

Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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BRENTWOOD CHILDREN TO PUT ON “A NORTH POLE STORY”

The Peach Project is back and Georgia Merrill hopes you will help make it her most successful fundraiser yet.

The Peach Project, run by nine-year-old Georgia Merrill, was created in 2016 to help raise money for people in need. For the past two years, with a lot of help and support from this community, Georgia has raised several thousand dollars for the New Hampshire Food Bank.

This year Georgia will be raising funds for One Mission, a pediatric cancer charity based in Boston that helps children with cancer and their families with whatever they need while dealing with their diagnosis and treatment. One Mission provides programs that make living in a hospital less lonely and stressful, bring back joy in a time of fear and uncertainty, and give kids and their loved ones the support they need to get through the emotional and financial challenges of treatment.

The Peach Project will be putting on a Christmas Variety Show. Georgia has written an original play with her mother entitled “A North Pole Story.” The cast and chorus consist of children from Brentwood and

surrounding towns. Other activities include a raffle with chances to win amazing gift cards and prizes, a bake sale, and Santa will be there for picture taking opportunities. There will be a special guest appearance from the Brentwood Fire Department and a few more surprises.

“The town of Brentwood has really rallied behind this idea and there are numerous individuals and families pooling their resources to make this a truly amazing event,” says Georgia’s mother Erin.

“There will be something for everyone and plenty of ways to donate to a good cause. Most importantly, there are a lot of kids working hard to give back, so we hope you will come out and support their efforts.”

The show will be held at Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125 in Brentwood, on Friday, **December 14th**. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the show will begin at 6:30 pm. We hope you will come join us for some holiday spirit and sing and dance with The Peach Project.

Georgia and Erin Merrill

“It is an admirable organization doing wonderful things to try and make life a little bit easier for kids during a difficult time,” says Georgia.



Georgia Merrill receives donations from around our community in an effort to raise funds for other children suffering from cancer.

Peach Project participants hope you will help support their efforts and come enjoy some holiday spirit.

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Town of Brentwood
www.brentwoodnh.gov

TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 113/114
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am - 7 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310
Monday–Thursday 8 am - 4 pm

PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Phone: 642-6400 ext 116
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7 pm

BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8817

BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8132

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355
E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
www.brentwoodlibrary.org
Monday 2-7 pm
Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9 am - 7 pm
Friday 9 am - 1 pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm
Story Hours: Tues. & Wed. 10:30 am
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2 pm

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be
received by the 15th. Send your news to
Email: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

December 11 & 12

December 26 & 27

Waste Tonnage Figures

	Sep	Oct
Tons, mixed solid waste	124.12	110.77
Tons, recycled goods	30.16 (19.5%)	24.76 (18%)

The Selectmen meet every Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The public is always welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement by the Monday before a meeting. All Brentwood residents are welcome to speak to the Board with their business.

A selectman will be available at the town offices from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm every other Wednesday (12/5 & 12/19). Stop by and say hello.

Trash Collection will be delayed one day due to the Christmas holiday. If your normal collection day is Tuesday, your trash and recycling will be collected on Wednesday. If your normal collection day is Wednesday, your trash and recycling will be collected on Thursday. Please be sure all items (35 gallon bag maximum) are curbside on your respective day by 6:30 am.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Town Clerk Notes

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector office will be closed on **December 24th** and **25th** for Christmas and **January 1st** for New Year.
- We accept **CASH, CHECK** (made out to the Town of Brentwood), or **CREDIT CARDS** for all payments at the town office! ****PLEASE NOTE**** A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or AMEX logo present. There are additional convenience fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees (2.79% with a \$1.50 minimum). These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the Town. *Convenience fees cannot be refunded.*
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to register BOATS, OHRV, and provide HUNTING/FISHING licenses.
- Please be sure to get your dogs registered. This is state law (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.
******* Dog license fees will increase \$1.00 for 2019 *******
\$10.00 for an unneutered/unspayed dog \$7.50 for a neutered/spayed dog
\$7.50 for a puppy (up to 7 months old) \$3.00 on the first dog for a senior resident.
Dog licenses will be available starting January 1, 2019 and must be filed by April 30, 2019 to avoid fines.
- Did you know that you can pay for your vehicle, trailer, or dog registrations online? You can even pay your property taxes online! Visit brentwoodnh.gov and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

"As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same."

~ Donald E. Westlake, author

BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist Church – Brentwood, 201 North Road

December 15 – Join us on Saturday at 6:00 pm for a community-wide songfest to celebrate the Christmas season. We'll sing traditional carols and popular songs – everything from "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" to "Silent Night."

The church will be beautifully decorated with wreaths, candles and poinsettia and that alone will put you into the spirit of Christmas. Bring the entire family and the best voice you can muster, even if it's not all that good, and let's share the joy of music.

You are welcome to share your own Christmas favorite or simply sing as part of the group – whatever warms your heart as we lift our voices in celebration of the season. Everyone is welcome, especially kids of every age. It will be a fun evening!

December 24 – First Baptist Church will hold our candlelight service beginning at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Come enjoy all of your favorite carols and hymns in our beautifully decorated and re-modeled sanctuary. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood-Kingston, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

December 1 – Christmas Fair with extended hours 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. This wonderful event includes lobster rolls for lunch, a Christmas cookie walk, local arts and crafts vendors, story time on the hour with Rev. Tara, a visit from Santa, delicious bake sale, Attic Treasures, gift baskets to bid on and so much more!

December 6 and 13 – Advent Devotional Discussions will take place at 6:30 pm. Come join Rev. Tara for a reflective hour of scripture, prayer and contemplative music to prepare the way for Christ to be born in your heart and your lives.

December 8 – Christmas in New England Concert with Rick Lang and friends. From 5:30 - 6:45 pm a dinner of delicious soups, stews, chowders and chili will be available. Concert begins at 7:00 pm.

December 9 thru 16 – Seacoast Family Promise stays with us. If you are interested in helping out with families who are experiencing homelessness, please contact the church. This is a meaningful way to connect with others.

December 14 – Living with Loss and Moving Forward, our support group for those who are experiencing grief on a number of different levels, meets at 12:00 noon. This is a time to be together with folks who are also missing a loved one. Rev. Tara and Dick Chamberlain facilitate this group. Please join us.

December 15 – Wreaths Across America. (date and time on page 4)

December 16 – Community Breakfast from 8:00 - 9:30 am. Choose from eggs, pancakes, biscuits, hash, fruit cup, bacon, sausage, ham, home-made baked goods! Featuring NH maple syrup from Yellow Leaf Farm.

December 16 – Our young people put on an adorable Christmas Pageant at 10:00 am during worship. Come hear the angels' take on the story of Jesus being born! All are welcome.

December 20 – Longest Night or Blue Christmas service at 6:30 pm. Join us for a quiet, candlelit service in the sanctuary honoring the fact that sometimes the holidays are hard; sometimes we need quiet and solace from the rush and hurry of the season. If you find that you are struggling to find joy in the holiday season, you are not alone. This service offers a time and place to honor those feelings and gradually add some light to the longest night of the year. We hope you will join us.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Family Friendly Service at 7:00 pm. Come help us share the good news that Jesus Christ is born! We will sing carols, hear scripture, light candles and lift up glow sticks to celebrate the miracle among us.

December 30 – Wear your cozy pajamas, come hear Christmas Stories and sing carols at 10:00 am. Celebrate what the birth of Jesus means!

Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125

December 1 – Christmas Extravaganza. You're invited to our first annual Holiday Extravaganza at Austin17House! Morning and evening events going on! Come stop in during the day and get some of your holiday shopping done at our **Craft Fair** from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Join us for a **Social Dinner Event** hosted by us! Doors open at 5:00 pm, if you miss the craft fair during the day you'll still have time to purchase some last minute items before joining us for dinner at 6:00 pm catered by our friends at DeBernardo's Restaurant, Christmas mocktails by Austin17House. The night will follow with live entertainment, music and a silent auction!

Purchase a ticket for \$30 or sponsor a table of 8 for \$200!

December 15 – HEALING ROOMS will be open between the hours of 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at Grace Ministries International. If you are in need of prayer for healing, physical, emotional or spiritual, please come. All are welcome and will be prayed for with love and compassion. God is good and wants us to walk in health.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Bring your family and friends and enjoy singing some carols and worshipping the birth of our Savior and King Jesus Christ. Coffee and Hot Cider with Christmas Cookies will be available after the service. Hope to meet you then. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Ladies, Do you want to be set free? Have you wondered why you get stuck? Do you want more in life? Sally's Hope is a group for women searching to uncover their true identity. The past often defines who we are, keeping us from the possibilities of becoming the person God has created us to be. If you are telling yourself, "It's not that bad..." come to receive LIFE at Sally's Hope. Call Pastor Lucie for details at 603-642-7848. Shifting Atmospheres Leveling Lies Yielding freedom Strengthening women through HOPE.

For more information, go to www.gracemi.org or call 642-7848.

In A.D. 350, Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25th the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.

Austin17House Community Winter Opportunities

What do we do? We offer youth development programs for teens, outreach training and educational programs for adults in a supportive atmosphere for people of all ages.

Youth nights! Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Our core activities as a youth development center provides a safe environment for all ages to engage in healthy life building skills through education and activities. Youth are invited to come and participate in a number of after-school programs including: Educational Tutoring, Cooking Classes, Open Music Room and workshops, Arts and crafts, Personal Training, Hair and Makeup Classes.

Family Nights! Fridays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm and Sundays, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

We invite and welcome youth, friends and families to join us on Fridays and Sundays to come out and meet fellow community members and the A17H fam! The gym is open for recreational activities, food always brings us together and be sure to check out our website for more information on art, music, personal training and other evening programs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the *Brentwood Newsletter*? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements – and photos – to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

Meet Your Selectmen

A selectman will be available at the town offices from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm every other Wednesday. The dates for this month are **December 5th and 19th**. Stop by to meet and express yourself (praise, complain, inspire) or just say hello.

A Big Thank You!

I would like to thank our ballot clerks (Carole Belliveau, Martha Clark, Alma Vahey, Joyce Keegal, and Heather Gilbert) who tirelessly worked a busy election! Thank you also, to Carolyn Cocklin and Kristin Patch who directed the foot traffic! The Ladies Auxillary (Diane Robinson, Lissa Colombo, Bonnie Hunt, Carol Gaynor, Phyllis Thompson, and Jane Byrne) who kept all the workers fed and it was appreciated so much! Thank you Andy Artimovich for making all of us breakfast! It is a pleasure working with all of you!

Brentwood started with 3,226 registered voters and had 88 new registered voters. We had a 66% turnout for this election, which is amazing!

Daphne Woss, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Brentwood Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees will hold their next meeting on **December 6th** at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office.

If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, please contact Phyllis Thompson at 642-8896.

Thank You to the November Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all of the volunteers who came to help with the November edition: Al, Anne Marie, Carole, David, Doug, Jacob, Jonathan, Joe, Joyce, Kim, Kris, Laurel, Martha, Michelle, Olivia, Phyllis, Rebecca, Robin and Tracy. Thank You!

If you would like to join the *Newsletter* crew on a folding night, send an email to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com and you'll be notified of the next folding party.

Many thanks to ALL the Newsletter volunteers who help out each month. With your contributions and effort, the Brentwood Newsletter continues to distribute news around town.

Submissions for the following month must be received by the 15th. Send your news and photos to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

Article submissions, business advertising and the Business Card Directory are open to all Brentwood residents, residents with a business in or outside of Brentwood, and businesses located in Brentwood.

Full-page business write-ups (250-800 words + 1 photo) and half-page display ads (8" x 5" JPG/TIF/PSD/PDF) are available for purchase in the Brentwood Newsletter. The cost is \$200 for either submission. No position guaranteed. Contact brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Thank You, Brentwood Voters

I am looking forward to beginning the work of legislating with the people of Brentwood in mind. I am honored to be elected by you and will continue to reach out and communicate with you. Having spoken with so many of you at your doorsteps, I know the importance you have placed on my being a true representative of our town. I will continue to be involved at town functions and meetings, and I will listen when you express your opinions on state legislation which affects you, your families and our community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Allen Cook for his two terms of service to our town and state. Allen's willingness to speak with me and others in town regarding state legislation is something I appreciate. I wish him all the best.

Liz McConnell

Wreaths Across America

National Wreaths Across America Day in Brentwood is Saturday, **December 15th**. A ceremony will be held at Tony Cemetery on Middle Road starting at 12:00 noon. Following the ceremony, volunteers are welcomed to assist in placing wreaths. This event is free and open to the public, veterans are encouraged and welcome to attend. In case of inclement weather, information regarding postponements and/or relocation of event will be posted on FB, at the library, and at the Town Office Building.

Joyce Keegal, Cemetery Superintendent

Brentwood Fire Department

Happy holiday season. Santa will be coming around town this year on Saturday, **December 15th** starting at 9:00 am. Make sure to keep an eye out for him on the fire truck. We will try to help keep everyone posted on our Facebook page. There is no scheduled route that we take, but if you listen really hard you'll hear Santa's sirens and know he's coming through your neighborhood. Please have a safe holiday season and drive with care in the winter weather.

Join the Brentwood Fire Department!

Have you ever wondered how you can help your community and the town you live in? The Brentwood Fire Dept. is always looking for members to help serve the community and keep them safe. We provide the town with fire protection, emergency medical services, and are involved in the community by holding events. If you have any questions about joining, you can stop by during business hours or call us at 603-642-8132. It is a very rewarding way to give back to the community and we would love to have you join our family.

Brentwood Police Department

Congratulations Brentwood! We received the official results from the DEA National Take Back Initiative held back in October. We collected 17.5 pounds of unused prescription drugs and medication. This was another successful turnout from the residents of Brentwood. Well done!

Is Your House or Business Number Easily Visible From the Road?

At night and during a storm it can be very difficult for police or fire crews to spot your house number quickly. It is always a good idea to put high visibility numbers on both sides of your mailbox and on the front of your house or business.

Report a Tip

To report a crime in progress, dial 9-1-1. If you are reporting a crime that has occurred in the past or is not an emergency, dial the main number at 603-642-8817. Go to www.brentwoodnh.gov/forms/police to report a tip online.



The 18th Annual All-Volunteer AFTER CHRISTMAS TREE LIMO SERVICE

Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America Troop 322

Pick up on Saturday, January 5, 2018

Brentwood's Christmas Tree Limo Service provides worry-free disposal of your tired, sappy, needle bare Christmas trees.

What do you need to do?

- Mail your name, street address, phone number and a donation of \$10 (or more) before Friday, January 4th, to:
 - BSA Troop 322
c/o 7 Peabody Drive
Brentwood, NH 03833
- You will receive a confirmation phone call by Friday, Jan. 4th.
- On Saturday, January 5th, by 8:00 am, place your tree at the end of your driveway so it is accessible to our drivers & scouts. Please remove all tinsel, as trees are mulched.

Checks payable to BSA TROOP 322.



Save your backs! Save your vehicle's paint!* Let us get sappy!!*

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Adult / Family Programs

December 3 – Peace and Justice Movie Night at 6:00 pm. This month's theme is TBA.

December 8 – Visit with Santa from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. The Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual Holiday party with Santa. In keeping with tradition, Santa will be available for photos and crafts will be available in the basement. New this year is the addition of author, Michael Lewis. (see below for details)

December 8 – Michael Lewis, author of *The Great Pirate Christmas Battle and Battle for the Knotty List* will delight young and old with his theatrical (costumed and in character) storytelling at 12:00 pm. Mr. Lewis' books will be available for sale with personalized signatures for your loved ones just in time for Christmas!

December 13 – Hark! The Herald Angels Scream! Six local authors will read excerpts from their books and answer questions from the audience in a panel discussion format starting at 6:30 pm.

★ Christopher Golden – NY Times bestselling author of novels, comic books, video games, screenplays, a BBC radio play, and an online animated series. Golden co-hosts podcasts and is the founder of the Merrimack Valley Halloween Book Festival. His novels have been published in more than 14 languages in countries around the world. He is the editor of a newly published collection of short stories, for which this program is named.

★ James A. Moore – Bram Stoker Award nominee (twice) and an officer of three years in the Horror Writers Association, Moore has authored over forty novels. In addition to horror novels, he has written epic fantasy and Sci-Fi novels.

★ Tony Tremblay – Author of a short story collection that made the Bram Stoker Awards' Recommended Reading List. Tremblay's collection debuted at #2 on the Amazon Hot Horror Chart. He is one of the founders of the horror convention known as NoCon. Tony's first novel, *Fearsome Firsts: Horror Fiction from Debut Authors*, was favorably reviewed in the October 1, 2018 edition of *Library Journal* article "The Reader's Shelf."

★ Bracken MacLeod – Author of several novels, and many short stories, some of which are collected in a ChiZine Publication which the NY Times Book Review called, "Superb." In addition to his work as an author, MacLeod has been a martial arts teacher, a university philosophy instructor, a trial attorney, and has worked for a children's non-profit.

★ Cat Scully – Writer, Illustrator, and Designer of adult, young adult, and middle grade projects. Cat also creates amazing world maps and has been featured in marketing campaigns for several major publishing houses and is currently working in Marketing/PR and Graphic Design for Haverhill Hill Press.

★ John McIlveen – Editor-in-Chief of Haverhill House Publishing and author of short stories, collections, novellas, and a paranormal suspense novel which won the 2015 Drunken Druid Award (Ireland) and was

nominated for the 2015 Bram Stoker Award in the First Novel category. John is also one of the founders of the horror convention, NoCon.

December 17 – MEB Library Trustees' Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome.

December 17 – Brentwood Bookers' Book Club meets at 7:00 pm. This month's title is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, by Mark Haddon. New members are always welcome! Contact the library to borrow a copy of the book.

Tuesdays from 1-3(ish) – Brentwood Needle Art Group - Do you knit? Crochet? Cross-Stitch? Do other needle arts? Do you enjoy socializing? Learning from others? Sharing ideas, techniques, and patterns? New members welcome!

December 27 – Community Games & Goodies at 4:30 pm. Join us for an evening of good eats, good games, and good company. Please bring a snack to share if you are able and we will

provide pizza and drinks! Did you get a great new game during the Holidays? Feel free to bring it along! Please register so we know how many to plan for.

Now through December 29th – Friends of the MEB Library annual Craft Fair – It's not too late to participate. Stop by the library for an information packet. A portion of sales is donated to the library to purchase new children's books.

Youth Programs

December 11 – Anime Club at 4:00 pm. Tweens and teens in grade 6 and up, meet us at the library to chat about favorite shows/manga, participate in activities and crafts, and of course enjoy yummy snacks! Sign up to let us know you're coming.

December 17 through December 22 – Craft Week. Craft tables will be set up throughout the week and you may drop in any time to participate in these self-paced projects. Materials will be provided, and no registration is required. Please note that we would like to give everyone an opportunity to create during this time, so we ask that you limit yourself to 1 completed project at each station. We can't wait to see your results!

December 18 – Slime (Grades 1-5) at 4:00 pm. Fast becoming one of the most popular youth programs, this month's recipe will be revealed during the program. Sign up to reserve your spot. Materials provided.

December 20 – Slime (Grades 6+) at 3:30 pm. See above.

MEB FYI

Check out our website at www.brentwoodlibrary.org where you can find hours, weather delays/cancellations, and a place to sign up for our Library Newsletter, delivered to your inbox once per month (on average). There is also a place to sign up for Wowbrary!, a recap email of the books and videos added to our collection throughout each week, delivered to your inbox on Saturdays.

Looking for activities to do with your family? Need to entertain the young and not so young during the cold months of winter? Look no further than your local library! Thanks to the generosity of the Friends

of the Library, we have a multitude of Museum Passes available for free or reduced admission. Passes are given out on a first call – first receive basis and can be reserved.

Current passes include:

American Independence Museum	Children's Museum of NH
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center	Currier Museum of Art
Millyard Museum (Manchester)	Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Science	NH State Parks
NE Aquarium	Seacoast Science Center
SEE Science Center	Strawbery Banke
York's Wild Kingdom	

See our website for more information ([www.brentwoodlibrary.org Resources/Museum Passes](http://www.brentwoodlibrary.org/Resources/Museum%20Passes))

Help us cultivate the arts and decorate the library at the same time! Applications are available on our website ([www.brentwoodlibrary.org – Programs/Art and Collection Exhibitions](http://www.brentwoodlibrary.org/Programs/Art%20and%20Collection%20Exhibitions)). Visit MEB to see our current art exhibit by abstract artist, S. Thayer.

Magazines – Have you been missing your favorite magazine from our collection? Do you have any suggestions for new magazine titles we don't currently carry? Please let us know! We will be doing an assessment of our holdings and want your opinions.

Feedback can be shared in person, by phone 603-642-3355, or through email – director.meblib@gmail.com. A good library collection reflects the population of the town it serves and we want to build the best collection ever!

Janice Wiers, Librarian, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce our annual Craft Fair has begun and will run through Christmas (11/26-12/29). Stop by to find unique gifts for holiday parties, stocking stuffers, teachers and loved ones. A portion of sales is used to purchase new children's books so you're supporting local crafters and our beloved library. If you are interested in selling your crafts, please stop by the library for an inventory packet.

Mark Your Calendars!

Santa will be visiting on Saturday, **December 8** from 9:30 am-12:00 pm. Bring your camera and we'll help you get a special family photo. There will be crafts in the basement for the kiddos. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry.

The Basement Bookstore will also be open during Santa's visit on **December 8** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Check The Friends' Facebook page to see if we will be open one more time before the year ends. We have books for all ages and interests. Fill a bag for only \$5!

The Boo Bash hosted by The Friends and the Brentwood Recreation Department was a huge success, despite the rainy weather. Thank you to all the adult and student volunteers, as well as library staff who put in time to make this community event enjoyable! Special thanks going out to donors: our devoted bakers who provided tasty treats for the Bake Sale (Anne Schultz, Batti Buck, Janice Huff, Wellner Poppe,

Kathy Gillen, Mary Wills, Kirsten Phillips, Sue Mitchell); Patriot Trophy for helping with the Scarecrow Contest trophies; Market Basket for the gift card to purchase apple cider; and Starbucks for coffee. Lindy's donated pizza and Apple Annies donated cider donuts for the Rec Center. Additional thanks going to sponsors: Bayside Distributing, Nici Automotive Service, Tony Leclerc State Farm Insurance, DTC Lawyers, and Pilgrim Church. Thank you very much! Finally, congratulations to Bill Arnold from Bayside Distributing for the winning scarecrow display!

Each month we highlight one of the passes paid for with your donations to The Friends. This month we're excited to share Strawbery Banke in Portsmouth. The annual fee of \$250 provides free admission to 2 adults and 4 children. This is a substantial benefit used by 12 families in the past year. While general admission to Strawbery Banke is May-October, these passes ARE applicable toward the Annual Candlelight Stroll in December. (Tickets for this historic event are normally \$20/adult, \$7.50/child.) "Stroll the winter lanes of Strawbery Banke, lighted along the way with candle lanterns and made joyful by passing carolers, costumed role-players and a horse-drawn carriage." Early, advanced reservation of tickets is highly recommended.

If you enjoy the passes and events sponsored by The Friends, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Donations are accepted year-round. There are donation envelopes at the front desk and a PayPal button on the Friends' page of the library's website: brentwoodlibrary.org/friends. You can also donate directly from the Friends' Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary.

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities during this season of giving? Will you have a New Year's resolution to become more involved in your community? The Friends always welcome new members. We appreciate having help to run and stock the Basement Bookstore, as well as to plan and work community events. If you would like to help in any way, come see us at one of our monthly meetings at the library. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **December 12** at 12:30 pm. We'll meet again in 2019 on Monday, **January 14** at 6:30 pm. We look forward to meeting you!

Jessica Paul, Secretary for Friends of the Library

Did You Know?

- ★ The name December comes from the Latin *decem* for "ten," as it was the 10th month in the Roman Calendar.
- ★ The term Yuletide comes from a Norse tradition of cutting and burning a tree to bring in the Winter Solstice. This was done for 12 days – later known as the 12 days of Christmas.
- ★ Saint Nickolas, who would eventually be called Santa Claus, was originally the patron saint of children, thieves and pawnbrokers!
- ★ "Jingle Bells" was composed in 1857 and not for Christmas – it was meant to be a Thanksgiving song!
- ★ An ancient legend states that animals can speak in human language on Christmas Eve!

Brentwood Historical Society



Officers and Directors elected at the past annual meeting, from left to right: Linda Rousseau, Vice President; Alma Vahey, Director; Karen Ellis, Director; Rebecca Davis, Curator; Bob Gilbert, Director; Phyllis Thompson, Director; Rebecca Dunham, President; Suzanne Austin, Recording Secretary; Albert "Skip" Belanger, Research Correspondent; and Dexter Swasey, Director. Not shown are Frank Northrup, Treasurer and Dick Chamberlain, Director.

The annual meeting of the BHS membership was held on Sunday, November 18. There were reports by each of the officers on projects and tasks accomplished in 2018. A brief outline of programs planned for the coming year was given, with topics ranging from antique and collectible toys, the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing, the Beatles, and a program on cemeteries and burial customs. Anyone with ideas for programs to consider should contact Linda Rousseau, program chair.

The business portion of the event also included the election of officers and directors for 2019. The results are: Rebecca Dunham, president; Linda Rousseau, vice president; Frank Northrup, treasurer; Suzanne Austin, recording secretary; Albert "Skip" Belanger, research correspondent; Becky Davis, curator; directors Dick Chamberlain, Karen Ellis, Phyllis Thompson, Bob Gilbert, Alma Vahey, and Dexter Swasey. Many sincere thanks go to retiring director Gary Farnham for his many years of service and good works on behalf of the Historical Society. Following the election, the membership was asked to vote on the revised bylaws, which were approved with one minor amendment.

A presentation followed the business meeting given by Linda Rousseau titled "Strauss, Satin & Songs," about her musical career. Linda developed her passion for music as a young child, encouraged by her grandparents and parents. She related many anecdotes about her experiences as a music student, her continued studies after college, and her hundreds of performances in various venues, including Carnegie Hall in New York City, Jordan Hall, and Boston Symphony Hall with the Boston Pops. On display were many souvenir programs, photographs, scrapbooks, as well as her gowns. The audio portion of the program included a recording of her performance with the Boston Pops orchestra. The program was greeted with great enthusiasm and applause.

Next on the calendar for the Society: construction on the furnace room and the staircase to meet fire codes, our membership drive will begin in January, the second printing of the 275th history book, new exhibits, and cataloging the collection using Past Perfect museum software. There are busy times ahead, but with a hardworking board and many dedicated volunteers, 2019 will be a productive and interesting year for the Society.

Rebecca Dunham, President, Brentwood Historical Society

Brentwood Gardeners Head for Indoor Activities

At the *Newsletter* deadline date, the Gardeners had not yet had their November meeting. We were still planning the Christmas terrariums we were going to make under Chris Wellington's guidance. We were also planning to thank the heroes who turned out on November 10 to clean up some of the town's municipal garden areas.

The Gardeners will have a Christmas get-together at the home of Diantha Wade on Thursday, **December 13th** starting at 6:00 pm. Members will bring hearty hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, or desserts, and a gift for the Yankee Swap – suggested cost \$15-\$20, with a gardening theme if possible.

The Gardeners don't stop in the winter months. New members are always welcomed with open arms. Our winter programs give us good information we didn't have time to think about in the summer. For more information, contact one of the co-presidents: Torie Freeman, 778-3848 or toriefreeman1@gmail.com; or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534 or lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau for the Brentwood Gardeners

Cub Scouts Pack 192

In November scouts collected food for the annual Scouting for Food drive. Pack 192 collected just over 800 food items for the Pilgrim Church food pantry! If you donated, THANK YOU for making this year's food drive a success!!

Did you know that friends are ALWAYS welcome at ANY den or pack meeting? We have our holiday pack meeting coming up on Thursday, **December 13th** at 6:30 pm at Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125, Brentwood. Come and see what scouting is all about.

For more information about Cub Scouts in your community go to beascout.org, or email brentwoodpack192@gmail.com.

Amy Brown for Pack 192



The Lion's Den (Kindergarten-aged boys & girls) at our November pack meeting. Pictured from left to right: Owen McCarthy, Ryan Higgins, Sean Higgins, Nick Morrow, and Rich Higgins.

Brentwood Girl Scout News

The Brentwood Girl Scout troops have been making a difference in our community this fall! All three troops gathered together at Swasey in November to work on a joint project – decorating 64 Christmas stockings in patriotic themes, which were given to the Pease Greeters! The stockings were donated by the community and will be filled with goodies before being shipped to active-duty service members stationed overseas.



Brentwood Girl Scouts display some of the 64 Christmas stockings they decorated for military serving overseas.

Troop #11138 participated in the Fall Flashlight Fling, an overnight camping outing on Oct 20-21 at Camp Kettleford in Bedford, NH. The girls worked together to make meals and cleanup, went on a nighttime flashlight hike, and sang songs around a campfire. It was a great first camping trip!

Troop #51227 had a fun, informative visit with the Brentwood Police Department in November. Thank you to Chief Arcieri, Officer Arsenault, and Ashley Wood for kindly teaching the girls about the daily ins and outs of Police work. They thoroughly enjoyed it!



Troop #51227 visits with the Brentwood Police Department.

Troop #51211 is working on a set of energy badges: the energy they have inside, the energy in their places and spaces, and the energy of getting from here to there. They are using up some of that energy on a food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Pilgrim Church Food Pantry here in Brentwood. Donations of tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta, juice, and canned beans, along with other items, can be dropped off to collection bins located at Swasey Central School through **December 14th** and at the Town Office Building and Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library through the end of the school year.

Ivonne Chartier, Jules Kelly, and Julie Morrow for the Brentwood Girl Scout Troops

DAR Junior American Citizens Club News

On November 15th, the JAC youth were honored to have had the opportunity to retire more than 40 flags donated by people in and around Brentwood, and ecstatic to have so many children and adults attend their ceremony to assist with the retirement! The flags were given a dignified retirement and the fabric recycled, so new flags with bright colors and intact seams may take their places.

The next JAC meeting will be held on Thursday, **January 17**, 2019, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library. The theme for this meeting will be "Recycling & Sustainability" with guest presenter Ray Dube, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New England's Sustainability Manager. The JAC youth will be moderating this all-ages program, open to everyone in the community to come learn and ask questions about what to recycle, how to recycle, and what becomes of all our recycling. If you've ever wondered why plastic bags cannot go in our recycling bins or how much effort needs to be put into cleaning out empty peanut butter containers, this is the program for you! Questions can be directed to julielynnford@yahoo.com.

Julie Morrow for the Junior American Citizens Club

Brentwood Parent Faculty Group

At the end of October the PFG accepted the Blue Ribbon Achievement Award presented by the NH partners in Education. We are truly thankful for all our volunteers and the entire Swasey community that make our efforts possible.

We are always welcoming new members! Our next meeting will be on **January 15th** at 6:30 pm in the library at Swasey Central School. In the meantime, please consider reaching out to us via email at swasey.pfg@gmail.com for other ways to get involved.

Congratulations to Mrs. Carson's 3rd grade class for bringing in the most box tops during our fall contest. In total we have collected over 6,500 box tops. But don't stop clipping! We'll have another contest in the spring! Be sure to check out the box tops app to score bonus box tops for our school. Box top collection boxes are out at the Town Office Building and Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library.

Our favorite day of the year! Grandfriend's Day is a day when students can invite grandparents or grandfriends to join them for a memorable in-class experience. Volunteers assist in directing our guests to the correct room, while others bake items for them to enjoy while waiting. Thank you to all the grandfriends and volunteers for making this day a special one!

The Swasey PFG is recycling used markers into energy with Crayola ColorCycle! Collect used markers at home and send them into school. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel used to heat homes and power vehicles. For more information visit: www.crayola.com/colorcycle.

Thank you for your purchase of Holiday Décor from Wentworth Gardens! This popular fundraiser makes decorating for the holidays easy! The greens and plants are excellent quality, fresh, long-lasting and they smell wonderful!

Save The Date for our December Swasey Night Out at 900 Degrees!! Bring the family for dinner on **December 17th** and a portion of your total bill will be donated back to Swasey. Check our Facebook page for more details (www.facebook.com/SwaseyCentralPFG).

Amy Brown for the PFG

Swasey Central School

Grade 3 – Third grade has been writing personal narratives, focusing on small moments and using elaboration. Students are also writing in response to their reading. Our Reader's Workshop has focused on identifying character traits and finding text evidence to support them. We also looked at how a character changes over the course of the story. Understanding forces through working with magnets has been a lot of fun. There were lots of hands of opportunities to explore forces and work with magnets. Second quarter we are studying geography. Latitude and longitude are difficult concepts for students, and we are continuing to work on this with them. In math, fact fluency is a major focus in third grade, as we move from addition and subtraction to multiplication and division.

Fourth Grade – Mythology, NH Government, and multiplication are just a few of the topics fourth graders have been studying. Our unit on mythology is wrapping up and students are now well versed in mythological allusions and can identify themes of myths. Our study of NH government began with a field trip to the State House. We learned how laws are made in NH. We had the opportunity to meet Senator Gannon on our tour. Students have been using the area model to multiply numbers. We have also been finding factor pairs and determining if a number is prime or composite.

As we head into the holiday season, 4th graders will be hosting the November Shindig. They will be dancing the Turkey Tango for their school-mates. They are also looking forward to having their grandparents visit on Grandfriends Day! We are excited to start books groups in December. Students will be reading texts and discussing them in small groups. Swasey fourth graders will be measuring in math and working on narratives in writing too. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Grade 5 – The Fall has been a busy time in 5th grade with the students working on a multitude of skills. As we begin our unit on operations with decimals, students are once again flexibly grouped based on learning styles. During the second quarter, we make our first classroom rotation in Science, studying ecology, matter or earth and space science. Fifth graders are exploring ancient American civilizations in preparation to discuss European exploration and colonization. Students are creating timelines of their own lives to be shared with their peers and with their grandfriends on Swasey's Grandfriends' Day in November.

STEAM Design Lab – October in the STEAM Design lab began with students preparing for the arrival of The Skydome (a mobile planetarium). The entire school was presented with the challenge to design a lunar module that could safely land two astronauts from a beginning distance of 1 foot high. Those devices that were successful, tested at 2 feet, than 3 feet, and so on. Believe it or not, we had team designs that completed the challenge from a drop of 8 feet! Kindergarten and first grade learned London Bridge was at one time really "falling down." They designed bridges to span our classroom river that could allow a

boat to travel under and people to stand on top. Second grade read *If I Build a Car* and then worked in teams to plan and design cardboard models of innovative cars using Makedo connectors and tools. Meanwhile, 3rd graders learned how to create presentations and share with others using Google slides. 4th grade continued to work on challenges with our partner engineers in Kensington, while 5th grade began working with Lego WeDos.

As November began, our focus switched from engineering to computer science and coding. Students K-5 were introduced to and reviewed the basics of computer programming and algorithms. Our work is both "plugged and unplugged," meaning we will use devices for some activities and no technology for others. Our goal is to be able to apply our coding knowledge to robotics.

From Mrs. Gavin's Music Room – All grade levels began their new term the beginning of November with new units and new seats! (Maybe you've heard about one or both?) Grades K and 1 continue with beat keeping activities as well as tone drills on a weekly basis as we set the foundation for future musical skills. The songs they are learning through November and December are primarily holiday songs selected to match the developmental stage the students are at in regards to vocal range and rhythm. Second graders have begun to identify musical symbols and are learning to follow a musical score. Third graders are transitioning from following a musical score together as a class to independently following a score from their music book. After experiencing singing in parts, and enjoying a listening lesson in October, fourth graders are now learning the traditional "Turkey Tango," first the song, and now the dance! Grade 5 has just completed an in depth rhythmic lesson as they learned a variety of accompaniments on various instruments to accompany the African song "Zangelewa" (Waka, Waka). They are now singing and rapping "Hip Hop Hoedown" and working in groups to create performances of their particular verse. All grade levels have had experiences with rhythm instruments as they accompanied the songs they learned.

Our grade 4 & 5 Chorus has voted on a name for their vocal ensemble: "Swasey's Singing Sensations!" Their first big concert will be on **December 19th** at 6:00 pm in the multi-purpose room at Swasey!

Ms. Buswell's Art Room News – Our Swasey kindergarteners have been exploring printing with a wide variety of fun things like bubble wrap and keys. The first graders have been busy learning about the art element of line. They began by tracing their hand in oil pastel and creating a design with a wide variety of lines. Finally their designs will be painted in watercolor. Our second graders have been working with paint as well. They have explored how to move paint around on paper by blowing through a straw. Our third graders have been studying about the life and artwork of Vincent Van Gogh. They are creating their own still life study with sunflowers. Fourth grade has been creating their very own scratchboard in oil pastel and India ink.

Fifth graders have been hard at work creating a complementary color wheel lesson in watercolor paint that builds on all the color theory they learned in fourth grade. All grades will be starting their artwork for the PFG Square One art fundraiser in December. Thank you for sharing your children with me!

Ron Kew, Principal, Swasey Central School

Brentwood Recreation News

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
603-642-6400 ext. 120 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

Youth Basketball (K-8th grade): Games will start on the first weekend in December. Schedules will be on the recreation website. Please call the recreation office if you have any questions about youth basketball.

Men's 30+ Pick-Up Basketball: Registration for Men's 30+ Basketball is now open. Dates: Thursdays, **December 6**. Location: Talbot Gym (Tuck Learning Center) 30 Linden St. Exeter. Times: 7:30-9:30 pm. Fee: \$20 per player. Bring a light and dark jersey/shirt to create teams.

Calls from the North Pole: With the help of our good friends at the North Pole, your child has an opportunity to speak with Santa this holiday season! Santa is happy to call your child(ren) **December 9 or 10** between 5:30 and 7:00 pm, to wish them a Merry Christmas. This is free, but please register by email or phone with the Recreation Office no later than Thursday, **December 6**. We'll need a name, age and telephone number you wish Santa to call.

Ski Club: If you'd like to join our subcommittee, or to get on our mailing list, please contact the Recreation Office. This Ski Club is designed to offer discounted lift tickets to our community. We are planning 3 trips this season. Visit our website, Recreation Facebook page, or Recreation Ski Club Facebook page for more information. REGISTER THE MONDAY BEFORE EACH TRIP. Contact us for our cancellation policy.

Ice Rink: We will build an ice rink for the community again this winter. Official opening date will be announced on our website/Facebook page.

UNH Hockey Tickets: For the first time ever, UNH hockey tickets will be available through the Recreation Office. The game is on Saturday, **February 2**, 2019 at 7:00 pm. UNH will be facing off against their top rival the Maine Black Bears. Seats are located by the faceoff circle where the Wildcats will be shooting twice! Tickets are only \$20 each! If you are interested, please come to the Recreation office to pick up your ticket.

Adult Zumba: Zumba will come back after the holidays. Please visit the Brentwood Recreation website and Facebook page for details.

Seniors: December's luncheon will be on the 3rd Wednesday, **December 19th** at the Rec Center. Holiday ham will be provided. The chorus group from Swasey will join us to sing some holiday carols.

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Adult Yoga Class: Brentwood Community Center. Tues evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. www.letsgetmovin.com.

Yoga Movement For Seniors FREE: Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tang Soo Do Classes: Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8:00 pm. 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.

Want to be a Sponsor?

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

Community Center

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

Have a Good Idea for a New Program?!

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

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

Little Known Christmas Facts

We frequently abbreviate Christmas as X-mas because of ancient tradition. X is the Greek letter "chi" which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek.

An artificial Christmas tree would have to be reused for more than 20 years to be "greener" than buying a fresh-cut tree annually.

Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska, but California, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina, Washington, and Wisconsin are the top Christmas tree producing states in the U.S.

Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.

All letters addressed to Santa in the United States go to Santa Claus, Indiana.

It is believed that Sir Henry Cole of London, England sold the first Christmas cards in 1843. Only one thousand cards were sold. Today, over three billion Christmas cards are sold in the U.K. and the U.S. each year.

"Jingle Bells," originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh," was composed in Massachusetts by James Pierpont as a Thanksgiving song and was the first song sung on December 15, 1965 by astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra while they were in space.

Christmas is not a Biblical holy day as it is not mentioned in the Bible. In fact, many of the symbols and customs we associate with Christmas began with winter solstice rituals and pagan festivals.

Santa's elves can be traced back to the "nature folk" of pagan religions.

Brentwood Meeting Dates

Be sure to check the individual organization articles inside for many more activities and dates!

- Dec 1 **Grace Ministries International**, Christmas Extravaganza, 263 Route 125, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Dec 1 **Pilgrim United Church of Christ**, Christmas Fair, 197 Middle Road, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Dec 4 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
Dec 5 **Meet a Selectman**, Town Office Building, 1 Dalton Road, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Dec 6 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
Dec 6 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, Town Office, 5:00 pm
Dec 8 **Visit with Santa**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Dec 11 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
Dec 12 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 12:30 pm
Dec 12 **Conservation Commission Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
Dec 13 **Brentwood Gardeners Meeting**, Members home, 6:00 pm
Dec 13 **Brentwood Scouts**, Meeting at Grace Ministries International, 263 Rt 125, 6:30 pm
Dec 15 **Deadline to submit items for January BNL** (brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com)
Dec 15 **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**, Brentwood Fire Truck (listen for the sirens), 9:00 am
Dec 15 **Wreaths Across America**, Tonry Cemetery, 12:00 pm
Dec 17 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm
Dec 18 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
Dec 18 **Parent Faculty Group Meeting**, Swasey Central School Library, 6:30 pm
Dec 19 **Meet a Selectman**, Town Office Building, 1 Dalton Road, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Dec 19 **Senior Luncheon**, Brentwood Recreation Center, 11:30 am
Dec 19 **Swasey's Singing Sensations**, Swasey Central School, 6:00 pm
Dec 20 **Planning Board Meeting**, Town Office, 7:00 pm
Dec 24/25 **Town Clerk/Tax Collector** office will be closed for Christmas
Nov 26 - Dec 29 **Friends of the Library**, Craft Fair, while the MEB Library is open
Jan 1 **Town Clerk/Tax Collector** office will be closed for New Year
Jan 7 **Brentwood Democratic Committee**, 33 Peabody Drive, 6:30 pm

ONGOING FREE EVENTS

Mary E. Bartlett Library

Needle Arts Group meets every Tues. from 1-3 pm
Brentwood Bookers Discussion Group meets on the
last Monday night of each month at 7 pm (Dec TBD)

Brentwood Community Center

Yoga Movement for Seniors,
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

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