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MEMORIES of CHRISTMAS 1966

We woke up early that Christmas eve, my brother and I, to the rich, warm smells of cooking in the kitchen. The sun was barely up, but Mom was already preparing the Christmas meal. She always made chestnut stuffing from the broth of giblets, and the first pumpkin pies were baking in the glow of her new electric range. Like a miracle, this one had a light inside the oven and we could watch what was cooking without opening the door. The goose, which had been walking around in the barnyard only a few days earlier, would be the centerpiece of the Christmas feast we would all share on Christmas Day.

Family would begin arriving by early afternoon. Mom's sister Gloria and her husband John would be bringing all four of our cousins from upstate New York. It had only been since summer break that we'd seen them, but there was so much news to share about the new school year and my brother's whispered new girlfriend. Grandma Helen would make the drive up from Boston in her big blue Pontiac LeMans, bringing Dad's brother Jim with her. I loved riding with Grandma in that car because the roof folded down, but it would be too cold this time. We were expecting the season's first snow by evening.

We had a lot to do to prepare. All the beds had to be changed for the adults and because Dad said I could climb like a monkey, it would be my job to pull the folding stairs down from the ceiling and climb up into the attic to retrieve all the sleeping bags that had been carefully rolled and put away after summer camp. All the kids would be sleeping together on the floor in the front room.

Just after noon, as Mom pulled mincemeat pies out of the oven to cool, Aunt Gloria and Uncle John pulled into the driveway and the cousins came running to the door with bags and gifts. Grandma Helen and Uncle Jim arrived soon after. We were all so full of energy, Mom said we could light the house without electricity.

Dad, John, and Jim headed out into the garage to see Dad's new kegerator, which was nothing more than Mom's old icebox with a hole drilled in the door for the tap that led to a big metal keg of ice cold beer.

Gloria and Grandma Helen helped set the big table in the dining room, while Mom brought out the crystal glasses and best blue china. The kids would eat in the kitchen at the old oak table, but we didn't mind.

As evening dusk settled, and the red ember sky glowed, the first frosty flakes began to fall. Soon enough the sky was swirling with snow and the inches began to pile up. We would indeed have a white Christmas.

The adults were in the living room playing cards and talking about all the members of the family who could not be together with us. Dad's two older brothers had joined the Navy and were serving in a far-flung place called Vietnam. Mom's other sister was a nurse at an Army base in California. Nanna and Doug were in Florida, and Grandpa Jim was just a memory for us kids. Dad told us he was a war hero who had died in World War II.

We were all piled on the floor in the front room ogling the pretty presents under the Christmas tree and wondering if we had behaved well enough to get what we asked for from Santa. The boys were playing with their Hot Wheels and the girls all sat indian-style in front of the big RCA TV watching Charlie Brown Christmas. I felt as happy as that dancing beagle as we slowly drifted off to sleep.

We were all awake before the sun rose, but we had to anxiously wait until the adults all arrived in the front room in slippers and robes. Dad always pretended to be the last one awake and we would run down the hall to his room and jump on the bed. While Mom poured coffee from the percolator, Uncle Jim played Christmas records and everyone sang along with Nat King Cole, Mel Tormé, Connie Francis, Bing Crosby, Andy Williams, Burl Ives, and Mom's favorite, Elvis Presley. I can still hear her singing, "If everyday was like Christmas..." Once the presents had been opened and the wrapping and boxes cleared away, it was time to go get dressed for the big meal.

Mom and Gloria had been up most of the night preparing vegetables and peeling potatoes while the lovely smells filled our heads with fabulous dreams. The table was as much a feast for the eyes as it was for our watering mouths. There were mashed potatoes, creamed corn, string beans with almonds and crispy onions, cranberry sauce and some wiggly green Jello with carrots and celery. And sitting like a golden prize in the center of the table was a perfect roast goose.

We bowed our heads in praise and gratitude. Then Dad carved meat, side dishes were passed, and uproarious conversation spilled from the dining room and joined the raucous hijinks of the youth in the kitchen. We all ate and laughed and spent a glorious afternoon together, until there was almost no room left for coffee and pies and cookies and hot chocolate.

The *Brentwood Newsletter* Team wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a joyous celebration of all the holiday traditions you may share.

Robin Wrighton



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Email: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

December 10 & 11 • December 24 & 26

Waste Tonnage Figures	September	October
Tons, mixed solid waste	95.35	139.81
Tons, recycled goods	40.20 (29%)	40.04 (22%)

Due to Christmas, trash and recycling will be delayed one day for the **Wednesday pick up only**. Trash and recycling will be collected on **Thursday, December 26th**. All recycling needs to be rinsed, clean, and loose in a barrel.

Selectmen's Meeting Schedule (September through April)

The Board of Selectmen meet every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Cross Room of the Town Office. The public is welcome to attend. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement.

There will be no Selectmen's meetings on December 24 or December 31. The Town Administrator's office will be closed December 24 & 25, will close at noon on December 31 and will be closed January 1.

To watch previously recorded selectmen meetings go to: vimeo.com/user97247702. If you prefer to catch them live, tune in on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm: tinyurl.com/yxl5bb36.

Talk to a Selectman

The Talk to a Selectman open hours have been popular and are a great way to share your thoughts with the officials who run our town. Through the fall and winter season, a Selectman will be available the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Town Offices. Stop in and say hello.

December 18 January 15

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Town Clerk Notes

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closing at noon on **December 24th** and will be closed **December 25th** for Christmas.
- Did you know that you can pay your vehicle, trailer, or dog registrations online? You can even pay your property taxes online! Visit brentwoodnh.gov and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.
- We accept **CASH, CHECK** (made out to the Town of Brentwood), or **CREDIT CARDS** for all payments at the town office! ****PLEASE NOTE**** A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or AMEX logo present. There are additional convenience fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees (2.79% with a \$1.50 minimum). These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the Town. *Convenience fees cannot be refunded.*
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to provide **HUNTING/FISHING** licenses and register **BOATS, OHRV**.
- NH state law requires you to register dogs (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You to the November Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all the volunteers who came to help fold the last edition: Anne Marie, Becky Betty, Carole, David, Doug, Joanne, Joe, Joyce, Ken, Laurel, Michelle, Monica, Olivia, Phyllis, Tracy, and Robin.

If you would like to join the *Newsletter* crew on a folding night, send us an email and you'll be notified of the next folding party: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 201 North Road

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 am.

- On **Tuesday December 3rd** at 2:00 pm we will host our Monthly Movie Matinee, this month featuring *Joyeux Noel*.
- On **Friday, December 13th** we will host our Annual Community Christmas Sing. Beginning at 6:00 pm, you are welcome to join in and share in the fun as we celebrate with songs of the season.
- On **Tuesday, December 24th**, we will again celebrate Christmas with our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service, beginning at 6:00 pm. All are welcome as we rejoice in the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Great things continue to happen at First Baptist Church. In partnership with St. Pauly Textile the church now has a shed available for your used clothing to be dropped off.

Just bag it and place it in the bin; it's as simple as that. The clothing will then be taken for redistribution to locations near and far. Even clothing that is beyond worn-out is still usable; it will be shredded and sold for other uses, such as automobile upholstery.

The shed is available 24/7 and is located just off the parking lot on the east side of the church. Thanks in advance for your participation in this important ministry.

Every Monday evening at 6:30 pm is our dance/exercise workshop, Step It Up With Heather! For a mere \$5.00 per session (or five for \$20.00) you can join in the fun and get in shape for the Holidays.

As always, for a daily spiritual boost, read Pastor Jim's devotional on Facebook @Firstbaptistbrentwoodnh. It's rich food for your hungry soul.

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BRENTWOOD-KINGSTON, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

- Dec 1** – Advent Wreath/Yule Log Workshop, 10:00 am.
- Dec 7** – Christmas Bazaar Artisans and Craft Vendors, Cookie Walk, puzzle table, lobster roll lunch & more, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Dec 10** – Transitions Support Group, 6:30 pm.
- Dec 12** – Faith Formation, Thursday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Gather around the table for informal worship and exploring Advent. Potluck supper and singing will happen!
- Dec 14** – Lynne Wilby piano students recital, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- Dec 14** – Crock Pot Supper. Soups, stews and chili. Come warm up pre-concert with yummy food, 5:30 pm.
- Dec 14** – Christmas Concert with Rick Lang and Friends, 7:30 pm.
- Dec 15** – Christmas Pageant during worship.
- Dec 19** – Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at 6:30 pm for those who would like a worship service that is more contemplative and focuses on the more difficult parts of the holiday season. All are welcome.
- Dec 22** – Community Breakfast, 8:00 am to 9:30 am.
- Dec 24** – Christmas Eve Service. Join us for lessons, carols, poetry and candlelight, all ages welcome, 7:00 pm.
- Dec 29** – Worship with Cozy clothes and Christmas Stories with your favorite Christmas Carols.

Every Week

Every Monday	7:00 pm Men's AA Meeting (Closed)
Every Wednesday	7:30 pm AI Anon (Open)
	7:00 pm AA Meeting (Closed)
Every Thursday	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Every Friday	10:00 am Community Discussion Group
Every other Sunday	5:00 pm Girl Scouts

GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – 263 Route 125

Dec 7th & 21st – Brentwood Farmer's Market, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Inside Austin17 House (more information below).

Dec 21st – Healing Rooms Ministry, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are here to pray for you with compassion and love for physical, emotional, and spiritual health. All are welcome. Healing Room Ministries is open on the third Saturday monthly.

Dec 24th – We will hold a special Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm. For more information go to www.gracemi.org. We are looking forward to Praying for God's healing for you!

Weekly Classes at Grace, 6:30 pm

Monday	Ladies Group
Wednesday	Prophetic Class
Thursday	Men's Group
Sally's Hope meets Wed at 9:00 am for Ladies	

Did you know there's a new **Indoor Farmer's Market** right here in Brentwood? Brain-child of Debi Lyons and her husband Jerome of 'The Lyons Den'. Debi has been crafting quality aprons, tote bags, headbands and other custom items for the last ten years, as well as producing local honey and maple syrup. She had been looking for a venue to sell her goods close to home. Hence the idea for the Brentwood Farmer's Market.

Everything sold at the market will be handmade or homegrown. Current vendors in addition to Debi include: Dried flower arrangements, handmade signs, wooden water color jewelry, origami ornaments and shadow boxes, herbal products, jewelry, handmade knitted items, baked goods and lots more.

Anyone interested in becoming a vendor is encouraged to contact Debi Lyons via the Facebook group called Brentwood Farmers Market Vendor, or to just stop by the market and have a chat. The market is currently held Saturdays **December 7th** and **December 21st**. Come on by, say hello and see what's available!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH – 200 Pleasant Street, Epping

St. Joseph holds weekday masses at the following times:

Monday 8:00 am	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm	Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 6:00 pm
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For additional information, see our website: stjosepheppingnh.com.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Carl E. "Deke" Hussey, 74, died on October 16, 2019, at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass. He was born on April 9, 1945, in Everett, MA, the son of the late George and Ruth (Faulkner) Hussey.

A resident of Brentwood for the last 28 years, Carl owned and operated Cape Disposal in Massachusetts and Hussey Disposal in NH for 37 years. For the last 7 years, he worked as a driver for Caren's Caravan Service.

Deke was a fun-loving man with a legendary sense of humor. He enjoyed many activities including fishing and playing pool, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Deborah R. Hussey of Brentwood; his son Christopher Hussey of Manchester; his step-children Jason Paquette of Pittsfield, and Lisa Paquette of Hollis; four grandchildren, Kylie DeBlois, Chevelle Paquette, Dakota Paquette, and Preston Paquette; two brothers, Charles Hussey of Everett, MA, and George B. Hussey Jr. of Brentwood; two sisters, Jeanne Lake of Melrose, MA, and Patricia Hussey also of Melrose; and many nieces and nephews.



Maikki Nan Nekton, April 1, 1982, passed away Saturday evening, November 9th. Her family had gathered by her in loving support of her relentless battle against the multiple challenges of cholangiocarcinoma. Complications from this disease finally ended her struggle. Her ability to forge ahead despite the difficulties inspired many and her tenacity for living in the moment meant no one was allowed to feel sorry for her.

Maikki was born in Exeter and attended Exeter High School. She discovered a way forward for her life when she came across a pamphlet outlining social work as a college major. She earned a BA in Social Work, followed by a Masters of Social Work. She worked diligently to attain a variety of advanced qualifications.

Her greatest joy was her recent work experience with The Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland, Inc. Maikki began her work there in 2016 after receiving a life saving liver transplant herself in 2014.

Maikki left an indelible mark on all with whom she came in contact. Her love for animals and particularly her Bernedoodle puppy brought immense joy to her daily life. Her creative sense and fun loving spirit made her the center of our universe.

The family is forever indebted to Jenifer Howe, her liver donor, to her transplant and oncology teams at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and Johns Hopkins Hospital and the multiple teams that cared for her.

She is survived by her mother and father, Roger and Kathy Nekton, Vass, NC, her brother Tyler Nekton, Exeter, NH, her brother James Nekton (Fawn Nekton), Occidental, CA, niece, MacKenzie Nekton, Occidental, CA and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.



Christmas In Brentwood

When: **Saturday, December 14th**, 2019

Where: Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, 197 Middle Road

Time: 7:30 PM (doors open at 6:45 pm)

Tickets: \$15 at the door (general admission only)

The "Christmas In New England" Concert Tour will kick off its 16th season this December. This one-of-a-kind Christmas show features a seasonal blend of traditional, contemporary, and original Christmas Music performed with acoustic instruments and vocals. The cast of performers include some of the most talented musicians, vocalists and songwriters in the New England region: Amy Gallatin, Karen Lincoln Wilber, Dave Dick, Roger Williams, Ken Taylor, Krissy Dick, Bob Dick, and Rick Lang.

"Christmas In New England" is fast becoming an annual tradition all across New England. This lively upbeat concert offers a welcome relief from the Holiday rush, providing simple moments to treasure and a chance to slow down and savor the season. Please join us for this truly uplifting Holiday event.

For more information, contact Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, Pastor Tara Allen at 603-778-3189, or Rick Lang at 603-944-2934, rick@ricklangmusic.com. Check out "Christmas In New England" Concert Tour (including the performer bios, photos, performance videos) by logging on to www.christmasinnewengland.net.



Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, 197 Middle Road, will hold our annual Christmas Bazaar on **December 7th** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come shop the wares of local artisans and crafters. There will be lobster rolls, homemade soups and chowders, and a bake sale! We'll have a puzzle table, holiday gift baskets, and a visit from Santa!

The Cookie Walk continues! Don't like to bake? Come pick from a wide variety of Christmas cookies, all ready to go!

Don't miss this opportunity to find that special treat.

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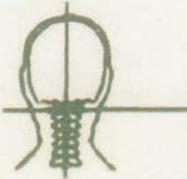
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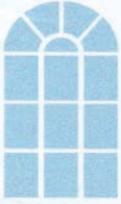
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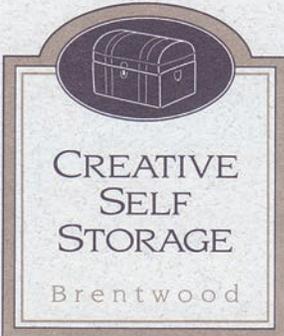


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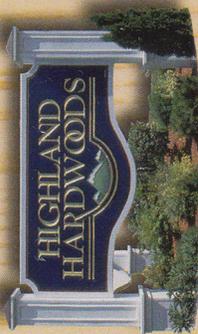
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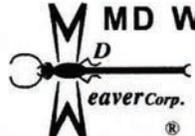
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the *Brentwood Newsletter*? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements – and photos – to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

Public Hearing

The Town of Brentwood will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019** at the Town Office located at 1 Dalton Road at 6:00 pm to solicit public comment and input to ascertain the future cable television franchise related needs and interests of the Town. This hearing will be held pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended; and RSA 53-C:3-a.

In addition, the Town is required by NH RSA 53-C:3-a to consider:

- I. The financial ability of the franchise applicant to perform.
- II. The ability of the applicant to provide adequate and technically sound facilities, equipment and signal quality.
- III. Adequate channel capacity and appropriate facilities for public, educational, or governmental use, taking into account available technology, subscriber interest, and cost.
- IV. The prohibition of discrimination among customers of basic service.
- V. Reasonable service quality in terms of available technology, subscriber interest, and cost.
- VI. Construction and installation which conforms to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and the National Electric Safety Code.
- VII. A competent staff able to provide prompt, adequate service and to respond comprehensively to customer complaints or problems.
- VIII. Reasonable rules and policies for line extensions and disconnects, customer deposits, and billing practices.

We encourage the public to attend. Comments will be restricted to items that are negotiable, which means topics such as programming and service costs are not subjects for discussion. Copies of the existing cable television franchise agreement are available at the Selectmen's Office.

Brentwood Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees will meet on **Thursday, December 5**, at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office. If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, please contact Phyllis Thompson at 642-8896.

Talk with a Selectmen

The Talk to a Selectman open hours have been popular and are a great way to share your thoughts with the officials who run our town. Through the fall and winter season, a Selectman will be available the 3rd Wednesday of each month, **December 18**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Brentwood Democrats

Please join us at the next Brentwood Democratic Committee meeting **December 10th**, 7:00 pm, at 33 Peabody Drive.

Brentwood Republicans

The Brentwood Republicans will gather **Wednesday, December 4th**, 7:00 pm, at 105 South Crawley Falls Road. We have an exciting agenda and all Brentwood residents are welcome to attend.

Make Brentwood More Beautiful

Brentwood is not as beautiful as when you first moved here. Our roadsides are gathering more and more litter. The quantity of cans is growing, tall cups with straws, paper and foil wrappers, etc. Walk down any road, choose your side, and see for yourself. We are fortunate that volunteers perform a good cleanup of the roadsides in the spring, but this is not enough to keep up with the quantity of litter that is deposited.

There is a solution. Grab some boots, gloves, a rake, and a sturdy bag and go onto your street, walk your property line, and remove that junk. If there's no house across the street, why not clean up that side also? Do the same for an elderly or homebound neighbor. Go with your spouse, friend and older children and let them observe your behavior and participate. Talk to your neighbors about doing the same. Clean up when you walk your dog. Go longer down your street on a beautiful day, but most likely you will need a wheelbarrow. The amount you pick up will amaze you. And maybe, just maybe, the folks who are throwing out their trash may have an "aha" moment and change their behavior. Time is of the essence, since the leaves are falling and snow will soon cover said trash. Note: if you see a syringe, call the non-emergency number of the Police Department and an officer will retrieve it. When it is windy cover your trash and recycling containers. If you don't have a cover, attach bungee cords to cardboard to cover your container.

"Adopt Your Road!" Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Brentwood Gardeners Heading into the Holidays

At this writing the Gardeners are looking forward to a happy, absorbing November meeting making tabletop Christmas trees from boxwood cuttings. It is a new craft skill whose product lasts well after the holiday season. Thanks to Torie Freeman for organizing and guiding the workshop. The Gardeners will forego a regular December meeting and instead celebrate the holidays together at a member's home on **December 10**. If you missed the November meeting, contact one of the co-presidents for information. The January meeting will take place on **January 21** at the Pilgrim Church beginning at 7:00 pm.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Meetings are generally on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, held at the Pilgrim Church Fellowship Room, 197 Middle Road. For more information please contact one of the co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-8748, toriefreeman1@gmail.com, or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534, lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau

December Documentary at the Library

On **December 9th**, the Peace and Justice Committee will be screening *Alice's Ordinary People*, a continuation of the film we saw in September about the black community which migrated from the lynching atmosphere in South Carolina to more moderate Evanston, IL. There were still racist issues in Evanston, and Alice successfully mobilized people to address them. In our discussion after the movie we will be emphasizing some of the activism strategies that they used. We meet at the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library and the film begins at 7:00 pm.

Emily Schmalzer

Wreaths Across America 2019

The Cemetery Trustees would like to thank all those who sponsored a wreath for this year's Wreaths Across America event. Even with a few small last minute changes to our wreath count, we not only met our goal, but have once again exceeded it, thus ensuring a WAA event for 2020. Thank you town of Brentwood for showing your support for our veteran community. This event would not be possible without your generous donations.

We invite all veterans, their friends and families as well as all town residents, their friends and families to join us for our third annual Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath-laying event on **Saturday, December 14th** at noon at Tonry Cemetery located on Middle Road in Brentwood.

If you are a veteran or a family member of a veteran and are planning to attend the ceremony and would like to place the ceremonial wreath for your service, please contact Joyce ASAP at 603-502-8143 or bwoodnhcem@gmail.com. We have a representative for the Coast Guard, but we're still looking for Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Merchant Marines and POW/MIA representatives.

Weather permitting, parking will be inside the cemetery. In the event of inclement weather, please refer to the cemetery page on the town web site and/or FB social media for any and all updates.

Joyce Keegal, Cemetery Superintendent

Veterans Day Program Big Success

The community was honored to have the opportunity to show our appreciation to the following Brentwood veterans:

Paul D. Bailey	Norman Garside, Jr.
Nicholas Arthur Belanger	Paul Gleneck
Stephanie Anne Belanger	Charles Grandmason
Stephen Edward Belanger	Gregory A. Haley
Jerome R. Cosgrove	Lawrence Kenneth Herrick
Francis Craven	Richard G. Higgins, Jr.
Gregory Craven	Kevin Johnston
Richard A. Currier	Scott Kelley
David A. Denby	Norman Lemoine
William Grant Dunham	Jerome Lyons, Jr.
Jesse R. Elliott	Carl E. Magnusson
Brenda Finn	David Podalsky
Rick B. Ford	Robert Poulin
Ronald B. Fuller	Charles Starkey
Richard Gagnon	Jon "Chief" Worrall

It was standing room only for the Veterans Day program at the Mary E. Bartlett Library on November 7th! Jon "Chief" Worrall, CPO, USN, led the program and the local scouts were on hand to assist. Girl Scout Troop #51211 presented the Flag of the United States of America and led the Pledge of Allegiance; Girl Scout Troop #51227 read a poem about veterans; and Cub Scout Pack #192 led the National Anthem and presented the Vietnam veterans with special

lapel pins from the Department of Defense's 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration. Each of our veterans were given certificates of appreciation from the Daughters of the American Revolution, handmade thank you cards from the kids, and patriotic ornaments. Special thanks to Brendan Finn from the New Hampshire Veterans Council for sharing his thoughts on how we should "ask not what we can do for veterans, but ask what veterans can do for us".

Submitted by Julie Morrow

Brentwood Police Department

On Friday, November 8, 2019, Officer Robert Gagnon graduated from the NH Part-Time Police Academy. This is a very challenging program for individuals seeking a career in law enforcement. Candidates must fulfill their normal fulltime employment obligations and then take part in evening and weekend training during this intense 14-week program.

The trainees attend this instruction at the New Hampshire Police Standards & Training Council facility in Concord for up to 19 hours per week.

The Brentwood Police Department is gratified that Officer Gagnon made the sacrifice of taking time away from his family and fulltime career to join our ranks. Our sincere appreciation to the Gagnon family for permitting this dedicated and honorable person to become a member of our team!



Meet your Brentwood Firefighters and EMTs



Adinara Challinor: Firefighter II / AEMT

Adinara is one of our new part-timers at the Brentwood Fire Department. Adinara is a certified Fire II, AEMT, and Hazmat Technician. She had been a member of Epping Fire Department and Epping Fireman Association for 7 years. She enjoys being a first responder

and serving the community. Adinara is also a Cub Scout Den leader and a substitute teacher at the Epping Elementary School.

Adinara is native from Brazil. She has a 10-year-old son and twin 15-year-old stepdaughters. She loves spending time with her family and pets on her days off.

Santa will be coming around town this year on **Saturday, December 21st** starting at 9:00 am. Be sure to keep an eye out for him on the fire truck. We will try to keep everyone posted on our Facebook page. There is no scheduled route, but if you listen really hard, you'll hear Santa's sirens and know he is coming through your neighborhood.

Please have a safe holiday season!

Split Rock Conservation Area Now Open

Over 20 people gathered on a Friday afternoon in October for the official opening of the town's Split Rock Conservation Area. After some comments on the history of the project, a walk through the property was led by Charlie Moreno, licensed NH Forester and Greg Jordan, Rockingham County Forester. Both foresters explained the benefits of selective harvesting to both the health of the forest and for wildlife. They pointed out an exemplary stand of sugar maples that are off the Knoll Trail (red blazes), the benefits to wildlife from the selective clearings, and pointed out invasive plants that are causing major problems for native species.

The Split Rock Conservation Area consists of 75 acres of land on South Road. The new parking lot and kiosk can be located by using an address of 211 South Road in your GPS. For over 5 years, the Conservation Commission has been working to improve the use of this property for both residents and wildlife.

The Conservation Commission's goal for the project was to improve this great town asset and here is an update of what we have accomplished and where we are today.

First, a selective logging on both parcels was completed in September 2017 with the help of licensed forester Charlie Moreno. Charlie was hired by the town in 2004 and produced a forestry plan for all the town-owned properties. Some of those plans were implemented such as behind Swasey School and at the Rec Center but the plan for South Road was never implemented.

The goal of the logging operation was to improve the forest health and produce revenue for the town. Some people believe that a healthy forest is one that is left alone and never touched, and there is something to be said for that approach. However, selective cutting provides two important benefits -improved space and light for healthier trees and diverse wildlife habitat. Cutting out the weaker, deformed, damaged and diseased trees allows the stronger, more desirable trees to flourish. The approach will be to manage the town property for the long term and leave trees that can grow and become a valuable source of recurring revenue for the town for the next 100+ years. After all expenses, the town received \$2,084 which was placed in the Conservation Fund to go towards other improvements on the property.

A four-acre wildlife opening was created to provide shrublands and young forest habitat which is in great decline in New Hampshire. It is more common to have open fields or mature forests. Yet many birds, snakes and small mammals need the ground cover of shrubs or young forests for protection and a place to raise their young. Other smaller wildlife openings were also created on the property. While the wildlife opening did not look pleasing to some right after the logging, it has now turned totally green and is filled with shrubs and other vegetation.

Second, we have improved the recreational opportunities on these parcels. For the past two years, we have worked diligently with Debbie Briscoe, the Brentwood Trails Committee Chair, to locate, cut, clear, and mark a new trail system throughout the entire property. We have had several trail work days to cut logs, clear slash left from the logging and rake the debris off the trails. The trails are now cleared and well-marked with blazes and welcoming to users for hiking, biking, birding and more.

Third, the Highway Department installed a small parking area off South Road at the trail entrance to allow for 3 or 4 cars to park off the street. There will still be room for a few cars to park on the shoulder of South Road, but it was important to have some parking off the road to make it easier and safer.

Fourth, what good are trails if you do not know where they are and where they go? Now that the trails have been laid out, we have created a map of the entire property and constructed two kiosks. These kiosks are being built by two Scouts as their Eagle Scout projects. It has been a pleasure to work with these young men, Gabriel Burgess-Labonte and Zachary Shields as they attended our meetings to ask questions and provide updates on their progress. The kiosks are located in the parking area at 211 South Road and the field entrance off Old Haigh Road. A new trail map has been produced and can be found on the town website under the Conservation Commission page under Files and Documents.

Lastly, as mentioned above, Little River separates the two parcels so if you want to hike the entire property, you previously had to get your feet wet crossing the river. However, a new bridge has now been constructed over Little River so that you can easily access both sides of the property. We had an incredible turn out on several weekends from dozens of volunteers to help build this new bridge.

As you can see, this has been a community wide effort and we are very excited to get the news out on this terrific town property so that it can be enjoyed by all. If you have any questions or would like to help out and get involved, please come by one of the Conservation Commission meetings which are held the second Wednesday of every month. Please keep an eye out for future events to help maintain this property. Questions and comments can be emailed to conservation@brentwoodnh.gov or are welcomed at an upcoming Conservation Commission meeting.

Submitted by Rob Wofchuck, Conservation Commission



Heather Gilbert and Rob Wofchuck of the Brentwood Conservation Commission popping a bottle of sparkling cider to christen the newly opened Split Rock Trail.

Brentwood Historical Society



The old Grange Hall on Crawley Falls Road waited nearly forty years from the time it became a museum to have a proper sign by the road.

Dexter Swasey took charge and constructed the sign. Karen Ellis assisted with the painting, and Nate Ellis lent a hand as Dexter set the sign in place.

Elections were held on Sunday, November 17. Officers for 2020 are: Rebecca Dunham, President; Linda Rousseau, Vice President; Frank Northrup, Treasurer; Suzanne Austin, Recording Secretary; Albert "Skip" Belanger, Research Correspondent; Rebecca

Davis, Curator; Directors – Karen Ellis, Phyllis Thompson, Dexter Swasey, Dawn Higley, Dick Chamberlain, and Bob Gilbert. Former President, Alma Vahey, has been designated as a Lifetime Advisor. Congratulations to all for their work on behalf of the Historical Society.

The featured speaker for November's Annual Meeting was Don Petterson, Former US Ambassador to a number of countries in Africa. He and his family have made their home in Brentwood since the 1990s. Don is also an author of three books: one on Sudan, a book about Zimbabwe, and a book about his cross-country bicycle trip.

Work continues on cataloging the collection of artifacts and documents. Information is being entered into a museum-quality database so volunteers can do research for anyone interested in Brentwood genealogy, events, history of a house or building, or a topic related to the past 300 years of settlement in this town.

In January, membership renewal forms will be mailed. The Historical Society is also offering a one-year complementary membership to any new residents of Brentwood. If interested, please contact Rebecca Dunham at president@brentwoodnhhistory.org The membership form can also be found on the Society's website.

The new program year begins in March and the Board welcomes suggestions from members of the community for programs ideas. All programs are free of charge and open to the public.

Rebecca Dunham, President, Brentwood Historical Society

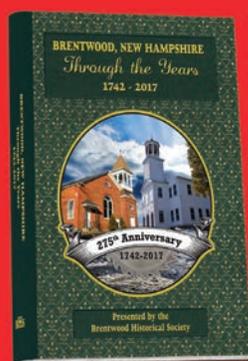
!! NEWS FLASH !!

The Historical Society will receive additional copies of the 2017 history book,

*Brentwood, New Hampshire
Through the Years 1742-2017*

Books are expected to arrive at the BHS just in time for Christmas.

If you would like to reserve a copy, contact president@brentwoodnhhistory.org.



Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

The Friends' annual Boo Bash with the Recreation Department didn't take place until after the November Newsletter submission was due so we will start by thanking everyone who joined us on that beautiful day in October. We would like to thank the student and adult volunteers who helped run the activities, including Girl Scout members, and the bakers who donated goodies for our Bake Sale. Special thanks to business sponsors: Bayside Distributing, Tony Leclerc State Farm Insurance, Lindy's Brentwood Country Store, First Choice Canine, Brentwood Teachers Association, and DTC Lawyers. Thank you to donors: Starbucks, Patriot Trophy and Popovers. On behalf of the Recreation Department, we would also like to acknowledge contributions from Lindy's and Apple Annie. We are pleased to announce the winning Community scarecrow display was from Girl Scout Troop #51211 who won a gift card to Popovers. The People's Choice Business Sponsor trophy was awarded to the Brentwood Teachers Association for their wonderful display honoring Swasey teacher Mrs. Cantone. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!

The Friends' annual Craft Fair will be on display by the time of publication and will run through Christmas. Shop local and support your community. You will likely find favorite items from annual participants as well as creations from new talent. There tend to be items at varied price points, perfect for stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, and to have on hand "just in case."

The Friends have invited Santa to visit Saturday, December 14 at 9:30-12. Bring your camera/phone and we'll help you take a family picture. Check out the Craft Fair upstairs while you visit Santa, then be sure to head to the basement for children's crafts and browse the Basement Bookstore. In the spirit of giving, kindly bring a non-perishable item to donate to a local food bank.

The Friends have arranged for the American Red Cross to hold a Blood Drive in the basement on Thursday, 12/19 at 12-5. Visit Friends of the Library-Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library Facebook page for a link to schedule your appointment. All donors will get a special holiday long sleeve ARC shirt! We will have the Basement Bookstore open for at least part of that time as well.

If you're looking for a worthy organization to send your tax-deductible donations to, consider the Friends of the Library. Contributions support community events like Santa's visit and supplement the library's budget with educational resources like the toys recently purchased for Baby Story Time. The Friends supply most of the museum passes offered, including free admission for 2 adults and 4 children to Strawberry Banke Museum. I highlight Strawberry Banke Museum each December because these passes are good for the Candlelight Stroll offered Saturdays and Sundays before Christmas. A family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) would normally pay \$60 for this special event!

The Basement Bookstore will be open during Santa's visit and during the Blood Drive. As of this writing, we have not scheduled other dates for December. Any additions will be posted on our Facebook page. Our next meeting will be Monday, 12/16 at 6 pm. Perhaps you're planning to volunteer and give back in the New Year. Come see if the Friends would be a good fit for you.

Jessica Paul, Secretary for The Friends

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Tuesday December 31st - Closing at 3pm
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BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS TUESDAYS 1-3-ISH

Knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, or do something else in the comfort of the library surrounded by other needle artists. All are welcome!
No registration needed. **On hiatus for 12/24 & 12/31.**

SILENT BOOK CLUB TUESDAYS @ 4:30PM

Life gets hectic and sometimes you just want to sit down with a good book. Well, we can be your place. Join our weekly Silent Book Club and come in for an hour of uninterrupted reading.

EDU FUNDING 101 WED. 12/4 @ 6PM

Learn how education funding works in N.H. & the relevant bills being considered by state legislature. Hosted by the League of Women Voters - N.H.

SHUT UP & WRITE WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM

Join us for an hour of focused writing each week following the format created by the organization "Shut up & Write". All projects are welcome. **Please register at the library or on meetup.com.**

RAMBLIN' RICHARD THURS. 12/5 @ 6:30PM

Ramblin' Richard is back to share secular songs and stories sure to put you in the Holiday mood!

DIGITAL BOOK CLUB ON GOODREADS.COM

Join our online book club on Goodreads.com! Log in, then search for the "M.E.B. Lib. N.H.- Digital Book Club" group. Vote and join the discussion. Books will be available at the library.

COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB MON. 12/9 @ 7PM

This month's theme: TBD. Interpret as you will and choose a recipe to match, then create enough to share at the meeting. **Please register.**

PEACE AND JUSTICE MON. 12/9 @ 7PM

Movie and discussion about social issues. This month's movie is "Alice's Ordinary People." Free/open to the public. No registration needed.

GRADE 6+ ANIME CLUB WED. 12/11 @ 3:30PM

Join us to watch the first episode of "Ajin: Demi-Human", have themed snacks, and chat with other anime/manga enthusiasts! **Please register!**

CENSUS DAYS WED. 12/11 @ 6PM

Come learn about the importance of the census, how it can help support your town, and how you can earn money by working with the census!

JUDY PANCOAST THURS. 12/12 @ 6PM

Judy is an author, singer, and Grammy award winning songwriter here to talk about her new adult fiction novel and song.

SANTA! SAT. 12/14 @ 9:30-12

The Friends of the Library have invited Santa back to the Library this year! There will be time for pictures, crafts, a food drive for a local pantry, and more!

BRENTWOOD BOOKERS MON. 12/16 @ 6:30PM

Meet to discuss this month's selection: "What Alice Forgot" by Liane Moriarty. Please note the new day and time for this event.

GRADE 4/5 ANIME CLUB TUES. 12/17 @ 3:30 PM

Join us to watch the first episode of fantasy anime "Lost Song", have themed snacks, and chat with other anime/manga enthusiasts! **Please register!**

COOKIE DECORATING WED. 12/18 DROP-IN 10AM-6PM

There's a "day" for everything. Today is national "Bake Cookies day." So we've baked and now we're sharing. Drop in to celebrate by decorating your own tasty treat.

BLOOD DRIVE THURS. 12/19 FROM 12-5PM

The Friends of the Library have organized their first Blood Drive to help those in need. See the Friends of the Library-Mary E. Bartlett Library Brentwood NH Facebook page for sign up information.

PJ NIGHT BY THE FIRE MON. 12/23 @ 5:30PM

Join us by our "fireplace" in your PJ's for stories, decorating stockings to hang in the library, & more! Check back later to pick up your goody filled stocking!

NOON YEAR'S EVE! TUES. 12/31 @ NOON

Celebratin' early! Come in for games, crafts, snacks, and the count down for the "ball drop" at 12-NOON!

TECH TUTOR BY APPOINTMENT

Have a tech question you need some help with? Call or stop in to set up an appointment with Heather!

Opinion [*uh-pin-yuhn*]

noun – a personal view, attitude, or appraisal

News From the Statehouse

The Federal Government has a grant program called *The Expanding Opportunities Through Quality Charter Schools*. Grant funds may be used to expand the enrollment of one or more existing high-quality charter schools, or expand or replicate charter schools that are based on an existing, high-quality charter school model and requires that applicants must demonstrate that at least 60 percent of the students across all of the charter schools the applicant currently operates or manages are individuals from low-income families. The New Hampshire Department of Education applied for some of the grant money and won a 5 year \$46 million grant to expand or replicate the seven NH charter schools which met the federal definition or “high-quality charter school.”

This grant program commenced in 2010 and almost all of the grants in its history range between \$2-10 million, except for those which go to California. This is the largest grant this program has awarded and has the potential to double the number of charter schools in the state with the “high-quality” education programs geared for low-income families to have access. These schools are consistently outperforming other schools in the state for lower cost per pupil. There has never been a correlation between school spending and outcomes. Allowing more NH children to have more choice in schools and access to higher quality schools would help us move away from ZIP codes deciding the type and quality of education a child receives. Right now there are about 4000 charter school students and this would help over the next 10 years to double the amount of students who could attend charter schools each year. In some places in NH, there are waiting lists for these schools which are greater than the capacity of the school which means that children are not able to access the education that they believe would best suit them. The money could also be used to switch a local district school to the model used in these high-quality programs to try to improve the local school performance.

On November 8th, the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee voted on party lines to table the NH DOE’s request to accept the first portion of the money. There seems to be a hesitation by the Democrats to foster education innovation and open up options to students. Also at the beginning of November, a Representative was suspended from the House Education Committee for unbecoming comments about private and religious schools. It seems like there is a sentiment which wants to limit learning environment options for children and double down on an expensive one-size-fits-all model of education.

Watch the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee hearing on this issue here:
<https://www.facebook.com/reachinghighernh/videos/427836814595792/>

Learn more about the grant the NH DOE was granted here:
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/charter-rehqcs/index.html>

• <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-discretionary-grants-support-services/charter-school-programs/charter-schools-program-grants-for-replications-and-expansion-of-high-quality-charter-schools/>

• <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2019/11/CMO-NIA-113018.pdf>

State Representative Josh Yokela
District 33 (Floterial), Representing Brentwood, Fremont, Danville

I have been involved and interested in several House Study Committees. I am working to bring information to the town about topics which two study committees have been researching: The Commission to Study School Funding and The Committee to Study Recycling Streams and Solid Waste Management in NH.

The Commission to Study School Funding will be working on their project into September of 2020. They will be looking at NH schools with an eye on state fees, funds, revenues and expenditures. In NH, the funding of our schools is complicated by the fact that the largest portion of our local property taxes goes to school funding. In Brentwood, that percentage amounts to about 83% of our tax bill. Many of us in town look to the arrival of these tax bills with dread.

The first information session I plan to bring to our community is titled Property Taxes and Ed Funding 101. The event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Southern Rockingham County and will be held on December 4, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 at the Mary E. Bartlett Library. Please look to both organizations FB pages for more information. John Tobin, the guest speaker, is part of a team leading the charge to pressure the state to contribute more funding for the education of our children, thus resulting in property tax relief. Tobin is the former executive director of New Hampshire Legal Assistance. He represented the plaintiffs in the Claremont Supreme Court cases challenging the adequacy of education funding. Now, he is leading education funding forums around the state.

The second study committee of interest to me, and I hope members of the community, is the Committee to Study Recycling Streams and Solid Waste Management in NH. By statute, their work ended Nov 1, 2019 with the filing of this report: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/1476/reports/2019%20Final%20Report.pdf>

The report is lengthy and describes the many issues facing our state and towns in addressing the growing crisis of waste management and recycling. In the coming weeks, I plan to organize informational sessions and a working group on these topics. I will post this information on my FB page, Liz McConnell Brentwood Representative, NH House. I can also be reached at liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us

By the time this December BNL arrives, I hope you will have had your fill of turkey with fixings, pies, family and friends. Thanksgiving will always be my favorite holiday. This year will be extra special, as my dad, who is a new resident at the Rockingham County Nursing Home will be here with us. I am thankful to have my dad with us still and for the values he and my mom have instilled in me. He is proud of the work I have taken on in the State Legislature and encourages me to hold true to my values of hard work, giving back to our communities and caring for those in need. It also helps that NH is a solid member of Red Sox Nation – otherwise, his move here would be questionable!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Brentwood.

I love this job!

Our State Representative

Brentwood is lucky to have such a devoted State Representative (perfect attendance in Concord!). Thanks to Liz McConnell's attention to her elected job and her abundant energy, we now have the representation in Concord that we deserve. When her input is needed at town meetings she is always there to provide it. She advocates for our residents in need, as well as for the environment, and she realizes the great importance of supporting our educational system. Liz is part of the reason Brentwood will be able to take advantage of nearly \$500,000 in property tax relief in the near future (the biennial budget that was passed this fall). I thank Liz for all of her hard work in the interest of our town.

Laurel Abusamra

Tax Bills Are Out

Are you as worried as we are over property value unsustainability due to tax increases? What resources are available to citizens other than a Town Meeting format which does not allow for the many to have their voices heard? What recourse do citizens have other than sitting through antiquated marathon Town Meetings? The many elderly, disabled, military, and those working are left out from voting against confiscatory tax increases levied on property owners. Town Meeting can not fulfill the needs of property owners who are witnessing the decay of their American Dream.

Contact us with comments/concerns — pierredanger2020@gmail.com

Jim Berlo & Jim Johnson

Brentwood Recreation News

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
603-642-6400 ext. 120 • recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

SENIORS: December's luncheon will be on Wednesday, **December 11th** and the Rec. Will provide the holiday ham. The chorus group from Swasey will join us to sing some holiday carols.

YOUTH BASKETBALL: (K-8th grade) When schedules are ready, they will be posted on the Brentwood recreation website.

MEN'S 30+ PICK-UP BASKETBALL: Registrations for Men's 30+ Basketball are now open. Dates: Thursdays, December 6th. Location: Talbot Gym (Tuck Learning Center) 30 Linden St., Exeter. Times: 7:30-9:30 pm. Fee: \$20 per player. Bring a light and dark jersey/shirt to create teams.

CALLS FROM THE NORTH POLE: With the help of our good friends at the North Pole, your child has an opportunity to speak with Santa this holiday season! Santa is happy to call your child(s) **December 8th or 9th** between 5:30 and 7:00 pm, to wish them a Merry Christmas. This is free, but please, register your child by email or phone with the Recreation Office no later than **Thursday, December 5th**. We'll need their name, age and number and date you wish Santa to call. Online registration is available.

ICE RINK: Official opening date will be announced on our website and Facebook page.

SENIOR & TEEN TRIPS: Brentwood Recreation has recently acquired a new van and we are looking to expand on some new programs and trips. Starting in 2020 there will be bi-monthly trips for seniors and teens to different locations of interest around the state. If anyone would like to volunteer or has any recommendations for future trips please get in contact with the recreation department.

The Kids Club (After School): Starting in 2020 Brentwood Recreation will be starting a new after school program. Brentwood Rec is looking to hire counselors. Anyone that is interested in helping with the after-school program, please get in contact with the Recreation Director Andrew Gray. More details about the after-school program will follow, any questions or concerns please contact the recreation department.

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Adult Yoga Class: Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. www.letsgetmovin.com.

Yoga Movement For Seniors FREE: Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tang Soo Do Classes: Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8:00 pm. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick one up at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

For information regarding programs, field rentals, or building rentals, please contact the Recreation Office at 603-642-6400 x120 or email Andrew Gray at recreation@brentwoodnh.gov.

Swasey Central School

Hello Readers! Keep up on all Swasey activities by visiting our school website <https://sites.google.com/sau16.org/swasey-central-school>. We have frequent updates and information on everything Swasey!

If you have any questions about our school please feel free to contact me in the office at (603) 642-3487.

Ron Kew, Principal, Swasey Central School

Important Dates

Dec 2	Brentwood School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, SCS
Dec 17	PFG Meeting, 6:30 pm, SCS Library
Dec 18	Chorus Concert, 6:00 pm, SCS Gym
Dec 23 - Jan 1	Holiday Break

Brentwood Meeting Dates

Be sure to check the individual organization articles inside for many more activities and dates!

- Dec 1 **Friends of the Library Annual Craft Fair**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library (thru Christmas)
- Dec 2 **Brentwood School Board Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm
- Dec 3 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Dec 4 **Brentwood Republican Meeting**, 105 Crawley Falls Road, 7:00 pm
- Dec 5 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Dec 5 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, Town Office, 5:00 pm
- Dec 7 **Indoor Farmer's Market**, Inside Austin17 House, Grace Ministries, 263 Route 125, 10:00 am 2:00 pm
- Dec 7 **Christmas Bazaar**, Pilgrim United Church Of Christ, 197 Middle Road, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Dec 9 **Peace & Justice Movie**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 7:00 pm
- Dec 10 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Dec 10 **Cable Franchise Public Hearing**, Town Offices, 1 Dalton Road, 6:00 pm
- Dec 10 **Brentwood Democratic Meeting**, 33 Peabody Drive, 7:00 pm
- Dec 11 **Senior Luncheon**, Brentwood Recreation Center, 11:00 am
- Dec 11 **Conservation Commission Meeting**, Town Office Building, 7:00 pm
- Dec 14 **Wreaths Across America Event**, Tony Cemetery, 12:00 pm
- Dec 14 **Santa Makes His First Stop** at the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Dec 16 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm
- Dec 16 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm
- Dec 17 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Dec 17 **PFG Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm
- Dec 18 **Talk to a Selectman**, Town Office Building, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Dec 19 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Dec 19 **Blood Drive**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Dec 21 **Indoor Farmer's Market**, Inside Austin17 House, Grace Ministries, 263 Route 125, 10:00 am 2:00 pm
- Dec 21 **Santa Visits Brentwood**, Listen for the fire truck sirens to know when Santa will be in your neighborhood, starting at 9:00 am
- Dec 24 **Town Offices will close at noon – Library closes at 3:00 pm**
- Dec 25 **Town Offices & Library will be closed**
- Dec 31 **Town Offices will close at noon – Library closes at 3:00 pm**
- Jan 1 **Town Offices & Library will be closed**
- Jan 6 **Brentwood School Board Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm

ONGOING FREE EVENTS

Mary E. Bartlett Library

NEEDLE ARTS GROUP

Meet every Tuesday from
1:00 - 3:00 pm

BRENTWOOD BOOKERS

NEW DATE AND TIME:

The discussion group will meet
on the 3rd Monday of each
month at 6:30 pm.

December 16

Brentwood Recreation Center

YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

(Deliver to Current Resident)

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