

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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## November Recycling Pick-Up Dates

November 9 & 10

November 23 & 24

## Town-Wide Revaluation Update

By now, all property owners have been sent notification of new values. Informal hearings have been held and all the information has been sent to the Department of Revenue so that they may set our 2010 tax rate. We hope to receive the tax rate and get bills out by the end of November or beginning of December; however this is all contingent upon the Department of Revenue. **After** the tax bills have been sent, any residents or business owners who still disagree with their new assessments may complete an application for an abatement with the Selectmen's office. These forms are available on our website, [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov), in the property assessment section as a download. All 2010 abatement applications must be received by March 1, 2011. If you have any questions regarding this process, feel free to contact the Selectmen's office at 642-6400 x10.

## Reminder to Residents from the Selectmen's Office

Any resident planning to alter their driveway in any way **must** complete a driveway permit at the Selectmen's office. Questions regarding this ordinance can be directed to the Selectmen's office at 642-6400 x10.

## Reminder to Business Owners from the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen

Please remember if your site plan includes a display area, nothing shall be placed outside of the designated area.

*Selectmen's Office*

## Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Tons, Mixed Solid Waste	121.95	124.83
Tons, Recycled Goods	28.48(18.08%)	30.44 (20%)

## Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive 2010

It's that time of year when we need to put our heads together for the 10th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive for needy families. I am asking for your help to find needy families that live in the Town of Brentwood, who need extra help for the holidays.

We start the process by asking the schools, churches and Welfare Department to provide applications to those families that need the help. Everything is confidential. The families fill out an application and mail it to the Brentwood Fire Department, attention "Toy Drive." I am the only one who will see the names. Each family is listed as a "letter" and we make up Christmas ornaments and place them on the Christmas tree located at the Brentwood Town Office.

We ask the residents of Brentwood to give a donation or pick an "ornament" off the Christmas tree and return it **unwrapped** to one of the drop boxes located at the Town Offices, Brentwood Country Store and Brentwood Fire Department. Please write checks to the "Brentwood Firemen's Association" and specify on the check "Donation Toy Drive".

The economy continues to be tough for everyone, so I am asking families to pick items with a \$25.00 value or less. All donations are put towards unpurchased gifts.

Final drop-off date will be Thursday, December 16, 2010. This will give Santa and his elves time to organize the gifts and arrange for families to pick them up. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-944-0847.

May you all have a happy and healthy holiday season!

*Donna Vadeboncoeur  
Toy Drive Coordinator  
Brentwood Fire Department*

**TOWN OF BRENTWOOD** On the Web: [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://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](mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net)  
 On the Web: [www.brentwoodlibrary.org](http://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>

**From the Town Clerk's Office**

**Marriages, Births, Deaths in the Town Report**

Any Brentwood Resident who had a marriage, civil union, birth or death in 2010 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request along with a copy of the "official copy" of the event to the Town Clerk's Office.

Any Brentwood Resident who had an event occur in New Hampshire and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town Report.

The office will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 25 for Thanksgiving.

*Phyllis Thompson,  
 Town Clerk & Tax Collector*

**Birth**

**Molly Jackson Bergeron** was born September 1, 2010. She joins big sisters Anna and Mary. Her proud parents are Matt and Barbara Bergeron of Greenleaf Circle. Welcome Molly!

**Town Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry for the Town of Brentwood is housed at Pilgrim Church on Middle Road. If you are able, please help us restock the shelves by bringing in non-perishable food items and paper goods. We are in particular need of juices, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, condiments, soups, coffee, dish and laundry detergent, paper towels and bathroom tissue. Please avoid glass jars or bottles. And please be sure that the food safe date has not expired.

A collection box has also been placed at the Town Office. You may bring your donations to either of those locations or bring them directly to the church. Thank you for helping your neighbors.

If you would like to make use of the pantry, please call 778-3189 for an appointment.

*Rev. Kim McKerley*

**Mailing Crew for October**

Many thanks on behalf of the town to those in the Amanda's Way neighborhood who gathered at the house of Mark and Diane Vosgien to assemble the October Newsletter for mailing.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

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**Deadline for December Issue: Friday, Nov. 19**

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,  
 or e-mail to [lindarou@comcast.net](mailto:lindarou@comcast.net)

**Brentwood Police Department**  
**Letter from the Sergeant's Desk**

**Dogs a Nuisance and Running at Large**

The Town of Brentwood has several hundred dogs registered with the Town Clerk. As a result dogs can be seen by everyone as you ride about our town roads. People are seen every day walking their beloved and obedient pets with leash in hand. Walking your dog can be a pleasurable experience for both the animal owner and the pet itself. However, it can also be a danger to the motoring public and to the dog and owner themselves.

The dangers present are all around us. To the dog owner walking their K-9, they must be cognizant of wild animals, oncoming traffic, other K-9's and a whole litany of other walks of life and hazards among us.

I would like to take a moment to write about the hazards of other K-9's when walking your dog. The New Hampshire law governing K-9's being kept under control is RSA 466:31 and is entitled, "*Dogs a Menace, a Nuisance or Vicious.*" Under that law paragraph II states the following: *Under this section, a dog is considered to be a nuisance, a menace, or vicious to persons or to property under any or all but not limited to the following conditions: (a) If a dog is "at large," which means it is off the premises of the owner or keep and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian; (e) If it growls, snaps at, runs after, or chases any person or persons not on the premises of the owner or keeper; (f) If it runs after, or chases bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or other vehicles being driven, pulled or pushed on the streets, highways, or public ways.*

The penalty for such actions as previously stated are the following: *(a) Any person who fails, by appropriate action including but not limited to restraining an animal from running at large, or otherwise effectively abating a nuisance found such under the provisions of this section, or who fails to comply with any other provisions of this section after being so ordered, shall have the person's dog taken into custody by the police of the city, constable of the town, or other person authorized by the town and such disposition made of the dog as the court may order. (b) Notwithstanding RSA 466:31-a, if a law enforcement officer does not witness the nuisance behavior, the name of the complainant shall be released as public information before any fine under RSA 466:31-a shall be levied.*

The Police Department routinely responds to car crashes involving dogs. It is very tragic and traumatizing for all involved, especially young children. Recently, we responded to a call of a K-9 that was struck by a car on North Road. This incident proved to be quite traumatizing to the person who struck the K-9, the person who

witnessed it who was walking their dog, and to the owner who observed it happen. The fate of the dog is unknown. It was transported to the local emergency veterinary hospital. It is important to note that this incident could have been avoided had the K-9 been under control of the owner. It was very unfortunate.

I ask that you be aware of your dog's location within your yard and take special care to note where it is when pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars are passing. Please try to keep your dog under control within the statutory limitations so that our local animals can remain protected and enjoyed by all.

If any resident should have any questions regarding New Hampshire laws governing K-9's, please do not hesitate to contact the Brentwood Police Department Animal Control Officer by calling 642-8817.

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**Brentwood Gathering Thank-You's**

On behalf of the Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library, I would like to thank the many businesses and volunteers who helped make the Brentwood Gathering a success.

This year we were treated to the generous and yummy donations of soup, chili and corn bread from Goody Cole's Smokehouse. The Brentwood Country Store once again supplied us with their delicious chicken salad sandwiches. Other food items were donated by Market Basket and Shaw's in Stratham and BJ's Wholesale in Portsmouth.

We were fortunate to have guitarist John Whiteside and harpist DeLuna entertain the vendors, workers and customers with their wonderful music.

The Gathering could not happen without the dedication of the volunteers who worked before, during and after the event. Our many thanks to Megan Reed, Emily Blood, Anna Dullea, Heather Arkell, Kathy Upson, Mary Wills, Carole Alves, Niki Reed, Jack Mitchell, Dave Gibson, Lesley Morgan, Sue Meissner, Phil and Marie Callery, Bruce Buck, Michelle Siudut and to our many bakers.

And finally our sincere thanks to all our vendors and customers without whom our fair could not happen. Their many years of continued support are greatly appreciated.

*Sue Mitchell*

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## Report from Your State Representative

Both the House and the Senate had sessions October 13 to vote on vetoes Governor Lynch had cast on legislation that the two chambers had passed in 2010. Three of the governor's vetoes were upheld. Two of them would have permitted exceptions to the Right to Know Law (which is a critical part of transparency of governmental operations), and one would have increased the Banking Department's jurisdiction over cases of fraud in financial institutions but at the same time reduced the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

By more than the 2/3 vote necessary to override a veto (the vote was 266-69 – I voted with the majority), the House overrode the governor's veto of HB 1161, which would have repealed the ability of cities and towns to license retail sellers of firearms. The governor argued in favor of keeping the local licensing intact. The counter argument was that a federal licensing law applies in all jurisdictions, that retaining local licensing was therefore duplicative and also meant more paperwork for retailers, and finally that localities don't have uniform licensing requirements. The House position didn't carry the day in the Senate, where the vote to override was 15-8, which fell short of a 2/3 majority, thereby sustaining the governor's veto.

House and Senate rules do not allow introduction of new legislation on Veto Day. To get around that, Republican leaders sought to get a suspension of the rules so they could introduce a bill to repeal Senate Bill 500, which sailed through both the House and the Senate and became law in June when the governor signed it.

Here's the background on this: New Hampshire is the safest state in the union. But over the past decade, while the state's crime rate has remained low and stable, the prison population has increased 31% and spending on corrections has doubled from \$52 million to \$104 million. These facts led to a study in which judges, country attorneys, defense attorneys, police officials, corrections officials, victims' advocates, legislators, and others participated. Their findings and recommendations were incorporated into SB 500. The study found that the cause of the growth in prison inmates was the high rate of recidivism; almost six out of every ten inmates released from prison were going back to jail.

Before the new law, about two out of five of state prison inmates "maxed out" by serving their complete sentences. Once they did, by law they were free from post-prison supervision, able to live and go wherever they liked, not attend counseling sessions or treatment if needed, and resume their old ways. For the state to maintain some control over a released inmate's life, the inmate had to be released before serving the entirety of the sentence.

The new law provides that inmates will be released nine months before their sentence is ended. It is important to note that it is during the first nine months

after release that many parolees revert to criminal behavior. All inmates subject to probation or parole will undergo a risk assessment to determine their level of supervision after they leave prison; all will be subject to a minimum of nine months of active supervision and then will transition to administrative supervision for as long as deemed necessary. They will be returned to active supervision if they do not behave well with the less intense supervision. Those who violate the terms of supervision can be returned to prison. The parole reform guarantees that no state inmate will ever leave prison without at least nine months of post-release, community-based supervision, which is twice as effective as prison-based rehabilitative programs.

Some who voted for SB 500 have changed their tune and followed the lead of gubernatorial candidate John Stephen, who alleges that the new law endangers public safety. They say violent offenders and sex offenders should not be released early. But this ignores that if those inmates are not let out until their sentence is up, by law once released they would be free of any post-prison supervision. These are the very individuals who most definitely should be under close supervision, which includes wearing GPS anklets, meeting with parole officers five to seven days a week, taking drug and polygraph tests, obeying curfews, and attending required treatment. A strong advocate of the new law, former Republican speaker of the House Donna Sytek said, "Nine months of mandatory, intensive supervision makes a lot more sense than no supervision at all under the old law."

The attempt to suspend the rules during the Veto Day session and open the way for an effort to repeal SB 500 was defeated in both the House and the Senate.

State representatives don't get much in the way of perks. We get a state rep license plate, but we have to pay for it. Well, not much, I must confess – \$9 for the two-year term of office. What else do we get? A free badge to let the world know we are state representatives, some official stationery and envelopes, a copy of the Manual of the General Court (Senate and House rules and the state constitution), and tons of junk mail above and beyond the usual stuff that finds its way to most people's mailboxes.

And then there are the free breakfasts and receptions offered by this or that organization wanting the good will of state legislators, not to mention favorable votes on bills of interest to the organization. I, for one, am not about to get up extra early to go to a breakfast before a House session. Besides I eat breakfast at home. And when the legislative workday has ended, I want to get home as soon as I can, rather than spend late afternoons or evenings in Concord at a reception schmoozing with colleagues and lobbyists.

**Don Petterson**

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## Brentwood Seniors

### Amesbury Playhouse Trip

The Seniors meeting of October 27 began with a delicious and bountiful pot luck lunch buffet. President Gene Orcutt presided at the business meeting. He and Program Chair Sandy Thorsell gave details for driving to the Amesbury Playhouse on November 17 for the annual anniversary luncheon. Those who intend to carpool will meet at 10:30 am in the Community Center parking lot. Directions are available from Gene Orcutt. The group will be served lunch at noon and then see the play "Don't Dress for Dinner."

Members of the Seniors are welcome to bring a friend to the Amesbury lunch and show. Other town residents are also welcome to come to this event. To reserve space and learn about cost, call Sandy Thorsell at 772-4476.

### Seniors Program Survey

Sandy also distributed a Program Survey for members to fill out. It listed many ideas for senior activities and asked the writer to indicate all that appealed to him/her. The Brentwood Recreation Dept. will work with the Seniors to help make these activities happen. Senior citizens who are not members of the Brentwood Seniors are also encouraged to fill out and send in the Survey, which is printed on page 11.

### Talk on Scams, ID Theft and Other Problems

Guest speaker for the day was Officer Derek Wells of the Brentwood Police Department. He gave an excellent presentation about the many types of scams that hound us these days, through the mail, the telephone, the internet, stores and malls, and individuals ringing the doorbell. The members were very interested and asked many questions.

Regarding thefts happening in our neighborhoods, Office Wells stressed that senior citizens, who are more likely than others to be home during the day, can be very helpful eyes and ears for the police. If residents see suspicious or questionable persons or vehicles in their area – of it they receive a phone call that may well be a scam – they are urged to call as follows:

**During the day: 642-8817 (Brentwood Police Dept.)**  
**After hours: 679-2225 (Dispatch center)**

**In a truly dangerous,  
 life-threatening emergency any time: 911**

The Seniors meeting of December 15 will be the Holiday Party, with turkey and all the "fixin's." A musical Christmas program will be presented by the second grade classes of Swasey Central School. Members are reminded to plan to bring an unwrapped gift for a child.

*Linda Rousseau for the Seniors*

## Historical Society Notes



Tim White demonstrated how to hew a pine log into a square beam at the "Chores of Yore" Open House. Al Belanger watched, standing next to an old blade sharpening wheel.

We counted our "Chores of Yore" Open House as quite successful, enough so that we are thinking a year ahead with more ideas in mind. We thank Tim White, Frank Northrup, Al Belanger and Norman Lemoine for manning our different demonstrations, and Applecrest Orchards for supplying the apples for our cider press.

It's surprising how many of our town people have never been in the museum but have expressed an interest. That's why we try to have open houses. So when you hear of one or see our "Open" flag flying try to spare an hour and visit us. We have a number of scrapbooks and photo albums that show a lot of Brentwood's past plus the town reports that go back many, many years.

To those who might like to see what we're all about, we welcome new members at our monthly meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, at the old Grange Hall, now the Historical Society Museum on Crawley Falls Road -- just a couple of buildings from the old fire house. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 11, at 7:00 pm. For other information or questions, feel free to call me at 679-8635.

*Alma Vahey, President*

## FREE Thanksgiving Meal

Having financial difficulties? Or are you alone and would enjoy some good company for the holidays? If so, you are invited to come and be blessed by being served a delicious Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the fixings! Come to Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125, on Thursday, Nov. 25 from 2:00 to 5:00pm for an afternoon of celebration, good food and fellowship! Families are also welcome!

Please call 642-7848 (ext.11) to reserve seating and to let GMI know how many will be attending.

## Brentwood Recreation News

**Thank You** to all our volunteer soccer coaches for a great season. We appreciate all your time and effort teaching and helping our players!

### Youth Basketball

Our season will **begin Saturday, December 4**. See our website for schedules.

### Attention Seniors

The Recreation Department is committed to providing more services for the senior citizens of the town. A survey/questionnaire asking for opinions and preferences was distributed at the recent Brentwood Seniors meeting, and some have already filled them out. Because this applies to all senior residents in town, the survey/questionnaire is reprinted on page 11 of this Newsletter. All seniors are urged to fill out a copy and return it to the Margaret Dullea, Brentwood Recreation Office, 1 Dalton Road, or to Sandra Thorsell, Events Coordinator of the Brentwood Seniors, 24 Michael Bennett Road, Brentwood 03833.

### Zumba Classes

**Next class: Wednesday, November 10.** We will be offering **more options** for those interested in participating in our Zumba classes:

5:30 – 6:15pm Zumba for beginners or those interested in a less rigorous class  
 6:30-7:15pm Zumba Toning  
 7:15-8:00pm **Zumba**

**Cost:** Single class \$35/six weeks  
 Toning & Zumba class (6:30-8:00pm) only \$48/six weeks.

Drop-in welcome! (\$10.00)

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 3 lbs each)

*Zumba to a new level!*

### Korean Martial Arts

#### Tang Soo Do Classes

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art. It is a true Martial Art composed 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 office 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.

### Men's Basketball

Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will begin on **Thursday, December 9** and continue through February 17. (No program Jan. 13.) **7:30-9:00pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter. All players must sign up through the Recreation office by Dec. 6. We will not be doing drop-in rates this year. Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website.

**Cost: \$85/10 weeks.**

### 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](http://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](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov)  
 Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30 pm.  
 Commission meetings 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

## Friends of the Library

I would like to thank all of you who came out to support **The Brentwood Gathering Craft Fair!** We had donations from various businesses, but a huge thanks to Goody Cole's for donating the delicious soup and chili we served, and to The Brentwood country Store for their fabulous wraps. A more complete thank you list is else where in this newsletter. I will simply say here, that we had a fantastic event! The crafters were happy and the customers were happy, so everyone was happy!

The next Friends Meetings will be held at the Library on **Thursday, November 4** and **Thursday, December 2** at **9:30 am**. Among the topics for discussion will be ideas for upcoming programming as well as fund raising ideas. Please note – for those of you who would like to join the Friends but cannot attend daytime meetings, starting in January we will move our meetings to the 3rd Monday evening of the month, our first being Monday, January 17 at 7 pm.

Our annual **Costume Swap** was a great success. We were pleased to “recycle” some well loved and very adorable costumes. If you won't be re-using the costumes your little ones wore this year, feel free to bring them in to us and we will store them for next year's swap.

Our **Christmas Craft Fair** will begin on **November 8**. Anyone interested in selling homemade items through our Fair, should visit the library to pick up your sale tags and an instruction sheet. The Friends retain 25% of the proceeds from sales, which is used to purchase children's books. This is a convenient place to shop and a great way to support local crafters.

We're looking forward to welcoming **R.W. Bacon** and his live lecture and performance on “**A Vaudeville Retrospective**” on **November 12** at 7 pm. The lecture will include a look back at this early 20th century popular entertainment. This program will be geared to adults.

On **Saturday, December 4, Santa Claus** will be back to greet our townsfolk from 9 am to noon. Crafts will be available for the children. Please remember to bring your camera to take pictures with Santa, and a donation for the food bank.

Don't forget about all of the passes available through the Library. There is a display board of all the locations and the librarians will be happy to explain what each pass entitles you to. There are a lot of interesting places to visit in Maine, Massachusetts and right here in New Hampshire!

Remember, you can contact the Friends by sending an email to [marybartlett76@yahoo.com](mailto:marybartlett76@yahoo.com). If you would like to reach the library itself, their address is [bartlettlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net).

*Michelle Siudut, Publicity*

## Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Elections are over ... I have no idea how all of you feel, but I am more than a bit pleased to take a break from politics and enjoy the events at the library and the forthcoming holidays. By actual count, forty-four books on politics were published between October and November. There were many people who felt each and every one of them was well worth purchasing. Needless to say, it is wonderful to be relieved of the responsibility of saying we simply could not fit forty-four books with a very short shelf life into our budget. Believe us when we say that we really do aim to please, but also need to be sure that any materials purchased have long range value in the library's collection.

The **Friday Night Flick** for **November 5** at **6:30** p.m. is *Toy Story 3*, which is rated PG and is as good if not better than the first two movies...a terrific family program.

The **Ladies' Night** Movie for Thursday, **November 18** at **7:00** p.m. is *Princess Kaiulani*, rated PG and based on the inspiring true story of the young princess and her courageous fight to defend the independence of her own Hawaiian people.

Now, prepare to celebrate ... we will be closed on November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. If you need to find out the best way to cook a turkey, make a pumpkin pie or set a ravishing table, we have cookbooks and magazines galore.

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be discussing *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave on Monday evening, **November 29** at **7:00 p.m.** This is the story of two women whose lives collide on one fateful day. One of them has to make a terrible choice and two years later they meet again. A book like this makes for terrific conversational fodder.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

*Marilyn Morehead, Library Director*

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## 14th Annual Christmas Tea -- December 3

The ladies of Grace Ministries International and Brentwood Christian Academy invite you to celebrate the season at their lovely and elegant Victorian Christmas Tea which will take place at **7:00pm** on **Friday, December 3**. Guests will be greeted by hostesses and served delicious refreshments by the men of GMI. They will be seated at individually designed and theme-decorated tables and the atmosphere will be permeated by the message of the Savior's birth in music, song and entertainment. Bring a few friends with you and enjoy a lovely evening surrounded by the peace and beauty of a Victorian Christmas Tea to celebrate the holiday season. Please call the office at GMI (603-642-7848) for ticket information now! All proceeds for this event will go to Brentwood Christian Academy as this is an annual fundraiser for the school. BCA thanks you in advance for your support and your participation.

## Brentwood Gardeners

The Gardeners have had a series of outstanding speakers in the past few months. On October 27 we heard Daryl Hoitt of Red Fox Farm in Gilmanton talk for over an hour on organic herbs and medicinals. We and the speaker had to force ourselves to stop because we were all equally engrossed.

The annual fall clean-up of the community plots and gardens will be Saturday, November 13. All Gardeners will meet at the Dalton Road triangle at 9:00 am with rakes, and tarps if you have them.

The November meeting will be early because of Thanksgiving week. The group will meet **Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 pm** at the Community Center. Shannon Griffin, of the new "Green Griffin" shop on Lake Road, will work with the members on creating holiday centerpieces.

Residents and friends are always heartily welcome to join the Gardeners. For information call Diantha Wade, president, at 772-5217.

*Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners*

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## Family Movie Night - Dec. 10

Individuals and families are invited to The Theatre at Grace Ministries International, where "A Christmas Snow" will be presented on **Friday, December 10 at 7:00pm**. This is the story of Kathleen, who has carried around the unwanted memory of her father abandoning her and her mother on Christmas Eve. For the past 30 years, she has blamed her mother for that night and refuses to celebrate Christmas in any fashion. In the days leading up to Christmas and because of a serious blizzard, she finds herself stuck in her own home with two strangers.

As the storm brings her face to face with the hurts of her past, she will have to choose one path; letting go and grabbing hold of a life-changing forgiveness, or continuing to carry her pain and bitterness with her. "A Christmas Snow" will challenge you to step out into the adventure of hope that waits for the heart that dares to forgive as the storm of the century brings the gift of a lifetime.

GMI is located at 263 Route 125 in Brentwood and is handicapped accessible with plenty of parking. Please call the office at 603-642-7848 for ticket information and reserve your seats now!

## Holiday Fair at Baptist Church

The annual Holiday Fair at the **First Baptist Church** of Brentwood will be held on **Friday, November 5 from 3:00 to 6:00** and **Saturday, November 6 from 8:00 to 1:00**.

There will be a Handicrafts table, Next to New table, White Elephant table and of course a counter full of food sale items! On Saturday a light lunch will be available. The church is located at the corner of North Road and Route 125.

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## Achievement

In the past two months **Teddy King**, 27, son of Dr. Edward King and Margie King of Block Drive, has achieved some major steps on his path toward the top in the world of professional bicycle racers. For the past two years he has been honing his skills as a member of the Swiss Cervello Test Team in the UCI Pro Tour European races. The UCI ProTour is a series of road bicycle races in Europe, Australia and Canada organized by the UCI (International Cycling Union). Following a specific plan, in September he came home after the European Pro Tour and left promptly for Greenville, S.C., to race in the US Pro Cycling Championships. The goal was to land a position on the United States elite pro cycling team for the World Championships in Melbourne, Australia. He raced in Greenville on September 19. The next day he received the invitation from US Cycling to join the team for the Worlds race in Australia.

On October 3 he raced the 147-mile race in Melbourne and was the first member of his 8-man American team to finish. Officially he finished 73rd out of 178 starters. He has recently signed a two-year contract to race with the Italian team Liquigas-Cannondale. As he was quoted in the *Exeter News-Letter* of October 19, "It's like going to the Red Sox. It's as big as it gets." The ultimate goal of most pro cyclists is to race in the Tour de France. Teddy is getting closer all the time.

*Linda Rousseau*

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## Historical Note

Brentwood adults and young people have always found ways to enjoy themselves outdoors, but the first really organized team sport within memory was youth baseball. In the mid-1950s Fran Thorsell and Hal Sherman organized a team, which played with other teams around. In 1959 Fran was named the first Manager and his daughter Sandra the first Coach. Games were played on a Little League field in Epping. Our team practiced behind Swasey School. In the 1960s the Lindon family kindly allowed their field next to the current Library to be developed into the first ball field. It was dedicated at the time of the 225th Anniversary of the town.

## Swasey School Parent Faculty Group

### **Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16 at 6 p.m.**

Meeting will start earlier than usual in order to accommodate a Parent Information Night on Nutrition for Families (more information below). All meetings are held in the Swasey School Library.

### **Parent Information Night: Nutrition for Families**

**Tuesday, November 16 from 6:45 – 8 p.m.** Mary Sue Sanderson, RD, LD has 20 years of experience helping children, adults and families learn how to eat while facing special challenges. Many families need to overcome challenges like children who do not eat enough, or children who eat too much and some need help to eat with special health care needs in mind. Mary will help families navigate all of the information to ensure you are doing what is best for your family.

**Congratulations** to Carol LaPlante who won the door prize at the October meeting.

**Clip Those Box Tops** from hundreds of participating products (for a complete listing see [www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Default.aspx](http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Default.aspx)). Box Tops are the coupons you find right on the outside of many product packages that you already use! They are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. Just think – every 10 Box Tops you send in earns \$1.00 for Swasey!! Every classroom at Swasey has a Box Tops collection box. Please, clip 'em, trim 'em and send 'em in with your child! There are also collection boxes at our Bartlett Library and Brentwood Town Office Building.

**Equipment Swap:** On **December 4** from **9 am to noon** the Swasey Central School PFG, in conjunction with the Brentwood Recreation Commission, will be hosting its **Second Annual Used Sports Equipment Swap**. Come and exchange or purchase equipment for you and your kids. This is an opportunity to turn in your outgrown, but still useful, sports equipment and swap it for sizes that will fit for the coming season(s). The swap will be held at the **Brentwood Community Center** on Route 125. We have **three** dates for you to stop by the Recreation Building and drop off items for the Swap.

For each item you swap, you will receive a ticket based on the value tier of your item. Items will be categorized into three tiers, Gold, Silver and Bronze. In this way you can swap things you can no longer use for things you can. The day of the Swap non-ticket holders can also purchase items depending upon the items level, in the Gold (\$15.00), Silver (\$10.00) and Bronze (\$5.00) levels.

The **drop-off dates** for used equipment will be:

Wednesday, **December 1** from 4pm to 6 pm  
Thursday, **December 2** from 3pm to 5 pm  
Friday, **December 3** from 6pm to 8 pm

We will be accepting ALL gently used sports equipment for the Swap. Please make sure the items you are donating are clean and free of rips or tears. Volunteers will be on hand to review equipment and may not accept some more than gently used items. PLEASE NOTE: We will not be able to accept items the day of the Swap.

*Pam Carr*

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The Christmas shoe boxes are beginning to pile up as people bring them in filled with school supplies, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hair ornaments, socks, hats, T-shirts, maybe a pair of jeans or shorts, a furry animal to cuddle or a baby doll to love, maybe a calculator, balls of all sizes, especially soccer balls deflated and with a pump to blow them up, toys and books, and oh so many things that will give joy, and perhaps the only gift that they will ever receive. For a child from ages 2 to 14.

Thousands of boxes are going to Haiti this year, among other areas that have experienced tragic events. How fortunate the least wealthy among us are, compared to those where these boxes will go --by air, river, bicycle, backpack or even elephant or camel. We give a lot to our neighbors, but where these boxes go there is seldom enough for those people to give to one another.

We still have Christmas shoe boxes available, and labels for gender and age of the child, in the entrance of the Baptist church vestry, or you may use your own. You may also return them to the same spot or leave them on a table inside. We do need them by **Tuesday, November 9**. Thank you in advance for contributing to this very wonderful cause. The church is located at the corner of North Road and Route 125, or you may call me at 679-8635.

*Alma Vahey*

## Christmas Fair at Pilgrim Church

It's that time of year again. **Pilgrim Church** will be holding its **Annual Christmas Fair** on **Saturday, December 4** from **9:00 to 1:00**. There will be good food and the joyous, live music of the season. The Craft Tables will feature novelty gifts, some from foreign lands. Sweet treats will be available from both our Bake Table and a Cookie Walk. There will be a Christmas Boutique with both new and vintage holiday items. You will not want to miss our fabulous luncheon that includes lobster rolls, chicken salad, corn chowder, and chili.

Come and Catch the Spirit of the Season!

*Gene Orcutt*

## Notes from the Superintendent , SAU 16

### Selected from the Supt's. October Newsletter

Officially the New Hampshire Department of Education requires each school district to report its student enrollment on October 1 annually. Trends are determined from this consistent data point.

For the **six school years** beginning on October 1, 2005 through October 1, 2010, the following changes are noted:

Brentwood	391 to 388	Essentially Unchanged
East Kingston	188 to 204	Increase of 8.5%
Exeter	1013 to 1043	Increase of 2.96%
Kensington	208 to 194	Decrease of 6.73%
Newfields	165 to 150	Decrease of 9.09%
Stratham	644 to 627	Decrease of 2.63%
Cooperative Middle School	1326 to 1349	Increase of 1.73%
Exeter High School	1611 to 1667	Increase of 3.48%

The **one-year change** from October 1, 2009 to October 1, 2010 is as follows:

Brentwood	385 to 388	Essentially Unchanged
East Kingston	202 to 204	Essentially Unchanged
Exeter	1018 to 1043	Increase of 2.45%
Kensington	201 to 194	Decrease of 3.48%
Newfields	163 to 150	Decrease of 7.97%
Stratham	633 to 627	Essentially Unchanged
Cooperative Middle School	1371 to 1349	Decrease of 1.6%
Exeter High School	1716 to 1667	Decrease of 2.86%

## **NH State Retirement Rate Increases**

In a cost-shifting process, the New Hampshire Retirement System has advised school districts and municipalities that contribution rates for its full-time employees will increase significantly beginning on July 1, 2011. Rates for teachers and principals will increase from 8.02% to 9.07% of salary. Rates for all other staff members will increase from 9.16% to 11.09%. Contribution rates for each employee will remain at 5%. Throughout the SAU, these increases will add significant amounts to each district's budget for 2011-2012.

## **Health Insurance Rates**

School Districts around the state have received notice from the Health Trust, a division of the Local Government Center, the cooperative entity that provides programs and services for New Hampshire schools, municipalities and county governments, that the Guaranteed Maximum Rate increase for health insurance for 2011-2012 will be increased at a lower rate

than the 11.9% average that has been experienced for the past 13 years. SAU 16 school districts have been informed that the maximum local rate increase will be 5.4%. Overall, this is positive news. However, the cost of health insurance continues to grow at a higher rate than overall inflation.

## **NEASC Accreditation Visit to Exeter High School**

Every ten years schools have the option of engaging in an extensive accreditation process that reviews important areas of the entire educational process. This involves a detailed self-study and a visitation from a team of professional educators who review the self-study, interviews students, staff, and community members, and provides a series of commendations and recommendations for the school.

The entire process considers the broad areas of Mission and Expectations, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment of Student Learning, School Resources for Learning, Leadership and Organization, and Community Resources for Learning.

This process is very structured and is coordinated by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). From November 7-10, 2010 a NEASC Visiting Team of approximately 15 professional educators will conduct its review of Exeter High School. Its final report will be issued by the end of the current school year.

The EHS staff and administration has been preparing for this important visit for over a year. The final report will provide valuable information and insights to the school and to the Exeter Region Cooperative School District. Many thanks to all who have invested so much time and energy into this process!

## **Strategic Plan for 2010-2015**

The new Strategic Plan for SAU 16 is in the final stages of adoption. It includes a new Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Guiding Principles along with specific Action Plans for the next five years.

After almost two years of work by over 70 community members, students, board members, faculty, and administrators the final draft of Action Plans for the next five years has been presented to the SAU Joint Boards. Copies of the documents are available to the public at the SAU 16 website ([www.sau16.org](http://www.sau16.org)).

### Program Survey for Senior Residents

Brentwood senior residents are invited and urged to fill out this questionnaire and return it to Margaret Dullea, Brentwood Recreation Office, 1 Dalton Road, or to Sandra Thorsell, Events Coordinator of the Brentwood Seniors, 24 Michael Bennett Road, Brentwood 03833.

1. How many days a month would you take part in social/recreational activities on a regular basis at the Community Center?  
 Once a week                    M T W Th F  
 2 times a month  
 Once a month
  
2. Does transportation to an event limit your participation?                     Yes  No
3. Are you interested in affordable day trips?                     Yes  No
4. Are you willing to carpool?                     Yes  No
  
5. Below are some suggestions. Please let us know if you're interested.  
 Game Day – bingo, bridge, cribbage, whist, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, possible competitions.  
 Health Day – blood pressure check, life line screening , Zumba Gold.  
 Craft time – specific projects with instructor, or bring-your-own, or sewing circle.  
 Musical programs.  
 Comfortable place to sit and talk with others.  
 Movie day with popcorn & bag lunch.  
 Informational programs – Audubon speaker, bird watching, star gazing.  
 Walking club – walk the trails around the Brentwood Community Center or the many mapped trails around town.  
 Matinee Dinner Theater – Amesbury Playhouse, Stone Mountain Arts Center.

#### Day trips:

- Portland, Maine, by train or car, for lunch at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant.
- Bright Lights in Springfield, Mass.
- Boston, Mass. – walk the Freedom Trail, lunch at the Top of the Pru, take a Trolley Tour, or the Duck Boat Tours!
- Explore Fort #4 in Charlestown, N.H.
- Boat ride out to Isles of Shoals or from Dover up the river.
- Vermont to Cabot Cheese, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.
- Tour Van Otis Chocolates in Manchester with free samples!

#### Overnight Trips:

- Historic Deerfield, Mass. plus Yankee Candle, Butterfly Conservatory & the Flowering Bridge.
- New York City, maybe around Christmas time?

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Nov. 5 **Baptist Church Holiday Fair – 3:00 – 6:00 pm**, Baptist Church vestry, corner North Rd. & Rte. 125.  
**Friday Night Flick – 6:30 pm**, Bartlett Library. “Toy Story 3.”
- Nov. 6 **Holiday Fair -- 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**, Baptist Church vestry, corner North Rd. & Rte. 125.  
**Pilgrim Church Harvest Supper** – seatings 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, Swasey School.
- Nov. 8 School Board – 6:15, Swasey School Library.
- Nov. 9 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 10 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 11 Historical Society – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Museum.
- Nov. 12 **R.W. Bacon, guest speaker – “A Vaudeville Retrospective” – 7:00 pm**, Bartlett Library.
- Nov. 15 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library.  
Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 16 Parent Faculty Group – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library  
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 17 Brentwood Seniors – 12 noon, lunch & show at Amesbury Playhouse. Carpoolers meet 10:30 at the  
Community Center parking lot.  
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Community Center. Holiday centerpieces with Shannon Griffin.
- Nov. 18 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.  
**Ladies Night at the Movies** – 7:00 pm, Library, “Princess Kaiulani.”
- Nov. 23 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building.  
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 25 **Free Thanksgiving meal** – Grace Ministries Int’l, 2:00-5:00 pm. **Call 642-7848 X11 to reserve seating.**
- Nov. 29 Brentwood Bookers discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library.
- Nov. 30 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 1 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 2 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library.  
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Dec. 3 **Christmas Tea – 7:00 pm, Grace Ministries.** See page 7.
- Dec. 4 **Pilgrim Church Christmas Fair – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**, Pilgrim Church, Middle Road.  
**Visit Santa at the Bartlett Memorial Library.** 9:00 am – Noon. Craft activities and photos.
- Dec. 6 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.

**The public is welcome at all above events**

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