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THE COUNTY COMPLEX WATER TOWER GETS A NEW COAT OF PAINT

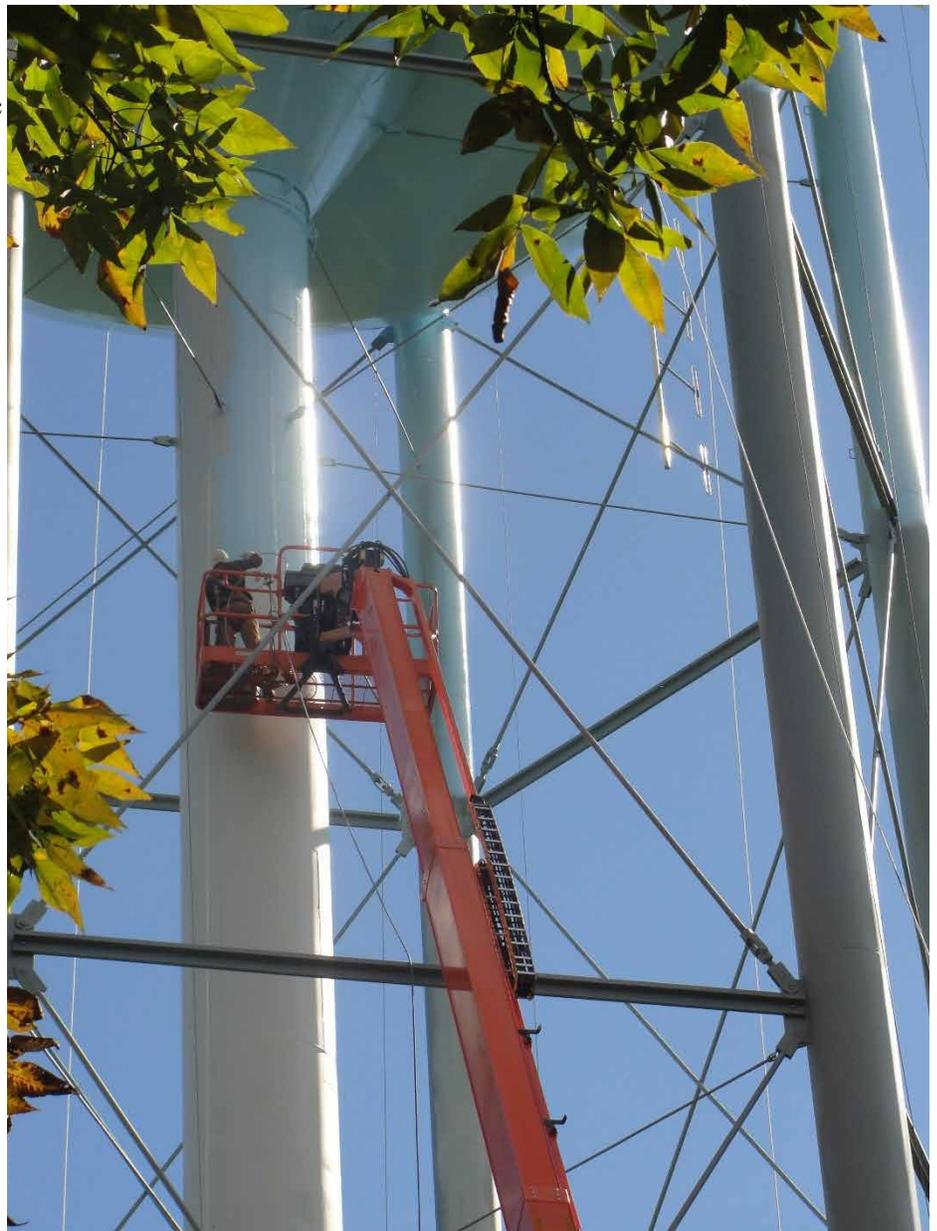
Many Brentwood children, parents, and grandparents spend happy winter hours sliding down the long water tower hill at the corner of North and Prescott Roads. The great pale blue tank tower will be a favorite landmark in the memories of several generations of families. In the past month the tower has been getting a rare fresh coat of paint. It was last painted inside and out in 2001, fifteen years ago.

How do you paint a 500,000 gallon, 163-foot-tall water tower? Mainly by hand—with assistance from a tall, state-of-the-art cherry picker (hydraulic crane with a railed platform at the end). The painter in our photo dipped a wide paint applicator into his big paint tray, held it firmly with one hand against the surface of the tower leg, pushed a button with the other hand, and the crane moved slowly down about three feet, leaving a three-foot swath of glistening new paint. On the ground, another worker mixed a fresh 5-gallon can of pale blue paint with a large electric stirring wand, a neat array of about 15 empty 5-gallon cans behind him. The job is being done by Marcel A. Payeur, Inc. of Sanford, Maine.

The tower is a Toro ellipsoidal tower, constructed in 1979 by Universal Tank & Iron Works of Indianapolis, Indiana. It provides potable water for the county complex. It occasionally serves a Brentwood Fire Dept. tanker truck in emergencies. Normally, all firefighting fixtures at the complex, such as sprinklers and hydrants, are fed by a separate system using a fire pump to draw water from the ice pond brook.

Our thanks to Tom Schulte, Water Treatment Facility Chief at the Rockingham County Complex, and Jude Gates, Director of Facilities, Planning & IT, for their friendly assistance.

Linda Rousseau



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TOWN OF BRENTWOOD

www.brentwoodnh.gov

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Tuesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

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Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of
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Phone: 642-3487
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SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8817

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Emergency: 911
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wood who make the
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NOVEMBER RECYCLING DATES

November 1 & 2 - November 15 & 16 - November 29 & 30

Trash collection will not be affected by the Thanksgiving holiday.

WASTE TONNAGE FIGURES

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	104.83	123.19
Tons, recycled goods	43.30 (29.2%)	31.05

Karen Clement - Town Administrator

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

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

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

Changes in town office hours for November

- The office will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day and the 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.
- The office will close at 4:30 p.m. on November 8, Election Day.
- The Town Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will not reopen until Monday, the 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Daphne Woss – Deputy Town Clerk

THANK YOU TO OUR MAILING CREW FOR OCTOBER

Many thanks on behalf of the community to all those in the Amanda's Way neighborhood who assembled the October issue of the Newsletter for mailing: Kathy Beggin, Macguire Beggin, Karen Diaz, Faith Diaz, Linda McNamara, Lauren McNamara, Patti Murby and Dianne Vosgien. The steady, faithful service provided by the neighborhood groups who perform this task each month is very important in the production and distribution of the publication.

Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Email: newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com or carlralphadler@gmail.com
Mail: Brentwood Newsletter, 83 South Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY

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

BUSINESS ARTICLE

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

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

I am writing to urge Brentwood voters to support two excellent candidates for Brentwood's seats in the New Hampshire House of Representatives — Liz McConnell and Gordon Wilson. Having served two terms in the House, I know full well that along with knowledge of issues before the House, dedication to attendance at House sessions, and participation in the legislative process are required if the job is to be done right.

Liz McConnell is our candidate for the state representative seat shared by Brentwood, Fremont, and Danville. She can be counted on to fully represent Brentwood at every legislative session in Concord. Her commitment to active advocacy, and to learn all she can about prominent issues, has been evident in the fact that, of her own volition, she has often attended legislative hearings on questions of importance to the people of this state. Her approach to decision making will be fully bipartisan in nature, for it will be based on what is in the best interests of the majority of her constituents. As someone who already has put in many hours contacting voters face to face, she will take pains to communicate to Brentwood residents what she will experience in the legislature and how she will reach decisions on the questions being deliberated by it. A warm, outgoing, and caring person, Liz McConnell has been and will continue to be motivated by a belief in the ideal of public service.

Gordon Wilson's family has resided in Brentwood since the 1930s and he grew up here. As such, he is especially well acquainted with the issues facing our community and has a feel for how the people of Brentwood regard them. His dedication to working for the public good is borne out by his 23 years of service as a firefighter of the Nashua Fire Department. His ties to the community are strengthened by the fact that his wife, Amy, teaches at Swasey School. With friends of all political persuasions in town, Gordon is never guided by partisanship in considering approaches to issues of public interest. Highly likeable and open to input and advice, Gordon will be a responsive and responsible state representative we can be proud of.

Don Petterson

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY PUBLISHES IN DECEMBER

The Brentwood Newsletter offers local businesses participation in our tri-annual Business Card Directory (April, September, and December). Simply provide us with your company's business card and we'll include it in those special insert pages. Cost is \$20 per insertion. Also available—half- or full-page business articles—comprehensive stories about local businesses with a photo. Cost is \$100 for a half page, \$200 for a full page. Contact Jim Clark at 603-580-1012, or email Jim at jfclarkjr@comcast.net

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Brentwood Residents,

It has been an honor to serve the wonderful folks who live here and make this great community their home. As your State Representative, I found it to be an amazing experience, and a total joy in learning and seeing how the third largest political body in the world operates.

Being new to politics, I had a huge learning curve. There are many good things we did as a legislative body and many unnecessary and cumbersome laws were also passed. In such a short amount of time there were and still are complex situations that should and can be resolved with the right leadership. Our problems are the result of continued narrowness of vision (thinking only of today's moment) and following party lines (those one soundbite answers the media gives for the parrots to repeat) often at the expense of the hardworking tax payer. I am asking for your support for two more years of service as you go to the polls on November 8. I will continue to be faithful in my attendance to all my duties and meetings. I am committed to listening, learning, and bringing about changes that will work best economically and socially for the citizens of New Hampshire. I believe the less government is involved in our lives, i.e., our education, our taxes, our health care, our civil ceremonies, and our family life, the better quality of living we shall all experience. Thank you for your vote on November 8.

Excelsior! (ever upward)

*Allen Cook, State Representative, District 11
Rockingham County*

BUDGET COMMITTEE BEGINS PROCESS OF BUILDING 2017-18 BUDGET

The Budget Committee is back in session this fall, beginning with its first meeting on October 17 to begin reviewing departmental budgets. The upcoming November/December meeting dates:

- November 14, 2016
- November 21, 2016
- November 28, 2016
- December 12, 2016
- December 19, 2016

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Town Offices unless otherwise posted. The meeting schedule for early 2017 will be posted in December. Additional meetings may be held or scheduled meetings canceled depending on the availability of budgets for review. The most up-to-date schedule can be found on the town website.

Krista Steger, Chair, for the Budget Committee

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Brentwood is not as beautiful as when you first moved here. Our roadsides are gathering more and more litter. The quantity of cans is growing, especially the blue and white beer cans, tall cups with straws, paper, fast food containers, and foil wrappers. Walk north down Prescott Road from Middle Road and see a huge heap of cans in the tall grass. Walk down Lake Road, choose your side, and see for yourself. We are fortunate that volunteers perform a good cleanup of the roadsides in the spring, but this is not enough to keep up with the quantity of litter that is deposited.

There is a solution. Grab some boots, gloves, a rake, and a sturdy bag and go onto your street, walk your property line, and remove that junk. If there's no house across the street, why not clean up that side also? Do the same for an elderly or homebound neighbor. Go with your spouse/friend and older children and let them observe your behavior and then participate. Talk to your neighbors about doing the same. Clean up when you walk your dog. Go longer down your street on a beautiful fall day, but most likely you will need a wheelbarrow. The amount you pick up will amaze you. And maybe, just maybe, the folks who are throwing out their trash may have an "aha" moment and change their behavior. Time is of the essence, since the leaves are falling and will cover said trash.

Please don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Brentwood resident—name withheld on request

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SPONSOR AND MEMORIAL LISTINGS IN THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN HISTORY

Next year, 2017, Brentwood will celebrate its 275th anniversary. A special celebration committee is planning a weekend of exciting events in September. The Historical Society will publish a beautiful new book, glossy and colorful, full of details and highlights of the town's 275-year history.

In a book such as this, it is traditional to have a Sponsors section and an In Memoriam section. The Sponsors pages list individuals, families, and businesses who express their pride and support with a contribution toward the publication of the book. It also ensures their names are recorded for posterity and future genealogical research – proof that they lived and worked here at this point in time.

The In Memoriam section provides a way, for a small donation, to recognize and honor individuals and families who have passed on, having contributed to the history of this special town. A registration form for Sponsor and In Memoriam listings is now available at the town offices, Swasey Central School, Mary Bartlett Library, Brentwood Country Store, and the fire and police departments. It is also available on the Historical Society website, www.brentwoodnhhistory.org, to print out and mail with your donation.

Act now to register your listings in this historical publication. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Dunham at 603-642-3912 or rebeccab.dunham@gmail.com.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

PFG GOES FROM TRUCK OR TREAT TO HOLIDAY DECOR

Students and their families dressed in costume, decorated their trunks, and enjoyed an early "trunk or treat" at the annual Fall Family Fun celebration at Swasey School on October 28. The Seacoast Area YMCA provided a "spooky bus" for the kids to walk through. In addition to the "spooky bus" parents and SCS teachers decorated their car trunks in fall themes and handed out goodies to students. New this year was a canned food drive to support local food pantries in our community. In exchange for a non-perishable food item students received one raffle ticket. Swasey's own art teacher, Mrs. Buswell, carved a fabulous pumpkin to raffle off. Thanks to Mrs. Buswell and all the kids and families for your participation and donations!

Mark Tuesday, November 22 as Grandfriends Day, a big highlight and growing tradition where Swasey students and staff welcome grandparents and 'grandfriends' to visit with the children in their classrooms.

Wentworth Gardens Holiday Décor is for sale through Swasey's Parent Faculty Group. Trim your home for the holidays with poinsettias, wreaths, and kissing balls from Wentworth Gardens. Our Holiday Décor fundraiser begins on November 9 (order forms will go home in Wednesday folders). The deadline to order is November 16 and orders will be delivered the first week in December. These are excellent quality, fresh, long-lasting, and smell wonderful. If you are interested in ordering and you do not have a student at SCS please email swasey.pfg@gmail.com and we will send you an order form.

Thank you for your support of our Yankee Candle and Kids Stuff coupon book fundraisers. With your help, we will provide our school with a variety of enrichment items and activities, show our support for staff, and plan or support SCS community events.

The next meeting of the Parent Faculty group will be on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the SCS Library. SCS parents are encouraged to attend.

Amy Brown



VOTE AT SWASEY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 8

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

PLUSES AND MINUSES IN 2017-18 SWASEY SCHOOL BUDGET

The Swasey School Board would like to point out that Brentwood's cost per pupil is, once again, the lowest of all of the elementary schools in SAU 16. Further, our cost has decreased from \$14,308 at the end of 2015 to \$12,907 at the end of June 2016. That is a \$1,401 decrease per pupil.

Unfortunately, many items in our school budget will be increasing in the next fiscal year. For one, employer health care may go up 10%, driven largely by drugs/pharmaceuticals. Workers' comp could increase as much as 10% next year and 10% the year after. School property and liability insurance could go up as high as 9% next year and an additional 9% the year after. New Hampshire retirement rates for school employees (primarily administrators) are staying the same at 7% but the employer (i.e., school districts) rates are going from 11.08 to 11.38 for non-teachers and 15.70 to 17.36 for teachers.

In our 2017-18 Swasey budget, the full day kindergarten costs will now be included the operating budget, which will increase the bottom line.

The SAU budget, which includes administrators and central office staff and expenditures for the high school and middle school, will likely increase less than one percent.

I will continue to update the community as our budget numbers are revealed.

Elizabeth Faria for the Brentwood School Board

ENGINEERING, LITERACY INSTRUCTION, PERSONAL NARRATIVES, GREEK MYTHOLOGY AND GRANDFRIENDS' DAY AT SWASEY CENTRAL



I'm proud to announce that Swasey Central School volunteers who support our school have been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award for Volunteering for the 35th consecutive year, every year since the inception of the award. Thank you, families and friends, for supporting our school.

Our annual Grandfriend's Hour comes around again on Tuesday, November 22 at 9:30 a.m. Traditionally, it's the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, when we welcome our students' grandfriends, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family members.

I'm so proud of the work we are doing at our school this year in literacy instruction. We are improving our assessment practices and having more frequent conversations about the information we get from working with our students. This lets us provide more specific and individualized support for all of our students.

GRADE 3

In third grade, we began the year with a unit on simple machines, which allowed us to incorporate several hands-on STEM activities. Students worked to solve problems together, trying one prototype then testing and fixing it to make it better. This format gives students practice in group collaboration and communication, an important part of community building. Students' writing focuses on personal narratives, where they attempt to focus on one small moment, and really put your reader there with you. This involves trying lots of new methods and being willing to just let some words go. Students use mentor texts to see how the experts do it, and then give it a try in their own writing. Students have spent time learning about themselves as readers and understanding how to choose a book that is truly just right for them. We have focused on understanding character traits and how they influence the story. For our Words Work we split into differentiated groups focusing on specific spelling skills for each group.

GRADE 4

Fourth grade has had very busy first weeks in Mrs. Wilson's, Mr. Schroeder's, and Mrs. Woods's classes. STEM camp kicked off the school year as students immersed themselves in engineering activities to create parachutes and rockets. Using teamwork and budgeting strategies, they designed model cars and became scientists to solve mystery powders. Over the last few weeks, students have made new friends while learning the class rules, expectations, and settling into their new classroom routines. We are currently finishing a Greek Mythology unit and learning about the first major towns made by settlers. In science they are discovering the varieties of plants while being explorers at a Swasey dig site each Friday. In math, students are estimating, solving mathematical puzzles, and solving multi-digit numbers using various operations. We recently went to the Great Bay Discovery Center to learn about the heritage of the bay. This included sitting in wigwams, tasting smoked salmon, identifying animal furs, and learning the different activities of that time period.

GRADE 5

Fifth graders are getting into the groove of our many routines. In math, we focus our energies on place value, multiplication, and division. Our social studies lessons revolve around the different branches of our U.S. Government and its checks and balances.

We visited the Spencer Pierce Little Farm in Newburyport, MA to learn about the importance of primary resources and how to use them to make inferences about facts surrounding them. In writing, we are working on personal narratives. STEM time has been spent engineering newspaper tables and getting into our civil engineering unit with bridges. This is an exciting time for us and we feel that the wheels are really turning now.

ART

In the art room, students have been busy creating an art portfolio designed with a wide variety of lettering styles, line patterns, color, and imagination. The portfolios will remain in the art room and are used to store each student's artwork that they will create during the upcoming year. At the end of the year, the full portfolios will go home with students for their, and their families', enjoyment.

How exciting it's been having our kindergarteners come to the art room! They have been busy learning about the art element of texture by creating amazing crayon rubbings. Our kindergarteners celebrated International Dot Day on September 15 by painting a giant class dot. I have enjoyed getting to know our first graders as well. They have been creating their very own Very Hungry Caterpillar based on the book by Eric Carle. In second grade, we are using our scientific eyes to create a giant oil pastel monarch butterfly scene in support of the classroom science unit. Our third graders began the year creating a crayon resist line design that will either be a rippling pond or night sky with fireworks. What is positive and negative space? Our fourth graders will be learning about space and how to arrange it in an art composition using leave stencils. Fifth grade will begin the year solidifying their knowledge of line as an element of art through the creation of a Zentangle design.

Be on the lookout for the Parent Faculty Group family directory cover art designed by Halle Noke, one of our fifth graders. -- Mrs. Buswell

MUSIC

Juliette Gavin is taking a leave from teaching music and in her place we have Ms. Jonna Dozet, K-8 music teacher from Barnard School in South Hampton, overseeing the music program. She is covering the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday classes but due to her teaching position at Barnard is unable to cover the Friday classes. Fortunately, we have Mr. Rick Robertson available to cover the Friday classes. Mr. Robertson has a degree in music performance and has done extensive subbing here at Swasey and throughout the SAU over the past few years. Our students are in good hands until Mrs. Gavin is able to return.

In October and November, the primary grades will be singing familiar songs and learning new songs, as they work on basic skills that include steady beat, tempo, and finding then using their singing voice. In grades 4 and 5, students are reviewing and using the solfege syllables to develop their voices and learn new songs. Repertoires for all grade levels will include holiday songs as we move towards Halloween and then onto Thanksgiving.

On a final note, Ms. Erin Murphy has returned to SCS on Wednesdays to provide instrumental lessons to grade 4 and 5 students. Lessons began on October 12. We're off and running to another great year of music at Swasey.

Ron W. Kew, Principal

APPRAISAL DAY BRINGS A CROWD TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Antique and Heirloom Appraisal Day on October 1 brought a large number of people through the doors of the Historical Society Museum. The guest appraisers, Rebecca Davis, Monica Reuss, and Beth Petit, were focused intently the entire morning, helping clients evaluate their treasures. Randall Davis was the floor assistant, making sure each person was served in the order of arrival and consulted with the appraiser who had the best knowledge of the item. As a fund-raiser, the event was a great success.

There was such interest from the public that the Historical Society officers have indicated they will not wait another three years to schedule the next appraisal day. However, a date has not yet been determined.

The society will now focus its energies on the intense work that must be done to produce the Brentwood 275th anniversary town history. A number of residents are helping by writing various sections of the book. Also, starting immediately, the society offers the opportunity to become a sponsor of the new book, which will include having your name listed in the sponsors' section for posterity. More details appear in a separate article in this issue, and also on the society's website, www.brentwoodnhhistory.org.



Antique appraisers Rebecca Davis and Beth Petit, seated, concentrate on a client's article at the Historical Society Museum, while Randall Davis, floor assistant, and other visitors listen in.

READINGS BY WRITERS, CARDS FOR VETERANS AMONG NOVEMBER EVENTS AT MARY E. BARTLETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Library Facebook page has been resurrected. Please “like” us at Brentwood NH MEB Library

We are pleased to announce a new museum pass for your borrowing pleasure. It is for the **Millyard Museum and Research Center** in Mill #3 in Manchester, NH. This pass will allow up to four people free admission to the museum. Among other exhibits, the museum features Woven in Time: 11,000 Years at Amoskeag Falls, a display that tells the story of Manchester and the people who have lived and worked there. The pass may be reserved online on our website (as are all of the other passes available to our patrons) and it is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a **Drop-in Craft** available for kids on Tuesday, November 8 (Election Day/No School Day) from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Cards for Veterans. Wednesday, November 9 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Please stop by to sign a holiday card for those who have served our country or are currently deployed.

Readings by Writers of the Round Table will occur on Thursday, November 10 from 7–8 p.m. Local authors will present selections from their recent publication: Writing to the Prompt.

The Library will be closed on Friday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

Ladies & Gents Movie Night is Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m. *Wild Oats* (2016) is a comedy starring Shirley MacLaine and Jessica Lange as friends who try to live it up while avoiding the law when one of them receives a life insurance check accidentally made out for five million dollars. Refreshments!

The next **Library Trustee meeting** will be held on Monday, November 21 at 6 p.m.

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Brentwood Bookers will meet on Monday, November 28 at 7 p.m. Copies of this month’s selection are available at the front desk.

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

Knitters will meet each Tuesday from 1 p.m.–3 p.m. and on November 3 and 17 at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays@One Cinema will feature even more favorites from the Hallmark Channel. Please note that there will be no movie on November 23.

Don’t forget! **Adult Coloring** is every Thursday from 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Cookbook Club coming in January. Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Do you enjoy sampling and sharing new dishes? Then grab your apron and sign up for this book club. We pick the cookbook, you select and

make a recipe from that cookbook, then we all get together to share the finished products. Call or stop by the library for more information. This club will be open to anyone of any age who can cook – even 10 year olds! We’ll choose the best meeting day as a group, so let us know if you are interested in joining.

We are thankful for our wonderful patrons and for all of the community’s support.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The MEB Library Staff

GARDENERS LEARN ABOUT HYBRID PEONIES, PLANT MUMS IN THE TOWN GARDEN AREAS

The Brentwood Gardeners were given some fifty-two pots of fall chrysanthemums by Churchill’s Garden Center to use for the beautification of the town. Residents will notice that the mums have been planted in several of the municipal garden areas around town. The Gardeners sent a letter of gratitude and appreciation to the Garden Center for their donation.

At their October program the group heard Peter Waltz of Exeter, a noted peony grower and developer, talk about his system for developing new hybrids of the flower. Although most of us have grown peonies for years, there was a lot to learn about pollinating plants and growing new plants from seed.

The next program will be held Tuesday, November 15, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Pilgrim Church UCC, on Middle Road. Shannon Griffin will guide the group in making seasonal indoor or outdoor decorations. Members are to bring \$5 for materials. New members are always welcome to join at any time, for a membership fee of \$15. For more information please contact one of the co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534 or lindarou@comcast.net

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL SIGN-UP AT BRENTWOOD REC

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Our Men’s 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on **Thursday, December 1. Games: Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.** at the YMCA in Exeter. Season ends: February 16. Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation office or on our website. Online registration also available.

Deadline is November 24. **Cost: \$80/10 weeks.**

SIP AND SIGN

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 p.m. Contact the Recreation Department to preregister or register online on our website. \$35/ person.

SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM

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

ICE SKATE RINK

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

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYGROUP

Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m.

Located at the Brentwood Community Center, this is a playgroup for young children and their parents.

ADULT YOGA CLASS

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

YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS FREE

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

MONDAY MORNING SENIOR SOCIAL FREE

Brentwood Community Center, 4th Monday of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy board/card games, Wii sports, and socializing with friends. Refreshments will be available. This is a great time to come together and talk about future trips, luncheons, programs, etc.

TANG SOO DO CLASSES

Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. 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/programs to implement. If you believe your program/event idea would be beneficial to our community, please, contact the Recreation Department. It is simple to get a program started; all you need to do is let us know!

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

David Tovey, Brentwood Recreation Director
www.rec.brentwoodnh.gov

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOST FIVE MAGNIFICENT OWLS

More than 100 jaws dropped at the “Eyes on Owls” presentation October 21 when Mark and Marsha Wilson opened up their traveling boxes for five stunning owls at the Mary E. Bartlett Library. While most of them make their natural home New England, one from Central America presented itself like something straight out of the Harry Potter movies. This spectacular program was made possible as a joint venture of the Friends and the MEB Library.



Marsha Wilson wows with owls at the Friends of the Library special presentation on these amazing wildfowl.

Fewer than 24 hours later, several hundred participants braved the rain to take part in the first Boo Bash, coordinated by the Brentwood Recreation Department and the Friends of the Library. Despite a couple of torrential downpours, a costume parade took place, prizes were awarded, and an appreciate crowd of small folks were spellbound by Halloween story time. Pumpkins were painted. The Fire Department activities were especially appreciated.



Lilly Grodzicki and Acadia Smith get their pictures taken at the Boo Bash photo booth.

Thanks to the bakers whose delicious handiwork helped raise funds for Friends activities, and to Abbie and Syndie Minor, Lance and Claire Allison, Boden and Cadie Smith, Hannah Parella, and Rachel Mowbray for helping out with the games and book sale. It is always nice to see young people giving back to their community.

Strawbery Banke pass opportunities are highlighted this month, as their fall and holiday activities unfold. Check the Library website, as it is possible to reserve on line.

Craft Fair set-up will take place right after Thanksgiving. Local crafters may obtain inventory sheets at the Library check out desk. Many unique handmade gifts will be available. A portion of the sales goes to the Friends for purchase of children's books for the Library. Make this a Christmas shopping destination!

Santa is on the calendar for a visit to the Library at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 10.

The Basement Book Store will be open on Saturday mornings, from 10 a.m. to noon, when there are no other activities scheduled in that space. Watch for reminder signs at the Library, and a heads up on Brentwood Talks. This is a sure fire way to stock up on winter reading at bargain prices.

Anne Schultz, for Friends of the Library

FIND THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT FAIR AND LUNCHEON

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will hold its annual Christmas Fair on December 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be great food and something for everyone of all ages, including sweet treats from the cookie walk and bake tables. Browse through the puzzles, crafts, and Christmas gift table offering new and vintage items for sale. We will have gifts from a variety of countries for sale at our SERVV table, and don't miss the fair's famous luncheon that includes lobster rolls, chicken salad, soup, and other delicious items. The silent auction awaits your bids on a variety of themed baskets. Children will enjoy making a craft and visiting with Santa. Pilgrim Church hopes you will consider joining them for this wonderful chance to share the Christmas spirit with friends and neighbors.

NON-PARTISAN NIGHT OF PRAYER AT GRACE MINISTRIES

Grace Ministries invites you to join them on Sunday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. to "pray for our nation, our state, our local communities, and their upcoming elections. This is an opportunity for all people of faith to unite with one another, putting politics aside and praying for our nation's many needs."

Grace Ministries is located at 263 Route 125 in Brentwood (across from Bessie's Diner and about a mile south of Rte. 101). You can also find them at www.gracemi.org.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SUGGESTS WAYS TO GET THROUGH THE DROUGHT



Most people were pleased with last year's relatively warm and snowless winter after the preceding frigid, snowbound year. However, a dry spring and an even drier warm summer followed, which resulted in our current drought.

While California relies on mountain snowpack and water from other states, New England requires consistent rainfall to replenish lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and the water table.

We have now reached the point where some wells are going dry. Since your well and probably all of your neighbors' wells draw off the same aquifer, what you do has an effect on all your neighbors.

Whether or not you accept the science of global climate change, it's necessary to make adjustments to a climate that is, at best, unpredictable. What can we do?

The timing of irrigation can help conserve water. Last summer I passed a house that had sprinklers on nearly every day during the middle of the afternoon. Watering before dawn on a more intermittent schedule saves water lost through evaporation and runoff as well as encouraging a healthier root system.

It may be time to realign gardening plans and practices. Large expanses of lawn require large amounts of water to maintain their lush appearance. Most will "brown out" in late summer without the aid of irrigation and they became parched much earlier this year. Realizing that lawns are important to some people, especially to families with children, perhaps other plantings and ground covers that are more drought-tolerant could replace part of the lawn.

You can collect water by positioning a barrel underneath the drain that empties rain gutters. It can then be used to water plants in the garden. You will be surprised by how much you can capture from whatever rainfall we get.

I lived in California forty years ago during one of its many droughts. It used to take about three minutes for hot water to come through the tap when I wanted to wash my face in the morning. I would use that water to fill the hot water kettle and some large pots while I waited to the right temperature water to arrive. The saved water could be used for cooking or watering plants.

Rain gardens help to reduce stormwater runoff and recharge groundwater. We have had past articles about them and there is a fine example of one at the library. For more information please go to this website for publications that provide solutions for homeowners. <http://soaknh.org/resources-2/publications/>

There are more stringent measures that we will have to consider if the drought continues. In the meantime, let's hope for a snowy winter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 3 **Cemetery Trustees**, 5 p.m., Town Offices
Planning Board, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Nov. 6 **Non-partisan Night of Prayer**, 5:30 p.m., Grace Ministries, 263 Route 125
- Nov. 7 **School Board**, 6:30 p.m., Swasey School Library
Trails Committee, 7 p.m., Town Offices
- Nov. 8 ELECTION DAY, 8 a.m. -7 p.m., SWASEY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**
- Nov. 9 **Cards for Veterans**, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Brentwood Library
Conservation Commission, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Nov. 14 **Friends of the Library**, 6:30 p.m., Brentwood Library
Budget Committee, 7 p.m., Town Offices
- Nov. 15 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Swasey PFG, 6:30 p.m., Library, Swasey Central School
Brentwood Gardeners, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Pilgrim Church
- Nov. 16 **Brentwood Seniors**, 11 a.m., Brentwood Community Center
- Nov. 17 **Planning Board**, 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
Ladies & Gents Night at the Movies, 7 p.m., "Wild Oats"
- Nov. 21 **Library Trustees**, 6 p.m., Brentwood Library
School Board, 6:30 p.m., Swasey School Library
Budget Committee, 7 p.m., Town Offices
- Nov. 22 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room Town Offices
Recreation Commission, 6:30 p.m., Sanborn Room, Town Offices
- Nov. 28 **Budget Committee**, 7 p.m., Town Offices
Brentwood Bookers, 7 p.m., Town Offices
- Nov. 29 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Dec. 1 **Cemetery Trustees** – 5 p.m., Town Offices
Planning Board – 7 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices
- Dec. 3 **Christmas Fair**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Pilgrim Church UCC, 197 Middle Rd.
- Dec. 5 **Trails Committee**, 7 p.m., Town Offices
- Dec. 6 **Selectmen's meeting**, 6 p.m., Cross Room, Town Offices

Wednesdays @ One Cinema, Brentwood Library,
favorites from the Hallmark Channel

Knitters, Tuesdays 1-3 p.m., Library
Nov. 3 and 17, 7 p.m., Library

Adult Coloring, Thursdays 1-3 p.m., Library

Yoga Movement for Seniors, Free, Community Center,
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 9 a.m.

Monday Morning Senior Social, Community Center,
4th Monday each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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

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