

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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## Candidates for Town and School Offices

The following filings for Town and School Offices were made during the required period from Jan. 22-31, 2015.

<b>OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate(s)	<b>SELECTMEN</b> 2 for 3 years <b>Jane Byrne</b> <b>Ken Christiansen</b> <b>Craig Steger</b>	<b>OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate(s)	<b>SCHOOL BOARD – BRENTWOOD DIST.</b> 2 for 3 years <b>Scott Dennehy</b> <b>Jessie Hollister</b>
<b>OFFICE</b> Position Available Candidate(s)	<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b> 1 for 3 years <b>David Menter</b>	<b>OFFICE</b> Position Available Candidate(s)	<b>MODERATOR – BRENTWOOD DISTRICT</b> 1 for 3 years <b>Douglas Cowie</b>
<b>OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate(s)	<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b> 2 for 3 years <b>John Hayes</b> <b>Douglas Mansfield</b>	<b>OFFICE</b> Position Available Candidate(s)	<b>TREASURER – BRENTWOOD DISTRICT</b> 1 for 3 years No one filed
<b>OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate(s)	<b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMM.</b> 2 for 3 years 1 for 2 years <b>William Faria</b> (for 3 years) <b>Melissa Hanlon</b> (for 2 years) <b>Richard G. Higgins, Jr.</b> (for 3 yrs) <b>Keith Levitsky</b> (for 3 years) <b>Julie Morrow</b> (for 2 years) <b>Michelle Siudut</b> (for 2 years)	<b>OFFICE</b> Position Available Candidate(s)	<b>SCHOOL CLERK – BRENTWOOD DISTRICT</b> 1 for 3 years <b>Phyllis Thompson</b>
<b>OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate(s)	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> 2 for 3 years 2 for 2 years 1 for 1 year <b>Stephen Hamilton</b> (for 3 years) <b>Kevin Johnston</b> (for 2 years)	<b>* OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate(s)	<b>COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD</b> 1 for each listed position <b>Exeter</b> (for 3 years) <b>Maggie Bishop</b> <b>Exeter</b> (for 2 years) <b>Denny Grubbs</b> <b>Kensington</b> (for 2 years) <b>No one filed</b> <b>Newfields</b> (for 3 years) <b>No one filed</b> <b>Stratham</b> (for 3 years) <b>Helen Joyce</b>
<b>OFFICE</b> Position Available Candidate(s)	<b>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST</b> 1 for 5 years <b>Mary Lee Clancey</b> <b>Scott Rowland</b>	<b>* OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate (s)	<b>ERCSD BUDGET ADVISORY COMM.</b> 1 from each town <b>East Kingston</b> (for 3 years) <b>David Pendell</b> <b>Exeter</b> (for 3 years) <b>Mark Paige</b> <b>Stratham</b> (for 3 years) <b>No one filed</b>
<b>OFFICE</b> Position Available Candidate(s)	<b>TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR</b> 1 for 3 years <b>Phyllis Thompson</b>	<b>* OFFICE</b> Position Available Candidate(s)	<b>CO-OP. SCHOOL DIST. MODERATOR</b> 1 for 1 year <b>Katherine B. Miller</b>
<b>OFFICE</b> Positions Available Candidate(s)	<b>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b> 1 for 3 years 1 for 2 years <b>Julie Avant</b> (for 3 years) <b>Nicholas Wrighton</b> (for 2 years)	<i>* Note: voters from all towns in the District may vote for these candidates</i>	

## JOIN US FOR CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

Candidates' Night will be at the Bartlett Library on  
**Monday, February 23, at 7:00 pm.**  
Please come to meet, hear and talk  
to the candidates.

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## THE BRENTWOOD NEWSLETTER

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## February Recycling Dates

February 10 & 11  
February 24 & 25

## Newsletter Mailing Coordinators Needed

For all of its 39-year life span, the *Brentwood Newsletter* has been readied for mailing by volunteer help. Not only does this save the town money, it also gives people a chance to chat and catch up on town news while doing the job. In recent years teams of neighbors and friends have signed on to help as mailing crews. There are enough groups so that each team does it only once a year, twice at most.

The *Newsletter* Committee needs one person from each group to act as a captain or coordinator. With that person we arrange the date, the house to which the *Newsletter* is delivered from the printer, and when it can be picked up the next morning to be delivered to the post office. The coordinator simply contacts the group and gets them together. I come the first time or two to coach them through the process.

Occasionally a group needs to withdraw from the schedule. At the moment we have a couple of open slots that need to be filled. If you are willing to assemble a group of 5-9 people once a year to do this task for the community, please contact me at [lindarou@comcast.net](mailto:lindarou@comcast.net) or 580-2358. Although I don't do the *Newsletter* editing any more, I'm still helping with this kind of task—and would love to hear from some new mailing coordinators.

*Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee*

## Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	109.69	132.11
Tons, recycled goods	31.02 (22%)	24.45 (15.6%)

## Deadline for March Issue: Friday, February 20, 2015

E-mail your articles to [newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com)  
or mail to Brentwood Newsletter,  
18 Mohawk Lane, Brentwood, NH 03833

## Business Card Directory

\$20 per insertion, available in April, September  
& December issues.

## Business Article

\$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

## Annual Business Meetings: Everyone is Urged to Attend

At some meetings monetary decisions which impact taxes are made by the votes of those present. If you do not participate, you are forfeiting your rights and denying others the benefit of your thoughts. Taken together, these sessions determine not only what taxes will be, but also set initiatives which will define Brentwood's future character and infrastructure. **We say it every year: please be a part of this important process.**

Date and Time	Location	Event	What Happens
Thursday, February 5	Exeter High School 7:00 p.m.	Deliberative Session	Budget for Cooperative District is made final in preparation for the ballot vote on March 10. <b>Changes can be made.</b>
Monday, February 9 7:30 p.m.	Brentwood Town Offices	Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets	Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.
Friday, March 6 6:00 p.m.	Swasey Central School	School District Meeting	Discuss and vote on Swasey budget. <b>Changes can be made.</b>
Tuesday, March 10 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Brentwood Community Center	Brentwood Town Elections	Voting for various town, Cooperative School District and Swasey School District positions. Vote on Cooperative School District budget. Vote on all zoning changes.
Saturday, March 14 9:00 a.m.	Swasey Central School	Town Meeting	Discuss and vote on the various articles of the town warrant. <b>Changes can be made.</b> Swearing in of new town officials.

### Supervisors of the Checklist in Session

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Brentwood, NH, will be in session at the Brentwood Town Office on **Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10:00 am** to prepare for the upcoming Town Elections. This will be the last day to accept voter registration applications prior to Election Day.

*Mary Clancey on behalf of the Supervisors of the Checklist*

### From the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- Partial payments of your taxes are acceptable.
- Boat registrations can be done at the Town Clerk's office.
- Dog licenses for 2015 are now available.
- If you are **transferring plates** to another vehicle, you **must bring in the old registration.**
- You always need **two checks or cash** to complete an auto registration: one for the State and one for the Town.

**On Tuesday, February 10, the office will close at 4:30 p.m. The office will be closed on President's Day, February 16.**

*Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk & Tax Collector*

## 2015-16 BudCom Recommended Budget for Brentwood Voters

As I write this annual update, winter storm Juno is outside making good on its promise to be one of the biggest storms in my family's Brentwood history. A climate change has also been a factor at our meetings this season, making it one of the most interesting in my 11 years volunteering on behalf of Brentwood's Municipal Budget Committee.

This is one of the rare times that we will go to Town and School District Meetings with recommended budgets that are very different from those recommended by the Selectmen and School Boards. With voting having just wrapped up hours ago, I have not had much time to process the change. My thoughts include the recent tax increases that came to bear starting with the town's December bill, an average increase of \$575 per property. This is the first year that there were no COLA restrictions placed on salary increases for town employees, and the well-deserved positive evaluations drove up all the town salary lines.

The school enrollment continues its downward trend, as the "bubble" in population that necessitated a 2003 building addition moves through and out of the district. It has been proposed that the Seacoast area is "graying" and becoming a retirement destination for people on fixed incomes, thus more tax dollar awareness. I'm sure many considerations factored into the votes that took place around our table, however lack of commitment to this community was not one of them. I want to personally thank all the members of the Budget Committee for their many hours of thoughtful deliberation, for their initiative in seeking out and acquiring detailed information to help with decision-making, and finally for their unyielding faith in the process. You are spirited individuals, unafraid of vociferous disagreement, but the mutual respect remains after the votes are taken. An Italian proverb says it well: after the game is over, the king and the pawn get put away into the same box. It says so much about you that, after budget season ends, we can still call on one another as neighbors and friends.

I have attached a grid summarizing our town's cost impact from Town, Swasey School and the Cooperative School District Operating Budgets (OB) as well as the Warrant Articles (WA) that involve expenses or appropriations. Expected and unexpected revenues will offset some of these expenses, with ever diminishing returns. In that regard we share the woes of all the other municipalities in a state that has one main source of revenue: property taxes.

**TOWN:** In summary, the BudCom Recommended town budgets include differences from this year's BOS (Selectmen) approved budgets as follows:

- Fire Department reduced by \$22,955.00 (same as prior year budget)
- Highway Department reduced by \$22,454.00 (same as prior year budget)
- Library reduced by \$14,455.00

This results in a total BudCom Recommended Town Operating Budget of \$3,128,180, an increase of 2.7% over last years operating budget (up \$81,254) and a difference of

\$59,864 from the BOS approved budget of \$3,188,044. The tax impact of this OB will be approximately \$.157 cents per thousand of assessed value.

In addition, BudCom once again voted against recommending a Warrant Article for the lease-purchase of a Fire Department Apparatus, the total cost of which would be \$336,000 maximum, beginning with a first payment in 2016 of \$90,121. Other total BudCom Recommended Warrant Articles amount to \$450,501, a \$1,197,662 or 73% reduction from last year's town warrant articles.

As recommended by BudCom, the Town's Overall Budget comes to \$3,578,681, a decrease of \$1,116,408 or -24% from last year's overall town budget.

**SWASEY SCHOOL:** Similar to last year, BudCom discussed at length the decreasing student enrollment, current small class sizes and the amount of staff and administration in a 329 pupil K-5 school, looking for the personnel lines to be trimmed to match the declining numbers. After multiple meetings on the subject, the BudCom Recommended School Operating Budget goes to the voters at \$4,718,627.

Two Swasey School Warrant Articles came in identical or at a higher cost to voters than the ones voted down at last year's School District Meeting: one a three-year teacher contract and the other a \$120,000 Citizen's Petition for full day Kindergarten. Both failed to get BudCom Recommendations this year.

The Overall Swasey School Budget as recommended by BudCom comes to \$4,718,627: a decrease of \$736,475 or -13.5% from last year's overall school budget.

Details on Budget Committee deliberations and voting can be found by reading our minutes at [www.brentwoodnh.gov/entities.php?show=2](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/entities.php?show=2). Check the site frequently for posting of the Warrants, Contracts and voter information.

Though it determines the largest proportion of our tax bill, Brentwood's Budget Committee has no budgetary authority over the costs to run the Exeter Region Coop School (CMS and EHS). These are detailed in a separate article, and are included in the tax impact table for informational purposes. For this particular budget, you have the ERCSD Deliberative Session as your one and only opportunity to amend what numbers go on the final ballot.

Now it's your turn, but attendance is required! We are fortunate in Brentwood to be able to discuss and then immediately confirm or change our town and elementary school budgets at our **School District Meeting, this year on Friday, March 6 6:00 pm, and at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14 9:00 am, both at Swasey School.** Come to your meetings and vote!

*Elyse G. Seeley*

*Chair of the Brentwood Budget Committee*

# BRENTWOOD TAX IMPACTS 2015-16

\*COOP Information courtesy of K. Steger

	AMOUNT		DIFFERENCE from prior year	One year % Increase or Decrease	TAX in cents per \$1000 property valuation	300K property cost estimate
TOWN OB	\$3,128,180		\$81,254	2.7%	\$1.57	\$47.10
TOWN WA	\$450,501		-\$1,197,662)	-(73%)	-\$2.32)	-\$696.00)
BOND WA for Fire Apparatus	Lease-purchase for 4 years Not Recommended by Budget Committee		No appropriation until 2016 Not Recommended by Budget Committee	No appropriation until 2016 Not Recommended by Budget Committee	0	Not Recommended by Budget Committee
<b>TOTAL TOWN</b>	<b>\$3,578,681</b>		<b>(\$1,116,408)</b>	<b>-(24%)</b>	<b>-\$2.17)</b>	<b>-\$650.00)</b>
SWASEY SCHOOL OB	\$4,718,627		(\$736,475)	-(13.5%)	-\$1.43)	-\$429.00)
SWASEY Warrant Article #1 3 year Teacher Contract	\$46,260 first year appropriation Not Recommended by Budget Committee		\$46,260, \$66,371, \$58,852 benefits changes; increase in bonuses Not Recommended by Budget Committee	+2.25% years one & two +2% year three plus \$1600-\$5000 annual bonuses benefits changes; Not Recommended by Budget Committee	.09 in year one @ .64 cents over three years @ \$330,374 Not Recommended by Budget Committee	\$27.00 in year one @ 192.00 dollars over three years Not Recommended by Budget Committee
CITIZEN'S PETITION WA #2 Full Day Kindergarten	\$120,000 Not Recommended by Budget Committee		\$120,000 Not Recommended by Budget Committee	100% Not Recommended by Budget Committee	.24 Not Recommended by Budget Committee	\$70.00 Not Recommended by Budget Committee
<b>TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL</b>			<b>RECOMMENDED by BudCom:</b>	<b>-(1.43)</b>	<b>-(1.43)</b>	<b>-(429.00)</b>
COOP SCHOOL Operations (WA #1)	Proposed (Yes vote) \$55,721,982 Default (No Vote) \$55,962,349			Proposed (YES) Default (NO)	P D 0.685 cents 0.762 cents	P D \$205.50 \$229.00
COOP WA (2) paraprofessional contract	first year appropriation \$95,242 (2.75%/2.75%/2.75%)			Year 1,2,3: +2.75% plus benefits changes	0.03 cents year one @ 18 cents over three years @ \$575,000	\$ 9.00 year one @ \$54.00 dollars over three years
COOP WA (3)	Turf field CR \$50K			From surplus	0.016 cents	\$4.80
<b>TOTAL COOP</b>	<b>\$55,867,224</b>	<b>\$56,107,591</b>		<b>.73</b>	<b>.81</b>	<b>\$219.30</b>
<b>Brentwood GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>COOP + LOCAL BudCom RECOMMENDED Tax:</b>	<b>-(2.86)</b>	<b>-(2.79)</b>	<b>-(860)</b>
						<b>-(836)</b>

# Exeter Regional Cooperative School District (ERCSD) Budget

Did you know that this budget is by far the largest part of your tax bill? You still have a chance to have an impact on it at the upcoming **Deliberative Session, Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 pm at the Exeter High School.**

Here is specific information on each of the three items with financial implications that you will be asked to vote on in the Town Election, March 10, 2015 :

- School Operating Budget,
- Collective Bargaining Agreement for Paraprofessionals,
- Establishment of a Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

## School Operating Budget

Two options will be on the ballot.

**Proposed Budget** - \$55,721,982 (this figure can still be changed during the Deliberative Session)

**Default Budget** - \$55,962,349

The Proposed Budget is currently **LOWER** than the Default Budget. By voting YES at the polls, the operating budget will be less, thereby saving you money on your tax bill. Importantly, the proposed budget can be **further lower by you** at the upcoming Deliberative Session. If the Proposed Budget fails to pass on March 10, the Default Budget automatically goes into effect.

The Proposed Budget currently includes 3% salary increases for principals & non-union staff, the addition of a .5 Math teacher and a .5 English teacher at Exeter High School, and the addition of a .4 Art teacher for sixth grade at the Middle School. The Proposed Budget also includes allocations to establish a new Special Education Program at Exeter High School. This would require hiring a small number of dedicated staff. Implementing this program in the 2015/2016 school year is anticipated to save approximately \$200,000 in that year, with substantially higher savings anticipated in subsequent years.

The current Proposed Budget represents an increase of \$.0685/\$1000 valuation. The Default Budget represents an increase of \$.0762/\$1000 valuation.

## Collective Bargaining Agreement for Paraprofessionals

This agreement covers approximately 95 individuals at Exeter High School, Central Middle School and Seacoast School of Technology. It is a three-year contract with raises of 2.75%/2.75%/2.75%. It represents an estimated budget increase of \$95,242 for the 2015/2016 school year. This is an increase of \$.03/ \$1000 valuation on property tax bills. This is a “yes” or “no” vote on March 10, 2015.

## Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

The “new” Exeter High School is nearly ten years old. The expected life span of the synthetic turf field is approximately 12 years. Replacement cost is estimated at \$350,000. Warrant Article #3 establishes a new Capital Reserve Fund by appropriating \$50,000 from a June 30 fund balance (surplus funds). This does not represent an increase in your taxes, but it will use funds that would otherwise be returned to you (0.016 cents/\$1000 valuation). This is a “yes” or “no” vote on March 10, 2015.

## Tax Impact - cents/\$1000 valuation

	Proposed	Default
Operating Budget	.685	.762
Paraprofessional Contract	.030	
Field Replacement Trust Fund	.016	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.732</b>	<b>0.808</b>

<b>Estimated Tax Increase for \$300,000 Home</b>	<b>\$219.60</b>	<b>\$242.40</b>
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For more information of the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District budget please visit [www.sau16.org/index.php/home/2013-01-15-16-03-55](http://www.sau16.org/index.php/home/2013-01-15-16-03-55).

**Krista Steger**

*Brentwood Representative, ERCSD Budget Advisory Committee*

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# Show Your Support for the Swasey Central School Operating Budget

We are at a critical juncture in determining the Swasey Central School budget for the 2015/16 school year. We understand this is a complex process that many may not understand. We hope this article will help you understand how the budget is created, reviewed, recommended and voted on.

Each year, a budget is prepared by the SAU Office and the Swasey Central School Principal. It is then presented to the Brentwood School Board (BSB) to review, discuss, revise and approve. The BSB then proposes the approved budget draft to Brentwood Budget Committee (BudCom). BudCom then reviews all town budgets and Warrant Articles and makes a final recommendation for the voters to consider. The public does have the opportunity at the Budget Hearing to request changes to the BudCom recommended number.

This year the BSB approved a proposed budget in the amount of \$5,368,627. This amount is **1.6% less** than the current year's budget. On January 26 the BudCom recommended a 2015/16 operating budget of \$4,718,627 (Warrant Article #1). This is \$650,000 less than what the BSB proposed and represents a 12.1% decrease. The final

BudCom vote was 4-3. The BSB asks the community to help ensure that the final budget is reflective of the needs of both the school and the town.

What happens from here?

There is a **Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, February 9, at 7:30 pm at the Town Office Building**. This is an opportunity for BudCom to hear from the community. The BudCom's final recommended budget number will be presented at the Annual Swasey School District Meeting.

The **Annual Swasey School District Meeting is Friday, March 6, at 6:00 pm**. According to law, voters at this meeting may increase the BudCom recommended budget although there are some restrictions. More information will be included in the March issue of the *Newsletter* regarding permitted changes at the School District Meeting. It is important to attend this meeting and show your support for our school. Every vote counts.

Swasey currently has the lowest cost per pupil in the SAU and is lower than the state average. The BSB considers the monetary needs of the school while remaining fiscally responsible to the town and its residents.

## SAU 16 Elementary Schools and State Average Per Pupil Cost Comparison

School Year 2013 –2014 (Updated 12/15/14)	School Year 2012 – 2013 (Updated 12/09/13)	School Year 2011 – 2012 (Updated 11/28/12)
State Average: \$14,200.30	State Average: \$13,627.50	State Average: \$13,413.70
Brentwood: \$13,291.13	Brentwood: \$12,995.21	Brentwood: \$11,359.80
Kensington: \$18,545.23	Kensington: \$15,691.89	Kensington: \$14,388.83
Newfields: \$14,776.75	Newfields: \$15,881.56	Newfields: \$14,284.10
E. Kingston: \$15,934.81	E. Kingston: \$14,079.42	E. Kingston: \$12,585.86
Stratham: \$14,530.92	Stratham: \$14,129.83	Stratham: \$13,963.24
Exeter: \$15,066.52	Exeter: \$14,555.75	Exeter: \$14,585.72

*The above data comes directly from The New Hampshire Department of Education website. The Department of Education calculates the cost per pupil for all the schools in the state. The following items are excluded from the calculation: Transportation, Debt Service, Out of District Placements and All Food Service*

Regardless of your views on the budget, we encourage you to get involved, attend School Board and Budget Committee meetings, contact your elected representatives, and come to vote on **Friday March 6 at 6:00 pm at Swasey** (child care will be provided). You must be registered to vote no later than February 25, 2015. This is done at the town hall, and cannot be done the day of the meeting.

**Amy Mitchell**

*On behalf of the Brentwood School Board*

## Show Your Support for the Swasey Central School Teachers

The Brentwood School Board (BSB) and the Brentwood Teachers' Association (BTA) have reached a tentative agreement on a new three-year contract. Brentwood voters will vote on this contract at the **Annual Swasey School District Meeting, on Friday, March 6, at 6:00 pm** in the **Swasey Central School Gym**. Childcare will be provided in the library.

The new contract shifts the BTA to a health care plan that is more economical for the District. This change requires BTA members to double the co-pay for office visits. In addition, the BTA agrees to contribute an average of 2% more to the cost of their healthcare insurance premiums over the life of the contract. The most expensive (Point of Service) healthcare plan will no longer be available to new BTA members. These health care concessions will save the district approximately \$21,300 in the first year.

The salary scale will increase 2.25% for each of the first two years, and 2% for the final year. The three-year average pay increase for teachers has been .83%. The National three-year cost of living increase average has been 2.26%. With the above mentioned health care concessions, the total new funding increase to appropriate in year one is \$46,260. This amounts to an increase of \$.092 per \$1000 on the property tax rate. It would have an impact of \$36.00 a year on a \$300,000 valued home and \$46.00 on a \$400,000 valued home.

The proposed new three-year teacher contract (Warrant Article #2) was not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 2-5-1. It is important to remember that last year's proposed three-year contract was recommended by the Budget Committee, but failed at the annual Swasey School District Meeting. It needed only five additional votes to pass in March 2014, so the teachers have been working without a contract this year. The final vote from Brentwood residents will be held on March 6 as to whether or not the teacher's contract will be ratified.

Brentwood teachers have been honored and recognized for their contributions over the past few years. To mention a few; a finalist for New Hampshire Teacher of the Year, the recipient of the New Hampshire Technology Teacher of the Year, recipient of the Eustis Service Award and the fourth grade team was recently honored by the Oregon-California Trails Association with the Outstanding Educator Award. Swasey School was one of only eight schools chosen to host and mentor intern teachers from UNH.

**Please make sure you register to vote at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Office Building by February 25, 2015 so that you will be able to vote in support of our teachers' contract on March 6.**

*Amy Mitchell*

*On behalf of the Swasey School Board*

## A Very Special Opportunity ~ Saturday, April 4

To honor the sacrifice made by Brentwood's Officer Steven Arkell, Badge 87, and his family, the Brentwood Police Association has established a scholarship fund in his honor. It will also sponsor a 5K run, with participation available to all ages, as a fitting way to continue to recognize his lifelong love of sports, coaching and many contributions to community activities.

The 1st Annual Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5K is scheduled for **Saturday, April 4**, starting at noon at the Brentwood Recreation Center. Organizers are in the process of setting up a non-profit and establishing a scholarship committee. There is a main event website: [www.officerarkell5k.org](http://www.officerarkell5k.org). There is a website for registration and donations: [www.runreg/officer-stephen-arkell-community](http://www.runreg/officer-stephen-arkell-community). There is a Facebook page: [facebook.com/officerarkell5k](https://facebook.com/officerarkell5k).

The Brentwood Police Association hopes town residents will polish up their walking or running shoes, gather friends, family members, neighbors and work colleagues and help make **April 4, 2015** a day of community spirit and commemoration.

*Anne Schultz, with information from the Brentwood Police Association*



# Swasey Central School

Hello Readers,

This year's annual **School District Meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, March 6 at 6:00 pm at Swasey**. I encourage all of the Brentwood community to attend to vote on our school budget and on the teacher contract. Typically this meeting is on a Saturday morning, but there are often conflicts on Saturdays so the board is trying to provide a time when more people can attend. Babysitting will be available and we appreciate your attendance. All town meetings are scheduled and available on the town website at [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov).

**Full Day Kindergarten** has been a topic of discussion for the past year and a half. Although the school committee for kindergarten programming and the Brentwood School Board supports increasing our kindergarten programming, it was decided that full day kindergarten would not be a warrant article this year and that our current kindergarten sessions (AM and PM sessions) would stay in place for the 15-16 school year. The budgetary implication for this investment was the deciding factor. The board will revisit this topic and it is our hope that we will eventually implement a full day kindergarten program at Swasey in the future.

Please feel free to call me at 642-3487 or email me if you have any questions or thoughts to share. Again, thanks for marking your calendar for the Annual School District Meeting. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.

## Kindergarten

The month of January brought cold weather and arctic studies to kindergarten. Students learned about polar animals' habits and adaptations by reading nonfiction texts and visiting a variety of websites. In literacy, students studied conventions of nonfiction texts and include some of those features in their own informational writing. We will continue to practice reading and writing sight words. We will introduce short vowel sounds and blending sounds to read words. Mrs. Desmarais' and Mrs. Proctor's classes ended the month with an author's celebration.

## Grade 1

The children collected research on their families when they did their Heritage Project and are now writing informational stories using the facts they recorded for this project. They interviewed family members to get their facts. We will celebrate the 100th day of school in February. The children have been working on number sense to 100 and will get to build collections of 100 things to share with each other. We will have our traditional parade around the school and read books about the 100th day. We will display and share our collections by counting to 100 by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s.

## Grade 2

The second grade has had a very busy month! We wrapped up our study of holidays around the world! We learned about the traditions of many countries including Mexico, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Israel, and England. We went to the Children's Museum in Dover where we had the opportunity to look at artifacts from other countries. The second grade also

shared some holiday cheer with senior friends at the Brentwood Rec. and the Brentwood Nursing Home.

## Art

All of the grades at Swasey Central have been hard at work creating special artwork for our Square One fundraiser. The Square One fundraiser is a fun way for our students to have their artwork printed on anything from a pillowcase to a coffee mug. All proceeds go to the Parent Faculty Group, which supports all of our students. Students will receive a free sheet of stickers of their artwork to enjoy. Be on the lookout, order forms will be coming home in the spring.

Thank you for sharing your children with me!

*Mrs. Buswell*

## From the Music Room

Grade 5 is working on arranging as they compose original arrangements to a historic farmers market song from New Orleans called "Baked Potato". They took a break from this unit to celebrate the holidays with a very challenging crossword puzzle based on holiday music as they listened to classical arrangements of holiday/winter music! Last, but not least, the SCS Chorus performed an evening winter concert for family & friends followed by a daytime performance for the students and staff here. I am so proud of them for their dedication and hard work as they prepared for their performances. I am also amazed at the talent I am hearing from this very focused AND fun group of 4th & 5th graders!!!

*Ron W. Kew*

*Principal*

## Swasey Parent Faculty Group

### Welcome to 2015!

At the January monthly meeting the PFG reported that art teacher, Mrs. Buswell, has had the students working hard on their art projects for Square 1 Art. Square 1 Art puts the artwork on many different items; coffee mugs, aprons, books and are a great addition for every proud parents' home. The projects will be available for pick up the first week of April. The next intended goal for the *Box Tops* is to cover the second portion of the gym windows during April vacation. The group wants to thank all who sent in their *Box Tops* and encourage others to start the clipping! The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 17**. New members are always welcome, hope to see you there.

*Sheila S. Lane*

*On behalf of the Swasey PFG*

## Brentwood Gardeners

The January meeting did what it always does for the Gardeners: gave them a delicious chili supper, allowed for a lot of conversation and laughter, and then focused on a topic that everyone could discuss and learn from.

Diantha Wade demonstrated how to construct small terrariums for indoor enjoyment around the house during the winter. She used simple clear plastic containers of all shapes and sizes as a way to avoid serious accidents with children or pets. After preparing the containers with stones, a bit of charcoal, a thin layer of sphagnum moss and a bed of potting soil, she planted them each with several miniature versions of house plants we know and love. These small specimens are available in tiny pots from garden centers and designed for this special use. Bits of information and advice came from various members as the terrariums took shape.

Three new members were welcomed to the group. We are always glad to add those who want to join us in our simple, “country gardener” approach to life.

The February program will take place on **Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room of the Pilgrim Church** on Middle Road. The program will be on “Pruning Trees and Shrubs”, something gardeners should be planning in the late stages of winter. For more information feel free to call the Co-Presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

*Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners*



*Ann Dillon and Diantha Wade watch as Torie Freeman finishes planting a small terrarium at the Brentwood Gardeners January meeting.*

## Brentwood Seniors

At the time of this writing, the Brentwood Seniors are planning to have their monthly meeting on January 28 at the Community Center. After the buffet luncheon, they are expecting to have a Pound Party—an old fashioned, auction style event. Each member brings one or more white elephant-type items hidden from sight in gift paper or paper bags. The people bid one by one on the unseen items. The fun comes when everything stops while the mystery prizes are unwrapped.

Membership dues are collected by Treasurer, Marion Arkell. Any member who did not pay at the January meeting may do so in February. Members may also mail their \$7.00 dues via check, payable to Brentwood Seniors, to Marion Arkell, Treasurer, 6 Gove Road, Brentwood, NH 03833.

The next program will take place on **Wednesday, February 25**, at the Community Center. Members should arrive at 11:00 am for appetizers and social hour and bring a dish for the luncheon buffet. The program will be on making and marketing maple syrup in today’s climate and surroundings, presented by Kevin Mailhot, owner of the Sappin Eppin Sugar House. Maple sugar products will be available for purchase afterward.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at Brentwood Seniors gatherings. You do not need to be a Brentwood resident to attend. For more information call Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

*Linda Rousseau for the Seniors*

## REGISTERING YOUR CHILD

### Swasey Central School Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 30, 2015, and you will be sending him/her to Swasey School Kindergarten, please call Mrs. Rowe at Swasey School at 642-3487 to give her your child’s name, address, place, and date of birth. We will also need parent’s name, cell phone number, and Email address.

### Swasey Central School First Grade

If you have a child who will be six years old by September 30, 2015, and has not been attending Swasey School Kindergarten, but will be coming to first grade in the fall, please call the Swasey School Office at 642-3487 and give them your child’s name, address, place, and date of birth. We will also need parent’s name, cell number, and Email address.

# The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

## Escape Cabin Fever! Come to the Library!

This month we have so many ways for you to escape cabin fever! Join us at the Library, where Brentwood residents connect, explore, discover and grow. Here are a few of our offerings for February:

**The Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on **Monday, February 2 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *Bridget Jones's Diary* by Helen Fielding. After the discussion they plan to watch the film by the same name.

We are pleased to offer a special program on the making of a romance novel just in time for Valentines' Day. Learn the 5 stages of a story: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution. We'll also cover the topics of characterization, internal and external conflict, and the concepts of goal and motivation. Published romance novelist Jessie Clever will lead this interactive presentation on **Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 pm**. Free romance novels to all attendees!

**Ladies & Gents Night Movie** will be held on **Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm**. Treat yourself to a night out and enjoy one of the Oscar nominees for Best Picture 2014. We're hoping to show *Birdman*, starring Michael Keaton, but please check the Library website to confirm.

**Meet the Brentwood Candidates Night** will be held at **7:00 pm on Monday, February 23** and hosted by Town Moderator, Dick Chamberlain. For more information, please call or stop by the Library.

Planning a School Staycation Vacation? We've organized a few activities during the February school break which your children may enjoy. We're hosting a "**Bored**" **Games Day on Thursday, February 26 from 3:00 pm-5 :00 pm**. Get out of the house and bring along your favorite board game to the Library. Snacks provided! We'll be showing some freezing good films all week long, and the Friends are sponsoring a corresponding take-home craft each day. On **Tuesday, February 24 at 10:30 am** we'll show *Happy Feet*. On **February 25 at 10:30 am** it's time for *FROZEN Sing-A-Long*. **Thursday, February 26 at 1:30 pm** we'll feature *Cloud 9* (for pre-teens and teens). And on **Friday, February 27 at 10:30 am** we'll show *Ice Age: The Meltdown*. No registration is required, but all children must have a chaperone – thanks!

**Wednesdays @ One Cinema** will continue on **February 4 and 11**, with *Downton Abbey* Season 5. On **Wednesday, February 18** we will feature the Oscar-nominated film about famous physicist *Stephen Hawking: The Theory of Everything*. We also hope to show the Academy Award-nominated film about an intense music teacher and his student, *Whiplash*, on **February 25**.

**Knitters and crocheters** are invited to join us on **Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm** for beginning instruction or to work on an ongoing project alongside other crafters. **Nighttime Knitting** with Jacqueline Wilson will be held on **Thursdays, February 5 and February 19, at 7:00 pm**.

**Family Flicks** return on **Friday, February 27 at 6:30 pm** with *Big Hero 6* [PG]. This is the animated tale of two friends who become high-tech heroes. You bring the water and we'll provide the popcorn.

**The Trustees will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 9**. Public is welcome to attend.

**Please note that the Library will be closed on Monday, February 16 in honor of President's Day.** For the latest Library news and events, including inclement weather closings, be sure to check out our website at [www.brentwoodlibrary.org](http://www.brentwoodlibrary.org).

And finally, we thought we'd share the top 10 circulating adult books for 2014: *Orphan Train, The Husband's Secret, Gone Girl, Unbroken, All the Light We Cannot See, Fatal Harbor, Me Before You, The Paris Architect, The Invention of Wings, and The Rosie Project*. How many on the list did YOU read?

Check it all out @ your Brentwood Library- NH's Library of the Year!

*Betsy Solon, Library Director*

## Friends of the Library

Looking for things to do with your kids in February? Look no further than the library for lots of passes to many great museums in the area.

Strawbery Banke in Portsmouth has some special events coming up in February. The Puddle Duck Pond skating rink is open daily from 9:00 am-9:00 pm. There are skate rentals available and blade sharpening if you already own skates. Their Fire and Ice Festival is held over the long weekend of February 14-16, with many special outdoor activities and rides. Check out their website for more information on this fun activity: [www.strawberybanke.org](http://www.strawberybanke.org).

If you are looking for something indoors, The Butterfly Place in Westford, MA is a great option. This wonderful indoor museum opens mid-February. Please check out their website for details: <https://butterflyplace-ma.com/>.

Our next Friends meeting is **Tuesday, February 11, at 12:30 pm**. We would love to welcome some fresh ideas, so please think about joining us for the next meeting. We cannot offer these wonderful museum passes without help and support. Any offer to help would be appreciated.

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events simply send an email to [marybartlett76@yahoo.com](mailto:marybartlett76@yahoo.com) and we would be happy to add you to our list. We do not share this information with anyone else.

*Cheryl Scott, on behalf of  
Friends of the Library*

# Report from our State Representative

Hello Brentwood Residents,

My first official day of work as your representative was January 7, 2015. It was a much nicer day than our organization day on December 3. The order of the day was affirming the election of the Governor and the Executive Council.

We had three House Rules up for amendment (These rules affect how we govern ourselves as a political body):

**1. HR 22(c)** - This would have changed the number of members to address a roll call (the roll call vote lets you know how your representative voted on the issue) from 10 members to 20. I want to thank all of those who emailed opposing this move. You have every right to know how your representatives are voting on every issue. The motion was tabled and remains the same. I voted to allow the motion to be tabled.

**2. HR 63** - Allowing concealed weapons in the Representatives Hall. After wonderful view points from both sides (oratory at its best!), the motion passed overwhelmingly 228/149. I'm sure you saw it on the local news. I voted in favor on the amendment. I believe we have the right to bear arms anywhere in our country. We may use our discretion as US citizens about where we take our firearms, but we have the right in our constitution to have them and take them with us if we so desire. I know that safety is a concern to many who oppose carrying firearms. This is a hotly contested issue in our culture today. There must be a balance between sensible gun owners and the time they take to be trained to use their firearms and the fringe out there that use them to harm others.

**3. HR 30** - This amendment was for creating a Government Oversight and Audit Committee. Oversight was found to already be in use.

This upcoming week I will be voting on 4 Education bills and begin the process of examining several others:

**HB116** relative to re-nomination of teachers

**HB 124** relative to the implementation of new college and career readiness standards

**HB 126** establishing a commission to study issues related to students receiving special education services while attending a chartered public school

**HB 142** relative to student social media policies by educational institutions.

**HB 218-FN** relative to additional funding for 3rd grade proficiency in mathematics

**HB 215-FN** relative to school building aid grant payments

**HB 221-FN** relative to granting 4-year baccalaureate degrees by the community college system

I will be dealing with approximately fifty bills between now and June. All are related to Education. I will also try to avail myself to be available to vote on other bills in different committees. It will be a challenge. There is tons of reading and information! I am new at this and still learning the ropes.

Hope to keep you abreast of the scope of bills that affect you directly. SAU 16 is a big part of Brentwood and our economics and I will post relevance on issues in regards to it.

We had a great start to my monthly town hall care and share sessions. I hope to meet more of you on **February 14, 9:00 am-10:30 am in the Cross Room**. I had three town residents come to share their concerns. All had read my newsletter article:

Liz McConnell shared her concerns for my position on guns in the Representatives Hall and Obama Care. I appreciate her passion and concern for the state of our political situation here in NH and the Nation. I told her I would check to see that the firearm distributors in Brentwood are in compliance with our current laws. I visited Sig Sauer and they are technically not a gun shop but do sell the company made firearms. Spoke with one of the top directors and he assured me that in NH the laws in regards to gun ownership are very stringent and as always those who are given the responsibility of selling firearms, that he knows, seek to comply with all state and Federal regulations. I told her I do not feel we need any new gun laws but need to enforce the ones we already have.

As far as Obama Care, it is continuing to unfold since our Washington leaders, to quote the most inept line in my memory of a politician, Nancy Pelosi, "We must pass it to find out what is in it.", never took the time to read the bill before they passed it. Yes, some people have been helped by this bill but many have been faced with economic hardship around their ability to keep their current policies and much confusion about the ability to gain a new policy as mandated but this law. I told Liz I needed more facts to present to her about the current and rising cost to the average house hold in regards to this legislation. I will in the next few months do a concise study of how this law is affecting NH residents, pro and con. We need more voters with her passion.

Don Manchester, a veteran, shared with much humor and candor about his service to our country. I was provided with feelings about the State of the Union from a man who has given his life to protect it. I was moved. He also made me aware of some issues with gambling, particularly Texas Hold Em(?), of which I was unaware. I appreciate that.

Finally, I was thrilled to have Will Faria come and offer his service and skill set to me for a season. Will is an Exeter High School student and is seeking to learn as much about the political process as possible. I am looking forward to working with him in any way I can to advance his political aspirations.

*Allen Cook, State Representative*

I can be reached at:

EMAIL: [Allen.Cook@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:Allen.Cook@leg.state.nh.us)

CELL PHONE: 603-770-5788

EXCELSIOR! (ever upward)

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## Brentwood Historical Society

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The Historical Society will not have public programs in February or March. The Museum is always available to be opened on request. Interested persons may contact Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

We are always interested in items you would like to donate to the Society. These items could be in the form of books, clothing, tools, appliances, or photos. Any items that come from Brentwood homes and barns that represent life in general in the last 50-75 years or longer are welcome.

### On April 9: "12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State"

Our April program will be a real eye-opener for those who think of this area as being inhabited for only about 300 years. How many of us have realized that this is the homeland of people who had been here for **hundreds** of generations before our European ancestors came? Robert Goodby, archeologist at Franklin Pierce University, will show us the real depth of Native history with a powerful visual presentation Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 pm. The Mary Bartlett Library will allow us to use its excellent facility for this program. All are welcome to attend and bring friends!

The January-February period is the time for joining or renewing membership in the Historical Society. Membership dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per family. Members are notified of all programs and events, receive at least two newsletters a year, and have access to all the resources of the Historical Society Museum and library. Your membership check will indicate your approval and support of the Museum and its activities. Feel free to visit our website, [www.brentwoodnhhistory.org](http://www.brentwoodnhhistory.org). A membership application may be printed from the website and mailed to Brentwood Historical Society, Albert E. Belanger, Secretary, 128 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833.

*Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society*

## For All Who Care about Barns

If all the barns in Brentwood were removed from the landscape, what would it feel like to drive around the town? Barns are a major part of the rural atmosphere we cherish. But if we don't own one, we rarely give a thought to what is involved in keeping them in good condition.

The Stratham and Exeter Heritage Commissions will sponsor a program on old barns on **Friday, February 20, 7:00 pm**. It will take place at the **Stratham Municipal Center**, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham. The speaker will be John C. Porter, a renowned old barn expert who has co-authored the book *Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource*. His presentation on February 20, "The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns", will include photographs of local historic barns, as well as a segment on architectural details. It is free and open to the public.

According to the information provided about the program, "In New Hampshire, heritage commissions are made up of citizens appointed by municipal governing bodies to manage, recognize, and protect their communities' historical and cultural resources." Those who attend the February 20 event will likely find more information about preserving old barns.

## Sympathy

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Victor B. Schmalzer**, 73, of Middle Road, who passed away at his home on January 12. Born in Queens Village, NY, educated at Loomis Chaffee Academy and Harvard University, he devoted his working career to the publishing industry. He retired as Chief Financial Officer of W.W. Norton & Co. In 1971 he and his wife Emily purchased the historic Graves home on Middle Road, driving up from New York on weekends before he retired, so they could enjoy Brentwood and their special house. After retirement Victor concentrated on preserving the Graves family history as well as the house, woods, and surrounding land. He served as a Selectman from 2005-2008. He also served on the Conservation Commission. He and Emily were among those who worked so hard on the early recycling processes of the town. One of their great gestures to the town was allowing Willow Pond Community Farm to develop on their parcel of land across the road from the house. His quiet contributions to the town will always be remembered.

thank  
you!

### Mailing Crew for January

Many thanks on behalf of the community to the Amanda's Way neighbors and friends who assembled the January issue of the *Newsletter*: Kathy Beggin, Ed and Danny Doris, Jacqueline and Ben Wilson, Karen and Faith Dias, Elyse Seeley and Dianne Vosgien.

*Linda Rousseau*

# Brentwood Recreation

## YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Registration for our spring Baseball and Softball programs has begun.

**Sign-up deadline is February 24**

Our Farm and AAA teams will again play in the Diamond League (East Kingston, Kingston, Kensington and Fremont) and our Softball teams play in the Seacoast Fast Pitch league. T-Ball will play only in Brentwood.

■ T-Ball (5 yr. by 9/30/14)	\$35
■ Farm ( 7yr. by 4/30/15)	\$45
■ AAA (8 & 9 yr. by 4/30/15)	\$55
■ U8 Softball (8yrs. or younger on 1/1/15)	\$50
■ U10 Softball (10yr. or younger on 1/1/ 15)	\$75
■ U12 Softball (12yr. or younger on 1/1/15)	\$75
■ U14 Softball (14yr. or younger on 1/1/ 15)	\$75

Sign-up forms are available in the Recreation office and on our website.

You can also register your player online.

**Field Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 11**

Little League and Babe Ruth registration will be through EJBL and Exeter Babe Ruth at [www.leaguelineup.com/ejtbl](http://www.leaguelineup.com/ejtbl)

## WEST COAST SWING DANCE

We're offering another 4 week session of our West Coast Swing dance class.

Whether you're a beginner or amateur dancer, this dance that will fit you! It's not as strenuous as the other ballroom dances but gives you the same fun and enjoyment that dancing offers. It's an offshoot of another swing style dance called Lindy. It can be enjoyed in small spaces because of its 'slotted' nature. (The lady dances forward and backward along a single straight line on the floor while her partner stays in one place)

*Instructor Karen Graham is a professional member of the World Swing Dance Council and Fast Dance Assoc. Karen had been dancing West coast Swing since 1996 and has been teaching West Coast 101 patterns in many areas of Vermont and New Hampshire.*

**Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25**

**6:30 pm-7:30 pm**

No partner required to take the lesson.

**Session Cost: \$40/each, \$75/couple**

**Drop-ins are welcome at \$15/class**

Sign-up through the Recreation office or online through our website.

## JOIN US FOR A WEST COAST DANCE!

Friday, March 6 at 8:00 pm. Come early at 7:00 pm and learn some of the dance patterns.

**\$10 at the door (\$15 for lesson and dance)**

## YOGA & NUTRITION CLASS

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

\$64/eight weeks

*Offered by Alicia Rossman RND, RYT owner of Let's Get Movin'!*

Class offered for adults (kids 10+ are welcome to join). Class includes movement to help strengthen and stretch the body, improve balance, flexibility, and focus. You will feel rejuvenated, strong, and refreshed. Beginners are welcome! No experience necessary. Registration is ongoing; you can join at any time.

Drop-ins always welcome at \$10/class. Register at class.

Upcoming session dates:

**Session 1: January 27 – March 17**

**Session 2: March 24 – May 12**

**Session 3: May 19 – July 7**

[www.letsgetmovin.com](http://www.letsgetmovin.com)

## COYOTE CLUB OUTDOOR WILDERNESS CLASS

**February 2- March 16**

**\$64/eight weeks**

Coyote Club is designed to introduce children to nature-based studies, native crafts and environmental stewardship. The program includes survival skills, wilderness awareness, navigation/mapping, animal signs and much more! The program is designed for kids grade K-5.

Spring session dates to be announced

The six week course runs afternoons from 3:15-4:30 pm.

Space is limited

*Watch for dates of Spring Session.*



[www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation)

# Brentwood Recreation

## WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE COURSE

Saturday, April 25 - 11:30 am-3:30 pm

Cost: \$10

Brentwood Community Center

Join us for a one day event to increase your awareness, help you avoid dangerous situations and empower you with simple escape techniques. This 4 hour class includes elements of basic safety that can help a woman recognize possible danger before it escalates into physical attack.

Some of the topics covered:

- Situational Awareness
- Time/Space distance for defense/protection
- Action vs. Reaction drills
- Stance and Balance
- Take Downs and Escapes

Learn to defend yourself. *Bring a friend and join us!*

## SENIOR YOGA

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center on Tuesday mornings for this **FREE** class.

This gentle movement class helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance and will help relieve your aches and pains. No experience necessary.

- Classes on the first and third Tuesdays of the month are at 10:00 am.
- Classes on the second and fourth Tuesdays are at 9:00 am.

## COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYING FIELD RENTAL

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick up an application at the Recreation Office.

For information regarding field rentals, please contact the recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, [recreation@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov). You'll find information on programs and events as well as forms to download for your convenience.

**Margaret Dullea**, for the Brentwood Recreation

Commission

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20.

Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 am-3:30 pm

[recreation@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mohegan Sun Casino Trip

Monday, April 13

Cost is \$35

### Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 4

At the Community Center/Recreation Area (Route 125).

Egg Hunt starts at 8:45 am sharp!

Breakfast follows at 9:00 am

### Archery Class

Spring dates to be announced.

### Outdoor Movie Night

Enjoy a family night out with a movie under the stars!

Watch for date and details.

### Adult Over 30 Coed Softball

Sign-ups start in April.

### Engineering with Lego Camp

June 22 – 26

Pre Engineering for ages 5-7 and

Engineering Fundamentals for ages 8-11

### Soccer Skills Camp with Challenger Sports

August 17-21

Registration has already begun online

at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com)

### Babysitter Training Course

Thursday, August 7

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

[www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 5 **Exeter Coop. School District Deliberative Session** – 7:00 pm, Exeter High School Auditorium  
Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Office Building  
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
Conservation Commission - 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Feb. 9 Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets – 7:30 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- Feb. 10 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Feb. 11 Friends of the Library – 12:30 am, Bartlett Library  
**Wed. @ One Cinema** – “*Downton Abbey*” Season 5, Bartlett Library
- Feb. 12 Making of a Romance Novel - led by Romance Novelist Jessie Clever. 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Feb. 17 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
Swasey Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library  
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Fellowship Room, Pilgrim Church, “*Pruning Trees & Shrubs*”
- Feb. 18 **Ladies & Gents Night at the Movies** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, “*Birdman*”  
**Wed. @ One Cinema** “*The Theory of Everything*”, Bartlett Library
- Feb. 19 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Feb. 20 “*The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns*”– by John Porter 7:00 pm, Stratham Municipal Center
- Feb. 23 **Candidates Night – 7:00 pm**, Bartlett Library
- Feb. 24 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building  
“*Happy Feet*” – 10:30 am, Bartlett Library
- Feb. 25 Last day to register to vote before Mar. 6 School District Meeting  
“*FROZEN*” *Sing-A-Long* – 10:30 am, Bartlett Library  
**Wed. @ One Cinema** - “*Whiplash*”, Bartlett Library  
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- Feb. 27 “*Ice Age: The Meltdown*” – 10:30 am, Bartlett Library  
**Family Flicks** - “*Big Hero 6*”, 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- Feb. 28 Last day to register to vote before Election Day & Town Meeting.
- Mar. 2 Brentwood School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library  
Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Mar. 3 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Mar. 5 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Office Building  
Planning Board meeting – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Mar. 6 Brentwood School District Meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Preschool Story Hours at the Library:**  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am,  
Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

**Knitting Group at the Library:**  
Tuesdays 1:00–3:00 pm;  
Thursdays at 7:00 pm - Jan. 8 and Jan. 22.

~ *The public is welcome at all above events* ~

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