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May 2014

Recycling Pickup Dates

May 6 & 7
May 20 & 21

Memorial Day – May 26, 2014

**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*

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	77.66	97.41
Tons, recycled goods	10.51 (11.9%)	29.76 (23.4%)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Dates and locations Brentwood residents can use are:

Date: **Saturday May 17, 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.

Health Officer Wanted

The Town of Brentwood is looking for a new Health Officer. The Health Officer works closely with Code Enforcement, Emergency Management, and Town Administration to conduct sanitary investigations, inspect health facilities, and enforce laws and regulations that protect health and safety. If you are interested in serving your community in this capacity or for more information please contact the selectmen's office at 642 6400 x 10.

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

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov

TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-7
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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

PLANNING BOARD

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

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

From the Town Clerk's Office

- The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 21 to allow staff to attend the Town Clerks' Spring Workshop, and on Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day Holiday.
- Dog license fees are due by May 31. Fines for unregistered dogs shall be imposed beginning June 1. Please register your dog.
- May 31 is the last Saturday until September that the Town Clerk's office will be open. The summer schedule will be in effect June-August.

Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk

**Position Open
Clerk, Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office**

The Town Clerk / Tax Collector of Brentwood has an opening for a part time clerk. Successful candidate must have a pleasant personality, enjoy working with the public, and be able to work in a fast paced customer service oriented office. HS Diploma or equivalent. Must be proficient with computers. Salary commensurate with experience. 24 Hours per week. The Town of Brentwood is an EOE but with preference given to Town residents. If interested, please apply at the Town Clerk's Office, 1 Dalton Road.

Position Open**Supervisor of the Checklist**

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Brentwood, N.H. are seeking a Brentwood resident to fill an open Supervisor position. Supervisor of the Checklist is an elected position for a term of 6 years. The Supervisors are responsible for maintaining an up-to-date and correct voter checklist. We are looking for someone who is available during the day and also has good computer skills. If interested, contact Mary Clancey at 642-3280 or e-mail mlclancey@yahoo.com.

Seasonal Highway Laborer Wanted

The Town of Brentwood is looking for one individual to work part-time seasonally mowing, performing grounds work, and maintaining town cemeteries. This position will be 30 hours per week for 20 weeks. Pay will be commensurate with experience. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid NH CDL. Apply at Selectmen's Office: 1 Dalton Road Brentwood.

Mailing Crew for April

Many, many thanks on behalf of the community to the emergency crew who came together on short notice to assemble the April Newsletter for mailing: Ken Christiansen, Bob Nadeau, Richard Neely, Mary Neely, Joan Davis and Jim McGean.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

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

Helpful Information for Voters

From the Supervisors of the Checklist

As you know, the Presidential Primary is every four years and a State Primary every two years. There seems to be some confusion about how the process works.

Primary Elections are the only elections where the voter has to declare a political party. If you are a registered Republican or Democrat, to vote you will need to take the appropriate ballot. If you are registered as Undeclared, to vote you must declare a party and take either a Republican or Democrat ballot.

Here the important part in declaring a party is that, **if you want to remain Undeclared**, you must see the Supervisors immediately after voting. The Supervisors will have you sign the *Return to Undeclared* book. This book lists the names of all the registered undeclared voters including those new voters registered on Election Day. The header at the top of all pages in the *Return to Undeclared* book reads **"I hereby request that my political party be changed from Party Choice to Undeclared."** Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury. (RSA 654:34) You will be required to write down how you voted in the Primary Election and sign your name. These actions will return you to your previous Undeclared status.

If you are an Undeclared registered voter and you take either a Republican or Democrat ballot and **DON'T STOP AND SEE** the Supervisors immediately after voting to change back to Undeclared status, **you will no longer be an Undeclared voter**. The party ballot you selected for voting will be recorded and posted on the *Official Voter Checklist* as your party of choice. **This is how someone who was previously registered Undeclared now sees their name on the checklist as either a Republican or a Democrat.**

If you are uncertain about your current status, you can view the *Official Voter Checklist* which is available in the Town Clerk's Office. The Checklist is also posted on the Town's web site – <http://www.brentwoodnh.gov>.

Please note that the information noted on the Checklist **is all public information**: voter number, voter name, resident and mailing addresses and party declaration (RSA 654.31). However, the database in which other voter information is recorded is private and confidential and **is not** public information.

The State Primary Election will be September 9, 2014. Thus if you want to change your political party, **you must do so by June 3, 2014. That is the last day** for voters already registered to change or declare a party affiliation until after the State Primary. (RSA 654.34) Party changes can be made at the Town Clerk's office during normal working hours or with the Supervisors when they are in session. Session dates are posted at the Town Office and on the Town's web page. No party

changes, other than return to Undeclared, can be accepted on Primary Election Day

Roadside Cleanup 2014

The Brentwood Conservation Commission would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's roadside cleanup. Volunteers came out on April 19 for our clean-up event and Earth Day Celebration. Many volunteers worked on their own neighborhoods such as South Road, Deerhill Road, and Peabody Drive. We would like to thank the Boy Scouts from Troop 323 and the Cub Scouts from Pack 192 for their work along Pine Road, Middle Road and Prescott Road. We had more than 40 volunteers on the 1

Thanks to the many other volunteers who have picked up trash in their neighborhoods but did not join us on the 19th.

Happy Spring and keep picking up the trash,

Heather Dudley-Tatman
Brentwood Conservation Commission



On April 19, Community Trash Pick-Up Day, one team worked along Deer Hill Road. The difference was that they had help from Roger Crosby's steers Ben and Jerry. "They were hitched to a cart," wrote Rebecca Davis, "that we put the trash bags in as we worked along Deer Hill Road. We had a great morning in the fresh air and Ben and Jerry garnered lots of attention and photo ops along the way." Pictured with Ben and Jerry are Nick and Robin Wighton and Randall Davis. Photo by Rebecca Davis.



Swasey Central School Update

Dear Reader,

Thanks for taking a moment to catch up on all of the happenings at Swasey Central School! We are very busy here and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. The last day of school for students is Tuesday, June 17. Keep up to date on our website.

Full Day Kindergarten Committee

The committee that was assembled to look at kindergarten programming is looking for a community member to join our group to help with discussions. We are looking for someone who does not have students enrolled at our school. Please send Ron Kew a letter or email to express your interest in joining this group. I will provide these letters to the school board to decide on our new committee member. rkew@sau16.org

Ron Kew/Kindergarten Committee
Swasey Central School
355 Middle Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

From the Music Room:

We will continue with American Folk Music through April. Grade 5 is learning about ensemble playing using pitched percussion instruments. As we tie in with social studies curriculum, we are just starting our final song, "In Good Old Colony Days," which we will orchestrate during the month of April. Chorus members are singing a repertoire of "pop" songs along with a medley from the musical "Lion King" and a medley of patriotic songs. On May 21 they will join forces with ALL the performing groups in the SAU for our bi-annual SAU Music Festival held at the Exeter High School Stadium!

Physical Education

April had the "biggest and best show ev-ar", when the Swasey Swinging Stars put on their routines at Exeter High School on Wednesday, April 2. The show had many new and exciting routines compiled by our Swasey Students. There are 165 members of the club in all the grades K-5.

Kindergarten

Students will focus on mastering skills and concepts introduced this year. In math, we continue to reinforce counting skills, recognizing and naming 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, adding and subtracting within 5, and reading and understanding math symbols. In literacy, we are strengthening sight word recognition through games and activities. We are excited about our upcoming field trip to a local sugar house. We will see the process of making maple syrup and learn about this local resource.

Grade 2

In Math, we have been learning about double-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping, fractions

and finding the area and perimeter of geometric shapes.

We have been reading nonfiction books about many of the symbols and will work in groups to create models of them. These models were on display during our concert of Patriotic Songs in early April.

Grade 4

In March each classroom had a day to discover, research and create. Students self-selected a topic of interest and then spent an entire day learning and developing a way to share their new knowledge. The culmination of this day was an "Innovation Celebration" where parents came in to see the results of all the hard work and focused energy. April was poetry month. The fourth grade will present a poem during our April Shindig as well as find poems for "Poem in your Pocket" day. Finally, we end April (after vacation) with our fantastic trip to Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

Poetry

April was National Poetry Month! Students are immersed in poetry by reading, writing, illustrating, and listening to a multitude of poems presented in a variety of formats and genres. Poetry reading is a great time for teachers and parents to emphasize the rhythm and sound of language as well as an opportunity to introduce students to new vocabulary words and concepts. Poetry encourages personal expression, creative writing, and opportunities to perform. It is linked to improving vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Poetry makes us think!

*Ron Kew, Principal
Swasey Central School*

5K Walk/Run for Exeter Day School

Exeter Day School, where many Brentwood residents attended pre-school and kindergarten in earlier days, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

To mark the occasion there will be a 5K Walk/Run and Kids' Fun Run on Sunday, June 1. The 5K event will be a trail race and walk through the trails of Exeter. There will be various kids' runs for ages 12 and under. All races start and finish at the school, 11 Marlboro Street.

Registration opens at 8:30 am, Kids' Fun Runs start at 9:15, and the 5k Run/Walk begins at 10. There are modest entry fees for this 75th anniversary fundraiser. For complete information and registration information exeterday5K@gmail.com or 202-441-1287.

Recreation News

GOURMET ETHNIC COOKING CLASSES

Dorry Brown Richmond, a member of the Culinary Guild of New England and the N.E. Food Historians, will teach a class in the ***Cuisines of Morocco*** at the Brentwood Community Center on **Monday, June 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**

Moroccan foods are unique, flavorful and very healthful. They're prepared in a TAGINE (a glazed earthen ware pot). Students will learn about the history of Morocco, the commonly used spices, the technique of using a Tagine, and will also do hands-on preparation of some of the foods. The Menu will include a Tomato/Orange/Basil Soup, a Salad of Greens, Beets and Oranges with a Fig Dressing, A Tagine of Lamb with vegetables, Couscous, Moroccan Anise yeast bread, and a Moroccan Rice Pudding accompanied by Mint Tea.

Ms. Brown Richmond is a former seacoast restaurant owner, original founder of the premium Italian gelato, Doriti Gelato, and a food historian. She has traveled worldwide and studied the cuisines of numerous nations under a variety of chefs, notably in Spain, Italy, France, Portugal, England, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden and Morocco. **Class size is limited and the cost per student is \$55.00. Call the Recreation Office to reserve your space.**

Spring/Summer Programs

- ARCHERY CLASS

Tuesdays April 29-May 20, 3:30 pm

This course will take your young archer (and you, if you're interested!) up through the basic fundamentals of shooting target archery focusing on safety and form. Class appropriate for 8 yr. olds and older. **Cost: \$55**

- ENGINEERING WITH LEGO® CAMP

June 23 – June 27

Pre-Engineering 9:00am - 12:00pm (Ages 5-7 yrs.) Build engineer-designed projects such as boats, bridges, mazes and motorized cars, and use special pieces to create your own unique design! Explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor. This is an ideal way to prepare young builders for the challenge of Engineering FUNDamentals.

Engineering FUNDamentals 1:00pm - 4:00pm (Ages 8-11yrs.) Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as arch bridges, skyscrapers, motorized cars, and the Battletrack! Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. An experienced instructor will challenge new and returning students to engineer at the next level. **Cost: \$130** *Space is limited.*

- SOCCER SKILLS CAMP with Challenger Sports **Aug. 18 -22.** Registration has already begun online at www.challengersports.com. **Register online by July 4th and receive a British Soccer Replica Jersey! Mini Soccer 9–10:30am (Ages 3-5yrs) \$93 Half Day 9–12pm (Ages 6-14yrs) \$125**

- RED CROSS BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE

Thursday, August 7 9am-4pm

This interactive course teaches first aid and safety skills so sitters can prevent and respond to emergencies. They'll learn to supervise infants to school age children, make good responsible decisions and perform basic care. Each student becomes Red Cross certified and receives a Red Cross Babysitter Handbook, emergency reference guide, emergency contact notebook, a first aid guide, and a CD-ROM with additional resources. Space is limited. **Cost: \$97**

- SURF CAMP: With Summer Session in Rye, NH **July 21-25.** Cost: \$219. Register online at <http://www.newhampshiresurf.com/surf-camps>

- BRUCE JOYCE BASEBALL CAMP
July 28 - Aug. 1

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE COURSE

Saturday, May 17 11:30am- 3:30pm

Cost: \$10 (Space is limited. Please call the office to reserve a spot.)

A one-day event to increase your awareness, help you avoid dangerous situations and empower you with simple escape techniques. Class includes elements of basic safety that can help a woman recognize possible danger before it escalates into physical attack. Some of the topics covered:

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

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! Also appropriate for teenagers.

SENIORS

“Join us for Chair Yoga! “ 10:00am EVERY Tuesday now! Brentwood Community Center. 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. Class is FREE.

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OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, June 20 Enjoy a family night out with a movie under the stars at the Recreation Area! Join us for activities beginning at 7pm (movie starts about 8:15pm). Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a picnic dinner. We will also have hamburger, hot dogs, pizza and more available at our concession stand. Admission is FREE. *Donations greatly appreciated.*

YOGA & NUTRITION CLASS

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm

Offered by Alicia Rossman RND, RYT owner of Let's Get Movin'!

Class offered for adults (kids 10+ are welcome to join with parent). Class starts with nutrition education followed by movement to help strengthen and stretch the body, improve balance, flexibility, and focus. Beginners are welcome! No experience necessary. Registration is ongoing; you can join at any time. **\$64/ eight weeks**

Drop-ins always welcome at \$10/class. Register at class. www.letsgetmovin.com

Session 3: May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24,
Session 4: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 19

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. If you are interested in playing or have a group interested in forming a team, sign up at the Recreation office or register online through our website.

Sign-up deadline is May 15. . For more information, contact the Recreation office.

Youth BASEBALL and SOFTBALL

All schedules will be available on our website. Regular season will start Saturday, May 3

_FACILITIES RENTAL

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates. See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

RECREATION WEBSITE

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to download for your convenience,

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

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will welcome in the summer weather at their next meeting, **Wednesday, May 28**, with an Indoor Chicken Barbecue at the Brentwood Community Center. The chicken will be grilled outside but everyone will eat inside in the comfort of the hall. Entertainment will be scheduled after lunch.

Members should plan to arrive at 11:00 am for appetizers and conversation. President Alma Vahey will conduct a short business meeting at 11:30, after which the lunch buffet will be opened for serving. For further information please call Alma Vahey, President, 679-8635, or Maureen Menter, Program Chair, 679-4353.

To the Editor

Dear Brentwood Residents,

A number of concerned Brentwood beekeepers and organic farmers met with the Board of Selectmen/women as well as with Sarah MacGregor of Dragon Mosquito Control. We discussed the use of mosquito control in our town and were reassured that a good balance has been reached between the desire to protect families from mosquito borne diseases and a relatively conservative use of pesticide application. We are lucky to have a board which values both, and were reassured that while the safety of children is of the utmost concern, indiscriminate roadside spraying is not a part of our town's plan. The mosquito larvae will be tested extensively, a relatively harmless larvacide will be applied to water sources, and if necessary, judicious spraying will be done at the ball fields and school.

Any resident who wishes to have their property exempted from mosquito larvacide use can contact Ms. MacGregor at DragonMosquito.com/No-SprayRegistry.

In addition, if you have not already done so, beekeepers are encouraged to register their hives with the state of New Hampshire so that you can be alerted of mosquito control activity by registered mail: http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant_industry/documents/beeapp.pdf

We do continue to have a concern about the use of backyard insect control, including the spraying currently advertised and promoted to homeowners. Some of these companies are spraying during the spring, a time when EEE and West Nile do not pose a threat, and also during the day when pollinators are out foraging. We hope you will think about the safety of our pollinators and food supply when you make your choices in this regard, not to mention the safety of yourselves, kids and pets around any kind of pesticide application.

Sincerely,

Amy Robinson
Rebecca Foster

Jane Savage
Randall Davis

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

We are pleased to announce the return of **Ed Webster**, who presented a fantastic program about climbing Mount Everest for us last year. Please join us on **Thursday, May 8** at **7pm** for his talk on the history of climbing: "**From New Hampshire's White Mountains to the First Ascent of K2.**" He will present photos taken by the climbers themselves as he describes the earliest days of American rock climbing and the controversial ascent of K2 by an Italian team in 1954. We are truly grateful to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program for all to enjoy.

Speaking of the Friends, their **Annual Book Sale** will happen on **Saturday, May 17** from 9am to Noon in the lower library room (enter via outdoor amphitheater). Discover fantastic book bargains and enjoy delicious baked goods as you support this hard-working group which does so much to enhance your library. We took a peek and they have a HUGE selection this year!

Save the Date – June 5! That's when Richard Hessen, historian and Professor Emeritus at UNH School of Law will present "**The Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking?!**" Professor Hessen is known as an engaging speaker who draws his audience into the close, humid quarters of Independence Hall where our ancestors labored to fashion the Constitution. This event will be made possible through a generous grant from the NH Humanities Council.

Ladies & Gents Night Movie will occur on Thursday, **May 22** at **7pm** with "**The Monuments Men**" [PG-13] starring George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett, John Goodman and Hugh Bonneville.

It may be Spring, but we're still going to "chill" on **Wednesdays at One!** This month's daytime movies will feature icy-cold refreshments and wicked cool films. For adults who have yet to see the biggest hit of 2013, on **May 7** we'll show Disney's **FROZEN**. **May 14** will bring the hilarious-takes-place-in-Alaska flick **The Proposal**. **May 21** will feature **Frozen River**, and on **May 28** we'll enjoy **March of the Penguins**. Sweaters welcome!

Knitters and crocheters are invited to join us on **Tuesdays** from **1–3pm** for beginning instruction or to work on an ongoing project alongside other crafters. **Nighttime Knitting** with Jacqueline is held every other **Thursday** at **7pm**.

The next Library Trustee meeting will be held at the library on **Tuesday, May 20** at 6:30pm.

Please note that **the library will be closed** on Monday, **May 26** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on Monday, **June 2** at 7pm. Copies of this month's selection are available at the library.

Summer Reading is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars for a special kick-off event on Monday, **June 30** at 6:30pm. More details of the reading program will appear in the next newsletter. And as always, for the latest library news and events, be sure to check **www.brentwoodlibrary.org**.

Betsy Solon, Library Director

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

Friends of the Library

The Friends are getting ready for another great summer at the library, although the weather may not agree with us. Please check out the library's website for the dates and times for the summer reading programs. There are some fun and exciting programs coming up.

The annual Book/Bake sale will be on Saturday, May 17 from 9-12. Stop by and grab some books for those days at the beach, bring the kids and they can search for some books for the summer as well.

We have a great new pass being offered this year. The Castle in the Clouds is the historic home of Tom and Olive Platt. Built in 1913-1914, this house is beautifully designed to showcase the grounds and the nature that surrounds it. You can visit their website at www.castleintheclouds.org for more information.

Our next Friends meeting is **Thursday, May 8**, at 9:30am. We cannot offer these wonderful programs and passes without help and support. We really cannot stress enough that without help these programs and the great passes will not be available. So please consider helping the Friends keep these programs going.

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

Historical Society News

Historical Society Honors High School History Student

Ben Pacquin of South Road, a senior at Exeter High School, recently won an award in the New Hampshire competition of the 12th annual National History Day. His research paper, "George Washington: The Newburgh Conspiracy and Defining Rights and Responsibilities," placed first in the individual senior paper category. He will now go to the Washington, DC competition in June. He plans to go to Gordon College in the fall. His parents are Nancy and David Paquin.

The Brentwood Historical Society honored Ben's achievement in the New Hampshire competition with a \$25 gift card and joins with all those who wish him the best in the next few months.

Pontine Theatre coming to the Museum

The Historical Society feels lucky and excited to have engaged the well-known Pontine Theatre of Portsmouth to travel to Brentwood and present a program at the Museum. The date is **Sunday afternoon, June 29, at 2:00 pm**. Their production will be "**Isles of Shoals: Eternal Sound of the Sea.**"

The Pontine Theatre came into being 30 years ago. Using a chamber-theatre approach with two actors, their productions are original and celebrate the culture, history and literature of New England. They design and make all their sets, props, puppets, and masks. Their unique style of theatre is created for small audiences in nontraditional spaces. It will be a chance for all area residents to see this acclaimed company which they have known about but may never have seen. The performance will be free and open to the public.

Summer Open House Dates Announced

There will again be summer Open House dates at the Historical Society Museum. These provide an opportunity to drop in on a summer morning, wander through the two rooms of exhibits, tools, and mementos of yore, browse through the many scrapbooks to see familiar landmarks as they appeared 30 and 50 years ago, or sit down in the library corner to examine the treasure trove of history-related books.

The Open House dates are:

- **Saturday, June 7, 10 am–1 pm**
- **Friday, July 4, 10 am–1 pm** (plus hot dogs on the patio after the parade)
- **Saturday, August 2, 10 am-1 pm**

Historical Notes

Doctors in Brentwood

The Physicians of Brentwood may here by spoken of, Dr Thomas Peabody, son of Dr Jacob Peabody born Dec 4th 1746, married Elizabeth Shawe March 16th 1769, died a surgeon in the Revolutionary War Nov 28th 1777. aged about 31 years, and was buried at New Windsor. while in Brentwood he lived at the Gilman place Dr Thomas Stowe Ranney was the practicing physician here for several years and then removed to Newport Maine. Dr Joseph Dalton from Deerfield. came to Brentwood in the year 1818 married Mary D. Parsons of Rye in 1824 – Dec. 25th 1824, was the practicing physician in Brentwood and some of the adjoining towns until summoned by death Dec 25th 1856 aged 66 years. Oct 23rd 1857 His friends and patrons raised a monument to his grave price 100 hundred dollars. The inscription on it is "Joseph Dalton M.D. died Dec 25th 1856. aged 66. This monument is erected by his friends and patrons in grateful memory of his long and faithful practice." "As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." Dr Moses W Caverly came from Gilmanton to Brentwood August 25th 1857, and is now June 7th 1862 practising in Brentwood and some of the adjoining towns. [later addition]

*From the Mary Abbie Sanborn Diary of
1858-1860, page 116*

An Earthquake to be Remembered

In 1727 the year was remarkable for a violent and extensive earthquake which commenced on the morning of October 29. It was announced by a loud and alarming noise; this increased until the shaking began, which continued about three minutes. Cellar walls were broken in, and chimneys were thrown down, but no houses were destroyed. Smaller shocks were felt for several months afterward.

Brentwood's 225 Years, 1642-1967, page 117

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Joanne Sullivan has lived her whole life in this area of New Hampshire. A great many people have been her customers in several locations in nearby towns. She grew up in Plaistow and attended Timberlane High School. In 1984 she became a licensed electrologist in New Hampshire. At age 20 she opened an electrolysis office on Water Street, Exeter where she flourished for 10½ years. She then moved her office to her home in Fremont and wove her practice into the needs of her growing family. When the children were beginning to leave the nest, she relocated to an office complex in Raymond for several years. But all the time she was driving up and down Route 125 in Brentwood, knowing in her heart that this was where she really wanted to have her business. Three years ago she relocated to the buildings she had been eyeing for months.

Since then there has been much expansion and interior decoration in the building, and her business has blossomed into a full service salon and spa. She has incorporated: 3 licensed cosmetologists, a massage therapist, and an esthetician. Services include Electrolysis, Waxing, Spray Tan, Massage Therapy, Manicures, Pedicures, Facials, Lash and Brow treatments, and Hair Care -- for all the family including men and children. There are Wedding and Spa Packages, Monthly Specials. Hours are by appointment 6 days a week. Special appointments are available morning, evening or weekends. Online booking is available on the very helpful, detailed website, which no one should miss visiting.

One thing Joanne stresses above all else is the warm, friendly atmosphere that pervades the entire facility. "We're 100% caregivers," she says. "We're a family and we dare to be caring of each other." One gets the impression that all her paths have led to the attractive, convenient, full service, skilled, professional, warm and caring facility that awaits you just across the road from Brickyard Square, Epping. All the staff invite you to come in and make "A Beautiful Investment in Yourself."

A Brentwood Newsletter Business Article

Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners are devoting their energies in April and May to their community projects. On the weekend of April 26th they cleaned and spread mulch on the Dalton/Crawley Falls Road triangle, the South/Lake Road triangle and the other municipal sites that they maintain. The town Highway Department helped considerably by dropping off piles of mulch wherever it was going to be used.

The next two weeks of May will be focused on preparing for the annual Gardeners Plant Sale on the grounds of the Mary Bartlett Library, **on Saturday, May 17, 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. 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. Area residents will have two great opportunities for bargains that day, within just a few steps of each other.

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

Gardening Tips for May

- Even though we are so ready for spring and want some color in our flower beds, we must always remember that this area has very chilly nights, even frosts, right through May. Safe to plant before Memorial Day: pansies, snapdragons, alyssum, flowering stock. Also good now: lettuce, other greens and herbs. But hold off on impatiens, nasturtium, sweet potato vines and other tender annuals until after Memorial Day. Likewise, wait to plant tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, and pumpkins.

- Wait until your spring flowering bushes have finished blooming before doing any pruning or trimming.

- Add a shovelful (or two) of compost to roses, clematis, butterfly bush, and delphinium. You'll be rewarded with more blooms and bigger plants.

To the Editor

Citizens of SAU 16 School District,

For years the District school employees, retirees and taxpayers have been overcharged for health and dental premiums to HealthTrust, a pooled risk management program operated by the Local Government Center (LGC). The LGC was found guilty of mismanagement of the health and dental trust pools and ordered to refund the payees. Cash payments were ordered by the Court.

In defiance of the court order, the LGC decided to offer in lieu of cash, a "Contribution Holiday" which is defined by HealthTrust Executive Director Peter Bragdon as, "a dollar-for-dollar credit on its then current invoice for the amount of the refund provided".

We submitted under RSA 91 a; a request to the Co-operative school Board concerning the procedures followed by the board regarding refund monies owed to the SAU 16 School District for overpayments to the Local Government Center (LGC) health and dental risk pools.

The Exeter Region Co-operative School Board (ERCBSB) sent our request to the Superintendent. We were provided various materials and documents. The superintendent also provided explanations to two of our queries:

1.) At what Co-operative School Board or SAU 16 Joint School Board meeting did the board(s) authorize Associate Superintendent Paul Flynn to request the refund in the form of a "contribution holiday"?

2.) At what Co-operative School Board or SAU 16 Joint School Board meeting did the board(s) discuss a "cash payment" vs a "contribution holiday" and where is the vote on the decision?

Superintendent Morgan's response: "The discussion regarding the "credit" format was discussed at the SAU 16 Joint Chairs meeting on September 23, 2013. There was no vote to that effect. To choose the "credit" rather than the "cash payment" was simply an administrative decision and is covered under Board Policy BDD *Board-Superintendent Relationship*. There is no statutory or judicial requirement that obligated a board vote."

We respond:

The SAU 16 Joint Board meeting of September 23, 2013 was two months after Associate Superintendent Paul Flynn sent a request to LGC HealthTrust for a "holiday contribution credit" on July 15, 2013. So of course there was no vote to that effect. **One man** made the decision to not accept a cash payment of over \$1.5 + million dollars of refund money owed to employees, retirees and the taxpayers of the SAU 16 School District!!!!

As for Superintendent Morgan's assertion that "there is no statutory or judicial requirement that obligated a board vote." RSA 31:95-b; Appropriation for funds made available during the year, immediately comes to our minds courtesy of advice from the NH Department of Revenue Administration.

As for the Co-operative School Board, their "Executive Powers" come from the people. Members of this board work for us and not for Superintendent Morgan. The board's inattentiveness to the people's business has resulted in the board's malfeasance of office and misuse of the taxpayer's purse.

Jim Berlo & Jim Johnson

Note: Because this is a monthly publication and any response should not have to wait a month until the next publication, we always offer an opportunity to respond in the same issue. – Editor.

To the Editor

Dear Citizens of SAU 16 School Districts,

A recent letter from Jim Berlo and Jim Johnson implies a lack of responsibility on the part of School Board Members and SAU 16 school administrators for its handling of past statewide overcharged payments to the Local Government Center (LGC) for health and dental insurance services.

It is important to note that LGC provided two options for the return of funds to the taxpayers: 1) cash reimbursement; or 2) credit toward future payments. In either case, taxpayers would receive a "refund" to defer payment of future property taxes that would be equivalent to the amount of past overpayments.

SAU 16 administrators chose Option 2—the credit toward future payments. Essentially, this lowered the amount of money that had to be expended in the current budget cycle which results in less money being raised by property taxpayers in subsequent tax bills.

The "bottom line" is that property taxpayers benefit in the same way—regardless of a "cash" or "credit" reimbursement.

Several invitations to meet with Mr. Berlo and Mr. Johnson to explain this matter in greater detail have gone unanswered. Therefore, the invitation is extended again!

Sincerely,
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Today's world of personal finance is filled with a bewildering array of products, and many of them are difficult to understand, let alone to compare and evaluate. The choices are there, but how does one pick what will best fit highly personal needs? Finding a financial advisor is easy; finding the right financial advisor is hard. The selection criteria are different for everyone, because financial needs and expertise differ, as do personalities.

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Jeff has access to this entire product family. His New York Life office location is presently in Waltham, Massachusetts, but with his residence in Brentwood, he is looking for opportunities to serve more of his neighbors and friends in town. Feel free to call Jeff to set up a consultation at no charge. With iron-clad confidentiality you can discuss whether something in New York Life's product array provides a financial solution for you.

A *Brentwood Newsletter* Business Article

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Michael J. Rines** of Birch Circle, age 24, who died unexpectedly at his home on March 30. He graduated from Exeter High School, attended Hesser College, and had been a car salesman at several local dealerships.

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Phyllis L. Flagg**, who passed away at the Assisted Living facility of the Rockingham Nursing Home on April 5. Her husband Rev. Lewis W. Flagg Jr. served for several years as pastor of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Flagg was a teacher at Exeter Area Junior High School. After retirement she became an ordained minister and served with her husband in several churches in Maine and New Hampshire.

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Leo R. Fowler** of Block Drive, who died suddenly at his home on April 24. Born and raised in Newburyport, Mass., he served in the US Coast Guard and worked as an Electrical Engineer at the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard for 37 years. He had lived in Brentwood for many years.

Facts from the Census of 2000

As of the census of 2000, there were 3,197 people, 911 households, and 777 families residing in Brentwood. The population density was 190.1 people per square mile. There were 920 housing units at an average density of 54.7 per square mile. The town has a total area of 17.0 square miles, of which 16.8 sq. mi. is land and 0.2 sq. mi. is water, comprising 0.94% of the town. The highest point in Brentwood is Great Hill, at 275 feet above sea level, whose summit is in the southeast corner of the town.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 8 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Historical Society -- Business meeting, 10:00 am, Museum
Ed Webster – 7:00 pm, History of Climbing, “From NH White Mountains to K2” - Bartlett Library
- May 13 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 14 **Wednesdays at One movie** – 1:00 pm, “The Proposal,” Mary Bartlett Library
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 15 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 17 **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 19 Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
- May 20 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Mary Bartlett Library
- May 21 **Wednesdays at One movie** – 1:00 pm, “Frozen River,” Mary Bartlett Library
- May 22 **Ladies & Gents night movie** -- 7:00 pm, “The Monuments Men,” Mary Bartlett Library
- May 26 **Memorial Day ceremony – 8:00 am, Tonry Cemetery, Middle Road.**
- May 27 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- May 28 Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Indoor Chicken Barbecue & Entertainment, Community Center
Wednesdays at One movie – 1:00 pm, “March of the Penguins,” Mary Bartlett Library
- June 2 School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:00 pm, Fire Station
- June 3 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- June 5 Cemetery Trustees – 4:00 pm, Town Office Building
Planning Board -- 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Richard Hessen, historian & law prof. – “The Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking?” –
7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. Through a grant from the NH Humanities Council.
- June 7 **Open House at Historical Society Museum – 10 am-1:00 pm**

The public is welcome at all above events

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