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Sportsmen of Brentwood Feeding Hungry Families in the Seacoast Area

Bob Stephens, President of the Sportsmen of Brentwood says, “The Sportsmen of Brentwood are blessed to live in the great state of New Hampshire, to have the opportunity to harvest whitetail deer, one of the healthiest sources of lean protein, and the Sportsmen are honored to share nature’s bounty with those less fortunate.”

Hunters are among the most prolific donators of meat to food pantries across America. It is estimated that hunters donate around 3 million pounds of game meat annually, providing more than 10 million meals to the hungry.

Venison is one of the best organic sources of lean protein with an Omega 3 content comparable to wild caught salmon. Venison is much leaner than beef and contains less saturated fat. It is also rich in iron and B vitamins, as well as conjugated linoleic acid, which is thought to support a healthy heart.

Sportsmen of Brentwood made it their mission this season to help those in need here in the Seacoast area and have donated more than 100 pounds of venison. Three local organizations have enthusiastically accepted venison from the Sportsmen. This donation of meat will go to families working to overcome the hardships of unemployment, illness, and many other difficult life circumstances.

Gather Food Pantry (www.gathernh.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization located in Portsmouth. For over 200 years, Gather has been serving Seacoast residents facing hunger. The agency was founded in 1816 by a small group of women committed to feeding the families of fishermen. Today, Gather serves hundreds of families experiencing hunger by providing nutritious food through its distribution programs and a Pantry Market.

Annie’s Angels (www.anniesangels.org), located in Stratham, is a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to helping families struggling financially with the challenges of diseases and disabilities by connecting neighbor to neighbor and friend to friend in a caring fundraising network.

The Brentwood Food Pantry (pilgrimucc-nh.org) is housed in Pilgrim United Church of Christ at 197 Middle Road. Area neighbors in need of food may come and choose non-perishable items, and gift cards to local

grocery stores are available for perishable items. The number of families who visit the Food Pantry varies between ten to twelve visits per month. In the summer, Willow Pond Community Garden supports the Food

Pantry by providing an assortment of fresh vegetables, and eggs from local farms are distributed when available.

If you would like to support your local Food Pantry, there are collection boxes at the Brentwood Library and Town Office. Donations of non-perishable items that have not expired or have not been opened may be dropped off at the church. Financial contributions are always welcome. Checks should be made out to Pilgrim UCC, with a note in the memo section “Brentwood Food Pantry.” It is indeed a blessing to be able to assist those in need.



Bob Stephens, Ward Byrne, and Bill Brown with Arthur Cousins, manager of Gather’s Pantry Market.



Ward Byrne and Bob Stephens stand with Linda McLeod, manager of Brentwood Food Pantry.

For more information about the Sportsmen of Brentwood, email us at pres.sobnh@gmail.com.

Brentwood Newsletter

Town of Brentwood
www.brentwoodnh.gov

TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

(603) 642-6400 ext 113/114

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

(603) 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: (603) 642-8817

BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: (603) 642-8132

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

(603) 642-3355

brentwoodlibrary@comcast.net

www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com

Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

January 7 & 8 • January 21 & 22

Waste Tonnage Figures

Tons, mixed solid waste

Tons, recycled goods

October

139.81

40.04 (22%)

November

118.67

21.49

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.

The Town Administrator's office will be closed January 1. Regularly scheduled town meetings will resume on January 2nd.

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.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Talk to a Selectman

Due to changing work schedules and recent low attendance, Talk to a Selectman Wednesday sessions will be put on hold. If there is renewed interest, these sessions will resume in the spring. You are always welcome to attend Tuesday night Selectmen meetings.

Town Clerk Notes

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed **January 1st** for New Year's Day and **January 20th** for Martin Luther King Day.
- 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.

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.

Dog licenses may be obtained starting **January 2nd** and must be filed before **April 30, 2020** to avoid fines.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You to the December Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all the volunteers who came to help fold the last edition: Anne Marie, Becky Betty, Becky Jean, Carole, David, Doug, Joe, Jonathan, Joyce, Ken, Laurel, Michelle, Monica, Olivia, 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: info@brentwoodnewsletter.org.

FILING DATES FOR TOWN & SCHOOL OFFICES

The Town and School District governing bodies need citizens who are willing to file for and serve in various positions. Those who intend to file for office, or are thinking about it, need to know that the **10-day filing period begins on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 and ends on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5:00 pm.**

To file for Town Office: Candidates must file with Town Clerk Daphne Woss during regular office hours.

The following positions are open:

- Board of Selectmen 2 for 3 years
- Cemetery Trustees 1 for 3 years
- Library Trustees 2 for 3 years
- Moderator 1 for 2 years
- Municipal Budget Committee 1 for 3 years
- Planning Board 2 for 3 years
- Supervisors of the Checklist 1 for 6 years
- Trustee of the Trust Funds 1 for 3 years

Note: Open positions do not imply that the incumbents are leaving; it simply means their terms are up, and they must stand for re-election.

To File for School Office: Candidates must file during the same ten day period. Brentwood School District Officers may file with School Clerk Phyllis Thompson; filing may be done at the town clerk office during regular office hours.

Brentwood School District Officers:

- School Board 2 for 3 years

Filings for Cooperative School District positions are accepted at SAU 16. Offices are located at 30 Linden Street, Exeter, Door C.

Cooperative School District Officers:

All towns may vote for these candidates.

School Board:

- East Kingston 1 for 3 years
- Exeter 1 for 3 years
- Stratham: 2 for 3 years
- Moderator 1 for 1 year
- Budget Advisory Committee 3 for 3 years

To Submit Warrant Articles:

An article may be submitted by petition with the signatures of at least 25 registered voters. The last filing date for Warrant Articles is Tuesday, **February 4, 2020, 4:00 pm.**

**Annual Business Meetings
Everyone is invited and urged to attend**

- Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 pm (Snow date Jan 14) Exeter High School
- Cooperative School Deliberative Session Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm Exeter High School
- Public Hearing for Brentwood Town & School Budgets Monday, February 10, 7:00 pm (Snow date Feb 11) Brentwood Town Office Building
- Presidential Primary Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Brentwood Recreation Center
- Brentwood School District Meeting Friday, March 6, 6:30 pm Swasey Central School
- Brentwood Town Elections Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Brentwood Recreation Center
- Brentwood Town Meeting Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am Swasey Central School
- NH State Primary Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Brentwood Recreation Center
- General Election Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Brentwood Recreation Center

BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 201 North Road

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 am.

An Historic Church

The First Baptist Church of Brentwood, located at 201 North Road, is the oldest Baptist church still serving in New Hampshire. The church was established in 1771, but the original church building was located on the opposite side of North Road.

The founding Pastor, Dr. Samuel Shepard, ministered at the church from its inception until 1811, a total of forty years. During his ministry Dr. Shepard made many missionary tours around the area, establishing congregations in over twenty neighboring towns, such as Amesbury and Salisbury, Mass., Hampton Falls, Hawk (now Danville), Nottingham and other communities.

Each of these satellite congregations remained a part of the Brentwood church. In 1810 the church was set aside as its own Association and was thought to be the largest church in New England, having a total membership of about 1200, which included the members of those satellite congregations.

A few years later, the original church building either burned or was torn down. The existing brick building was built in 1829 and dedicated the following year.

Today, First Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. James Barnes, who had previously served from 1987-1994.

The church continues to have as members some of the original founding families, the Smiths, as part of the congregation. A memorial window in the Sanctuary is dedicated to one of the founding members, Caleb Smith.

First Baptist Church of Brentwood now looks forward to the completion of 250 years in continuing ministry. A celebration is being planned for the summer of 2021.

A growing, thriving Baptist church, First Baptist welcomes any and all who seek to develop or strengthen their relationship with the Living God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Regular worship and Sunday school is at 10:00 am each Sunday, with Bible study on Wednesdays and other activities throughout the week. Everyone is welcome.



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

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 am.

We seek to live a life of active justice, extravagant welcome, and inclusive love through faith, worship, and love. Join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

January Activities

Jan 12 – Community Breakfast, 8:00 am to 9:30 am.

Jan 14 – Transitions Support Group, 6:30 pm.

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

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 am.

Shifting Atmospheres and Leveling Lies

Personal Freedom Workshop

January 11, 2020 • 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

We all believe lies about ourselves, others, and God. At this workshop, you will discover the lies you have believed and learn how to cancel them with forgiveness and truth. The tools we use are based on Sozo principles developed at Bethel Church in Redding, California.

There will be four sessions during the day. Lunch will be provided. Registration: \$12 – checks made out to Grace Ministries Int. More information can be found on our web page www.gracemi.org.

Come with an open heart and be transformed! Learn more about Sozo at bethelsozo.ch/what-is-sozo.

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	

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



Dorothy Grace Rowe died November 23, 2019. Born February 12, 1928 in Portland Oregon to the late Herbert and Hilja (Koskinon) Collins. The family moved east in 1929 and Dottie was raised in Danville.

Dottie graduated from Sanborn Seminary in 1947 in Kingston. She also attended the NH Vocational Technical College in Portsmouth and graduated as an LPN. She worked at the Exeter Hospital for 40 years. She also worked at the Onslow County Hospital for 2 years in Jacksonville, NC in the nursery while her husband was stationed at Camp Lejeune serving his duty in the US Marine Corp.

Dottie is survived by four children: Richard Rowe Jr. and his wife Genevieve (Bioteau), Timothy Rowe and his wife Paula (Gebo), Barbara Gauthier and her husband Roger, Maureen Zeff and her husband Richard. She also leaves, with great sadness, 9 wonderful grandchildren and 11 wonderful great grandchildren.

Dottie devoted her life to her family which she was very proud of and loved deeply. She loved taking pictures of family and friends, collecting teddy bears, and feeding the deer, birds and turkeys that visited her home frequently. Also a faithful Red Sox fan who never missed watching the games. She loved working in her yard and enjoyed reading, especially her Bible. Dottie was a deacon at the Brentwood Baptist Church and belonged to the Brentwood Seniors, Brentwood Historical Society and Ladies Circle at the Baptist Church.



William J. Gosselin died peacefully on November 11th, 2019, at the age of 91. Bill was born on April 28, 1928 in North Andover, MA, son of the late Thomas and Delia Gosselin.

Bill was a graduate of North Andover High School, the University of New Hampshire and a World War II veteran of the United States Navy.

It seems only fitting he passed away on Veteran's Day, he was very proud of his service and often wore his USS Randolph CV-15 aircraft carrier hat.

After his time in the Navy, in 1951, he married his former wife Francis Burke and had 7 children. He went to the University of New Hampshire and became a club manager. He had a successful career in the hospitality industry and was a long-time member of the Club Managers Association. In the 1960s-1970s, he managed the women-only, high-society Chilton Club of Boston for many years. He also enjoyed learning how to sail on the Charles River in Boston and then sailing on his own sailboat, the Siroco. In the mid 1970s, he went on to manage the Exeter Inn when it was owned by Phillips Exeter Academy.

In 1977, he married Betty Thurston Morgan and moved to Plymouth, NH to own and operate the Deep River Inn. Then in the 1980s he managed the men-only, private Hope Club, part of Brown University. After that, he managed a "golf & dude-ranch," known as the River Island Country Club in Porterville, CA.

After several years, Bill & Betty headed back to New England where he managed the private Shore & Country Club in Norwalk, CT.

Bill is predeceased by his loving wife of 39 years, Betty Gosselin, his sister Bernadine Clasby, and his brother Thomas Gosselin. Included as well is his step-daughter Donna Morgan Dennehy and son-in-law Chris Bolan.

He is survived by his children, Bill Gosselin Jr. and wife Jan Gosselin, Jack Gosselin and his wife Jill Gosselin, Michael Gosselin and his wife Gail Gosselin, Judy Gosselin, Betsy Bolan, Dan Gosselin, and Jennifer Allard and husband Michael Allard, adopted daughter Lisa Merriman and husband Clint Merriman, and step-daughter Linda Morgan. He is also survived by 24 grand children, and 11 great grand children.

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.

The Planning & Zoning Office will be CLOSED the following days:

- **CLOSED January 22nd through January 31st.**
- **EXCEPTIONS** - The Town Planner will be in the office on **Wednesday, January 22nd & Wednesday, January 29th** from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm only. Walk-ins are welcome!

Please see the posted 2020 list of deadlines for both the Planning Board & Zoning Board meetings under documents at www.brentwoodnh.gov and plan accordingly. The Planning Board meets twice a month on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Town Office.

Brentwood Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees will meet on **Thursday, January 2**, 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 603-642-8896.

Brentwood Democrats

If you would like to feel more in control during this politically chaotic time, try a Brentwood Democratic Meeting. Participate as much or as little in the conversation as you would like in a friendly atmosphere. All Democrats and progressive-minded Independents are welcome. We often enjoy visits by candidates and other interesting speakers working toward a better country and a healthier Earth. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the home of a member. Ample refreshments are a given. Our next meeting will be at 52 Stevens Drive. Please join us!

Brentwood Republicans

The Brentwood Republicans will once again gather **Wednesday, January 8th** at 7:00 pm. We will meet at 105 South Crawley Falls Road. We have an exciting agenda and any and all residents of Brentwood are welcome to attend. Please reach out to Thad Riley if you have any questions at 603-397-9211 or message him on Facebook.

Brentwood Police Department

Coffee with a Cop

The Brentwood Police Department wishes to invite you to coffee with a cop. On **Wednesday, January 15th** at 9:30 am at the Brentwood Public Library. Please bring your questions and concerns. See you there!

The Brentwood Police Department is seeking a part-time Animal Control Officer. All interested applicants are encouraged to go to the Brentwood Police Department website to review the job description and download an application for submittal. www.brentwoodpd.org.

Part-time ACO-Animal Control Officer The Town of Brentwood, Brentwood, NH 03833

General Summary

- Responsible for performing a variety of duties related to animal control.
- Responds to and investigates animal nuisance complaints or other violations of the animal control ordinances and state laws, including processing and prioritizing complaints received via phone, fax, or email.
- Receives and responds to animal control dispatch instructions and investigates complaints of animals roaming, nuisances, cruelty, dog bites, and/or other violations of animal control laws and ordinances for the town and state laws.
- Assists the public by providing information regarding responsible pet ownership.
- Prepares and maintains records and statistics; creates records of investigation and gathers evidence and information for use in court.
- Captures, handles, and transports stray, sick, injured, diseased, vicious, feral, domesticated, wild, and exotic animals; removes and disposes of deceased animals.
- Maintains animal control equipment.
- Responds to and assists law enforcement with requests to help with evictions, impounds, neglected, mistreated, and abandoned animals; prepares and presents cases in court.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities

- Must be able to communicate orally and in writing.
- Ability to work outside.
- Ability to work sitting, standing, and moving about for periods of time.
- Ability to keep records, maintain schedule, handle paperwork tasks.
- Basic computer skills required.

Physical Capabilities

Must be physically fit with the ability to carry up to 80 pounds without assistance. Ability to push, pull or carry up to 200 pounds with assistance. Must be able to work on your feet for a continuous eight-hour shift in both indoor and outdoor locations.

Minimum Education, Certification, and Experience Requirements

- High School diploma or G.E.D. required
- Completion of Animal Control Officer Basic Training (recommended)
- Valid driver's license
- Minimum age of 21
- Must pass a criminal background check
- Must be willing to attend training courses offered
- Reliable vehicle required and must maintain personal auto liability limits of no less than \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident and property damage limit of \$100,000 per accident.

To Apply: Submit a cover letter and Brentwood Police application to Chief Ellen M. Arcieri, Brentwood Police Department, 1 Dalton Road, Brentwood, NH 03833. Application can be downloaded and submitted on www.brentwoodnh.gov. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Closing Date: January 30, 2020. The Town of Brentwood is an EOE.

Meet your Brentwood Firefighters and EMTs

Jeremy Poder: FFII / EMT

Jeremy joined Brentwood Fire as a part time Firefighter / EMT in September 2019. For the last 4 years Jeremy has been a volunteer and part time Firefighter / EMT in Hampton Falls, NH as well as an on-call Firefighter / EMT in Kensington, NH. Prior to joining the fire service, Jeremy worked for a John Deere dealership as a technician working primarily on large farm equipment. Jeremy now runs JP AG Services, which provides residential repair services for lawn and snow equipment. Working on three Fire Departments and running a small business doesn't give Jeremy much free time, but when his schedule allows he likes to spend time with his family either in the mountains, at the beach or watching their beloved Patriots.

Jeremy lives in Hampton Falls, NH with his wife of 9 years and his 8 year old daughter. Recently, they added a Bernadoodle puppy, Bear, to the family.



Good Works in Brentwood

It is the beginning of a new year and most of us, if not all, may soon be preparing our 2019 tax forms. One of the categories not classified on IRS forms is the valuable contribution of volunteer hours and talents. Brentwood is known for its volunteers and generosity, including building the original Recreation Center and the first library addition; Swasey parents sponsoring enrichment programs and special events; Friends of the Library; Newsletter writers and the folding crew; the Gardeners, and the Historical Society. Some of the other volunteer roles are Scout leaders, church volunteers, coaches, Rockingham County Home volunteers, 4-H leaders, and members of various town committees – conservation commission, planning board, and the selectmen.

I will be writing a new monthly feature for the Brentwood Newsletter: volunteer opportunities in town. The plan is to list one, and perhaps two, volunteer jobs. Volunteer roles can be for a limited time commitment, such as 2 hours on a one-time basis, or ongoing service on a committee or project. There may also be an activity suitable for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or students at Swasey.

In the charitable activity realm, there is a phrase that describes what individuals can contribute: “time, talent and treasure.” Let’s contribute more of our “time and talents” to serve our community.

January 2020 Opportunities

Interested in a local winter sports activity? Andy Gray, Recreation Director, is seeking an individual to help with a winter Cornhole tournament at the Recreation Center. Whether you want to stay and play or just be there to set things up and close when the activity is over, Andy can be contacted via email at recreation@brentwoodnh.gov, or by phone at 642-6400, extension 120.

The Historical Society is launching a new project: a “Welcome to Brentwood” packet for new residents. It will include important information from the Town Clerk, the Newsletter business directory, and brochures from organizations in town. The packet will be free to new residents and available at the Town Office. The packets will be ready in mid-January and we need a couple of volunteers to help collate the materials and assemble them. If interested, please contact: rebeccab.dunham@gmail.com.

Rebecca Dunham

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

Jan 6	Brentwood School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, SCS
Jan 20	MLK Day, No School
Jan 21	PFG Meeting, 6:30 pm, SCS Library



The 19th Annual All-Volunteer AFTER CHRISTMAS TREE LIMO SERVICE Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America Troop 322

Pick up on Saturday, January 4, 2020

Brentwood’s Christmas Tree Limo Service provides worry-free disposal of your tired, sappy, needle bare Christmas trees.

What do you need to do?

- Mail your name, street address, phone number and a donation of \$10 (or more) *before* Friday, January 3rd, to:
 - BSA Troop 322
c/o 7 Peabody Drive
Brentwood, NH 03833
- You will receive a confirmation phone call by Friday, Jan. 3rd.
- On Saturday, January 4th, by 8:00 am, place your tree at the end of your driveway so it is accessible to our drivers & scouts. Please remove all tinsel, as trees are mulched.

Checks payable to BSA TROOP 322.



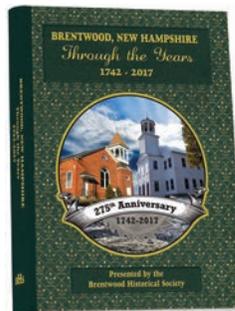
Save your backs! Save your vehicle’s paint!* Let us get sappy!!* Please contact Pam McElroy with any questions at pamelaamcelroy@aol.com or 642-3537.

WANTED

The Brentwood Historical Society is looking for two desk lamps. If you have a working lamp you no longer need, we can put it to good use. Please contact Rebecca Dunham at:

president@brentwoodnhhistory.org

Brentwood, New Hampshire Through the Years 1742-2017



BRENTWOOD HISTORY BOOKS are now available for sale again.

If you missed the first printing, you can pick up your copy at the Town Clerk’s window in the Brentwood Town Office. You may also contact the Historical Society to request a copy.
president@brentwoodnhhistory.org.

Brentwood Gardeners Will Have a Chili Night in January

Years ago the Brentwood Gardeners figured out that January was the perfect month to have a Chili Tasting at their monthly meeting. That tradition will not be broken this year. At the meeting on Tuesday, **January 21**, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room at the Pilgrim Church UCC, several members will bring crockpots of various types of chili, while the others will bring fruits, veggies, cornbread and the condiments that go so well with chili. Those who want to make chili this year are asked to please let Torie Freeman know which kind they'll be bringing. (Torie: 778-3748 or toriefreeman1@gmail.com).

After supper we will settle down to make an easy, cold weather nature-related craft.

This is a favorite meeting for new members, folks who might be new members, or just plain friends to attend. If you have questions please contact one of the co-presidents Torie Freeman, phone and address above, or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534 or lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau

Kids Night Out!

The Swasey PFG is sponsoring a Kids Night Out at Action Kids in February! Swasey students are invited to attend a private session of Open Gym on Saturday, **February 8th** from 6:30-8:30 pm. This is a drop-off event, so enjoy two hours for yourself too! You must pre-register for this event. Snacks will be served. Registration forms will be sent home in your child's Wednesday folder.

Our favorite day of the year! Grandfriend's Day is a day when students can invite grandparents or grandfriends to join them for a memorable in-class experience. Volunteers assist in directing our guests to the correct room and baking items for them to enjoy while waiting. Thank you to all the grandfriends and volunteers for making this day a special one.

The Swasey PFG is recycling used markers into energy with Crayola ColorCycle. Collect used markers at home and send them into school. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel used to heat homes and power vehicles. For more information visit: <https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>

The Wentworth Gardens Holiday Décor fundraiser was a big success again this year! Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. Because of you, we are able to provide our school with a variety of enrichment items and activities, show our support for staff, and plan or support SCS community events.

Box Tops collection boxes are out at SCS, Mary E. Bartlett Library and the Town Hall. Each box top earns our school \$0.10, so please send those box tops in, it really does add up.

We are always welcoming new members. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 21st** at 6:30 pm in the SCS Library. SCS parents are encouraged to attend. In the meantime, please consider reaching out to us via email at swasey.pfg@gmail.com for other ways to get involved.

Amy Brown for the PFG

Scouting News

Happy 2020! Here is a recap of some of the things your Brentwood Cub Scouts did in the last quarter of 2019!

In October, Scouts built and launched their own rockets at our monthly pack meeting. Arrow Of Light Scouts were invited to join Exeter Boy Scout Pack 323 on a whitewater rafting trip to The Forks in Kennebunk. The overnight included dinner, campfire, breakfast, and a day of rafting. The boys and their leaders had a great time! The Webelo Scouts learned about cooking over an open fire and made their own campfire dinners. Bear Scouts are working on earning their whittling chip. This is a big deal for these boys and girls as it teaches them knife handling and safety.

We have a Lions Den this year! Do you have a boy or girl in Kindergarten that is interested in scouting? It's not too late to sign up! Email brentwoodpack192@gmail.com for more information on joining.

In November, Cub Scouts collected food for the annual Scouting for Food drive. Pack 192 collected almost 800 food items for the Pilgrim Church food pantry! If you donated, THANK YOU for making this year's food drive a big success!! A handful of scouts attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the MEB library.

In December, Scouts were proud to help lay wreaths at Tony Cemetery for the Brentwood Wreaths Across America Event. Community service and leadership are important parts of the Cub Scout program. Each year we see more and more kids in attendance at this event and at Memorial Day. Next year, put this on your calendar and come help us Remember, Honor and Teach. We also had a fantastic time at our annual Holiday Party where we played silly games, watched den skits and ate delicious food and desserts!

Did you know that friends are ALWAYS welcome at ANY den or pack meeting? To find out more about Cub Scouts in your community go to beascout.org, or email brentwoodpack192@gmail.com.

Amy Brown, for Brentwood Pack 192



Brentwood Cub Scouts Lions Den; left to right, Den Leader Kathy Kelley, Brayden Kelley, Ryan Rowe, Ben Bouchard, and Cubmaster Eric Brown. Not pictured Colette Allamore.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
MON. 1/13 @ 6PM
The public is welcome.

M.E.B. LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF MEB MEETING
MON. 1/13 @ 6PM
The public is welcome.

EVENTS

- LIBRARY CLOSINGS IN JANUARY**
Wednesday, January 1st - New Years Day
Monday, January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- PORTRAIT DRAWING 101**
MON. 1/6 @ 5PM
For Teens and Adults. Come learn the basics of portrait drawing!
- SLIME STATION: SNOW SLIME**
MON. 1/7 @ 3:30PM
Sign up to make two batches of winter themed slime! Please register. Materials provided
- MAXIMIZING SOCIAL SECURITY**
THURS. 1/9 @ 6:30 PM
Andrew Githmark of Steward Partners will speak about social security - when to start collecting, how to maximize your benefits, etc. Q&A to follow.
- CENSUS DAYS**
SAT. 1/11 & 1/25 @ 10-NOON
Meet up with Ronald Morales, a recruiting assistant for the United States Census Bureau to learn more about the Census and potential job opportunities!
- COFFEE WITH A COP**
WED. 1/15 @ 9:30 AM
Meet up with a rep from the Brentwood Police Department to say hello, say thanks for service to the town, & ask questions in the comfort of the Library.
- CRAZY HAT DAY!**
WED. 1/15
Drop in with your favorite crazy hat and take a photo with our props and backdrop. Post to social media to show your spirit for fun library activities!
- SOCIAL CRAFTING**
THURS. 1/16 @ 4-8PM
Bring your unfinished project and play along with like minded crafters. Enjoy snacks and chat and get something accomplished! Open to teens and adults.
- 3D CREATION WORKSHOP**
TUES. 1/21 @ 3:30PM
Come learn about how our 3D printer works, design an item that we will print for you later! Also try out some other 3D design activities. Registration required.
- MODERN BRUSH LETTERING**
THURS. 1/23 @ 6PM
Modern brush lettering is all the rage! Join Toni as she teaches the basic practice strokes and characters to get you started on beautiful hand lettering!
- "BUBBLE WRAP APPRECIATION" PARTY**
MON. 1/27 @ 2PM - 6PM
Who doesn't love bubble wrap? We'll have stations with fun projects using bubble wrap. No registration required
- STOP MOTION ANIMATION**
TUES. 1/28 @ 3:30PM
Ever wanted to try making an animation? We'll learn the basics and even make our own animations! Registration required
- DIY CANDLE MAKING**
THURS. 1/30 @ 6PM
For teens/adults. All materials provided. Please register.

MONTHLY EVENTS

- PEACE AND JUSTICE**
MON. 1/6 @ 7PM
Movie and discussion about social issues. Topic TBD. Free/open to the public. No registration needed.
- GRADE 6+ ANIME CLUB**
WED. 1/8 @ 3:30PM
Join us to watch the first episode of "Yona of the Dawn", have cup ramen, and chat with other anime/manga enthusiasts! **Please register.**
- BRENTWOOD BOOKERS**
MON. 1/13 @ 6:30PM
Meet to discuss this month's selection: TBD
- GRADE 4/5 ANIME CLUB**
TUES. 1/14 @ 3:30 PM
Join us to watch the first episode of fantasy anime "TBD", have themed snacks, and chat with other anime/manga enthusiasts! **Please register.**
- COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB**
MON. 1/27 @ 7PM
This month's theme: Soup. Please bring a batch of your favorite soup as well as the recipe to share at the meeting. We will taste and talk! **Please register.**

ONGOING EVENTS

- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.
- 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.
- TECH TUTOR BY APPOINTMENT**
Have a tech question you need some help with? Call or stop in to set up an appointment with Heather!

Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

Happy New Year! We wrapped up 2019 with Santa's visit, our Craft Fair, and a Blood Drive. So much goodness! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, supported and attended these events! The Friends would like to extend special thanks to Abby Miner, a Brentwood senior at Exeter High School, for her years of volunteer service. Abby has volunteered at numerous events over the years, helping children with craft activities, greeting guests, assisting with set up and clean up. We are grateful for her willingness to pitch in when needed and presented her with a small gift as a token of our appreciation.

We are pleased to tell you that we now have passes to Boston Children's Museum. Passes are limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and are good for half price admission for 4 people. "Designed for children and families, our exhibits focus on science, culture, environmental awareness, health & fitness, and the arts. In addition to extensive child-centered exhibits, Museum educators develop programs and activities that address literacy, performing arts, science and math, visual arts, cultures, and health and wellness." Visit their website to browse the multitude of exhibits such as Bubbles, Explore-a-Saurus and STEAM Lab. If you'd rather keep your travel closer to home, perhaps you'd enjoy a visit to the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. Passes are good for free admission for 2 adults. "The Currier features European and American paintings, decorative arts, photographs and sculpture[s], including works by Picasso, Monet, O'Keeffe, Wyeth and LeWitt with exhibitions, tours and programs year-round." Browse at your leisure or take a highlight tour, available daily at 1:00 pm.

Did you make a resolution to give back to your community? Consider volunteering with the Friends of the Library. Help as little or as much as you can. Attend monthly meetings, volunteer in the Basement Bookstore, help at events, or plan a fundraiser. Is organization your strong-suit? We could use some help organizing the basement! Is bookkeeping a skill you possess? We will be looking for a new Treasurer in June and would love to have you work with us to transition! Contact Sue if you would like to volunteer or have questions: volunteer@friendsofneblibrary.org. The Friends are temporarily halting acceptance of used book donations until we can get current donations shelved. (Want to help?) The Basement Bookstore will be open Saturdays, **January 11** and **January 25** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our next meeting will be Monday, **January 13** beginning at 6:00 pm.

Jessica Paul, Secretary for The Friends

Solar Panels Saving More Money

We are pleased to report that for the second full year of operation, the solar panels at the fire station have saved us \$9,200. This brings the total savings over the first two full years to \$16,600. The savings have been higher than expected due to the solar system generating 10% more electricity than projected over the first two years. For the two years, the system generated 340,173 kilowatt hours vs. the projected 307,442 kilowatt hours. You can track the solar production of the system using the Solar Edge website or app on your phone. A link to this information may be found on the Brentwood town website. Thank you for everyone's support of this effort to save the town money on its electric bills and our taxes.

Submitted by Rob Wofchuck, Conservation Commission

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: January's luncheon will be at 11:00 am on **January 22** at the community center.

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

Ceramics Class: Join us at the community center on Thursday, **January 24th**, 6:30 pm, for our adult ceramics class! Fees: \$2/hr plus the piece you pick to decorate. Pieces start at \$1.50 and go up. We will not be doing any "glazing" in this class. Register in person at the town office or online! Class will run approximately 2 hours.

Family Skate Night: Friday, **January 31st** (February 7th snow date). Join us at the Brentwood Recreation Ice Rink (Castonguay Pavilion) for some family fun! Bon fire, s'mores, hot cocoa, and music will be offered for your enjoyment while you skate or hang out under the pavilion. Festivities will begin around 5:30 pm. This event is weather dependent, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page.

Winter Cornhole League: Brentwood Rec is looking to start a new adult cornhole league and volunteers are needed. Volunteer's responsibility would be to open and close the community center. League will take place on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Please visit the Brentwood Recreation website for further details. If you are interested in volunteering for this program please contact the recreation department.

Brentwood KIDS Club (new): Does your child miss summer camp? Starting on **February 4th** Brentwood Rec will have an after school program called KIDS Club and our Summer Camp Counselors will be back! KIDS Club will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm at the Brentwood Community Center. The Rec Department will transport up to 14 students from Swasey Elementary to the community center in the new recreation van! Every Tuesday will be a different holiday or seasonal theme to give the kids something fun to do after school. Every Wednesday will be our Home Work club, where our counselors will help students with their homework for the week. If you are interested or would like more information please visit the Brentwood Recreation website. Registration will open in January.

Brentwood Summer Camp: Resident registration for the Brentwood Recreation Summer Camp will open **February 3rd**. Camp operates Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, June 22nd to August 14th. Grades: Entering 1st-6th. Rates increase after May 31st! Visit the Recreation Office or our website for Parent Handbook.

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 Tues. of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tues. 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.

Opinion [*uh-pin-yuhn*]

noun – a personal view, attitude, or appraisal

News From the Statehouse

January starts a new session in Concord. We will be voting on the bills studied over the summer before moving on to the bills submitted for 2020.

HB221 renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day is one bill up for debate. The idea put forth is that because Columbus did some things we might disapprove of, we should no longer celebrate people that risked life and limb to explore and learn about the world. The idea is not to change the day to a National Day of Exploration, Inspiration, or Learning, but instead to make the day about learning what a wretched people western explorers, and by extension the American people, are and that no atonement is possible. This secular version of original sin is being propagated by those who resent our culture of freedom and individualism that formed our great country.

Thanksgiving is about celebrating abundance, sharing that abundance with family and friends, reflecting on how good we have it, and being thankful for all the good things in our lives. You may have heard the talk this year about how Thanksgiving shouldn't exist because of the way earlier generations treated the native population. This is just one example of the "cancel culture" trying to twist the positive by focusing on the negative.

The new year is a time to reflect on the years past and resolve to improve. Judging past actions by today's values is misguided and dismisses so many hard lessons learned and knowledge gained. Likewise, judging historical figures by current standards massively undervalues what was said or done in the past that inspires and informs our future.

State Representative Josh Yokela

District 33 (Floterial), Representing Brentwood, Fremont, Danville

Happy New Year to all! I hope you enjoyed family time and all the festivities of this past Holiday Season. I am looking forward to the New Year, and the activities surrounding the year 2020. It is my hope to continue connecting with residents in Brentwood through knocking on doors, posting information on my FB page (Liz McConnell Brentwood Representative, NH House) and generally being present to do all I can to participate in and act on the issues important to Brentwood. I plan to run for office again in 2020 and welcome your support and comments. As always, I can be reached at liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us

Among the many progressive initiatives in the biennium budget, I was in full support of the bills which increased funding for education in Brentwood by over \$412,000. This same budget also included additional municipal aid of over \$66,000, bringing total property tax relief to Brentwood of over \$475,000. Because the legislature votes on a biennium budget, we can expect municipal and education funding to continue to 2021. I have been informed by the Brentwood Select Board office that we received over \$33,000 in municipal aid which will be used to buy down your tax rate. The same amount of municipal aid will be allocated in 2021. The largest portion of property tax relief comes in the form education funding. The education funding relief of over \$412,000 will also be allocated during the same time periods, although not equally over each year. These allocations will be made directly to SAU16 through the Department of Education.

As I mentioned in my last BNL post, the Legislature is looking seriously at how we fund education in the state and the impact it has on our property

taxes. I can tell you, if re-elected in 2020, I plan to vote for a budget that will more adequately fund education, and hopefully by that time, have a legislature which has confronted the hard task of solving the education funding formula inadequacies throughout the state.

As your Representative, the early part of January starts off with House Sessions on Jan. 08 & 09. During these sessions, legislators will vote on retained bills and revisit house rules. Then, the real fun begins! There are currently 721 Legislative Service Requests (LSR's) submitted as potential legislation or House Bills. I am the prime sponsor of 1 House Bill (HB1535 – relative to installation of solar photovoltaic energy systems by condominium unit owners), the co-sponsor of 3 House Bills (HB1136, HB1395, HB1146), 1 House Resolution (HR12) and 2 unassigned Senate Bills. This information can be found here: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/lsr_search/LSR_Results.aspx

As you know, New Hampshire is unique in that every bill proposed by the legislature gets a public hearing. This vital step guides representatives in making informed decisions based on testimonies from constituents, specialists, stakeholders, and fellow committee members. Please reach out to me if you have pressing questions, but know that I will describe these bills in more detail once they have been assigned committees and public hearing have been scheduled. I welcome your input and participation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Brentwood. I love this job!

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Taxes High?

If you are not happy with your recent tax bill, please remember that the December bills are mostly a reflection of the choices the voters make in March. Our bills this year went from \$25.83/\$1,000 of assessed value to \$27.70. This does not include the bond payment for the middle school expansion, only the interest. Next year, the average homeowner will pay an additional \$184 for that expansion alone. Approximately 78 – 83% of our tax bill is for our schools. By far the largest amount is for the Co-op (middle and high school).

If you would like to make your views known to the Co-op School Board, you must attend the **January 7th** Public Hearing at 6:30 pm at

the High School, and the Deliberative Session on **February 6th** at 7:00 pm. During the Deliberative Session, a majority of those voters present can raise or lower the proposed budget. In the past, less than 150 voters, out of a possible 28,000, have attended this meeting. If passed, a lower proposed budget would go on the ballot along with a default budget. The current proposed operating budget is over \$64 million for one year, a 6.24% increase despite steadily decreasing enrollment. Please come, get involved, and be heard!

January 7th at 6:30 pm and especially February 6th at 7:00 pm.

Liz Faria

Brentwood Meeting Dates

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

- Jan 2 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, Town Office, 5:00 pm
- Jan 2 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Jan 6 **Brentwood School Board Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm
- Jan 7 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Jan 7 **Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget**, Exeter High School, 6:30 pm
- Jan 8 **Conservation Commission Meeting**, Town Office Building, 7:00 pm
- Jan 8 **Brentwood Republican Meeting**, 105 Crawley Falls Road, 7:00 pm
- Jan 11 **Basement Bookstore Open**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 10:00 am to noon
- Jan 13 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm
- Jan 13 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm
- Jan 14 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Jan 14 **Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting**, 52 Stevens Drive, 7:00 pm
- Jan 15 **Coffee with a Cop**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 9:30 am
- Jan 15 **Deadline for submissions to the Brentwood Newsletter**
- Jan 16 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Jan 20 **Town Offices, Library, and Swasey Elementary School will be closed for Martin Luther King Day**
- Jan 21 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Jan 21 **PFG Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm
- Jan 21 **Brentwood Gardeners Meeting**, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road, 7:00 pm
- Jan 22 **FILING PERIOD BEGINS FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES (ends Jan 31)**
- Jan 22 **Senior Luncheon**, Brentwood Recreation Center, 11:00 am
- Jan 22 **Planning & Zoning Office will be CLOSED January 22nd through January 31st**
- Jan 25 **Basement Bookstore Open**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 10:00 am to noon
- Jan 28 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Jan 31 **Family Skate Night**, Brentwood Recreation Center (Castonguay Pavilion), 5:30 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.

Brentwood Recreation Center

YOGA MOVEMENT

FOR SENIORS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

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