

Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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March 2013

The Town and School Meetings

This *Newsletter* is arriving just before the town heads into a two-week period of annual business meetings, voting and elections. All the articles and letters about those events are in the first part of the issue – grouped as much as possible around the business meeting they pertain to. The second half contains the customary articles and updates about the daily life of the town.

The dates, times and locations of the town and school meetings:

Brentwood School District Meeting – Saturday, March 9, 9:00 AM, Swasey School Gymnasium. Discussion & voting on Swasey Warrant Articles, including the Swasey School budget.

Election Day – Tuesday, March 12, polls open from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM at the Brentwood Community Center, 190 Route 125. Voting by ballot for:

1. Town officers & Town Zoning Amendments.
2. Brentwood School District Officers.
3. Cooperative School District officers and Warrant Articles, including the Coop District budget.

Brentwood Town Meeting – Saturday, March 16, 9:00 AM, Swasey School Gymnasium. Discussion & voting on Town Warrant Articles, including the Town budget.

The Town Report

The Town Meeting warrant articles, as well as the School District warrant articles, the annual reports of the town and school officers and department heads, and a great deal more, are published in the annual **Town Report**. Every household is entitled to a Town Report. It may be picked up now at the Town Office Building.

Copies will also be available at the School District Meeting on Saturday, March 9; at the Community Center on Election Day, Tuesday, March 12; and at the Town Meeting Saturday, March 16. After that copies will always be available at the Town Office Building.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The School District Warrant Articles

The Brentwood School District Meeting on Saturday morning, March 9 will have three warrant articles for the voters' consideration. Following is a summary:

1. To raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$5,176,504.00 for the support of schools, payment of salaries for the School District officials and agents, and the statutory obligations of the District. The School Board recommends the same amount, \$5,176,504.00. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)
2. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.
3. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

Swasey Central School 2013-2014 Budget Overview

The Brentwood School District meeting will be held at 9:00 AM, on Saturday March 9, 2013 in the Swasey Central School gymnasium. The Brentwood School Board is responsible for preparing a budget to cover all of the expenses incurred at the Swasey Central School to meet the educational needs of the students as well as taking into consideration the financial capabilities of the taxpayers of Brentwood.

We are asking the voters to approve Warrant Article #1, which is a budget of \$5,176,504 for the 2013-2014 school year. This is a decrease of \$12,078 or .2%, which is due to a reduction in the projected enrollment and salary decreases that are due to change of personnel. We would like the voters to note that this is the second year of a two-year teachers' contract and we were able to meet our contractual obligations while still coming to the voters with a budget that is less than the prior year's.

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March Recycling Pick-Up Dates

March 12 & 13
 March 26 & 27

Notes from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- If you are transferring plates on your vehicle, please remember to bring in the old registration certificate. If there is no registration when transferring plates, it will cost \$17.50 for a duplicate.
- Applications for **Absentee Ballots** are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Ballots must be returned by Monday, March 11, at 5:00 pm.
- A reminder that boats may be registered at the Town Clerk's office.
- Partial payments on taxes are accepted.

Phyllis Thompson

Bake Sale on Election Day

The Brentwood Historical Society will have a Bake Sale table at the Community Center on Election Day March 12. This is one of the primary methods of fund-raising for the group. If any residents wish to contribute home-baked items, they will be most gratefully received.

Meeting Planned to Re-Start Agricultural Committee

Apple Annie and Stout Oak Farm invite Brentwood farmers and homesteaders to gather at the Library on **Monday, April 8 from 6:00 – 7:00** to meet each other and gauge the interest in reinvigorating the former Brentwood Agricultural Committee. For questions or more information, please contact Emma Loosigian (Apple Annie) at 778-3127 or appleannienh@gmail.com.

A Thank-You

Thank you from me and my back to whoever plowed out my mailbox after the snowstorm. What a nice thing to do-- it was very much appreciated.

Bonnie Gunther, 4 Old Gordon Rd.

Mailing Team for February

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in the Pickpocket Road neighborhood who prepared the February issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Helen Calvert, Linda Johnston, Kris Johnston, Ann Melendy, Edie Shipley, Linda Vadas, Diane Wade and Diantha Wade.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

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Deadline for April Issue: Friday, March 22

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

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In the past voter turnout at the School District meeting has been very low and we would love to see higher participation. This is your town and your school. Please show your support.

The Brentwood School Board is very proud that the Swasey Central School has such a respected reputation in the seacoast area. It is our mission to maintain this high quality education that is so important to our students and in maintaining property values.

The School Board would appreciate your support of the budget that will be put forward to the voters on March 9.

Dianne Vosgien
Brentwood School Board Chair
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ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Brentwood Community Center
190 Route 125

ELECTION DAY

The Election Day Ballots

Voters will receive **three ballots** at the Brentwood Community Center on Election Day, Tuesday, March 12 – the Town ballot; the Brentwood School District ballot; and the Cooperative School District ballot.

On the **Town Ballot** you will first vote for the **town officers**.

Next you will see the “SB2 question,” QUESTION #1. “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before Town of Brentwood on the second Tuesday of March?”

Next will be the five **Zoning Amendments** proposed this year. A full copy of the amendments will be available at the polling place.

On the **Brentwood School District Ballot** you will vote for the Brentwood **school officer** (only 1 position this year!)

On the **Exeter Region Cooperative School District** ballot you will vote first for the **Coop School District officers**. Brentwood voters, like all voters in all the towns, are to choose one candidate from each of the towns listed. Then you will vote on the single **Warrant**

Article for the Coop District. Again, this is to be voted on by all voters in all the sending towns.

Statements from the Candidates

All candidates were invited to provide statements for inclusion in the *Brentwood Newsletter*. Our thanks to those who put their thoughts into words to be passed on to the community. – Editor.

Malcolm Allison, for the Municipal Budget Committee. My name is Malcolm Allison of 27 Peabody Drive, and I am running for re-election to the Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee.

I have lived in Brentwood for the last 29 years, I have two grown children who also live here in Brentwood with their families. I have 5 grand children, three in Swasey and two in Cooperative Middle school. I am a retired electrical engineer with a business background as well, having spent my entire 40-year working career in industry. I currently run a small Electrical Consulting business.

As you all may know, the Budget Committee's function is one of oversight of both the Swasey School and the Town budgets. During my last three year term as Budcom member, I believe that I contributed to the overall positive performance of the committee as our total tax bills have remained relatively flat for the past 3 years, they could be in fact considered lower if the warrant articles were not considered. I am conservative by nature and am focused on trying to maintain the budgets flat as possible while supporting needed funding for town departments and school projects in a responsible manner. If re-elected I will continue to approach the budget work in the same manner. I do not support the petition for removing, disbanding or reorganizing the Municipal Budget committee. It is a needed oversight. Legally our Selectmen do not have any say in or oversight of the School budget, and without a Budget Committee there would be none. I am not in favor of an appointed (by the Selectman) Budget committee or an Advisory Budget Committee as that may lead to cronyism, or in case of major fiscal disagreements, an Advisory Budget Committee can be ignored.

I would appreciate your vote for re-election. I may be contacted by phone 642 6131, or by e-mail at malallison@comcast.net.

Tom Buswell, for the Municipal Budget Committee. I have lived in Brentwood with my wife, Crystal, since 1997. We are raising our two daughters here and fully appreciate the wonderful community that Brentwood provides for its residents. I have been active at our town meetings and vocal in my support of Brentwood as a family oriented community. Our town has excellent educational opportunities, including the school, library, recreation center, and the many other

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activities our town supports. I have decided to run for the Municipal Budget Committee to ensure that Brentwood continues to be a town that welcomes and supports families.

My background includes naval service during the 1st Gulf War, a degree in Business Administration, management positions at two Fortune 500 companies and subsequently founding two businesses of my own. I served on the Board of Directors for five years at the Exeter Day School in positions as Treasurer and President. I also spent five years as Development Director and Executive Director of a non-profit in the Seacoast. I currently work as the Director of Operations at an international medical manufacturer in Portsmouth.

I ask for your vote so that I can lend my experience, expand the diversity of the Budget Committee, and give back to our town through service. Thank you.

Elyse Gallo Seeley, for Municipal Budget Committee. I am a twenty-two-year town resident with my husband and two children, have been on the Brentwood Budget Committee for 10 years, and am the current Chair. I also served as Library Trustee, and on the Swasey School and Library building committees. As Budcom Chair, I have attempted to structure our work season with visits to the School and Town departments as well as with establishment of by-laws to guide our procedures. During this difficult five-year economic downturn, I've encouraged fiscal responsibility through civil and cooperative efforts among our various governing boards, and to this end I initiated an Advisory Budget Committee at the Cooperative School District in 2007. I serve on that Committee as your representative as well. I will always do my best to honor this town and I believe the work of Budget Committee speaks for itself. I do hope your vote in March is guided by our successful deeds rather than by anything I've written here.

Bruce Stevens, running for re-election to the Planning Board. The general economic climate of the last decade has certainly led to a curtailment of development within town on both a residential and commercial basis for that duration, but overall confidence appears to be returning at this juncture. Your Planning Board, with assistance from our professional planner from the Rockingham Commission, has completed a residential "build-out" analysis of Brentwood with the conclusion being that there is sufficient, buildable land within town, where with current zoning law, we could potentially see a doubling of residential homes going forward.

Brentwood may benefit from exploring a collaborative effort with the Town of Epping to potentially extend water and sewer service south from our town line on Route 125, that would encourage valuable commercial development here as has occurred over the last decade just to our north.

Melissa Litchfield, running for the Brentwood School Board. My name is Melissa Litchfield, and I am running for the Brentwood School Board. My husband Brad and I have lived here for over five years. We have four children, ages 2, 5, 8 and 10.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Assumption College, and I have taken graduate courses in Business Administration at Southern New Hampshire University. My work history includes over ten years working as a Senior Underwriter for both Individual and Group Disability and Life Insurance. I am currently the Coordinator of Fundraising for the Brentwood PFG at Swasey Central School.

I am asking for your vote. If elected, my priorities are to ensure the security within our schools, to ensure that our children continue to receive a great education in a fiscally sound manner, and to help our children prepare for life both academically and socially. Brentwood is a wonderful town with many involved parents and residents. I would be honored to serve on the Brentwood School Board.

Elizabeth Faria, running for the Coop District School Board. I am running for re-election to the Coop Board to complete initiatives I have been working on:

- Increasing rigor at the Middle School
- Extending learning opportunities/ alternative ways to earn high school credit since operating budget is over \$50 million and growing
- Changing EHS class rank and National Honor Society induction to weighted GPAs
- Continuing to implement our strategic plan in curriculum consistency across grades/schools, and better preparation for higher learning.

Board accomplishments I am most proud of:

- An originator of Citizens' Petition for budget committee to oversee Co-op expenditures resulting in one proposed budget = default and three proposed budgets < default
- I show up: have attended almost every meeting in 4 years elementary board and 3 years Co-op. Served on Principal Search Committee for EHS (9 school meetings in Jan. 2012 alone). Served on Curriculum and Assessment Sub-committee for strategic plan. Currently serve on SST Governing Board, Finance Sub-committee, and Curriculum Sub-committee.
- Listened to EHS students and changed how top 10 were chosen based on weighted GPAs
- Helped great teacher get new course approval after he was turned down twice.

Why you should vote for me:

- Transparency
- Fact checker, pay attention to detail
- Am in unique position: my husband, retired, is on a fixed income while our youngest is a freshman at EHS so I would like the best possible education for the least tax impact.

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Election Day: Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Candidates Night offers Brentwood residents a chance to learn more about their future town and school officers than they may in any other setting. With the candidates seated in comfortable chairs facing the audience, the atmosphere soon becomes relaxed and candid, and the residents can pick up many interesting tidbits about the work of the various boards. It's always a special evening, a real opportunity for the citizens who care about learning more about the town, the school, and SAU 16. Our thanks to all the candidates who came to speak at Candidates Night on Wednesday, February 20.

Candidates for Brentwood Town Offices



From left: Eugene Orcutt, Roger Crosby, Steve Hamilton, Bruce Stevens and Malcolm Allison

Candidates for Brentwood and Coop School District Positions



From left: Melissa Litchfield, Linda Garey and Liz Faria

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- I am the most fiscally conservative board member. And, this year's proposed budget is less than the default budget so please vote for it and for me, Elizabeth Faria. Thank you.

Linda Garey, for Coop District School Board.

Friends and Neighbors, I am running for the Coop School Board after serving on the Swasey School Board for 3 years.

I am an ardent advocate for equal educational opportunities. Having been a university professor, I know what our students need to succeed. I am committed to providing our children with the best education possible using cost-effective methods and recognizing budgetary constraints. Swasey's introduction of foreign languages using computer-based software is an example of an innovative, cost effective initiative I championed.

As a lawyer, my legal background is a huge asset for understanding and updating school policies. On the joint SAU 16 Policy Committee, I reviewed federal and state laws to ensure our policies are in compliance with the law and are easy to understand. In my experience, building bridges between people and groups with diverse views is essential. Working collaboratively with administrators and law enforcement officials, I am one of the chief proponents for a rigorous review of our school safety procedures and policies.

I will bring fresh vision, energy, and ideas to the board. I will maintain educational excellence while balancing fiscal responsibility. Our students would be competitive for unlimited future opportunities and secure good jobs. Companies would locate here, and the entire SAU would enjoy higher property values. Everyone wins when you have strong education advocates working for you.

Katherine Miller, running for Moderator of the Exeter Regional Cooperative ("Coop") School District.

I live at 23 Linden St., Exeter and am running for Moderator of the Exeter Regional Cooperative ("Coop") School District. I have served for eight years on school boards: six years on the Exeter Elementary School Board and three years on the Coop Board. For one year, I served on both Boards. My term on the Coop Board ends in March. Because of work obligations in the evenings and two teenaged daughters at home, I am not seeking re-election. I would like to continue to contribute to our community and to our excellent schools, so I am seeking the position of Moderator. As Moderator, I would preside over the deliberative session of the Coop School District Meeting each February and the balloting session each March. If elected, I pledge to do my best to run these meetings in a fair manner. Thank you. Please vote in March!

Exeter Regional Cooperative School District **Budget Advisory Committee** **From your Representative**

Information for your ballot vote at town elections on Tuesday, March 12

As an Exeter Region Coop District Budget Advisory Committee Member, I am elected by and represent all six towns in SAU 16. We work in conjunction with the SAU 16 Business Office to develop Exeter High and Cooperative Middle School budgets and appropriations. This year, our Committee's recommendations were also agreed upon by the ERCSD School Board, and will thus be recommended by both Boards on the March school ballot for all the voters in the six towns of SAU16.

This year's proposed School Coop operating budget included the increases you voted in last March when you ratified three union contracts (EHS and CMS administrators, paraprofessionals and teachers). It also had to absorb two out-of-district Special Ed placements, three retirements, and a cost-sharing hike in retirement benefits no longer absorbed by the State of NH. Our Budget Committee met from August to December trying to digest a 6% increase. That's about three million dollars more than last year without really adding anything new to the operating costs of the district!

We realize that moving forward, in order to remain solvent, we have to either face deep and unwanted cuts to this budget or we need to change the way we are providing education in the 21st century. For information about our discussions on this, please see meeting minutes at: www.sau16.org/index.php/school-boards/exeter-region-coop/budget-advisory-committee-members-agendas-minutes and

www.sau16.org/index.php/school-boards/exeter-region-coop/minutes/579-2012-2013-exeter-region-coop-school-board-meetings-agendas.

There is one Item on the 2013 Exeter Regional Coop School ballot:

Proposed Operating Budget: This **\$52,700,000** budget represents a \$2,754,055 increase in operating costs, **up 5.5%** over last year's proposed and accepted operating budget. If voted down, the default budget of \$53,048,087, a \$3,102,142 or 6.2% increase over last year will prevail. **This bears repeating:** if you vote NO on the proposed, you will get the higher default budget. Due to Brentwood's student enrollment percentage at the Middle and High Schools, these operating costs will impact our town with an estimated increase of \$0.724 cents per \$1000.00 valuation for the proposed operating budget (if you vote yes) and an estimated increase of \$0.832 per \$1000 for the default operating budget (if you vote no).

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Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions about this budget.

Elyse Seeley
Ph: 778-9411

On the Town Ballot

Question #1.

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Brentwood on the second Tuesday of March?"

The Zoning Amendments

The following zoning amendments are recommended by the Planning Board. They ask for voter support in the adoption of these proposals.

1. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to repeal Article 300.002.009 Workforce Housing in its entirety as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance?
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to amend Article 300.002.004 Town Center Zone District 1, by removing the prohibition against outside display/storage as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance?
3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to amend Article 700.002.009.001 by removing item D that reads "Economic advantage alone is not reason for the proposed construction," as proposed by the Planning for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance?
4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to amend Article 700.003.003.006 by removing item D that reads "the proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of this Article," as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance?
5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to amend Article 300.001.001.004 by designating the land recently added to lot 212.013 as being zoned Commercial/Industrial, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Brentwood zoning ordinance?

To the Editor

I am writing to the voters of Brentwood to ask you to **reject the SB2 Ballot Question #1 on March 12, 2013.**

The move to the SB-2 form of Town Meeting, in my view, would restrict the voting opportunities of registered voters of the Town of Brentwood. Many of the

same procedures for developing budgets will remain the same. These procedures are all aimed at developing budgets that meet the needs of the town and doing it in an inclusive and transparent manner.

The part that departs from the current procedures is that there will no longer be a Town or School Meeting as we now know it, but it is replaced by what is called a deliberative session at which voters decide what can go on the ballot for budgets for the ensuing year. Historically speaking the deliberative session draws fewer voters than the traditional Town or School meetings. For example at the deliberative session for the Coop District, of a possible 23,972 registered voters approximately 50 were in attendance. And of those 50 only 6 or 7 did not belong to a committee or a board. As a result of that meeting 50 people determined what the remaining 23,922 registered voters would have on their ballot to be voted up or down without ever hearing the pros or cons of each article.

The Town of Brentwood has been operating with the current Town Meeting form of government for over 270 years. Our present system annually requires public hearings on both the Town and School budgets. Hearings are held only after The Board of Selectmen, department heads, and the Budget Committee have met and agreed on the goals, needs, and the necessary funding to achieve those goals within the ability of the voters to pay. The end result is the budget and warrant that is presented to the voting public in the Town Report and at the School District and Town Meetings. At these meetings registered voters can ask questions, make amendments, or change their minds on any warrant. Most articles require a simple majority to pass. Bond issues require a 2/3 majority.

Before the review process begins the Selectmen meet with all department heads on a quarterly basis throughout the year. At these meetings each department head advises the Board of Selectmen of any issues or changes that are going to impact their respective departments financially or procedurally. At the same meetings any policy changes being proposed by the Board of Selectmen are presented to the departments for their consideration. When the budget process begins in October all departments are given guidelines for developing their budgets for the ensuing year.

Those budgets have been reviewed, adjusted or amended by the five-member Board of Selectmen, the eight-member Budget Committee and all Department Heads. A similar review process is conducted by the five-member School Board, the principal and the SAU 16 administration. Both budgets require noticed public hearings. All meetings of the Board of Selectmen, the School Board and the Budget Committee are noticed and open to the general public. The voting public has

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multiple opportunities to become informed, make comment, and participate in the budget process.

- Once SB-2 is adopted it is almost impossible to get rid of.
- Most of towns in the area that have it do not like it.
- The time lapse between the deliberative session and voting day provides for politicking in which the positions on any particular issue can be distorted by the party with the most resources.
- Missing the deliberative session, many voters go to the polls not knowing what they are voting for or against.

Please vote NO on Ballot Question #1 and preserve our traditional form of Town Meeting... a meeting where registered voters can come together discuss the issues, agree and disagree on them and then vote them up or down based on the information presented and the answers given to their questions.

Thank you,

Jane L Byrne, a proud 47-year resident and taxpayer of the Town of Brentwood

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TOWN MEETING

Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am

Swasey Central School Gymnasium

The Town Meeting Warrant Articles

There are 17 warrant articles to be considered this year. Following are brief summaries of them. All articles involving money expenditures are recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee unless otherwise noted. Non-money articles do not require a recommendation. All require a majority vote to pass, unless otherwise noted.

1. Raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,842,248 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$2,847,823. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.
2. \$1,000 to provide funding to New Outlook.
3. \$30,500 to fund a mosquito control program. If passed, this expenditure will be included in the general operating budget for 2014.

4. Submitted by petition:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Municipal Budget Committee in accordance with RSA Chapter 32, Section 32:14V.

5. \$40,000 for the purchase of a police cruiser and related equipment. The Police Special Details Revolving Fund balance of \$20,000 will be withdrawn for this purpose, the remaining \$20,000 to come from taxation.

6. \$75,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of town bridges

7. \$250,000 to repair roads.

8. \$50,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of new highway building(s).

9. \$31,477 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of highway vehicles and related equipment.

10. Authorize the selectmen to enter into a five-year lease agreement for \$87,050 to lease a backhoe for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,524 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement has an escape clause and in subsequent years if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates.

11. \$50,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance of town owned buildings.

12. \$5,000 to study potential development scenarios within the Town Center District.

13. \$39,000 for the purchase and installation of a cascade system for the fire department. The sum to be offset by a donation of \$39,000 from the Brentwood Volunteer Firemen's Association.

14. \$90,000 to be added to the Fire and Rescue Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance created from the donation of a like sum by the Brentwood Volunteer Fireman's Association.

15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Ethics Policy for the Town of Brentwood employees, elected and appointed officials.

The ***Ethics Policy for the Town of Brentwood*** is adopted under the authority of New Hampshire RSA 31:39a, and shall not supersede any existing State of New Hampshire RSA's pertaining to a code of ethics. This policy shall supersede any and all Ethics Policies in the Town of Brentwood and shall be maintained and overseen by the Brentwood Board of Selectmen. As required by RSA 31:39-a, any affected officials who are already in office at the time of adoption of this ordinance are exempted from its effect for a period of one year from that adoption.

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Declaration of Ordinance – The proper operation of a democratic government requires that public officials be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government; and that officials perform their duties without conflicts between their private interests and those of the citizens they serve.

I. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish guidelines for all officials of town government pertaining to and to avoid conflicts of interest; and also requiring disclosure by such officials of town government of personal financial interests or quid pro quo in matters affecting the Town that may appear to be a conflict of interest.

II. Prohibited Conduct.

Participating in prohibited conduct constitutes a conflict of interest with the Town.

A. It is in violation of this policy for any official of town government to:

1. In his or her official capacity: approve or vote upon any matter in which he or she or any family member has personal financial interests or quid pro quo, and known conflicts that may exist between the official of town government and his or her family members, the principals and the issue under deliberation.

2. Knowingly enter into any discussion, testimony or deliberation without first, publicly and for the record, stating all personal financial interests or quid pro quo, and known conflicts that may exist between said official of town government and his or her family members, the principals and the issue under deliberation, as may be known by the official of town government.

3. Knowingly participate in the conduct of business of the town without disclosing all known conflicts of interest.

4. Knowingly using town property or labor for personal use.

5. Knowingly use town property or labor to unfairly influence the political cause of any candidate for public office or any political party. Nothing in the foregoing sentence shall prevent political candidates or parties from holding public meetings on town owned property or prevent an official of town government from exercising and carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of his or her office.

6. Use any proprietary information acquired through or by virtue of his or her official position for his or her pecuniary benefit or for the pecuniary benefit of any other person or business. The foregoing does not apply to information available to the general public.

7. Otherwise than provided by law for the proper discharge of his or her official duties, directly or indirectly request or receive any compensation from anyone other than the town in relation to any particular matter in which the town is a party or has a direct and substantial interest.

8. Otherwise than provided by law for the proper discharge of his or her official duties directly promise or offer compensation as referred to in this policy.

9. Knowingly accept a gift with a value in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00), or allow acceptance of such a gift by a family member from any individual, group or corporation knowingly dealing with an area of town government in which the official of town government has an interest or jurisdiction. The foregoing does not apply to gifts from family members.

10. Knowingly give false information concerning interests, and known conflicts.

11. Knowingly sign a purchase order where there is a pecuniary interest with the vendor(s) or supplier(s).

B. Officials of town government, whose compensation is paid in whole or in part from the town treasury, shall not appear in his or her official capacity on behalf of a private interest before any town board. Selectmen, however, may appear without compensation or favor, on behalf of constituents or in the performance of public or civic obligations.

C. Officials of town government, whose compensation is paid in whole or in part from the town treasury, shall not represent private interests, other than his or her own, in any actions or proceedings against the interest of the town in any litigation to which the town is a party.

III. Exclusions.

A. The prohibition against gifts or favors shall not apply to an occasional non-pecuniary gift, insignificant in value, or an award publicly presented in recognition of public service or any gift which would have been offered or given to him or her if he or she was not an official of town government or unsolicited advertising or promotional items or materials of nominal intrinsic value.

B. It shall not be a violation for elected officials to accept donations for the expressed purpose of financing a political campaign, provided that such contributions are reported in accordance with all local, state and federal laws pertaining to such donations or services and / or financial value.

C. The mere purchase of goods or services from a person or business in the ordinary course of that person's or business' retail or service business shall not prevent an official of town government from introducing, discussing, approving or voting upon a matter which relates to that person or business.

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IV. Distribution of Conflict of Interest Ordinance.

A. All officials of town government, as defined in Section V. Definitions, shall be furnished with a copy of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance prior to assuming their respective duties. Copies of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

B. Failure to be furnished a current copy of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance shall not be grounds for relief from observing and compliance with the policy, amendments, and changes.

V. Definitions.

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Board: Any Town board, committee or commission, elected or appointed, including subcommittees or any subordinate body thereof established by the Brentwood Selectmen, Town Election or New Hampshire law.

Conflict of Interest: A situation, circumstance, in which a Town official has a financial interest in his official activity.

Compensation: Any money, gift, things of value or economic / pecuniary benefit, or favor, conferred on or received by any person in return for services rendered or to be rendered by him or herself or another, in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00).

Family Member(s): Include spouse, children, step-children, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, nephews, nieces, father in-law, mother in-law, brother in-law, sister in-law, son in-law, daughter in-law, any member of the official's household.

Interest: A reasonably foreseeable direct material financial effect or benefit.

Quid pro quo: Something given or received for something else.

Town Official: (Also referred to as "official", or as "official of town government"). Any elected or appointed official, whether of any town board, commission, or committee, whether full or part time, permanent or temporary, including those paid by federal or state assisted programs.

16. To hear reports and recommendations of all committees and to take any action.

17. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Compiled by Linda Rousseau

(End of Town Business Meetings)

What Can Go in the Recycling Bins?

Question: I just wanted clarification re: recycling, and maybe others do, too. Just #1 & 2 containers and no lids/caps of any material can be recycled?

Answer: We contacted the Selectmen's office and received this list of items that can go in the recycling bins:

Recyclables for collection shall include:

1. Aluminum and tin cans
2. Newsprint and any inserts, glossy paper, office paper, magazines
3. Corrugated cardboard, cut to no greater than 2'X2' and bundled
4. Glass (clear, green, and brown)
5. Plastic (bottles and jugs of #1 and #2 categories)
6. Steel food cans
7. Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)

Glass shall have no caps, lids, or covers. All glass, plastic, and cans shall be clean and rinsed.

All recycling shall be LOOSE in a recycle bin or in a trash barrel (no larger than 35 gallons) clearly marked with a recycling sticker with the exception of cardboard, which must be bundled.

Recycling found in any other condition will NOT be collected. Recycling stickers are provided free of charge or recycle bins are available at the Town Office for \$7.00.

Brentwood Now Has an Emergency Management Facebook Page!

Follow this link: www.facebook.com/RDMEMD

Welcome to the Town of Brentwood Emergency Management Page. This page is designed to provide information to the citizens of Brentwood before, during, and after an emergency strikes. Updated information on emergency actions will be posted to this page. They include but are not limited to: preparedness, situational awareness, sheltering information, power outages, road closures and evacuation notices.

Guidelines for use:

- Inappropriate postings will be deleted.
- This page is intended for information ONLY and is not intended as official notification.
- If you need emergency assistance call 911.

Thanks for your support!

Richard D. Murphy, Jr.
Emergency Management Director

Swasey Central School Update

It's a pleasure to write about all of the happenings at Swasey Central School. I've learned so much about the community in the short time that I've been principal at SCS. You all can be very proud of the students that come to school. Our students are respectful and hard working, and there are few, if any, behavior issues to take care of. Students work together in their classrooms and learn about sharing, listening, compromising, and respect for their classmates, family members and teachers. Academically, students in Brentwood are well prepared for their next level of study. We were pleased to see that our students' annual NECAP state test scores, released in January, continue to stay well above the state average in Reading, Math and Writing. With this strong demonstration of proficiency, I am very confident in our students' abilities to grasp and demonstrate their understanding of the Common Core Standards that will be implemented throughout the country in the 2014-2015 school year. I encourage you all to do some research on these school standards that are coming, or to call me to talk about the shifts we are seeing in education.

Just prior to vacation students and staff enjoyed a week of themed days and guest readers as we all participated in Read Across America Week. Students and staff wore mixed up clothes, pajamas, Dr. Seuss outfits and wacky hair during this fun week. We were especially grateful for our guest readers from the community, including school board members, town officials, parents, superintendents and school staff. The week ended with a "Swasey Shindig." This is a whole school assembly where we celebrate together and have some fun. We all enjoyed Mr. Schroeder's 4th grade class play entitled "King Bidgood's in the Bathtub," our 5th graders dancing to Gangnam Style, and a visit from the Cat in the Hat (Mrs. Smeltzer).

Our 5th graders are preparing for their weeklong outdoor classroom experience at Sargent Center in the beginning of April. This annual trip is a tradition for our 5th graders as their schooling at Swasey comes to a close. We are glad that they have the opportunity to bond with nature, to bond with each other, and to meet some other future middle school students as they share their camp experience with 5th graders from E. Kingston, Newfields, and Kensington. A big thank you goes out to our fifth grade team for all of their work in preparing for this journey (and for leaving home for a week to stay with the students). Another big thank you to our families for supporting and funding this experience.

Our goal is to have well-rounded, well-prepared, happy children and the staff here at SCS makes this their daily endeavor. It's apparent in every aspect of our school. Thanks for reading. Don't forget to check out our home on the web at <http://scs.sau16.org/>.

Ron W. Kew, Principal

Parent Faculty Group at Swasey

The PFG would like to thank all the volunteers who donated their time during the recent community night, Action Kids at Brentwood Commons. This event was attended by eighty children who jumped, bounced and balanced for two hours. I'm sure they slept well that night! The Brentwood Teachers Association donated boxes of clementines for a healthy snack; the fruit was gobbled up by thirsty participants. This is a fun filled night that is always very popular. It's time to lace up your skates for the next Community Event, being held at The Rinks in Exeter on March 16. For more information consult the PFG link on the Swasey Central School web page.

"Be on the lookout for Your Child's ART...it's on 20 LARGE Stickers, now isn't that smart? Our kids are excited; their one is one of a kind! Square 1 Art is on its way..." New this year is the online catalog for ordering, that is such a convenient tool. Our art teacher, Crystal Buswell, does a great job coordinating the whole school to be a part of this great project. Watch for information about pickup.

Odds and Ends: Please keep on clipping those box tops found on some items we all buy. They are worth money! Due to popular demand the "Spirit" clothing will be available pending a Swasey hawk logo. Visitors included Diane Vosgien, who attended to remind everyone of the date for the upcoming School District and Town Meetings. Cheryl Scott asked the group to be a part of an upcoming fundraiser sponsored by the Middle School PTO.

Sheila S. Lane

Swasey Central School Kindergarten 2013/2014

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 30, 2013 and you will be sending him/her to Swasey School Kindergarten, please call the Swasey School office (642-3487) and give them your child's full name, DOB, place of birth, gender, address, mom/dad's name and a number where we can reach you.

Swasey Central School First Grade 2013/2014

If you have a child who will be six years old by September 30, 2013 and has not been attending Swasey School Kindergarten, but will be coming to first grade in the fall, please call the Swasey School Office (642-3487) and give them your child's full name, DOB, place of birth, gender, address, mom/dad's name and a number where we can reach you.

The sooner we have this information the better we can plan for the upcoming 2013/2014 School year. You will be notified of Swasey's Kindergarten Meet and Greet at a later date.

Genevieve Rowe

Administrative Assistant, Swasey Central School

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Although Winter is still blustering outside, we are pleased to offer you a glimpse of Spring with the traveling art exhibit "**The Road Not Taken – Artistic Interpretations of the Poetry of Robert Frost**" now on display at the library through March 30. This group art show by three Derry artists was inspired by the words of Robert Frost and is a feast for the eyes. Please stop by to enjoy these wonderful art pieces.

Friday Night Flicks happens on **March 8** at 6:30pm with "**Wreck-It Ralph**," rated PG. We'll provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottle.

Join us for an informative and not-to-be-missed movie: "**Miss Representation**" on Thursday, **March 14** at 7pm. This documentary about women's portrayal in the media is great for parents and teenagers and should inspire some great discussion.

Adult knitters are welcome to join us on **Tuesdays** from 1pm-3pm or **Thursday evenings March 7 & 21** at 7pm. Beginners will be led by Jacqueline Wilson, while experienced knitters may bring along a project of their choice.

Ladies & Gents' Night Movie will be held on Thursday, **March 21** at 7:00pm. We will be showing Ang Lee's "**Life of Pi**," which recently won 4 Academy Awards.

All armchair travelers are invited to a **Jungle Talk** on Thursday, **March 28** at 7pm! Professor Ken Thomas of the Northern Essex Community College Speakers Bureau will present slides of the **Amazon Basin** and share how the region is home to 60% of the planet's tropical rainforests.

The next Library Trustee meeting will be held at the library on **Monday, March 18** at 6:30pm. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on Monday, **March 25** at 7pm for another stimulating discussion. This month's title is the riveting **The Light Between Oceans** by M. L. Stedman.

Celebrate **April Fool's Night** at the library! We'll be showing "**The Three Stooges**" at 7pm on **April 1**. Laughs guaranteed!!

Please note that **the library will be closed** on Saturday, **March 16** so that all patrons and staff may attend the annual **Town Meeting**. Please come to the meeting and support our library!

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Friends of the Library

I have to say that as much as I enjoy living in New Hampshire I am ready for the snow to be gone and spring to arrive. I am looking forward to the Friends

annual Spring Book/Bake sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 18. This is held with the ever popular Gardeners' Plant Sale. Hopefully, the snow will be gone and we can enjoy our new plants and books outside in the sun.

The Friends have some exciting events coming up in the next couple of months. On April 18 the Friends will host silent movie pianist Richard Hughes, as he takes you on a "trip into the past" when films flickered in black and white and the piano played the mood music. The films that are shown are classics and will entertain audiences of all ages, so bring your kids! On May 16, the friends are welcoming back Michael Tougias. He will be discussing his very funny book "There's a Porcupine in my Outhouse" about his adventures of becoming an outdoorsman.

As a reminder, please take a minute to view the passes that are available at the library. There are great locations all throughout New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine. It does not have to cost a fortune for the whole family to have a day out and enjoy some culture.

The Friends meeting will be **on Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 am**. 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

Brentwood Gardeners

The Gardeners convened at the Library for their February meeting and watched a presentation by Linda Rousseau on her October trip to Singapore and Bali. They went home with a fresh view of the tremendous abundance of greenery and flowers in locations so close to the equator.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Room at **Pilgrim Church**. The program will be on "**Cacti and Succulent Plants**" – the complete opposite of the tropical plants of the February program. These have great appeal to many in our area, and thanks go to Becky Feeney for arranging the program. Refreshments will be coordinated by Suzanne Hannan, 642-6881 and Kate Locke, 772-0849. Please call them if you are inspired to contribute something for the evening.

Membership dues for 2013 go to Gladys Ray, treasurer, or send them to her at 106 Exeter Rd., Kingston 03848. For other information please call co-presidents Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau

Brentwood Historical Society

During the past winter months the board of the Historical Society has been involved with maintenance of the building and planning of programs and exhibits. We are happy to announce our programs for the next few months.

April 11 – Everyone who loves fishing, and all who are interested in how fishing has flourished (or not) in New Hampshire's history will want to hear the fishing expert **Jack Noon speak on "Four Centuries of Fishing in New Hampshire: Yankee Character, Yankee Priorities."** Jack lives in the Warner, NH area, graduated from Dartmouth, and has written both fiction and non-fiction, including "Fishing in New Hampshire – a History." His program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. **7:00 pm at the Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road.** Free and open to the public. Refreshments, conversation and browsing afterward.

May 23 -- We will share a Humanities Council program with the Library. The focus will be on the Abenaki and Penacook tribes of this region, presented by true authorities – Donna and John Moody. Donna is a Tribal Elder in the Abenaki Nation and their spokesperson to the State of NH and the Federal Government. John graduated from Dartmouth with a BA in Native American Studies and Anthropology. Their program: **"Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed: Native Americans in New Hampshire."** **7:00 pm at the Mary Bartlett Library.** Free and open to the public.

June 13 -- Another wonderful evening in our tour of the main roads of Brentwood and life as it was 50 and 60 years ago. We've heard about North Road, Deer Hill, Crawley Falls, part of South, and the Pickpocket Road neighborhood. Now **Martha Clark, John Dodge, and Jo Tuck** will lead the way with many of their memories of **Middle Road (Rte. 111A)**, while others in the audience will be welcome to add their stories and details as they think of them. A favorite kind of evening for Brentwood residents, new and old. And of course, refreshments, conversation and browsing afterward. **7:00 pm at the Museum.**

The Summer Open Houses – first Saturday of each month, 10 am–1 pm. **June 1, July 6, August 3. Plus July 4, 10am-12pm**, with hot dogs and beverages on the grounds. All excellent opportunities to browse through our scrapbooks in the Library Corner.

Membership dues of \$5.00 are due now and may be sent to Albert Belanger, Secretary, 128 Middle Rd. Visit our web site, www.brentwoodnhhistory.org. For other information call Alma Vahey, President, 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

Community Dinner and Forum in Brentwood

Please join us at Pilgrim Church on **Friday, April 5** for our first Community Dinner and Forum, an opportunity to bring the community together to discuss topics of interest to today's families. We will serve a spaghetti dinner from 5:30–6:30 PM. At 6:45 PM Swasey School teacher Wilhelmina Bradley will speak on:

"Being Present with the Ones You Love – Bringing Balance to Busy Lives"

Tools for Reducing Stress and Distractions for Families at Home and at School

Child care will be provided. Please email us at pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org to reserve your space. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations will help us with planning. Pilgrim Church is located at 197 Middle Road (111A) in Brentwood. Or see us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimUCCBrentwoodKingston>.

About Our Speaker: When you're not seeing Wilhelmina on her bicycle commuting to and from her third grade class, you will see her teaching on her yoga mat. She will share her thoughts on how we create our own reality and the importance of being in the present moment, with interactive discussion, Reiki and breathing and concentration exercises.

Rev. Kim McKerley, Pastor

Local Women's Conference

Grace Ministries, a local non-denominational Christian church in the Brentwood community, is hosting "Dance with Me", a women's conference. The internationally known speaker, Pastor Lynn Lucas of Long Island, NY, will be the primary guest speaker for this event. Pastor Lynn is author of "No Longer a Victim" and will be ministering along with Pastor Lucie Cook of Grace Ministries, and Rosemary Moore of Messiah Christian Church in Wells, ME. Pastor Lynn is also a well-known speaker for the Women of the Word conferences held nationally and well attended here in New England.

This Christian Women's Conference will kick off on **Friday, April 12 at 7:00 pm**. Doors will open at 6:30pm. **Saturday's session will begin at 9** (doors opening at 8:30am), and will include a luncheon, as well as a Saturday afternoon session, including personal ministry time with these incredible speakers. Advanced registration is requested, and can be found at www.gracemi.org. The cost is \$45 and includes the luncheon. Prices increase after March 31. For more information you may contact the church office at 603-642-7848. Please join us as we learn, grow and rest in God's Love for us as women and as we invite God to "Dance" with our lives.

Brentwood Recreation News

Thank You!

As another season comes to an end, we want to thank all our Basketball coaches for another great season. We really appreciate all your time and effort with the players.

Yoga Classes

Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm

All ability and experience levels welcome.

Next 8-week session begins March 5.

Cost: \$64 /eight week session. **Drop-ins always welcome!**

Baseball and Softball

Field Clean-Up will be Saturday, April 13.

All schedules will be available on our website.

Watch for Picture Day information.

Join Us at Foxwoods Casino!

Join us on **Monday, April 22**. It's so easy to experience "the wonder of it all" at the beautiful and fun Foxwoods Resort and Casino in southeastern Connecticut. Passenger receives a bonus package worth up to \$34 at the casino upon arrival. Enjoy coach bus transportation with coffee and donuts for the ride down and a snack on the return trip. **Cost: \$35**. Bus leaves the Brentwood Recreation Area at 7:30am and returns approx. 7:30pm. Please call the Recreation office by April 15 to reserve your seat.

Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt

The Recreation Department will again host our Annual Bunny Breakfast and Town Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 30**. The Egg Hunt will start promptly at **8:45am** and the Bunny Breakfast will run 9:00-10:00am. The Easter Bunny will be there to visit with kids and parents are welcome to bring their cameras and take pictures. Breakfast Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. The Egg Hunt is free to town residents.

Women's Self Defense Course

Join us for a one day event to increase your awareness, help you avoid dangerous situations and empower you with simple escape techniques. This 4-hour class includes elements of basic safety that can help a woman recognize possible danger before it escalates into physical attack.

Saturday, April 27 11:30am- 3:30pm

Brentwood Community Center Cost: \$10

Some of the topics covered:

- Situational Awareness
- Time/Space distance for defense/protection
- Action vs. Reaction drills
- Stance and Balance
- Take Downs and Escapes

The worst part of an attack situation is the feeling of total helplessness the victim experiences. Learn to defend yourself. *Bring a friend and join us!*

Coyote Club Wilderness Education Class -- Late Spring Session

Coyote Club is designed to introduce children to nature-based studies, native crafts and environmental stewardship. The program includes survival skills, wilderness awareness, navigation/mapping, animal signs and much more! The program is designed for kids grade K-5. The six-week course runs Tuesday afternoons from 3:20-4:30pm. **Next Class begins Monday, April 9** (no class May 27). **Cost is \$65** Space is limited. Registration forms are available at the Recreation office. See www.nhecolgy.com for more detail.

New ZUMBA Classes! Get Fit with Sara

Zumba classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring. When it comes to body sculpting, **Zumba Toning** raises the bar (or rather, the toning stick). It combines targeted body-sculpting exercises and high-energy cardio work with Latin-infused Zumba moves to create a calorie-torching, strength-training dance fitness-party. Classes offered every Wednesday beginning **February 6** by licensed instructor, Sara Cloutier of *Get Fit with Sara*.
 6pm Zumba (45 mins) \$5
 6:45 Zumba Toning (45 mins) \$5
 Both classes \$9/night

Drop-ins, beginners, advanced, young and old are all invited to join the party. Pre-registration is not required. Any questions can be directed to Sara at 603-702-2765, sara@ZumbaWithSara.com or www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithSara.

Adult Over-30 Coed Softball

We will again be offering our over 30 Coed Softball League here in Brentwood. The season will run late June through mid-August. If you are interested in playing or have a group interested in forming a team, sign up at the Recreation office or registration forms will also be available on our website. Individual or team **sign-up deadline is May 15**. For more information contact the Recreation office.

Upcoming Summer Programs:

Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

Mad Science "Secret Agent Lab" July 15-19

Surf Camp (July – dates TBA)

Engineering with LEGO®! Jedi Engineering and Jedi Master Engineering **June 24-28**

Challenger Sports **Soccer Skills Camp Aug. 19-23**

Multi Sports Camp **July 22-26**.

Registration has already begun online at www.challengersports.com

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.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov.

BE PREPARED -- Brentwood

It was wonderful to receive a few responses to the last "Be Prepared - Brentwood" article. If you have any tips, tricks or other successful home preparedness ideas, please feel free to forward them. They may just end up being part of the next article.

Our last preparedness goal included getting a few basic food items and a backpack for everyone in your household. Continue purchasing and then storing water and non-perishable canned items as you go, but for now, we are going to focus on 72-hour kits. That's what the back-pack is for.

Add the following basic essential items to each back-pack you purchased:

- 4-8 bottles of water.
- 3 granola bars.
- 3 packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers.
- 3 packages of beef jerky.
- 1 Flashlight. One that does not require batteries is best.
- Matches (already waterproofed if possible) & Lighter. *If you have small children, these are best kept in a parent's back pack.*
- 3 tea light candles.
- 2 ponchos. One can act as a ground cover while the other can be worn.

Random Tip: Save some of your dryer lint. That grey fluff is very useful to have around if you ever need to get a fire going. Store in brown paper bags or cardboard egg cartons. This is a great idea for family camping too.

Shannon Gish

Shannon Gish can be reached via email at shannongish@gmail.com.

Springtime Buffet to Start the Season

Pilgrim Church will be hosting a Springtime Buffet on **Saturday, March 23** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (continuous seating). This delightful event will feature fresh carved ham, turkey and roast beef, a complete salad bar, and much more, including a variety of Homemade Desserts.

Tickets will only be sold at the door and are \$12 per person. The Church is located on Route 111A (197 Middle Road) in Brentwood and is handicapped-accessible.

Gene Orcutt

Email: orcu416@comcast.net

Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors enjoyed an International Luncheon Buffet at their February meeting. They then had a great time with the annual "Pound Party," which has you bidding on unseen "white elephant" items that are hidden in paper bags of various colors and decoration (each weighing more or less a pound). The modest proceeds are added to the group's treasury.

The next meeting, **Wednesday, March 27**, will start with an Irish Buffet, followed by entertainment by the balladeer James Barnes. Members are to arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 am for appetizers, socializing and set-up. A short business meeting will be conducted by president Sandy Thorsell at 11:30, after which the buffet will be available for serving.

Members please circle the **different date** for the April meeting. It will be **Thursday, April 18**. This is to accommodate the wonderful group of tap dancers who will entertain us, as they are not available on our usual day.

For other information please contact Sandy Thorsell, president, at 772-4476.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

Notice --- Notice --- Notice

**The
Brentwood Democratic Party Caucus
will take place as follows:**

**Monday, March 11, 2013
7:00 p.m. 18 Sherman Ave., Brentwood**

All registered Democrats in Brentwood are requested to attend and are eligible to vote in the caucus elections for town Democratic committee officers and for Brentwood delegates to the 2013 Midterm and 2014 State Democratic Conventions.

For more information, call Liz McConnell at 772-7484.

Waste Tonnage

	December	January
Tons, mixed solid waste	106.08	119.73
Tons, recycled goods	32.07 (23%)	44.23 (26.9%)

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Kathleen T. Poggi**, who passed away January 22 at the Hyder Family Hospice Home in Dover. She and her family moved to Brentwood in 2000. Her career was in the publishing field. In 2009 she founded Seacoast Ink, a media, event and custom publishing company serving the New Hampshire homebuilding community.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of **Lora "Lolly" Davis** of Michael Bennett Road, who died February 12 at Kindred Healthcare in Dover. She was a longtime resident of Exeter and Brentwood. She formerly helped her father, Russell F. Davis, with the operation of Rusty's Taxi Service and was also employed by Nike Shoe Company.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Ethel May "Dolly" Lyford**, who died on February 18 at Langdon Place of Exeter. She was married for the last 10 years of her life to Lawrence Lyford and lived at Creamery Brook Farm, Middle Road, Brentwood. She was predeceased by Mr. Lyford and by her first husband, Harry F. Evans, with whom he owned D&H Florists on Route 125, Brentwood.

Friends and former neighbors of **Daniel "Dan" Olson** will mourn his passing at age 49 on February 6 in Dover. Born in Brentwood and graduated from Exeter High School, he was the son of Margaret and Jon R. Olson. He worked all his life in excavation, originally with his father. He currently resided in Fremont.

Easter at the Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Brentwood will observe Good Friday with an evening service at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 29. Easter morning observances will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:00 am on the church grounds, followed by a breakfast in the Vestry.

The morning worship will begin at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Rev. Hastings will lead the services, and all are welcome to attend. The church is located at the corner of North Road and Route 125.

Easter at Pilgrim Church

Please join us at Pilgrim Church for the celebration of Easter on **Sunday, March 31, 2013**. We will begin the day with a brief, outdoor worship service at 7:00 AM. That will be followed by a Community Breakfast from 7:30 – 9:30 AM. We will worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 AM.

Pilgrim Church is located at 197 Middle Road (Route 111A) in Brentwood. The Rev. Kimberly S. McKerley may be reached at 603-778-3189 or at pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org. Pilgrim Church is a progressive Christian community, a Just-Peace, Open and Affirming Congregation of the UCC. All are welcome!

Celebrate with Family

Easter is such a special time of year. From family gatherings to little ones dressed in bonnets, Easter is a time to celebrate. Along with Christmas, Easter is one of the - if not THE - most popular days to attend church. As such, our family at Grace Ministries invites you and your family to join us! We will be hosting a Sunrise Service from 7:00 - 7:30 am. Immediately following will be coffee, tea and cocoa along with our Easter Family Breakfast starting at 8:00 am. Breakfast will run through 9:30 with food service ending at 9:15 am, and will be By Donation. Our traditional Easter Sunday Service will be at our usual time of 10:00 am. Come to the early service and stay for breakfast - or come for breakfast and stay for second service, either way...COME! All are welcome. Bonnets are optional. Whether you join our family this year, or attend somewhere else -- everyone here at Grace Ministries wishes you and your family a Blessed and Happy Easter!



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Calendar of Events

- Mar. 7 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Mar. 8 **Friday Night Flick – 6:30 pm, “Wreck-It Ralph,”** Bartlett Library
- Mar. 9 **School District Meeting – 9:00 am, Swasey School Gymnasium**
- Mar. 10 **Daylight Saving Time begins.**
- Mar. 11 Brentwood Democratic Caucus -7:00 pm, 18 Sherman Avenue
- Mar. 12 **Election Day – Polls open 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Community Center**
- Mar. 13 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Mar. 14 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Historical Society – 10:00 am work session at the Museum
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Documentary movie – 7:00 pm – “Miss Representation,” Bartlett Library
- Mar. 16 **Town Meeting – 9:00 am, Swasey School Gymnasium**
- Mar. 18 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- Mar. 19 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; “Cacti and Succulent Plants”
- Mar. 21 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies & Gents Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, “Life of Pi,” Bartlett Library
- Mar. 23 **Springtime Buffet – 5:30-7:00,** Pilgrim Church, Middle Road
- Mar. 25 Brentwood Bookers – 7 pm, “The Light between Oceans,” Bartlett Library
- Mar. 26 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- Mar. 27 Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Brentwood Community Center, James Barnes, balladeer
- Mar. 28 **Jungle Talk: Amazon Basin – 7:00 pm, Ken Thomas, Speaker,** Bartlett Library
- Mar. 30 **Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast – 8:45 am, Community Center**
- Mar. 31 Easter services – see page 16
- Apr. 1 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Firehouse
April Fool’s Night movie – 7:00 pm, “The Three Stooges,” Bartlett Library
- Apr. 2 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Apr. 4 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Apr. 5 Community dinner & Forum – speaker Wilhelmina Bradley, 5:30 pm, Pilgrim Church
- 8 School Board meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
Meeting: Reinvigorate Brentwood Agricultural Committee? 6:00-7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. See p2.

The public is welcome at all above events