

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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**November Recycling Dates**  
November 8 & 9  
November 22 & 23

## Exeter River Clean-Up a Huge Success



On Saturday, October 1, 25 volunteers from Brentwood, Exeter, Fremont and Kingston fanned out at four different locations and picked up trash along the river, in the woods, along the trails and along the roadside. The volunteers picked up 20 bags of trash including bottles and cans, two tires still on rims, and a rusted bicycle. Two volunteers kayaked on the river and towed a canoe, which they filled to capacity with trash picked out of the river.

The event was sponsored by the Brentwood Conservation Commission, Exeter Conservation Commission, Exeter Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee, Great Bay Trout Unlimited and Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire.

"This was our first organized river clean-up and it was a huge success," said Rob Wofchuck, chair of the Brentwood Conservation Commission. "I want to thank all the volunteers that participated including the five families who brought their kids to show them how important it is to preserve our natural resources. Just as important, it shows that the communities and organiza-

tions in the region can work together to protect common resources and solve regional problems."

"This was a great opportunity for all those who like to fish, kayak, canoe, swim, bird watch, or just enjoy the beauty of the river, to keep the recreational access areas that we all use free of litter. This was also a great way to give back to the landowners who allow us access to the river via their properties," said Patrick Seekamp, member of the Exeter Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee.

As the Exeter River is the drinking water supply for many people, it is critical to remove this litter before it is washed into the river where it contributes to the pollution and water quality degradation that is occurring in the Exeter River and the entire Great Bay Watershed.

Following the clean-up, the volunteers were treated to a barbeque at the Brentwood Recreation Center and given reusable grocery bags, graciously donated by Bear Naked Granola. Given the success of this year's event, Brentwood plans to expand the event next year to include more communities and organizations in the watershed.

**Rob Wofchuck**

*Chair, Brentwood Conservation Commission*

**The Town Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday at noon Wednesday, November 23 and will not reopen until Monday, November 28 at 8:00 am.**

## Apologies for a Late Newsletter

We regret that the *Newsletter* arrived so late this month. The October snow storm knocked out our key computer for more than ten days. We were ready to mail on November 11, but that was a Post Office holiday, and they do not accept Bulk Mailings on Saturdays. Therefore another full weekend was lost. *Editor.*

## Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	139.44	98.10
Tons, recycled goods	26.65 (16%)	55.96 (36%)

**TOWN OF BRENTWOOD** On the Web: [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov)**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

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 Tuesday 9:00-8:00  
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 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1  
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1  
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 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

**From the Town Clerk's Office****Marriages, Births, Deaths in the Town Report**

Any Brentwood resident who had a marriage, civil union, birth or death in 2011 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request along with a copy of the "official copy" of the event to the Town Clerk's Office.

Any Brentwood Resident who had an event occur in New Hampshire and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town Report.

**Office Closed on Two Holidays**

The office will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day and from noon Wednesday, November 23, through Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

Finally, when you are **transferring license plates from one vehicle to another, you need to bring the registration from the old vehicle.**

*Phyllis Thompson*  
 Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**Position Open: Library Director**

Marilyn Morehead, our dedicated, devoted and wonderful director is retiring. Resumes are being accepted by the Search Committee for applicants for this position until November 18. More information at

[bartlettlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net) and on Brentwood's website: [www.brentwoodnh.com](http://www.brentwoodnh.com)

**Notice of Opening on Budget Committee**

Due to an unanticipated resignation, Brentwood's Budget Committee is seeking a member to appoint for the remaining seven meetings of this budget season. Please contact Elyse Seeley, Board Chair at 778-9411 with your questions. We have meetings at the Town Offices, Monday 7PM on November 21, December 5 and 19, if you'd like to get to know us better.

**Swasey School: the "10 for 10" Fundraiser**

Swasey School would like to let all residents of Brentwood know about a great opportunity for holiday shopping. Please show or verbally tell store staff that you are shopping on behalf of Swasey School during all business hours at all stores listed (as many as you like) on the flyer included in this issue. You will receive 10% off your purchases and they will send 10% of your purchase total to the school. Businesses are still being added for this event, so look for a bright orange "10 for 10" sign on merchant stores' doors or windows when entering. The Swasey Parent Faculty Group will use donations received for enrichment programs for the students and faculty. Please email Kim Denman at [mkdenman@comcast.net](mailto:mkdenman@comcast.net) if you have any further questions.

*Kim Denman*

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## Seacoast School of Technology FFA Members Earn Awards

Members of the Seacoast School of Technology FFA Chapter recently traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to compete in the 84<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention. The convention drew over 48,000 FFA members from across the country to compete in 22 Career Development events.

The national convention attendees, who are students in Anne DeMarco's Animal & Plant Science program at the Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter, earned the privilege of representing New Hampshire at the national level based upon their performance in last spring's state competition.

**Charlotte Faria** and **Kelsey Mathouser**, both seniors at Exeter High School, each competed in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation event. In this event, FFA members judge six classes of dairy cattle, linear classify five Holstein cows, competitively evaluate four sets of dairy pedigrees, complete a sire selection and dairy management exercise, and give four sets of oral justification on their individual placing of dairy cattle. As a team they earned a bronze rating, and as individuals **Charlotte** earned a silver medal and **Kelsey** earned bronze.

The Livestock Judging team of three members had **Michaela Kirby** from Exeter HS. Each of these team members earned individual bronze medals and together garnered bronze honors for their team performance. While competing in this event each member had to evaluate classes of beef, sheep, swine and meat goats, give an oral presentation for each class of animal, and complete a written exam. Additionally, the team had to evaluate production records to determine the best quality of livestock for a breeding program.

The Seacoast School of Technology also sent an Agricultural Sales team, which earned an overall bronze for their work in presenting a sales campaign, completing a written test, working through a team sales situation, and completing a practicum designed to generate new customers

Prior to National Convention, members of the SST-FFA Chapter competed at the Deerfield Fair in numerous events. **Evan McElroy** was a member of the second place dairy judging team and as an individual Evan place second out of the one hundred and fifty students who were judging. **Meghan Johnson** also participated in Dairy Judging. Getting into the ring to show the dairy cattle were **Ally Lemerise** who placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall and **Heather Berlo** who came in first place.

The National FFA, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 523,309 members, all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The FFA Mission is to make a positive

difference in the lives of students by developing leadership, fostering personal growth, and encouraging career success through agricultural education.

*Anne DeMarco*

*Animal & Plant Science, FFA Advisor*

## Brentwood Teachers Association News

Brentwood teachers and students have been busy both in school and in the community! Last year two classrooms raised just over \$600 for a "Pennies for People in Peril" donation to the Red Cross. Thank you to everyone who contributed. You may have seen many teachers marching in the July 4th parade. Did you catch some candy? On Friday, September 9, the Brentwood Teachers' Association organized a blood drive at Swasey School. Between 3:30 and 7:30, fifteen teachers volunteered their time, processing the steady stream of donors who contributed a total of 37 pints of blood.

As part of their New Hampshire history unit the fourth grade classrooms visited the Living History Museum at Strawberry Banke, and returned to class to create replicas of the settlement. Swasey teachers provided oranges for all runners at the track meet held at Swasey, and staff members also manned the course, ensuring that all runners navigated it safely. Swasey staff had a great time creating their scarecrow for the town display. Thanks to all of the families who donated food for the 5th grade food drive earlier this month. Our local food pantry is now well stocked!

*Kathy Carson for the BTA*

## Thank You from Brentwood's Cub Scout Pack 192

The Pack 192 Families would like to thank Market Basket, Lowes, Arjay's and Grace Ministries International for allowing the Cub Scouts to sell popcorn outside their locations in October. Trails End Popcorn is one of the Pack's primary fundraisers to help support costs associated with scouting. We appreciate the courtesy we received at all locations and thank everyone who purchased some popcorn. Participating in the inclement weather were Derek Bond, Gavin Bond, Charlie Labreque, Connor Floyd, Drew Denman, Andrew McElroy, Max Gauthier, Michael Diaz, Tim Hoyt, Bogalay Myers, Sam Cadwell, Zach Shields, Sawyer Lasewicz, Jack Lasewicz, Micha Lopez and Ryan Pearson. Job well done boys!

If your son is in grades 1-5 and is interested in becoming a Cub Scout please contact Garrett Lasewicz at [lasewicz@comcast.net](mailto:lasewicz@comcast.net)

*Kim Denman*

*Popcorn coordinator for Pack 192*

## Swasey Parent Faculty Group

The Parent Faculty Group is a group of parents, guardians and teachers of the students of Swasey Central School. Their mission is to enhance the welfare and education of children at Swasey Central School by promoting active parent involvement in volunteer programs and fundraisers, as well as school and PFG sponsored activities. It's fun, it's free, it's informative, and you can develop some great friendships with other parents.

The Swasey PFG would like to thank everyone who supported the fall fundraiser. It was very successful. This year's items included Spirit Cups (sport teams) and the ever popular Yankee candles, bringing in over \$4,000. The anticipated merchandise pick-up dates are November 15 and 16. Keep a watch for the next fundraiser, "10 for 10," which will also be a great way to save on your holiday shopping. The Swasey School phone book will be ready very soon and is a great resource for phone numbers, street addresses and e-mails. The cover is designed by a student. Please keep those boxtops coming. Three pairs of small-sized snowshoes were purchased with last year's monies earned from box tops. Grandfriends Day is coming up and your contributions of baked goods will be needed for our hungry guests visiting the school. The PFG will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30pm** in the library at Swasey School.

*Sheila Lane*

## Achievements

**Heather M.G. Seeley** was elected as an early member of the Cum Laude Society, Phillips Exeter Academy Chapter, which honors students for academic GPA's in the top 5% of the senior class. **Cum Laude**, modeled on the Phi Beta Kappa Society, comprises public high schools and incorporated secondary schools throughout the nation. Heather is the daughter of Craig Seeley and Elyse Gallo of Stevens Drive.

**Conan Sang** has been named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Among the many students nationwide who took the 2010 Preliminary SAT /National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), he was among the highest-scoring entrants in New Hampshire. The Finalists will be named in the spring. Conan is the son of Jennifer Fan and Fred Sang of Flanders Drive.

**Linda Harris** of South Road has just published her first children's book, "What Is a Me-Ma?", actually a book to be given by an older person to a child. A Me-Ma is an adult who plays an important part in a child's life. The book is available through the publisher's website, <http://sbpra.com/LindaHarris> or at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

## Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive 2011

It's that time of year when we need to put our heads together for the 11th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive for needy families. I am asking for your help to find needy families that live in the Town of Brentwood, who need extra help for the holidays.

We start the process by asking the schools, churches and Welfare Department to provide applications to those families that need the help. Everything is confidential. The families fill out an application and mail it to the Brentwood Fire Department, attention "Toy Drive." I am the only one who will see the names. Each family is listed as a "letter" and we make up Christmas ornaments and place them on the Christmas tree located at the Brentwood Town Office. The tree will go up after Thanksgiving.

We ask the residents of Brentwood to give a donation or pick an "ornament" off the Christmas tree and return it **unwrapped** to one of the drop boxes located at the Town Offices, Brentwood Country Store and Brentwood Fire Department. Please write checks to the "Brentwood Firemen's Association" and specify on the check "Donation Toy Drive."

The economy continues to be tough for everyone, so I am asking families to pick items with a \$25.00 value or less. All donations are put towards unpurchased gifts.

Final drop-off date will be **Thursday, December 15, 2011**. This will give Santa and his elves time to organize the gifts and arrange for families to pick them up. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-944-0847.

*Donna Vadeboncoeur*

*Toy Drive Coordinator, Brentwood Fire Dept.*

## Christmas Fair

It's that time of year again. Pilgrim Church will be holding its **Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 to 1:00**. There will be good food and joyous, live music of the season. The Craft Tables will feature novelty gifts, some from foreign lands. Sweet treats will be available from our Bake Table and Cookie Walk. There will be a Christmas Boutique offering new and vintage holiday items. You'll have a chance to hear Christmas stories and sing some familiar carols. You will not want to miss our fabulous luncheon that includes lobster rolls, chicken salad, corn chowder, and chili.

Come and Catch the Spirit of the Season.

*Gene Orcutt*

*orcu416@surfglobal.net*

## USAF Band of Liberty Trio Returns

Once again the library is fortunate to have the Trio Winds section of the USAF Band of Liberty return to give us a topnotch evening of music. The chamber music trio consists of clarinet, flute, and bassoon. You will hear a mix of seasonal music, Latin jazz, ragtime, and Mozart – all performed with the utmost precision and expression. Don't miss this opportunity for an evening of exceptional music.

**USAF Band of Liberty's Trio Winds  
Friday, December 2, 7:00 pm  
At the Brentwood Library**

## Brentwood Salon Benefit Raffle

Beginning **October 10 thru December**, Face Works Plus is raffling a **"Day at the Spa"** package for one lucky winner! Package includes: therapeutic massage, spa facial, manicure, pedicure, hair conditioning, haircut/style, facial waxing, make-up application, and a lunch of your choosing. Over \$300 value! Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Tickets are being sold at Face Works Plus, located at 265A Middle Rd, Brentwood. Also at Trends Gift Shop and Puddle Jumpers, both located in downtown Exeter. Please stop in to get your ticket, and good luck!

All proceeds will benefit Cal Blomquist, who is a 17- year-old Exeter High School senior who lost his footing hiking on a trail and fell nearly 60 feet this past July, severely fracturing his jaw and pelvis. Cal has undergone several surgeries and procedures to reconstruct his jaw and is now in need of implants to replace several damaged teeth that have been or will be removed. The "Smile Fund" has been started to help defray the cost of future dental procedures that are not covered by his insurance.

Call 642-3377 or 642-3977 for more information.

*Marsha DiNardo*

## Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will have their annual anniversary luncheon on **Wednesday, November 16** at The Old Salt restaurant in Hampton. Members who have signed up for their meals with President Gene Orcutt are reminded **to arrive about noon** for conversation and appetizers. Luncheon will be served at 12:30.

For information please call Gene Orcutt at 642-4597.

## Brentwood Gardeners

The Gardeners started their October meeting with each person in turn telling one of the best things or worst things about their gardening season this year. They took a minute to gather for a picture with the beautiful array of fall flowers, grasses, leaves and pods that Torie Freeman had assembled for the project of the evening. Then they spent a happy period making fall table arrangements with pumpkins as the containers.

On Saturday morning, **November 12**, the group will gather at the Dalton Road triangle to clean out the area for the winter, and do the same for some of the other pocket gardens around town.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at the Pilgrim UCC Church on Middle Rd.** The main activity will be to make holiday arrangements for our homes or elsewhere. We're having great times at our meetings and will always welcome new members with open arms. For more information please call one of the Co-Presidents: Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

*Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners*

## Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended from their friends and neighbors to the family of **Robert M. Bradsher**, 88, of Middle Road, who died on October 16, 2011 from complications of pneumonia. He was born in Bigelow, Arizona and moved to Brentwood when he was 17. He was a heavy equipment mechanic for more than 35 years.

Deepest sympathy and fellowship are extended by their friends and neighbors to the family of **Connor Ball**, 14, of Northrup Drive, who died October 24, 2011. A freshman at Exeter High School, he was an honor student, active in baseball and hockey, a member of Boy Scout Troop 322 in Exeter, and very much interested in filmmaking as a career.

## Historical Note

The Firemen's Association was organized in the small hall on the first floor of Keeneborough Grange building [the Brentwood Museum]... The Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department was started in 1942 with William Bartlett as the first chief. The first fire apparatus was a 1932 converted Dodge wrecker with a 275-gallon oil tank full of water to supply a small rotary gear pump and two three-quarter-inch garden hoses. Prior to the completion of the fire house in 1947 there was only summer protection as there was no heated place to keep the truck in winter.

*Brentwood's 225 Years, 1742-1967 – page 107*

## Report from Your State Representative

The House was in session on October 12, and unlike the abbreviated session (two whole votes) a month prior, we actually managed to move a few bills across the floor. Also, we got a chance to hear from several presidential candidates who were in the area and accepted the invitation to come and address the members of the House.

If there were prizes awarded that morning for most thunderous applause received, Herman Cain would have taken top honors. He brought the house down, so to speak. Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson, whose candidacy I have officially endorsed, spoke as well. Of course, if you recall from the 2010 congressional and state elections, my endorsed candidates (Kimball, Bender, Ashooh) don't always fare too well come election day.

On the legislative front, the second half of this term is shaping up to be as action-packed as the first. Those bills that we set aside in order focus our efforts on passing the budget last year will be bubbling back up to the surface over the coming months.

The bill to eliminate the license requirement for carrying a concealed handgun (the "Constitutional Carry Bill") has made it out of committee and will be up for a vote in the House this year. This bill will not allow those individuals prohibited under current law from owning firearms to lawfully carry a concealed handgun. Of course, individuals with a penchant for not following the law will continue to unlawfully carry weapons if they so choose.

Fueling the fire for what is shaping up to be the biggest legislative battle of the upcoming year, are two bills which have been introduced to repeal same-sex marriage in New Hampshire and to define marriage as marriage between a man and a woman. I've spoken at great length on this topic over the last few years, and will continue to speak out whenever individual liberty is under attack. It's disheartening to see some of my fellow Republicans, who talk a good game about freedom and liberty, push for passage of legislation that deprives their neighbors of the same. If you're going to fly a flag bearing the motto "Don't Tread On Me," don't be an advocate for the treading upon of others.

In other news, I have accepted a teaching position at the Academy for Science and Design, a chartered public school in Merrimack. I'm teaching classes in technology and engineering (and Scrabble) to students in grades six through twelve. When I interviewed for the job last spring I was asked about my salary requirements. I responded by saying that my scheduling requirements were more important, given the commitment I've made to serve up at the State House. They understood and have given me the flexibility I need in scheduling lesson plans, so that I can make it up to Concord when needed.

I hope all your little ghosts and goblins had a safe and happy Halloween. Fall is definitely upon us. I noticed some stores have already got their Christmas merchandise out on the shelves. That can mean only one thing. It means have got to finish splitting and stacking the firewood out back.

### *Bruce*

Bruce A. MacMahon, New Hampshire State Representative  
Rockingham County, District 10 – Brentwood.  
<http://brentwoodforum.wordpress.com>

## Brentwood Historical Society

The Brentwood Historical Society is pleased to announce that Barbara Rimkunas, Curator of the Exeter Historical Society, will visit Brentwood to present a program on the "**History of Firefighting in the Exeter Area.**" The presentation will take place **Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 7:00 pm.** Because of the anticipated public interest, the program will take place **in the Cross Room at the Town Office Building.**

This program was arranged by the Brentwood society in recognition of the town's current interest in the new Brentwood fire station, along with the focus on the methods and tools, both new and old, that have been used in firefighting over the years. The many photos that will be seen will also bear silent tribute to the hundreds of men who have used those methods and tools in the past three-hundred-sixty-plus years to battle fire, an ever lurking threat to the early inhabitants and even to the residents of today. Readers are reminded that Brentwood was an integral part of Exeter for over a hundred years.

The program is open to the public and free of charge, but donations are always gratefully accepted.

The **Christmas Open House** will take place at the Historical Society Museum on **Saturday, December 10, from 2:00-5:00 pm.** More details will appear in the December *Newsletter*. For information about the Historical Society please call president Alma Vahey, 679-8535 or the curator Maureen Menter, 679-4354.

*Linda Rousseau*

*for the Historical Society*

## Mailing Crew for October

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in Amanda's Way neighborhood who assembled the October *Newsletter* for mailing. The crew included Janine and Annie Christiana, Ed and Danny Doris, Ben Wilson, Patti and Mariana Murby, Sarah Kelley, Kathy, Maura and Marissa Beggin and Dianne Vosgien.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

## Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

The **Friday Night Flick for November 4 at 6:30 pm** will be *Cars 2* which is rated G and stars the same wonderful characters including Mater and the hotshot, Lightning McQueen.

The **Ladies' Night Movie for Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm** is *Call me Mrs. Miracle*, starring Doris Roberts and guaranteed to put you in a holiday mood.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on **November 28 at 7:00 pm** to discuss (we hope if we can get it through interlibrary loan), *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Kaitlyn Moore.

Are you aware that the Downloadable Book Program is now available for Kindle users? You can now download both audio and e-books for your listening and reading pleasure. Just go to our website, [www.brentwoodlibrary.org](http://www.brentwoodlibrary.org), click the button on the left for the download program, and follow the link to the program. There are complete instructions for the new user and the very best part is that it is scot free.

Have you ever requested a book from another library through interlibrary loan? Many of our patrons have borrowed books and materials that are unavailable at this library through the effective "Library without Walls" system. A network of vans travels all over the State of New Hampshire to transport materials between libraries at a cost of 44 cents for each item as opposed to a mailing cost of \$3.00 or \$20.00 to purchase it. Our ability to provide interlibrary loan in a timely and cost-effective manner is being threatened. Although the vans are supported by federal funding, the current New Hampshire legislature wants to reallocate some or all of that funding for other, undefined purposes.

### **What can you do to help?**

- Visit us at the library and sign a petition.
- Contact your elected representatives and ask them to protect funding for the interlibrary loan vans. Use the "Who's My Legislator" service for contact information.
- Write to State Librarian Michael York about the value of interlibrary loan from your point of view. Mr. York is compiling a report on the impact of a funding reduction and is seeking comments to include. You can contact him at [Michael.York@dcr.nh.gov](mailto:Michael.York@dcr.nh.gov). or Michael York, NH State Library, 20 Park Street, Concord, NH 03301-6314.

FYI - The vans currently transport 800,000 items per year statewide. This is the lifeblood of small libraries with small budgets.

*Marilyn Morehead, Library Director*

## Friends of the Library

When The Friends of the Library decided on a date for our 1st Scarecrow Festival, we advertised "Rain or Shine." We never considered that snow would be in the forecast! But the threat of bad weather didn't stop the many Brentwood residents who came out to enjoy the afternoon.

I found it exciting to see the lawn at the Library begin to fill with creative displays in the weeks before the event. We would drive through the parking lot nearly every day, just to see what new scarecrows had popped up since the day before. I would like to personally commend everyone on their creativity and thank you for your entries!

Around 1:30 on Saturday, October 29, the Festival began! The Basement Bookstore was open for business. Attendees enjoyed hot chili from Goody Cole's along with hot dogs and delicious baked goods. The children participated in a parade. It is always fun to see the excitement on their faces as they show off their costumes! Each parade participant received a ribbon. The children also had the opportunity to decorate a pumpkin.

But the highlight of the day was getting a good look at the scarecrows! Votes were cast for the favorites, and the People's Choice Award went to Swasey Elementary School scarecrow depicting a favorite teacher, Archie Schroeder. Category judging had taken place prior to the event with the Business Award going to Brentwood Chiropractic, the Youth Award going to the Edmiston Boys and the Group Award going to Swasey Elementary School. A special thanks to our judges Linda Rousseau, Bob Gilbert, Phyllis Thompson and Eugene Orcutt. They confessed it was very difficult to choose just one award for each category!

We would like to give another BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors! Accu-Book Services; Angel's Friends K9 Training and All About Dogs & Cats; Apple Annie's; Beebop Technologies; Brentwood Chiropractic Center; Buxton Oil; Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella; Goody Cole's Smokehouse & Catering Co.; Patti Murby at Face Works Plus; Scamman's Farm; Toss N Sauce and an anonymous donor.

Our thanks to those who helped make our first Scarecrow Festival a success - despite the weather! Bakers included Virginia Knutsen, Caroline Lasewicz, Tawny Rowland, Mary Wills, Sue Mitchell and Kristin Phillips. Volunteers for set-up and day of event were Lesley Morgan, Joyce Keegal, Lauren Scott, Ana Alden, Katie Ryan, Melanie Mowbray, Dave Gibson, Jacqueline Wilson, Michael Clements, Cheryl Scott, Caroline Lasewicz, Sue Mitchell, Mike Scott, Madeline Lasewicz, Maddie Dusseault, Kathy Upson, Sandra Sinclair, Jack Mitchell, Meredith Yingling, Meg Munich, Tom Munich and Dave Minich and Bob Gilbert. There were a couple

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of people who could not be there for the Festival but put A LOT of time and energy into the details. I would like to give a special thanks to Holley Lenihan and Niki Reed for their hard work. It was a great community event to bring to our town. It was greatly enjoyed and we look forward to what the 2nd Annual event will bring next Fall!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Costume Swap. It was another successful year. Now that Halloween is over, if you have a costume you won't be using again, please consider donating it. We will gladly accept donations this month, for use in next year's Swap. What a great way to keep the cost of the holiday down, and an equally great way to recycle your children's costumes.

Our Membership Drive is in full swing. The generosity of residents to the Friends and the Library always impresses me. So very many of you are willing to send us a check each year. You realize, of course, that the Friends don't do what we do for ourselves. We are volunteers trying to find ways to help make your library experience better. And your generous support during our Membership Drive is what enables us to do that! We do what we do for you, your family and the entire community! Funds are important – just as important as the volunteers who coordinate the events you enjoy.

Our Christmas Craft Fair will open up in just a couple of weeks. If you create handmade items you would like to display for sale at the Library, please pick up your forms and tags. Items will remain available for purchase by patrons up till Christmas. Although there is no charge for crafters to participate in the Fair, the Friends will retain 25% of your sales for book purchases. This is a great way to support local artists as well as the efforts of the Friends!

Our next **Friends meeting** will be **Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm**. Please join us if you would like to get involved! We are always happy to welcome more Friends. We've had the pleasure of a few new faces in the last months and would love to see more.

Please join us on **Thursday, November 17 at 7 pm** for a presentation by the Joppa Flats Education Center entitled "**In the Wake of Sir Shackleton**." This looks to be quite an interesting evening, with photographs by Bill Gette, of the historic places visited by Shackleton during his expedition to the Southern Ocean and Antarctica from 1914-1916.

Get this event on your calendar....Santa's annual visit to Brentwood will happen on Saturday, December 10. The jolly old man will be sitting with your children, available for pictures from 9 am to noon. Please bring your own camera. Santa treasures lists and letters from little ones, so bring those along as well!

Take a look at the display at the library, to find out the locations of passes the Friends have available in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. I'm sure there are a few you haven't been to, and a few more you'd love to visit.

If you would like to receive email reminders about upcoming meetings and events please send an email to [marybartlett76@yahoo.com](mailto:marybartlett76@yahoo.com). Notices will be sent out only as events approach and your name/email will not be shared with anyone.

*Michelle Siudut, Publicity*

## **Brentwood Recreation News**

**THANK YOU!!** Thanks to all our volunteer soccer coaches for a great season. We appreciate all your time and effort teaching and helping our players!

### **Family Ski Program at King Pine Ski Area**

We are joining with King Pine Ski Area to offer Brentwood families the opportunity to enjoy some outdoor fun this winter. Whether you ski, snowboard or need to learn, we have something for you.

**Dates:** Sundays 1/22, 1/29, 2/5 & 2/12

**Times:** 10:00am – 4pm

**Cost:**

4 week lift/lesson:	\$100 junior	\$136 Adults
4 week lift/lesson rental:	\$163 junior	\$219 Adults
Helmet Rentals:	\$5 per person per week	

**Can't commit to all four weeks?** Your family can still take advantage of a discounted rate.

By the week lift tickets and rental costs:

Lift tickets	\$18 junior	\$27 Adult
Ski or snowboard rental	\$17 junior	\$22 Adults
Helmet Rentals	\$5 per person per week	
Lessons	\$24 junior	\$24 Adults

We will have our own "Brentwood" gather space in the base lodge, pre-fitted rentals (for those doing the 4 weeks) and pre-printed tickets. Sign up in the Recreation office. Deadline is December 15.

**Watch our website and next month's Newsletter for information on vacation week kids' programs!**

### **Men's Basketball**

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on **Thursday, December 15**. *We'll need a minimum of 12 players in order to run the program.* **7:30-9:00pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter. All players must sign up through the Recreation office by Dec. 5. We will not have a drop-in rate this year. Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website. **Cost: \$85/10 weeks.**

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### Kid's Yoga

**Mondays** -- November 14- December 19, **3:30-4:15pm**  
**Brentwood Community Center**

For children, yoga increases flexibility, builds strength and balance, assists with concentration and encourages self-control. While it relaxes the body and helps children feel more centered, it is especially beneficial for those children with attention difficulties. Yoga will help their ability to focus and feel more at ease, leading to a more balanced mind/body connection for a better learning experience. (Suitable for children 4yrs. and older). Cost: **\$48.00/ six weeks**

### Seniors

Join us for a bi-monthly Seniors' Activity day at the Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Dates for November are 11/1 and 11/15. December dates are 12/6 and 12/20. Join us at 10:30am for Yoga Movement. **10am-1:00pm**

### Youth Basketball

**Kindergarten-2nd grade** -- season will begin Saturday December 3.

**Grade 3 through 8** -- season will begin Saturday, December 10. Schedules will be available on our website.

### Zumba Classes

Next Class begins **Wednesday, December 7**, 6:00pm  
**Cost: \$42/six weeks.** Drop- ins always welcome! \$10

Zumba® is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness cardio based workout that tones the entire body top to bottom. You'll have so much fun listening to the music, doing the steps and moving your body you will forget you are exercising! Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers (older worn sneakers work best). Bring water!

### Yoga Class

**Tuesday evenings 6:30pm.**

Next session begins November 15. But drop-ins are always welcome! *Taught by Alicia Rossman, RYT (Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor).*

For Men and Women- all levels welcome! Modifications will be provided for those who are new and those who are experienced. Come to class to increase flexibility, strength, and balance, while reducing stress in your life. Never tried yoga? You don't need to be flexible, just drop in and try it! Yoga, movement, food and nutrition contribute to a powerful and fulfilling well-being while increasing quality of life! **Cost: \$48/six weeks** (only \$8/class) or drop-in welcome at \$10.

### Korean Martial Arts

#### Tang Soo Do Classes

Tang Soo Do is a true Korean Martial Art comprising both hard and soft techniques. It emphasizes whole-body self defense and physical training. Tang Soo Do is beneficial for self discipline, self defense

and health. *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.*

Classes are available Monday and Friday at the Brentwood Community Center. **6:30-8:00pm**  
 Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point.  
**Cost: \$50/single per month \$90/family per month (2 or more).**

### Facilities Rental

Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents using the building for private, non-business events receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office. Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov). Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

*Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director*

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 [recreation@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov) Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm. Commission meetings on the fourth Tuesday night of the month at 6:30pm.

### Daddy Daughter Dance

**Attention all Dads and Daughters (ages 4 to 12 years)** --- The 4th annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on **Saturday November 19, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:30p.m. at the Brentwood Recreation Center** on Rte. 125.

This year's theme will be a "Fall Festival." Appetizers, desserts, and beverages will be served and we will also be hosting a child-friendly raffle. The cost of the dance is \$15 per couple with \$5 dollars for each additional daughter. A professional photographer will be at the dance to take portraits for anyone interested. Cost for the photo package is \$15 and it includes two 5x7s with additional options.

All proceeds of this fund raiser will be used to support the Recreation Department for youth sports and enrichment programs. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, food and raffle items. If you are able to assist in any capacity, please contact Kellie Day at [kelrisday@comcast.net](mailto:kelrisday@comcast.net).

You can look for registration forms to be sent home in the Wednesday Folders from Swasey School. You can also download them directly from the Brentwood Town website [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov) under the Recreation Dept., get a form at the Brentwood Town Offices or contact Kellie directly.

Thank You,

*Erica Regan and DDD Committee*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 7 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office.  
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Fire Station.
- Nov. 8 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 9 Conservation Commission –7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 10 **“History of Firefighting in Exeter Area”** – Speaker Barbara Rimkunas, 7:00 pm, Town Office Bldg.  
**Ladies Night at the Movies, Call Me Mrs. Miracle** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Nov. 12 Brentwood Gardeners Cleanup – meet 9:00 am at Dalton Rd. triangle.
- Nov. 14 School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey School.  
Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 15 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library  
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall, Middle Road.
- Nov. 16 Brentwood Seniors – 12 noon, lunch at The Old Salt, Hampton.
- Nov. 17 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.  
**“In the Wake of Sir Shackleton”** –7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Nov. 19 **Daddy Daughter Dance** –6:00 – 8:30 pm, Community Center, 190 Route 125.
- Nov. 21 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library  
Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Nov. 22 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 24 **Free Thanksgiving meal** – Grace Ministries Int’l, 1:00-5:00 pm. See page 10.
- Nov. 28 Brentwood Bookers discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library.
- Nov. 29 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 1 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 2 **USAF Band of Liberty Wind Trio** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library  
**Christmas Tea – Grace Ministries.** See page 10.
- Dec. 3 **Pilgrim Church Christmas Fair – 9:00 am –1:00 pm**, Pilgrim Church, Middle Road.
- Dec. 5 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.

The public is welcome at all above events**The Brentwood Newsletter**

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