 4 additional non-designated classrooms)

- Removal of all portables and modular classrooms
- New appropriately sized gymnasium for school and community use
- New roofs, windows, and technical systems
- Available space for modest growth
- · Renovate gymnasium for new cafeteria space
- Improved parking and traffic flow
- $\cdot$  No impact on instructional school days during 24 month construction timeline

#### Proposed Costs:

Guaranteed Maximum Price \$24.8M (includes all phases of the project)

Home Value	Tax Im	pact Min	Tax Im	pact Max	Ani	nual Min	An	nual Max	Mor	nthly Min	Mon	thly Max
\$ 150,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	270.00	\$	337.50	\$	22.50	\$	28.13
\$ 200,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	360.00	\$	450.00	\$	30.00	\$	37.50
\$ 250,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	450.00	\$	562.50	\$	37.50	\$	46.88
\$ 300,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	540.00	\$	675.00	\$	45.00	\$	56.25
\$ 350,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	630.00	\$	787.50	\$	52.50	\$	65.63
\$ 400,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	720.00	\$	900.00	\$	60.00	\$	75.00
\$ 450,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	810.00	\$	1,012.50	\$	67.50	\$	84.38
\$ 500,000.00	\$	1.80	\$	2.25	\$	900.00	\$	1,125.00	\$	75.00	\$	93.75

#### Why are we proposing an addition and renovation instead of building new?

This has been an excellent and frequently asked question. The Auburn School Board and AVS Master Planning Committee, during its 2 years of planning, firmly believe that we can accomplish every primary goal on the current site with far less of an impact on the taxpayers than building a new school.

For more information:

www.fixavs.com

avsrenovation@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/avsroc

#### AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL PTA TO HOST MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION OF GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

**February 16, 2017** - The Auburn Village School PTA will be hosting the Missoula Children's Theatre program from Monday, March 20th through Saturday, March 25th. For the spring theater residency, all AVS students in grades K, 2, 4, 6 and 8 are invited to audition for more than 50 roles. This spring's production is *Gulliver's Travels*.

After auditions on Monday, March 20th, participating children will rehearse each day after school to finalize the production. No advance preparation is necessary for the auditions and all students in these grades are invited to participate.

After these daily rehearsals, the performances will be held on Friday, March 24th at 6:30pm and Saturday, March 25th at 11:00am in the Auburn Village School gymnasium. Please mark your calendars now to come out and support the youth of the Auburn community while enjoying a great show!

More information regarding auditions will be provided via AVS to students in grades K, 2, 4, 6 and 8. If you have additional questions, please contact Ami D'Amelio at <u>amidamelio@gmail.com</u> or Kara Costello at <u>mkhrcostello@aol.com</u>.

#### Ami D'Amelio amidamelio@gmail.com 603-703-5588



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## Father Daughter Dance



Auburn Dads and Daughters of all ages are cordially invited to a special night out at the 7th Annual Father Daughter Dance "Masquerade Magic". The dance will be held at Auburn Village School on Friday, April 7th, 2017 from 6:00-9:00pm. Enhance your special night out by adding on the Daddy & Me Dinner option before the dance from 6:00-7:00pm.

For this year's event, we will have a silent auction offering awesome local experiences, a concession stand from 7:30-9:00pm, a commemorative photo with frame for \$5.00 as well as a variety of themed activities you can only find as part of the Masquerade Magic. Of course, there will

still be plenty of time to spend on the dance floor! \*NEW THIS YEAR\* Sign-up online and reserve your photo timeslot - no waiting in photography lines!

All proceeds will be donated to Auburn families in need.

Visit www.AuburnFDD.com today to complete an advance reservation form, reserve your photo-op timeslot, and save \$\$ on pre-purchased dinner and dance tickets.

Remember: no moms or brothers allowed ... this event is for Fathers and Daughters only :-)

If you are interested in making a donation, sponsoring an activity, volunteering for the event, or requesting additional information, please contact Ami D'Amelio at amidamelio@gmail.com





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