

Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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December Recycling Pick-Up Dates

December 4 & 5
December 18 & 19

The week of Christmas and New Year's, regular trash collection will be delayed one day due to the holidays.

EMS Person of the Year !

The New Hampshire Police, Fire & Emergency Medical Services Foundation selects and awards an annual Police officer, Firefighter and EMS Person of the Year in each of those categories. This year Donna Vadeboncoeur was selected as EMS Person of the Year.

Donna was nominated by Chief Kevin Lemoine and was honored at the New Hampshire Police, Fire, & EMS banquet held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester in October. Members of Donna's family, the Fire Department and Selectman Ken Christiansen and his wife attended the banquet. Donna has been on the Brentwood Fire Department for 15 years and has been the EMS Coordinator for the last 12 years. She has been a paramedic for more than 25 years, caring for the sick and injured as well as training and educating others.

Donna is the second member of the Fire Department to receive these honors. Wayne Raymond received the honor of Firefighter of the Year in 2010.

Chief Kevin Lemoine

Winter Parking

In order to protect the citizens of Brentwood and to facilitate snow removal and sanding operations, there will be no parking allowed on any public street within the Town of Brentwood during the period of November 1 to April 15. Permits to park in the road may be granted by the Selectmen upon a written request to them. Such permits may be granted in special situations and will be for a specific time period.

*Karen Clement
Town Administrator, Brentwood*

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. The schools, churches and Welfare Department have been providing applications to those families who need extra help for the holidays.

The families who are filling out an application are asked to mail it to the Brentwood Fire Department, 419 Middle Road, attention "Toy Drive" by December 10. I am the only one who will see the names. Each family is listed as a "letter" and we make up Christmas ornaments and place them on the Christmas tree located at the Brentwood Town Office.

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

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

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

May you all have a happy and healthy holiday season!

*Donna Vadeboncoeur
Toy Drive Coordinator, Brentwood Fire Department*

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	60.69	114.86
Tons, recycled goods	47.46 (43.8%)	40.97 (26.3%)

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

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:00
 Friday 9:00-12:00

PLANNING BOARD

Phone: 642-6400 X 16
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30

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 / Tax Collector**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 to see the event published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request along with a copy of the “official copy” of the event to the Town Clerk’s Office.

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

The deadline for these letters of request is Monday, December 31, 2012.

- The Tax Bills have all been mailed out. Bills are **due on Friday, December 21.**
- Our office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and on January 1.

Happy Holidays from the staff in the Town Clerk’s/Tax Collector’s Office.

Phyllis Thompson

From the Town Cash Books, 1808-1828:

Jan.29,1809 – Paid Levi Wiggins for his son teaching school one month and half, \$22.50.
 Dec. 3, 1810 – Paid County Treasurer in full for County Tax for year 1810, \$80.97.
 March 1812 – Paid Samuel Shepard \$83.38 in full for keeping school the year past.
 Nov. 19, 1818 – Paid Simon Fellows 50¢ for three pints of rum used on repairing Copy Hold bridge.

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

Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets

A Public Hearing for the Brentwood Town and School Budgets will take place on **Monday, January 14, 2013, 7:00 pm** at the Brentwood Town Offices. This is an informational session. Questions and Answers are encouraged and welcome.

Snow date will be Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee

Brentwood’s 2012 Tax Rate

Brentwood residents and property owners should be in receipt of their final tax bill for 2012. As indicated on the tax bill, our tax rate is \$23.24.

The breakdown of the rate is as follows:

Town rate	\$ 3.32
Local School rate	16.59
State School rate:	2.31
County Rate	<u>1.02</u>
Total	\$ 23.24

Selectmen’s Office

News from the Brentwood Trails Committee



Craig Poirier, Pepper Briscoe, and Debbie Briscoe at the Fish and Game property on South Road.

On October 14 the Brentwood Trails Committee, along with neighbors and friends of Jean Clough, gathered to celebrate her late husband Alan's life and present a memorial plaque in his honor. The plaque has been placed on the bridge on the Haigh Road trail, where Alan generously shared his "know-how" and gave many hours to the bridge building project. "The Tool Man" is very much missed on the Trails Committee.

On November 1 the Brentwood Trails Committee was pleased to host the lecture "Basic Trail Maintenance," presented by Jeremy Burns from the Bear Brook State Park Student Conservation Association. In addition to the group of outdoor sportsmen and women, naturalists and landscapers, those in attendance included the Derry Trail Riders, local Conservation Commissions and Open Space Committees. There were plenty of questions and lots of discussion regarding methods of trail maintenance, how to meet the needs of different user groups, and the possibility of joint ventures with other towns. The enthusiastic crowd was energized and ready to go to work!

Some new ideas and projects for the coming year were brainstormed at the Committee's regular monthly meeting on November 5. The Committee is investigating the possibility of public pedestrian access on the New Hampshire Fish & Game property, located on South Road. Members of the committee walked the property on November 11, and further discussion is taking place. Once decisions have been made the results will be shared in this newsletter.

Also, the Committee is considering ways in which to encourage Brentwood residents to get out and explore the town's trails system. Possibilities include several guided or themed activities throughout the year, each geared toward a specific activity such as walking, biking, snowshoeing or horseback riding. There are many

interesting and beautiful pieces of land in the Brentwood Trails system to enjoy- it's a great way to get some fresh air and exercise, and it's free! Your ideas are welcome.

The Trails Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Town Offices. New members are always welcome. Contact Debbie Briscoe, Chair, at brentwoodtrails@aol.com.

Rebecca Davis

Thank You...Brentwood Presidential Voters and Election Workers !

Our Polls opened at 8 AM on Nov.6, and before 8:30 there was a line of voters stretching to the very back of the furthest Community Center parking lot !

We started with 2650 registered voters (out of a Brentwood population of around 4600) and throughout the day registered 228 new voters for a total of 2878 registered voters. And of those 2878 registered voters...2447 voted! That included 329 Absentee Ballots.

By law we can open, compare signatures, call out the names, and insert the Absentee Ballots after 1 PM. But not on Nov. 6...not with the day-long steady stream of voters. So dealing with Absentee Ballots was held till after the 7 PM Polls closing, and it took from 7:30 PM till around 10 PM. Finally, around 10:30, the tabulations could be announced.

Brentwood generally has a higher percentage turnout of voters than many Towns and Cities across New Hampshire and this Presidential Election was no exception, with an 85 percent turnout!

So...THANK YOU...Brentwood registered voters...those who have returned to the Polls for decades and Nov.6th's 228 newly registered voters.

And ...THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU ELECTION WORKERS ...who spent a l-o-n-g day working the Polls.

Dick Chamberlain
Brentwood Town Moderator

Mailing Crew Needed for Newsletter

The *Brentwood Newsletter* requires a mailing crew for each of its 11 issues to label and prepare it for its Bulk Rate mailing. We are lucky to have enough crews so that each group does the task only once a year. At this point there is a vacant slot, and we'd be very grateful if a group would volunteer its time. Please call me if you'd like more information – 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

December Happenings

We are pleased to be hosting several local authors on Saturday, **December 8** from **9:30am – Noon**. Come by to meet these talented folks, who will be signing and selling their works. (This event will coincide with Santa's visit from 9am - noon!)

The Friends of the Library Craft Fair is open for business through **December 22**. We welcome you to stop by to purchase small gifts for the holidays while supporting the Friends of the Library and the crafters who worked so hard to create these homemade items. For those interested in selling their crafts, please check the website or contact the library for details.

Teen Craft Time will take place on **December 15** from **10:00am–11:30am**. Participants will learn to make cards and envelopes for the holidays with Lorrie Miner, paper-crafter extraordinaire! Classes are for Grades 5 through 12 and registration is required. Please check the library website for details.

All Seniors are invited to **Senior Cinema** at **1pm** on **Wednesday, Dec 12** for a matinee showing of "**A Christmas Story**," starring Peter Billingsly as Ralphie Parker, who hilariously tries to convince his parents and teachers that a Red Ryder BB Gun is the perfect gift for him.

Family Flicks will occur on **December 27** at **1:30pm** during the school break. We will be showing "**Ice Age 4**," rated PG. We'll provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottle.

We will be closed on Monday, **December 24** and Tuesday, **December 25** for the **Christmas** holiday, and Monday, **December 31** and Tuesday, **January 1** for **New Year**. Preschool Storytimes will resume on Tuesday, **January 2**, once the older kids are back to school!

Happy Holidays from all of us at the library! We wish you peace, health and happiness during this joyful season.

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Friends of the Library

The Friends would like to extend a huge thank-you to all who helped make this year's Scarecrow Festival a great success. I don't have enough space for all the names, but we want to thank the bakers, food sellers, parking attendants, craft/activity helpers, parade coordinators and festival committee. Without your help we could not be able to put this together. We also want to thank the sponsors and individuals who put up scarecrows; your creativity was definitely on display. One last thank you to I-Hui Liu, Jody Hansen and Sue Mitchell for cleaning the basement. It is a huge task to

keep the basement organized and cleaned and they did a great job.

On Saturday, **December 8** our annual visit from Santa is happening. Make sure you come to the library **from 9-12** to have your kids tell Santa what is on their list. While your kids are talking to Santa you can take advantage of our annual Christmas Craft Fair and do some holiday shopping. The items for purchase are all made by your friends and neighbors in Brentwood, so come support their talent.

While visiting the library, please take a minute to view 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 meeting will be on **Thursday, December 13 at 9:30**. We would love to welcome new members who love the library as much as we do. So come join us for coffee and chat about events you may like to see at the library.

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events simply 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

Boy Scouts and Tupperware?

A strange combination? Well not really, if you think of all the stuff we bring along on our campouts!

Troop 192 is conducting a Tupperware fundraiser to purchase much needed supplies for the new Brentwood troop. We recently launched a new website at <http://bstroop192.ScoutLander.com>.

You may visit there to find more details on your Scouting program in Brentwood and the Tupperware sales. 100% of Tupperware sales proceeds goes to Troop 192. If you would like further information about Scouting in Brentwood or would like a Tupperware catalog please call Steve Floyd at (603) 479-7550. Thank you in advance for supporting scouting in Brentwood!

Mailing Crew for November

Many, many thanks on behalf of the community to the following people in the Brooks Crossing area who assembled the November *Newsletter* for mailing: Samantha and daughter Lily Garon, Deb and Dick Harris, Deb O'Connor, Kiki Wahl, daughter Olivia Wahl and son, Alex Wahl, Kim and Steve Woods, and Betsy Budelman.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Progress on the Rowell Road River Path

We are grateful to the Christmas Tree Limo Fund for its generous support of the proposed accessible pathway being planned along Rowell Road, near the Haigh Road bridge. Pending approval from the state, we anticipate that construction will begin in early spring. The Limo Fund grant, as well as a half-match by an anonymous donor, and other donations, will enable the purchase of materials, the sitting stones, and the equipment and expertise needed to create this path. While Brentwood has many fine trails, there are limited places for those people who have mobility challenges to enjoy the river safely. This pathway will provide a new and needed opportunity for everyone!

The property is owned by Norman and Carole Wilson, who are allowing the path to be created in memory of our daughter, Brianna Rose Dillon, by Brianna's friends and family. The Wilsons have agreed that this path can be used in perpetuity on land they have placed in conservation with the Brentwood Conservation Commission and Seacoast Land Trust. This upland area has been used by visitors for many years to view and listen to the Exeter River. The installation of the proposed stone dust path will create the opportunity for wheelchair access to this scenic area while enhancing the experience for others already using the area.

The layout for the path was selected to minimize impact on existing healthy trees. The path will end in a wide loop to permit wheelchair users to turn around. The path is modeled after the path at the Rachel Carson Conservation Area in Wells, Maine but is smaller in scope and size. The area will be open to the road so that people will feel safe in this secluded area.

It is anticipated that the project will require two to three weeks to complete. The Town of Brentwood has a strong history of volunteerism which will be the basis of the work force, likely working on successive weekends. The volunteers will be supplemented with hired carpenters to install the edging, with additional workers hired if the volunteer effort is not sufficient for some reason. Weekend 1 will include layout and sub-grade preparation and placement of the sitting stones. The edging is planned for installation between Weekend 1 and 2. Weekend 2 will include placement of crushed stone and stone dust.

We are grateful to the Wilson family for letting us use their land, to Bob Magnusson for his generous guidance and engineering expertise, and to the Limo Fund and our "anonymous donor" for their extreme generosity. We are also grateful to friends, family, and One Sky Community Services for their contributions to help this project become a reality. We will let you all know when we get the approval to move forward! This town has been an amazing place to raise our family and

we are delighted to work on a project so that all citizens can enjoy this lovely and peaceful part of the river. Your support to Brie during her lifetime was truly remarkable and we are forever grateful. Thank you for all the goodness and kindness toward her and our family!

Sincerely,
Ann and Bill Dillon, Brentwood

Swasey Central School Updates

Season's Greetings from everyone here at Swasey Central School. Last month we hosted our annual Grandfriends' Day before Thanksgiving. We had over 250 visitors to our school on Nov. 20. Our guests had refreshments and then spent time with students in their classrooms working on activities and playing games. This event allows grandparents a chance to spend time with their grandkids and see what their school is all about. It's also an opportunity for them to meet all of the teachers. We appreciate all the parent volunteers who helped to make this day so popular and successful.

I'm happy to introduce our new Curriculum Coordinator, Laura Yacek, who started with us at the beginning of school. Laura plays an important role in our school. The focus for her first few months has been getting to know the staff, students, parents, and members of the community. Laura provides support for on-going activities and introduces new initiatives including The Book of the Month, which is a new school-wide program that encourages book discussions across grade levels and promotes community-building. Laura is also facilitating our implementation of Common Core State Standards. One of her goals is to provide staff with professional development and resources that will ensure student achievement and mastery of the Common Core Standards. She is also coordinating our enrichment program, which complements academic and social skills. We are glad to have her with us.

We are proud of the academic rigor and opportunities at Swasey, but we are just as proud of the community spirit that exists. One of our students is fundraising for a cure for childhood cancers by selling "Dance for Life" bracelets for the cause. Another group of students is gathering school supplies for hurricane victims in New York. Our school community comes together once a month at our "Swasey Shindigs." These monthly assemblies allow us to feature our students' work and activities and give us a forum to celebrate together as a school. The creativity and excitement at SCS is amazing. Every classroom engages students and has high expectations. I encourage you to check out our school website at <http://scs.sau16.org> to get a glimpse at some of the activities and programs that are in place. Enjoy the holiday season and best wishes for the New Year.

Principal Ron Kew

Brentwood Recreation News

Youth Basketball

K-2nd Grade will begin their season on Saturday, December 1. Travel teams for 3rd-8th will begin their season Saturday, December 8. Schedules will be available on the Recreation website.

Yoga Class

Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm

We're offering a short session Dec. 4 - Dec. 18- \$24/three weeks. Next session begins: January 8 \$64/ eight weeks. Drop-ins always welcome at \$10/class.

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 10.** 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. 12-17, we will not be able to add names after the deadline.)

Play-Well Tek "LEGO Engineering" -- February Break!

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February 26- March 1:

Pre-Engineering: 9:00am-12:00pm

Engineering FUNDamentals:1:00pm-4:00pm. Cost: \$100

For more details visit the Recreation web pages at www.brentwoodnh.gov.

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 20.

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

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

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.

Brentwood Author Publishes Children's Book

Alicia Rossman, who is familiar to many residents as the energetic leader of yoga classes at the Community Center, has written a book entitled *Miss Lyla's Banana Pancakes to the Rescue*. It is a creative children's book that encourages youth volunteerism along with a healthy active lifestyle.

There will be a Book Signing and Interactive Cooking Demo at the Water Street Bookstore on **Thursday, January 3, at 4:00 pm.** If you can't make the book signing you can purchase the book directly through Alicia (preferred method) or the hard cover/ eBook through the publisher: <http://www.ebookstand.com/bookdetails/misslylasbananapanakestotherescue>.

Alicia will also have a "Princess & Princess Yoga Camp" on Friday, December 28, from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Exeter Recreation Department.

Historical Society

The Brentwood Historical Society will be hosting our annual Open House on **Sunday, December 9 from 2-5**. Come and mingle and sing a few Christmas carols and songs. There will be a children's activity to take home and the **egg nog** and refreshments will be waiting for you.

At our last program the Yankee Teamsters, a well-known prize-winning 4 H club, brought two teams of oxen, a young pair and an older pair, to demonstrate how they are worked. Several of our members, some experienced and some not, took the chance to drive them.



Gordon Wilson tested his skills at maneuvering an ox team on November 10 when two teams visited the Historical Society.

At least one youngster spent a good bit of time driving them around and really seemed to get hooked on them. By next year we may be seeing a new team in town!

The leader recommended the book titled "Down the Mast Road" by John M. Duncan, which tells the story of a young boy from Durham driving his team of oxen from Durham to the seaport of Portsmouth in 1775. He was hauling a huge tree to be used as a ship's mast in the early days of yesteryear. The story is complete with the dialect of the time and tells of his trials and troubles as a boy of 15, determined to hold his own among seasoned rough and tumble men. It is an excellent account of life among the woodcutters and drivers, and mentions the towns that are familiar to us. The library does have the book, so check it out and read about a boy's life in our area in the year 1775.

For other information, or to arrange to see the museum by appointment, call Alma Vahey, 679-8635 or Maureen Menter, Curator, 679-4353.

Alma Vahey, President

Brentwood Seniors

From the Brentwood Seniors, a huge thank-you to all our members and friends who donated so much food to our bake sale held on Election Day. And thank you to those who bought and so generously donated. The bake sales have been our only source of income, which in turn enable us to sometimes have special programs for which we must pay.

The Seniors meet at the Community Center on the fourth Wednesday of each month, usually for potluck lunch, and for a program and good neighborly chit chat, gathering at 11 with the business meeting starting 11:30. Because of the date of Christmas, **this month the meeting will be Wednesday, December 19**. A Christmas musical program will be presented by the second grade classes of Swasey Central School.

On the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of the month there is a **Senior Activity Day** at the Community Center from **10 to 1**. Right now our main focus has been on senior yoga from 10:30-11:00am, all done either sitting or standing by our chairs – and it is free! But we also have games including cards, cribbage boards, Scrabble, jigsaw puzzles and a Wii game with tennis, fishing and bowling. We could even start a bowling league of our own if there was enough interest, and play against the seniors of Exeter, Newmarket and Seabrook. The coffee pot is on with potluck snacks, and those that stay on after yoga sometimes bring their own lunch or send out for pizza. It is a good time to hobnob with each other and welcome new seniors in our area. For more information call Seniors president, Sandy Thorsell, 772-4476.

Alma Vahey for the Brentwood Seniors

A Huge Thank You

We are extremely grateful to the entire fire and rescue team who responded to our call for help in the early morning hours on October 30. Your rapid response and professional teamwork saved our home from total disaster. Thanks to the outstanding effort of each person who responded, we avoided a serious loss of property and personal treasures. As we make our way through this brief disturbance in our lives, we are thankful for so many little things that mean a lot. We have learned that you took time to cover furniture and valuables which helped save precious items, one of which was our wedding album. The kindness and support we experienced in getting my 96-year-old mom settled is also very much appreciated. Our experience has given us a new level of appreciation for the dangerous, difficult work that you do – and you do so with steadiness and compassion.

Thanks also to our good friends and neighbors for your kindness and support at this time.

With Sincere Thanks and Gratitude,
Elaine Wiesman

Brentwood Gardeners



The Gardeners had another happy and productive wreath-making workshop at their November meeting.

The Brentwood Gardeners had a merry evening at their November meeting. First they went around the table to hear everyone tell a favorite memory or favorite food from their family Thanksgivings. Then they surveyed a tarp piled high with many kinds of greens and berries, watched Torie Freeman start a wreath for guidance, then planned their own wreaths and waded into the greens on the floor. After more than an hour of absorbed clipping and wiring, fortified by delicious refreshments thanks to Kate Locke, Suzanne Hannon and their helpers, the group was ready to pose for the above picture.

All members are invited to the Gardeners' Christmas Party on **Thursday, December 13, beginning 6:30 pm, at Torie Freeman's home.** Bring a dish of appetizers, veggies or dessert, and a wrapped gift for the Yankee Swap if you wish to participate – with a "garden theme," no more than \$10 cost. For more information call co-presidents Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Gardening Tips

- As houseplants are growing more slowly in December light, cut down on watering by half until active growth resumes. Hold off on fertilizing as well. Group houseplants near each other to form a support group to cope with the low humidity of most winter homes.
- To protect tender perennials from harsh winter weather, build a wooden box with no top or bottom. Place it over the plants after the ground has frozen and fill with leaves.

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
 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
 Davis & Reuss Appraisals – Rebecca Davis
 Deer Hill Electric – Roger Savage
 Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella – Doug Mansfield
 Elite Auto of Exeter, Inc. – David Clarke
 Exeter Motor Works – Dan Gill
 Gallant, D.L., Equipment Repair – David Gallant
 Goodrich, Peter, Carpentry – Peter Goodrich
 Gus' Auto – Harry Lindsay
 Hometown Heating – Carol Holt
 Mary Kay – Paula Beebe
 Michelle's Pet Spaw – Michelle Powers
 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
 Pickpocket Arts – Bonnie Porter
 Real Estate Hub – Michael Hubbard
 Ringo's Used Furniture & Antiques – John Guillemette
 Roberts, David, Co. – David Roberts
 Roy, Leo P. – Builder
 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

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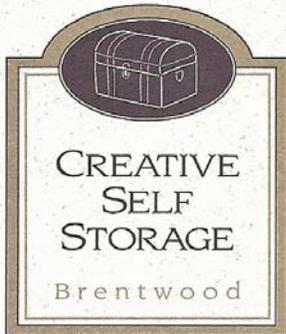


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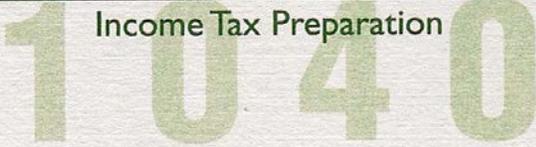


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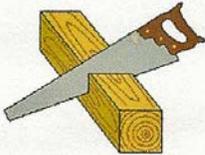
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Bluegrass Christmas Concert

There will be a **Bluegrass Christmas Concert** on **Saturday, December 8, 2012** at the Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A), offering a seasonal blend of Bluegrass & Acoustic Holiday Music. Tickets at the door only: \$15 Adults, children under 12 & Seniors \$10. All seating is general admission only. The show will begin at **7:30 PM** (doors open at 6:45).

"Christmas in the Valley" features holiday music performed by Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band. Their show will feature songs from Bob Dick's solo bluegrass Christmas project *Tidings Of Comfort And Joy* performed by the Bluegrass "fab four"...Bob Dick, Dave Dick, Ken Taylor and Dan Nowlan. Bob's wife Kristine Dick adds some heartfelt versions of her favorite Christmas songs to the concert each year. Vocalist Amy Gallatin and Guitarist Roger Williams will join in blending upbeat, fun and familiar songs with more contemplative quiet music. Rick Lang & Friends will be heard in music from the Christmas CD *The Season of My Heart* featuring vocalist Karen Lincoln Wilber.

For information please contact the Pilgrim Church, 778-3189, or Rick Lang, 642-5588, rick@haleyannamus-ic.com.

Worship on Christmas Eve

The members and friends of Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood-Kingston invite you to join us on **Monday, December 24 at 7:00 PM** for our traditional **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**.

Come sing the familiar carols and hear the wonderful Christmas story. Come celebrate the joy of Christmas and the wonder of God's love. Pilgrim Church is located at 197 Middle Road in Brentwood.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Nellie B. Swasey** of Pickpocket Road, who died at age 99 on November 13 at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Born in Newton, New Hampshire, she was a graduate of Sanborn Seminary in Kingston. She was self-employed as a hairdresser before her marriage to Joseph Swasey in 1937, 75 years ago. She lived in Brentwood for many years, serving as a 4-H leader, an active member of the Keeneborough Grange and the Brentwood Seniors.

Santa-Around-Town

Santa will be visiting your Brentwood neighborhood very soon. The Brentwood Fire Department will be escorting Santa Claus on **Sunday, December 16** starting at 10:00 am and continuing until all the streets in town have been covered.

Early warning for Santa's approach will be in the form of sirens. So listen for the sirens in your neighborhood and when you hear them, have your shoes and coats ready so you can run outside to see Santa. Santa will be throwing candy and waving to everyone he sees.

The Brentwood Firemen's Association



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- 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 5, 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.**



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Christmas Eve at First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Brentwood will hold a short traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm, with Pastor Hastings leading the service. All are welcome and invited to attend. The church is at the corner of North Road and Route 125.

To the Editor

Dear Brentwood Residents,

I have already contacted my Republican opponent, Curtis Grace, and wish to publicly congratulate his election to represent the town of Brentwood in the New Hampshire General Court. I want to thank Mike Hubbard for running a great campaign, too.

I also want to thank all the residents who voted for, donated to and supported my candidacy. I met many people and made wonderful friends during my visits.

During the candidates' forum I spoke with several residents who wanted to know how they can stay abreast of the issues and legislation during the upcoming legislative session. I noted that there are several options for residents to follow the activities of the House and Senate. Below are several links to help you stay on top of specific legislation or hearings held on issues that you may feel strongly about.

Go to the State of New Hampshire website, "NH.gov", on the home page, left side, and click on "Government." In the center of the webpage click on "State Government" then "Legislative Branch" and click on "General Court Website." From this location you have access to all the House of Representatives information.

If you are interested in reading about the House activities, click on "House Calendars and Journal" under the heading "*House of Representatives Dashboard*." The House Calendar provides you an overview of all legislation, by bill number, a brief statement as to the nature of the bill, the Standing House Committee the bill has been assigned to and its hearing schedule. If you want to learn about various pieces of legislation that have been filed, look in the box labeled "*State Legislation Dashboard*" and you can find legislation that has been filed under "2013 Bill Requests (LSRs)." The House Calendar, on the other hand, provides an overview of the House Committee's recommendation on bills heard and brief overview of debate and final action by the House of Representatives on each bill.

Another resource you may want to view is provided by the Local Government Center, "NHLGC.org", which publishes a "Legislative Bulletin" during the legislative session. At the LGC homepage, on the top banner you will see "NH Municipal Association" which you should click on. It will bring you to the NHMA [NH Municipal Association] website, then click on "Legislative Bulletin." This bulletin is produced by NHMA and available each Friday afternoon for download, or you can subscribe to an RSS feed; just follow the procedure on the webpage. This Legislative Bulletin is directed towards municipal issues and provides an overview of particular pieces of municipal legislation that directly affect City and Town government.

I hope you find the above information useful and once again I want to thank all of you for taking the time to vote and I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Respectfully,

Edward Wojnowski

Rockingham County 4-H Thanks Tractor Supply Co. for Youth Support

BRENTWOOD - Rockingham County 4-H is once again the fortunate beneficiary of Tractor Supply Company's 4-H Paper Clover Campaign. The money raised during the Fall 2012 promotion provides direct support for local club activities, afterschool programs, camps, participation in state and national events, and scholarships to these events so that youth can explore their interests in everything from animal science to robotics.

"Tractor Supply stores in both Brentwood and Derry have provided tremendous support for our local 4-H programming in Rockingham County. We are especially grateful for their participation in the Paper Cover Campaign and for reaching out and involving 4-H members in activities at their stores," said Rick Alleva, Field Specialist for UNH Cooperative Extension's Youth & Family Team.

4-H is the youth development program of the UNH Cooperative Extension. In Rockingham County, more than 1,000 4-H members and 200 adult volunteers and student interns are involved in 4-H through local clubs, afterschool programs, state, and national events. For more information, contact the Rockingham County 4-H office at (603) 679-5616 or visit the web site at bit.ly/RockCty4H.

Rick Alleva

Town Loses a Dedicated Citizen

John D. Kennedy, who passed away at his home on North Road on November 30, was never one to make headlines. But to all who worked with him over his 37 years in Brentwood, he was one of the most knowledgeable, dependable, skillful members of the team. He is remembered for his support of projects such as the Recreation Center during its early years, the construction of the original Town Office Building, the improvement of the Swasey School playground, the work of his church, the Rockingham County Planning Commission, and for his Boy Scout leadership in Brentwood.

Most of all, he is remembered for his steady service for 33 years on the Brentwood Planning Board, contributing in countless ways to the growth and development of the town. He was a citizen who always made the most valuable contributions to this town, and he will always be remembered for them.

Linda Rousseau

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 6 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 7 Town of Brentwood Holiday party – 6:00 pm, Community Center.
- Dec. 8 **Bluegrass Christmas Concert – 7:30 pm, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Rd.**
- Dec. 9 **Christmas Open House – 2:00–5:00 pm, Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Rd.**
- Dec. 11 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 12 **Senior Cinema – 1:00 pm, Bartlett Library, “A Christmas Story.”**
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Dec. 13 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library.
Brentwood Gardeners’ Christmas party, home of Torie Freeman – 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 15 Teen Craft Time – 10-11:30 am, Bartlett Library.
- Dec. 16 **Santa Around Town, starting 10 am.**
- Dec. 17 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library.
Budget Committee meeting – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 18 **Senior Activity Day – 10:00-1:00, Community Center.**
Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 19 **Brentwood Seniors’ Christmas luncheon – 11:30 am, Brentwood Community Center.**
- Dec. 20 **Final Drop-off date for toys for Fire Dept. Toy Drive.**
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm, First Baptist Church, corner North Rd. & Rte 125.**
Christmas Eve Candles & Carols Service – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church UCC, 197 Middle Rd.
- Dec. 27 **Family Flicks- 1:30 pm, “Ice Age 4” rated PG, Bartlett Library.**
- Jan. 3 **Book Signing/Cooking demo.- 4:00pm, Water Street Bookstore – Alicia Rossman**
Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Jan. 5 **“After Christmas” Tree Limo Service.**
- Jan. 7 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Firehouse.
- Jan. 8 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.

The public is welcome at all above events



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