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Brentwood Historical Society Christmas Open House

On Sunday afternoon, **December 13** from **2:00-4:00 pm**, the Historical Society Museum will be open with a warm welcome for all visitors at its sixth annual Christmas Open House.

Drop by the Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road, for a warm, quiet interlude with a traditional tree, favorite music, delicious eggnog, and punch while browsing among the many memories and mementos of Brentwood's past. Take time from the hustle and bustle to treat yourself to a visit with friends and neighbors at this annual Christmas event. Hear the chimes of the old tall case clock, favorite records played on a vintage record player, and browse among the many scrapbooks that are a favorite with Museum visitors.

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

Linda Rousseau

Thank You, Brentwood Fire Department

On October 30, my wife placed a "911" call on my behalf. Bottom line is, thanks to a well trained and professional Paramedic/EMT staff and some might fine equipment, I can write this note. Guess I'll go pay my taxes early and not groan quite so loud.

Highest regards,
Paul Bailey, 35 Block Drive, Brentwood, NH 03833-6234

From the Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Brentwood

Checklist Sessions in preparation for Town Elections in March

January 19 Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting
Brentwood Town Office
7:00-7:30 pm
Voter registration and change in party affiliation will be accepted.

February 27 Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting
Brentwood Town Office
11:00-11:30 am
Last day to register to vote prior to
Town Elections

March 8 Town Elections
Brentwood Community Center
8:00 am-7:00 pm

The Seacoast School of Technology FFA Chapter Travels to National Convention

In late October, sixteen members of the Seacoast School of Technology Future Farmers of America chapter travelled to Louisville, Kentucky for the 88th National FFA Convention. Members of the chapter were not alone as they joined up with 62,000 other FFA Members from across the country to compete in career development events (CDE). In order to compete at the National level students had to have won at the State level back in April.

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December Recycling Dates

December 1 & 2 • December 15 & 16 • December 29 & 30

Please note: Trash collection will NOT be delayed for
Christmas or New Year's.

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	125.63	108.24
Tons, recycled goods	14.12 (10.1%)	32.03 (22.8%)

Fire Department Run Report for October 2015

- 1 Cooking Fire
- 37 EMS Calls
- 6 Good Intent Calls
- 8 False Alarms

Thank you to our Mailing Crew for November

Many thanks from the community to those in the Pickpocket Road area who assembled the November Newsletter for mailing: Helen Calvert, Torie Freeman, Audrey Gerkin, Kris Johnston, Linda Johnston, Jane Storm, Diane Wade and Diantha Wade.

Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee

Wednesdays @ One Cinema

1:00 pm, Brentwood Library

- Dec. 2 "90 Minutes in Heaven"
- Dec. 9 "Ricki and the Flash"
- Dec. 16 "He Named Me Malala"
- Dec. 23 "A Christmas Story"
- Dec. 30 "A Walk in the Woods"

Deadline for November Issue: Sunday, December 20, 2015

E-mail your articles to Email your articles to Lynda McCann
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Business Card Directory

\$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.

Business Article

\$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

Town Clerk's Office Holiday Hours

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, Jan. 1 & 2. We will be open regular hours on Dec 31.

Bluegrass Christmas Concert

There will be a Bluegrass Christmas Concert on **Saturday, December 12 at the Pilgrim United Church**



Of Christ, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A) Brentwood 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 pm).

The concert will feature Rick Lang & Friends, Blackstone Valley Bluegrass, and Amy Gallatin & Roger Williams. Rick Lang & Friends will perform songs from *The Season Of My Heart* as well as Rick's most recent CD release *That's What I Love About Christmas*. A New England favorite, Blackstone Valley Bluegrass has garnered a reputation for high-energy shows laced with powerful three- and four-part harmonies and fast but tasteful picking, coupled with winning on-stage camaraderie. Acclaimed vocalist Amy Gallatin will be lending her trademark western flavor to this annual Christmas show, blending upbeat, fun and familiar songs with more contemplative quiet music with her partner, renowned resophonic guitarist Roger Williams.

Contact: Pilgrim United Church Of Christ: 603-778-3189 or Rick Lang: rick@ricklangmusic.com Tel. 603-944-2934.

Sarah Whittier Named Military Police Soldier

Congratulations to Sarah Whittier, daughter of Bill and Michelle Whittier of Middle Road. Sarah is a recent 2015 Exeter High School graduate. In 2013 Sarah joined the New Hampshire Army National Guard and completed Basic Combat Training in the summer of 2014. This past August she returned to Fort Leonard Wood Missouri to complete AIT (Advanced Individual Training) and graduated October 22 as a Military Police Soldier.

Upcoming Holiday Events

LIVE Nativity Family Event

Grace Ministries extends a warm welcome to all visitors for our upcoming LIVE nativity event. Dress for outdoors and join us by the bonfire for hot chocolate, homemade goodies and more. Take a ride on the horse drawn wagon or enjoy the carolers, before stopping at the Live Nativity. There is no admission fee for this wonderful event. All donations are greatly appreciated and 100% will be given to homeless charities throughout NH. Join us on Friday, December 18th from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Bring the whole family! Merry Christmas!!

Join us for Christmas Carol Singing

The First Baptist Church on the corner of North Road and Rte. 125 will be having an evening of Christmas Carol Singing on **Dec. 6 at 6:00 pm**. The community is invited to join us. Refreshments will be provided after.

Christmas Fair at Pilgrim Church

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will be hosting its great Christmas Fair this year on **Saturday, Dec 5, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Lobster rolls, homemade soups and other delicious sandwiches will be available for lunch—and for 2015 we have expanded our crafts and silent auction tables—you'll be pleased! Fairly traded items will be for sale as well as cookies, cookies, cookies (and other baked goods), and there will be a white elephant table. Santa will visit with the children who can also make a simple bird feeder in our Kids Craft Room. Come one, come all!

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will again host our great **Bluegrass Concert** with Rick Lang on **December 12**. This is a sold out performance most years and we look forward to the joy and fun of this great Advent production. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for seniors) and can be bought at the door.

Blue Christmas Service—Thursday night, 6:30- 7:15 pm in the Church sanctuary. Often this season of joy and expectation is not that for those of us who have experienced a loss or feeling overwhelmed by the pressure to "celebrate". This quiet service of readings, music and light provides a place to acknowledge that the season is not the same for us, and to find grounding in something deeper than tinsel and the bustle all around us. Open to the whole community.

Attendance is building for our bountiful and delicious Community Breakfast which will be served this month at Pilgrim United Church of Christ on **Sunday morning, 8:30-9:30 am, December 20**. This is a free gathering open to the whole neighborhood and we hope to see you there!

A quiet and joyful service of readings, candle-lighting and carols will be offered **Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm**. Plan to bring the whole family on this holiest of all nights.

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

SEASONS READINGS! We've had another great fall at the library and are all 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 at MEB

The Friends of the Library Craft Fair begins December 1 and will run through December 24. Stop on by to find small gifts for the holidays while supporting the library and local artisans!

Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa will return to the library on **Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 am 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. Please share the joy of the season by bringing along a canned or boxed donation for local area food banks.

Back by popular demand is *"Coloring for Adults."* Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring your own greeting cards on **Thursday, December 10 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**. All materials will be provided.

Ladies & Gents Night Movie will be held on Thursday, **December 10 at 7:00 pm**. Treat yourself to Meryl Streep's 2015 portrayal of a middle aged rock star: *"Ricki and the Flash,"* [PG-13].

The **Trustees** will meet at **6:00 pm** on Monday, **December 21**. Public is welcome to attend.

Wednesday @ One Cinema will feature some brand new DVD releases this month: **Dec. 2** brings *"90 Minutes in Heaven"*, **Dec. 9** will feature *"Ricki and the Flash,"* **Dec. 16** brings *"He Named Me Malala,"* **Dec. 23** features the classic *"A Christmas Story,"* and on **Dec. 30** we will show Robert Redford in *"A Walk in the Woods."*

Please note the library's holiday hours this month: we will be open on Thursday, **December 24 from 9am to Noon**, then **CLOSED December 25 through December 27**. On **December 31** we will be open from **9:00 am-3:00 pm** and **CLOSED on January 1**. If you're desperate for a good book anytime we're not open, don't forget our **Little Lending Library** outside by the flagpole – that will be open 24hrs/day as usual!

One of the real joys this month is the opportunity to say thank you to our patrons and supporters and to wish all of 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!)

Check it out at your **Brentwood Library**

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Fall is a busy time of year for the Swasey PFG, full of fun events and projects.

Swasey classrooms were given pumpkins, donated by the PFG with assistance from Walmart. Students were especially creative while decorating their pumpkins with themes like Medusa, bats, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Captain Underpants, and even Walter the Farting Dog.

Laughter and songs could be heard through the halls on November 24th when friends and family members visited with students during the annual Grandfriend's Hour. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who make this event such a special one!

Brentwood homes are sure to be filled with the sweet scents of Christmas Cookie and Red Apple Wreath after such a successful *Yankee Candle* fundraiser. Thank you so much for the generous support you have given through the *Yankee Candle*, *Kidstuff* and *Holiday Décor* fundraisers!

SAVE THE DATE for a Swasey night at the UNH men's hockey game on **Saturday January 23 at 5 pm** vs. University of Notre Dame. Tickets are \$10 each. Notices will go home with students on December 16. Bring the whole family to enjoy a night out cheering on the Wildcats.

The next PFG meeting will be held on January 19 at 6:30 pm in the Swasey library. New members are always welcome.

Warmest holiday wishes from the PFG!

Bridget Zacher on behalf of the Swasey PFG



Swasey School Update

Hello Faithful Readers!

Swasey Central School has been a busy place as you will read below. In addition to the great instruction that occurs at our school, we are proud of the *Grandfriend's Hour* we hold each year. Thank you all for coming in to our school to share the day with your kids. We hope you all enjoy the holiday season as we look forward to the New Year 2016. We appreciate your support of our school and encourage you to attend our school board meetings and to view our website from time to time. Happy Holidays!

As always,

Ron W. Kew, Principal

Grade 3

Grade three has gone to the planetarium ... It was a highlight. We all learned many interesting things about space. We also planned and conducted our Shindig. It was centered on the theme kindness. The third-graders were very proud to be the first grade to be in charge of the monthly school assembly for the whole school!

In the area of language arts, we are wrapping up our narratives. The focus has been revising and improving our writing...Becoming more independent with the narrative writing. In the area of math we continue to work on addition and subtraction. We have been learning many strategies for multi digit addition and subtraction. We have included the traditional method of borrowing and carrying as well. In the area for science and social studies we've all been working on maps, animals and biomes.

Grade 4

The fourth grade classrooms have been busy outside digging in the forest. They are taking part in an archaeology project, called "*Archaeological Roots*". Students have learned what an archaeologist does in the field to learn about the past. Swasey Central School is located on the old Sanborn property so fourth graders are eagerly applying their skills in the hope of uncovering artifacts.

Our Greek mythology unit wrapped up with a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Students were first treated to a tour of the Greek and Roman art and artifacts by a docent organized by Crystal Buswell. Then class members used MFA maps to plan a self-guided tour based on the lessons they have been taught in art. It was a real pleasure to travel with the 4th grade class as they are respectful and curious learners who represent Swasey so well.

Grade 5

The second quarter is well underway in grade 5! After our recent trips to Spencer Peirce Little Farm in Newbury, Massachusetts and the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, we have a good understanding of archeology and its connection to history. We're putting this knowledge to use as we study ancient American civilizations including the Maya, Inca, and Aztec. We've also begun our second round of science rotations. Students will work with a new 5th grade teacher on a science topic: Chemistry, ecology, engineering design, and astronomy! In math, we'll spend much of the quarter focused on fractions. We have fundraisers for Sargent Camp going on throughout the months of November and December. Our annual 5th Grade

Brunch is right before our holiday break.

Music

Happy Holidays from Mrs. Gavin's Music Room...

It's an exciting time of year for all of us as we approach the holidays, and to be able to work on curriculum using songs that tie into these holidays is a lot of fun for the students AND for me! As we wrap up the month of November, perhaps you've heard from your singers a little bit of what's been happening in their music class; 1st graders were introduced to music notation in their "*Big Book*" as they learned "*Five Fat Turkeys*" followed by a dramatization of the song which was both a learning experience in performance & audience etiquette, and hilarious! Second graders discovered that "*Over the River & Through the Wood*" is a Thanksgiving song, 3rd graders are working on instrumental and vocal ostinati that accompany "*Harvest Jamboree*", 4th graders amazed themselves by discovering how much they enjoyed doing the Tango after learning the song "Turkey Tango", and 5th graders were surprised to hear how hip hop could be combined with country music in "Hip Hop Hoedown"!

December will be very busy as the 4th and 5th grade Chorus work through final rehearsals for their performance of "*December In Our Town*"...performance on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:00 in the evening, and 2nd graders will be reaching out to the community once again this year on a "road trip" to perform a concert of holiday music for Brentwood senior citizens at the Rockingham County Assisted Living facility. On a final note, I'm hearing very positive comments from the many instrumental students who are taking lessons with our new instrumental instructor, Ms. Erin Murphy!

Art Room News

Our Swasey first graders have been busy learning about the art element of line. They began by tracing their hand in oil pastel and creating a design with a wide variety of lines. Finally their designs were painted in watercolor paints. Our second graders have been working with line as well. Their mission was to create a line design in marker following a fun diagonal center line. Our third graders just completed a lesson utilizing geometric and organic overlapping shapes that were colored with the primary colors red, yellow and blue. Where the shapes overlap the corresponding secondary color orange, green or violet was colored. Fourth grade has been creating vibrant positive/negative designs with stencils in chalk pastel.

Fifth graders have been hard at work creating a complementary color wheel lesson in watercolor paint that builds on all the color theory they learned in fourth grade. All grades will be starting their art work for the PFG Square One art fundraiser in December. Our field trip on October 29 to the Museum of Fine Arts Boston with grades four and five was a huge success. Each grade took a museum tour that connected to their classroom social studies curriculum as well as the art curriculum.

Thank you for sharing your children with me!
Mrs. Buswell

The Seacoast School of Technology FFA Chapter Travels to National Convention

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In career development events students are tested on classroom knowledge and real life application. Events are sponsored by major corporations, who see FFA Members as their next generation of employees. Each event is an area that students specializes in and competing is very intense with each team competing against FFA Members from the other fifty states. The SST-FFA Chapter came back with the following national rankings:

Jackie Johnson, earned a bronze for her prepared public speech on Thoroughbred racing. Jackie had to submit her eight page research manuscript in July. Her presentation of eight minutes in length came all from memory as she spoke in front of a packed conference room.

Anna Kirby and **Madeline Lasewicz** earned silver for their marketing plan, on Wings-and- Hooves Therapeutic riding Program. This team was ranked thirteenth in the country.

Nicole Sullivan and teammates earned a bronze for their agricultural communications presentation on the Karner Blue Butterfly project with SST & NH Fish and Game. Nicole also earned a personal gold in this event by ranking twelfth in the country. In addition, participants in this event had to attend a simulated news conference and use information gathered to compete in individual practicums in writing , electronic media and design.

Environmental Science team, with team member **Elise McNaughton**, placed silver as a team. This team had to work their way out a corn field in Indiana using GPS, conduct soil a and water quality analysis for an

ecosystem, write a press release on an environmental incident, problem solve and present a solution in a team activity, as well as take a general knowledge test and identify 100 flora and fauna.

The Food Science Team earned a bronze rating. In this event students had to complete a general knowledge exam on food safety, evaluate kitchen sanitation procedures, create a food product for a specific target audience with nutritional and marketing requirements, complete numerous food sensory tests and analysis.

Lastly, each year the National FFA Organization recognizes outstanding individuals who have provide exceptional support of school-based agricultural education and FFA. Animal and Plant Science Teacher and FFA Advisor **Anne DeMarco** was one of 47 other FFA Advisors from across the country who were honored. She received her Honorary American Degree. Recipients in this category are selected based upon their contribution in the following seven categories: classroom and laboratory instruction, student experiential learning, the National FFA, building partnerships, agricultural education program marketing, program development and evaluation, and professional development of agricultural education teachers.

Be on the lookout for SST-FFA Members at Tractor Supply for a wreath sale on Saturday November 28 and for the SST-FFA float in the Exeter Holiday Parade on December 5. Thank you to all in the community who support agricultural education!

*Submitted by **Anne DeMarco**- FFA Advisor.*

Bob Gilbert Recognized for Service

At the November 5th meeting of the Brentwood Cemetery Trustees, Bob Gilbert was presented a certificate of appreciation as a result of his recent retirement from the position of Cemetery Superintendent. Bob is one of the original cemetery trustees, a position he held from 1990 through 2003. He then served the town as Superintendent of Cemeteries from 2010 through 2015. His dedicated attention to his duties has been a model of good citizenship for us all. This past summer he trained our new Superintendent Joyce Keegal, and leaves these duties in her capable hands.

***Brad Stevens** on behalf of the Cemetery Trustees*



From left to right...Joyce Keegal, trustee Albert Belanger, Bob Gilbert, trustee Brad Stevens and trustee David Menter.

NH 4-H Horse Team Competes at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky - Ten NH 4-H members and three coaches travelled to Louisville, Kentucky, November 5-8 for the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. The Roundup is the national competition for 4-H Horse Project members in communications events, horse judging, and hippology.

A jousting demonstration entitled "Medieval Mayhem" was presented by Rockingham County 4-H members Cody Gleason of Danville and Jackie Johnson of Brentwood. Gleason and Johnson were part of the communications team which placed seventh overall.

While in Kentucky, the 4-H'ers toured Keeneland Racetrack and Sales, the Kentucky Horse Park, the International Museum of the Horse, historic Churchill Downs racetrack, and the Kentucky Derby Museum.

The trip was funded by the 4-H Foundation of New Hampshire.

The UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program brings positive learning experiences to New Hampshire youth between the ages of five and 18 through clubs, afterschool programs, camps, teen conferences, and other events and activities aimed at expanding knowledge and encouraging community engagement and leadership. For more information on 4-H clubs and programs in Rockingham County, visit bit.ly/RockCty4H or call (603) 679-5616.



4-H members Jackie Johnson of Brentwood and Cody Gleason of Danville prepare to demonstrate jousting techniques and explain terminology at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Kentucky

Friends of the Library

The *Scarecrow Festival* was a huge success again this year, thanks to sponsors, donors and volunteers! Participants enjoyed looking at the creative displays, playing games, buying books and baked goods, and making their own scarecrows. Thank you for your support! We had two last-minute contributions that were not acknowledged in last month's newsletter. Everyday's a Sundae made a donation as a sponsor and Market Basket donated a gift card to off-set expenses. Thank you! You can check out the Facebook page, *Brentwood Scarecrow Festival*, for pictures from the event. The winner of the **People's Choice Sponsor Award** was **Bayside Distributing**. The award was happily accepted by **Bill Arnold**. The winner of the **People's Choice Individual Award** was **ET** created by the **Van-Gils family**. Congratulations!

A smaller, but still successful event was a presentation by *Cozy Tea Cart*. Guests learned a great deal about pairing cheese with tea and enjoyed the evening out.

By now you should have received our **Annual Membership Drive** letter. Your contributions are what allow us to provide such great programs, resources and museum passes. Please consider supporting the library during this season of giving.

Speaking of passes, you can reserve passes online from the library's website. This month we are highlighting Strawberry Banke. There are a lot of winter activities available such as the Candlelight Stroll in December and ice skating at Puddle Dock Pond. Check out their website for all the latest offerings.

The annual **Craft Fair** at the library will run from **November 30 through December 30**. Be sure to stop by to shop for gifts while supporting local crafters and our library.

Santa will be visiting on Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 am-12 pm. Come sit on Santa's lap and tell him what you would like for Christmas. Remember to bring your camera. Craft activities will be available in the Children's Room, Craft Fair items will be on display for purchase, and candy canes will be handed out as you leave.

The Friends of the Library will be collecting nonperishable items which we will donate to St. Vincent de Paul and the Pilgrim Church food bank. Please remember to bring something to help those less fortunate.

Need an excuse not to cook during vacation? Come support the library at the Community Oven in Hampton on the evening of December 28. We will have a gift basket door prize and a portion of proceeds will be donated to The Friends of the Library.

Jessica Paul, on behalf of Friends of the Library

On October 27, Selectman Bob Mantegari and Conservation Commission members Reid Bunker and I took a tour of Little and Great Bays with Waterkeeper Jeff Barnum. It was wonderful, nippy but brightly sunny, with the fall colors still exciting. We learned a lot about the bays. Jeff pointed out the landmarks such as Newick's restaurant, UNH's

Jackson Labs, and the mouth of the Squamscott River, which is where essentially all of Brentwood's water drains. As we motored along, he showed us the trouble spots for hospitable but dying eel grass (hospitable for baby cod and flounder, for example) and invasive, non-productive sea lettuce. We saw the markers for the newly established oyster beds and discussed the various threats to them, including two parasitic diseases and the molluscs increased vulnerability to them in the face of rising nitrogen levels. Jeff proved to be a knowledgeable, honest advocate for the health of the watershed, and we didn't get stuck on a single mudflat. A fabulous morning all around.

At home afterward, we read up on the Waterkeeper Alliance and the Conservation Law Foundation which funds it here in the Great Bay watershed. The Waterkeepers Alliance (waterkeeper.org) proves to be an international non-profit organization, most heavily represented in the US, but also active in every continent, including places you've probably heard of like Lake Victoria in Africa, and many more, no doubt equally important to global well-being. It offers education such as we three just experienced, legal support, and other forms of organizing around the health of the water, and therefore that of you and me. Rob, Reid and I are grateful for their efforts in general as well as the wonderful introduction to their work provided by the tour.

Emily Schmalzer for the Conservation Commission.



Report from our State Representative

Hello Brentwood Residents:

I trust you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving time with family and friends.

I was pleased to attend a forum on Health Care sponsored by Pilgrim United Church a few weeks ago. I appreciate Pastor Linda and the staff for hosting this venue where questions were asked and concerns shared. As you know the health care problem in America is not solved by the passage of Obama Care. In fact we are living with many mixed results. Yes, some in our society have benefited by now obtaining health care where many others find it cost prohibitive on many levels. I think we as a nation are still in search of the best for its people. I do not believe a one-payer system is the best for America. Just look at the results of our VA system, which is one-payer and government run. It is fraught with inconsistencies and massive regulations while our Veterans suffer and many have died.

In 2016 we as Legislators will be asked to look at the expansion of Medicare/Medicaid in NH. I was asked point blank at the meeting if I would vote yes for the expansion. I answered that at this point, I would most likely vote for it. I want to go on record that those were my exact words. I am studying like many of you in regards to the changes that need to happen in our medicare/medicaid system. I will vote for what is best for NH families. There is much to learn and many pro's and con's to look at before making a final decision.

There is not a one size fits all for this issue. It is not a democratic or republican issue (both parties are so polarized they are cross-eyed when it comes to this issue). It is a financial one.

We were called back to Concord last week to vote on forming a study commission to begin addressing the heroin epidemic here in NH. I just want to add that we passed a budget in the House that allotted 42 million dollars for State agencies to address substance abuse and other social needs. I do not understand why we need a committee to address a problem we already know exists? That is the modus operandi of the government it seems... to appoint endless committee's to study issues we the American people already know about and have some pretty good solutions if allowed the leeway to solve the problem. I was told there have been 350 deaths in Manchester alone already this year due to the over use of this drug. What are we studying and what are we waiting for? Give some money to the town of Manchester, let them set up a hotline for those struggling with this addiction... give funds to shelters who deal with these folks on a regular basis... consult the police and ask them what they need to better deal with this issue as they see it destroy lives on a daily basis.

I, of course, voted for the study commission...but I did so not because I think it is the best solution but it was the only solution given opportunity by our leadership. I feel there are many other good things that could be happening... but this is the route they have chosen.

So, as we go in to the Christmas season I hope that your holiday time is filled with the faith you follow and the friends and family you love. Since we celebrate Christmas at my house... we want to wish you a very merry one and to those of other faiths... isn't it great to live in a country where we can all have our religious freedom to worship as we choose.

Excelsoir! (Ever upward)

Allen Cook, State Representative for Brentwood, Rockingham County District 11

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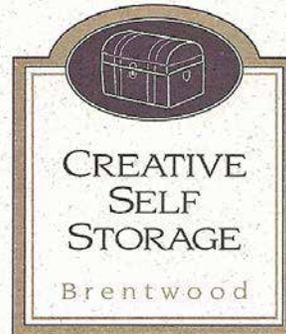
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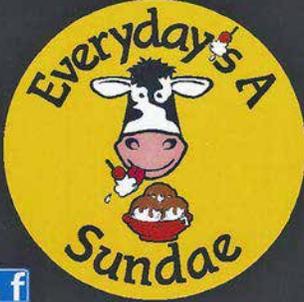
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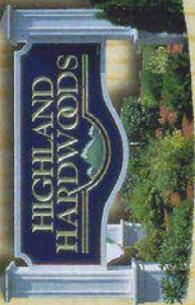


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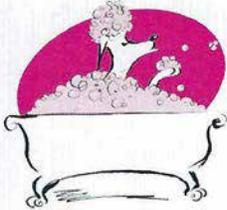
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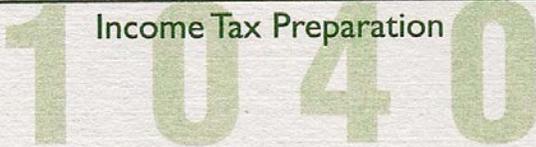
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Brentwood Business Card Directories in April, September and December

The *Newsletter* has always been aware that it is not easy for town residents to know what business services are available right here in town, without having to drive to Exeter, Portsmouth or elsewhere. Although we do not accept ads as such, we have published a Business Card Directory since 1983, three times a year. The price of \$20 per card per insertion is designed to make it feasible for the smallest cottage-industry as well as the larger companies. To be eligible for inclusion, a business must:

1. Be located in Brentwood **OR**
2. The owner or principle manager must be a resident of Brentwood.

The first Business Card Directory of 2016 will appear in the April *Newsletter*. Letters and sign-up forms have been mailed to many businesses, most of whom have had cards in the Directories before. If you would like to have your business represented, and it fits the criteria listed above, please contact one of us by **March 15**, and we will quickly send you the sign-up form. Sign-up is not limited to this first time of the year. You may opt later to have a card in the Directory of September, or December, or both. Feel free to contact us with any questions. The **March 15** deadline is very important for inclusion in April.

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Budget Committee Update

The Budget Committee focused on completing the amendment of our By Laws and reviewing town departmental budgets that the Selectmen had approved during our October and early November meetings. An updated schedule of future Budget Committee meetings to examine the remaining town departmental and Swasey School budgets is included.

The amended Budget Committee By Laws are now available on the town website for viewing. In addition to several minor updates throughout the document, the amended By Laws include a new section of guidelines regarding public statements. The committee feels open and accurate communication with the community is important. We have included the new guidelines in this article so you, as community members, are familiar with how the committee intends to communicate with the public.

Excerpt from amended By Laws:

SECTION VII Public Statements

A. Official public statements made to the media, whether to reporters, in a letter to the editor, information fliers or other forms will come only from the Chairman or a spokesperson designated by the Chairman.

B. Every reasonable effort shall be made to obtain an approval of the majority of the committee regarding public statements. However, statements may be issued by the Chairman without committee approval if not reasonably feasible to secure such approval.

C. Opinions or public statements made by Committee members, when not made as a designated representative of the Committee, shall be accompanied by a disclaimer indicating that the expressed opinion is that of the individual and does not necessarily represent that of the Budget Committee.

Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners had a wonderful evening at their November meeting. They welcomed Shannon Griffin, floral designer and owner of The Green Griffin on Route 125, Kingston, who had brought a beautiful array of fall flowers and greens with which to make a table centerpiece. Members brought their own containers, which resulted in a wide variety of styles and shapes in the arrangements. 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 **Tuesday, December 15, beginning 6:30 pm, at Joanne Davis'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

Updated Budget Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at 7:00pm at the Town Offices unless otherwise posted. Additional meetings may be held or scheduled meetings canceled depending on the availability of budgets for review. The most up-to-date schedule can be found on the town website.

December 14, 2015

December 21, 2015

January 11, 2016

January 18, 2016

January 25, 2016

February 8, 2016 (6:30pm Budget Meeting)

February 8, 2016 (7:00pm Public Hearing)

February 11, 2016 (7:00pm Snow Date for Public Hearing)

February 15, 2016

Krista Steger, Chair

Submitted on behalf of the Budget Committee

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Calvin J. St. Louis**, formerly of Pickpocket Road, who died on November 21, 2015 at the Exeter Hospital after a long illness. A former longtime resident of Brentwood, he lived in Fremont for the past three years. He was formerly employed as a frame machine operator for Wayne's Auto Body in North Hampton.

Brentwood Seniors

The December meeting of the Brentwood Seniors will be one week earlier than usual because of the holiday season. On **Wednesday, December 16**, there will be a Christmas luncheon, catered by Bessie's Lunch of Brentwood, with traditional Christmas turkey and the traditional accompanying dishes. Since Bessie's must have a definite count by Sunday, December 15, all members will be called by the telephone committee for a definite yes or no. The group has agreed that those attending will bring a \$5.00 contribution toward the cost of the meal. **Following lunch the second grade students from Swasey Central School will entertain the Seniors with a program of Christmas music.**

Members are also reminded to **bring a non-perishable food item**, to put under the tree for donation to the Food Pantry. Members and friends should **arrive at 11:00 am** for a social hour, business meeting and lunch. For more information call Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

Brentwood's Road Names

Cross Road

Cross Road was named for Irving S. "Ike" Cross. He was born Nov. 20, 1932 in Somerville, Mass., graduated from Somerville High School, and served with the U.S. Coast Guard for seven years. He and his wife Carol moved to Brentwood in 1955. At that time residents disposed of their garbage by driving it to the Kingston dump on Rte. 125. Brentwood paid an annual fee to Kingston for this privilege. In his early years here Ike operated a dumping business, with one truck and himself as driver. He also drove a school bus for a time, and served as the town Road Agent. He later became a purchasing agent for Hussey Seating Co. of Berwick, Maine, until his retirement.

It's hard to think of Ike Cross without thinking "Selectman Ike Cross," because he actually served as a Selectman for 25 of his 46 years here – first from 1966-1978 and then from 1988-2001. He was passionate about being frugal in town and school spending. He also believed in letting the townspeople know what their selectmen were doing. In his second term he provided countless "Selectmen's Corner" articles for the Brentwood Newsletter, summarizing each weekly meeting not as formal minutes but informally from the Selectmen's point of view, writing in longhand on sheet after sheet of yellow legal paper. He was regarded as a strong town leader and a dedicated citizen.

Fellows Road

Fellows Road has only recently been created and named; but it is very fitting that it originates at Mill Road. The Fellows family kept the Mill Road area bustling with mill activity from the early 1800s until 1930. Shortly before 1800 Stephen Fellows bought the farm at 2 Ladd Road. That house, and others in the area, sheltered many branches of the Fellows family through the years. Michael Fellows was a farmer and nail maker. He gave up nails to become a shoe cobbler. In 1806 he bought the grist mill near his home. Matthew "Sandy" Thomas, in his History of Fremont, tells the next phase so well that we would like to quote directly from his pages 287-288:

"In October 1860 Charles Hook's widow advertised for sale in the Exeter Newsletter a 'Valuable saw mill...consisting of two Planing Machines, one Shingle machine, one Stave & Lathe machine, & Machinery for making Boxes....'

"In 1860 Stephen Fellows opened the Fellows Box Factory which, despite many fires, flourished for 70 years. It provided employment for both men and women during this time and was a great economic boon to the area. Many factory worker homes were built in the neighborhood. A store was built on River Road ca. 1920, and the old Wood's Corner Store thrived for many years well into the 20th century due to this busy and thriving little settlement.

Reference: *Brentwood's 225 Years, 1742-1967*, page 75.

Linda Rousseau



Business Card Directory

Following is an alphabetical list of those whose cards are in this month's Business Card Directory. They are interested in making their services available to you, their fellow residents. Save these pages and consult them when you're looking for a service.

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Appliance Services, Inc. – Wayne St. Hilaire
Barn Builders – John Tibbetts
Beebop Technologies – R. Sean Hartnett
Bernard, Denise, Realtor
Blueberry Hill – Bonnie Gunther
Brentwood Chiropractic Center – Will & Lanie Herrick
Brentwood Country Animal Hospital – Jody Kaufman
Brentwood Dental Designs – Tamatha Johnson, DDS
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Eaton, Matthew, Builders – Matt Eaton
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Every Day's a Sunday – Nancy Orlando
Exeter Motor Works – Dan Gill
Gallant, D. L., Equipment Repair – David Gallant
Highland Hardwoods – Brad Stevens
Hometown Heating & Air Conditioning – Carol Holt
Joyce Design Solutions – Beverly Hodsdon
Lewis Motor Sales – Lisa Lewis
Mary Kay Cosmetics – Paula Beebe
Michelle's Pet Spaw – Michelle Powers
Mortenson-DuFresne Monumental Works – Doug Finan
New England Picture – Tim Hannan
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Ouellet, Ronald E., CPA
Pickpocket Arts at Winterwood – Bonnie Porter
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Seacoast Mills Building Supply, Inc. – Mary Bosch
Star Lit Hollow Farm – Kim and Warren Meyer
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Cub Scout Pack 192 would like to thank the community for their help in making our annual Scouting for Food Drive a huge success. We were able to collect about 150 bags of food and stocked the pantry shelves at the Pilgrim Church to brimming! It was a great day for our boys and for our town.

Brentwood Recreation

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CALLS FROM THE NORTH POLE!

With the help of our good friends at the North Pole, your child has an opportunity to speak with Santa this holiday season! He will be happy to call your child **December 13 or 14 between 5:30 and 7:00 pm** to talk to them and wish them a Merry Christmas. This is **FREE** but please register your child with the Recreation Office no later than Thursday, December 10. We'll need their name, age and number you wish Santa to call.

MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on **Thursday, December 3, 7:30-9:00 pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter.

Cost: \$80/10 weeks.

READING WITH THE RESIDENTS

We'll be joining residents at the Rockingham Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Brentwood **December 10 at 3:45 pm.**

Children can bring their favorite book to read. Residents will be treated to a great story and the kids will get an opportunity to practice reading. They're sure to make someone's day!

Children in grades 2-5 who would like to read to residents are welcome to join us!

Please contact the Recreation office for more information or to reserve a spot for your reader.

2015-2016 YOUTH BASKETBALL

K-2nd Grade will begin their season on Saturday, December 5th.

Travel teams for 3rd-8th will also begin their season **Saturday, December 5**

Schedules will be available on the Recreation website

YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center Tuesday mornings for this **FREE** class. **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.** This gentle movement class helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance and will help relieve your aches and pains. No experience necessary. This is a great social activity too!

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYGROUP

Join us **Thursday** mornings for playgroup (and some adult interaction!) at the

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COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYING FIELD RENTAL

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive discounted rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For information regarding field rentals, please contact the recreation office.

Margaret Dullea for the Recreation Office

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 5 **Christmas Fair – 9:00am–3:00 pm**, Pilgrim Church UCC, 197 Middle Road.
- Dec. 6 Christmas Carol Singing – 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church, Corner Rte. 125 and North Road.
- Dec. 7 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 8 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 9 Friends of the Library – 12:30 pm, Brentwood Library.
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 10 **Ladies & Gents Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, "Ricki and the Flash,"** Brentwood Library.
- Dec. 12 **Santa at the Library – 9:30-Noon**, Brentwood Library.
Bluegrass Christmas Concert – 7:30 pm, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Rd.
(Doors open 6:45, tickets \$15 & \$10).
- Dec. 13 **Christmas Open House – 2:00-4:00 pm, Historical Society Museum**, 140 Crawley Falls Rd.
Calls from the North Pole – 5:30-7:00 pm. Register your child with Recreation Office by Dec. 10.
- Dec. 14 **Calls from the North Pole – 5:30-7:00 pm. Register your child with Recreation Office by Dec. 10.**
Adoptive Families Support Group – 6:30 pm, Pilgrim UCC Church, 197 Middle Rd.
Budget Committee meeting – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 15 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library.
- Dec. 16 **Brentwood Seniors' Christmas luncheon – 11:00 am**, Brentwood Community Center.
- Dec. 17 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 18 **Live Nativity Family event – starting 5:00 pm**, Grace Ministries, 263 Rte. 125.
- Dec. 20 **Community Breakfast – 8:30-9:30 am**, Pilgrim Church UCC, 197 Middle Rd.
- Dec. 21 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Brentwood Library.
Budget Committee meeting – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 22 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- 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.
- Dec. 29 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.

JANUARY 2016

- Jan. 4 School Board meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library.
Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Jan. 5 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Jan. 7 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Office
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.

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