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FILING DATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

The Town and School District governing bodies need citizens who are willing to file for and serve in various positions. Those who intend to file for office, or are thinking about it, need to know that **the ten day filing period begins on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 and ends on Friday, February 3, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

To file for Town Office: Candidates must file with Town Clerk Phyllis Thompson during her regular office hours. These positions are open:

Selectmen	2 for 3 years
Cemetery Trustees	1 for 3 years
Library Trustees	2 for 3 years
Moderator	1 for 2 years
Municipal Budget Committee	2 for 3 years
Planning Board	2 for 3 years
Supervisors of the Checklist	1 for 6 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	1 for 3 years
Trustees of the Trust Funds	1 for 3 years 1 for 2 years

Note: open positions do not imply that the incumbents are leaving; it simply means their terms are up, and they must be re-elected.

To file for School Office: Candidates must file during the same ten day period. Town and School Clerk Phyllis Thompson will accept these filings during her regular office hours. These positions are open:

Brentwood School District Officers

School Board	2 for 3 years
Moderator	1 for 3 years
School Clerk	1 for 3 years
Treasurer (School)	1 for 3 years

Cooperative School District Officers

School Board (from Brentwood)	Filled
From Other Towns	3 for 3 years
1 each from Exeter, Newfields and Stratham.	
All towns may vote for these candidates.	
Moderator	1 for 1 year
Budget Advisory Committee	3 for 3 years
1 each from .East Kingston, Exeter and Stratham	
All towns may vote for these candidates.	

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS: EVERYONE IS INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND

Thursday, January 12	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget at Exeter High School
Monday, February 6	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets at Swasey School
Alternate date: Monday, February 13 7:00 p.m.		
Thursday, February 9	7:00 p.m.	Cooperative School Deliberative Session at Exeter High School
Tuesday, March 13	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Brentwood Town Elections at the Community Center
Saturday, March 17	9:00 a.m.	Town Meeting at Swasey School
Saturday, March 10	9:00 a.m.	Brentwood School District Meeting at Swasey School

TO SUBMIT WARRANT ARTICLES:

An article may be submitted by petition with the signatures of at least 25 registered voters. **The last filing date for Warrant Articles is Tuesday, February 7, 2012.**

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:00
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

January Recycling Pick-Up Dates

January 3 & 4
 January 17 & 18
 January 31 & February 1

The New Hampshire Primary: January 10

The New Hampshire Presidential Primary Election will be **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**. Polls will be open at the **Brentwood Community Center from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm**.

Absentee ballots are now available at the Town Clerk's office. For more information call the Town Clerk's office, 642-6400, X14.

From the Town Clerk's Office

A reminder that residents may register their boats at the Town Clerk's office.

Absentee ballots are available for the January 10 Primary Election.

Regarding Auto Registration Renewals --

- If you are **transferring plates** to another vehicle, you **must bring in the old registration and the old registration must be in the same name**.
- If you are simply renewing the registration on your current vehicle, you **must bring in the old registration or the letter that we mailed to you**.
- You always need **two checks** to complete an auto registration: one for the State and one for the Town.

Phyllis Thompson
 Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Bake Sale on Election Day

The Brentwood Historical Society will have a Bake Sale table at the Primary Election on January 10. In addition to the items baked by its members, donated items from town residents and friends will be gratefully received, in recognition of the Society's contribution to the life of the town. For more information please call Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635.

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	109.37	110.11
Tons, recycled goods	25.33 (18.8%)	57.15 (34.2%)

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Deadline for February Issue: Friday, Jan. 20

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 156 Front St., # 417, Exeter, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@comcast.net

The meetings listed on page 1 and repeated in the table below are important! 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, January 12 7:00 p.m.	Exeter High School	Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget	Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.
Monday, February 6 7:00 p.m.	Swasey Central School	Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets	Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.
Thursday, February 9 7:00 p.m.	Exeter High School	Deliberative Session	Budget for Cooperative District is made final in preparation for the ballot vote on March 13. Changes can be made.
Saturday, March 10 9:00 a.m.	Swasey Central School	School District Meeting	Discuss and vote on Swasey budget. Changes can be made.
Tuesday, March 13 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 17 9:00 a.m.	Swasey Central School	Town Meeting	Discuss and vote on the various articles of the town warrant. Changes can be made. Swearing in of new town officials.

Budget Committee Schedule

The formal Brentwood Budget Committee hearing on the 2012 Town and Swasey School Budgets is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 7pm at Swasey School Gymnasium, with a snow date of February 13, 2012.

The January meetings will take place on Monday, January 9 and January 16.

February 6 (Swasey School 7pm) for Public Hearing.

February 6 -- meeting following the Hearing.

Meetings are at 7 pm at the Town Offices unless otherwise noted. The public and town/school dept. heads are welcome at all meetings.

*Elyse Gallo Seeley, Chair
Brentwood Budget Committee*

Birth

Melita and Glen Reardon of Sherman Avenue are delighted to announce the arrival of a baby girl. Rhys Elles Reardon was born on September 16, 2011 at Exeter Hospital. Her big brother Phineas is thrilled to welcome a little sister into the family.

A Thank You Note. . .

. . .to all the residents who have so generously given me their prayers and well wishes during my recovery from open-heart surgery in September and during my hospitalization in November. Your support and encouragement have healing powers that go beyond modern medicine. I am forever grateful for your generosity, encouragement, and prayers.

Jane Byrne

School Board Meeting Dates Announced

Here is the Meeting Schedule for the Brentwood School Board through June 2012. All meetings are held in the Swasey Central School Library.

- January 9, 2012 – 6:15 pm
- February 6, 2012 – 6:00 pm
- March 5, 2012 – 6:15 pm
- April 9, 2012 – 6:15 pm
- May 14, 2012 – 6:15 pm
- June 11, 2012 – 6:15 pm

*Dianne Vosgien, Chair
Brentwood School Board*

Brentwood Recreation News

Thank You!!

A very big Thank You to the Daddy Daughter Committee for all their time and effort organizing this year's event. It was a great success! Thank you also to the families and businesses who donated raffle items. And thank you to all the girls, dads, grandfathers and friends who participated. Proceeds from the dance will help purchase additions to our playground area.

Baby Sitter Training Course

Saturday, January 21 9am-3:30pm

This fun interactive course teaches first aid and safety skills so sitters can prevent and respond to emergencies. They will learn to supervise infants to school age children, make good responsible decisions and perform basic care routines. Sign-up in the Recreation office. Space is limited. **Cost: \$85**

Yoga Class

Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm

Next session will begin January 17.

SPECIAL!! Jan. 2 and Jan. 10 are \$5/class.

A great chance to come try Yoga for the first time or to just to get some exercise after the busy holidays! 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: \$64/eight weeks (only \$8/class) or drop-in welcome at \$10.

Zumba Classes

Next Class begins Wednesday, January 4, 6:00pm.

Cost: \$42/six weeks

Drop-ins always welcome! (\$10.00)

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!

Kid's Yoga

Mondays Next session will begin **January 9. 3:30pm-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.**

Spring Baseball/Softball Sign-Ups

Baseball and Softball registration will begin on January 24. The deadline for sign-ups will be February 23. Forms will be available at the Recreation office or on our website.

T-Ball 5 & 6 yr. (Must be 5yr. by 9/30/11) **\$30**
Farm 7yr. (Must be 7 by 4/30/12) **\$40**
AAA 8 & 9 yr. (Must be 8yr. by 4/30/12) **\$40**
U10, U12 & U14 Softball (Must be 8yr. by 1/1/2012) **\$65 .**

Little League and Babe Ruth registration will be through EJBL and Exeter Babe Ruth League, www.leaguelineup.com/ejtbl.

Coaches meeting will be Tuesday, March 13.

Family Ski Program at King Pine Ski Area

Still time to sign up!

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.

Seniors

Join us for a bi-monthly Seniors' Activity day at the Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Dates for January are Jan. 3 and Jan.17. Try a Yoga Movement class designed just for seniors at 10:30am. **10am-1:00pm.**

Korean Martial Arts

Tang Soo Do Classes

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art is a true Martial Art comprised of both hard and soft techniques. It emphasizes whole body self defense and physical

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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

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents 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. 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

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

Commission meetings on the fourth Tuesday night of the month at 6:30pm.

Thank You!

On behalf of the Daddy Daughter Dance Committee, I would like to thank all of the Dads, Daughters and numerous people behind the scenes that made this year's fourth annual DDD a huge success! The \$2,255 in monies raised this year will be used to purchase new playground equipment at the Recreation Fields. In addition to the many volunteers, we would like to thank the following sponsors:

Action Kids Athletics
Steppin' Out Dance Academy
Exeter Bowling Lanes
Tracey Osborne Miller
In-Home Cooking
Natural Images by Allie
Face Works
Marsha's Salon
Dot's Flower Shop
The Party People
Trends Gift Gallery
lia sophia
Gold Canyon

Usborne Books
Rinks at Exeter
Goody Cole's
Clyde's Cupcakes
To Your Arts Content
Lindt Chocolate
Cookies by Design
Pizza Academy
Fremont House of Pizza
Toss and Sauce
Telly's
Memories Ice Cream
Kay's Hallmark

Again, thanks to everyone!

Erica Regan and the Daddy Daughter Dance Committee

Brentwood Gardeners

January—Chili Night and Gardening with Alpacas!



The Gardeners at their Christmas party and Yankee Swap

The Gardeners are continuing to have a great season and are always ready to welcome new members with open arms. To anyone who has had even a small thought of joining this fun group, the January meeting will be a great way to get a taste of the organization, in more ways than one! Our January get-together has become our annual Chili Night. Several types of chili will be provided by several members, with others bringing all the condiments and accompaniments of a good chili fest.

After warming our hearts and satisfying our appetites, we will give a warm welcome to **Lorrie O'Connor of Folsom Alpaca Farm** in Raymond. She will tell us everything about raising, living and gardening with award-winning alpacas! Thanks to Al Franklin for arranging this program. So set aside the third **Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm at the Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall, 197 Middle Road** for this special evening.

Members are reminded that January is also dues-paying month. Our Treasurer Gladys Ray will gladly take your dues of \$15 (\$20 for a family membership). For any other questions or information please call one of the Co-presidents: Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Mailing Crew for December

The *Brentwood Newsletter* Committee extends a sincere thank-you to the members of the Brentwood Fire Department who prepared the December issue of the Newsletter for mailing.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Report from Your State Representative

Well, Christmas is just days away (as I type this), and a brand new year is right around the corner. That can mean only one thing. It will soon be time to get to work on the second half of the 2011-2012 legislative session.

It was a relatively quiet fall, with just a few House sessions here and there. The big news story out of Concord over the last couple months was the unsuccessful attempt to override Governor Lynch's veto of HB474, the right to work bill which had passed both the House and Senate last year.

In the end, we simply didn't have the votes, as there were quite a few in the Republican caucus who voted with Lynch and the Democrats and the veto was sustained.

We're back in session on January 4th to deal with some retained bill reports -- cleaning up the loose ends, if you will, before we officially begin the 2012 session. It's been a while since I've had a good stack of material to write about here. But I guess that's what you get when limiting the power of government is a big part of your platform -- limited writing material.

On a more somber note, as you all may have heard, the state of New Hampshire lost a great public servant this month. Representative Sean Cox from Andover passed away unexpectedly at the age of 40. He leaves behind a wife and two young sons. Sean was a dedicated, caring, and thoughtful person. I served with Sean on the Science, Technology and Energy Committee, and cosponsored with him a bill calling for open source government data formatting. Rest in peace, my friend. My life is richer for having known and served alongside you. Please join me in keeping his wife Lori and his boys in our thoughts and prayers this Holiday season.

While it's hard to think about festive holiday celebrations in the wake of such tragic news, I wish you all the best. May your Christmas be merry, your Holidays joyful, your New Year happy, and your family safe and secure. See you next year!

Bruce

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

Calling All Ladies!

Girls' Night Out Fundraiser January 6

A special fundraiser evening will take place **Friday, January 6** at the Brentwood **Community Center from 6:00-10:00 pm**. All proceeds will benefit the Cal Blomquist Smile Fund. Admission will be \$5.00.

There will be complimentary beverages and appetizers, a DJ for music, and many, many raffles. Face Works

Plus Spa will be providing hair, skin care and chair massages. Raffle tickets will be sold for items and services from the following vendors:

lia sophia	Avon
Tastefully Simple	Gold Canyon
thirty-one	Prestige Travel
Mary Kay	Paper Potpourri
Dove	Personal Chef
Yankee Cheese Man	Maid Service
Athena's Home Novelties	

Bring your gold and get cash, with our "Cash for Gold." For information contact Deb Regan at 603-557-0688.

"After-Christmas-Tree" Limo Service Pick-up Sunday, January 8, 2012

- Phone # 778-9411 or e-mail your tree's reservation to treelimo@comcast.net by Friday, January 6 and provide your name, phone number and street address.
- Place your unadorned Christmas tree at the end of your driveway so it is accessible for our drivers. Please remove all tinsel, as trees will be mulched.
- On the morning of SUNDAY, January 8 attach a donation of \$10.00 (or more!) to the treetop in a weatherproof bag. Checks can be made payable to the Brentwood Tree Limo.

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy to the family of **Clarence J. Hibbard, Jr.** of North Road, who died December 1, 2011 in Sun City, Florida. He served for three years in Korea in the U.S. Army, worked for Polaroid for 27 years, and was most recently the owner of Three Ponds Campground for 28 years.

Sincere sympathy and friendship is extended to the family of **Barbara E. Lutes** of Route 125, who died December 8, 2011 in Exeter Hospital. She and her husband of 61 years, Kenneth W. Lutes, moved to Brentwood in 1960 and ran Lochness Kennels for many years from their home.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of **Philip S. Gagnon** of River Road, who died December 12, 2011 at his home after a lengthy illness. Born in Brentwood and a lifelong resident, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was employed at several area shoe companies, last with Alrose Shoe Company for 21 years.

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Jerome S. Lyons, Sr.** who died December 19, 2011 at his home. Born in Bayside, NY, he grew up in Quincy, Mass. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps, served in Korea, and was very proud of his service as a Marine. He worked as a carpenter with Union Local 111 of Lawrence, Mass. for over 35 years.

Brentwood Seniors

Noted folk singer, humorist, balladeer will perform.

The Seniors had an excellent Christmas luncheon on December 21, followed by a much appreciated program by all the second grade classes of Swasey Central School. The holiday musical program was planned and organized by Juliette Gavin, Music Teacher. Nothing in the world can match the bright happy faces of those second-graders!

It was announced that Sandra Thorsell will be the new President of the Seniors beginning with the January meeting. Other officers are Theresa Sherry, Secretary, and Marion Arkell, Treasurer. Also, annual dues of \$7.00 per person will be due and payable at the January meeting.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 25 at the Brentwood Community Center.** It will be a potluck luncheon. Members and friends are to arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 for appetizers and social time. A brief meeting will begin at 11:30, after which the luncheon buffet will be open.

Entertainment will be provided by **Jim Barnes**, known as **New Hampshire's very own Folk Singer, Troubadour, Irish Balladeer and Actor.** "Humor is a big part of what Jim does. He has a tale to tell with just about every song. Jim is prolific on both the six- and twelve-string acoustic guitar, as well as banjo and mandolin. Whatever the occasion, whether performing traditional Irish or American music or his own original songs, Jim Barnes entertains like no other."

For more information call Sandy Thorsell, president, at 772-4476.

Thanks to All Who Wrote Items for the Newsletter in 2011

At the end of the year it's a great reward and satisfaction to stop and count the number of individuals who thought of something that should go in the *Newsletter*, and then actually sat down and wrote it. This year 72 people participated in articles that had their names in the author line. Some wrote only once, others wrote many times. To this writer it means that the *Newsletter* has passed another year without becoming "one person's baby," and that the townspeople know it's there when they have something to say. Our thanks to you all.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Sworn-In to Service in the United States Marine Corps



Stephanie Anne Belanger of Crawley Falls Road has been accepted into the United States Marine Corps Basic Training program.

The swearing-in ceremony took place in Portland, Maine, on December 12, 2011, witnessed by her father, Stephen, and wife, Karrie. Stephanie is a 2007 graduate of Exeter High School and is the granddaughter of Albert and Sandra Belanger of Middle Road. When she completes the intensive twelve-week Basic Training course at Parris Island, SC, Recruit Belanger will join her brother, Lance Corporal Nicholas Arthur Belanger, USMC, and her father, former Sergeant Stephen E. Belanger, among the honored ranks of "the Few and the Proud."

Information from Albert Belanger

The New Year at Willow Pond Community Farm

We will be holding our annual membership and "open-house" meeting on **Sunday, January 22 at 2 pm** (snow date Jan 29) at the **Mary Bartlett Library.** We invite anyone interested in learning about our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Program to come.

We will explain our plans for the coming season and there will be some places for new members, so come and talk to old members and find out if you would like to join!

If you are interested but can't be there for the meeting, give me a call and I can answer your questions.

*Joanie Pratt, for the Core Group,
Willow Pond Community Farm*

Friends of the Library

Thanks to all who came to the Library in early December, to visit with the one-and-only Santa Claus! It's wonderful to see the children dressed in their holiday clothes - some anxiously, some shyly - waiting to see Santa. It's fun to watch the different personalities, even within the same family. While some children boldly walk forward with their letters or lists, others can't seem to move at all unless attached to Mom or Dad's leg.

Across the room from the excitement of Santa, tickets were selling for an incredible Gingerbread House, which won 1st place in the Exeter Chamber of Commerce contest this year! Congratulations and thanks to Wendy Kennish for making and donating the castle-style gingerbread house. Congratulations and thanks to Eva Cooper who won it.

The Children's Room stayed busy all morning. At one table, anxious little hands carefully measured reindeer food. At another table, clever cards were created and reindeer bags came to life. We also collected quite a lot of food for our local food pantry, for which we and area residents in need are incredibly grateful.

The Library staff said some of you even took the time to send an email to thank them for this wonderful, annual opportunity. We are glad you all enjoyed the morning and appreciate your positive words.

Also during Santa's visit, guests viewed and bought lovely handmade items on display in our Annual Christmas Craft Fair. Our thanks to those vendors who left their items in our library for several weeks, allowing residents to shop locally and right in town. Thanks too, to those who purchased items. It's great to be able to support our neighbors in this way. The Friends do not charge crafters to display their items, but we do keep a portion of the sales to purchase books for our children, junior and young adult sections. Watch for those new books coming soon.

Our Membership Drive has slowed down, but not before we received hundreds of donations AND beat our Benefactor. You all continue to be generous, even when times are tough. And that generosity pays off for everyone who visits the library, borrows a movie or book, takes out a museum pass or attends a program. The Friends are all volunteers, making a great effort to give back to our community. Your generosity during our membership drive is what enables us to offer so much to our residents.

In fact, if you have been one of the many who have gotten a little extra from our delightful library, perhaps you would consider joining The Friends. As life takes us down its winding road, those who have been leading the group for many years are following new paths. We would love to pass the torch to a new group of Friends who can offer a renewed energy and fresh ideas. Please consider coming to our next meeting, on

Thursday, January 12 at 9:30 am to find your spot among The Friends. Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

When you next visit the Library, please take a minute to check out the passes that are available. These offer excellent, cost-saving opportunities to take advantage of some great museums and attractions in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The Friends do expend funds on these passes, so the more use they get the better!

Before I sign off this month's article, I want to take a moment to thank a wonderful woman, who has blessed this town as its librarian for 24 years. I hope you will join me and many other Brentwood residents on January 21 at 10 am at the library to recognize Marilyn Morehead's years of service to each of us and to our community. I'm sure more details are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Thank you, Marilyn, for all you have done!

Michelle Siudut, Publicity

Save the Date

Saturday, January 21, 2012

From 10:00 am

At the Mary E. Bartlett Library

A gathering to honor Marilyn Morehead, who is retiring as Library Director after many years of dedicated, devoted and successful leadership. All are welcome.

Swasey Central School Kindergarten

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 30, 2012, and you will be sending him/her to Swasey School kindergarten, please call the Swasey School office (642-3487) and give them your child's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth. Please call by March 1.

Swasey Central School First Grade

If you have a child who will be six years old by September 30, 2012, and has not been attending Swasey School kindergarten, but will be coming to first grade in the fall, please call the Swasey School office (642-3487) and give them your child's name, address, telephone number, place and date of birth. Please call by March 1.

*Ann Bell, Administrative Assistant
Swasey Central School*

Gus' Auto

Harry Lindsay III, Owner/Proprietor

67C Route 27

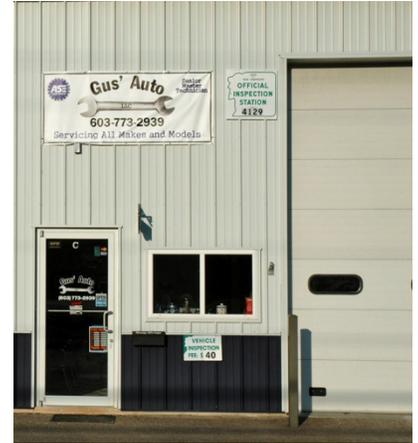
Brentwood, New Hampshire

Telephone (603) 773-2939

Open 8 AM to 5 PM Mon. – Fri.



Gus' Auto is in the right end of the building pictured on the left, and a close-up of the entrance door is shown on the right.



Going towards Exeter from the intersection of North Road and Route 27 in Brentwood (exit 8 on Route 101), it's just 6/10^{ths} of a mile to Gus' Auto on the left. This is a destination worth knowing about.

The keys to success in the automobile repair business are being a master mechanic, projecting a professional and friendly image, delivering top notch service at a fair and competitive price, standing behind the work that you do, and being known for these things by the community you are serving. Establishing the latter is a primary reason for this article.

Harry Lindsay's initial experience, 11 years ago, was with Fords, and while he can do any make, his deep knowledge of Ford vehicles in general, including special models, such as the power stroke 7.3 and 6.0 liter diesels, makes him almost unique. After six years of experience with McFarland Ford, where he achieved the highest service level, he spent years at Portsmouth Ford Used Car Center. It was there that his expertise expanded to include all car makes. He is ASE certified at the 8th (highest) level in the auto field and has earned the top L-1 designation for advanced engine drivability.

As his business card says, Gus' Auto is, "Your Affordable Alternative to the Dealer." Give him a call and then pay him a visit. Your car will be happy, and so will you. And who's Gus? He's Harry's dog.

A *Newsletter* Business Article

Historical Society

January – business and planning. The Historical Society will have a business and planning meeting on **Thursday, January 12 at 10 a.m.** at the Museum. Annual dues (\$5.00 per person) are due and payable. Payments will be received by Albert Belanger, Secretary.

February – honoring the Boy Scout movement.

The month of February will be dedicated to honoring Boy Scouting, which just completed its 100th year of operations, and also honoring the present Cub Scout Pack in Brentwood. To survive and flourish for one hundred years is a significant achievement for any organization, be it social, fraternal, civic or business. The Historical Society will have an exhibit of past scouting uniforms and equipment on view to the public during its monthly meeting on **Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 pm.** A guest speaker will be invited to talk about the impact of Scouting on American life.

March – a look at beer brewing in New Hampshire.

The Historical Society will present a special program entitled "**Brewing in New Hampshire: An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present.**" Glenn Knoblock, a popular speaker affiliated with the NH Humanities Council, will talk about New Hampshire's beer and ale brewing industry from the earliest days, when it was home- and tavern-based, to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. Rare photos document this changing industry and the state's brewers, including the famous Frank Jones. Lesser known brewers and breweries in the state will be discussed, including the only brewery owned and operated by a woman before the modern era. Changing attitudes toward beer and alcohol over the years will be pointed out.

SAVE THE DATE for this program -- **Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 pm** at the Museum. For further information please call Alma Vahey, President, 679-8635.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 6 **Girls Night Out, fundraiser for the Cal Blomquist Smile Fund – 6-10 pm, Community Center.**
- Jan. 8 **“After Christmas Tree Limo” pickup.** See page 6.
- Jan. 9 Brentwood School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey School
Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 10 **New Hampshire Primary Election. Polls open at Community Center from 8 am to 7 pm.**
- Jan. 11 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Jan. 12 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Historical Society – 10:00 am, business meeting, Historical Society Museum.
Public Hearing, Cooperative District Budget – 7:00 pm, Exeter High School, off Rte.27
- Jan. 16 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Jan. 17 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Town Office Building
Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 19 Brentwood Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 21 Honoring Marilyn Morehead – beginning 10:00 am, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 22 Willow Pond Community Farm “open house” meeting – 2:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 24 Selectmen’s meeting -- 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 25 **Filing period begins for town and school offices.**
Brentwood Seniors – 11:30 am, Brentwood Community Center, **Jim Barnes, balladeer**
- Jan. 31 Selectmen’s meeting -- 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Feb. 2 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross oom, Town Office Building
Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Feb. 3 **Filing period ends, 5:00 pm – Town Clerk’s office**
- Feb. 6 **Public Hearing, Brentwood Town and School budgets – 7:00 pm, Swasey School gym.**
Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Fire House
- Feb. 7 **Last day to file Warrant Articles, at Selectmen’s Office.**
Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building

The public is welcome at all above events

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