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December 2013

December Recycling Pick-Up Dates

December 3 & 4
December 17 & 18

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

Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive

It's that time of year when we need to put our heads together for the 13th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive for needy families. The schools, churches and Welfare Department have been providing applications to those families who need extra help for the holidays.

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

We ask the residents of Brentwood to give a donation or pick an "ornament" off the Christmas tree and return it with the gift **unwrapped** to one of the drop boxes located at the Town Offices, Brentwood Country Store and Brentwood Fire Department. Please write checks to the "Brentwood Firemen's Association" and specify on the check "Donation Toy Drive." The economy continues to be tough for every-one, so I am asking families to pick items with a \$35.00 value or less. All donations are put towards unpurchased gifts.

Final drop-off date for all unwrapped toys will be Thursday, December 19, 2013. This will give Santa and his elves time to organize the gifts and arrange for families to pick them up. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-944-0847.

May you all have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Donna Vadeboncoeur

Toy Drive Coordinator, Brentwood Fire Department

Winter Parking

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

Karen Clement

Town Administrator, Brentwood

Brentwood's 2013 Tax Rate

Brentwood residents and property owners should be in receipt of their final tax bill for 2013. It was dated 11/06/2013 and is due 12/20/2013, after which 12% interest applies. As indicated on the tax bill, our tax rate is \$23.88.

Tax Rate for 2013

Town: \$3.73
County: \$1.05
School: \$16.77
State: \$2.33

Total: \$23.88
Equalization ratio: 103.3%

Thank You to All Newsletter Contributors

This writer has just finished a pleasant chore: leafing through the *Newsletters* of 2013 and making a quick count of all who wrote something or contributed information for publication in these pages. Some 83 residents took the time to write news, information or opinions to share with their fellow residents.

Their efforts combined to produce a powerful gift, the gift of communication. Without it, and without the freedom we have to use it, what a different town this would be.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

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From the Town Clerk / Tax CollectorMarriages, Births, Deaths in the Town Report

- Any Brentwood Resident who had a marriage, civil union, birth or death in 2013 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like to see the event published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request along with a copy of the "official copy" of the event to the Town Clerk's Office.

Any Brentwood Resident who had an event occur in New Hampshire and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town Report. The deadline for these letters of request is Tuesday, December 31, 2013.

- The Tax Bills have all been mailed out. Bills are **due on Friday, December 20.**
- Our office will be closed beginning at 12 noon on December 24, all day December 25, and all day January 1.

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

Phyllis Thompson

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors enjoyed their 33rd anniversary luncheon at The Lobster Claw restaurant in Exeter last month. Many thanks to Theresa Gilman who served as the organizer.

The Seniors who have given the money for their seat reservations to Treasurer Marion Arkell will attend a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Leddy Center, Epping, on **Wednesday, December 11.** The performance will **begin at 2:00 pm.**

The December meeting, on **Wednesday, December 18,** will be a luncheon and a Christmas music program by the second grade classes of Swasey School. Lunch will be the traditional Christmas turkey with pot luck dishes to complete the meal. Members will be contacted by the telephone committee to confirm what dish they are bringing. Members are also reminded to **bring a toy**, in a bag but not gift wrapped, to put under the tree for use by the Fire Department's Toy Drive.

Members and friends should **arrive at 11:00 am** for egg nog and appetizers. There will be ample time for lunch before the students arrive. For more information call Sandra Thorsell, president, at 772-4476.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

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The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

We've had a great Fall at the library and are looking forward to a cozy winter of reading and programming. We're the perfect spot to connect with Brentwood friends this season – come on over! Here are a few offerings to entice you away from the malls:

December Happenings @ MEB

This month the library will host **Musical Mondays** featuring local talent for our patrons' listening and browsing pleasure. Live performances will run from 6:15pm – 6:45pm each Monday. If you are interested in performing, please call Betsy at the library to secure a spot. (Attention students – we will be happy to give you community service hours for your participation!)

Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa will return to the library on **Saturday, December 14 from 9:30 to Noon**. Join the Friends of the Library as they entertain the jolly old soul and help spread holiday cheer! Make greeting cards and reindeer food with Santa's helpers. It'll be a great way to catch up with your Brentwood friends and neighbors.

The Friends of the Library Craft Fair is in full swing and delighting all who visit. Stop by soon to find small gifts for the holidays while supporting the library and local artisans. The selection is always changing!

Ladies Night Movie will be held on Thursday, **December 19 at 7pm**. Treat yourself to a night out and enjoy the romantic holiday comedy "**While You Were Sleeping**," starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. Festive refreshments will be served.

We invite you to begin school vacation with a fun night out with your family. **Friday Family Flicks**, featuring "**Despicable ME 2**" [PG] happens on **December 20 at 6:30pm**. We'll provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottles and your minions.

At press time, the **Brentwood Bookers** weren't sure if they would be meeting in December. Check the library website for more information. The **Trustees** will be meeting - at **6:30** on Monday, **December 16**. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

The **Knitting Group** continues to gather each Tuesday from **1pm – 3pm**. They will also meet at **7pm** on two **Thursdays: December 5 and December 19**. New members are always welcome – no experience required.

Please note the library's holiday hours this month: we will be open on Tuesday, **December 24 from 9am to Noon, CLOSED on December 25**, open on Thursday, **December 26 from 3pm to 7pm** and **CLOSED on January 1**.

One of the real joys this month is the opportunity to say thank you and to wish you the very best for the New Year. Here's to a season filled with warmth,

comfort and good cheer (oh, and a few good reads, too!) Happy Holidays from all of us at the library. We wish you peace, health and happiness during this joyful season.

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Friends of the Library

Ho Ho Ho **Santa** is coming. He will be making his annual appearance at the Mary Bartlett Library on **Saturday, December 14 from 9:30 – 12:00**. Be sure to have your kids get their wish lists ready. Once they have told Santa what they want this year, they can head to the back of the library to make reindeer food and other crafts. While your little ones are waiting in line for Santa, or making crafts, you can shop at the annual handmade craft fair. This is a great opportunity to multi-task at this very busy time. The items for purchase are all handmade by your talented friends and neighbors in your community.

While visiting the library, please take a moment to check out all the passes available. These offer excellent, cost saving opportunities to take advantage of some great museums in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Make sure you come into the library for what the Friends are offering in January. We can't tell you right now, but to give you a hint, it just may help in making school vacation week plans...

As always, the Friends meet the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. We are always looking for more participants to join us in bringing exciting events and programs to 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

November Mailing Crew

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in the Pickpocket Road neighborhood who assembled the November issue of the *Newsletter* mailing: Patti Andrews, Ann Barker, Kris Johnston, Linda Johnston, Jane Storm, Diane Wade and Diantha Wade.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Brentwood Recreation News

Youth Basketball

K-2nd Grade will begin their season on Saturday, December 7. Travel teams for 3rd-8th grades will also begin their season on Saturday, December 7.

Schedules will be available on the Recreation website.

Pat's Peak Family Ski Program

Sundays 1/12, 1/19, and 2/9; Saturday 2/1, 2014

Join us for one or all of our Family Ski dates! Brentwood Recreation will be offering discounted ski lift tickets and a rental, lift and lesson package option for Pat's Peak Ski Area in Henniker, NH. See our website or call the office for more details.

Men's 30+ Basketball

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on **Thursday, December 5, 7:30-9:00pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter.

Players sign up through the Recreation office or online by November 21. Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website.

Cost: \$75 for 10 weeks.

SENIORS "Join us for Chair Yoga!"

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 10:30am. This gentle movement helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance and relieve aches and pains. You will gain strength and confidence in yourself and feel better with the support of others around you! No experience necessary.

Yoga & Nutrition Class

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm

Yoga & Nutrition class offered by Alicia Rossman RND, RYT, owner of Let's Get Movin'!

Class offered for adults (kids 10+ are also welcome to join with parent). Class includes movement to help strengthen and stretch the body, improve balance, flexibility, and focus. You will feel rejuvenated, strong, and refreshed. Beginners are welcome! No experience necessary. **Drop-ins always welcome!**

Cost: \$64 /eight week session.

Facilities Rental

The Brentwood Community Center and ball fields are available to rent. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be down-

loaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm.
Commission meetings: 4th Tues. of the month, 6:30 pm.

Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners had a merry evening at their November meeting. First they went around the circle to hear everyone tell where they were for one of their most memorable Thanksgivings. Then they welcomed Shannon Griffin, floral designer and owner of The Green Griffin on Route 125, Kingston, who had brought a wonderful array of flowers and greens with which to make a holiday table centerpiece. Members had brought their own containers. With Shannon's coaching and plenty of cutting and snipping, the work tables were soon filled with an amazing array of designs ready to be taken home.

All members are invited to the Gardeners' Christmas Party on **Monday, December 16, beginning 6:30 pm, at Diantha Wade's home**. Bring a dish of appetizers, veggies or dessert, and a wrapped gift for the Yankee Swap if you wish to participate – with a "garden theme" if possible, and no more than \$15 cost.

New members and visitors are always welcome at the Gardeners' meetings. For more information call co-presidents Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Gardening Tip

The dark days of winter are upon us, so you might think a winter gardening list is odd, but for the true gardener, there is no off-season.

Take advantage of warm days. The weather in New England is changing. Winters that used to be three months of snowy and freezing weather now quite often break for a 40- or even a 50-degree day. Those warm days are perfect for cleaning up debris from recent storms or putting down a bit of extra mulch on recent plantings. It's also a good time to trim and reshape flowering trees and assess any winter damage that requires attention. If you need tree work, now is the time to get an appointment with a professional arborist—if you wait until spring, any good arborist will be very busy.

From "New Haven Living, Home Living Garden Tips" by Mar Jennings

Historical Society Christmas Open House

On **Saturday evening, December 14, from 6:00-8:00 pm**, the Historical Society Museum will be open with a warm welcome for all visitors at its fourth annual Christmas Open House.

The Library Corner will be available to those who would like to look through scrapbooks and other mementos, while Christmas music gently fills the air. There will be traditional Christmas sweets, the very popular eggnog, and punch or mulled cider. Do take a few minutes from your week-end to come see us at the Christmas Open House!

For further information please visit our web site, www.brentwoodnhhistory.org or call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Santa Around Town

Santa is coming to Brentwood on **Saturday, December 21, 2013**, between 9:00-12:00. Rain/snow date will be Sunday, December 22nd. Let's put our listening ears on for the Fire Department sirens on Saturday, December 21, 2013. Santa will be escorted around the town on top of a Brentwood fire truck. Listen for the sirens and "Ho! Ho! Ho!" Santa will be accompanied by the Brentwood Fire Department staff members to wish our community a Happy Holiday season.

We will start out at 9:00 am from the Fire Department and work our way around the town. Santa will be throwing candies to all of those good little boys and girls.

From all of us at the Brentwood Fire Department, may you have a safe and Happy Holiday season.

*Donna Vadeboncoeur
Captain/EMS Coordinator*

Swasey Central School Update

It's a very busy place here at SCS. We hope that your holiday season is full of fun and family. A big thank you goes out to our parent/faculty group, PFG, for their endless work supporting our school. Thanks to the school fundraising, saving BoxTops, our playground has a new shade structure for our school community to enjoy. We'd also like to thank builder John Tibbetts and his team for their work on this project.

We are proud to announce that our very own grade 5 teacher, Mrs. Amy Cantone, is the 2013 recipient of the New Hampshire Society for Technology Teacher of the Year Award. Each year NHSTE recognizes and honors two individuals (one leader and one teacher) who, through their extraordinary work and

accomplishments, have made a significant impact in the field of educational technology. Mrs. Cantone's skill in teaching with technology has been exemplary and her willingness to share her know-how with others throughout our school, the SAU, and region is second to none. Congratulations Mrs. Cantone!

GRADE 1

The first grade has been working on life cycles. We went to Apple Annie's Orchard in Brentwood where they talked to us about the life cycle of the apple tree. We learned how much work a farmer has to do to keep the apple trees healthy so we can enjoy apples every Fall. It was interesting to learn where our food comes from before it gets to the store. We participated in the Book of the Month school activity by decorating a pumpkin and reading the book "Pumpkin Circle" which showed us how pumpkins begin before we find them in a store to buy. We worked with the fifth grade classes to identify the trees that we have on the Swasey School property. They showed us an APP called LeafSnap that allowed us to take a picture of a leaf with an Ipad and then it would give us some choices of what kind of tree it came from. We are looking forward to Grandfriends Hour in November to show our grand friends some of our routines. We will also interview our grandparents to learn more about our family heritage and where our families originated before they came to America.

GRADE 3

Swasey School third graders experienced their first Standardized Testing, with the administration of the NECAP test over the first two weeks of October. Third grade readers used character traits and questioning techniques to help understand while they read. They worked to solidify some mathematical algorithms, and touched base with many other math concepts. Basic mapping skills and terms were explored. We concluded our Solar System study with a field trip to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord for a program on our sun and its planets.

GRADE 5

The fifth graders went on two wonderful field trips. We visited the Spencer Peirce Little Farm in Massachusetts for hands-on history. We participated in an archaeological dig, toured a 17th century farmhouse, identified historical artifacts and pieced together broken shards. Our second trip was to the high school to see the play "Bullwacky," written by a former EHS alumnus. The play gave the fifth graders a sense of using time to an author's advantage. Halloween week was a time for fifth graders to take a catapult challenge! We launched mini marshmallows, regular marshmallows and candy pumpkins for both distance and accuracy. Our accuracy was a little questionable, but we had some great distance in our second catapult designs.

We have been learning about qualitative and quantitative data in our STEM and science work.

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Learning how to gather accurate observations and write conclusions containing evidence from the data has been our writing within science focus. In November, we will work on world geography and map skills. We will compare and contrast different types of maps, historical, political, relief maps, etc. Our math time is filled with analyzing data, place value and multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals.

LIBRARY

“Fall” in love with books at the library!

Enthusiasm for books and reading is growing at the library, thanks to the various book award programs we are participating in. First and second grade students have almost completed experiencing this year's ten Ladybug Book Award Nominees. Along with reading the books, students tried fun activities that go with the stories like using chopsticks and making “creepy carrots!” Students will use their completed book review sheets to cast a vote for their favorite titles at the end of November. Third grade students are participating in our own monthly Battle of the Books. Each month they will have a selection of themed books and genres to choose from, and in May they'll vote for their favorites. All students who read at least five of the books will be invited to a year-end celebration. Finally, fourth and fifth grade students have all of the Great Stone Face Award books checked out of the library! They will vote on their favorites at the end of April, and have their own party in May to reveal the winner of the state award as well as next year's nominees. For more details on these great books and library activities, check out the library blog, [SCS Connections](#).

Speaking of blogs, a group of fifth grade students have started an online newspaper, The [Swasey Informer](#). The first edition debuted on October 30, and students will be able to add articles all year. A link to the Swasey Informer is on the [Destiny homepage](#). You can even subscribe in order to receive updates as they happen!

ART

Art has a language all its own. It is a unique way to express emotions and ideas. Swasey students have been learning about and creating with the Elements of Art; color, line, shape, space, value, texture and form. As the students arrange these Elements of Art they will work with the Principles of Design; unity, balance, contrast, movement, pattern, rhythm, emphasis and harmony. The 4th grade students will reflect on their trip up Mt. Major and utilize many of the Elements and Principles of Art by creating a landscape painting in the art room this month. All grades will design artwork for our annual Square One Art fundraiser. Our students are excited to be able to purchase their artwork on the many quality products the company has to offer.

We have an amazing team of students and staff that would like to wish you a Happy Holiday season and

New Year! I encourage you to check out our school website at <http://scs.sau16.org> to get a glimpse at some of the activities and programs that are in place. Thanks for reading and for supporting quality education in Brentwood!

*Ron Kew, Principal
Swasey Central School*

Business Card Directory

Following is an alphabetical list of those whose cards are in this month's Business Card Directory. Save these pages and consult them when you're looking for a service.

All About Dogs & Cats – Norman Head
Appliance Services, Inc. – Wayne St. Hilaire
Barn Builders – John Tibbetts
Beebop Technologies – Sean Hartnett
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Brentwood Country Animal Hospital – Jody Kaufman
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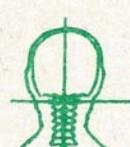
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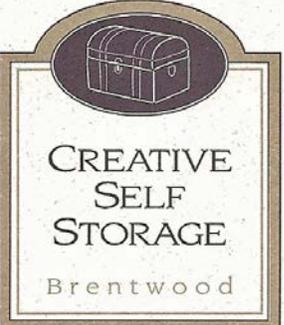


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Grace Ministries Christmas Tea

Won't you join us for "one of the region's most joy-filled events"? Grace Ministries is hosting its annual Ladies Christmas Tea on Friday, Dec. 6. Tickets are \$20. + a pair of gloves. These can be for men, women or children, to be distributed by the "GLOVE THEM! Because Cold Hands Hurt" campaign. This year's tea is again a benefit fundraiser for Orphans, in both Africa and India.

Our 17th Annual Christmas Tea offers spectacular tables of Christmas décor, homemade goodies, tea (of course) and live entertainment. Tables fill up early, so please go online to www.gracemi.org to purchase your tickets, or phone the church office from 9-1 M-F to reserve yours. There is more information about the Tea and the Glove Them! campaign available on our website. Invite a friend or family member as we don't want any of you to miss it!!

Brentwood's 13th Annual After-Christmas Tree Limo Fundraiser

Brentwood Tree Limo Fundraiser is beginning planning for the 2014 season. For twelve years, the limo service has saved folks' backs and car paint jobs. Just last year, Boy Scout Troop 322 (and their leaders) took over as the elves who magically made your tired tree disappear. Troop 322 is so thankful to everyone who made the \$10 (or more) donation for this service. The troop uses all donations to support camping trips, backpacking and other Boy Scout activities for these fine young men. Last year the scouts collected 59 trees with donations exceeding \$750! Thank you, Brentwood!

On your end, all we ask is that you drag your sad, dry, tinsel-free trees down to your curbs **by 8:00am, Saturday, January 4** to be whisked away! Donations may be attached to the tree in a plastic baggie. *Please make checks payable to BSA Troop 322.*

To join in, please call Pam McElroy before Friday, January 3 at 642-3537 or e-mail treelimo@aol.com and provide your name, phone number and address.

We hope you will continue to support this wonderful service again this coming January!

Pam McElroy

Christmas Fair & Luncheon

Saturday, December 7, at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, **9:00 am–1:00pm**. Craft Tables, Bake Table, Cookie Walk, and Christmas Boutique offering new and vintage holiday items. Luncheon includes lobster rolls, chicken salad and home-made soups. Joyous live music.

Bluegrass Christmas Concert

There will be a **Bluegrass Christmas Concert** on **Saturday, December 14, 2013** at the **Pilgrim United Church of Christ**, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A), offering a seasonal blend of Bluegrass & Acoustic Holiday Music. Tickets at the door only: \$15 Adults, children under 12 & Seniors \$10. All seating is general admission only. The show will begin **at 7:30 PM** (doors open at 6:45).

"Christmas in the Valley" features holiday music from the popular Christmas CD, "The Season of My Heart" by Rick Lang & Friends featuring Karen Lincoln Wilber. Rick's Gospel recording "Look to the Light," released in 2010, was nominated for two awards in the Gospel Music field.

The Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band show will feature songs from Bob Dick's solo bluegrass Christmas project *Tidings Of Comfort And Joy* performed by the Bluegrass "fab four"...Bob Dick, Dave Dick, Ken Taylor and Dan Nowlan. Vocalist Amy Gallatin and Guitarist Roger Williams will join in blending upbeat, fun and familiar songs with more contemplative quiet music.

Each year there are a few new wrinkles and surprises to keep you smiling – providing a welcome relief from the holiday rush, simple moments to treasure and a chance to slow down and savor the season.

For information please contact the Pilgrim Church, 778-3189, or Rick Lang, 603-944-2934, rick@haleyanna.com.

Worship on Christmas Eve

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

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

Christmas Eve at First Baptist Church

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 5 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 6 **Christmas Tea at Grace Ministries** – doors open 6:30, event begins at 7:00.
- Dec. 7 **Christmas Fair – 9:00am–1:00pm**, Pilgrim Church, UCC, 197 Middle Road
- Dec. 9 Budget Committee meeting – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 10 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 11 **Brentwood Seniors theater trip to Leddy Center – performance at 2:00 pm**
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Dec. 12 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library.
- Dec. 14 **Christmas Open House – 6:00-8:00pm, Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Rd.**
Bluegrass Christmas Concert – 7:30 pm, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Rd.
- Dec. 16 **Brentwood Gardeners’ Christmas party**, home of Diantha Wade – 6:30 pm.
Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library.
- Dec. 17 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
- Dec. 18 **Brentwood Seniors’ Christmas luncheon** – 11:00 am, Brentwood Community Center.
- Dec. 19 **Final Drop-off date for toys for Fire Dept. Toy Drive.**
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00pm, Library, “While You Were Sleeping”
- Dec. 20 **Friday Family Flick – 6:30pm, Library, “Despicable ME 2”**
- Dec. 21 **Santa Around Town, starting 10 am.**
- Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm, First Baptist Church, corner North Rd. & Rte 125.**
Christmas Eve Candles & Carols Service – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church UCC, 197 Middle Rd.

- Jan. 2 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Jan. 4 **“After Christmas” Tree Limo Service. Trees outside by 8 am.**
- Jan. 6 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Firehouse.
- Jan. 7 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.

The public is welcome at all above events

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