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SWASEY STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL

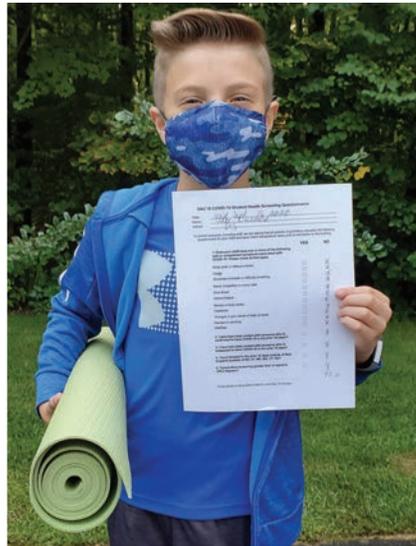
Do you hear what I hear? It is the sound of the pitter patter of little feet and laughter that fill the halls and classrooms of Swasey school this week. You see, since March, our school has been reduced to a hollow empty shell.

Do you see what I see? Yes! We look out our windows and see the sight of those yellow buses that signify the start of a new school year!

Over sixty percent of the Swasey school population has returned in person, the other forty percent are participating in a robust remote learning experience. Programs have been designed to offer a fair and equitable education to students returning in person and those who are more comfortable learning remotely.

The Swasey board made the bold decision on August 20th to follow the SAU 16 Senior Leadership's team original recommendation to return to an in-person model. In considering all factors, the board specifically voted to offer a Choice: an in-person and/or remote model to the elementary students of Brentwood.

Staff welcomed students to school on Wednesday, September 16th, to what is now for the near future our "new normal." Our HVAC upgrades have been installed! Recommendations by the CDC and NH-DHHS are being followed for all aspects of the school day. A new Memorandum of Agreement was ratified unanimously by the Brentwood Teachers' Association and the Brentwood School Board. Brentwood is the only school within SAU 16 to have successfully reached an agreement regarding the Health and Safety memorandum. The rest of SAU 16 is at an impasse.



Jake Litchfield, son of Melissa and Brad Litchfield, is ready for his first day in 4th grade with his mask, health screening form, and yoga mat for outdoor classrooms.

Children and staff have returned with proper PPE to include facial masks. Daily health screenings are required by all and there is a strict sanitization schedule in place. Hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the school. Classrooms have a maximum of ten to twelve students and desks are socially distanced six feet apart. Children eat lunch in their classroom and experience recess with their specific cohort (their classroom). All changes implemented do fall within our current budget.

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Lila O'Connell, daughter of Jessica and Mike O'Connell, smiles for the camera on her first day in the first grade at Swasey Central School.

Sam Batstone, son of Melanie Riley and Jason Batstone, had a really great first day in 5th Grade. He learned a lot, made new friends in his class, and enjoyed having rotating teachers. He said social distancing and wearing the mask "were no problem."



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(603) 642-6400 ext 113/114
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Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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(603) 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Emergency: 911
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PLANNING BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(603) 642-6400 ext 116
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7:00 pm

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(603) 642-6400 ext. 120
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

(603) 642-3487
Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org
SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be
received by the 15th. Send your news to
Email: info@brentwoodnewsletter.org
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

October 6 & 7 • October 20 & 21

Waste Tonnage Figures

	July	August
Tons, mixed solid waste	128.95	114.57
Tons, recycled goods	39.78 (30.85%)	29.37 (25.63%)

Selectmen Resume Weekly Meetings

For the months of September through March, the board will meet each Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Cross Room of the Town Office. The public is welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement.

To watch previously recorded selectmen meetings go to: vimeo.com/user97247702. You can also watch the meetings live on Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/yx15bb36>.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Town Clerk Notes

The Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office Has Resumed Normal Office Hours.

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm • Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm • Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

- **Our office will be closed on October 12th for Columbus Day.**
- The National Election will be held **November 3, 2020**. Polls open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at Swasey Central School (355 Middle Road).

You may request a General Election absentee ballot anytime. You can access the request form on the website and can email it to Townclerk@brentwoodnh.gov. You may also request in person or by mail at 1 Dalton Road, Brentwood, NH 03833.

- Did you know that you can pay your vehicle, trailer, dog registrations, and 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.

Dog License Fees for 2020

\$10.00 for an unneutered/unspayed dog \$7.50 for a neutered/spayed dog \$7.50 for a puppy (up to 7 months old) \$3.00 on the first dog for a senior resident.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You to the September Newsletter Crew

Thank You to Carole Belliveau, Monica Burns, Tracy Descoteaux with Jacob and Olivia, Rebecca & Peter Foster, Louise Martineau, Joe & Mary Pagnani, Phyllis Thompson, and Nick Wrighton for folding, dotting and addressing last month's BNLs.

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: info@brentwoodnewsletter.org

BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 201 North Road

Beginning on October 4th the worship services at First Baptist Church, 201 North Road, will move indoors, following a very successful outdoor summer.

Each week, beginning July 5th, God blessed us with spectacular summer weather as we worshiped beneath two big tents set up on the lawn behind the church. We built a 12' x 16' platform with pulpit, for both our Pastor and pianist. The crowd increased weekly, nearly doubling over the course of weeks.

Now, with cooler weather, the time has come to move back indoors. We will follow state guidelines as to the percentage of capacity allowed; we will have masks and hand sanitizer available; certain pews will be roped off, to enable social distancing.

Final decisions regarding Sunday School have yet to be determined, but we hope to offer programming for our youngsters soon.

Please plan to join us. Service times will be announced soon. You may learn more by visiting us at facebook.com/firstbaptistbrentwoodnh.

We are growing—stronger, younger and more faithful and we would love to have you with us.

Pastor James Barnes

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

For now, we will be worshipping online on our Facebook page each Sunday. Facebook @PilgrimUCCBrentwoodKingston, then click on video link. Visit our website pilgrimucc-nh.org.

For as long as we can, we will continue with our outdoor worship services (weather permitting) in our back parking lot beginning at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings.

This month we hope you will support the Seacoast Area Crop Hunger Walk which will take place on **October 18th**. The Brentwood Food Pantry receives a portion of the money raised through the Crop Walk, so this is a good way to help battle local and national hunger.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the United States raising funds to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

Thank you to all who continue to provide food and health items to the Brentwood Food Pantry for neighbors in need. If you are interested in donating to the Food Pantry, there is a donation box in front of the church or our office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to noon. Financial donations are gratefully accepted either through the mail or at the church office.

Please know we respect confidentiality, so if you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the church office at 778-3189.

Rev. Tara Olsen Allen

GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – 263 Route 125

Our meetings continue on Facebook, Zoom, and in person!

Sunday Morning, 10:00 am - Zoom ID# 504990283

Monday, 6:30 pm - Zoom ID# 308332646

Wednesday, 6:30 pm - Zoom ID# 675105827

Healing Rooms will be open **October 17** from 10:00 am to noon.

For more information, please visit our website: www.gracemi.org.

Calendar of GMI Events

Monday Nights, 6:30 pm: Ladies Meeting (also on Zoom) *Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind*.

Wednesday Mornings, 9:00 am: Ladies Meeting (also on Zoom) *Sally's Hope*.

Wednesday Nights, 6:30 pm: Men's Meeting *Depths & Heights*

Thursday Nights, 6:30 pm: Everyone Welcome (also on Zoom) *Dreams and Visions*.

Sunday Morning: Children's Church is back!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH – 200 Pleasant Street, Epping

For updates and additional information,
see our website: stjosepheppingnh.com

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

A Place to Grow offers a contact-free pickup and drop-off Pantry location for those in need and those who wish to help a neighbor.

For easy and anonymous service, the Pantry is located outside in the parking lot at 436 Route 125 in Brentwood (across from Tractor Supply). Canned goods and items in glass jars are gratefully accepted until seasonal temperatures drop. As the weather grows cooler, we request dry goods only to avoid frozen cans or jars.

Food items always welcome include:

Ramen Noodles	Oatmeal	Cereals
Mac & Cheese	Pasta / Rice / Beans	Hamburger Helper
Rice & Noodle Mixes	Powdered Infant Formula	Dry Soup Mixes

Always in need are baby food, wipes, and diapers of all sizes, paper towels, toilet paper, and toiletries.

Other items accepted are gift cards to help restock the pantry food and frozen foods like Thanksgiving turkeys. Please contact us if you wish to drop off these kinds of items.

All are welcome to what they may need, no appointments or contact is necessary. If you find yourself in need of something that is not available on the Pantry shelves, please let us know by email or phone call (603-679-1660), we are happy to help where we can. We have resources to find clothing, back to school supplies, and other items you may need.

Thank you to all who provide what they can for neighbors in need!
Jennifer Briggs, A Place to Grow, jbriggs@aplace2grow.com

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Joseph Michael O'Connor, 74, passed away peacefully Sunday, September 20th, with his family by his side in Exeter, New Hampshire.

He was born September 30th, 1945, in Worcester, MA to Joseph and Mary O'Connor. Joseph grew up in Westbury, NY and spent his youth surfing the beaches and becoming a football star at Clarke High School, leading him to a scholarship at Hofstra University, where he graduated with a double major in Biology and Geology and later went on to complete his Masters Degree in Psychology. He was a Psychologist and worked at Hogan Regional Center in Danvers, MA for many years. Throughout the years, he always returned to the beach to surf, whether it was in Hawaii or New England, even competing and winning multiple surf competitions and eventually passing on this skill and passion to his children.

He brought three beautiful children into the world with his former wife, Diane Christine. He spent the rest of his days with his wife and soulmate Debra, settling down in Brentwood, where they often enjoyed an evening on their front porch together. They were married on November 20th, 1982 and later had two more beautiful children. His main focus in life was to build a strong and loving family, and in this he succeeded. For over 35 years, the family gathered every summer at York Beach, ME to surf, swim and grow together, a tradition that he supported and that will go on in his memory. He was so very proud of all his children.

One of his life passions was cars and this past year he was finally able to obtain and enjoy a red convertible Corvette. He and Debra enjoyed many long drives and adventures together.

Joseph O'Connor is survived by his beloved wife, Debra O'Connor, his sister and spouse, Joann and Jerry Vanella, his children and their spouses, Hali-Eden O'Connor, MeriJayd O'Connor and Marco Lofat, Kevin O'Connor, Shane and Kim O'Connor, Katie and Shawn Gillis, and two grandchildren Salvador and Emiliana Lofat. He is also survived by his nephew Derek Miller, his niece and spouse, Cliantha and Ryan Finn and their two children Kyle and Emily Finn, his nephews and spouses, John and Sondra Vanella, Joe and Brenda Vanella, and Rod and Linda Vanella, and their children.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mary O'Connor, his former wife Diane Christine and his sister, Teri Miller.

Surf's up, Joe!

Vernon Milton Gerrish, 93, of Brentwood, passed away August 16th. He was born in 1927 to parents Harold and Eula Gerrish in Rockland, Maine. Served in the Navy for both World War II and the Korean War. He married Carolyn Gentile in 1950. Vernon is survived by sons Paul and Robert and granddaughter Kelly.

He lived a full and happy life and will be missed tremendously.

Cemetery Trustees. The Cemetery Trustees will meet on **October 1st**, at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have a news item you'd like included in the *Brentwood Newsletter*? A marriage, birth, graduation or anniversary? Is there an event of general interest you'd like to announce?

Contact us at info@brentwoodnewsletter.org



Evan Vadeboncoeur recently completed his freshman year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute majoring in robotics engineering. Evan was named to the Dean's List for both the fall and spring semesters with a 3.83 GPA.

Shauna Vadeboncoeur was recently named NH Division

I Girls' Hockey Player of the Year, Seacoast Player of the Year, and named to the First Team All-State for Division I Hockey. Shauna is a High Honors student and will be attending Phillips Exeter Academy in the fall.



Brentwood Republicans will meet **Wednesday, October 7th**, 6:30 pm. We invite all Republicans and like-minded Independents to join us.

This month we meet again at 329 Route 125 in Brentwood. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thad Riley, Brentwood GOP Chair, 603-397-9211 or strider.thad@gmail.com.

We have a very special guest scheduled and there is a strong chance they will be able to attend, but due to the season, they can't confirm. Regardless, this is a meeting you won't want to miss!

Missed Connection: Seeking Two Archeologists Inspired by a 6th Grade Teacher

Bruce Norton once taught elementary students at Swasey Central School from 1970 until he moved to the new middle school in the late 1990s. Did you have Mr. Norton as a teacher? Did you participate in the Historical Digs with Mr. Norton that took place on the school grounds on the site of the old Swasey homestead?

Mr. Norton is seeking the two women, former 6th grade SCS students, who approached him in a restaurant last fall to thank him for inspiring them to become the Archeologists they are today. He is asking for your forgiveness in not taking the time at that moment to talk longer with you and for not asking your names. You told him, "You were our favorite teacher" and that touched him deeply.

In speaking with Mr. Norton, he recalled a humorous story the women told him. They had seen Fritz Whetherbee on *Chronicle* interviewing some UNH college students who were excited to be on their first archeology dig. "Heck, we did that in the 6th grade!" one of the women said.

If one or both of you see this article, please get back in touch.

If in reading this article, you recognize who these women might be, please let us know. We'd like to put them in touch with Mr. Norton for a longer chat about their life's journey.

Contact Robin Wrighton at info@brentwoodnewsletter.org.

The *Brentwood Newsletter* invites you to submit your original essays on topical issues, current events, or general interest. We are currently seeking compositions on holiday celebrations for the Nov/Dec issues. Essays should be 800-1000 words, be your own work, all ages welcome. Please contact info@brentwoodnewsletter.org for more info.

Couldn't Do It Without You

As the expression goes, "Many hands make light work" and it's absolutely true. A heartfelt Thank You to all who helped at the polls to make the Primary election a success.

Thank you to the Highway Crew: Wayne, Jeff, and Caden, who helped to haul all the election booths and gear to and from the election. That was no small feat and it was so appreciated.

Thank you to Fire Chief Bird and Katarina, Bob Mantegari, Liz and Bill Faria for helping set up all the election booths.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help during election day: Marie and Dana Hall, Brian Duffy, Becky Dunham, and Lois DeYoung. You all helped to keep things flowing and easy for people to vote.

Thank you to Chief Arcieri and Officer Gagnon for watching over all of us and keeping us safe.

To our ballot clerks: Carole Belliveau, Michelle Siudut, Carolyn Cocklin, and Christine Belanger, Thank You for keeping everything running smoothly.

To my Deputy Kristin Patch and my assistant clerk Joyce Keegal, I honestly could not have done all of this without you. You are invaluable!

To the SAU 16 janitors, Amanda and Leo, we are so grateful for the help you gave us with set up and breakdown. You took the weight off of our shoulders!

When we see you again in November for the General Election, take note of all the volunteers running the polls, your friends and neighbors, and thank them for serving our town.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You Brentwood Primary Voters and Election Workers!

Prior to our September 8th Primary election, there were weeks of one-hour ZOOM trainings and question/answer sessions for NH Town/City Clerks, Moderators, and Supervisors of the Check Lists, conducted by staff of the NH Secretary of State and Attorney General's offices. The weekly Moderator's ZOOM sessions alone had an average of 130 participants. These were very helpful meetings as we readied ourselves for both the Primary and General elections.

Over many years, the Secretary of State's office has compiled a 390-page New Hampshire Election Procedure Manual, with ongoing major revisions based on feedback from Town Clerks, Moderators, Supervisors of the Check List, and the NH Legislature. The opening 37 pages pertain to recent developments concerning Covid-19 as well as newly established rules and regulations such as: Special Guidance, Covid-19, What's New, Registering to Vote in New Hampshire, Establishing a Domicile/Residence in New Hampshire, and Cyber Security. All of this preparation resulted in a very smooth Brentwood Primary. However, the major reason for the success of Brentwood's elections is due to the dedication, professionalism, and enormous planning of our Town Clerk Daphne Woss.

PRIMARY DAY STATISTICS

Ballots Cast	In-person	Absentee	Total
Democratic	288	329	617
Republican	560	125	685

A grand total of 1,302 ballots were cast from 3,423 registered voters. This represents a 38% turnout, which is almost double the State Primary of two years ago.

During the day of the Primary, three registered voters chose not to wear masks and filled out their ballots in their vehicles with the help of Assistant Town Moderator Doug Cowie and inserted their ballots, for temporary storage, in Brentwood's old wooden locked ballot box. This was a procedure set up ahead of the election just in case.

So, Thank You Brentwood registered voters, those of you newly registered voters, and those of you who have returned to the polls for decades.

A special Thank You to all of our election workers. Thank you to Chief Arcieri and Officer Gagnon, who spent a long (6:00 am to 8:30 pm) day working the polls.

Dick Chamberlain, Brentwood Town Moderator

Planning Board

Alternate Members Wanted! There are currently openings for alternate members on both the Brentwood Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

The Planning Board guides both the short and long term growth of the town through review and approval of commercial and residential development proposals, the preparation of the community Master Plan, and makes recommendations for zoning ordinances. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 pm. The next Planning Board meetings are scheduled for **October 1st** and **October 15th**.

The Zoning Board hears the appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official and administers special provisions in the ordinance dealing with variances and special exceptions. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

No experience is necessary but you must be a resident of Brentwood. Stop in and watch the procedures, or call 642-6400 ext. 116 if you are interested in serving the Town as a volunteer in this capacity.

Residents are encouraged to check the Planning Board and Zoning Board posted agendas on the Town website (brentwoodnh.gov) under the appropriate page (Planning or Zoning) or on the outside bulletin board at the Town Office for information regarding all meetings, cancellations, or for any remote meeting login information in order to participate. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting dates.

Residents and abutters are also encouraged to email me at abickum@brentwoodnh.gov or to call the office 603-642-6400 ext. 116 for information regarding upcoming meetings.

The Planning Board would like to give a heart-felt THANK YOU to Lorraine Wells for her years of service as a Planning Board Alternate. We wish her well in her future endeavors! Thank you, Lorraine!

Andrea Bickum, Planning Board Assistant

Brentwood Historical Society

Exciting News About Gifts to the Society!

For the past year, volunteers at the Historical Society have been very busy organizing our collection and reconfiguring the use of space. This has meant numerous trips up and down a steep staircase, carrying boxes, stacks of books, papers, textiles, decorative objects and relics. As always, our concern is for the safety of volunteers. Therefore, the Board voted to find a way to make the staircase safer by installing a commercial grade stairlift. Treasurer Frank Northrup researched various stairlift models that would accommodate transporting people and objects, and the next step was to fund the purchase and installation.

In the spring, Frank Northrup and I met with 3-Ponds LLC developer, Joe Falzone, to ask for his support. Mr. Falzone's development for 55-and-over residents is located on North Road in Brentwood, near the Rockingham County Complex. We noted the importance of safe access to the second floor for board members and volunteers, a number of whom are senior citizens. The exciting news is that 3-Ponds LLC has generously agreed to fund the purchase of a commercial grade electric stairlift which will be installed this fall. When asked why he decided to support our request, Mr. Falzone said, "I have a 21-year relationship with Brentwood and the town has been very responsive to work with. I wanted to give back to the community."

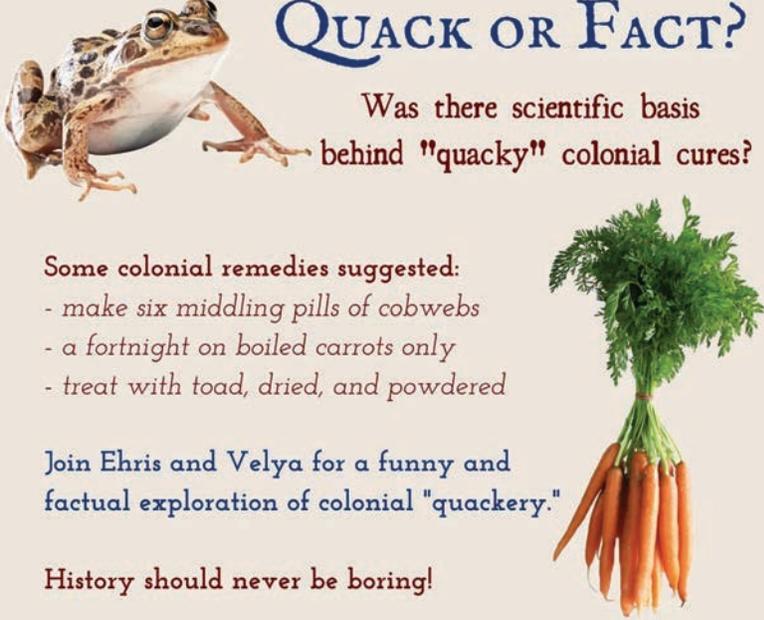


Joe Falzone, Elizabeth Harpin, Karen Ellis, Rebecca Dunham, Albert "Skip" Belanger.

In addition, there is preliminary work necessary to prepare the site to install the equipment in the back stairwell: painting walls and ceiling, repair and or replacement of windows, and electrical upgrades. This work has been funded by a generous gift from The Gove Group, the real estate agency for 3-Ponds. According to Associate Broker Elizabeth Harpin, "Brentwood is a part of The Gove Group's marketing area and due to our involvement with 3-Ponds, we wanted to support this project in town."

Thanks to these donations, we will have safer access to the second floor for volunteers to continue their work at the Society. Having a stairlift will streamline their work and objects can be moved between the first and second floor more efficiently. We are grateful for the generosity and interest of both 3-Ponds LLC and The Gove Group for helping us provide a safer work environment for our volunteers.

Rebecca Dunham, President, Brentwood Historical Society



QUACK OR FACT?

Was there scientific basis behind "quacky" colonial cures?

Some colonial remedies suggested:

- make six middling pills of cobwebs
- a fortnight on boiled carrots only
- treat with toad, dried, and powdered

Join Ehris and Velya for a funny and factual exploration of colonial "quackery."

History should never be boring!

GROUNDEDGOODWIFE.COM

Quack or Fact?

Presented on October 22nd

The Brentwood Historical Society is excited to host our first Zoom program! Join in the fun on **Thursday, October 22** at 7:00 pm when Ehris and Velya of The Grounded Goodwife will explain "quacky" colonial cures to us! It's free and open to anyone who would like to participate. The presentation will last about 40 minutes. Join the Zoom meeting by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89001835972>. Historical Society members who have an e-mail address will receive the link via e-mail a few days before the program.

The history of medicine is filled with stories of strange tonics, outlandish remedies, and curious "cures." Toads, snails, mashed potatoes, mandrake, and bear grease were commonly prescribed. While some of these ingredients sound crazy, there's logic behind many of them! For instance, snake oil hasn't always been just a euphemism for quack medical treatments. For centuries, oil from the Chinese water snake was an actual treatment used in traditional Chinese medicine to relieve joint pain. Today, we know that snakes are a rich source of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), an omega-3 fatty acid containing anti-inflammatory properties.

Join Ehris and Velya for a funny and factual exploration of colonial "quackery." History should never be boring!

If you have any questions about joining the Zoom meeting, please contact Karen Ellis at kandnellis1@mac.com.

Karen Ellis, Program Coordinator, Brentwood Historical Society

The Historical Society will be open to the public on **Saturday, October 3rd** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The current exhibit features vintage and antique household items and is in honor of Alma Vahey who is our longest-serving president of the Society.

Separation of Church and State

Does It Mean What You Think?

An Editorial by Allan Cook

As we observe the endless signage lining our roads like English boxwood hedging, receive colorful campaign flyers in the mail, attend Zoom meetings by candidates, and of course, see new smiling faces at our doors, most of us are anxious and concerned deeply about the state of our nation. The storms of slander fall upon us, name calling occurs as if between brats in the schoolyard, lies delivered with a straight face with no twinge of shame or apology—this is the daily bombardment we are facing.

However, in the midst of this storm we have an anchor that holds. It was given to us at the launching of this great country by our Founding Fathers. They knew full well the stormy seas that lay ahead—they had weathered these same storms and succeeded. We need to use the most important navigational tool our Fathers left us to guide our journey. What is that tool? The ***Constitution of the United State of America.***

This great document is as relevant today as the day in which it was accepted by our Fathers to be the guide they knew we would need.

There have been differing opinions about some of the words and their meanings, but the proof is in the pudding as they say, no other country has survived as a free society as long as the United States and it's due to the foundation this document provides for us.

The language of the Constitution is very clear in many areas. There are cultural phrases, however, that have been assumed as being a part of that great document, when in fact, they are not. This default mode to accept ideas as presented is the direct result of our youth having never read the document. It appears some of our leaders may not have read it either, or perhaps neglect to remember it as they make decisions which will affect our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

One such phrase is “Separation of Church and State.” This phrase has been used to marginalize and regulate religion. It does not exist within the text of the Constitution.

Unknown to many, the real kernel of this phrase was written in an 1802 letter by Thomas Jefferson in response to the Baptist Believers in Danbury Connecticut. The Baptists were concerned that our newborn country would repeat the pattern of England by sponsoring a STATE SANCTIONED religion that controlled the populace, and one in which the clergy were PAID by the government. Jefferson assured these believers that no such thing would happen and that the government would never have a State/Church gig together. Jefferson referred in his letter to a “wall of separation between church and state.”

However, he (nor any founding Father) never intended that the practice of ones' faith, no matter what persuasion, would be relegated to a back room in the Capital Building or the White House, or that religion should be banished from the administration of an orderly society.

Prayer, the basic tenant of every religion, was often given at government ceremonies, in public schools, and at other important events throughout our nation's history. These were not moments of silence, we know people actually prayed out loud because those prayers are recorded for us and are public documents.

The general populace of early America, many who were not believers or practitioners of any religion, saw faith as an important foundation to a civil and moral society. Scripture verses permeated the society. Many monuments have scripture inscribed on them. Prestigious Harvard University, like two other Ivy League schools, in fact were founded for the training of ministers. It may shock you to realize that the dorm rules for Princeton University in its early days consisted of the 10 Commandments as recorded in the Jewish law and faith the Torah.

I said all of that to simply say religious liberty was an accepted and very public part of society. If our Fathers had felt it somehow detrimental to the populace then they were the ones who would have said so and included its prohibition in their writings given their determination to create a free society with liberty and justice for all. However, the phrase “separation of church and state” was never included in any of the founding documents.

The concept of “separation of Church and State” is recorded in Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptist Believers, not in the Constitution. The Supreme Court used the term from the 1802 letter (not the Constitution) for their ruling in the 1947 case of *Everson v. The Board of Education*. The First Amendment of our Constitution guarantees our right to exercise our religion without government interference. It protects us *from* the government ever controlling how we worship. If you read Jefferson's letters you will understand that the founders were ensuring the Government was restrained from making a religion of their own.

The First Amendment holds the government accountable to its citizenry to ensure that they will never create a church that serves the state. The First Amendment does not stop religious expression or keep it from the public square. Worship is our inalienable right, not a privilege given to us by a man-made system.

A simple thought for you: Every major world religion existed before the founding of America and in many cultures (those not controlled by Communism and Socialism), there is harmony with faith and its expression within the culture. No government, according to our First Amendment, can decide how WE THE PEOPLE express our worship and faith to God.

To learn more about the actual events in history, please visit the website WallBuilders.com or google “Wall Builder Separation of Church and State” for the concise points of truth as it really happened historically. There you can read Jefferson's letters and see for yourself the historical truth in regards to this important issue in our culture today. Happy reading!

Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

The Friends have officially started back up after their summer break. We are still in need of two Members at Large and one Board Member. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact Laura at lhajjar@friendsofmeblibrary.org.

We are planning our annual Halloween Event, this year it will look a little different in order to keep everyone safe during Covid-19. We are planning a Scarecrow Festival and Drive-by Halloween Parade on **Saturday, October 31** in the morning. More information will be posted on the Library's website: brentwoodlibrary.org/friends and our Facebook page: facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary.

Some museum passes are available at the library. In order to obtain passes, email or call brentwoodlibrary@comcast.net, 603-642-3355.

In order for us to support as many library programs as possible we depend on donations; online donations can be made from the Friends tab on the library's website: brentwoodlibrary.org/friends.html

While you're there, click the AmazonSmile button (or go directly to www.Smile.amazon.com) and select "Friends of the Mary E Bartlett Memorial Library" as your charity. A small portion of every purchase goes directly to the Friends!

Please watch our Facebook page for updates on Bookstore hours: facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 19** at 7:00 pm. Information on how to join will be posted on our Facebook page the week before the meeting.

Sarah Palmer, Secretary for The Friends

LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
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<https://zoom.us/j/93780818208>

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MON. 10/19 @ 7PM
The public is welcome via:
<https://zoom.us/j/99551184294>

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ANIME CLUB TUESDAYS @ 3:30PM (GRADES 6+)	Join us on Discord to chat about our favorite shows, what anime we've been watching and manga we've been reading, do drawing tutorials and hang out. Email cl.meblib@gmail.com to get the join link.
VIRTUAL LEGO CLUB THURS. 10/8 @ 4PM	Join us for an hour of Lego fun from home! We'll get a random challenge and you can build from home using your own bricks, while chatting with your friends. Then show off your creation! Email cl.meblib@gmail.com for the link.
GROSS-O-RAMA VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH MAD SCIENCE WED. 10/14 @ 4:30PM	Get ready for the chemistry of grossness and ickiness as you discover the science of body-associated smells and other vile substances! Ewww...Registration required! This event is hands-on from home and requires supplies. Contact cl.meblib@gmail.com if you would like to pick up a supply kit.
ZOOM STORY TIME WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM	Join us via Zoom on Wednesdays for songs and stories! Email cl.meblib@gmail.com to get the link!
SHUT UP & WRITE ON DISCORD WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM	Come together with other writers for an hour of writing on Discord. Email cl.meblib@gmail.com to get the join link. For teens and adults.
CRAFT KIT PICK UP MON. 10/26	Sign up to get a kit with the makings for two fun crafts! Our two crafts this month will be science themed: two fall themed crafts. Email cl.meblib@gmail.com or call 603-642-3355 to sign up for your kit! Can't pick up on Monday? Just let us know and we will arrange for a different pick up day that week!
DRIVE THROUGH BOO BASH! SAT. 10/31 FROM 9AM-NOON	Boo Bash season is upon us! So, come on by between 9am and noon for a drive by costume parade and contest! You'll also get a goody bag with a craft and treats! Sponsored by Friends of M.E.B. in collaboration with the M.E.B. Library.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NEW PROGRAMS THAT MAY POP UP OR EMAIL CL.MEMLIB@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY PROGRAM REQUESTS.

BOOK BOTS ON WANDOO READER	We gather to assemble our virtual robots! Join our ongoing reading program to track your reading, build your virtual robot, participate in weekly challenges, and you might even earn a prize! Join here: wandooreader.com/brentwoodlibrary/book-bots
OVERBOOKED ON WANDOO READER	Up for a little reading challenge? Join our ongoing reading program to track your reading, participate in weekly challenges, and you might even earn a prize! Join here: wandooreader.com/brentwoodlibrary/overbooked
DIGITAL BOOK CLUB ON GOODREADS.COM	Join our online book club on Goodreads.com! Log in, then search for the "BrentwoodLibraryNH- Digital Book Club" group. Vote and join the discussion. Books will be available through Hoopla, Libby, and the Library.
ONLINE BOOK/MOVIE REVIEWS	Visit our website to submit reviews of the books and movies you've been loving (or hating) with your fellow library users at brentwoodlibrary.org/reviews .
WORDS WITH FRIENDS 2	Start a game with us @ @brentwoodlibrarynh
BRENTWOOD DIGITAL CREATIVE SHARE	What have you been creating? Great recipes, photography, paintings, poems? Share them with us at brentwoodlibrary.org/brentwood-digital-gallery .

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Library Trustees will meet on **Monday, October 5th** at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome via: zoom.us/j/93780818208.

Swasey Students Back to School

Continued from front page

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive regarding the in-person model. Parents have reported that their children do not even notice the mask they are wearing and the social and emotional aspects of these children have done a complete 180. Children who were in much need of a break from a difficult home life are experiencing that relief and those who were falling behind because remote was not their learning style are back on the road to success!

I need to take a moment to offer a huge thank you to so many! Ron Kew, Chris Andriski, and the entire Swasey Staff, Mr. Rusty Lyster our Director of Facilities, Bob Mantegari our Brentwood Health Officer, Karen Clement our Town Administrator, Nicole Argraves the Union Director, Rick Murphy our town Safety Coordinator, the Swasey School Board, and finally, the amazing caregivers who have chosen to entrust the Swasey community with the health, safety, and education of their children!

Melissa A. Litchfield, Chair Brentwood School Board, member Exeter Coop School Board

Swasey Central School Update

Swasey Central School re-opened its doors on Sept. 16, welcoming back both in-person and remote learners to our school community. A big thank you goes out to all involved in the planning and reconfiguration of our school that was necessary in order to bring both students and staff back safely. Schools were all closed for in person learning back in March and we continue to look at our protocols for health and safety as we move forward with innovative and long-lasting learning activities in our school.

In the months to come, we will continue to submit articles of interest regarding our school activities and events. Thank you for supporting quality education in Brentwood, and for your commitment to providing the resources necessary to educate our children. The students, families and staff appreciate your dedication to the importance of a high quality school system for our community. Stay updated by going to our school website.

Ron W. Kew, Principal

To Honor Our Heros

The Brentwood Cemetery Trustees are looking to honor all of our fallen heroes. Over the years we have identified and built a database of our known fallen Military Veterans. Now we are asking you to help us assemble a list of honored Police and Fire First Responders buried in Brentwood. Please let us know if you or someone you know has a friend or family member who was a first responder and is now interred in a Brentwood cemetery. Our plan is to honor our fallen First Responders with a marker and flag similar to the ones we use for our esteemed service members.

Veterans Day is **Wednesday, November 11, 2020**. While we were not able to do an in-person ceremony for Memorial Day, as of this writing we hope to hold an event of some sort for Veterans Day, stay tuned for upcoming details.

Due to the positive response we have received for the stone cleaning and straightening work done this summer, we may do one (or more) "mini-workshops" throughout October and November where we will have a small group of volunteers join Joyce for a cleaning demonstration and the chance to clean a veteran's stone, weather and health permitting.

The National Wreaths Across America event will go on and is scheduled for **Saturday, December 19, 2020**. The WAA organization has been hard at work with location coordinators to assure that this event will occur with the utmost safety concerns in mind. We have approximately 106 out of 120 wreaths already sponsored (though the final total number of sponsored wreaths requested may change), and we do plan to participate in the national event. More information will be available in the next issue of the *Brentwood Newsletter*.

If you have the name of a fallen first responder that you believe should be on our list, would like to sign up for a mini-workshop, or would like more information about any of the above, please contact Joyce at the town office Mondays or Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, email Joyce at bwoodnhcem@gmail.com or call Joyce directly at (603) 502-8143 and leave a message. You can also find more information on the cemetery page of the town website.

Brentwood Cemetery Trustees and Joyce Keegal, Superintendent of Cemeteries

Ask the Newsletter

by Liz Faria

What developments are going in around Brentwood?

This month's question involves the Planning Board. The Planning Board (PB) meets at 7:00 pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month. They are currently looking for 3 alternate members. For more information, call 642-6400 x116.

The Planning Board approves, amends or denies site and building permits. As Chairman Bruce Stevens said during the June 18, 2020 meeting, "The Board looks at the law, the intent, weighs both sides and tries to come up with a reasonable solution." Andrea Bickum is the Administrative Assistant to the PB and she takes very good minutes. I have consulted the past 4-5 months of these minutes, which are posted on the website, to see what is coming down the pike.

Properties that have been approved or changed include:

"Country Fields" – a cluster development of 7 houses on approx. 21 acres on Crawley Falls Road.

A commercial development on the corner of Crawley Falls and Rte. 125 to include a 6,000 sq. ft. building of 3 separate units, one of these being a drive-through restaurant. The PB requested that the hours of operation be changed from 24/7 to 6:00 am-11:00 pm and deliveries only occur during operating hours.

#62 Route 125 to use property as a "laydown yard" including delivery and pick-up of utility construction materials and equipment including trailers, stockpiling large steel pieces, water pipes, etc.

Stoneface LLC, at #88 Rte. 125, received permission for a temporary parking pad, electrical and solar. They intend to park trucks and equipment.

At the 2.42 acres at #102 Rte.125, the owners have petitioned to change from a residential to a commercial designation to be able to park commercial vehicles and a storage container on-site. This should be limited to 4 large dump trucks and trailers and 6 personal vehicles.

At #388 Rte.125, near North Road where the Army/Navy store was, the owners, BCK Excavation, have amended their plan to include a 4,256 sq.ft. office/retail building and driveway alteration. Intent is to improve the ground water run-off using porous pavement and other improvements.

At #470 Rte. 125, between North Road and 101, the owners of Brookvale Pines Farm want to relocate the barn, add a 12' x 36' addition and an 8' wrap-around porch to be used as a farm stand year round. Brookvale owns the large abutting farm in Fremont of, primarily, beef cows and chickens. The Planning Board is endeavoring to ensure that land stays what it is approved for, in this case agricultural use.

Author's note: before researching the Planning Board, I didn't realize that we recently approved several construction parking lots along Rte.125.

And please, if you have town or county questions

ask-us@brentwoodnewsletter.org

Opinion [*uh-pin-yuhn*]

noun – a personal view, attitude, or appraisal

News From the State House

In my first term as your representative in the NH Legislature, I was assigned to the Children and Family Law committee allowing me to get into the nitty-gritty of the bills that would affect New Hampshire families. In this committee, issues arise that call for immediate action to remedy harm caused by our current laws. One concern brought to the forefront this year was the amount of parenting time not being a factor when calculating child support. We heard testimony from many parents who have been crushed by the current method of child support calculation. For example, some parents are paying 40% or more of their wages in child support to the other parent—even when they are caring for their child 40-50% of the time.

The struggles of these families motivated me strongly to advocate for movement on this issue and swiftly, but properly. After all, we didn't want to create another problem while trying to fix this one. This important legislation stalled in the House early this year with a bipartisan agreement to continue to work on the language and try to attach it to a Senate bill later in the year. Our hope was to correct the situation during this session so these families would not be forced through another year under the current system. Unfortunately, the current crisis threw a wrench into that plan.

Over the last few months I have been in contact with legislators as well as struggling parents who have been victims of the current system. I continue to press the issue and keep the pressure on so we may present a solution with wide support in the next session. Using research-based knowledge from the University of New Hampshire and learning from what works in other states, I believe we have a proposal which will help solve this problem.

I would be honored if you would vote this November 3rd to send me back to Concord to continue the work on this and other important issues.

Please feel free to reach out to me with your questions and comments at facebook.com/RepYokela or josh.yokela@leg.state.nh.us.

Representative Josh Yokela
Rockingham 33 (Brentwood, Danville, and Fremont)

General Court News

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Court is conducting legislative activities remotely with the exception of publicly noticed sessions in the House or Senate Calendar. During this time, the State House and Legislative Office Building remain closed to visitors.

Next Session:

House: Adjourned from the 2020 Session

Senate: Call of the Chair

Representative's Voting Records can be viewed by going to:
gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members

As I write this post to the BNL in mid-September 2020, I am thinking about the November 3rd election. With the September Primary behind me, I want to thank the voters who participated and produced a winning margin for me over my opponent in the General Election. In a 'typical' election season, I would be well on my way to knocking on almost 3,000 doors in Brentwood. Although I am unable to knock on doors due to the pandemic, I feel you know my work as your State Representative, and am thankful for your input and encouragement. As you know from my successful 2018 campaign, I am not like other politicians who seek election without getting to know their voters. The people of Brentwood have seen me in town meetings, at committees, and follow me on FB and here in the BNL. I will continue to do the work you expect. Thank you for supporting my priorities, reaching out to me, and following my work in Concord.

With the right leadership, the future of our town and state can be bright. I know, from my own experience, that I am very fortunate to be able to provide my family with a happy and healthy life in an excellent town like Brentwood. In this year, the pandemic has laid bare inequities in our state that now need urgent attention and I am prepared to work on those issues. I will continue to speak out for affordable quality public education at all levels. The NH budget I voted for in 2019 brought back over \$475,000 in property tax relief to our town through increased education funding and municipal aid. The pressure to fund our schools through property taxes must change in order to ensure equitable funding. Electing more Democrats to the majority party will bring us closer to that goal. I will also continue to vote for increased access to quality healthcare for citizens. I have spent the last year in Concord drafting a bill which would improve access to new technology for breast cancer diagnosis. In light of the pandemic, I will continue to push the state to find ways to invest in our digital infrastructure so that students, families, and businesses can get the education, jobs, and healthcare they deserve. We will see more of these needs as we progress through the pandemic, and I look forward to seeing these improvements in our state. Finally, we must also continue to fight for the environment. I have been involved in legislative activities related to alternative energy production, landfill regulation and clean-up, restrictions on pesticide use, and protecting our drinking water. Any progress we make in protecting our environment also improves our public health and strengthens the backbone for businesses in our region. Legislators will have a lot to deal with in addressing these pressing issues along with the pandemic. I look forward to the challenge.

I am sure there will be an onslaught of citizens choosing to vote by absentee ballot in the General Election. If you are planning to vote absentee in November, please take into account the volume of ballots expected and get your ballot either mailed in early, or drop it off at Town Office. The staff at Town Office have done a wonderful job accommodating absentee ballots - it's great to live in a town so supportive of its citizens!

I am so proud to represent Brentwood, and I hope, with your support, to have the honor of being re-elected to this position on November 3, 2020. I love this job! Liz McConnell liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us

Letters to the Community

Opinion

Thank you to our brave and dedicated Brentwood School board members from all of our very fortunate children of Brentwood and especially from the voiceless children. Our board members went out on a limb to ensure that our families had the freedom of *choice* to have their Swasey students taught in person or remotely. Our board members have been continually met with nasty emails and threats. My heart breaks for these amazing volunteers that give countless hours both in front of Zoom cameras and behind the scenes.

I'd like to especially thank our School Board Chairperson and joint board member, Melissa Litchfield. She is currently serving those positions faithfully, while trying to campaign for State Representative. Of course, she would love to put more time into her campaign, but she is bogged down with 5+ hour school board meetings, endless emails and phone calls, and learning everything she can about getting our children back to school safely. She continues to put her constituents first and dedicate her time to her current elected positions. For example, Melissa pushed back when the administration wanted to dramatically increase funds for extra busses and additional paid positions for bus monitors to collect health forms and watch the 22 students per bus seated alone. She suggested a bin to drop health paperwork in and assigned seats to keep the students safely in their own seats. Problem solved at \$0.00 cost to the tax payer!

I know she will show the same commitment, knowledge, and resourcefulness as our Brentwood State Representative. I wholeheartedly encourage you to support her this November. With great thanks for all she has done so far for our Brentwood Community.

Tammy MacNeil, M.Ed./CAGS school psychologist

Opinion

Brentwood, Danville, and Fremont residents and those of several other surrounding towns are fortunate to have on the ballot this fall three high quality candidates willing to serve as representatives of our towns and districts.

Senator Jon Morgan, currently in his first term as state senator, is an internet security professional who has gained the respect of his fellow senators and proven he can connect with and assist the residents of his District 23.

Representative Liz McConnell, currently in her first term as state representative, has met and supported the residents of Brentwood with her energy and attention to the many legislative meetings and duties.

Eric Turer's skills as a medical professional specializing in public health are timely and well suited for dealing with the medical and economic issues facing our towns and state. He seeks the flatorial seat for Brentwood, Danville, and Fremont.

Running as open-minded candidates, all are prepared to move forward on the important issues of our times: health and family care, education, energy, the environment, internet security, and more.

They deserve our full appreciation, support, and vote.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Clark, Bob Gilbert, Jack Mitchell

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

Over the last few months, the Recreation Department has been offering youth and adult programs at a modified level with Covid protocols in place. As we transition into the fall and winter season, Brentwood Recreation will continue to offer more programs and services at a modified level, but please keep in mind that everything is subject to change due to the uncertainty of Covid-19. If anyone has any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to the Recreation Department.

BRENTWOOD PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- **Trick or Treat:** This event will be on **Saturday, October 31st** from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. If you would like to participate, please leave your outside light on during these hours. Contact the recreation office if you have any questions. *****Subject to change due to Covid*****
- **Canoe/Kayak Rentals:** Available to Brentwood residents at no charge. Rental forms can be found online or outside of the recreation office.
- **Youth Basketball (K-8th grade):** Youth basketball registration is now open until, **Monday, November 2nd**. Co-ed teams for grades K-2nd. Non co-ed teams for grades 3rd-8th. Check our website for more information, or stop by the town offices. Coaches meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 6th**, 6:30 pm at the town offices. *****Subject to change due to Covid*****
- **Youth Fall Field Hockey:** Ends on **October 25th**. Practices will take place on Sundays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm.
- **Youth Soccer:** Ends on **October 24th**. Check the website for the schedule and Covid protocols.
- **Youth Lacrosse:** Ends **October 20th**. Check the website for further information and Covid protocols.
- **Senior Luncheons:** Unfortunately, luncheons are cancelled until further notice.
- **Virtual Concerts:** We are currently working on scheduling upcoming concerts from our luncheon musicians!
- **Senior Yoga:** Virtual senior yoga classes will start on **Tuesday, October 6th** at 10:00 am. Classes will continue virtually on Tuesdays. Please visit the recreation office for your virtual cheat sheet and for further information.
- **Trips & Other Activities:** The Recreation Department will continue to plan and research for upcoming activities. Have an idea? Call us.
- **Ice Rink:** We will build an ice rink for the community again this winter. If you would like to join our subcommittee, please contact the Recreation Office.
- **Playground:** Playground is open to the public, use at your own risk.
- **Pound Fit:** This program is a lightly weighted exercise using drumsticks. Torch calories and tone while you rock out to your favorite music! This class offers modifications and instruction, so it's appropriate for all levels! *Please contact the Rec Dept with your interest, we need to know what the interest level is. We have two great instructors that are excited to bring this new exercise program to Brentwood!*

Follow Brentwood Recreation on Facebook to learn when program/event registrations open. Fall/Winter programs to be announced soon!

Brentwood Meeting Dates

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

- Oct 1 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, Town Office, 1 Dalton Road, 5:00 pm.
- Oct 1 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. See town website/PB agenda for login details.
- Oct 3 **Brentwood Historical Society Open Hours**: 140 Crawley Falls Road. Open to the public from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Oct 5 **Swasey School Board Meeting**: 6:30 pm, via Zoom.
- Oct 5 **Library Trustees Meeting**, 6:00 pm. Zoom login information available on the library website.
- Oct 6 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 1 Dalton Road, 6:00 pm.
- Oct 7 **Brentwood Republican Meeting**, 329 Route 125, Brentwood, 6:30 pm.
- Oct 12 **Town Offices Closed** in observance of Columbus Day.
- Oct 13 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 1 Dalton Road, 6:00 pm.
- Oct 14 **Conservation Commission Meeting**: Town Office, 1 Dalton Road, 6:30 pm.
- Oct 15 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. See town website/PB agenda for login details.
- Oct 15 **Deadline for submissions to the Brentwood Newsletter**.
- Oct 19 **Friends of the Library Meeting**: 7:00 pm. Zoom login information available on the library website.
- Oct 20 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 1 Dalton Road, 6:00 pm.
- Oct 22 **Quack or Fact?** Brentwood Historical Society, www.brentwoodnhhistory.org for login
- Oct 27 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 1 Dalton Road, 6:00 pm.
- Oct 27 **Recreation Commission Meeting**, Town Office, 1 Dalton Road, 6:30 pm.
- Oct 31 **Trick or Treat**, Turn your porch light on to participate between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
- Oct 31 **Scarecrow Festival & Drive-by Halloween Parade**, time TBD



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