

Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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November 2012

November Recycling Dates

November 6 & 7
November 20 & 21

Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive 2012

It's that time of year when we need to put our heads together for the 12th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive for needy families. I am asking for your help to find families that live in the Town of Brentwood, who may need a little extra help for the Holidays.

We start the process by asking schools, churches and the Welfare department to provide an application to those families that may need a little help. Everything is confidential. The families fill out the application and mail it to the Brentwood Fire Department, attention "Toy Drive". I am the only one that will see the names. Each family is listed as a "Letter" and I make up Christmas ornaments and distribute them to the Christmas trees that will be located at the Grace Tabernacle Church and the Brentwood Town Office.

We then ask the residents of Brentwood to give a donation or pick an "Ornament" off the Christmas trees and return it unwrapped to one of the drop boxes which will be located at the Town Offices, Brentwood Country Store and the Brentwood Fire Department. The economy is tough for all of us this year, so I am asking the families to pick items with a \$25.00 value or less.

All cash donations are put towards un-purchased gifts and food baskets for the families.

Final drop-off date will be Thursday, December 20, 2012. This will give Santa and his elves time to organize the gifts and arrange for the families to pick them up. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-944-0847.

Have a happy and healthy Holiday season!

Donna M. Vadeboncoeur

Toy Drive Coordinator, Brentwood Fire Department

Swasey Central School Updates

We've had a wonderful fall here at SCS and I look forward to sharing information with Brentwood residents each month regarding school activities. It's been a true pleasure taking over as principal at Swasey, and I'm very glad to be here.

SCS is extremely proud of all of its students. In October, students in Grade 3-5 completed the state NECAP testing in Reading, Math and Writing (grade 5). In the spring, our 4th graders are also tested in the area of Science. Each fall, students throughout NH are given this assessment to provide information regarding levels of proficiency.

DID YOU KNOW-Brentwood students have one of the highest proficiency rates for Reading and Math in the state of NH? Last year, 98% of SCS fifth graders were proficient in the area of Reading and 97% in Math (both were 21% more than the state average) and 78% of our 4th graders were proficient in Science (25% more than the state average). This success is due to the high expectations and instructional practices that staff and families provide for the children of Brentwood. With all of this success, it's hard to believe that the 'per pupil' costs in Brentwood are the lowest in the entire SAU. Thanks and congratulations to all that support our school community.

Also exciting is that SCS is choosing a mascot! Students and families are voting for their favorite and we will be sharing the results after Election Day. The mascot will become part of our school culture and celebrations for years to come. We thank everyone for their involvement with this project. November will be a great month at school as we continue student enrichment activities, technology integration, our annual Grand-friend's Day that draws hundreds of visitors and our daily instructional projects which keep our students pretty busy. Thanks for reading.

Ron Kew

Principal-SCS

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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 2012 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 that the event not be published in the Town Report.

Office Closed on Two Holidays

The office will be closed Monday, November 12 for Veteran's Day and from noon Wednesday, November 21, until Monday, November 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

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	114.03	160.69
Tons, recycled goods	52.41 (31.4%)	47.46 (43.8%)

To All Brentwood Residents

It's that time of year to start your holiday shopping. Mark your calendars because once again our Local stores in Exeter are offering 2 full days of 10% off shopping and a 10% donation of your purchases will be sent to Swasey School. Participating merchants and dates can be found on the attached flyer. More stores could be added, up to the day of the event, so be on the lookout for large colorful signs at their entrances to indicate if they are participating. Bring the flyer to each business, or please let them know you are shopping on behalf of Swasey School if you do not have the flyer, as other local schools are also participating. Shopping locally helps our small businesses and also helps raise money for enrichment programs for Swasey School children. Please take advantage of this wonderful community opportunity. Contact mkdenman@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Kim Denman

We Need Your Help

The Historical Society as taken on a project to collect as much information as we can get about some of the older houses in town. When built, pictures, names of previous owners, anecdotes or what have you. If we can get enough we hope to do a program at a spring meeting.

Anything you think might be helpful can be mailed to me,

Norman Wilson,

56 Haigh Rd., Brentwood, NH 03833, or
 e-mailed to nrwilson@comcast.net

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 or e-mail to lindarou@comcast.net

Brentwood Historical Society

The Historical Society will sponsor a special Saturday event in November. All residents and especially families are heartily invited to come to the Historical Society Museum on **Saturday, November 10 between 10 am and 1 pm** to learn about "Ox Teams and Teamsters."

Many people may think that ox teams were used only in the old days for the heavy pulling work on the farm. They might be surprised at how many teams are owned and used in New Hampshire. Among the members of one 4-H club, the "Yankee Teamsters", there are 20 teams of oxen! They compete at all the major fairs and the Eastern States Exposition.

An ox team from the "Yankee Teamsters" will be at the Historical Society Museum on Saturday, Nov. 10. Come to see them up close, talk with the owner/trainer, and learn how 4-H people train their teams.

Gordon Wilson of Brentwood, who owned a team for several years, will give a talk on how ox teams were trained and used in New England from the earliest days onward. "Teams and Teamsters Day" is free and open to the public.

Holiday Open House.

An old-fashioned Christmas Open House will be presented by the Historical Society on **Sunday, December 9 from 2:00-5:00 pm**. More details in the next issue.

For information please call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Brentwood Gardeners

The Gardeners had a beautiful evening on October 16, inspired by Kevin of the Exeter Flower Shop. Everyone went home with an individually created fall flower arrangement. Thanks to Al Franklin for arranging this program.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm** in the Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall. This is the night we each make a holiday wreath, inspired this time by Torie Freeman, who will also bring in a good supply of greens, cones and berries. Again, don't forget those clippers.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at the Gardeners' meetings. For more information call Torie Freeman, 778-3748.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Parent Faculty Group at Swasey

Halfway through the October meeting, the library chairs rocked, the books on the shelves danced a bit, and after a few sideways glances, we realized this was going to be a unique PFG night...yes, interrupted by an earthquake.

As promised, the Swasey Student Directory is now available in a very eco-friendly, digital format. The link can be accessed through the Swasey School website under the PFG tab. The information is password protected and a tutorial on how to access the PDF can be found on our Parent-Faculty Group website. We are so thankful for Scott Dennehey and the many, many hours spent organizing and entering data for this huge project.

We had an amazing turnout for our Yankee Candle fundraising event. Thank you so much for your participation. It is this type of community support that helps to provide enrichment opportunities for Swasey students. Merchandise pick-up is November 14th in the lobby as parent-teacher conferences are being held.

Also, be sure to head over to Exeter for our "10 for 10" event on November 14th & 15th. See the flyer enclosed in the Newsletter for more details.

Another hefty pile of Boxtops were mailed out at the end of October. We are hoping to have a plan in place by the end of spring that will enable the shade structure to become a reality...clip, clip, clip those Boxtops!

Swasey will once again be celebrating those close to our hearts as they welcome grandfriends into classrooms on November 20th. The PFG will be providing light snacks and refreshments for those who are able to attend this memorable day.

We are so proud to announce that Swasey Central School has once again been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award by New Hampshire Partners in Education. The Blue Ribbon Awards recognizes the extraordinary efforts of school volunteer coordinators and their volunteer teams for the achievements realized during the previous school year. Swasey has been honored with this recognition for the past 31 years!

Please join us in the Swasey library on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30.

Kathie Babine

The October Mailing Crew

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in Amanda's Way neighborhood who assembled the October *Newsletter* for mailing: Kathy Beggin, Janine Christiana, Annie Christiana, Brianna Consoli, Connor Consoli, Julie Consoli, Karen Diaz, Michael Diaz, Faith Diaz, Danny Doris, Olivia McGlashing, Patti Murby, Mariana Murby, Jacqueline Wilson, Jack Wilson, Ben Wilson, and Dianne Vosgien.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

A Christmas Offering

With the holiday season upon us, we invite you to join in our 16th **Annual Christmas Tea on Friday, December 7**. Held each year on the first Friday in December, ladies from the surrounding communities come together at Grace Ministries International, for an elegant evening of live entertainment, custom-decorated tables, food, fellowship and an atmosphere of joy, as they welcome in the Christmas Holiday.

Every year we have guests who mention how this is the "one" event they would not miss, no matter what! Plan to arrive early, as doors open at 6:30pm, to allow for viewing and picture taking of the beautifully crafted Christmas themed tables. The event kicks off at 7:00 PM and runs through 9:00 PM. Cost for admission is \$20.00 per person and tickets are available by phone or on our website. The proceeds of this evening's event are to benefit orphans in both Africa and India.

It is our hope that the ladies of the Brentwood (and surrounding) community will join us and make this wonderful evening part of your Christmas holiday tradition.

Grace Ministries is located on Rt. 125, across from Bessie's. We can be reached at 603-642-7848 or online at www.gracemi.org. Tickets go on sale Nov. 1, with a limited number of seats, so please request your tickets early.

Wishing You and Yours a Very Merry Christmas!

Grace Ministries International
Services – Sunday 10 AM

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will have their annual anniversary luncheon on **Wednesday, November 14** at The Old Salt Restaurant in Hampton. Members who have signed up for their meals with President Sandy Thorsell are reminded **to arrive about noon** for conversation and appetizers. Luncheon will be served at 12:30.

For information please call Sandy Thorsell at 772-4476.

Friends of the Library

As I am writing this the Scarecrow Festival has not happened yet but we would like to say a very big thank you to the following sponsors:

Appliance Services
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Brentwood Teachers Association

We appreciate all your support for what we hope was a successful and fun Scarecrow Festival.

Our annual Membership drive is also in full swing, let's see if we can continue to Beat The Benefactor!!! With your support and donations we were able to make several purchases, provide excellent programming and offer passes to some great museums.

The Friends of the Library are very proud to tell you that we were nominated by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association for the Sue Palmatier Award for Outstanding Support. Although we did not win the award we made it to the top five in the state and were honored to be nominated.

The Friends are excited to present "The Gravestone Girls" on November 25th. The Gravestone girls provide an educational and informative historical perspective of old cemeteries. New England has some of the oldest cemeteries in the country with a lot of historical drawings on them. The Girls will explain the symbolism of the drawings on the gravestones. Brenda has visited numerous cemeteries here in Brentwood – some that you did not even know existed-and will feature those in here presentation.

The library will have a special visitor coming on December 8th. I know it is early to be thinking of Christmas, but it is approaching quickly.

The friends meeting will be on Thursday, November 15th at 9:30. We would love to welcome new members that love the library as much as we do. So come join us for coffee and chat about events for 2012-2013.

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events email marybartlett76@yahoo.com and we would be happy to add you to our list. We do not share this information with anyone else.

Cheryl Scott

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Homemade for the Holidays

Homemade items are all the rage these days. Unleash your inner crafter at the Mary E. Bartlett Library where trendy ideas abound for creative projects to keep, give or sell. Borrow these resources for free from the library and save your money for crafting supplies or REAL vanilla extract! We'll help you find the perfect pattern or technique, whatever your project may be.

We've got books on woodworking, knitting, crochet, sewing, quilting, duct taping, origami, jewelry making, basket-weaving, scrapbooking, card making, baking (including gluten-free) and more – plenty to keep you busy when the weather keeps you inside. Want to indulge your creative side with a group? Drop by the library for a knitting class or join us on November 29 for **Adult Craft Night**. For even more inspiration, visit the **Library Craft Fair** beginning November 19 and add a homemade touch to your holidays.

November Happenings at MEB

"**The Finest Hours**," the true story behind the U.S. Coast Guard's most daring sea rescue will be presented by **Michael Tougias**, a Brentwood favorite, at 7pm on **November 8**. The slide presentation will highlight the true heroism and tragedy which occurred off the New England coast in 1952.

We will be closed on Monday, **November 12** in honor of **Veterans Day**. Please stop by the library on Thursday, November 15 between 9am and 5pm to sign a card for our veterans. Thank you. We will also be closed **November 22 & 23** for the **Thanksgiving Holiday**.

Ladies Night Movie will be held on Thursday, **November 15** at **7pm**. We will be showing this summer's quirky hit "**Moonrise Kingdom**," rated PG-13.

Friday Night Flicks resume on **November 16** at **6:30pm** with "**Brave**," rated PG. We'll provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottle.

The Library Craft Fair opens for business on **November 19**. It will be a great place to purchase small gifts for the holidays while supporting the library and the crafters who worked so hard to create these homemade items. For those interested in selling items, please contact the library for details.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on Monday, **November 26** at **7pm** for another stimulating discussion. Please stop by the library for November's selection.

Adult Craft Night will take place on Thursday, **November 29** from **6:30pm – 9pm**. Drop in with your latest project: a craft, a stack of holiday cards to address, gifts to wrap, etc. We'll provide the snacks and festive, stress-free atmosphere!

Looking ahead to December, please note that **Santa** will be visiting the library on **Saturday, Dec 8** from **9am – noon** thanks to an invitation from the Friends of the Library. Also, all Seniors are invited to **Senior Cinema** at **1pm** on **Wednesday, Dec 12** for a matinee showing of the classic "**A Christmas Story**," starring Peter Billingsly as Ralphie Parker, a 1940's nine-year-old who pulls out all the stops to obtain his dream gift.

Check it all out @ your library!

Betsy Solon, Library Director

"The Welcome"

An invitation to veterans, family and friends: A special video about men and women returning from war and the struggles they have to undergo in adjusting to civilian life.

To be shown **Friday November 9th at 7:00 pm**. Pilgrim Church of Brentwood-Kingston, Middle Road. Brentwood. Open to the public. For more details call 347-5099.

Gene Orcutt

Email: orcu416@comcast.net

Municipal Budget Committee

The Brentwood Budget Committee has begun its season of budget review, and we'd like to welcome any taxpayers to our Monday night meetings, always open to the public. As we do not meet weekly, please check the schedule online or on the last page of this newsletter.

Every so often, we try to conduct "field trips" to town departments and buildings so we can be a bit more tuned in to budget needs when they come up during the season. We have found that it is easier for our members to understand the budget numbers when they come to us if we have a visual and an understanding of the department space, new or desired. All have expressed an interest this year in visiting the Mary E. Bartlett Library (downstairs renovation), the Highway Department/Shed and the Historical Building/Grange, a roaming meeting which we have planned for November 17th, Saturday early AM. We will start at the Highway Shed at 8AM, then the Library at 8:30 and the Grange by 9:00AM. Grab your travel mug and meet us or join us to learn more about the buildings you support and finance!

Elyse G. Seeley

Budget Committee Chair

Brentwood's 12th Annual After-Christmas Tree Limo Fundraiser

By the time you have this newsletter issue in hand, winter will be underway, to the groans of many and the delight of many more! We will have elected a president, with a similar collective reaction. No matter what, change is hard...and we learn to weather the transition and adapt to a new reality.

And with that preface, we announce a change to the annual Brentwood Tree Limo Fundraiser beginning this season. It is a successful fundraiser, raising around \$1000 annually for very few and often no applicants to the Tree Limo Grant. For eleven years, the limo has been staffed by the same hard-working elves and their sons, many of whom were Boy Scouts. In 2010, part of the Tree Limo grant supported Connor Ball's Eagle Scout project, which started a conversation. Since then, we have discussed transferring the operations of this service directly to the Boy Scouts, and last year we had some of his BSA leaders join us on our tree runs, just to test it out. For 2013, Connor's Troop 322 will sponsor and run the annual *After-Christmas Tree Limo* Fundraiser, using all donations to support camping trips, backpacking and other Boy Scout activities for these fine young men.

On your end, nothing will change, except for new reservation contacts and check endorsements. You will still, with mixed feelings and all choked up, drag those sad, dry, tinsel-free trees down to your curbs on January 4th to be whisked away magically the next day! Only this time, the elves will ALL be Boy Scouts and their leaders.

We hope you will continue to support this wonderful service again this coming January! Details on participation can be found in this Brentwood Newsletter issue.

Just to congratulate them one last time, the most recent recipients of this town grant have been:

2006: \$740 to the Fourth of July Fireworks Fund

2007: \$818 to the Knight Riders 4-H Club Pilgrim Church project

2008: \$665 to the BRC Playground

2009/2010: \$1,320 to both the Fourth of July Fireworks Fund and Connor Ball's Eagle Scout BRC Project.

2011/12: \$1,666 plus company match of \$825 to the Brie Dillon Memorial Fund to build a wheelchair accessible path along the Exeter River in Brentwood.

Elyse G. Seeley



The 12th Annual All-Volunteer "AFTER CHRISTMAS" TREE LIMO SERVICE

Newly Sponsored by Boy Scouts Troop 322

**Pick up on Saturday,
January 5, 2013**

Brentwood's Christmas Tree Limo Service is providing worry-free disposal of your tired, sappy, needle bare Christmas trees.

What do you need to do?

- Phone #642-3537 or e-mail your tree's reservation to treelimo@aol.com before Friday, January 4th 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 SATURDAY JANUARY 5TH, attach a donation of \$10.00 (or more!) to the treetop in a weather-proof bag.

NOTE CHANGE: Checks payable to the BSA TROOP 322.



Save your backs!* Save your vehicle's paint!
Let us get sappy!!*

Brentwood Recreation News

Thank you!!

Many thanks to the hard working volunteers who coached our youth soccer program this fall. We had at least 26 parents coaching and running the field with the kids. Thank you for your time, effort and patience!

Youth Basketball

K-2nd Grade will begin their season on Saturday, December 1st. Travel teams for 3rd-8th will begin their season Saturday, December 8th.

Schedules will be available on the Recreation website.

Kid's Yoga Class

FREE CLASS November 13th (*enter from downstairs door*). Children K-5th are invited to a Free yoga class on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6:30pm

Next session – 5 Weeks: Nov. 20 – Dec. 18

Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 7:30pm (downstairs)
For children Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Classes will be offered Tuesdays: Nov 20, 27 & Dec 4, 11, 18 for **\$30.00 per child**. Space is limited and a minimum of 5 children is needed to hold the class. Beginning in January, classes will be offered for \$25.00/month/child. All registration done through the Recreation office. **Deadline is November 19th.**

Parents enjoy class upstairs while your child is downstairs!

The *Let's Get Movin'!* philosophy is to encourage children to be compassionate and kind. The program integrates movement and music while stretching and strengthening the body. Breathing techniques are taught to help with anxiety, stress and relaxation. For additional information on the program, see our website: www.letsgetmovin.com. If you have questions about the program please contact Cheryl at crossnh@comcast.net or 642-5985.

Yoga Class

Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm. \$64/ eight weeks
Next session begins: November 27th.
Drop-ins always welcome at \$10/class.

Play-Well Tek "LEGO Engineering"

February Break! Watch for more information. This is a project-based program designed to teach principles and methods of engineering and encourage students to work through design challenges using what they have learned. Dates and times TBA.

Calls from the North Pole!

With the help of our good friends at the North Pole, your child has an opportunity to speak with Santa this holiday season! He will be happy to call your child **December 16th or 17th** between 5:30 and 7:00pm to talk to them and wish them a Merry Christmas. Please register your child with the Recreation Office no later than Monday, December 10th. We'll need their name, age and number

you wish Santa to call. (IMPORTANT: Since Santa will need the list and the office will be closed Dec. 12th - 17th, we will not be able to add names after the deadline.)

Men's 30+ Basketball

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on Thursday, November 29th: 7:30-9:00pm at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter. All players must sign up through the Recreation office by November 20th.

Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website. Cost: \$75/10 weeks.

Zumba Class

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Next session will start October 31st but drop-ins are always welcome.

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! Sign-up through the Recreation office.

Cost: \$42/six weeks. Drop-ins always welcome at \$9/night!

King Pine Family Ski Program

We are again 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. Deadline is December 20th.

Dates: Sundays 1/20, 1/27, 2/3 & 2/10

Times: 10:00am – 4pm

Cost: 4 week lift/lesson: \$112 junior \$136 Adults
4 week lift/lesson rental \$183 junior \$227 Adults

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
Lessons	\$24 junior	\$24 Adults

Sign-up in the Recreation office. Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website.

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.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

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

Commission meetings: 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm.

To the Editor:

This is a letter to praise Margaret Dullea and the Brentwood Recreation Department. I have some experience with what passes for recreation departments in other towns and what we enjoy is vastly superior. This department thrives because of Margaret. I have volunteered for her for three years now and I am constantly impressed by how on top of her game she always is.

All our children have well organized sports and recreation activities available to them on grounds that are unfailingly clean and safe. I myself enjoy Bob Meegans Tang Soo Do martial arts class that meets on Mondays and Fridays at 6:30 every week. I'm able to fit this into my family's tight budget because Mr. Meegan only charges \$50 per month for individuals and only \$90 per month for a family regardless of that family's size. Mr. Meegan is able to charge such an affordable sum because Margaret makes this possible.

Margaret has made arrangements for similar deals for us with Yoga for children and Adults, Zumba, Adult Basketball leagues, ski trips and much much more. Everyone who uses the services that Brentwood Recreation provides should know Margaret's name and take the time to appreciate all that she does.

Seth Wolfe

Superintendent's Report – October 2012

Following paragraphs are excerpted from the October Report of SAU 16 Superintendent of Schools, Michael Morgan

Enrollment Trends

Officially the New Hampshire Department of Education requires each school district to report its student enrollment on October 1 annually. Trends are determined from this consistent data point.

For the **eight school years** beginning on October 1, 2005 through October 1, 2012, the following changes are noted:

Brentwood-391 to 367-Decrease of 6.13%
 East Kingston-188 to 179-Decrease of 4.78%
 Exeter-1013 to 1029-Increase of 1.58%
 Kensington-208 to 165-Decrease of 20.67%
 Newfields-165 to 125-Decrease of 24.24%
 Stratham-644 to 632-Decrease of 1.88%
 Cooperative Middle School-1326 to 1365-Increase of 2.94%
 Exeter High School-1611 to 1752-Increase of 8.75%

The **one-year change** from October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2012 is as follows:

Brentwood-398 to 367-Decrease of 7.79%
 East Kingston-197 to 179-Decrease of 9.13%
 Exeter-1028 to 1029-Essentially Unchanged
 Kensington-187 to 165-Decrease of 11.76%
 Newfields-134 to 125-Decrease of 6.71%
 Stratham-652 to 632-Decrease of 3.07%
 Cooperative Middle School-1365 to 1356-
 Decrease of 0.66%
 Exeter High School-1703 to 1752-Increase of 2.88%

Cost Per Pupil by District

Each year the State of New Hampshire receives information relative to the cost per pupil for the past school year. This actual cost includes all services provided to students. It encompasses staff salaries and benefits, books, supplies, facility upkeep and maintenance, and extracurricular activities. In order to maintain some level of consistency among school districts in the state, this figure does not include student transportation, food service, debt service, or out-of-district special education costs. These numbers are subject to change after review by the New Hampshire Department of Education and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. Preliminary figures for **2011-2012**:

Brentwood--\$11,359.80
 East Kingston--\$12,585.86
 Exeter----\$15,242.67
 Exeter Region Cooperative----\$13,380.04
 Kensington--\$14,388.83
 Newfields--\$14,284.10
 Stratham--\$13,953.51
 STATE AVERAGES for 2011-2012 are not yet available.

For comparison, the following was the official per pupil cost in **2010-2011** as reported by the NH Department of Education:

Brentwood--\$12,577.53
 East Kingston--\$12,351.73
 Exeter--\$14,086.69
 Exeter Region Cooperative--\$12,310.73
 Kensington--\$13,669.04
 Newfields--\$13,573.91
 Stratham--\$13,544.50
 The STATE AVERAGE for Elementary Schools was \$13,120.20.
 The STATE AVERAGE for Middle Schools was \$12,114.55
 The STATE AVERAGE for High Schools was \$12,649.66

BRENTWOOD DENTAL DESIGNS

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Brentwood resident Tamatha L. Johnson, DDS, is pleased to announce the opening of her new practice, Brentwood Dental Designs, in the Market Basket Plaza, Brickyard Square, Epping. Previously practicing as the director of Core Physicians Adult Dental Practice in Exeter, Dr. Johnson is thrilled to launch Brentwood Dental Designs in her own community. "I'm excited to offer a convenient dental home to the families in this area, and I look forward to building long lasting relationships with them."



Dr. Johnson is a native Texan, but fell in love with New Hampshire the moment she arrived in 2007. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science from Texas A&M University in 1993 and a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1997. She then accepted a commission as a Captain in the United States Air Force, and had the privilege of practicing dentistry in places such as Osan Air Base, South Korea; McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Washington; the United States Military Academy at West Point; and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Her husband, Steve, works in Nashua, and sons Micah and Griffin attend Swasey Central School.

Brentwood Dental Designs is now welcoming new patients. Dr. Johnson offers cosmetic and family dentistry in a modern, peaceful and inviting environment. She aims to redefine your dental experience! For more information call 603-679-3679 or visit www.brentwooddentaldesigns.com

"I'm really proud to have my name on the front door of Brentwood Dental Designs, but even more, to have our town's name on my business."

A *Newsletter* Business Article

Christmas Fair & Luncheon

It's that time of year again..... **Pilgrim United Church of Christ** will be holding its **Annual Christmas Fair & Luncheon** on **Saturday, December 1st** 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. There will be an Adult Story Hour. You will not want to miss our fabulous Luncheon that includes lobster rolls, chicken salad, and homemade soups. Come and Catch the Spirit of the Season.

Gene Orcutt

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Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will have their annual anniversary luncheon on **Wednesday, November 14** at The Old Salt Restaurant, 490 Lafayette Road in Hampton. Members who have signed up for their meals with President Sandy Thorsell are reminded **to arrive about noon** for conversation and appetizers. Luncheon will be served at 12:30.

For information please call Sandy Thorsell at 772-4476.

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Health Insurance—Guaranteed Maximum Rate Increase

After experiencing a 10.37% average annual increase in health insurance premiums for the past 15 years (1998-2012), the Guaranteed Maximum Rate (GMR) Increase for school districts who are part of the Local Government Center network (featuring Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield products), **will be an average of 15% for 2013-2014**. For the past two consecutive years (2011-2013) the GMR has been under 5% annually. The final rate for those two years averaged less than 1%! This new projection will have a significant impact on proposed budgets within the SAU.

Reflection

Since the 1970s so much has been added to the roles and responsibilities of our public schools. "It all started with breakfast" is one of my favorite themes. School breakfast programs were added to school lunch programs in the mid-70's. What else has been added since that time? (Answer: To name just a few: Special Education including occupational therapy, vocational therapy, and speech-language therapy; Title IX; full day kindergarten; computer education; full-time school nurses; distance learning; gifted and talented education; health and wellness education; bullying prevention; personal finance literacy; homeless education; and career and tech prep education.) It is no wonder that the cost of public school education has ballooned!

Historical Notes

Railroads

In March 1903, the New Hampshire Legislature granted charters for the establishment of two trolley lines through Brentwood. One was to start in Chester, pass through Raymond, Fremont and Brentwood, and join with the Exeter, Hampton and Amesbury line at Exeter. The other was to run from Newton through Newton Junction, Kingston, Brentwood and Epping to Exeter. This was to connect with the Exeter, Hampton and Amesbury line at Exeter, and at the other end with the Haverhill, Plaistow and Newton line.

Brentwood town records show that for several years previous at their yearly Town Meeting, the voters had discussed the question of aid to a Salisbury-Epping railroad if it went through the town, and had consistently vetoed the idea. The Town Meeting of 1870 finally settled the question, however. LaRoy Smith, in a letter to his brother-in-law at Dartmouth, wrote: "Just think of Brentwood holding Town Meeting two days. We had to ballot seven times for Representative and then he only got it by two majority. But the most exciting part was the second day on voting to aid the Epping and Salisbury railroad. There were about ninety voters present and they voted not to aid by about six to one. But this was

not the end of it for it brought out the speeches and there was some pretty smart talking by those in favor, but rather weak on the other side. It took about three hours to do the talking, then they voted to reconsider it by one majority. Then they voted to aid the railroad by six majority. When this vote was announced there was some heavy shouting. I should think you might have heard them up to Hanover."

The town apparently tried to carry out its bargain, for an item in the *Exeter News-Letter* of June 5, 1903 states, "The prospect for an electric railroad through town seems more encouraging, as funds are being solicited for a survey of the route."

However, no electric company was interested in taking up the option and the incorporation acts expired in 1905.

The Many Businesses of Ephraim Flanders

Ephraim Gordon Flanders was born August 1834, son of Benjamin and Mary Gordon Flanders, who lived on Lake Road. He remained with his parents until he was eighteen years old. He bought a grist mill in Brentwood where he not only ground grain but also made shingles, wheel spokes and hubs. LaRoy Smith wrote in his diary of going down to help Ephraim Flanders raise his mill in 1868. About 1870 he sold this business, remaining in the lumber business. He also did insurance and probate work in addition to being a Justice of the Peace and active in local affairs.

Ephraim married Hannah E. Tuck (1845-1907). They lived in the large house across from the present Grange Hall [now the Historical Society Museum], known to us as the Moul or Einhorn buildings [now 139 Crawley Falls Road]. He had a store in the Grange Hall and rented the upstairs hall for community affairs. Some people remember the large platform scales in front of his house.

"Brentwood's 225 Years, 1742-1967,"
pages 105 and 75.

To the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the individual(s) who thought it was necessary to steal my flags. I had two flags stolen off of my property in the first week of October. A 3' x 5' "POW-MIA" flag and a 3' x 5' "Don't Tread on Me" flag. Along with the flags, the flag poles and mounts. I guess the Army Navy Store and Lowe's no longer carry these items.

These flags were gifts to me. The fact that someone stole them still baffles me. Why?? is all that I can ask. I hope at least someone is now enjoying them!

Karma may be slow, but it does catch up! Thanks again.

Ron Fuller, Crawley Falls Road

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opportunity. Please contact Kim Denman at mkdenman@comcast.net
with any questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 8 **"The Finest Hours,"** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library Slides presented by Michael Tougias.
- Nov. 9 **"The Welcome,"** – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church, Middle Road. Video about returning from war.
- Nov. 10 **"Teams and Teamsters"**—Program & demonstration- 10am-1 pm, Brentwood Museum.
- Nov. 13 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Nov. 14 Conservation Commission – 7:00 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.
 Brentwood Seniors anniversary luncheon – 12 noon, Old Salt Restaurant, Hampton.
- Nov. 15 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library.
 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "Moonrise Kingdom."
- Nov. 16 **Friday Night Flicks** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "Brave."
- Nov. 19 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
 School Board meeting – 6:00 pm. Swasey School Library.
- Nov. 20 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 – making Holiday wreaths
- Nov. 26 Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. Selection to be announced.
- Nov. 27 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 29 Adult Craft Night – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library

- Dec. 3 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
 Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Firehouse
- Dec. 6 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 7 Annual Christmas Tea -6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Grace Ministries, International, Route 125.
- Dec. 8 **Santa visits the library** – 9:00 am until noon, Bartlett Library.

The public is welcome at all above events

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