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The Town and School Meetings

This *Newsletter* is arriving just before the town heads into a two-week period of annual business meetings, voting and elections. All the articles and letters about those events are in the first part of the issue. The second half contains the customary articles and updates about the daily life of the town.

The dates, times and locations of the town and school meetings:

Election Day – Tuesday, March 8, polls open from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM at the **Brentwood Community Center, 190 Route 125**. Voting by ballot for:

1. Town officers & Town Zoning Amendments.
2. Brentwood School District Officers.
3. Cooperative School District officers and Warrant Articles, including the Coop District budget.

Brentwood Town Meeting – Saturday, March 12, 9:00 AM, **Swasey School Gymnasium**. Discussion & voting on Town Warrant Articles, including the Town budget.

Brentwood School District Meeting – Saturday, March 19, 9:00 AM, **Swasey School Gymnasium**. Discussion & voting on Swasey Warrant Articles, including the Swasey School budget.

ELECTION DAY

The Election Day Ballots

Voters will receive **three ballots** at the Brentwood Community Center on Election Day, Tuesday, March 8 – the Town ballot; the Brentwood School District ballot; and the Cooperative School District ballot.

On the **Town Ballot** you will first vote for the **town officers**. Next will be the two **Zoning Amendments** proposed this year. A full copy of the amendments will be available at the polling place.

On the **Brentwood School District Ballot** you will vote for the Brentwood **school officers**.

On the **Exeter Region Cooperative School District** ballot you will vote first for the **Coop School District officers**. Brentwood voters, like all voters in all the towns, are to choose one candidate from each of the

towns listed. Then you will turn over the page to vote on the three **Warrant Articles for the Coop District**. Again, these are to be voted on by all voters in all the sending towns.

The Zoning Amendments

The following are two zoning amendments recommend-ed by the Planning Board, and we ask for voter support in the adoption of these proposals.

1. The first amendment proposal is to replace Brentwood's current Floodplain Ordinance to include language required by the Office of Energy and Planning. Floodplains are undesirable locations for development because of the associated risks to life and property. Development of these flood hazard areas should continue to be limited to those land uses compatible with areas prone to flooding and should be in conformity to FEMA regulations. A full copy of this amendment proposal is available at the town office and polling place.
2. The second amendment proposal is to require the building front yard setback for the commercially zoned portion of Pine Road to be 50 feet from edge of pavement. The current 125 foot setback for commercial lots was always intended for Rte 125 only, in the event that the highway was expanded, and this change brings the setback to what it was originally intended along Pine Road.

Brentwood Planning Board

TOWN MEETING

The Town Meeting warrant articles, as well as the School District warrant articles, the annual reports of the town and school officers and department heads, and a great deal more, are published in the annual **Town Report**. Every household is entitled to a Town Report. It may be picked up now at the Town Office Building. Copies will also be available at the Community Center on Election Day, March 8, at the Town Meeting Saturday, March 12; and at the School District Meeting on Saturday, March 19. After that copies will always be available at the Town Office Building.

The Town Meeting warrant articles are summarized on page 6.

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

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

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

March Recycling Pick-up Dates

March 1-2
 March 15-16
 March 22-23

At Last, a Winter Break

An opportunity to relieve the winter doldrums for "stay at home" Moms and Dads. A Community PLAYGROUP is starting on Thursday, March 3 and will run every Thursday from 10:00 and 12:00 at the Pilgrim Church on Middle Road. The plan is to provide playtime for the children and social contact for the parents. Come, give yourself a break and join the fun. It's free. For more information contact Melissa Ragan at 508-2540.

*Gene Orcutt
 for the Pilgrim Church*

Notes from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- If you are transferring plates on your vehicle, please remember to bring in the old registration certificate. If there is no registration when transferring plates, it will cost \$17.50 for a duplicate.
- Applications for **Absentee Ballots** are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Ballots must be returned by Monday, March 7, at 5:00 pm.
- Partial payments on taxes are accepted.

Phyllis Thompson

Correction

The Budget Committee has two openings for three years each on the ballot, not one opening as previously printed. -- *Editor*

Bake Sale on Election Day

The Brentwood Seniors will have a bake sale table at the Community Center on Election Day March 8. This is the primary method of fund-raising for the group. If any residents wish to contribute baked goods, they will be most gratefully received.

Mailing Crew for February

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in the Pickpocket / Rowell Road neighborhood who assembled the February Newsletter for mailing: Patti Andrews, Kris Keenan, Tom Keenan, Jane Storm, Kathy Shippee, and Diantha Wade.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

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Election Day: Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Candidates Night offers Brentwood residents a chance to learn more about their future town and school officers than they may in any other setting. With the candidates seated in comfortable chairs facing the audience, the atmosphere soon becomes relaxed and candid, and the residents can pick up many interesting tidbits about the work of the various boards. It's always a special evening, a real opportunity for the citizens who care about learning more about the town, the school, and SAU 16. Our thanks to all the candidates who came to speak at Candidates Night on Wednesday, February 16.

Candidates for Brentwood Town Offices



Seated: Krista Steger, Michael Hubbard, Don Petterson, Doug Mansfield.
Standing: Albert Belanger and Charles "Skip" Williamson.

Candidates for Brentwood and Coop School District Positions



Seated: Amy Mitchell, David Miller, Mark Portu, and Elyse Seeley.
Standing: Charlie Gargaly and Kate Segal.

Statements from the Candidates

All candidates this year were invited to provide statements for inclusion in the *Brentwood Newsletter*. Our thanks to those who put their thoughts into words to be passed on to the community.

Andrew Artimovich, running for Selectman.

Three years ago the Town of Brentwood had two seats on the Board of Selectmen that were about to be vacant. No one had signed up to run ... I made a decision to step forward and help out my community. The last three years have definitely been challenging, but rewarding at the same time. One of the biggest hurdles we all have to overcome is that we work part-time in our positions as selectmen, [while] each member holds their own full-time job or jobs. ...Last year I resigned my part-time position as a police officer for the Town of Brentwood, a position I had held for over 10 years. This decision has let me better serve the citizens as a member of the board. I am employed by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office as an Emergency Dispatcher and a part-time police officer in Sandown.

I have just become comfortable knowing most of what I am supposed to know as a selectman, but I would like the opportunity to continue to learn, grow, and serve the citizens of Brentwood.

Michael Hubbard, for Selectman. We moved to Brentwood in 1997. The attractiveness of Brentwood was the small town charm and country atmosphere. I have 4 children, two of whom were adopted and able to attend Swasey, CMS and the new EHS.

...I opened my real estate brokerage firm, The Real Estate Hub, LLC, in 2003 and have been very happy here. I've always wanted to have an opportunity to give back to this remarkable community and become more involved. I am now, most fortunately, in a position to do my best and serve each of you as your Selectman.

Prior to opening my real estate business I was a ...management trainer and operations manager for a midsized manufacturing company for over 20 years on the seacoast. My primary responsibilities were to keep the plant running efficiently, involving direct and indirect team members, and always doing more with less. My management style consisted of measuring our significant key indicators and making adjustments to the business by empowering our team members to operate their respective areas as if the business was their own.

I would be honored to have an opportunity to serve you and to offer my team-approach management style along with my business experience, to the Selectman position. ...Should you have any questions for me, I would welcome the chance to have a conversation with you in person, over the telephone, 770-5300, or via email, south-road@comcast.net.

Charlie Gargaly, for Brentwood School Board.

I have worked in the technology industry for more than 29 years as a field engineer and a trainer. I am currently a trainer for Alcatel-Lucent. I am just completing a 3-year Brentwood School Board term, and previously spent 4 years on the Board. My wife Jo and I have 3 children...they have all attended Swasey Central School, the Cooperative Middle School, and Exeter High School.

School Board members generally have two main responsibilities: policies and budget. The policies are the rules by which we all live, and in this day and age they are many and complex. The budget is a major effort every year. The School Board is tasked with balancing the educational needs of the town with the financial capabilities of the town. Our biggest challenges are absorbing the ever increasing healthcare costs and the State of New Hampshire's cost shifting without significantly lowering our educational services. I believe I have the experience and approach to continue meeting these needs. If elected, I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Brentwood community for another 3 years.

Amy Mitchell, for Brentwood School Board.

I am volunteering to serve on the Brentwood School Board but cannot do so without your vote. My family and I have resided in Brentwood for the past eight years. As a parent of two young sons I have a great interest in seeing the continued excellence that Swasey has shown my family and community. I have served as Parent Faculty Group Treasurer for the past two years at Swasey and would like the opportunity to expand my contribution to the school and to the town of Brentwood. I would greatly appreciate your vote.

David Miller, for Coop School Board.

I moved to New Hampshire in 1981 after 4 years in the United States Air Force and have resided in East Kingston since 1991. I am a Civil Engineer and my wife Carol teaches fifth grade at East Kingston Elementary School. We have three wonderful children who have had the benefit of all their public schooling in SAU 16...what we believe is the best school system in the state.

I served 6 years on the EKES school board, am now completing my first term on the COOP School Board. ...Some of my school board experience: Superintendent Search Committee; current Joint School Board chair and Vice Chair of COOP board; chair of the Facilities Committee; member of Strategic Planning Steering Committee and chair of its Governance Subcommittee; member of the Personnel, Policy & Communications Committee; member of the COOP board Teacher Contract Negotiation Team.

... I have worked very hard with our board to keep ... the budget lean over the past three years without sacrificing the... education provided to our kids. ... My goal is to help keep our secondary schools and SAU16

on top in New Hampshire...and to do so in a fiscally sensitive and responsible manner.

Kate Segal, for Coop School Board. I am running for reelection for the Exeter representative for the Coop. School Board. I have over 25 years experience in New Hampshire public schools, teaching, coaching, counseling, and administrator, and this summer I will earn my CAGs in Educational Leadership. My son...is a third grader at Lincoln Street School. ...I have been on the Finance Committee and chair of the Curriculum and Philosophy Committee. My first and second year, our proposed budget was lower than the default budget and this year it was even with the default budget. During that time the middle school met Adequate Yearly Progress and the High School completed its NEASC Accreditation. My record proves that I support high academic standards while being fiscally responsible to taxpayers. It would be an honor and a privilege to be reelected to serve the students and taxpayers of the Cooperative School District as a member of the Cooperative School Board.

Krista Steger, for Brentwood Budget Committee. My family and I have called Brentwood home for 7 years, enjoying the many benefits this community has to offer. It was the dedication to exceptional education, the small town intimacy, the benefits of close proximity to larger cities, and the beauty that brought my family to Brentwood. I would consider it a pleasure to be a part of the Budget Committee in hopes of keeping the "Brentwood essence" while maintaining the town's financial stability and managing the monetary burden placed on residents. My philosophy is to: 1) be pragmatic and base decisions on need; 2) responsibly plan for future needs; and 3) consider the implications of decisions from a variety of viewpoints. I look forward to the opportunity of serving everyone in the Brentwood community.

Bob Magnusson, for Brentwood Planning Board. As a member of the Planning Board for the past six years, I am familiar with the existing rules and regulations that are employed by the Planning Board and am familiar with the activities and actions the Planning Board is involved with. Through my career experience and as a registered professional engineer in the State of New Hampshire for over 18 years, I have extensive experience with the interpretation of regulations and review of engineering design plans and principles that are often applicable with site plan review and planning. I have appeared before many boards and agencies and have a thorough understanding of board proceedings and requirements. I also believe that growing up in the Brentwood area makes me uniquely qualified to represent the vision of Brentwood that most town residents desire.

I have lived in Brentwood for over 13 years with my wife Kris and two daughters. I am a 1983 graduate of Sanborn Regional High School in Kingston and a 1987 graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. I

have been employed as a Civil/Environmental Engineer with Waste Management since 1995.

Albert Edward Belanger, for Cemetery Trustee. I moved to Brentwood with my wife Sandra in 1964. We raised our four children here, and I served as a volunteer fireman for many years. In the 1980s I was elected Trustee of Trust Funds in which position I served for several years and during which time I took over the job of mowing the cemeteries in town. A few years later I ran for and was elected to the Board of Trustees of Cemeteries, a position I have held through the 1990s and up to the present. The team I have been working with for many years – which includes my fellow Trustees, Doug Finan and John Stevens; Superintendent of Cemeteries, Norman Lemoine; and Phyllis Thompson who serves as our Clerk/Bookkeeper – I believe has provided the towns-people with satisfactory service that results in a cemetery system the town can be proud of. I would be happy to continue as Trustee for another term.

Douglas Mansfield, for Library Trustee. I have enjoyed using the Town Library with my wife and young daughter for the past several years and I would like to get involved with my community as a Library Trustee. I am an attorney in Exeter where I represent individuals and businesses including non-profits and municipalities. With my experience and knowledge I believe I would be a valuable addition to the Library Trustees helping ensure the continued success of our library. I grew up in Stratham, attended Exeter High School, and the University of New Hampshire. Through the years I became an avid book lover and collector. After attending law school I began my career with the New York City Attorney's office. I eventually returned to the seacoast area of New Hampshire and settled in Brentwood. I would like to become involved in supporting my community and believe I can make a positive difference if given the opportunity. I ask for your support.

Don Petterson, for Library Trustee. Beginning in 1883, Andrew Carnegie began making grants to towns in the United States and elsewhere to build libraries. Between 1883 and 1929, 1,689 libraries were built in this country by means of Carnegie grants, nine of them in New Hampshire. ...Carnegie's early years as an immigrant and a lowly-paid work led him to place great value on free public libraries as a means of self-betterment and an important component of a democratic society.

I believe libraries are one of the tools to take our educational system to a higher plane. Attractive libraries can be magnets for children, not only for getting books to read, but also for providing other resources and activities than can instill in children a love of learning. Of the libraries I have visited in New Hampshire, none is better at this than ours here in Brentwood. Thanks to the Friends of the Library and especially the librarians, and also parents, children are attracted to the library at an

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early age, and that can continue as they grow older. One of Andrew Carnegie's requirements for his grants was a commitment by the people and government of a town ...to provide the funding for support of the library. Although we don't have a Carnegie library, we have had the needed support of our community.

As a lover of books and a supporter of the library, if elected I will do all I can to further the interests of the library and, by extension, the people of Brentwood.

Important Budget Update

Just after having completed Budget Committee business for the season, and following our Budget Hearing and Swasey PFG presentations, Governor Lynch announced his budget planning for the state. While we commend the state government for finally taking necessary steps to balance the state budget, there are important implications for our local budgets.

Lynch's proposed elimination of the state's subsidization of employee retirement costs would affect police and fire budgets for the period of 7/1/11-12/31/11. It would eliminate the 8.95% of salary that the state contributes for police and 10.82% for fire. If the Town is required to pick up their share it would equate to approximately \$11,000 for police and \$4,340 for fire. The total unbudgeted impact for the Swasey School could potentially be \$101,200.

We have heard concern from citizens about reductions, mostly with regard to the school budget, and hope that you now understand and recognize why Budget Committee has insisted on reduced 2011 budgets. Though state legislation is still in process, the Budget Committee had anticipated a hit and planned accordingly. Level-funding not being adequate to do the trick, we made the decision to cut costs and bring some funds back to the town coffers to plan for these unanticipated impacts. We have no doubt that our proposed and recommended budgets and warrant articles will sustain our roads, library, emergency personnel, school and services. And while it may be tempting to advocate for a single department, responsible budgeting needs to plan for the entire community.

If you vote according to Budget Committee recommendations, you give the Selectmen the ability to stabilize taxes in spite of the state's reduced cost-sharing, keeping the town solvent without passing the costs on to the taxpayer.

Please make wise choices this March.

Brentwood Budget Committee

The Town Meeting Warrant Articles

There are 12 warrant articles to be considered this year. Following are brief summaries of them. All articles involving money expenditures are recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted. Non-money articles do not require a recommendation. All require a majority vote to pass, unless otherwise noted.

1. \$1,000 to provide funding to SeaCare Health Services.
2. Extend the expiration date of the \$2,000,000 original bonding authority (\$1,716,151 of which has already been expended) granted to the Selectmen for acquiring conservation land via Article 1 at the March 13, 2003 annual town meeting, to the conclusion of fiscal year 2013. (Previously extended from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2009 and from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2011).
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$2,719,344) for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.
4. \$20,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of town bridges.
5. \$250,000 to repair roads.
6. \$50,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of highway vehicles and related equipment.
7. \$30,500 to fund a mosquito control program.
8. \$50,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement of fire and rescue vehicles.
9. Establish a program for stand-by pay for Fire Department licensed ambulance attendants on a 9-month trial basis beginning April 1, 2011, for a total not to exceed \$25,836 and to pay such costs out of the Ambulance Services revolving account created in 2005 by Warrant Article 13 with the Selectmen named as agents.
10. Not recommended by the Selectmen by unanimous vote. Not recommended by the Budget Committee by unanimous vote. Reimburse the Town of Exeter for \$14,359 for work done on the portion of Pine Road located in the Town of Exeter in order to bring it to industrial standard.
11. To hear reports and recommendations of all committees...
12. To transact any other business...

Compiled by Linda Rousseau

To the Editor

With regard to the current economic climate and operating budgets in our local community, I believe it is time for everyone to leave fantasy-land and enter into reality. There are hard choices that have been made, and more that are going to have to be made, and no one, NO ONE can be excepted. Not seniors on fixed incomes (I am one of these), not public employees (who have been told yet again there is no money to recognize extraordinary effort) and not teachers and school officials (who have had a very generous salary scale for the last several years). The current budgeting situation is not likely to improve in the near future, especially with the state now pushing more costs to local towns. What this means is that unless you have a stash of cash hidden somewhere you will have to decide how much more you can afford to pay for the wonderful services we all receive, both from the operation of the town, and the services of the schools.

I would urge you all to think carefully whether you can afford any increases this year, and in the case of the schools, the next three years. Those three-year contracts lock us all into raises no matter what the economy is doing in future years. Also understand the costs associated with longer contracts are a double edged sword. If things improve, we happily pay the increases in the next couple of years; if not, we all will have to find the money we are committing to pay now from somewhere, maybe that secret stash. I do not have one, do you?

And if you do not approve the multi-year contracts for the future, no one will take a pay cut, all will receive the same salary they are receiving this year, and we will have the opportunity to revisit our financial situation next year.

William C. Faria

KINDERGARTEN Registration

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 30, 2011, and you will be sending him/her to Swasey School kindergarten, please call the Swasey School office (642-3487) and give them your child's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth. Please call by Thursday, March 31.

FIRST GRADE Registration

If you have a child who will be 6 years old by September 30, 2011, and has not been attending Swasey School kindergarten, but will be coming to first grade in the fall, please call the Swasey School office (642-3487) and give them your child's name, address, telephone number, place and date of birth. Please call by Thursday, March 31.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DIST. MEETING

The Brentwood School District Meeting Saturday morning, March 19 will have ten warrant articles for the voters' consideration. Following is a summary.

Article 1 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$5,058,448.00 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of the School District officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District. The School Board recommends \$5,125,473.00. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. Majority vote required.

Article 2 Shall the District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Brentwood School Board and the Brentwood Teachers Association covering the three year period from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2014 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits totaling:

Year	Estimated Increase
2011-12	\$20,855
2012-13	\$61,033
2013-14	\$59,181

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,855 for the 2011-12 school, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? Not recommended by the Brentwood Budget Committee.

Article 3 Shall the District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 costs items only?

Article 4 To see if the voters of the Brentwood School District will vote to discontinue the 1999 Capital Reserve Fund, as provided by RSA 35:16-a, for the purpose of "future building expansion." The current balance in this fund is \$261,396 plus accrued interest. If this Article does not pass, then Articles 5, 6 and 7 are null and void.

Article 5 To see if the voters of the Brentwood School District will vote to increase the limit from \$50,000 to \$150,000 of the 2001 Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, as provided by RSA 198:20-c, for the purpose of funding long-term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair projects of the school building and grounds. If Article 4 does not pass, this Article is null and void.

Article 6 To see if the voters of the Brentwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be added to the 2001 Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, as provided by RSA 198:20-c. The source of said sum to come from the increase in fund balance created by the discontinuance of the 1999

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Capital Reserve Fund. These funds will be available for transfer July 1, 2011. If either Article 4 or Article 5 does not pass, this Article is null and void. Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 7 To see if the voters of the Brentwood School District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, as provided by RSA 35:1, for the purpose of designing and constructing additional building space resulting from increased enrollment, and to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to said fund. Said sum to come from the increase in fund balance created by the discontinuance of the 1999 Capital Reserve Fund in Article 4. These funds will be available for transfer on July 1, 2011. If Article 4 does not pass, this Article is null and void. Not recommended by the Brentwood Budget Committee.

Article 8 To see if the Brentwood School District will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the School District Meeting in March 1999 for the purpose of school building expansion, and furthermore, to release the fund balance. Said fund balance, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, is to be transferred to the Town of Brentwood's General Fund. (Majority vote required.) (By Petition)

Article 9 To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees

Article 10 To transact any other business....

Swasey School 2011-2012 Budget Overview

The Brentwood School Board would like to provide you with some information to help you better understand the series of warrants which will make up the Swasey School budget for 2011-12. These warrants are what will be discussed and voted on at this year's Brentwood School District meeting on Saturday, March 19. The Brentwood School Board is responsible for the entire budget to run the Swasey School, and our role is to balance the educational needs of the students of Brentwood with the financial capabilities of the town of Brentwood.

Warrant Article #1 is the Swasey operating budget. We had many challenges to face in creating our budget this year as several expenses continued to rise and we negotiated a teachers' contract. Our goal when we started our budget process in September was to develop a budget that was flat year over year including any increase due to the teachers' contract. We asked for guidance at that time from the Brentwood Budget Committee and were told to come in with a budget that was flat or lower than last year.

After lots of discussion and estimates of costs we found that the only way to meet our goals and avoid a

major impact on direct classroom services was to eliminate the assistant principal position. We felt that given the number of students, the flat student population (stable at about 400 total students), and the experience of our staff and principal that we could justify this action. It is important to note that the assistant principal was originally a money-saving compromise that eliminated two full time teaching specialists. The elimination of this position will add some responsibilities to our principal and to the entire teaching staff. The net was a budget of \$5,125,473, a \$65,568 reduction from last year (-1.3%). We felt this met the requested criteria and enabled us to meet all of our educational goals.

We presented our final budget to the Budget Committee and they chose to cut an additional \$67,025 to reduce the total to \$5,058,448. This is the amount that you will be voting on at the school district meeting, barring any amendments during the discussion. We are still working on how we will meet that number. The Principal and the school board have made considerable efforts to keep the budget as tight as possible. The additional \$67,025 that the budget committee chose to cut from the budget may impact educational services.

Warrant Article #2 is the Brentwood Teachers' Association contract. Our negotiations included many meetings over several months. The result was a 3-year agreement which includes the following key changes:

1st year – 0% 1st half-year, 1% second half-year (effectively ½ % cost) - \$14,070
 \$2,000 HC buyout (from \$1600) - \$3,600
 \$600 Professional Days (from \$500) - \$3,185
 Total change - \$20,855 (steps are in Operating Budget \$27,775)

2nd and 3rd year 2%
 Year 2 - \$61,033
 Year 3 - \$59,181

As a point of comparison some other contracts up for renewal in SAU16 include:

- Newfields 2.5%, 2%, 2%
- Kensington 1%, 1.5%
- Exeter COOP 1.75%, 2%, 2.15%
- Stratham 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%

We are asking our teachers to absorb some additional responsibilities and chose to provide some compensation, and then to offset that compensation by reducing costs elsewhere in the budget. The combined total of the school board budget and the additional salary due to the contract would have been \$5,146,328. This was still a reduction of \$44,713 over last year's budget. The Budget Committee's recommended budget and the teachers' contract increase is a reduction of \$111,738 over the previous year.

The year 2 and year 3 cost estimates in warrant #2 if passed will be included in the future operating budgets. If the economy stays similar to where it is now,

I anticipate that we will continue to be expected to deliver a budget that is flat or less than the previous year. It will be up to us to find a way to do that. Voting for the teachers' contract now does not necessarily raise or lower your taxes in future years. There are many variables to consider and the Brentwood School Board and Budget Committee will continue to work together to meet the needs of all concerned.

Warrant Articles #4 - 8 concern the Swasey School Building Expansion Capital Reserve fund. The School Board has submitted a warrant to dissolve this fund, and so has a group of petitioners. The School Board has asked for some of the revenue from this fund to be used for some needed roof repairs and so to be added to the Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. We have also asked for some money to be put in a new Building Capital Reserve Fund to enable us to begin preliminary work prior to any new building projects such as classrooms or a gym. This work is typically done 2 years before any warrant for expansion would appear at a District meeting and we think it prudent to consider creating this fund.

There are many passionate people in this town and I expect lots of relevant input at our meeting this year. It is up to those who show up on March 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the Annual School District Meeting in the Swasey School gym to decide what the final budget will be. We ask for your support and hope to see all of you there.

Charlie Gargaly
Brentwood School Board Chair
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Your 2011-12 Budget, Prepared by the Brentwood Budget Committee -- Part II

This is the second part of a two-part submission relaying information to the Brentwood community regarding this year's budgeting process. Please see the February edition of the Brentwood Newsletter on the town website for Part I. Complete budget information on town and school budgets as well as the Swasey School budget, teacher contract and step increase schedule are online at: <http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/budget.php>.

The Budget Committee has completed their work for this season, voting on the town's warrant articles, the Swasey School warrant articles and the Swasey School teachers' union contract.

The Budget Committee voted to recommend appropriations of \$401,500 for the town's Warrant Articles, reduced significantly from last year's Warrant Article appropriations of \$2,010,700. The one Warrant Article not recommended was an appropriation of \$14,359 for repair of the Exeter portion of Pine Road.

The Budget Committee is not recommending the Swasey School three-year teacher contract, with projected steps of 3-5% and additional salary increases of 1% / 2% / 2% in years one, two and three respectively. Though the year one impact has a cost estimate of \$20,855, a 'yes' vote guarantees a tax impact of \$0.47 per thousand dollars valuation, not including step increases, making this an unsustainable proposal. It was felt that the impact from this contract on future budgets would create such inflexibility, it could force layoffs or budget cuts that would impact children. At the current levels, the Swasey average teacher salary is 12th highest out of 43 in the state. Other contract changes include an increase from \$1600 to \$2000 for non-participation in health benefits and an increase from \$500 to \$600/day for paid professional leave.

Swasey School Warrant Article #6 proposes that \$100,000 be added to the School's Maintenance Trust Fund of \$36,000. The Budget Committee recommends this article and supports budgeting for maintenance, with the understanding that a necessary roof repair has been assessed at \$63,000.

The Budget Committee is not recommending Swasey School Warrant Article #4 and related Article #7 in that they seek to dissolve a 1999 Swasey School Building New Construction Capital Reserve fund and use those funds to put money in a new construction fund rather than return it to voters. With Swasey enrollment decreasing annually, we cannot support a new school construction appropriation at this time. Instead, the Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend a petition School Warrant Article (#8) asking that the 1999 Swasey Building New Construction Capital Reserve be dissolved, and that the quarter of a million plus dollars untouched since 2004 be returned to the general fund. This clean close-out of the fund is preferred over the School Board's transfer of those surplus building funds to new purposes, and will allow the Selectmen to put this money towards tax offset in budget year 2012.

The Budget Committee is a voluntary, unpaid Board with a big responsibility and no crystal ball to help us out. In spite of significant personal stress and family losses this season, these elected representatives showed up with chocolate and a sense of humor, and without complaining about the often passionate discussions or the length of meetings (unless there was a scheduled Patriot's game). I would like to thank the members of the Budget Committee for their diligent work on this budget.

If you have any questions or need clarification about this budget, please call me at 778-9411. Keep in mind that the Town items are voted on at Town Meeting, the Swasey School items at School District meeting and all of the Coop items will be on the ballot on Election Day. That's three days you need to commit to for voting on your town and schools operations costs.

Here is the a la carte tax menu:

On \$1000 dollar property valuation on your tax bill, these are the anticipated changes in your taxes and the Budget Committee's recommendations for balanced budget voting:

ARTICLE	YOU VOTE	Cost Change Per \$1000 Property Value	BUDGET COMMITTEE VOTE
Town Operating Budget	Town Meeting	0 impact	Recommended
Town Warrant Articles	Town Meeting	- \$3.37	Recommended except for #10
Swasey School Operating Budget (BudCom prepared, \$5,058,448)	School District Meeting	- 27 cents	BudCom Proposal is Recommended
Swasey School Warrant Article #2 (Teacher Contract)	School District Meeting	min. +47 cents by year three	Not Recommended
Swasey School Warrant Articles #6, #7 Appropriations total \$150,000	School District Meeting	+21 cents +10 cents	# 6 Recommended # 7 Not Recommended
Swasey School Warrant Article #8 (Petitioned) Signed by Selectmen and Elected Budget Committee	School District Meeting	-55 cents applied in 2012 budget year	# 8 Recommended \$261,000+ Dollars in unexpended Construction \$ plus Interest be Returned to General Fund to help offset future taxes
Coop School Operating Budget (same as default budget)	Ballot	+19 cents	Recommended
Coop School Warrant Article (Teacher Contract)	Ballot	min. +96 cents by year three	Not Recommended
Coop School Warrant Article (Maintenance)	Ballot	+01 cent	Recommended

This is a gross estimate based only on current revenue information, and does not reflect unforeseen expenses, changes in revenues and new property valuations.

*Elyse Seely, Chair
Brentwood Budget Committee*

Report from Your State Representative

OK, I got a lot of material to cover in this column, so I'll try to be brief and to the point. Yeah, I know, you've heard that one before.

On the budgetary front, the House passed House Resolution 11, "A resolution affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013," the purpose of which was to set a spending cap based on realistic revenue expectations, as well as anticipated loss of revenue from future tax and fee reductions. Call it an exercise in common sense – only spending the money you have in your pocket.

This relates to two bills that were recently passed by the House and subsequently tabled for future action: HB166 (lowering the meals and rooms tax from 9% to 8%) and HB37 (reestablishing the exemption to the communications services tax for the first \$12 of the monthly gross charge for residential telephone service).

I voted in favor of both of these tax relief measures, but voted against the majority on the measure to table HB166. My reason being that the revenue estimates in HR11 included the loss of revenue from repealing the meals and rooms tax, but did not take into account a loss of revenue for the reestablishment of the exemption to the communications service tax. That \$5 million/year was not in this round of tax cuts used to arrive at our self-imposed spending limit.

The bills were tabled as passed bills, so that when the House and Senate get together to reconcile the budget, we're not plugging in hypothetical tax cuts, but rather actual tax cuts that have been vetted in committee before the voters and passed by the House. Also, at that time, we'll be able to review our original revenue estimates to see how the numbers are comparing to actual revenue.

With regards to Governor Lynch's newly released budget, I have heard from quite a few people who are concerned about the very real potential for down-shifting of costs to the cities and towns. The Finance Committee is looking at this matter very closely, and Speaker O'Brien, quoted in Foster's Daily Democrat (2/18/11) has stated, "The problem is at the state level and it's going to be solved at the state level." I will do my best to keep everyone updated as the process or resolving these concerns moves along.

Another significant and headline-making vote was the passage of SB1, the bill to repeal state-mandated "evergreen clauses" in union contracts. This passed easily by a 282-70 vote, and Governor Lynch has stated he will allow this to go through without a veto.

A couple more bills pertaining to labor unions were addressed as well, the most prominent one being HB474, the "Right to Work" bill. The bill gives employers the right to choose not to join a union as a condition of their employment, and was amended to remove a

union's obligation to represent any employees who choose not to join. I voted with the majority in passing this bill by a vote of 221-131. There were quite a few absences that day, so it will be one to keep an eye on should the governor make good on his promise to veto this bill, should it make its way to his desk.

I voted against the majority on the other labor-related bill, HB185, which would have given towns local control over whether or not to recognize public sector bargaining units of fewer than ten workers. I believe that the people of New Hampshire are quite capable of making such decisions at the local level where they belong.

Another bill making headlines -- and serving up a generous helping of controversy -- was HB89, a bill requiring the state's Attorney General to join the ongoing lawsuit challenging the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. I voted with the majority to pass this bill by a vote of 267-103, and to send a message to Washington that we will stand up for our state's sovereignty and push back against such federal overreach.

On a related note, I also voted in favor of HB125, a bill commonly referred to in other states as a "Firearms Freedom Act." This bill would exempt firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition made and sold in New Hampshire from federal law and regulation. By a vote of 240-120, we put the federal government on notice that we will not allow the commerce clause to be used to regulate and restrict intra-state commerce. Though, there were quite a few of us who would have rather seen this bill written more broadly to cover more than just firearms.

By the time you read this, the House will have voted on HB519, a bill that would have New Hampshire withdraw from the 10-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. I voted with the majority (13-5) in the Science, Technology and Energy Committee supporting the repeal of the existing RGGI law. What was passed as a global warming/climate change bill has evolved into, or rather, has revealed itself as to what it was originally intended to be – a hidden tax on energy companies. Proponents of the bill have argued that the revenue generated has been used for a lot of worthy projects helping low-income residents with energy efficiency projects and creating jobs in the "green energy" field. I don't doubt that some of the funds generated by this program were used in a beneficial manner, but would rather see a more up-front, an honest approach to achieving those goals. To tax only those customers of power generating companies that have deemed "polluters" is unfair, especially when one considers the classification of carbon dioxide – a necessary building block of life on our planet – as a pollutant.

Another bill, about which I received a lot of feedback from people in town, was HB113, which sought

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to prevent the University System of New Hampshire from using monies received from the state general fund to support New Hampshire Public Television. That bill was amended to clarify that its intent was to eliminate all state funding of New Hampshire Public Television. While I understand the need to save taxpayer dollars and minimize the role of government, I felt this amendment went too far and could not support the bill as amended. I felt that NHPTV funding was absolutely something we needed to look at as a place where we could reduce state spending (keeping all options on the table, so to speak), and would have rather taken an approach to keep such funding decisions with the legislature.

Public television can, and has provided New Hampshire residents with a means of keeping tabs on the actions of their government. When I went online to get more information on the public hearing of HB113, the first website that came up was the NHPTV website, where there was video footage of the hearings posted. Promoting openness and transparency in government, via the sharing of such information – news stories, photos, videos, etc. – is something I will always support.

Lastly, there was a public hearing on the 17th for two bills that would have repealed same-sex marriage in New Hampshire. My support for marriage equality, based on my belief that you cannot advance the cause of individual liberty for yourself while denying it to others, is well known, so I won't go into further detail here. Though I was unable to attend the hearing, I did submit written testimony to that effect to the House Judiciary Committee.

Once again, I seem to have faltered significantly in my efforts to be brief. For those who want up-to-date notification of important floor votes, my Facebook page (soon to be directly linked to my Twitter account as well) is the best place to go. I will continue to post the more important roll call votes there as they happen.

You can also follow what's going on, and throw in your own two cents at my Brentwood Citizens Forum website (<http://brentwoodforum.wordpress.com>), which I will try to keep as current as possible. If you want to drop me an e-mail, my house e-mail address is bruce.macmahon@leg.state.nh.us. Thanks.

Bruce
Bruce MacMahon

An Interview with Sarah Siudut, Founder of the *Swasey Daily*



Sarah Siudut

The *Swasey Daily* is a newspaper devoted to the events happening at Swasey Central School, run and written by students during lunch time and on their own time outside of school. The articles are submitted to Sarah by email and she then puts the newspaper together.

Question: What made you want to do *the Swasey Daily*?

Answer: Well, last year (in fourth grade) we were assigned a persuasive paragraph of how to make the school better. Mrs. Brown liked the idea and so the *Swasey Daily* began.

Question: When did the first issue come out?

Answer: In the beginning of fourth grade.

Question: Can anybody join?

Answer: Yes, it is mostly run by fifth graders. We are trying to get some third graders involved for the next issue.

Question: How many issues do you plan on making?

Answer: Between three and four this year.

Question: What kinds of stories are published?

Answer: Stories about things that are happening around school, like the second graders going Christmas caroling.

Question: How do you decide on the stories?

Answer: The students brainstorm all of the happenings around Swasey during our lunch meetings with Mrs. Woods.

Question: Will you continue to make other newspapers throughout your life?

Answer: I don't know but I run another one at home called *The Pet Gazette*.

Check out the latest issue:

http://scs.sau16.org/content/The_Swasey_Daily_Dec.pdf

Jenny Field and Caleb Seekamp
(Mrs. Woods' fifth grade class)

Brentwood Historical Society

In February members of the Historical Society joined with the Friends of the Library and many of the general public at the Library to hear Rebecca Rule present her latest talk "Crosscut," the story of the logging and paper-making industry in Berlin, NH and the Androscoggin Valley. The March meeting on Thursday evening, March 10, 7:00pm, will be a work session to prepare the museum for the coming spring programs.

April 14 – Following up on the arrival of the beautiful Abel Hutchins tall case clock, which made its debut at the Christmas Open House, the Historical Society has arranged a special program on old case clocks. **Peter Sawyer, of Peter Sawyer Antiques in Exeter**, will take parts from the clock to show the audience, reassemble it and get it working as we watch, all the while talking about old clocks in New England and Abel Hutchins in particular. The program will be open to the public as always, and visitors will have a chance to ask questions of Mr. Sawyer during the refreshment period afterward. That's **Thursday, April 14, 7:00pm**.

May 14 -- All residents and visitors with an interest in military history will want to mark their calendars for the opening of a **Military Exhibit**, planned to coincide with Armed Forces Day May 15. Residents are invited to loan items for the exhibit – uniforms, medals, personal equipment, photos, letters and diaries, souvenirs and other memorabilia. If you or your family have items you will loan, please call Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635, Maureen Menter, curator, 679-4353, or Linda Rousseau, program chair, 772-4534.

*Linda Rousseau
for the Historical Society*

Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners will join the Friends of the Library on **Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 pm at the Mary Bartlett Library** to hear the program "Celebrating and Protecting the Great Marsh." Dr. David Larson from the Massachusetts Audubon Joppa Flats Education Center in Newburyport will provide a visual tour of the Great Marsh and discuss protection measures and the area's importance to the coastal area.

Membership dues of \$15 for the Gardeners' current year are due and payable as of January. Our treasurer Gladys Ray will gladly receive payments at the meeting, or members may send their check to her at 106 Exeter Road, Kingston, NH 03848.

For other information please call Diantha Wade, president, at 772-5217.

*Linda Rousseau
for the Gardeners*

Studying the Age of Exploration



The Age of Exploration came alive as 5th grade students at Swasey School presented their projects. The culmination of weeks of in-depth research, note taking, organizing facts, and writing bibliographies was celebrated as parents read picture books created on-line and were treated to a myriad of displays including oral presentations, journal entries, models, newspaper articles, Google Earth tours, PowerPoint presentations, glogs, Prezis, online time-lines, and scrapbooks.

What made this presentation unique was that students were given the opportunity to choose a project that would showcase what they had learned while also enabling them to tap into their own creativity. One student commented, "Getting to see so many different ways of learning about all of these explorers made it so much more fun and interesting than just all doing the same thing."

It was very interesting to see the variety of ways children chose to share this information and created an amazing display of exploration. Parents were welcomed into the classrooms to talk with the students and learn more about the explorers and what encouraged them to set sail.

*Kathy Babine
5th Grade Teacher*

Brentwood Recreation News

Thank you to all our volunteer Basketball Coaches for another great season! It's only with all your time and efforts that we are able to run the program.

Youth Baseball/Softball

Schedules for the upcoming season will be available on our web site in April. Actual seasons to begin last week of April or first week of May.

Mark your calendars...

Coaches Meeting will be March 8 at 6:30pm (Town Office Building)

Field Clean-up day will be April 2 beginning at 9am. Please bring your rakes, wheel barrows and gloves and join us as we can get our fields ready for the season!

Team pictures will be taken on May 15. Coaches will notify their teams with time.

Try your luck at Foxwoods!

Our next trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino will be Monday, March 21, 2011. Cost: \$35 per person

Trip includes: coffee/doughnuts on the way down and water/snack on the way back; free \$15 bet; free buffet lunch. Bus leaves the Brentwood Recreation Area at 7:30am and returns approx. 7:30pm. Please mail in your contact information with check, or contact the Recreation office to sign up.

Seniors

Join us for a bi-monthly Seniors' Activity Day at the Brentwood Community Center! We will meet the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month, **10am-1:00pm**. Seniors are welcome to come and enjoy different activities, games, health screening, walking (in the spring) and much more. You can even come try your hand at our Wii video games! Come join us as we build this program for our Senior residents. Refreshments will be served.

Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt

The Recreation Department will again be hosting our Annual Bunny Breakfast and Town Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 23**. The Egg Hunt will start promptly at **8:45am** and the Bunny Breakfast will run 9:00-10:00am. The Easter Bunny will be there to visit with kids and parents are welcome to bring their cameras and take pictures. Breakfast Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. The Egg Hunt is free to town residents.

Rock Climbing and Hockey, Together??

Yes! The Manchester Monarchs and Vertical Dreams Indoor Climbing Gym have partnered to offer a package for families that we are making available through our Recreation Department. This fun-filled package includes a day beginning with indoor climbing

at Vertical Dreams from 11:00am until 2:00pm followed by the Manchester Monarchs 3:00pm game against Worcester.

The date is Sunday, March 20 and the Cost is \$23.00/person. Sign-up information will be available at the Recreation office or on our website.

Have someone in your group who doesn't want to climb? That's ok! Tickets for just the Monarchs game are \$11/child (12 and under) and \$15/adult.

Men's Over-30 Baseball

Over-30 Men's Baseball Team Forming in Brentwood.

A team from Brentwood will be competing in the Granite State Baseball League (GSBL), a well established, competitive, wooden bat league which starts their 18 game regular season schedule in April. Games are typically played on Sunday mornings, 10 AM starts. Interested players may email Scott Bleakley at nightowls96@yahoo.com

Zumba Classes

Next Class begins Wednesday March, 9 but drop-ins are always welcome.

Wednesday Evenings:

6:30-7:15pm **Zumba**

7:15-8:00pm **Zumba Toning**

Cost: Single class \$35/six weeks

Zumba & Toning class (6:30-8:00pm) only
\$48/6six weeks

Zumba® is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness cardio based workout that with incorporated sculpting exercises tones the entire body top to bottom. This class takes the original Zumba dance fitness program to the next level utilizing an innovative muscle training protocol and the addition of lightweight toning sticks or dumbbells. This combination of cardio and dynamic resistance exercises is an effective use of progressive light weight training to improve overall performance. You'll have so much fun listening to the music, doing the steps and moving your body you will forget you are exercising!

Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers (older worn sneakers work best). Bring water! Toning sticks provided by instructor or bring your own dumbbells (please no more than 3lbs each)

Drop-in welcome! (\$10.00)

Adult Over-30 Coed Softball is back!

We will again be offering 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, watch for sign-ups beginning in April. For more information contact the Recreation office.

Korean Martial Arts Tang Soo Do Classes

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art is a true Martial Art comprised of both hard and soft techniques. It emphasizes whole body self-defense and physical training. Tang Soo Do is beneficial for self-discipline, self-defense and health.

Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

Classes are available Monday and Friday at the Brentwood Community Center, **6:30-8:00pm**. Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point.

Cost: \$50/single per month

\$90/family per month (2 or more)

For more information contact instructor Bob Meegan at 742-3565 or contact the Recreation office.

Summer Camps:

- **Soccer Camp** with *Challenger's British Soccer*, **August 22 - 26**

This summer Brentwood Recreation will again partner with **Challenger Sports** for our soccer skills camp. Challenger's British Soccer Camp is more than a week of drills and skills. In addition to taking part in skill development, technical and tactical practices and daily 'World Cup' tournament style plays, participants will also receive a rich cultural experience and lessons on respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership and sportsmanship. Each camper will receive a FREE camp T-shirt, soccer ball, soccer poster and an individual skills performance evaluation. Plus, any child who signs up online at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine British Soccer replica jersey valued at \$39.

- **Mini Soccer-- 9am-10:30am, Ages 3-5yrs - \$88**
Half Day - 9am-12pm, Ages 6-10yrs, \$118
Half Day - 4pm-7pm, Ages 10-13yrs, \$118

If you'd like to know more about them or sign-up online visit: www.challengersports.com. Sign-up forms also available in the Recreation office.

- **MultiSport Camp** with *U.S. Sports Institute*, **July 25 -29**
9am-4pm, ages 6-14yrs. or
9am-12:30pm, ages 5-14yrs.

Give your child the unique opportunity to experience 15 different sports from around the world. Children can learn how to bowl a Cricket ball, score a try in Rugby, shoot hoops and score plenty of goals in a variety of sports from around the world. All activities and games take place in a positive low-pressure educational environment under the guidance of our qualified coaches who are chosen for their ability to inspire, motivate and encourage campers. **\$169/day, \$139/half day.**

- **Sports Squirts Camp** with *U.S. Sports Institute*, **July 25 -29**
4:30pm-5:30pm, ages 3-5yrs.

This is a great way to introduce children ages 3 to 5 to a variety of sports such as Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball, Hockey and Lacrosse. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly fun, fun, fun. **\$69**

Signup forms available in the Recreation office or sign-up online at www.usasportgroup.com.

Other Programs coming this summer....

- **Babysitter Training Course** - August 4. Space is limited, so please sign-up early in the Recreation office.
- **Archery Course** – dates TBA.
- **Surf Camp** – with *Summer Sessions, Rye Beach*, July 18-22.
- **Discount Water Country tickets**
- **Kuiper Twin Challenge 5K Road Race** – July 31
- **Baseball Camp** with *Granite State Baseball* -- date TBA

Facilities Rental

Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm.

Commission meetings 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Pancake Breakfast

Brentwood Cub Scout Pack 192 is hosting a pancake breakfast again this year to raise money to send our boys to camp, and other enriching outings. We will be serving pancakes, sausage links, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Please join us!

Where: Brentwood Community Center on Rt. 125
When: Saturday, April 2, 2011 8:00am – 10:30am
Cost: Adults \$5, Children 6 and under \$3, or a Family for \$15

Thank you for your support!

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Just to let you know in case you are a wee bit tired of snow, sleet, shoveling and slogging, the vernal equinox takes place on March 21.



Bay State Winds Clarinet Quartet

We are really looking forward to the big event on **Friday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** The Air Force Band of Liberty's **Bay State Winds Clarinet Quartet** will be here to perform an evening of memorable music which will appeal to both young and old. The group's repertoire includes a diverse collection of musical idioms ranging from Bach to Broadway as well as some of their own original arrangements.

On **Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.**, the **Ladies' Night Movie** is "Secretariat," the amazing true story of an incredible thoroughbred horse and his unlikely owner, a housewife who risked everything to make him a champion. Diane Lane and John Malkovich star in this film which is rated PG.

The **Friday Night Flick for Friday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.** is "Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2", rated G. The Chihuahua parents, Papi and Chloe and their puppies set out to save their owners, who have ended up in big trouble. Believe me, many of you will rush out to get your own "Chihuahua" for protection after seeing this film ... or maybe not.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on **Monday, March 28** to discuss *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie with art by Ellen Forney. We realize this is a departure from our usual fare because for one thing, it is a young adult book, an off-beat coming-of-age tale about Arnold Spirit, who lives on a reservation where the education is at best sub-standard. Arnold wants more and sets out with courage and determination to achieve his goals.

Looking ahead to April, the **Friday Night Flick** for Friday, April Fools' Day, is "Tangled." This is Disney's 50th animated feature and they outdid themselves on this one. It is a really good take as is the **Ladies' Night Movie for Thursday, April 7.** "Morning Glory," starring Rachel McAdams and Harrison Ford is rated PG13.

See you in the Spring!

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Friends of the Library

There is a whole lot going on at the Library this month. During school vacation week, Miss Rose will return on **Wednesday, March 2** at 1 pm with her **Kindermusik** program. On **Thursday, March 3 Mad Science** will present "**Mineral Mania**" workshop at 10:30 for grades 1-6. Signups are required for this, so please come into the library if your child is interested. If there is ample interest, a second program will be added at 12:30. Both of these programs are sponsored by the generosity of our Benefactor. Thank You to our Benefactor!

The Friends will hold our **monthly meeting** on **Monday, March 21** at 7 pm. Please remember we have moved to evening meetings. We would love for you to join us at in the reading room to discuss future events, including our upcoming Book Sale, and other ways we can help our Library. Our business meetings will be held every other month, alternating the other months with community projects. Our first community project involved the Pease Greeters, which the Boy Scouts participated in. If you would like to suggest a community project, please come along to our next meeting.

On **Wednesday, March 23**, the Friends and the Brentwood Gardeners will co-host "**Celebrating & Protecting the Great Marsh.**" This will be a slide presentation and discussion by the Mass. Audubon Joppa Flats Education Center and is sure to be an enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be available.

On **Thursday, March 24** we will welcome back Rick Little from Shadcreek Flies to **present "Saltwater Fly Fishing--Lessons Learned,"** a program which highlights ways to apply freshwater fishing techniques and knowledge to fishing saltwater.

If you're looking for something to do over school vacation, keep in mind the Library has discounts to places just around the corner, like the **SEE Science Center in Manchester** (*Free admission, www.see-sciencecenter.org*) the **Children's Museum of NH now located in Dover** (*\$2 per person for up to four people www.childrens-museum.org/cmnh*) and the **American Independence Museum in Exeter** (*Free admission for two adults & their children under 18 www.independencemuseum.org*). If you feel like making

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more of a day, travel to **Children's Museum of Maine** in Portland, Maine (\$4.00 per person for up to four people www.childrensmuseumofme.org), the **Museum of Fine Arts in Boston** (\$5.00 admission each for up to two people. www.mfa.org) or to **Museum of Science in Boston** (\$5.00 admission each for up to four people. www.mos.org). Visit the Library to check out what other locations we have discount passes for.

If you would like to receive an email reminder about upcoming meetings, please send an email to marybartlett76@yahoo.com and we will add you to our email list.

Michelle Siudut, Publicity

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will meet on **Wednesday, March 23 at the Community Center** for a traditional corned beef luncheon buffet with all the trimmings. Members will be called with a reminder of which dishes to bring. Wear a bit of green to finish setting the mood! Members should arrive between 11 and 11:30 for appetizers. The business meeting will begin at 11:30, after which the buffet will be opened for serving.

Musical entertainment will be offered by Ronnie Chase. There will also be the Pound Auction – which was snowed out in January and postponed in February because of the length of the “Senior Moments” program, which we didn’t want to cut short! If you brought a contribution for the Pound Party, it will be there at the March meeting and you don’t have to bring another one. Just bring a little money for this cheerful fund-raising event.

Membership dues of \$7.00 for the Seniors’ current year are due and payable as of January. If you haven’t paid, treasurer Marion Arkell will take your money and give you your membership card at this next meeting.

The Seniors will have a **Bake Sale Table** at the Community Center on **Election Day, Tuesday, March 8**. This is an important fund-raiser for our group and all members are reminded to bake some goodies for the sale if they possibly can. For questions please call president Gene Orcutt, 642-4597.

Finally, members are reminded of the Recreation Department’s **Senior Activity Day on March 22 from 10 am–1 pm at the Community Center**. (March 8 is pre-empted by Election Day.) You do not have to be a member of the Brentwood Seniors to take part in this gathering, and any of your friends are welcome to come. The word is that people are enjoying this occasion – puzzles, games, good coffee and refreshments, and especially the Wii game!

*Linda Rousseau
for the Seniors*

Dedication of Town Report



Bruce Stevens, holding the Annual Town Report for the year ending December 2010, stands with Selectmen Jeff Bryan, Andy Artimovich, Kevin Johnston, Jane Byrne and David Menter. The Report was dedicated to him for his continuous years of service to the town in several elective offices.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy and friendship are extended by their many friends and neighbors to the family of **Janelle Hamilton**, 25, who was born and raised in the family home on Crawley Falls Road and who died in an auto accident on February 25, 2011 during snowy, icy road conditions. A celebration of her life was held Monday, February 28, at the Stockbridge Funeral Home.

Historical Notes

In 1717 the greatest snow ever known in New England fell in the latter part of April. It was so deep that people were obliged to walk from their chamber windows. It was said to be eight feet on a level, and has ever since been called the Great Snow. – *The Gazetteer of the State of New Hampshire*, 1817.

The town had a huge [horse-drawn] roller to use on the roads after heavy snow storms instead of plowing as today. (What a wonderful surface that made for sliding!) – *Brentwood’s 225 Years, 1742-1967*, Bicentennial Edition, page 116.

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 7 Absentee Ballots due at Town Clerk's office by 5:00 pm.
Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen's Association – 7:30 pm, Firehouse
- Mar. 8 **Election Day – Polls open 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Community Center**
- Mar. 10 Historical Society – 7:00 pm, Historical Society Museum, working meeting
- Mar. 11 **Bay State Winds Clarinet Quartet musical program – 7:00 pm, Mary E. Bartlett Library**
- Mar. 12 **Town Meeting – 9:00 am, Swasey School Gymnasium**
- Mar. 13 **Daylight Saving Time begins.**
- Mar. 14 School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey School Library
- Mar. 15 Parent-Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Mar. 17 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, "Secretariat," Bartlett Library
- Mar. 18 **Friday Night Flick – 6:30 pm, "Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2," Bartlett Library**
- Mar. 19 **School District Meeting – 9:00 am, Swasey School Gymnasium**
- Mar. 21 Friends of the Library – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
Library Trustees – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Mar. 22 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Mar. 23 Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Brentwood Community Center
Brentwood Gardeners & Friends of the Library – 7:00 pm, **"The Great Marsh," Bartlett Library**
- Mar. 24 **Rick Little on "Saltwater Fly Fishing" – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library**
- Mar. 28 Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Mar. 29 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room Town Office Building
- Apr. 1 **Friday Night Flick – 6:30 pm, "Tangled," Bartlett Library**
- Apr. 2 **Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast – 8–10:30 am, Community Center**
- Apr. 4 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen's Association – 7:30 pm, Firehouse
- Apr. 5 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Apr. 6 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Apr. 7 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, "Morning Glory," Bartlett Library

The public is welcome at all above events