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FILING DATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

The Town and School District governing bodies need citizens who are willing to file for and serve in various positions. Those who intend to file for office, or are thinking about it, need to know that **the ten day filing period begins on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 and ends on Friday, February 1, 2013 at 4 p.m.**

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

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| Selectmen | 1 for 3 years |
| Cemetery Trustees | 1 for 3 years |
| Library Trustees | 1 for 3 years |
| Municipal Budget Committee | 2 for 3 years |
| Planning Board | 2 for 3 years |
| | 1 for 2 years |
| Trustees of the Trust Funds | 1 for 3 years |

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

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

Brentwood School District Officers

School Board 1 for 3 years

Cooperative School District Officers

School Board (from Brentwood) 1 for 3 years

From Other Towns 2 for 3 years

1 from each of Exeter and Kensington.

All towns may vote for these candidates.

Moderator 1 for 1 year

Budget Advisory Committee 3 for 3 years

1 from each of Exeter, Newfields and Stratham;

From Kensington: 1 for 1 year

All towns may vote for these candidates.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS: EVERYONE IS INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND

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| Thursday, January 10 | 7:00 p.m. | Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget at Exeter High School |
| Monday, January 14 | 7:00 p.m. | Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets at Swasey School |
| Alternate date: Thursday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. | | |
| Thursday, February 7 | 7:00 p.m. | Cooperative School Deliberative Session at Exeter High School |
| Tuesday, March 12 | 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Brentwood Town Elections at the Community Center |
| Saturday, March 9 | 9:00 a.m. | Brentwood School District Meeting at Swasey School |
| Saturday, March 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Town Meeting at Swasey School |

TO SUBMIT WARRANT ARTICLES:

An article may be submitted by petition with the signatures of at least 25 registered voters. **The last filing date for Warrant Articles is Tuesday, February 5, 2013.**

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>

January Recycling Pick-Up Dates

January 2 & 3
 January 15 & 16
 January 29 & 30

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

Brentwood Historical Society

The Historical Society had an enjoyable Christmas Open House on Sunday afternoon, December 9. It was a pleasure to greet some neighbors and former members who had not been in the Museum for a number of years.

The January business meeting will be at the Museum **Thursday morning, January 10 at 10 am**. No public program is planned for January. If anyone would like to visit the Museum on a specific date, you may always make an appointment with President Alma Vahey, 679-8635, who will be glad to hear from you.

Annual membership dues of \$5.00 are payable in January. Checks or cash may be given or sent to Secretary Albert Belanger, who will update the Membership list and forward the money to Treasurer Frank Northrup. Mail to Mr. Belanger should go to 128 Middle Road, Brentwood 03833.

From the Town Clerk's Office

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

Regarding Auto Registration Renewals --

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

Phyllis Thompson
 Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Waste Tonnage Figures

| | October. | November |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Tons, mixed solid waste | 114.86 | 130.25 |
| Tons, recycled goods | 40.97 (26.3%) | 28.65 (18%) |

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

The meetings listed on page 1 and repeated in the table below are important! At some meetings monetary decisions which impact taxes are made by the votes of those present. If you do not participate, you are forfeiting your rights and denying others the benefit of your thoughts.

Taken together, these sessions determine not only what taxes will be, but also set initiatives which will define Brentwood's future character and infrastructure. We say it every year: please be a part of this important process.

| Date and Time | Location | Event | What Happens |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| Thursday, January 10 7:00 p.m. | Exeter High School | Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget | Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed. |
| Monday, January 14 7:00 p.m. | Swasey Central School | Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets | Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed. |
| Thursday, February 7 7:00 p.m. | Exeter High School | Deliberative Session | Budget for Cooperative District is made final in preparation for the ballot vote on March 12. Changes can be made. |
| Saturday, March 9 9:00 a.m. | Swasey Central School | School District Meeting | Discuss and vote on Swasey budget. Changes can be made. |
| Tuesday, March 12 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Brentwood Community Center | Brentwood Town Elections | Voting for various town, Cooperative School District and Swasey School District positions. Vote on Cooperative School District budget. Vote on all zoning changes. |
| Saturday, March 16 9:00 a.m. | Swasey Central School | Town Meeting | Discuss and vote on the various articles of the town warrant. Changes can be made. Swearing in of new town officials. |

Explore and Enjoy!

Your Brentwood Trails System

Join this casual and fun exploration of the Deer Hill Wildlife Management Area with members of the Brentwood Trails Committee. Come on your cross country skis, your snowshoes, or your own two feet! The walk will take you around the pond, past the Great Blue Heron nesting site (come back in the spring to see the herons on their nests!), and wherever an intriguing path may lead!

Hot chocolate and treats wait at the end of the walk.

Sunday, January 27, 2013

Deer Hill Wildlife Management Area (access on Pine Road)

1:00 p.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.

We will meet at the gated trail entrance on Pine Road next to Seacoast Mills. Park where you can along the road.

If you have questions, call Debbie Briscoe at 603-778-3987 or Karen Ellis at 603-772-9015.

New Members for Willow Pond Community Farm -- Our 10th year!

Sign up now for a share of the harvest from Willow Pond Community Farm. Located across the road from Swasey School, it is accepting new memberships for the 2013 season. We are a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm and have fostered three new farmers and many gardeners over the last ten years. Our farm grows over 3 acres of fresh, local, Certified Organic vegetables, flowers and herbs on conservation land leased from our neighbor. From June through October we offer CSA "shares" to over sixty families and participate in local farmers markets as well.

CSA members visit the farm each week to pick up their shares, harvest from our extensive Pick Your Own patch, talk to our farmer, Glenn Preston, now beginning his second year at the farm, and meet other members of the community. All CSA members spend some time volunteering on the farm each season, thus making possible opportunities for strong connections between members and the land, their farmer, and their food.

Please visit our website www.willowpondfarm.org for more information about our farm, including registration forms, or call Joanie Pratt (778-8881) with any questions or to be added to our waiting list.

Joanie Pratt

Joe Swasey Reaches His 100th Birthday



Joseph C. Swasey of Pickpocket Road celebrated his 100th birthday on October 25 with many neighbors and friends stopping in to wish him well. He enjoyed a party at his daughter's house with grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending. He is pictured with his great-grandson Ethan, 11, who also has an October birthday. Joe became the holder of Brentwood's *Boston Post Cane* in June 2003, when he was 90. He is the only resident whose father also became a holder of the cane, in 1961. In July 2003 the *Brentwood Newsletter* published an article about Joe's Brentwood life. We think many residents will agree it's worth reading again.

"Some readers may wonder just what the *Boston Post Cane* is. It is a very fine cane of African ebony with a head of 14-carat rolled gold. In 1909 the old *Boston Post ...* ordered 431 canes and distributed them to the towns of New England, with the request that they continue to be passed to the oldest citizen in the community. Brentwood's cane, as in many towns, stays in a display case at the Town Office Bldg., and is taken out only for the presentation ceremony. The recipient is given a beautiful plaque to take home.

"...this writer visited Joe and Nellie Swasey at their home on Pickpocket Road. This is the house in which Joe was born. His great-grandfather bought land along the west side of the road in the early 1800s, including what is now 134 Pickpocket Rd. His father bought the farm and surrounding land across the way at 131 Pickpocket about 1910, and Joe was born there in 1912. He was the 6th of 11 children born to John F. and E. Christine Swasey [and the only surviving child today. Dr. Abram Mitchell attended all 11 births].

"It is hard for residents today to comprehend how much of the families' needs were supplied by the farms. The Swasey farms had horses, dairy cows, pigs and chickens, and supplied hay for the animals, all the vegetables for the family, and enough sweet corn and potatoes to sell. They had a wood lot, which supplied all their needs for heating and cooking, with the extra sold

in the winter. They cut all their own wood, and often their own ice. The sweet corn was carried to Exeter to the canning factory on Park Street near the railroad tracks. When Joe was a boy, on certain days he couldn't linger after school, but hurried home to hitch up the dingle cart to the horse, drive in to the canning factory, load up with corn husks and bring them home as feed for the cows. [Last month Joe remembered that he enjoyed stopping at the blacksmith shop near the corner of Pickpocket and Middle Road.]

"Joe attended the Marshall's Corner school for eight years, a one-room school at what is now 154 Pickpocket Road. He also served as 'janitor' – went early in the morning to start the fire in the wood stove, hauled the day's supply of water from the house next door, and swept the floors. He cut the four-foot firewood from their own woodlot and hauled it to store at school. His wages were about \$2.00 a year. He remembers the lunches he brought from home – lots of deviled ham sandwiches and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. If you didn't store your lunch box in the right place, you'd eat frozen peanut butter and jelly for lunch.

"The Grange was the organization to belong to. Joe joined when he was about 16, held many offices and took full advantage of the educational and entertaining activities of the Grange over the next 74 years. He was about 24 when he married Nellie Berbeck, who had been a high school classmate at Sanborn Seminary in Kingston. [They had been married 75 years this past October 2012. Nellie died November 13, as noted in the December 2012 *Newsletter*.]

"Joe's father John served as a Selectman, School Board member, State Senator, and other posts. His mother was Town Treasurer and a State Representative. Joe was also a School Board member when, at the 1949 Town Meeting, his father offered a substantial contribution toward a new central school, provided that it would have a basement. Joe, his father and many others donated much volunteer labor to clear Mary Abby Sanborn's fields, which had gone to juniper and brush. The school basement [of Swasey Central School] became the site of town meetings and elections after the school opened in 1951. Until that time, if today's residents will believe it, the townspeople had been climbing the steep stairs of the Pilgrim Church for 200 years to have town meetings on the second floor. Joe remembers some wonderful Christmas parties that also took place in that big upstairs room. No matter what the occasion, everything – food, water, supplies, had to be carried up those stairs.

"Joe has been a member of the Police and Fire Departments, the Board of Adjustment, the Woodland Owners Assn., Farm Bureau, the Odd Fellows, and the board of the Farm Museum. A busy, productive life, which has made him a truly interesting, enjoyable person."

Linda Rousseau

Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive

As 2012 comes to a close, I would like to take a few minutes to thank the citizens and businesses of Brentwood for your gracious giving to make the 12th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive a huge success!

Every year, our community comes together to help those families in need, to assure that every child wakes up Christmas morning with a big smile on their face.

We placed over 90 Christmas ornaments with gift requests on the Christmas trees located at the Brentwood Town Office Building and Swasey Central School. Donation pick up boxes were placed at the Brentwood Fire Department and Brentwood Town Offices and we received a generous donation of assistance, toys and gifts from Grace Ministries, the Rockingham County Courthouse and Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons. We were able to help 15 families who needed a little extra help this year for the holidays. This year we had so many toys, I was able to help out another Toy Drive in a neighboring community.

This Toy Drive is a huge undertaking and I would not be able to do it without all of your help. Special thanks go out to:

Brentwood Fire Department
 Brentwood Firemen's Association
 Brentwood Town Offices
 Brentwood Town Residents and Businesses
 Rockingham County Courthouse
 Swasey Central School
 Grace Ministries
 Saint Michael's Church
 Brentwood Country Store
 Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons
 Friends and family members

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Epping Fire Department and Epping Walmart for allowing the Brentwood Fire Department to participate in "Stuff the Bus" on Thanksgiving weekend. We were able to bring in a number of toys to assist with the Toy Drive.

May the spirit of Christmas and Happy Holidays be with you all!

Donna M. Vadeboncoeur
 Captain/EMS Coordinator
 Brentwood Fire Department

The Brentwood 4th of July Committee

1 Dalton Road, Brentwood NH 03833

Attention all Patriots,

The Brentwood 4th of July Committee has reached a crossroad in its 24-year history. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the committee, it has been responsible for raising the funds necessary to pay for Brentwood's 4th of July Fireworks. Traditionally a committee member goes out across the town and personally solicits donations from local business. Together with private donations and fund raisers we have managed to raise \$6,400 every year for 24 years. This tradition is maintained without tax dollars. Most of our fundraising takes place between the middle of April and the 4th of July.

As a committee we are getting older and are looking for some help to continue this tradition. Anyone interested in continuing this tradition please contact Phyllis Thompson or Jane Byrne at 642-6400 ext 14. We don't want to see this celebration go away for lack of interest. Please come forward and become part of a 24-year tradition that celebrates the birth of the greatest nation on earth.

Phyllis Thompson, Jane Byrne and Wayne Robinson
 The Brentwood 4th of July Committee

Christmas Party at Brentwood Commons



Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons would like to THANK the Brentwood Fire Department and Santa Claus for joining us at the Team GBC Annual Christmas Party! The GBC families generously donated gifts for Toys for Tots and the team helped Santa load all the toys on the truck! We had so many toys that Santa barely fit in the truck and almost had to walk home! Thanks again to the entire BFD for making this a night to remember!

Holley Lenihan

Notes from Swasey Central School

Students and staff are ready for 2013! Happy New Year to everyone! SCS is proud to serve the families of Brentwood. Currently we have 368 students, Pre-K/ Kindergarten to Grade 5.

We hope your holiday season was peaceful and filled with friends and family. December was packed with exciting holiday and winter activities at Swasey, and student engagement prevailed in all of the classrooms as we participated in all the season has to offer. Grade 2 students made their annual trip to sing carols for retirees-spreading holiday cheer, and many families came in to classrooms to work on crafts and projects.

2013 will bring more educational opportunities for Brentwood students and we are pleased to continue our tradition of providing creative and effective instruction for all. Students continue to meet the challenges of the rigor of our instructional programs and we are encouraged by the captivating technology implementation that is provided, including our Rosetta Stone language program. Brentwood residents are encouraged to join us for our monthly **School Board meetings** in our library, typically on the second Monday of each month. Our January meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 14** and the February meeting will be on **Monday, February 11**.

This month we are forming a committee to research the possible implementation of a full day/ extended-day Kindergarten program at Swasey. Currently, SCS has a half-day program. The committee will present findings in the fall of 2013. More information regarding this process will be shared, as we are hoping to collect community perspective on this topic.

Sadly, the horrific event at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut shook us all, and we spent some time at the end of 2012 supporting one another through this tragedy. The safety of the students here at Swasey will always be the top priority, and school and town staff will continue to work together to keep our building secure and prepared for emergencies. We continue to review safety drills, work with town police and fire departments on information and response teams, and maintain our safe-school protocols for visitors. It takes the community to pull together for these safety measures to stay effective, and we appreciate that all visitors to Swasey follow our guidelines for traffic and access to our school.

In closing, thank you for supporting quality education in Brentwood, and for staying updated on school information. We are proud of our students, we are proud of our staff, and we love our school! Go SCS! Go Hawks! Visit us online at <http://scs.sau16.org>.

Ron Kew, Principal

Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors had an especially colorful and enjoyable Christmas Luncheon on December 19 at the Community Center. The holiday buffet was delicious and everyone attending was full of conversation and good cheer. The program of Christmas music, presented by the four second-grade classes of Swasey Central School and directed by Juliet Gavin, was absolutely delightful. The children seemed particularly well prepared, attentive and ready to enjoy themselves. They each received a small candy cane as they left to board the buses. Many thanks to Ms. Gavin, the teachers and assistants for all the planning and logistics this trip involved.

The Seniors' January meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 23**. It will be an Italian pot luck luncheon. Members should arrive at 11:00 am for appetizers and conversation, and bring a dish appropriate for an Italian luncheon. The program will consist of a speaker from Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation, who will explain the convenient service that is available to Brentwood area senior residents.

Annual dues of \$7.00 will be due and payable in January. Marion Arkell, Treasurer, will accept the payments.

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.

December Mailing Crew

Many thanks on behalf of the town to those who came on short notice to the Town Office to assemble the December *Newsletter* for mailing: Ken and Ellen Christiansen, Joanne Davis, Margie King, Thirza Lausier, Jim McGean, and Lois Northrup.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Friends of the Library

The Friends want to thank all the parents who brought their children in to visit with Santa at his annual visit to the library. It is great to see how many of you make this an annual tradition and to see how much your children have grown in the past year. It is always so much fun to see the children's reaction to Santa and watch as they make their reindeer food and cards for him. We also want to thank all Santa's elves for helping that day.

Also happening during Santa's visit, guests viewed and bought some of the home made items for sale at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair. Our sincere thanks to all those incredible creative and crafty people who put their items up for sale. And thanks for all who purchased those items. Across from Santa, tickets were selling for the amazing gingerbread house made by Wendy Kennish. We thank her for donating it and allowing it to be auctioned off, with the proceeds benefiting the Friends.

In other exciting news...WE BEAT THE BENEFACTOR. The Membership Drive has slowed down but not before we were able to beat the benefactor again this year. We are already planning some great programs for the children. Watch the Newsletter and Wednesday folder for some fun programs that will involve music, science and some fun art projects. If you have not sent in your membership donation, it is never too late. Because of your generosity we were able to fund some great summer reading programs, purchase new books and offer passes. We would not have this special library without you.

The Friends meeting will be on Thursday, January 10th at 9:30. We would love to welcome new members that love the library as much as we do. Please consider joining us. We know there are a lot of creative people out there and we would greatly appreciate your ideas. Our meetings are always held on the second Thursday of the month.

When you visit the library next, take a look at the passes board. February break is just around the corner and there are some great museums that you could visit at a reduced price. 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

Achievement

Kevin Ma, a senior at Philips Exeter Academy, has earned High Honors for the Fall 2012 semester. His parents are Dr. Hongbao Ma and Ms. Juan Sun of Eleanor's Way.

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Happy New Year! We have some great programs planned for the start of 2013. For those of you who received a new electronic device (or are still trying to figure out your old one ☺) we will be offering a program each **Thursday** from **1- 3pm** called "**Device Advice.**" Drop by the library for assistance in setting up your new toy or for help in downloading free books and audios. No question too simple! Please be sure to bring along your library card number, and if you have them, your Amazon, Adobe and/or Itunes account information.

Wondering about all the fuss around "**Downton Abbey?**" Already a big fan? Join us for tea and a treat on **Wednesday afternoons** from **1:30-3pm** as we revisit Seasons 1 and 2 of this marvelous PBS series.

Help us celebrate **National Soup Month!** We will be hosting a **Soup Swap** on Monday, **January 14** from **5:30-6:45pm**. Bring in your favorite soup to share with others – the library will provide the bowls, spoons and crackers. Warm up with hot soup and a good book!

Friday Night Flick will resume on **January 25** at **6:30pm** with an old favorite: "**Bolt,**" rated PG. As usual, we will provide the popcorn and you may bring a water bottle.

Ladies Night Movie will happen on Thursday, **January 17** at **7pm**. We will be showing "**Stella Days,**" starring Martin Sheen as a progressive priest who opens a cinema in rural 1950s Ireland and is caught in a clash between tradition and modern times.

50? 500? 1000? How many puzzle pieces can we put together in a day? Come and join the fun as we celebrate **National Puzzle Day** on Tuesday, **January 29** at the library (where all the pieces fit!)

Afternoon Knitting is back. Whether you've been knitting for years, or are only just beginning, we invite you to join us on **Tuesdays** from **1-3pm**.

Jacqueline Wilson will offer Beginner knitting instruction. Enjoy the comforts of the library with a new project or one that needs to be completed. Crocheters and other handcrafters are also welcome.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on Monday, **January 28** at 7pm to discuss "**State of Wonder**" by Ann Patchett. Copies of the novel are available at the library.

Please note that **the library will be closed** on Monday, **January 21** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

For the latest library news and events, including inclement weather closings, be sure to check out our new website at www.brentwoodlibrary.org.

Betsy Solon
Library Director

Brentwood Recreation News

Youth Basketball

Schedules are available on the Recreation website.

Yoga Class

Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm. Next session begins January 8. \$64/ eight weeks. Drop-ins always welcome at \$10/class.

Play-Well Tek "LEGO Engineering" --

February Break!

Pre-Engineering with LEGO®

Let your imagination run wild with over 100,000 pieces of LEGO. For ages 5 to 7.

Engineering FUNDamentals with LEGO®

Power up your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKologies and over 100,000 pieces of LEGO®! For ages 8-11.

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

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.

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family **Robert "Ozzie" Willette**, who died December 2nd, 2012 at the Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover. Born in Exeter, he graduated from Exeter High School in 1956 and served in the U.S. Army from 1957-59. He was a stonemason, working 18 years for S.E. LaPerle & Sons, and 28 years for Philips Exeter Academy.

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Robert Gabriel Jomé** of Scrabble Road, who passed away December 13 at the Veterans Hospital in Manchester. A longtime resident of Brentwood, he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam.

He worked as a certified gas fitter with the same company for 40 years. He enjoyed fishing, skiing, sailing, ice boating and stock car races, filming them and helping out the pit crews.

Brentwood Gardeners

The Gardeners had their annual warm, fun, treasured Christmas get-together at the home of Torie and Ralph Freeman on December 20. In addition to the delicious potluck spread there was the traditional Yankee Swap of "garden related" items. Everyone went home with another happy evening to remember.

Members, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the Gardeners are urged to come to the next meeting on **Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall of the Pilgrim Church. In addition to being the annual Chili Night, which is attraction enough, there will be a program on the interesting subject of Hydroponic Gardening, presented by Kellie and Kevin Farrar of Sherman Avenue.

Annual dues of \$15.00 (\$20 for a family membership) are payable in January. Treasurer Gladys Ray will receive the cash or checks. For any other information or questions, please call Co-Presidents Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Gardening Tip of the Month

If you received a poinsettia or cyclamen as a holiday gift, keep it blooming by providing proper care. Poinsettias need good drainage, so if the pot is still wrapped in foil, remove the foil or make a hole in the bottom to allow the water to drain out. Keep soil moist, but don't overwater.

Place your plant in a cool (60 to 65 degrees F) location that gets plenty of light. Keep out of warm or cool drafts, and fertilize once a month. (Your other houseplants also will benefit from fertilizer applications once or twice this winter.)

The cyclamen with its unique blossoms needs to be kept cool and evenly moist. Too high temperatures, too little water, or too low light may cause leaves to yellow and drop. But with proper care, the plant should continue to bloom for six to eight weeks.

Brentwood 250th Anniversary Silver Medal

A Brentwood resident who collects commemorative medals would like to purchase a Silver Medal that was issued for the town's 250th Anniversary celebration in 1992. If anyone has a Silver Medal that he/she would be willing to part with, please contact John Gilman, 642-8853.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 7 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Fire House
- Jan. 8 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 9 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 10 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Historical Society – 10:00 am, Historical Society Museum
- Jan. 14 **Soup Swap at Bartlett Library** – 5:30-6:45 pm.
School Board – 6:10 pm, Swasey School Library
Public Hearing, Brentwood Town and School budgets – 7:00 pm, Swasey School gym.
- Jan. 15 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room Town Office Building
Brentwood Gardeners – Chili Night and Hydroponic Gardening – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church
- Jan. 17 Planning Board --- 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, “Stella Days”
- Jan. 21 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 22 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Parent-Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 23 Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Community Center. Italian Potluck; Lamprey Transportation talk.
Filing period begins for town and school offices.
- Jan. 25 **Friday Night Flick** – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library, “Bolt”
- Jan. 27 **Explore Deer Hill Wildlife Area Trails with Trails Committee** – 1:00–about 2:00 pm.
- Jan. 28 Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, “State of Mind”
- Jan. 29 **National Puzzle Day** – 9:00–5:00, Bartlett Library
Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Feb. 1 **Filing period ends, 4:00 pm – Town Clerk’s office.**
- Feb. 2 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Fire House
- Feb. 5 **Last day to submit Warrant Articles, at Selectmen’s office.**
Seniors Activity morning – 10:00-1:00, Community Center. Sponsored by the Rec. Commission.
- Feb. 7 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Coop. District Deliberative Session – 7:00 pm, Exeter High School

The public is welcome at all above events



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