

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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April 2012

## April Recycling Pick-Up Dates

April 10 & 11  
April 24 & 25

## From the Selectmen

There was some discussion regarding the safety of the Crawley Falls Bridge at town meeting. The bridge inspection report which was conducted by the NH Department of Transportation is posted on the Selectmen's page of the town website, [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov).

## Cable Advisory Committee

The Board of Selectmen is looking for volunteers for a Cable Advisory Committee to explore options for filming town meetings and making the recordings accessible to all residents. If you are interested or for more information, please call the Selectmen's Office at 642 6400 x 10.

*Office of the Selectmen*

## Alternate Members Needed for ZBA

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is looking for alternate members to serve on their Board. The ZBA meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, upon the call of the chairman. The Board hears the appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official and administers special provisions in the ordinance dealing with variances and special exceptions. Alternates participate in discussion whenever a regular member is absent or is disqualified from participating in a specific matter due to a conflict of interest.

If you are interested in serving the Town as a volunteer on the Zoning Board, please call me at the Planning Board office. 642-6400 ext 16.

*Kathy St. Hilaire  
Administrative Assistant,  
Planning Board*

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Dates and locations Brentwood residents can use are:

Date: **Saturday May 19, 2012**

Time: 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon

Place: Old Hampton Town Office/Fire Sta. parking lot  
Academy Ave. & Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH

Date: **Saturday September 22, 2012**

Time: 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon

Place: Brentwood Highway Garage  
Rte 111A, Middle Road, Brentwood

Brentwood residents may use either or both dates and locations. Brochures are available at the Town Office indicating the acceptable items.

## A Thank-You

To the Brentwood Community,

The Brentwood Teacher's Association would like to express their gratitude to all of those who came out to vote at the School District Meeting on March 10th. We acknowledge and value the time you took to come and listen, ask questions and vote.

A strong partnership between the school and the community is vital. The support shown for both the school budget and the teacher's contract is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
*Brentwood Teacher's Association*

## Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	106.97	102.67
Tons, recycled goods	38.09(26.2%)	27.98(21.4%)

**TOWN OF BRENTWOOD** On the Web: [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://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](mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net)  
 On the Web: [www.brentwoodlibrary.org](http://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>

**From the Town Clerk**

- I wish to thank everyone who helped with the election on March 13.
- When transferring your plates to a new car, please bring the old registration. A copy will cost you \$17.50.
- Also when registering your car, please bring two checks, one for the State and one for the Town. We take only checks or cash.
- Dog licenses are in and all dogs must be registered by April 30; then fines start.
- Just a reminder that on Tuesdays we are open from 9:00 am until 8:00pm.

*Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk*

**Early Deadline for Next Newsletter**

I will be out of town from April 24-30. Please note that the deadline for the May issue will be **Wednesday, April 18**. If you will have a problem with that time frame please call or email me – 580-2358 or [lindarou@comcast.net](mailto:lindarou@comcast.net).

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

**A Thank-You**

My husband recently had brain surgery and the whole community of Brentwood helped us as a family. People donated prepared meals, gift cards, playdates, clothes, anything they could give. It was so helpful due to my working hours as an LNA for Rockingham County Nursing Facility and going into to Boston everyday night to see my husband and later to Portsmouth Rehab.

My family has had so much support mentally as well. I just want to thank everyone and I don't think cards would be enough. I am really not sure of names because there would be drop-offs at my door before I even got home, some with no notes. I am just so touched and overwhelmed with the support of everyone, including the schools, fire and police, and town officials for even taking the time to stop me and say "if you ever need anything."

It will be a long recovery and my husband is doing well. We take it day by day, and we still have one more surgery to go, on his neck. But just put one foot in front of the other, I always think. I am just glad he is home.

THANK YOU to everyone.

*Dawn Silva*

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**Deadline for May Issue: Friday, April 18**

Mail your articles to Linda Rousseau, 156 Front St., # 417, Exeter, NH 03833,  
 or e-mail to [lindarou@comcast.net](mailto:lindarou@comcast.net)



Elected officials who took the oath of office at the Town Meeting on March 17 were, front row from left: Phyllis Thompson, Jane Byrne, Jessica Hollister, Mary Clancey and Robert Gilbert. Behind them from left: Julie Avant, John Kennedy, Douglas Mansfield, Kevin Johnston, John Lyon, William Faria, Douglas Cowie, Richard Chamberlain, Ken Christiansen and David Menter.

## **On Earth Day, Beautify Brentwood**

**Save the Date: Barbeque lunch April 21.  
Price of admission: at least one 20-30 gallon blue plastic bag full of roadside or river trash.**

Celebrate Earth Day weekend by beautifying Brentwood. The blue bags will be available at Pilgrim Church's Fellowship Hall **Saturday morning, April 21 any time after 9 AM**. There will also be some at the Town Office Building and the Library in the week before the event.

Clean up your own roadside and any other places that you feel need attention. Or, we can offer you guidance when you come to pick up your bags, if you like. Our police will help by posting signs and by their presence, especially where children are involved. Leave the bags in or by the dumpster behind the Highway Shed, and come next door to the church to enjoy refreshments at 11:30.

If you enjoy boating, and would like to make river clean-up part of your activity that morning, the town's canoes and kayaks will be available for the purpose. People interested in canoeing/kayaking should contact Margaret Dullea at 642-6400 ext. 20 by Monday, April 16 to reserve the boat. A group will leave the Haigh Road Bridge at 10:00 AM. Feel free to canoe independently, if you like, or above Haigh Road if you are able. If enough people are interested we may be

able to arrange to deliver and pick up canoes, but we will have to have a head count by the 16th so that we can organize that.

When you come for the barbecue you might consider bringing your own messkits (plates and eating utensils, that is), in the spirit of the season. Not to worry, though, we will have some there for you if you forget. Sponsored by the Brentwood Conservation Commission, Rob Wofchuck, Chair. Contact Emily Schmalzer, 642-5409 if you would like to let us know where you will be working, so that we can help direct people to areas of need.

*Emily Schmalzer  
for the Conservation Commission*

## **The Food Pantry in Brentwood**

The Food Pantry for the Town of Brentwood is located at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road in Brentwood. Non-perishable food items are available for any who have need. If you would like to visit the food pantry, please call Rev. Kim McKerley at the church. The number is 778-3189.

## Achievements

**Matthew Radford** of Pickpocket Road has recently been named a National Merit Scholar Finalist, a candidate for the US Presidential Scholars program, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He was also just named a St. Thomas Scholar-Athlete and included in the Principal's List for the second term. He is a 2-year recipient of the Young Organists' Collaborative Organ Scholarship.

Matt was home-schooled for many years and has been attending St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover since 2009, winning many departmental awards there. His parents are Patti Andrews and George Radford.

**Sam Wallace**, a senior at Exeter High School, has recently been named a National Merit Scholar Finalist. He is the son of Eric and Annie Wallace of Old Danville Road.

Brentwood 8th graders **Anthony Cosentino**, defense-man, and **Colin Seeley**, goaltender, were recently selected to represent New Hampshire on the Select 1998 Hockey Team at the New England District Festival Tournament as well as at the USA Hockey Development Camp in July at UNH. Both also play for Team Exeter in the Valley Middle School Hockey league. They are also Cooperative Middle School honor roll students. Their parents are Candace and Richard Cosentino and Elyse Gallo and Craig Seeley.

**Robert Glowacky** of Northrup Drive was named to the Dean's List of Iona College in New Rochelle, New York for the fall semester of 2011. He is a freshman who is majoring in Mass Communications & History. He is the son of Thomas and Lauren Glowacky.

**Melanie Bunker** has just been appointed as director and partner in charge of the Portsmouth office of Cummings, Lamont and McNamee, a certified public accounting firm. She graduated from UNH some twenty years ago and is currently a member of the American Institute of CPAs and NH Soc. of CPAs, and lives with her family in Wells, Maine. Her parents are Reid and Dusty Bunker of Middle Road.

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## Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and fellowship are extended by their friends and neighbors to the family of Clarence Wilson Barry of Pickpocket Road, who died March 24, 2012 at his home. Born in Hartford, Conn., he attended Colby College, Kalamazoo College and Westminster Choir College. He and his wife moved to Brentwood a number of years ago. He was a master builder of pipe organs and harpsichords. He served as organist and choir director of many churches, most recently at the First Baptist Church of Exeter.

## With the Services

Tracing in their father's footsteps, brother and sister continue the Marine Corps tradition.

Following Exeter High School graduation in 1980, Private First Class Stephen E. Belanger completed USMC boot camp training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Some thirty-one years later, on April 1, 2011, his son, PFC Nicholas A. Belanger, graduated from Parris Island, and later completed his Marine combat training at the School of Infantry, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. His MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) training as Multi Channel Scatter Radio Operator continued at TwentyNine Palms, California. Lance Corporal Belanger is currently stationed at MCAS (Marine Corps Air Station) at Miramar, California.

His sister, Private Stephanie A. Belanger USMC, this past March 9 graduated boot camp at Parris Island and is currently at the School of Infantry Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, following which she will move on to Camp Lee, Virginia, to pursue her Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training as a Bulk Fuel Specialist.

Former Sgt. Stephen Belanger and his wife, Karrie, live on Crawley Falls Road.

*Information supplied by Albert Belanger*

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*The Newsletter welcomes information about our residents "With the Services" and encourages other families to help us keep up with our service men and women. – Editor.*

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## Mailing Team for March

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in the Brentwood Forest neighborhood who worked so hard to prepare the big March issue for mailing: Heather Arkell, Ann Dillon, Sophie Freeman, Torie Freeman, Sue McColley, Wendy McGonigle, Amy Robinson, Maggie Robinson, Donna Poirier and Jacky Sullivan.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

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## From the Home Page of the Town Web Site:

....The town's population has nearly quadrupled to 4,200 inhabitants from its earliest count of 1,064 in 1767. Brentwood's 16.97 square miles are seated in the Rockingham County's geographical center and it is home to many of the county's support services.

## Brentwood Historical Society



Tasting microbrews at the Historical Society.

**The March program.** Those who attended the program on "The History of Brewing in New Hampshire" not only heard an excellent program, they were also able to sample eight varieties of microbrew at a beer-tasting beforehand. The local donors of the various brews – Jack Ball, Kevin Farnham and Nathan Olson -- were given a great round of applause for all they contributed to the evening. Glenn Knoblock, the guest speaker whose program was provided through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, pointed out that the current interest in microbrews is actually a rebirth of the methods used by the early New England taverners and innkeepers.

**April 19.** Members of the Historical Society will go to Portsmouth for a tour of the **Portsmouth Athenaeum**, which was opened to the public only a few years ago. Members will meet at the Historical Society Museum at 10:30 am and carpool to a Portsmouth restaurant for lunch before visiting the Athenaeum.

**May 10.** In May the Society will turn its attention to the age-old art of **quilting**. An **exhibit of antique and new quilts** will be installed in time for the meeting of Thursday, May 10 and will continue through the Open House on July 4. Bea Matheson, Brentwood's well known master quilter, will kindly assist in securing a speaker on "**The History of Quilting**" for the meeting on **May 10, which will begin at 7:00 pm**. Brentwood residents who have old or new handmade quilts they are willing to lend for the exhibit are asked to contact Alma Vahey, President, 679-8635, or Linda Rousseau, Program Chair, 580-2358.

### Anonymous Benefactor will help with an urgent problem at the Museum.

The Historical Society discovered this winter that it must take urgent steps to replace its "facilities." A modern, biological composting toilet is needed in the restroom to replace one that is no longer functioning.

The officers of the Society are most gratified that an anonymous benefactor has come forward with an offer to help raise the funds to purchase the unit. The benefactor has promised to match \$1.00 for every \$2.00 received, up to a maximum of \$500.00. A goal of \$2500 has been established. This will cover the purchase of the unit and associated costs of installation and maintenance. The composting type of toilet is needed because there is not enough land with the building to support a septic system.

The board of the Historical Society very much appreciates that the benefactor is interested and willing to support this not-so-glamorous but very important need of the Museum. This will allow the public to continue to enjoy the lively exhibits and programs that only the Historical Society can offer. Anyone who would like to donate toward this project may send a check payable to the Brentwood Historical Society to Alma Vahey, President, 164 North Road, Brentwood, NH 03833. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization; contributions are tax-deductible. For further information please contact Ms. Vahey at 679-8635.

*Linda Rousseau for the Society*

## Brentwood Seniors

On March 28 the Brentwood Seniors enjoyed a soup and chowder luncheon with very attractive St. Patrick's Day decorations. Musical entertainment was provided by the Irish-Italian singer/guitarist Romano.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 25**, at the Community Center, 190 Route 125. It will be a ham luncheon including all the fixings. Members should arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 am to get settled and have appetizers. President Sandy Thorsell will begin the business meeting at 11:30, after which the lunch buffet will be open. The guest speaker will talk on financial matters for seniors.

Membership dues of \$7.00 were payable as of January. Anyone who has not yet paid may see Marion Arkell, treasurer, at the meeting and she will give you your membership card.

Members are reminded of the Senior Activity Days at the Community Center on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. These are sponsored by the Recreation Department. You do not have to be a member of Brentwood Seniors to come and enjoy the Activity Days.

New members are always welcome in the Seniors. You do not have to be a Brentwood resident to join. For information please call Sandy Thorsell, president at 772-4476.

## Report from Your State Representative

Well, after hours of debate, the New Hampshire House finally took up the much-anticipated vote on House Bill 437, an act to repeal the 2009 law that made same-sex marriage the law of the land in New Hampshire.

I'll start here with a quick breakdown of some of the numbers. Then, we'll take a look at what I described during my election campaign as the "numbers behind the numbers." For, more often than not, the numbers do not tell the whole story -- in this case, the story of what was and was not voted on that afternoon.

By the numbers (a historical comparison):

In 2009, the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives passed same-sex marriage with 66.3% of the vote. In 2012, the Republican-controlled House killed an attempt to repeal that law with 64.5% of the vote. A difference of only 1.8%.

In 2009, 25.5% of the NH House Republicans who voted on the gay marriage bill voted for marriage equality. In 2012, that number doubled to 50.9%.

And now, for a little background information.

The original bill (HB 437), sponsored by Rep. David Bates of Windham, contained no provision for civil unions for same-sex couples. An amendment (2011-2779h) was proposed by the Republican majority of the Judiciary committee, which would have re-established civil unions and defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman. This amendment failed by a vote of 82-266.

Bates had proposed an alternate amendment (2012-1288h) to re-establish civil unions, and also to place on the ballot a non-binding referendum question, asking "Shall New Hampshire law allow civil unions for same-sex couples and define marriage as the union of one man and one woman?"

Of course, the only way this question could ever get before the voters, would have been to pass HB437 as amended into law. So it would have been a meaningless exercise in futility. Also, the way the question was worded was comparable to a customer survey on ice cream asking "What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? Vanilla or strawberry? Check one."

A motion was made to divide the Bates amendment, separating the ballot question portion from the civil unions portion. That motion was defeated 128-222. A good number of us opposed to HB 437 knew that the less palatable the amendment, the less chances it had of being adopted. And the bill without this, or any similar amendment, had less chance of passing.

After the motion to divide had failed, the amendment itself was defeated, 162-188. That meant that the final vote on HB437 would be for the bill, as written, with

no provision for civil unions. At this point, I was chalking this bill up in the "dead as a doornail" column. At this point, a motion was made to table the bill (convenient way for some to avoid taking a stand on an issue). That motion went down in flames, 82-263. Enough was enough. It was time to put this issue to bed (for this year anyway).

The first vote on HB437 was on the motion of "Ought to Pass." This motion was defeated, 133-202. In the most emotional moment of the day, Representative Tammy Simmons (R-Manchester) took to the floor, while choking back tears, and moved that HB437 be deemed Inexpedient to Legislate. This motion passed, 211-116, and the subsequent motion to reconsider was soundly defeated, 87-211.

Make no mistake, this vote was a huge victory for individual liberty and New Hampshire's "Live Free or Die" way of life.

One vote that didn't take place was on Floor Amendment 2012-1097h, which would have completely rewritten HB437 and made it a bill to get the government out of the marriage business. Under the provisions of this bill, ALL couples looking to be married in New Hampshire would enter into a "domestic union" agreement with the state, and would still be free to be married by the religious institution of their choosing.

This amendment was not allowed to be introduced, as it had previously been brought before the House during this session. Had it been adopted -- with my vote being in favor of - it would have provided for marriage equality and religious freedom for all of New Hampshire residents, and would have lessened governmental control over the whole process.

Next month, I'll try to put together a summary of the other bills we've taken up recently, as this was far from the only important matter before the House lately. We've got bills (with the accompanying lively debate) on redistricting, education funding, health care and much, much more. I hope everyone's enjoying the nice spring weather. Call me an optimist, but I'm going to put the snowblower back in the shed now.

*Bruce*

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## A Thank-You

Thank you to all the people at the Town Meeting on March 17 that bought cookies or donated money to help support the Veterans Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire. We really appreciate your donations and were able to raise \$113.01. That was amazing and we hope that you liked the cookies.

*Katie Ryan, Sarah Siudut, and Lauren Scott*

## The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Congratulations to Bob Gilbert and Doug Mansfield on their recent election to the Library Board of Trustees! Officers were voted in at the March 19 meeting as follows: Bob Gilbert (Chair), Tracy Waldron (Treasurer) and Don Petterson (Secretary). We truly appreciate all of the hard work our trustees do on the library's behalf. The next Library Trustee meeting will be held at the library on Monday, April 15 at 6:30pm. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

If it's April, it must be tax time! For those of you looking for IRS forms, we have many of the basic ones here at the library. If we don't have the forms you need, we will be happy to print them from the IRS website for you at no cost.

As I write this, the genealogical world is anxiously awaiting the April 2 release of the 1940 US Census. It will be the first time many of us will actually know someone whose name is in the census database – or even be listed in it ourselves. Stop by the library for some tips on maneuvering through the new data, to use the Ancestry.com program or to borrow some of our terrific books on genealogy (one of my new favorites is called Reading Early American Handwriting).

We'd like to shout out a huge "thank you!" to the Exeter Area GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) for their generous gift of a literacy "busy bag." This backpack is chock full of books, puzzles and activities based on Dr. Seuss' *Horton the Elephant* and will be great for families planning a trip or long car ride. Just ask for the Horton bag at the front desk!

Over 60 people joined us for an informative presentation about Lyme Disease last month. If you missed the program or would like more information on the topic, the DVD "Under Our Skin" and some current print resources are available here at the library.

On **Monday, April 9 at 7pm** we will present another timely, yet maybe not-so-pleasant topic: "**Bedbugs 101.**" Come learn about the history of these critters, how to identify them and what to do if you find them. Education Specialist and Biologist Sherrie Juris will lead the program. (For those of you who prefer learning about larger animals, look for our June presentation about NH bobcats!)

**Friday Night Flicks** continue on **April 13 at 6:30pm** with "**Alvin & the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked,**" rated G. We'll provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottle. A school vacation movie will be held at 1pm on **April 26: "The Adventures of Tin-Tin"** (rated PG). Thanks to the Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library, we now have room darkening shades, so daytime movies will be much easier to see! We are so grateful for the Friends and their support.

**Ladies Night Movie** will be held on **Thursday, April 19 at 7:00pm**. We will be showing "**The Descendants,**" starring George Clooney.

On **Wednesday, April 25 at 7pm**, presenter **Michael Tougias** will bring to life the story of the 2005 sailboat disaster: "**Overboard – A True Bluewater Odyssey of a NH Man's Survival.**" Save the date for this fascinating presentation!

Last, but not least, the **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on **Monday, April 30 at 7pm** for another stimulating discussion. This month's title is the fun, folkloric, magical tale of *The Little Giant of Aberdeen County* by Tiffany Baker.

Check it all out at your library!

*Betsy Solon, Library Director*

## Friends of the Library

Well, I think Spring has officially arrived and with that come critters none of us like. I can't think of anything worse than critters in our beds! On Monday, April 9 at 7pm, Education Specialist and Biologist Sherrie Juris will teach us the history, how to identify and what to do when we find BEDBUGS. As summer plans are being made and hotels rooms are being booked, this presentation should prove very helpful.

The Friends will be hosting their very popular **Book/Bake and Plant sale** on **Saturday, May 19 from 9 - noon**. If you would like to donate books that are in good condition, we would be happy to accept them. Or if you would like to bake something to sell, that would be greatly appreciated as well. You can receive a letter acknowledging your tax-deductible donation.

Please remember the library has a great selection of passes, available to our residents. As this terrific weather continues, you may want to visit such places as Strawberry Bank in Portsmouth, NH, Canterbury Shaker Village in Canterbury, NH, The Fells in Newbury, NH or The Museum of Science in Boston, MA. This is a sample of the passes the Friends have to offer.

Please consider attending a Friends meeting. They are held on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting date is **Thursday, April 12** and if you can't make that one mark your calendars for the May 10 meeting. The meetings start at 9:30 and all are welcome to join this very casual and fun group. We always welcome fresh faces and new ideas.

We do maintain an email reminder list, to let you know about upcoming meetings and events. If you would like to be added to our list, please send an email to marybartlett76@yahoo.com. Notices will be sent out only as events approach and your name/email will not be shared with anyone.

*Cheryl Scott, Publicity*

## **Brentwood Gardeners**

The Gardeners are happily meeting on the third Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall of the Pilgrim Church on Middle Road, and continuing to welcome new members! Just going around the group and letting everyone answer the simple Question of the Evening, such as "How did you first get interested in gardening?" allows us to know each other a little bit better each time.

The March meeting brought us Pam Hunt from the New Hampshire Audubon Society. She gave us great information on the state of birds in New Hampshire, including trends, habitats and threats. We each went home with a handsome booklet covering most of the points in her talk. It is especially valuable for the beautiful photos of birds we're most likely to see around our homes. It is available to anyone at no charge from the Audubon Society in Concord.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm at the Pilgrim Church**. Along with our usual fun and food we will hear about the "Natural History of the Exeter River" with our guest speaker Sally Soule of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. We look forward to learning more about this beautiful river that meanders through Brentwood.

**Two dates to mark in May:** 1) our meeting on **May 15**, when Tracey Miller, with her talk "Field to Plate," will focus on spring greens with a cooking demonstration featuring chard, kale and more. And 2) on **Saturday, May 19, the famous Brentwood Book, Bake and Plant Sale** on the grounds of the Bartlett Library. The Friends of the Library will offer the Book & Bake Sale. The Gardeners will be on the grounds with their Plant Sale. Members will be potting and putting aside extra plants from their gardens that have proven to grow well in this area.

For more information contact Co-President Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358, or [lindarou@comcast.net](mailto:lindarou@comcast.net).

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### **Gardening Tips for April:**

- The months of March, April and May are ideal for pruning evergreens. If you have a Juniper, Cypress or conifer that needs shearing or pruning, this is a good time to do it. Remove all dead, diseased, and undesirable wood. However, do not prune back into the bare wood part of the plant.
- Prune your Forsythia after it finishes flowering.
- Broadleaf and needle leaf evergreens benefit most from lightly spreading a high nitrogen fertilizer around their bases.
- Try to keep the area under trees and plants weed free. They will grow faster, and healthier.

## **Business Card Directory**

Following is an alphabetical list of those whose cards are in this month's Business Card Directory. Save these pages and consult them when you're looking for a service.

All About Dogs & Cats – Norman Head  
 Appliance Services, Inc. – Wayne St. Hilaire  
 Barn Builders – John Tibbetts  
 Beebop Technologies – Sean Hartnett  
 Blueberry Hill – Irene B. Gunther  
 Brentwood Chiropractic Center – Will & Lanie Herrick  
 Brentwood Country Animal Hospital – Jody Kaufman  
 Buxton Oil Co. – Donna Buxton  
 Buxton Water – Donna Buxton  
 Cadieux Flooring – Jill Cadieux  
 Cheapskate Landscape, Inc. - Kenny Brown  
 Coastal Pet Sitting – Kim Belliveau  
 Crawley Falls Antiques – Donna Judah  
 Creative Self Storage – Peter Morin  
 Deer Hill Electric – Roger Savage  
 Dionne Rototilling – George Dionne  
 Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella – Doug Mansfield  
 Edison Wood Floors – Annette Robie  
 Exeter Motor Works – Dan Gill  
 Gallant, D.L., Equipment Repair – David Gallant  
 Gus' Auto – Harry Lindsay  
 Hometown Heating – Carol Holt  
 Household Cleaning – Martha Clark  
 Labadi Lawn Care –Erasmus "Raz" Asamoia  
 Mary Kay – Paula Beebe  
 Mortenson-DuFresne Monumental Works – Doug Finan  
 Mortgage Specialists, The – Robert Michaud  
 M.S. Trucking – Mark Stevens  
 New England Picture – Tim Hannan  
 Nici Automotive - Gene Nici  
 Ouellet, Ronald E., CPA – Income Tax Preparation  
 Real Estate Hub – Michael Hubbard  
 Roberts, David, Co. – David Roberts  
 Roy, Leo P. – Builder  
 Sanborn, Mike, Excavation & Trucking – Mike Sanborn  
 Seacoast Mills Building Supply – Mary Bosch  
 Seekamp Environmental Consulting – Patrick Seekamp  
 Stevens Pool Water – Mark Stevens  
 Swasey, Russell, Carpenter-Builder  
 Tibbetts, John D. -- Building & Repairs  
 Wellington Gardens – Christine Wellington  
 Yard Work – Kim Lord  
 Your Gardening Angel – Pat MacDonald



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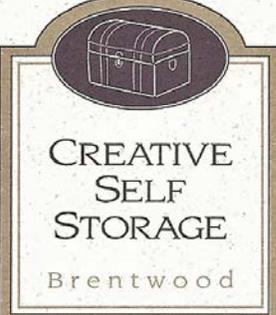


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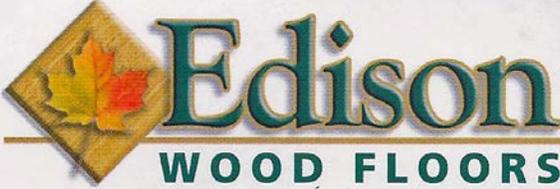
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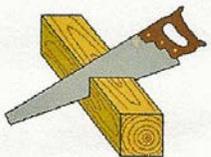
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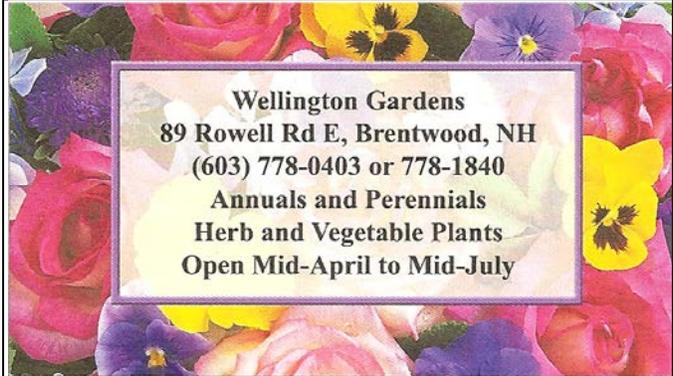
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**Voting Results March 13, 2012**

About 22 percent of Brentwood's voters cast their ballot.

**Town of Brentwood**

Board of Selectmen (vote for two)

Allan Knowles: 94

Jane L. Byrne: 328

Ken Christiansen: 376

Robert Sean Hartnett: 137

Cemetery Trustee (vote for one)

David Menter: 487

Moderator (vote for one)

Richard Chamberlain: 485

Town Clerk/Tax Collector vote for one)

Phyllis Thompson: 517

Municipal Budget Committee (vote for two)

John L. Lyon: 385

William C. Faria: 381

Supervisor of the Checklist (vote for one)

Mary Clancey: 475

Library Trustees (vote for two)

Douglas Mansfield: 413

Robert Gilbert: 433

Trustee of the Trust Funds 2-yr. (vote for one)

Write-in Julie Avant: 15

Trustee of the Trust Funds 3-yr. (vote for one)

Write-in Julie Avant: 26

Planning Board (vote for two)

John D. Kennedy: 390

Kevin Johnston: 411

**FAILS:** Question 1: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40.13 (SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town of Brentwood on the second Tuesday of March? Needs 3/5 majority to pass.

Yes: 266

No: 267

**Zoning Amendments**

Amendment 1: Amend Article 300.002.001.005A. Each building or structure shall be set back at least 125 feet from the edge of pavement, except any buildings with frontage on an internal road in a subdivision or industrial park shall be set back 75 feet from the centerline.

Yes: 359

No: 161

Amendment 2: Amend Article 400.003.004.004. Each property shall be allowed a maximum of one wall sign per tenant and one free-standing or monument sign. A

second free standing sign may be granted a conditional use permit if the site has an approved site plan, subject parcel must have frontage of 350 feet, design and placement must be described in a recordable instrument, signs separated by 75 feet, and both signs must conform to all other requirements.

Yes: 370

No: 143

**FAILS:** Amendment 3: To see if voters of Brentwood will vote to rescind the vote taken at March 9, 2004 and March 14, 2006 creating Town Center Zone District One.

Yes: 138

No: 346

**Brentwood School District**

Brentwood School Board (vote for two)

Dianne Vosgien: 436

Write in Jessica Hollister: 92

Moderator (vote for one)

Douglas M. Cowie: 452

School Clerk (vote for one)

Phyllis Thompson: 494

School Treasurer (vote for one)

Katrina Allen: 454

**FAILS** – Article 1: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Brentwood School District on the second Tuesday of March? Needed 3/5 majority to pass.

Yes: 288

No: 261

**Easter at the Baptist Church**

The First Baptist Church of Brentwood will observe Good Friday with an evening service at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 22. Easter morning observances will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:00 am on the church grounds, followed by a breakfast in the Vestry. The morning worship will begin at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Rev. Hastings will lead the services, and all are welcome to attend. The church is located at the corner of North Road and Route 125.

**Easter at Pilgrim Church**

Please join us at Pilgrim Church for the celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 8, 2012. We will begin the day with a brief, outdoor worship service at 7:00 AM. That will be followed by a Community Breakfast from 7:30 – 9:30 AM. We will worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 AM. Pilgrim Church is located at 197 Middle Road (Route 111A) in Brentwood. The Rev. Kimberly S. McKerley may be reached at 603-778-3189 or at [pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org](mailto:pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org). All are welcome

## Brentwood Recreation News

### BASEBALL and SOFTBALL

Schedules for the upcoming season will be available on our web site in April. Actual seasons to begin last week of April or first week of May. Mark your calendars...

**Field Clean-up day** will be April 14 beginning at 9am. Please bring your rakes, wheel barrows and gloves and join us as we get our fields ready for the season!

**Team pictures** will be taken on May 20. Coaches will notify their teams with time.

### Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt

The Recreation Department will again host our Annual Bunny Breakfast and Town Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 7** at the **Community Center**. The Egg Hunt will start promptly at **8:45am** and the Bunny Breakfast will run 9:00-10:00am. The Easter Bunny will be there to visit with kids and parents are welcome to bring their cameras and take pictures. Breakfast Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. The Egg Hunt is free to town residents.

### SENIORS

#### **“Join us for Yoga Movement Class!”**

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Try a Yoga Movement class designed just for seniors at 10:30am.

### Yoga Class

#### **Tuesday evenings 6:30pm**

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May 15 – July 10 (no class 7/3)

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*Taught by Alicia Rossman, RYT (Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor).*

### Zumba Classes

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#### **Next Class starts: Wed., April 4**

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**Cost:** \$42 for Zumba class

\$30 for Strength & Sculpt class

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### Kids Yoga Class

*Taught by Alicia Rossman, RYT (Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor)*

Next 8-week sessions:

Thursdays May 3 – June 21

**Time:** 3:30-4:15pm **Cost:** \$64/ 8 weeks

### Adult Over 30 Coed Softball

We will again offer our over-30 Coed Softball League here in Brentwood. The season will run late June through mid-August. Sign up at the Recreation office or registration forms will also be available on our

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### Upcoming Spring and Summer Programs

#### **Soccer Camp with *Challenger's British Soccer* (August 22 - 26 )**

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**Surf Camp** July 9–13 9:30-11:30am

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**Discount Water Country Tickets:** Discount tickets will be available again this summer for \$26 each. Pick them up in the Recreation Office (If office is closed, see Town Clerk's office).

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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 Office hours: Mon. Tues. &

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 5 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building  
 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 6 **Good Friday service – 7:00 pm, First Baptist Church of Brentwood, Rte. 125 & North Rd.**
- April 7 **Town Egg Hunt, 8:45 am; Bunny Breakfast 9-10 am, Community Center**
- April 8 **Easter Sunrise and Morning Services.** See page 9.
- April 9 **Sherrie Juris, “Bedbugs 101”** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 10 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 11 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 12 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Mary E. Bartlett Library
- April 13 **Friday Night Flick** – 6:30 pm, “Chipwrecked.” Bartlett Library
- April 16 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 17 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, “**Exeter River History**,” Fellowship Room, Pilgrim Church
- April 19 Historical Society trip to Portsmouth Athenaeum. 10:30 Carpool from Museum.  
**Ladies Night at the Movies** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, “The Descendants”
- April 24 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- April 25 Brentwood Seniors – 11 am, Community Center, Buffet Lunch, Speaker on Financial Health  
**Michael Tougias, “Overboard,”** 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 26 **“The Adventures of Tin-Tin”** – school vacation movie, Library. Call for starting time.
- April 30 Brentwood Bookers Discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- May 1 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 3 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building  
 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
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