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May Recycling Pickup Dates

May 7 & 8
May 21 & 22

Memorial Day – May 27, 2013

**Location: Tonry Cemetery, Route 111-A,
Brentwood, New Hampshire**

**“It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died.
Rather we should thank God that such men lived.”
Gen. George S. Patton Jr.**

This Memorial Day we will be having our annual dedication to those service men and women who gave their lives so that we may have our freedoms. Our service will start **at 8 am** and will conclude at **8:30 am**. We will be having the Epping American Legion come by and dedicate a wreath to our departed. There will be a short speech and other dedications.

Please come and bring your children so they may learn more about **WHY** we have a 3-day weekend on Memorial Day, and its cost. We would also challenge all of you to bring others with you this year. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Any Veteran interested in participating, please contact Jon Worrall, USA Ret at 603-566-8450. Uniforms are not necessary but requested. Let your neighbors see and understand your sacrifice.

*Jon “Chief” Worrall
SFC USA Retired
SGLI/CRSC Ambassador
Soldiers Helping Soldiers*

Memorial Day Breakfast at Pilgrim Church following Memorial Day Ceremony

**..Live music and continental breakfast provided.
..This year's theme: to bring to life the memory of
someone you know or admire who paid the
Ultimate Sacrifice.**

The Amanda's Way neighborhood will sponsor the 3rd annual Memorial Day Breakfast following the ceremony held at the Tonry Cemetery. The breakfast is a way to extend the ceremony of honoring and remembering the men and women who sacrificed their lives for us. Our country is the best country on this planet because of the men and women who serve in the military, along with our public servants and the millions of people who volunteer...the people who sacrifice their personal time for the greater good. And the people we honor on Memorial Day are our brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and countrymen who have paid the **Ultimate Sacrifice!**

It is our duty on this day of remembrance to pause and reflect...to pause and reflect in gratitude on the freedom that we have because of these people. **Freedom** that some of us take for granted...that I take for granted at times. Memorial Day is not primarily a day to celebrate the start of summer with a barbecue, to sleep in, or a day off to relax or do extra work around the house...it is a day of remembrance. After taking time to remember as a community, all the activities of relaxation and fun are so much more enjoyable....and deserved!

Let us honor our departed first thing on this Memorial Day morning by attending the ceremony with our community, by waking our kids and telling them we first are going to honor the people who paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom, so they can enjoy their video games, sports and their parents' ability to do what they want for a job, or the freedom to worship in any way we please...and SO much more. Let's wake up our kids literally and figuratively...let's wake up our family and friends too! Over the last few years, the ceremony has been growing at Tonry Cemetery on Route 111-A. We thank Jon Worrall, town administrators and volunteers who organize this ceremony. Thank you.

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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

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 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

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This year's theme is bringing to life the memory of a friend, family member or someone you admire who paid the Ultimate Sacrifice. Please bring a picture or memento of a family member, friend or someone you admire to the ceremony at the Tonry Cemetery and bring it along to the Breakfast at the Pilgrim Church and place it on a table. Let's bring back their memory and remember and thank them collectively.

My fellow citizens, **please**, before you go about your day and enjoy the benefits of your freedom won by the blood of our brothers and sisters, take an hour of your day to come to the ceremony and the breakfast. As Jon Worrall challenged last year, bring a friend too! If you have another commitment and cannot join us, please take 5 or 10 minutes in quiet before you go about your day to reflect in gratitude on the people who gave their lives in service to our country...and also reflect on the people who grieve over their lost loved ones. And most of all, say a silent thank you.

See you there!

*Yours respectfully,
 Ed Doris*

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	93.5	93.97
Tons, recycled goods	23.68(20.2%)	27.52 (22.7%)

From the Town Clerk's Office

- The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 15 to allow staff to attend the Town Clerks' Spring Workshop, and on Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday.
- Boat registrations can be done at the Town Clerk's Office. Bring two checks or cash.
- Fines for unregistered dogs shall be imposed beginning June 1. Please register your dog.

Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Dates and locations Brentwood residents can use are:

Date: **Saturday May 18, 2013**

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

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

There will be another collection date in September for drop-off at the Brentwood Highway Shed. Date to be announced.

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

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Business Card Directory: \$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.
 Business Article: \$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

Deadline for June Issue: Friday, May 24

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

Earth Day Roadside Cleanup



Conservation Commission's headquarters on Earth Day.

The Conservation Commission held its third annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on April 20, the closest Saturday to the real thing. Lots of people dropped by Pilgrim Church's parking lot at about 9:00 to pick up bags and gloves, then went out to the roadsides to collect junk. The rain kindly stopped well before 9:00, and though the day was grey, cool and blustery, a lot of work got done.

A partial list of participants is below; please forgive any omissions. Thank you, everyone who pitched in. Especially, we thank Cub Scout Pack 192, who did an amazing job on Pine Road. Wear the badges you were given proudly!

A particular thanks to Pilgrim Church for their hospitality. Bart Noyes (from Kingston, but a Brentwood church member for decades) generously set out coffee and tea for us, much appreciated in the clammy weather.

At the end of the morning, Commission Chair Rob Wofchuck served up hotdogs, carrots and chips, and his partner Heather Gilbert dished out Memories ice cream. It was fun and successful. Join us again next year!

Emily Schmalzer

Participants in Earth Day Cleanup

Russ Peirce	Gary Farnham
David Vaught	Martha Lord
Anita Kidd	Jessica Peirce
Kevin Kliegle	Kelsey Peirce
Lissa Colombo	Kaitlin Neils
Peter Colombo	

Cub Scout Pack 192

Garett, Jackson, and Marshall Lasewicz
Neil, Justin, and Ryan Tatman
John, Michael and Jacob Tuck
Karen, Faith and Michael Diaz
Owen and Damon Grace

Conservation Commission

Rob Wofchuck	Reid Bunker
Heather Dudley-Tatman	Betty Stevens
Heather Gilbert	Martha McDonough
Emily Schmalzer	Emma McDonough

Plant Sale Hosted by Willow Pond Community Farm

Willow Pond Community Farm will host a Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 25** from 9AM to noon at Pilgrim Church on Rte 111A.

We will have certified organic vegetable plants (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, lettuce), herbs and flowers. You may preorder by going to our website: www.willowpondfarm.org and download the order form or just come and choose what you want on the day of the sale.

We also have a few more shares available in our CSA this season. If you are interested, you can find out more about it on the website or call me, Joanie Pratt, at 778-8881.

Please note my new e-mail address:
jprattnh@gmail.com.

Joan Pratt

Plants Welcome for Gardeners' Plant Sale

The Brentwood Gardeners will hold their annual Plant Sale of hardy perennials on **Saturday, May 18, 2013** on the grounds of the Mary E. Bartlett Library, 22 Dalton Road, from 9:00 am until sell-out. The annual Book & Bake Sale by the Friends of the Library will take place at the same time, in the lower level of the library building.

Brentwood area residents are invited and welcome to donate extra plants from their gardens to the sale. They may be bare-root (in baggies) or in pots, with a note saying what they are and what color. No day-lilies, please. Plants may be dropped off between May 4 and 11 at the home of Gladys Ray, 106 Exeter Road (Rte. 111), Kingston – phone 778-9424.

*Gladys Ray and Suzanne Hannon,
Plant Sale Co-Chairs*

Mailing Crew for April

Many, many thanks to those in the Mill Pond Crossing neighborhood who assembled the April *Newsletter* for mailing: Marilyn Bowlby, Carol Elliott, Patti Kaselauskas, Beverly Kirby, Denise Licciardi, Judy Meredith, Ruth Michel, Phyllis Paradise and Pauline Raiche.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Papers, Booklets, Donated to Brentwood Historical Society Museum

The Brentwood Historical Society and Museum gratefully acknowledge a recent donation by Eddie and Ann Burt. Their gift of Brentwood-related papers, booklets, and ephemera included some valuable old pictures of Brentwood scenes. They will be catalogued and made available to interested researchers in the museum at the Old Grange Hall on Crawley Falls Road.

We would like to invite others who have collections of Brentwood-related materials to add them to our collection. We are especially interested in old artifacts, booklets, magazine articles, documents, or pictures that deal with our town's history and its residents. Keep us in mind when you are doing your "spring cleaning" and are about to dispose of unwanted materials that might be appropriate for our collections.

Albert Edward Belanger
Secretary, Historical Society

A Newsletter Business Article

It has been a while since we reminded readers about the availability of Business Articles in the *Brentwood Newsletter*. Because this is a monthly newsletter and not a newspaper like the *Manchester Union-Leader*, *Portsmouth Herald* or *Exeter News-Letter*, we do not have "ads." However, we are certain that our residents are glad to know when a business or service they need is available right here in town. Many would choose doing business with a fellow resident rather than someone miles away.

Therefore we offer two options for 1) the business that is located in Brentwood, or 2) a town resident whose business is not far away. Most everyone is familiar with the Business Card Directory. It appears three times a year, and a business card space costs \$20 per space per insertion.

A Business Article may be a half page or a full page. We usually take a photo if the client wishes. The photo then becomes his/her property. We usually do the writing, but the article is subject to the full approval of the client. Obviously there is room for more detail, and a chance to aim information only to the residents of this town. A half page is \$100, a full page is \$200. Several town businesses will tell you that a Business Article gave them the launch they needed. Virtually all will say that results from an article definitely paid for the investment.

If and when you feel the time is right for a Business Article for your enterprise, we'll be glad to come and see you.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Brentwood Democratic Committee

The Brentwood NH Democratic Committee will meet on **Monday, May 13, 7:00pm at 52 Stevens Drive**, Brentwood.

Please 'like' us on Facebook at Brentwood NH Democratic Committee, and follow our posts regarding ultra conservative legislation being proposed by our state representatives.

Liz McConnell
603-772-7484

BE PREPARED – Brentwood

As Shannon Gish stated in her first article in the February 2013 issue, the purpose of these articles on Preparedness is to encourage our town to be better prepared should the need arise in our households or in our neighborhoods – due to forces of nature, global markets, employment status or health issues. – Editor.

You might remember our last preparedness goal [March 2013, p.15] included getting started on our 72-hour kits or "Go-bags" by purchasing a few basic items to put inside a backpack for each member of your family or household. The next few articles will focus solely on those Go-bags. However, feel free to continue to purchase non-perishable items for your general home food storage like soup, powdered milk, soap and water.

This month, we are going to add these items to each back pack:

- Small first aid kit.
- Copy of important documents & phone numbers.
- Heavy work gloves. (Kid-sized garden gloves for younger children).
- Whistle.
- Toothbrush & toothpaste.

If you have any tips or ideas to add or if you are seeing this article for the first time and would like to catch up on the previous "Be Prepared" article, feel free to visit the Town of Brentwood web-site: www.brentwoodnh.gov and click on the issues of the *Newsletter*, or you can contact me at the email address listed below.

Random Tips:

Don't forget a Go-bag for your pets. Fill a small animal back-pack with portion sized bags of food, bottles of water, collapsible bowl and leash.

If you are on Facebook, be sure to check out The Town of Brentwood's Emergency Management Page: www.facebook.com/RDMEMD.

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

Swasey Central School

Hello to you all! I'm glad to be able to share some of the exciting things that are happening at SCS. In April, over half of our students participated in the annual Jump Rope Show at Exeter High School. We are very pleased that so many families were able to join us. A big thank you goes out to all the staff that worked with all of these students for months to prepare their jump-roping skills. This was Sheila Lane's 20th year of providing this enrichment activity and planning for our students. Thank you, Sheila, for this impressive accomplishment.

Grade 2 presented their Patriotic themed program to families as well. The evening had a musical tribute to America and our students' projects were proudly displayed in our lobby. The evening was a success, thanks to all of our students and their families, and of course to our amazing Grade 2 team and our music teacher, Juliette Gavin.

Grade 5 students spent a week at the Sargent Center Camp with classmates and staff. The week is filled with camp activities like hiking, campfires, and a challenging rope-course. What I feel is most special though, is the opportunity for our Brentwood students to interact with other 5th graders from around SAU 16, prior to their entry into the middle school. Thank you Grade 5 staff and parents for providing this special event. All of our students, are provided very special events to participate in and

A reminder to all families that registration for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students is open and we welcome phone calls (642-3487) to help you through the process.

Last month, at the 2013 NH Music Education Association Conference, Superintendent Michael Morgan was presented the award for Administrator of the Year for his support of music in our schools! The SAU 16 music staff had agreed to nominate him some time ago based on the meetings they've had with him and the support he's shown to music programs and curriculum development. Congratulations Mike!

We're very proud of our students that worked on the Smarter Balanced Pilot Test /Language Arts. Our students are providing information to the test creators on this assessment that is scheduled for all 3rd-8th graders in the spring of 2015. Well done to all of them and to our 3rd and 4th grade teams for their hard work on this.

In conclusion, I can't thank the Brentwood community enough for their support of our school and our mission. We are proud to work with the children of this town, and appreciate all of your interest in our school. It is clear that you all value education. Thank you.

Teaching yours,
Ron Kew, Principal
 Swasey Central School

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

As the school year rushes on, the Swasey PFG continues to work diligently to help support staff and students. An example of this hard work was the Square 1 Art fundraiser. Swasey families far exceeded expectations pulling in a 69% participation rate. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Although the thermometer has been reading far below the temperatures we would like to see this spring, warmer days are right around the corner; days that will cause us to seek shade. Swasey students will be able to find a cool spot on the playground as our shade structure is close to becoming a reality. We anticipate its construction to be completed prior to the start of the 2013-14 school year. This project has been funded through the continued collection of Box Tops. Keep clipping!

Mark your calendars for May 6th as the Harlem Wizards roll into Exeter High School for a CMS fundraising night. Come cheer on some of the Swasey staff playing in the basketball game.

The yearly staff luncheon is on the calendar for May 8th. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer/contribute to the success of this event.

The PFG is already planning for next school year. Elections for the PFG board will be held at the next meeting, May 21st at 6:30pm at Swasey. Please email at Swasey.pfg@gmail.com if you would like to be nominated or just want more information. You can also like them on Facebook - "Swasey Parent Faculty Group" to get updates on current events.

Kathie Babine for Swasey PFG

Brentwood Graduates

The *Newsletter* is interested in news of Brentwood residents who have earned a diploma, certificate, degree or associate's degree. Exeter High School will supply us with the list of its Brentwood graduates, which will appear in the July/August issue of this *Newsletter*. But we need the help of families and friends to learn about all others. Don't be hesitant to let us know about your graduates. They deserve our recognition and their families deserve credit for the support they've given. Please call or e-mail me – lindarou@comcast.net or call 580-2358 – with your information. Thank you.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Seacoast School of Technology National FFA Chapter

In mid-April, thirty-eight members of the Seacoast School of Technology (SST) National FFA Chapter attended their State Convention at the Mount Washington Hotel. The members competed in over eighteen different career development events (CDE's). The chapter won 12 State titles in the areas of Agricultural Issues, Agricultural Communications, Marketing, Landscape, Agricultural Sales, Job Interview, Dairy Showmanship, Prepared Public Speaking, Animal Welfare Display, Demonstration and Impromptu Speaking. Eleven seniors were awarded recognition for their advancement in the National FFA by earning their State Degree. Three of these FFA members will have their work advance to the regional level at the Big E in September. In addition, fifteen members were recognized for their proficient work in specific areas of skill and knowledge, of which six will be advancing to the National level to be scored against the rest of the country.

The SST Chapter returned with over \$5,000 in scholarships and awards. In addition, the chapter proudly is the home of three FFA State Officers for the next academic school year. Positions for State Officer are State Secretary Lucienne Dubois, State Reporter Brian Berridge and the FFA State President Heather Berlo. SST-FFA members from Brentwood included:

Heather Berlo: State President, Bronze Proficiency for Equine Science, State Degree Recipient and State Star Farmer Award, State Winning Agricultural Issues Team, State Winning Landscape Team, State Winning Horse Judging Team, State Winner Dairy Showmanship and State Winner Prepared Public Speaking. In the fall Heather will be serving as FFA State President while she attends UNH-Thompson School to become a Veterinary Technician.

Meghan Johnson earned her State Degree in the area of Outdoor Recreation, while also earning gold in her proficiency area as well. In addition, Meghan served on the courtesy core and was a member of the 1st place Equine Quiz Bowl Team. After school Meghan plans on entering the military.

Miguel Catala was a member of the State Winning Agricultural Communications Team for his work with the Exeter Farmer's Market. **Manuel Catala** and his team took second place in Marketing for their work with Heron Pond Farm. **Jessalyn Edwinson** competed in Milk Quality Products.

The SST-FFA Chapter had an outstanding State Convention thanks to the help of parents, community members and local businesses that help the chapter throughout the year.

*Anne DeMarco
Animal and Plant Science
FFA Advisor*

Summer Institute at Exeter High School

Designed to provide a wide range of learning opportunities for students entering grades nine through twelve, Exeter High School (EHS) will host its first Summer Institute in 2013.

Twenty-seven different courses, ranging from Broadcast Journalism to Standardized Test Preparation and from an Introduction to Marine Biology to an Introduction to Elementary Teaching, will run for two-week sessions from June 24 to August 2. Courses will carry two Exeter High School credits (.5 Carnegie unit) and will have 10-18 students per class. Each course will have 40 hours of class time and will be graded on a pass/fail basis. Each course costs \$250 plus additional fees for books or travel, as appropriate.

Priority registration for students from SAU 16 is now open and will be available until May 17, 2013. After that date, registration will be open to any high school student. More information is available online at

<http://savvy.sau16.org/ehs/SummerInstitute.cfm>

“Connor’s Climb, ‘A Will to Live’ 5K and Family Walk” for Suicide Prevention

On October 24, 2011 family and friends lost Connor Ball to suicide. Connor's brother and five Exeter High School friends have come together to plan “Connor's Climb, 'A Will to Live' 5K and Family Walk” Awareness event **on Saturday, May 25, 2013.**

On May 25, 2013 the planning committee for Connor's Climb hopes to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention with a 5K, family walk and kids' run event. The event will be held at Exeter High School beginning at 9:00 am. All funds raised from the event will go directly to suicide prevention programs in NH schools.

Connor's Climb has partnered with “A Will to Live Foundation,” a 501c(3) non-profit that works with teenagers and young adults to promote teen suicide awareness and education. Sponsors for the event include Bauer, Sea View Technologies, Starbucks Coffee and many generous raffle item donations from local businesses. The planning committee is still seeking sponsors; many opportunities are still available. To learn more about the event please contact Susan at 603.583.5062 or visit <http://www.will-to-live.org/foundation-events/connorsclimb/>.

Register for the event at <http://www.active.com/5k-race/exeter-nh/connors-climb-a-will-to-live-event-2013>. All level runners and walkers welcome. Online advance registration only.

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

We are pleased to announce an expansion of our services beginning in May: the library will now be open both Monday and Thursday evenings until 7pm.

Please join us on **Thursday, May 16** at **7pm** for a night of fun and odd nature experiences! One of our favorite presenters, Michael Tougias, will be back with an outdoor humor slide program called "**There's a Porcupine in My Outhouse!**" He will describe some of his wildlife encounters and chronicle his misadventures while exploring New England's backcountry. We are truly grateful to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program for all to enjoy.

Speaking of the Friends, their **Annual Books & Bake Sale** will happen on **Saturday, May 18** from 9am to Noon. What a great time to find fantastic book bargains and delicious baked goods!

On **Thursday, May 23** at **7pm** we are teaming up with the Brentwood Historical Society to present "**Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed: Native Americans in New Hampshire.**" Presenters Donna and John Moody will explore the history of New Hampshire's Abenaki and Penacook peoples with a local focus on the Brentwood area.

Ladies Night Movie will be held on Thursday, **May 9** at **7:00pm**. We will be showing "**Safe Haven,**" based on the Nicholas Sparks novel by the same name.

Friday Night Flicks continue on **May 24** at **6:30pm** with the new "**Return to Nim's Island,**" rated PG. We'll provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottle.

Summer Reading is just around the corner! Signups for art classes and hands-on programs begin Saturday, **June 15** at 8am. New for 2013 is our **Summer Reading Buddies Club** for 12-year olds and those entering **Grade 7** in September. The library will also take into service a set number of regularly scheduled volunteers ages 13-17 for the month of July. Information packets and student volunteer application forms will be available starting May 23.

At press time, it was unclear whether or not the **Brentwood Bookers** would be meeting this month. Please check out the library website or give us a call for more information about the next book discussion meeting.

Volunteer Spotlight: Many thanks to the students at Phillips Exeter Academy who spent a day last month sprucing up the Library grounds. To Jack Larkin, Ben Veres, Savannah Bayse, Eddie Hernandez and Emily Liao and their chaperone, Polly MacMullen: the gardens and newly painted shed are fabulous! Thank you!

Please note that the library will be closed on **Monday, May 27** in honor of **Memorial Day**.

Calling all Jedi fans! Mark your calendars for our **Star Wars Celebration** on Saturday, **June 8** at 2pm! You'll learn all about the science behind *Star Wars*, get the scoop on characters from the films, play games, show off your trivia knowledge and see lots of cool *Star Wars* memorabilia. Prizes will be awarded to attendees with the best costumes! All ages welcome.

Last, but not least, the next Library Trustee meeting will be held at the library on **Monday, May 20** at 6:30pm. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

Check it all out @ your library!

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Friends of the Library

We would like to thank the Friends and our Benefactor for allowing us to be able to buy some great new passes. The Isabella Stewart Gardner museum and its beautiful courtyard gardens await your visit. This museum was designed as a work of art. We will also be offering passes for Boston by Foot, as it welcomes you to explore the rich history and architecture of Boston. And you can get the popular New England Aquarium passes from the library as well. We are very happy to be offering these great new passes and hope you will use them. If you don't use the passes we can no longer offer them and these are some wonderful new additions to the list of passes we already offer. So plan a trip to Boston and visit these fabulous museums and tours.

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.

Get your gardening gloves ready and come visit the Book/Bake sale along with the Brentwood Gardeners Plant Sale. It is going to be held on **Saturday, May 18, from 9-12.**

The Friends meeting will be on **Thursday, May 9** 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

Achievement

Kevin Ma, grade 12, Phillips Exeter Academy, earned High Honors for the winter 2013 term. His parents are Dr. Hongbao Ma and Ms. Juan Sun of Eleanor's Way.

Brentwood Recreation News

Check out our new website! We now offer online registration and online payment option for many of our programs.

Baseball and Softball

All schedules will be available on our website. Picture Day Sunday, May 5.

Adult over 30 Coed Softball

We will again offer our over-30 Coed Softball League here in Brentwood. The season will run late June through mid-August. Sign up at the Recreation office or registration forms will also be available on our website. Individual or team **sign-up deadline is May 22**. For more information contact the Recreation office.

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Mad Science Summer Camp "Secret Agent Lab" July 15-19 9:00am-3:30pm Cost: \$245

Look out 007, the Mad Science Secret Agent Lab is in session! Decoding messages, metal detectors & night vision, cool spy equipment. Create your own edible message in a hands-on look at the science that spies use! A combination of in-class discovery and exploration, outdoor games and physical activities, and hands-on applications of the scientific principles presented.

Engineering with LEGO®! June 24--June 28

Jedi Engineering Camp 9:00am-12:00pm Ages 5-7 yrs. Cost \$130

Young Jedi will explore worlds far, far away and engineering principles right in front of them. Designing and refining X-Wings, R2-units, and settlements on far-flung edges of the galaxy, energy catapults, shield generators and defense turrets.

Jedi Master Engineering Camp

1:00pm-4:00pm Ages 8-11yrs. Cost \$130

The Force is strong in this class. Build complex machines and structures based on the best designs from a galaxy far, far away. Projects include X-Wings, AT-AT walkers, Pod Racers, Star Destroyers, Cloud Cities, settlements, and fortresses. Instructors reinforce key engineering concepts such as gear trains, worm drives, pneumatics, eccentric motion and more. Space is limited. Please contact the Recreation office.

Challenger Sports Soccer Skills Camp Aug. 19-23.

Challenger's British Soccer Camp: drills and skills, skill development, technical and tactical practices, and daily 'World Cup' tournament style plays. A rich cultural experience; lessons on respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership and sportsmanship. FREE camp T-shirt, soccer ball, soccer poster and an individual skills performance evaluation. Plus, any child who signs up online at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine British Soccer replica Jersey.

Mini Soccer 9-10:30am Ages 3-5yrs. \$93
Half-Day 9-12pm Ages 6-10yrs. \$125
Half-Day 4-7pm Ages 10-13yrs. \$125

If you'd like to know more about them or sign-up online visit www.challengersports.com.

Challenger Multi-Sports Camp July 2-26 Register online before June 8 to receive a free jersey! Ages 5-12 9:00 - 12:00pm \$123

British coaches will offer a memorable week of fun and competition. New British sports and new skills. Team-building activities, more than running, jumping, catching, kicking and throwing! Games that kids on the other side of the Atlantic play every day. To know more or sign-up online visit: www.challengersports.com or call Recreation office.

Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

Thursday, August 1 9am-4pm Cost \$85

First aid and safety skills so sitters can prevent and respond to emergencies. Learn to supervise infants to school age children, make good responsible decisions and perform basic care. Become Red Cross certified and receive a certification card. Receive Red Cross Babysitter Handbook, emergency reference guide, emergency contact notebook, basic first aid supplies, a first aid guide, and a CD-ROM with additional resources.

Surf Camp - July 15-19 Rye Beach, July 15-19 Noon-2pm Ages 6-16 Cost: \$219

Kids' Surf Camp is the perfect way for new surfers to learn and progress alongside their friends. Designed to introduce kids age 6-16 to surfing in a safe and fun environment. No experience necessary, all equipment is included! Your child will get accustomed to the mechanics and timing of the waves as well as the skills to enjoy riding them. If they have never surfed before, this is their chance to learn! If they have surfed before, they can refine their techniques and prepare for more advanced maneuvers.

Bruce Joyce Baseball Camp July 29- Aug. 2 9:00am-3:00pm Cost: \$150.

Bruce Joyce's Granite State Baseball School. For information and sign up, go to www.joycebaseball.com.

Yoga Classes

Tuesdays 6:30pm. Next 8-week session begins March 5. All ability and experience levels welcome.

Cost: \$64 /8-week session. Drop-ins always welcome!

ZUMBA Classes! Get Fit with Sara

Classes offered every Wednesday evening.
6:15pm Zumba Toning (45 mins.) \$5
7:00pm Zumba (45 mins.) \$5

Both classes \$9/night. Drop-ins, beginners, advanced, young and old are all invited to join. Pre-registration not required. Any questions: Sara at 603-702-2765 sara@ZumbaWithSara.com or www.Facebook.com/ZumbaWithSara.

Recreation website at www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience.

Margaret Dullea

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20. Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs.
8:30am-3:30pm. recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Seacoast Memorials

Lisa Higgins-Alexandropoulos, Owner
Tara Chick, Office Manager

106 Route 125, Suite #3

Phone 603-642-3082
www.seacoastmemorials.com

Seacoast Memorials is a cemetery monument business that has been located in Portsmouth since 1997. The owner, Lisa Higgins-Alexandropoulos, opened a Brentwood location in March, at 106 Route 125, next to Nici Automotive. It is a full service monument shop. It offers cemetery lettering, hand-drawn and laser etchings, natural rocks, ceramic pictures, pet memorials, monument cleaning, vigil lights and candles, restoration work, bronze plaques, civic memorials, granite signs, landscape items such as mailbox posts, granite benches and patio inserts.

Lisa began working in the monument industry in 1991 as an apprentice at a local monument shop. She learned to sandblast the granite memorials, make shaped carvings, lay out custom designs, and work with families of the deceased. She went on to establish Seacoast Memorials in 1997. She is currently secretary of the New England Monument Dealers Association, and takes continuing education classes on the newest designs, granites, computer systems and techniques that the industry has to offer year after year.

Lisa's daughter Tara Chick is the office manager of the new Brentwood location. She also works with families in designing and customizing memorials. Tara became involved with the family business while assisting Lisa with sandblasting, secretarial and field work. Lisa also had family ties in Brentwood for many years. She spent many weekends in Brentwood with her grandparents, Stanley and Frances Wilson on Mill Road.

Lisa and Tara are experienced and sensitive professionals who can be of great help in your time of need. They also invite you to visit them for planning purposes, or just to talk and view what is available. Come any weekday from 9:30 till 4:00. You are welcome at either location: this new one in Brentwood, or in Portsmouth at 3168 Lafayette Road (Route 1). Their website, www.seacoastmemorials.com provides a very good introduction to the business — do pay it a visit.



Lisa and Tara with a portion of their monument display.

A Brentwood Newsletter Business Article

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will celebrate the 33rd anniversary of their organization with a luncheon on **Wednesday, May 22**, at Al's Seafood in North Hampton. The deadline for signup has passed, but those who have signed up for the day will meet in the parking lot of the Brentwood Community Center at 11:30.

The June meeting of the Seniors will be on **Wednesday, June 26**, beginning at 11:00 am. It will be the annual cookout in the Castonguay Pavilion. After lunch the group will have the "Pound Party" that was postponed in February because of snow. Start to look around for "white elephant" or other surprise items that can be hidden in a brown bag or a fancy gift bag, to be auctioned off that day. You are welcome to bring more than one item for the "Pound Party." The proceeds of the auction will go to the Seniors treasury. It will be a fun way to end the cookout. For more information call Sandra Thorsell, president, at 772-4476.

Brentwood Historical Society

The Historical Society will go to the Bartlett Library for its scheduled program this month. On **Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm**, the Society will be co-host with the Library for a program by Donna and John Moody. Donna Moody is a Tribal Elder in the Abenaki Nation. The program, entitled "Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed: Native Americans in New Hampshire," is presented courtesy of a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. It is free and open to the public.

The Summer Open Houses

The Historical Society Museum will have an Open House from 10:00am to 1:00pm on the first Saturday of each month in the summer. Those dates are **June 1, July 6, and August 3**. The Museum will **also be open from 10:00 to 1:00 after the July 4 Parade**, with free hot dogs to celebrate the day.

The June Program

Details of the program for June 13 will be given in the next issue.

To the Editor

It's Spring! It's Spring! Hooray! It's Spring! Time to plant seeds and grow things and visit with the wild things. We, all of us, have some farmer inside even if we don't plant on a large scale. If we didn't, that hanging geranium on the front porch wouldn't make us smile. And what about all the work that goes into a lawn, or those roses, or the lovely rhododendron in the front yard? Doesn't that satisfy someone's inner farmer? In the April issue of the *Newsletter*, there was a little brochure that pretty much advocated moderation in yard care, along with tips on how to slow down the water flow along lawns and on hills and roadsides. The water runs down Old Gordon Road like a river when the rain is heavy. When things get really bad, the drainage swale in front of the house becomes a pond. Good advice, all of it. Most of it means less work and less spending. About having the grass a bit longer – it will look richer and won't burn out in the hot part of the summer. It won't need so much watering either, since the roots will be shaded. Cutting down on fertilizer is a good idea, too. You **do** know that the only reason the fertilizer company wants you to fertilize your dead lawn is to sell you more fertilizer, don't you?"

There have been a few lawn service trucks going by recently. Some companies mention that you can get their bug-killing application to protect your family from Lyme disease. This is an emotional ploy. The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to be vigilant about ticks on your body. Check yourself after being outside, especially after sitting in the grass, and not only around your socks and pants cuffs. Take off your clothes and check all over, because ticks run around a lot before attaching. Maybe don't sleep with the cat or the dog, and if you roll around with them, check yourself and your animal. These insect-killing sprays kill everything in your lawn. Who do earthworms hurt? They turn the earth for you and leave their droppings behind as fertilizer. If there are enough of them, you won't have to aerate your lawn.

The state comes periodically to check out the river, counting life forms and monitoring the growth of algae and water plants. There has been lots of algae lately. On a hot summer day, there is nothing like sticking your feet in the river and watching all the baby fish come up to nibble your toes. They can't survive in an algae-choked river. Using buffers soaks up runoff. That way the water gets to slowly filter down through the dirt so it is cleaner before rejoining the water table. If we manage to keep our rivers clean, it insures better quality water for our use. Then our state won't be prompted to pass a rain tax like they did in Maryland.

They plan to send assessors to every home to measure impervious surfaces and tax the homeowners on that square footage. That would be your patio, deck, paved driveway, roof, etc. You and I know this is just an excuse to take more of our money, but don't even give them a reason.

About 20 years ago, in Vermont, they tried to institute a view tax. The state sent inspectors out to check out the views on everyone's property, and if there was an exceptional view, the taxes went up accordingly. What happened was that everyone let the trees and vegetation grow to obscure the view so they wouldn't be taxed. Whether this was a way to cut back unnecessary tree cutting and land clearing, no one knows, but it worked and was unsuccessful as a tax.

So much for bizarro taxes. Happy Spring! Enjoy the nice weather and thanks to the Conservation Commission for the good advice in their brochure.

*Bonnie Gunther,
aka The Green Fairy*

Report from Your State Representative

Dear Brentwood,

These past few months have been a very busy time for me and I would like to apologize for not keeping up with updates in the Newsletter. I am not in favor of supporting slots or a single casino in NH. Like many, I have purchased Megabucks and Powerball tickets from time to time when large jackpots have been hyped and publicized. Just because there is a NH lottery, it does not mean we should allow slots and a casino. I can assure you that once NH allows one casino, there is no going back. New Hampshire has so much to offer and our advantage will disappear if we allow just one casino. New Hampshire attracts tourists from around the country and world for its natural beauty. We have lower unemployment, lower crime, and lower taxes per capita than our neighboring states. We need to maintain a wholesome advantage without a casino in NH. Crime and gambling addiction will rise if we allow one casino. Local businesses including restaurants will lose business, local hotels will lose business, local music halls, theaters and independent entertainment venues will lose business as well. With approximately 1.4 million people in NH, the estimate for gambling addiction will end up around 10,000 people. Many addicts will go bankrupt and 20% will attempt suicide and the divorce rate is higher with people with gambling addiction. People with gambling addiction will need more public assistance and that means we all pay more taxes. New Hampshire is being influenced by outside gambling interests and greed. Those special interests trying to buy their way into the state do not care about the well being of our state. I care too much about NH and its citizens and will not vote in favor of slots or a single casino. My voting record can be seen online if you would like to view my record.

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/>

*Curtis Grace
Brentwood State Representative
curtis.grace@leg.state.nh.us*

Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners will devote their energies in May to their community projects. On Saturday, May 4, they will meet at the traffic triangle at Dalton and Crawley Falls Road at 9:00 am. The morning will be spent cleaning the winter accumulation of leaves from that location and the other municipal sites that they maintain.

The following two weeks will be focused on preparing for the annual Gardeners Plant Sale on the grounds of the Mary Bartlett Library, **on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 am until noon or sell-out**, whichever occurs first. Hardy perennials from the gardens of members and area residents will be offered, as well as perennials from a local nursery that have been wintered over after last season's sales. For questions about the sale please call one of the co-chairs, Gladys Ray, 778-9424, or Suzanne Hannon, 642-6881.

The annual Book & Bake Sale of the Friends of the Library will take place at the same time as the Plant Sale, on the lower level of the Library.

For other information please call one of the Gardeners' co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Gardening Tips for May

Here are a few spring garden ideas and trends to help add a splash of color and life to your property.

Spring Flower Garden

There are a variety of beautiful flowers that can be planted during the season. Some are very easy to maintain and need little attention, while others are very sensitive to their environment and take lots of care to preserve their beauty.

Annuals

These flowers have a short life span, one to two seasons, but can provide a quick touch of color to your garden. Planting annuals are a great way to be creative since you can always change up your selection and try new varieties. They can be used to decorate borders, fill flower beds, and place in containers or hanging baskets.

Perennials

Once planted, these flowers bloom year after year. With proper care, some varieties can be enjoyed for up to a decade. Perennials require more attention but the results are well worth the extra effort. By selecting flowers with different bloom times, your garden will always be changing. There's an array of different perennials to choose from that can actually endure the New Hampshire climate including: *Bearded Iris*, *Basket-of-Gold*, *Astilbe*, *Coral Bells*, *Geraniums (Rozanne)*, *Baptisias*, *Bleeding Hearts*, and *Goatsbeard*.

Lilacs

Lilacs prefer well-drained, alkaline soil and plenty of sunshine for optimum growth and blooming. If your soil leans toward being acidic, amend it by

cultivating some lime into it before planting your lilacs. It's also best to select a site where your lilacs won't be exposed to the wind. Although lilacs love water, they don't enjoy soggy soil. Without proper drainage, lilacs will do little growing and produce fewer blossoms.

The Best of the Worst

Pilgrim Church on Route 111A in Brentwood will hold its annual "**Wurst Night Buffet**" on Saturday, **June 1**, serving **continuously from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** The celebration of the sausage maker's art promises to provide plenty of variety for those who enjoy the various flavors and textures of not only the "Wursts" but also the many goodies offered to compliment them.

Served buffet style, one can sample each of the many selections or concentrate on their favorite knockwurst, kielbasa, bratwurst, sweet and hot Italian sausage, and the ever popular "Hot Dog." Sauerkraut, sweet and sour red cabbage, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, chili, and a variety of mustards and relish styles will be capped off with home baked loaves of whole grain, rye and pumpernickel bread. Tickets will only be available at the door: adults \$10.00, children under twelve \$5.00. Handicap accessible.

Proceeds will help support the Church's Wider Mission.

Gene Orcutt

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Historical Note

Brentwood was home to many Indians when the white man first came because of the Exeter River running the full width of the town. The Indian was dependent upon rivers for food, fur, transportation and defense.... Arrowheads have been found by many, and stone implements have been found in the Swasey meadow on the south side of the river. Miss Mary Dudley has an old Indian mortar and pestle made from the trunk of a tree, two feet around and three feet high. The pestle is rough – made from a branch of a hard wood tree. This was used to grind their corn.

...The Abenakis were made up of small tribes. Each tribe had its own chief and consisted of groups of families or clans. They had fixed habitation. Their homes were wigwams made of small trees, bent and twisted together, covered with mats, bark or skins. They had very little furniture. Their beds were mats placed on the floor.

The most customary utensils found were the wooden bowl...the earthen pot or kettle ...Cups and spoons were generally made of maple, though sometimes clamshells were used.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 6 Brentwood Democratic Committee – 7:00 pm, Mary E. Bartlett Library
Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Fire Station
- May 7 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 8 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 9 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Mary E. Bartlett Library
Ladies Night movie – 7:00 pm, Library, “Safe Haven”
- May 13 School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey Central School
- May 14 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 16 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Michael Tougias, humorous speaker – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- May 18 **Brentwood Gardeners Plant Sale – 9:00 am to 12:00 or sellout, Bartlett Library**
Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale – 9:00 am to 12:00, Bartlett Library
Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Hampton. 8 – 12, Old Hampton Town Hall
- May 20 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Mary Bartlett Library
- May 21 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Parent Faculty Group, 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
- May 22 Brentwood Seniors Lunch at Al’s Seafood. Meet in Community Center parking lot at 11:00 am.
- May 23 **Donna and John Moody, speakers: Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed.** 7:00 pm,
Library. Joint program: Historical Society with the Library, free and open to the public.
- May 24 **Friday Night Flick at the Library – 6:30 pm.** “Return to Nim’s Island.” Bartlett Library
- May 25 **Willow Pond Community Farm plant sale.** See page 3.
Connor’s Climb “A Will to Live” Race & Family Walk. See page 6.
- May 27 **Memorial Day ceremony – 8:00 am, Tonry Cemetery, Middle Road.**
Memorial Day Breakfast at Pilgrim Church – after the ceremony at Tonry Cemetery.
- May 28 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- June 1 **“Best of the Wurst” buffet supper – 5-6:30, Pilgrim Church, 196 Middle Rd./Route 111A**
Historical Society Museum Open House – 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- June 3 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Fire Station
- June 4 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- June 6 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Planning Board -- 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building

The public is welcome at all above events**The Brentwood Newsletter**

c/o Linda Rousseau, Editor

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