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DEMOCRACY, AND YOUR VOTE, IN ACTION ON NOVEMBER 8

Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton, Bartlett, King, Anthony and many others—the living spirit of all who fought for voting rights throughout American history—would take pride in your presence on **NOVEMBER 8 AT SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL** to cast your votes in the presidential, senatorial, representative, gubernatorial and other races.

Voting begins at 8 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m. And be sure, that was not an error in location: although the primary election, and many other recent elections, have taken place at the recreation /community center on Route 125, the November 8 voting will take place at Swasey School.

Because short clips of candidates speaking, on television or online, can only give a hint of their fully developed opinions on key issues, the Newsletter is including the website addresses for candidates in the three federal races—President, Senate, and Congress—with the hope that publishing them in our October issue, well before the election, will give voters more time for research and reflection. (Names listed in alphabetical order in each category.) As of the Newsletter's October deadline, the State had not yet finalized the ballot listings for other races.

Once the town clerk's office receives the full, final ballot for November 8, it will be posted on the town website.

President of the United States

Hillary Clinton (Democrat) / hillaryclinton.com
Roque "Rocky" DeLaFuente (American Delta) / rocky2016.com
Gary Johnson (Libertarian) / johnsonweld.com
Jill Stein (Green) / jill2016.com
Donald J. Trump (Republican) / donaldjtrump.com

U.S. Senate

Kelly Ayotte (Republican) / ayotte.senate.gov
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Aaron Day (Independent) / facebook.com/aarondayfornh/
Maggie Hassan (Democrat) / maggiehassan.com

U.S. Congress

Frank Guinta (Republican) / teamguinta.com
Brendan Kelly (Independent) / facebook.com/BrendanKellyForCongress/
Robert Lombardo (Libertarian) / facebook.com/LombardoForLiberty/
Shawn P. O'Connor (Independent) / shawnfornh.com
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OCTOBER RECYCLING DATES

October 4 & 5 - October 18 & 19

WASTE TONNAGE FIGURES

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	124.08	104.83
Tons, recycled goods	25.94 (17.3%)	43.30 (29.2%)

Karen Clement - Town Administrator

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Vote at Swasey School! The November 8 general election will be held at Swasey Central School on Middle Road, not at the recreation/community center. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Absentee ballots ready. Absentee ballots for the November 8 general election may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office.

Holiday closing. The Town Clerk and Tax Collector office will be closed on October 10, 2016 in honor of the Columbus Day holiday.

Primary thanks. The Town Clerk would like to thank everyone who helped out at the State Primary Election on September 13.

Licenses still available. Licenses for off-highway recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles and ATVs are available at the town offices. Only cash and checks are accepted.

Phyllis Thompson – Town Clerk

Daphne Woss – Deputy Town Clerk

THANK YOU TO OUR MAILING CREW FOR SEPTEMBER

Many thanks on behalf of the community to members of the Conservation Commission, family, and friends who assembled the September issue of the Newsletter for mailing: Reid Bunker, Doug Cowie, Jeff Donald, Kate Donald, Heather Dudley-Tatman, Jody Kaufman, Ryan King, Laurie Loosigian, Wayne Loosigian, Emily Schmalzer, and Rob Wofchuck.

Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee

CORRECTION

In the September Brentwood Newsletter, we noted that Anna Sang served as class president at Exeter High School for four years. In fact, she served as class treasurer. The Newsletter apologizes for the error.

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016

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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY: SUPPORT LIZ MCCONNELL FOR NH HOUSE

Labor Day is behind us so it's time to start thinking about the upcoming election, especially our local races, where our interests are most directly represented. Liz McConnell is running to represent Brentwood in our flatorial seat in the NH House of Representatives (District 33, which we share with Danville and Fremont) and I am hoping you'll take a few minutes to get to know her.

I can't say enough good things about Liz. She's smart, hard-working, and thoughtful about how issues would impact residents and businesses in our state and our town—both now and in the future. She does her homework and would do a truly excellent job representing Brentwood. She has probably driven to Concord to listen and comment on more key hearings than some of our actual elected representatives, and she's knocked on every door in town to engage voters on issues and elections. She has worked for several non-profit organizations that support our local community and she recently completed the Leadership Seacoast program. Liz is also one of the nicest, most personable, and most caring people you could know.

If you have a question or issue you would like to discuss with her, just send her a message at lizfornh@gmail.com and she will gladly talk to you about it directly. Please also consider attending Brentwood Candidates' Night at the Mary Bartlett Library on October 5.

You can visit her Facebook page (<https://is.gd/Liz4NH>) to learn more, or to request a lawn sign, post a comment, or make a donation if you are so inclined. Regardless of your party, if you want to elect a natural leader who knows what makes New Hampshire a special state to live and work in, and will advocate for Brentwood, please support Liz in the upcoming election.

Eric Turer

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY: FOCUSING ON EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE

To the residents of Brentwood:

I have two boys--aged 9 and 11--and I want to ensure that they receive the best education possible. For me education policy isn't esoteric, it's critical to my family and families across the state of New Hampshire. As a State Representative, and hopefully as your next State Senator, education policy will always be at the forefront of my mind. I know how critical supporting our children and families is to our state's future.

Strengthening our schools must begin with kindergarten and early childhood education. The residents of Brentwood understand how important full-day kindergarten is to our students, and have voted to make it a reality in your schools. With the high rate of property taxes, one of my priorities as a State Senator will be to ensure that the cost of full-day kindergarten is not shouldered through property taxes alone. The state must share this cost and fund kindergarten at the same level it funds 1st through 12th grades.

Prioritizing our career and technical schools and our community colleges also provides us with another concrete way to demonstrate our commitment to the young people we raise here in New Hampshire. We must train our own children in our college systems, prepare them for the jobs we have, and do it without saddling them with debt that makes it impossible to begin their adult lives. We have businesses in the Granite State who are looking for skilled workers. In fact, I was recently speaking with a CEO of a high tech manufacturer here on the seacoast who told me that they have 200 jobs ready to be filled, but can't fill the positions. We must do better to support our communities and businesses.

Our New Hampshire students graduate with the highest amount of debt of students of any state in the country. It's difficult to convince parents and students to stay in New Hampshire for college with such a high debt-load awaiting them at the end of their college education.

Ultimately we need a government that helps us have resilient, thriving communities. Attending to the education of our children from kindergarten through college will help us build communities that are diverse in age and experience. It is the right thing to do for the future of our children and for our economy.

Rep. Alexis Simpson, Candidate for State Senate, District 23

HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOCUSES ON ANTIQUE APPRAISAL AND UPCOMING TOWN HISTORY BOOK

As the Newsletter deadline for the October issue approached, the Historical Society was busy planning for a big day with two major events, Saturday, October 1. First, the public would come from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an Antique and Heirloom Appraisal Day, the first such event at the Historical Society since 2013. Next, the doors would be open from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for the Old Photo Day--Take Two. Residents and area friends who had old pictures, letters, post cards, medals, and other souvenirs of historical interest would be bringing them to the Brentwood Historical Museum to be scanned and recorded, for possible use in the 275th Anniversary Town History book. Even if the items do not appear in the book, they would be valuable additions to the records in the museum, available for future inquiries concerning Brentwood history.

Work will soon begin on the writing of the various chapters of the updated book. A number of people in town will be working on assigned segments. This work will continue for the next two-and-a half months.

If anyone has questions or information for the new book, please contact Rebecca Dunham, editor, 603-642-3912, or Albert "Skip" Belanger, 603-772-5826. For general information please call Alma Vahey, president, 603-679-8635, or visit www.brentwoodnhhistory.org.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

BRENTWOOD SENIORS WILL SELL BAKED GOODS AT NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION

The Brentwood Seniors will sponsor the bake sale table during the November 8 elections, which will be held in the Swasey Central School gymnasium. Any town residents or friends in the area who wish to donate home baked items in support of the Brentwood Seniors may bring their contributions to the bake sale table any time after 8 a.m. on Election Day. All donations will be most gratefully received.

The next meeting of the Seniors will take place at the Community Center, 190 Route 125, on Wednesday, October 26. Members will arrive beginning at 11 a.m. for appetizers and conversation. The business meeting will be opened by president Alma Vahey at 11:30, after which the members will serve themselves at a potluck luncheon. The theme of the October luncheon was not known at the Newsletter deadline, but it was to be announced at the meeting on September 28.

New members are always welcome at seniors' meetings. You do not have to be a resident of Brentwood to join. For information please call president Alma Vahey at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE, LIBRARY, PHYSICAL ED DIVE INTO THE NEW YEAR AT SWASEY

Let's catch up on all things going on at Swasey Central School. Be sure to check out our (newly updated) website, or email/call Ron Kew, Principal of Swasey, if you have any questions. We appreciate your involvement and curiosity in our school.

I'd like to recognize one of our teachers. Last month, at the Exeter Historical Society Building on Front Street in Exeter, the Exeter Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution honored our teacher Scott Fowler as an Outstanding Teacher. His nomination will now go on to the New Hampshire Society of the DAR, which will choose a teacher for the state Outstanding Teacher award. Congratulations to Mr. Fowler, from your colleagues, students, and community members.

Thanks to all parents for coming to Back to School Night, sending in classroom supplies, snacks, and gift cards, and for sharing your children with us.

Here's what's happening in Grades K-2, Library, and Physical Education at Swasey this fall. We will update you next month on Grades 3-5, Art, and Music.

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Desmarais, Mrs. Proctor, and Mrs. Mayo are excited to be part of full day kindergarten at Swasey. Kindergarteners spent the first couple of days learning each other's names and the routines of the classroom, becoming very independent in just a short time: unpacking backpacks, handing in folders, moving about the classroom, participating in specials, and packing up their belongings each day. Kindergarteners will soon work on creating Hopes and Dreams, which will lead into creating classroom rules. They celebrated Dot Day and Thank a Police Officer Day on September 14.

GRADE 1

First graders have been setting up routines and creating classroom rules through guided discovery. We have been working on developing number sense, introducing good reading habits, and beginning a writing unit on narratives. We are starting some science observations of plants and animals and will soon travel to Cider Hill Farm for a field trip support our study of plant and animal life cycles. The Fire Department will be joining us in October for a safety demonstration to support our study of community helpers.

GRADE 2

The first month of second grade is always exciting and busy. We devote much time to developing classroom routines, building friendships, and setting expectations for the year. It is so important to create a classroom community that welcomes each child and supports their learning. Within each of the three classrooms, students are building their stamina for independent reading as well as for doing their work as writers. Still the most exciting second grade happenings would have to be the metamorphosis of our caterpillars into butterflies. As entomologists, we are learning about the life cycle by observing the changes to our classroom butterflies. Our culminating activity will be a field trip to the Butterfly Place in Westford, Massachusetts early in October.

LEARNING IN THE LIBRARY

There's always something to celebrate in the world of reading. We kicked off the school year by celebrating both Dot Day and Roald Dahl's 100th birthday in the library. These collections of stories foster creativity, imagination, and uniqueness in our students. We also roll out the New Hampshire State Book Award nominees. Grades K-3 will read and then vote for their favorite Ladybug Picture Book in November. Their voting is timed to coincide with our presidential election, so students can experience being part of the voting process. Grades 4 and 5 participated in a book walk to preview all 20 of the Great Stone Face Award nominees and will be voting for their favorite in April. They have been challenged to read at least five of the titles. If they complete the challenge, they will be invited to our Great Stone Face Celebration in June.

The first six weeks in the library center on library routines, organization, and book selection. Finding that "just right" book or a book that matches each student's passion is a goal we set together and work on throughout the first quarter. Here are our guidelines:

- Students are allowed to check out three books at a time.
- Please return library books each week on library day (even if they are being renewed).
- Overdue notices are sent for books that have been out for over a month.
- If a book is lost or damaged, please contact me at csmeltzer@sau16.org.

Please follow swaseylibrary on Instagram to see all the fun we have in the library.

WE MOVE IN PE

The physical education staff welcomes UNH intern, Deb Thomas to Swasey. Mrs. Thomas will be with us for the first two quarters of this year. She has many good ideas, including more mindfulness time, and will also be helping with cross country and jump rope clubs.

The fall is absolutely a great time to be outside with PE classes, with warm weather and very little rain. The upper grades will work on throwing and catching a “pigskin.” The fifth grade have a playbook of simple plays to use in their culmination of a flag football game, while grades three and four played lead-up games. Flag tag was a good challenge for everyone. The younger students continued working with different types of equipment, footballs, soccer balls, and playground balls that were suited to their size. In October, the first and second grades played “ghosts and goblins,” a favorite for tagging game. PE classes will move inside in early November. Students will work on cup stacking, an activity now considered a sport in some areas because of the wonderful left and right brain challenges offered. The students work on “upstacking” and “downstacking”. Physical fitness stations and the climbing wall have the students using different muscle groups. At the October shindig, 49 cross country students will receive their certificates with their team picture and individual times for each of the five meets. Cross Country runners are feeling a lot of pride in their accomplishments during the season.

Ron W. Kew, Principal

PFG ADDS MORE THAN A DOZEN NEW MEMBERS

The Swasey Central School Parent Faculty Group (PFG) welcomed more than a dozen new members at our first meeting of the year on September 20. The meeting ended with some mingling and cookies. The Parent Faculty Group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the SCS library and Swasey parents are encouraged to attend.

New board members were introduced at our first official meeting of the 2016-17 school year. They are Jessica Morgado and Nicole Levitsky, Co-Presidents; Robin Marquis, Vice President; Tina Dennehy, Treasurer; Julie Hoyt, Secretary; and Shannon Adams, Parent-at-Large.

The fall mums fundraiser was a big success. The mums from Wentworth Gardens were beautiful and colorful. Thank you for your order!

Mark your calendars to attend Trick or Trunk 2017 on Friday, October 28 from 3:30-5 p.m. at the school. Swasey students may come in costume to “trick or treat,” parents may volunteer to decorate their trunks with prizes given for best trunk, and a pumpkin carved by Swasey’s own Mrs. Buzzell will be raffled off. Bring canned goods to support our local food pantries to receive your raffle ticket.

Box Tops collection boxes are out at SCS, Mary E. Bartlett Library, and the Town Hall. Each box top earns our school 10 cents, so send those box tops in. It really does add up!

Amy Brown for the PFG



**VOTE AT SWASEY SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 8**

A reminder that voting for the general election will take place at Swasey Central School, not at the Brentwood Community Center, on Tuesday, November 8.



It's a Sunday night Hallowe'en this year

Brentwood homes will welcome trick or treaters on Sunday night, October 30 this year, from 5 to 7 p.m. Be sure to turn on your porch or door lights to let everyone know you're treating.

OLDE TYME TURKEY AND MODEL-TS AT BAPTIST CHURCH



Cruise on over to the First Baptist Church of Brentwood on Saturday, October 22 to enjoy a spectacular fall dinner (roast turkey, real mashed potatoes, stuffing, string beans, cranberry sauce, apple crisp topped with ice cream, coffee, tea, or punch) and to step briefly into the past to watch local owners of antique cars drive their prized and preserved possessions onto the lot, giving you a chance to ask questions for your edification and enjoyment. The event begins on the church premises, 201 North Road, at 4:30 p.m. and winds up at 6:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted to support the church’s general fund. For more information, call Pastor John Hastings at 603-332-0755.

THE PERFECT PIE SOLUTION

Do you need pies for Thanksgiving dinner...but you don't have the time, energy, or (for some of us, let's be honest...) the skill to make a perfect crust?

Pilgrim UCC Church in Brentwood has your solution. Order one or more from the church’s creative cooks. Many types of pies will be offered...all single crust...apple, blueberry, custard, mincemeat, pecan, and pumpkin. Is your mouth watering yet?

Pies will be available for pickup at the church, 197 Middle Rd., on Tuesday evening, November 22 between 5 and 7 p.m. Each pie costs \$13.50. Orders must be received by November 15.

For information or to order pies, contact Betty Stevens at 603-642-6427, or email grambets@comcast.com.

A REFLECTION OF HONOR



The events of May 12, 2014 sent shock and sorrow throughout Brentwood as a member of our police force, Officer Stephen J. Arkell, gave his life to protect the residents of Mill Pond Road who were besieged by a gunman in a lengthy standoff that resulted in the loss of Officer Arkell, the death of the gunman, and an explosion and fire that seriously damaged many homes in the neighborhood. The town has commemorated and remembered our shared loss in many ways—through candlelight vigils, a 5K walk and race, and the establishment of a scholarship fund for Exeter High School students, to name a few.

But those closest to the tragic event—the neighbors of the quiet Mill Pond Road cul-de-sac—have felt they owed Officer Arkell their own, personal, permanent gratitude. They pooled their ideas, tools, money, and muscle to build the Stephen J. Arkell Memorial Garden, a quiet, lovely spot on a low hill facing the small pond that greets visitors to the Mill Pond community.

Eleanor McLaughlin and Patty Kaselauskas, just two of the many neighbors who pulled together to imagine and build the park, said the idea came from the condominium association’s board, with the property manager organizing the collection of funds, plantings, and volunteers.

The heart of the memorial is a teak bench that carries a plaque “Steve Arkell Memorial Garden.” The bench is surrounded by grassways and thoughtfully selected plantings that give the garden a sense of private spots to sit or walk to consider the measure of Officer Arkell’s sacrifice and the loss of an officer, friend, neighbor, and family man who chose to express his commitment and love for others in one brave act. Eleanor and Patty explain that the garden is intended as an expression from the Mill Pond community and not a spot for picnicking or children playing, but, certainly, anyone who might be jogging or biking in the area, or who would like to bring their children by for a few moments to tell them the story of Steve Arkell’s bravery, are welcome to stop by for a brief visit. Steve Arkell’s family included his wife, Heather, daughters Kimberly and Lauren, parents Marion and Tom Arkell, brother Jeff and his wife Robin and brother David.

STUDY GROUP TO DISCUSS BOOK ON RACE

Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving will form the discussion of the book study group at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in October. Reverend Linda Lea Snyder, interim pastor at Pilgrim UCC, calls the book “a very readable story of one woman’s journey to understanding ‘whiteness’ and race.” The group will meet Tuesday nights October 4, 11, and 25 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Light snacks will be served. The book is available at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter or through Barnes and Noble (online or in stores) or at amazon.com.

AMAZING, DELICIOUS, FREE (!) COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road, will serve its yummy--and abundant--monthly breakfast on Sunday, October 9 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast includes fresh eggs, bacon, pancakes, corned beef hash, a great array of homemade breads and baked goods, fruit, juices, hot coffee, and teas. This event is open to everyone, not only church members. Come spend some “table time” with family, neighbors, and friends (old and new). Breakfast is free—a freewill offering basket will be available.

NEW IN TOWN?

The Brentwood Newsletter does its best to make sure every newcomer gets added to the mailing list. But sometimes, someone comes to town and we don’t hear about it.

In your “getting to know you” chats over the fence or at the mailbox or at town hall, ask your new neighbors if they’ve been receiving the Newsletter in their mail. If not, write us a short note at newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com and we we’ll be sure to add their names to our list.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TO HOST BRENTWOOD BOO BASH OCTOBER 22

Ghouls, goblins, and spirits are invited to come to the Brentwood Boo Bash at the library on Saturday afternoon, October 22, from 2-4 p.m. This clever collaboration between the Friends and the Recreation Department offers a festive array of activities for all ages, including the Friends' Book and Bake Sale. Fashion a scary or funny pumpkin with paints, glitter, baubles, and more--let your imagination run wild. Costumes are strongly encouraged!

Many hundreds of books are available to buy in our Basement Bookstore at only \$5 for a heaping bag full. The Friends' bakers are supplying holiday treats, including those very popular gluten-free brownies.

The Halloween Costume Rack will be available starting October 1, with a wide variety of themes and sizes to choose from. You might find something here for our Boo Bash on the 22nd!

None of this is possible without community support. The Friends spend at least \$10,000 a year to augment library activities. For example, our Eyes on Owls program (October 21 at 7 p.m.) is one of our more expensive programs but well worth it, so the Friends cover the cost, not the Library. Eyes on Owls packs the house, so come early to grab a seat and shop the Basement Bookstore from 6-7 p.m. before the presentation.



Photo courtesy of Eyes on Owls

Marcia Wilson (shown above with a Great Horned Owl) and Mark Wilson will be bringing wild owls to the Library.

The next Friends membership campaign will use some new approaches to make donations easier and to help reduce mailing costs. Online giving will be available for the first time.

One of the Friends' continuing investments are money-saving passes to area museums and attractions. Passes may be reserved online at www.brentwoodlibrary.org, and are available on a first come, first served basis:

- **Children's Museum of New Hampshire Dover.** 50% off regular admission for up to four persons.
- **Currier Museum of Art, Manchester.** Free admission for up to two adults and all youth ages 13-17. Children 12 and under are always free.
- **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord.** Free admission for up to four people. Does not include admission to planetarium shows or special events.
- **Museum of Fine Art, Boston.** Reduced admission for two adults.
- **Museum of Science, Boston.** Reduced admission for up to four people.
- **Seacoast Science Center, Rye.** 50% off admission for two

adults and up to four children or grandchildren.

- **SEE Science Center, Manchester.** Free admission to one family.
- **Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth.** Free admission for two adults and up to four children. These passes include Candlelight Stroll, Ghosts on the Banke, and 4th of July.
- **New England Aquarium, Boston.** \$10 reduced admission fee for up to four persons.
- **American Independence Museum, Exeter.** Free admission for two adults and two children.
- **Canterbury Shaker Village.** Reduced admission (\$6 for adults, \$3 for children).

Lastly, it was exciting to welcome new members to our first evening meeting of the year. These new volunteers are helping us establish regular Saturday morning Basement Bookstore hours this year. Hours are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., except for holiday weekends.

Anne Schultz & Lenore Smith for Friends of the Library

PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT MAY BE INSIDE YOU

Grace Ministries International will host the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 22 from 1 to 6 p.m. How many of us wrack our brains to come up with the perfect Christmas gift every year? For those who are eligible to give, a pint of blood for a person whose life may depend upon it could be the gift at the top of the list. The Red Cross reminds everyone that a person with a serious prior health problem, such as anemia, or who has had surgery, may still be a good candidate to be a blood donor. Many whom have been deferred in the past could be eligible now—stop by the drive on November 22: it's worth checking out. Grace Ministries is located at 263 Route 125, Brentwood.

SYMPATHY

EDWARD H. JOSEPHSON

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of Edward H. Josephson, 78, of Old Gordon Road, who passed away on September 4, 2016 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. Born in Syracuse, N.Y., he grew up in Concord, N.H., and developed a love of flying as a member of the Civil Air Patrol. He was accepted as a member of the first class of the U.S. Air Force Academy. For many years, he flew transport planes for the U.S. Air Force. He then had a second career with Textron Systems Division, eventually becoming V.P. Ombudsman. He was also a strong advocate for many veteran groups in the state.

MARK H. POTTLE

Deep sympathy is extended to the family of Mark H. Pottle, 57, of Exeter, who died suddenly at his home on September 17, 2016. He grew up in Brentwood and graduated from Exeter High School, where he played hockey. His mother, Jean Pottle, served the town as Tax Collector for several years. His father, William "Bill" Pottle, was a member of the Brentwood Police Department. Mark's deep interests were his children Matthew and Jennifer, his beloved dog, Bruschi, photography, fishing, and the Boston Bruins and Red Sox.

BRENTWOOD GARDENERS PLAN FULL SLATE OF PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR; FALL CLEAN-UP NOVEMBER 5

The Gardeners were glad to be together at their September meeting after the summer break. The question of the evening, “What was your best and/or worst experience of the summer in your garden?” brought many interesting answers. Then we settled down to business with Ann Dillon as facilitator at the flip chart, and within a short time we decided on our programs for the coming year.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m. at the Pilgrim Church on Middle Road, in the Fellowship Room.

The annual fall clean-up of the town’s municipal gardens will be on Saturday, November 5. Members will meet at 9 a.m. at the Dalton Road triangle with rakes, gloves, tarps, clippers, and/or serrated knives for cutting grasses and other growth. We will plant many new tulip bulbs so that the town residents can enjoy their color next spring. Funds for the purchase of the bulbs come from the gardeners’ treasury, which includes monies raised at the annual plant sale in the spring.

New members are always welcome at the gardeners’ meetings. As we often say, we’re just country gardeners who enjoy working with our plants and with each other. For more information, please call a co-president, Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

OCTOBER LIBRARY EVENTS: MEET THE CANDIDATES, MOVIES AND—COMMUNITY SOUP NIGHT!

The Library Facebook page has been resurrected. Its new name is Brentwood NH MEB Library.

Meet the Brentwood Candidates Night is on Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. All candidates on the November 8 Brentwood ballot are invited to present themselves to the community. Event will be moderated by Dick Chamberlain.

Ladies & Gents Movie Night is Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. *Swing Vote* is a comedy starring Kevin Costner whose character will decide the Presidential election if and when he casts his vote.

The **Eyes on Owls** program returns on Friday, October 21 at 7 p.m. Meet live owls as Marcia and Mark Wilson share their knowledge and passion for these creatures. This hooting good time is sponsored by the Friends.

Community Soup Night 2016 is Monday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. October is soup month! All are welcome to our potluck dinner. Please bring a crockpot of your favorite soup and a copy of your recipe to share. We will provide bread, utensils, and beverages.

The next **Library Trustee meeting** will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 6 p.m. Public is welcome.

A community viewing of the film *Screenager* will occur on Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. This timely documentary about

youth and screen time is co-sponsored by the Swasey School Wellness Committee.

The Brentwood Bookers will meet on Monday, October 31. Copies of this month’s selection are available at the front desk.

Preschool Story Times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Knitters will meet each Tuesday from 1 p.m.–3 p.m. and on October 13 and 26 at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays@One Cinema will feature favorites from the Hallmark Channel.

Adult Coloring is every Thursday from 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library Staff

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DESIGNS A NEW SPACE FOR LEARNING

During the summer vacation, teachers at Swasey Central School, along with their principal and specialists, met to discuss the creation of the Swasey Makerspace, a unique classroom designed for hands-on learning experiences that incorporate designing, creating, problem-solving, and engineering.

Swasey Makerspace, which opened this fall, will give students from pre-school to fifth grade access to the space under the guidance of their classroom teacher. Students and teachers will use the space as an individual class, whole grade level, and even cross-grade level partnerships.

The Swasey Makerspace is truly a work in progress during its inaugural year. Donated tools are filling our “Reverse Engineering” corner and a “Lego wall” is being installed in the next few weeks. During our first donation drive, we collected several boxes of Legos and lots of cardboard. All materials currently within this space have been donated through the generosity of donors from Swasey School as well as those from donorschoose.org.

We will update the Brentwood community each month with news from the Swasey Makerspace and share with you all the creative and innovative ways this space is being used.

Lisa Brown, Grade 2 teacher

RECREATION AND FRIENDS OF LIBRARY CO-SPONSOR A BOO BASH

Brentwood Boo Bash! The Brentwood Recreation Department and Friends of the Library invite you to our first ever Brentwood Boo Bash! Games/activities begin at 2 p.m. at the Mary E. Bartlett Library. Costume contest parade starts at 3:15 p.m. Parents and children are welcome to walk. Fire truck display and s’mores will be provided and supervised by the Brentwood Fire Department. The Boo Bash will wrap things up around 4 p.m.

West Coast Swing. Brentwood Community Center. November 2, 9, 16, 6-7 pm. \$35/person. \$60/couple. \$25/student. No partner required.

Seated Strength and Balance Classes. Brentwood Community Center. Fridays, October 7-25, 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$10/Class or \$35/4 classes.

Foxwoods Casino Trip. Monday, October 17. \$35/person, includes coach bus, coffee and donuts, \$10 voucher, water and snack. Bus leaves at 7:30 a.m., and returns around 7:30 p.m.

Sip and Sign. Friday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. Contact the Recreation Department to preregister or register online at our website. \$30/person.

Remember: Trick or Treating in Brentwood will be held on Sunday, October 30, from 5-7p.m.

Youth Basketball Registrations are now open!

Registration cost: K-2 (\$50) 3-6 (\$80) 7-8 (\$90)
Families registering three or more players: first two children at regular fee, \$25 for additional children. Sign-up online or through the Recreation office. Deadline is October 28. Coaches' meeting will be November 2 at 6 p.m.

Adult Pick-up Pickleball. Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., Swasey Central School gymnasium. Join us for this free adult program starting in October. No experience or equipment is necessary. Pickleball is a low-impact, easy to learn, singles or doubles racquet sport.

Ski/Snowboard Program. Dates, prices, destinations to be decided. Contact the Recreation Department if you would like to join the subcommittee or for more information. To be placed on our contact, please call or email the Recreation Department with your name, phone number, email, and number of people in your family who will ski/ride.

Ice Skate Rink. Contact the Recreation Department if you would like to join the subcommittee or for more information.

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYGROUP, Thursday mornings, 9-11a.m. Located at the Brentwood Community Center, this is a playgroup for young children and their parents.

ADULT YOGA CLASS, Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500 to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. For more information: www.letsgetmovin.com

YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS. Free. Brentwood Community Center. First and third Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m., second and fourth Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

MONDAY MORNING SENIOR SOCIAL FREE.

Brentwood Community Center, second and fourth Mondays of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy board/card games, Wii sports, and socializing with friends. Refreshments will be available. This is a great time to come together and talk about future trips, luncheons, and programs.

TANG SOO DO CLASSES. Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8 p.m. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently third degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

WANT TO BE A SPONSOR?

Sponsors help us create and offer affordable, quality programs. If you or your business would like to become a sponsor for the Brentwood Recreation Department, please contact the Recreation Director for more information.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings, and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate. See our website for pictures of the center and rental application, or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department at 642-6400, ext. 20. www.rec.brentwoodnh.gov.

HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR A NEW PROGRAM?

The Recreation Department is always looking for new instructors/programs to implement. If you believe your program/event idea would be beneficial to our community, please contact the Recreation Department. It is simple to get a program started; all you need to do is let us know.

For information regarding programs, field rentals, or building rentals, please contact the Recreation Office.

David Tovey, Brentwood Recreation Director

HIGHLAND HARDWOODS NAMED CHAMBER'S RETAIL/WHOLESALE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Highland Hardwoods of Brentwood noted two milestones recently: just as it was celebrating its 30th anniversary in August, the business was named retail/wholesale Business of the Year by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce at an awards banquet held in Portsmouth. A ribbon cutting ceremony on August 30 commemorated the company's 30 years of service. Highland Hardwoods was founded in the summer of 1986 by Rick and Wendy Lang, who had a vision of supplying the very best hardwood lumber available to the New England woodworking trade. Within a year they moved out from their home-based office to a facility in Brentwood allowing them to establish better quality control and inspection and to serve some of the smaller woodworking shops, millwork houses, cabinet shops and builder/contractors, and the custom woodworking trade who purchased less than truckload quantities of hardwoods. Soon they purchased a truck and started making their own deliveries.

Over time, Highland Hardwoods catered to the growing number of custom woodworkers, builders, contractors, wood carvers, and home hobbyists who would visit their facility looking for only a few boards at a time. By 1996 Highland had outgrown its initial location, and moved to the now-familiar site on Route 125 in February 1998. The new operation swelled to about 55,000 square feet in retail space, lumber storage, grading and tallying facilities, and room for loading/unloading under cover.

With expansion into specialty and exotic hardwoods and other products, and onsite inventory of roughly 2.5 million feet of fine hardwood, Highland Hardwood now serves more than 400 customers in New England. Learn more at www.highlandhardwoods.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 6 **Cemetery Trustees**, 5 p.m., Town Offices
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Oct. 9 **Community breakfast**, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Rd.
- Oct. 11 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Book Study Group, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Church, Middle Rd.
- Oct. 12 **Conservation Commission**, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Oct. 13 **Friends of the Library**, 12:30-2 p.m., Brentwood Library, 22 Dalton Rd.
Ladies & Gents Movie, 7 p.m., Brentwood Library, Swing Vote
- Oct. 18 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Swasey PFG, 6:30 p.m., Library, Swasey Central School
Brentwood Gardeners, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Pilgrim Church, Peter Waltz on Peonies
- Oct. 20 **Planning Board**, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Oct. 21 **Eyes on Owls**, 7 p.m., Brentwood Library
- Oct. 22 **Boo Bash**, 2-4 p.m., Brentwood Library
Turkey Dinner & Antique Car Cruise 4:30-6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, North Rd. & Rte. 125
- Oct. 24 **Community Soup Night**, 5:30-7 p.m., Brentwood Library
- Oct. 25 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Library Trustees, 6 p.m., Brentwood Library
Recreation Commission, 6:30 p.m., Sanborn Room, Town Offices
Book Study Group, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Church, Middle Rd.
- Oct. 26 **Brentwood Seniors**, 11 a.m., Community Center, 190 Route 125
- Oct. 27 **"Screenager,"** a community viewing, 7 p.m., Brentwood Library. Documentary about youth and screen time, co-sponsored by the Swasey School Wellness Committee
- Oct. 30 **Trick or Treat Night**, 5-7 p.m. Residents have porch light on if you have treats available
- Oct. 31 **The Brentwood Bookers**, 7 p.m., Brentwood Library
- Nov. 1 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Nov. 3 **Cemetery Trustees** – 5 p.m., Town Offices
Planning Board – 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Nov. 7 **Trails Committee**, 7 p.m., Town Offices
- Nov. 8 **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., **SWASEY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

Wednesdays @ One Cinema, Brentwood Library,
Favorites from the Hallmark Channel
Knitters, Tuesdays 1-3 p.m., Library
Oct. 13 & 26, 7 p.m., Library
Adult Coloring, Thursdays 1-3 p.m., Library

Yoga Movement for Seniors, Free, Community Center,
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 9 a.m.
Monday Morning Senior Social, Community Center,
2nd and 4th Mondays each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Brentwood residents and their guests are warmly welcome at all of these events.

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