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# Brentwood NEWSLETTER

*The Voice of the People – Sharing the News Not the Virus*

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## Reflecting on the Coronavirus While Social Distancing on the Hill at South Road

I was attending Swasey School as a second or third grader in 1962 when my first crisis alarm sounded during the Soviet Missile Crisis in Cuba. As students of that age, we really didn't understand what it all involved, except that the teacher, Mrs. Brown, pushed the very small TV on that very tall stand out into the hallway so that it wouldn't tip over and kill one of us during an attack. She then proceeded to make us participate in the rest of the drill which involved our taking cover under our desks. In the spring of that year, the class was invited to a cookout at the Shermans' home on North Road where we observed a family-sized nuclear fallout shelter constructed into a banking behind the house – the only shelter of its kind, that I know of, being built in Brentwood. It sure beat a treehouse!

The second alarm sounded across town in 1962/1963 when the oral polio vaccine became available and residents were summoned on a couple successive Sunday afternoons to the Rockingham County complex on North Road for the first and then the second "booster" dose. We stood in long lines to receive a dose of clear liquid in a little single serving white "ketchup" cup (I still remember the unique aroma of the stuff). The adults seemed concerned, maybe relieved, about all that was transpiring, but all I really recall was having to go back to the farm and take care of the cows.

Life in Brentwood was overwhelmingly tranquil in that era when, by the age of a fourth or fifth grader, parents thought nothing of allowing us to ride our bicycles the 4.5 miles from South Road to Swasey – with an afternoon stop at Lindy's Store. Our one household telephone line was connected to the grid via a "party line," along with three or four other families – a half century before Twitter, Instagram and Facebook (the first two are still a mystery to me on how to connect).

Television in Brentwood, up until the late sixties, consisted of a super small, maybe 22" set in black and white, and the four channels could be surfed in approximately six seconds once you stood up and walked to the set to turn the knob. Kids didn't stay up all night watching, as the "test pattern" appeared around 11:00 pm and would be visible until around 7:00 am. Media beyond TV came by US Mail – your choice among few others would be the *Readers Digest*, the *Union Leader* or the *Boston Globe*. Depending on the winter weather, by the time the mailman arrived, the news could well have been a few days old. We didn't know it at the time, but we were so fortunate not to be bombarded by the 24/7 cable news feed of the present with the

apocalyptic craziness that suggests we be totally risk-adverse and not use our own common sense in facing this current dilemma.

As much as we observe Brentwood develop and grow, we still are, by most standards here in 2020, a rural area with enough space and fresh air to mitigate the effects of the fearful virus. We continue to enjoy an excellent healthcare system that includes the County Nursing Home where many elderly town residents now reside being well cared for in the absence of the virus at the facility.

Being a part of the Brentwood business community, we at Highland Hardwoods, like the other establishments in town, are rigorously cleaning and doing what we can to be safe while interacting with staff and customers – hoping to survive as small businesses until we can get back to normal, economical operation as a result of the pandemic. We must start soon.

I'm reminding myself often of my dairy farmer grandfather pointing to the blue "clearing line" on the horizon looking west from the top of the hill after a rain storm that earlier had ruined a batch of freshly-windrowed hay that we just missed bailing and storing away in the barn – conditions always shall improve!

*Bruce Stevens*

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**The Brentwood Newsletter and the Brentwood Historical Society are working together to document our collective experiences as Brentwood endures the COVID-19 pandemic. What has it been like for you and your family? How have you dealt with home schooling, working from home? Have you lost your job, been laid off, or work for a company that has retooled it's output in a new direction? What unique experiences have you encountered and how have you dealt with them? Add your thoughts to history. Use this as a learning experience for your children, have them write down how they are adapting. We will continue to collect your reflections as long as you submit them.**

**Don't think you are alone (note the irony in that word), we are all in this together, at least six feet apart. ~ Ed.**

*Read more personal stories on page 7*

# Brentwood Newsletter

Town of Brentwood  
www.brentwoodnh.gov

## TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

(603) 642-6400 ext 113/114  
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm  
Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

(603) 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: (603) 642-8817

## BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: (603) 642-8132

## MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

(603) 642-3355  
brentwoodlibrary@comcast.net  
www.brentwoodlibrary.org  
Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(603) 642-6400 ext 116  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday  
of the month at 7:00 pm

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(603) 642-6400 ext. 120  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
recreation@brentwoodnh.gov  
www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

## SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

(603) 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: [info@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:info@brentwoodnewsletter.org)  
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

## Recycling Pickup Dates

June 9 & 10 • June 23 & 24

## Waste Tonnage Figures

|                         | March       | April       |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tons, mixed solid waste | 117.64      | 132.98      |
| Tons, recycled goods    | 31.91 (21%) | 42.84 (24%) |

## Selectmen's Meeting Schedule (April through August)

For the months of April through August the board will meet on the first and third Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Cross Room of the Town Office. The public is welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement.

To watch previously recorded selectmen meetings go to: [vimeo.com/user97247702](https://vimeo.com/user97247702).  
You can also watch the meetings live on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/ecmwQukP1FE>.

*Karen Clement, Town Administrator*

## Town Clerk Notes

### Due to COVID-19 precautions, our office will have limited hours until June 1st.

Mon, Wed, Thurs 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tuesday 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- For new motor vehicle transactions, the Governor has authorized us to extend all temporary plates issued after March 1 until April 30, 2020.
- Did you know that you can pay your vehicle, trailer, or dog registrations online? You can even pay your property taxes online! Visit [brentwoodnh.gov](http://brentwoodnh.gov) and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.
- 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 provide **HUNTING/FISHING** licenses and register **BOATS, OHRV**.
- NH state law requires you to register dogs (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.

### Dog license fees for 2020

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|---|--|
| \$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 not filed before April 30, 2020 will now incur fines.

*Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

## Thank You to the May Newsletter Crew

Thank You to Joe Pagnani, Carole Belliveau, Phyllis Thompson, Liz Faria, Lois DeYoung, and Becky and Bill Dunham for folding, dotting and addressing last month's BNLs.

If you would like to join the *Newsletter* crew on a folding night, send us an email and you'll be notified of the next folding party: [info@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:info@brentwoodnewsletter.org).

## BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 201 North Road

First Baptist Church will continue live Sunday worship on FB until we can come together again. Keep up to date and receive a daily spiritual boost, visit us at [facebook.com/firstbaptistbrentwoodnh](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistbrentwoodnh).

While First Baptist Church has no firm plans for a physical re-opening of the church, we continue to worship on Facebook. You can watch live on Sundays at 10:00 am or you can catch up anytime during the week. You will find inspiring music and a powerful message of hope in these trying times. You can enjoy it all from the comfort of your own home.

Also, if you are doing your spring cleaning and have used clothing to donate, the clothing shed in our parking lot at 201 North Road awaits you! We take clothing of all kinds and sizes, in any condition, as well as shoes, boots, and blankets, but PLEASE no housewares, toys, plastic goods, golf clubs. etc.

Proceeds generated by the shed will be used to fund a scholarship for an area student beginning in 2021.

At present our Summer Concert Series will go on as planned. More information on that will be presented in next month's BNL.

In the meantime, may God bless and keep everyone safe and healthy.

Pastor James Barnes

## PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BRENTWOOD-KINGSTON

197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

For now, we will be worshipping online on our Facebook page each Sunday. Facebook @PilgrimUCCBrentwoodKingston, then click on video link. Visit our website [pilgrimucc-nh.org](http://pilgrimucc-nh.org).

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### GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – 263 Route 125

Our meetings continue on Facebook and Zoom

Sunday Morning, 10:00 am - Zoom ID# 504990283

Monday, 6:30 pm - Zoom ID# 308332646

Wednesday, 6:30pm - Zoom ID# 675105827

For more information, please visit our website: [www.gracemi.org](http://www.gracemi.org).

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH – 200 Pleasant Street, Epping

For updates and information, see our website:

[stjosepheppingnh.com](http://stjosepheppingnh.com)

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### Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

On June 1st the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will reopen for business at our regular office hours. The glass window will remain, as will our social distancing floor guides and continuous sanitizing of our work area.

As we open, we will continue to follow guidance from the state to keep us all healthy. Online services and mail drop offs for automobile registration renewals and estimates, tax payments, vital records, boat registration renewals and dog registrations are still an option, and we remain available by phone and email for your convenience.

We sincerely appreciate all of you who have made this transition with us. Please continue to be safe and healthy!

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

The candidate filing period for the New Hampshire primary in September will open on **Wednesday, June 3rd** and ends at the close of business at 4:00 pm on **Friday, June 12th**.

Daphne Woss, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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### Brentwood Town Office Schedule

In the interest of public safety, The Board of Selectmen has postponed or cancelled all activities other than town business at the Town Office and Recreation Center through May 31, 2020. The playground, basketball court, and pavilions are closed at this time.

A three phased re-opening plan to begin June 1, 2020 will be worked out for all town departments, unless the guidance at that time suggests something different.

Assistance of the Town Administrator and assessing, welfare, recreation, building, and planning will be made available by appointment only.

Assessing cards are available on the town's website. The counter terminal will not be available during this time.

All interior inspections for the revaluation with KRT and for building permits are being suspended at this time. ALL inspections and plan reviews will be done by appointment as needed. In some cases pictures will be required. Permit applications are available for you to print from Town of Brentwood website. Please use email as much as possible, PDF files are best. Kip Kaiser, Code Enforcement, [kkaiser@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:kkaiser@brentwoodnh.gov).

We will re-evaluate and may extend this time period if the guidance at that time suggests it would be beneficial. We understand this may create some inconvenience, and we thank you for your patience.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

# ANNOUNCEMENTS and CANCELLATIONS

**Brentwood Republicans** have scheduled their next meeting for **Thursday, June 11th**, 6:30 pm at the BRC. Republicans and like-minded Independents are welcome. In this larger space, we encourage all attendees to use good judgement and observe social distancing guidelines. Please contact Thad Riley, 603-397-9211 or [strider.thad@gmail.com](mailto:strider.thad@gmail.com).

## Planning Board

Currently the Planning Board has meetings scheduled for **June 4th and June 18th**. Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions, these meeting dates or methods are subject to change.

Residents and abutters are encouraged to check the Planning Board and Zoning Board posted agendas on the Town website ([brentwoodnh.gov](http://brentwoodnh.gov)) under the appropriate page (Planning or Zoning) or on the outside bulletin board at the Town Office for information regarding all meetings, cancellations, or for any remote meeting login information in order to participate. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting dates.

Residents and abutters are also encouraged to email me at [abickum@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:abickum@brentwoodnh.gov) or to call the office 603-642-6400 ext. 116 for information regarding upcoming meetings.

*Andrea Bickum, Planning Board Assistant*

**Cemetery Trustees.** The Cemetery Trustees have cancelled their June meeting. We'll try to meet next month as scheduled on **July 7th**, at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office.

## Brentwood Graduates

The Newsletter will be featuring Brentwood high school, college, and trade school graduates in the next issue. We are looking for pictures of your grads and announcements of scholarships, awards, and plans for the future.

Exeter High School and Seacoast School of Technology will supply us with a list of Brentwood graduates. If you know of someone who is graduating from another school or program, let us know as we'd love to share their news as well.

Please email your information to [info@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:info@brentwoodnewsletter.org).

## Brentwood: A Purple Heart Community

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020, the Brentwood Board of Selectmen signed a Proclamation declaring Brentwood a Purple Heart Community. Becoming a Purple Heart Community pays tribute to US service members and expresses Brentwood's gratitude for the sacrifices of all members of the military, in particular those who have been awarded the Purple Heart after sustaining injuries or dying in combat.

The Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit (made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart) on August 7, 1782, by General George Washington. It is awarded to those who have been wounded or killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces.

Brentwood joins a growing number of towns across the nation that are paying tribute to those men and women within their towns who have selflessly served their country. The Select Board has designated August 7th as Purple Heart Day and is urging people and organizations of Brentwood to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.



Brentwood joins other area municipalities in this recognition and is discussing posting signs noting the designation. With the presence of signs designating Brentwood as a Purple Heart Community, the public will have a visual reminder of the sacrifices paid by the Purple Heart recipients and a notice that the town supports its military heroes.

As of April 2020, 2 PHC signs have been sponsored and we are working to have them placed either roadside, at the town office building, or at Tonry Cemetery. If you are interested in sponsoring a sign or would like more information in general, please contact Joyce at [bwodnhcem@gmail.com](mailto:bwodnhcem@gmail.com) or at (603) 502-8143.

*Joyce Keegal, Cemetery Superintendent*



Photos contributed by David Abusamra

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Brentwood Food Pantry located at the Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road/111-A, has been more active over the past couple of months with people unable to work and needing assistance due to the coronavirus. We have been amazed by the generosity of the townspeople in Brentwood and beyond! We have also forged a partnership with the Three River Farm Alliance to bring fresh produce to our Food Pantry families. We are so appreciative of local neighbors who have donated fresh eggs, milk, and frozen meat. Thank you all.

Recently, we have had inquiries as to what is needed for the Pantry and the following are some suggestions:

- Personal items: such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, facial tissues, feminine products and paper towels are very helpful.
- Food: pasta sauce, soups of all kinds, baking mixes, oil, mayonnaise, gravy, canned chicken, juices, and cereals are quick to go.
- Monetary donations are also useful as they allow us to give our clients a gift card to a local grocery store for those items we do not stock. If you write a check, please make it payable to Pilgrim UCC with Food Pantry in the memo.

Your donations may be dropped off at the church in the bin outside by the front door or on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Thank you for all you are doing for those less fortunate! God's blessings to you. Take good care and stay healthy!

*Rev. Tara Olsen*

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## Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners' meeting has again been cancelled for June. We'll be excited to resume our gatherings in September with lots of fun and interesting programs. Watch for an announcement as we make plans for a sale in time for fall planting.

### Spring Has Sprung!

No matter how many years go by, the change in the seasons feels almost magical. In the Spring, the days are longer and brighter. The birds are singing, the sight of colors and new growth give us a sense of wonder and excitement. We're all itching to be outside!

Whether you garden in large spaces or in small pots, here are a list of plants you may like to try this year to attract more butterflies and hummingbirds:

Butterflies enjoy asters, marigolds, and daylilies as well as cosmos, lavender, globe thistle, bee balm, verbena, phlox and nasturtium.

Hummingbirds also like bee balm, verbena, phlox and nasturtium, but they also enjoy geranium, impatiens, fuchsia, salvia and petunias—just to name a few.

It's also a great idea to include a water source, bird baths aren't just for the birds.

We hope you all have a lovely Spring and enjoy a healthy and happy Summer.

*Torie Freeman*

## Ask the Newsletter

by Liz Faria

As elected officials for many years, my husband and I are often asked questions by neighbors, friends, the press, and other interested parties. Sometimes we know the answers, but other times we need to check with those more knowledgeable. We believe that if you have a question concerning town, school or county happenings, it is likely that one of your neighbors might have a similar question. We thought we would try a new feature in the BNL called "Ask the Newsletter."

Please feel free to ask away at [ask-us@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:ask-us@brentwoodnewsletter.org) and we will strive to provide the answer in an upcoming edition.

### Question: *What is the difference between SAU16 and the Co-op?*

**Answer:** School Administrative Unit 16 is the central administration for all the schools in our designated area. There are six towns (Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Newfields and Stratham), seven elementary schools (Exeter has two), one cooperative middle school (CMS) and Exeter High School (EHS).

The SAU takes direction from the elected school boards. Each town has their own elementary school board. In addition, there is the Exeter Region Co-operative School District Board (often referred to as the "Co-op") which oversees the middle school and the high school. This Co-op board has nine members: three from Exeter, two from Stratham, and one each from the four smaller towns.

The Co-op also includes our vocational school, the Seacoast School of Technology (SST), and Exeter Adult Education.

If you hear the "Joint Boards" referred to, that is all the school boards put together. There are 33 possible Joint Board members. Currently there are only 32 since Melissa Litchfield serves as both a Brentwood school board member as well as our Co-op member.

So remember, SAU16 is all of the administration, and the "Co-op" refers to the middle and high schools.

[ask-us@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:ask-us@brentwoodnewsletter.org)

## Plant Sale

WHEN: **Saturday, June 6th** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or until we run out of plants!

WHERE: Pilgrim United Church (197 Middle Road, Brentwood)

We will be have assorted veggies and flowers for sale. We will also be following social distancing guidelines:

- Please wear a mask and gloves
- To minimize contact, bring exact change or checks to purchase plants

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to support our front line workers. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Brentwood Historical Society

## Beautification Mini-Grant for the BHS

The title of the *Carriage Towne News* article, "Beautification Mini-Grants," spurred further reading and curiosity on the part of Board Member, Dexter Swasey. Presented through the Exeter Area Garden Club, these mini-grants are given to groups who propose to construct a garden in a public area of their community. Why not the Brentwood Historical Society Museum? Why not a unique window box garden for the new front porch?

The application for the grant was completed, the required plan and rationale for the grant noted, a list of requested materials and costs (including donated/no cost materials), and a "before" photo. Dexter mailed the application and waited for the anticipated response. The request was funded – such good news! The mini-grant was awarded to the Brentwood Historical Society Museum and with the help of Karen and Nate Ellis, the process of building the window boxes, buying materials and planting has begun. The seeds received from the NH Free Seed program have sprouted under the care of

Becky Davis and Karen Ellis and will be planted as well. We hope residents enjoy the window box garden as it grows throughout the summer.

*Lisa Swasey*



### BHS News & Updates

As you know, May and June programs have been cancelled and so are open hours until further notice. The board will be meeting in June to make plans for moving forward out of quarantine

In April, Karen Ellis, Becky Davis, Dexter Swasey, and Rebecca Dunham met with Gladys Ray to interview her about the Grange prior to her moving out of state. She was very helpful in filling in details about Grange programs, membership, meetings, materials, and our building. She will be missed by many in the Brentwood and Kingston communities.

Marjo Rousseau, our webmistress over the past many years, will be retiring from the job and Nick Wrighton will be taking over the management of the website.

If you have not driven by the BHS, do so and take a look at the restored front porch and the flower boxes built and donated by Dexter Swasey.

We have not been inside as a group for a number of months, but work has continued on the database and exhibits. Thanks to Becky Davis, Karen Ellis, Dawn Higley, Nate Ellis and Dexter Swasey for the hours put in over March, April and May.

Thanks to all for what you are doing and contributing to our good work.

*Rebecca Dunham, President, Brentwood Historical Society*

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## Good Works in Brentwood

by Rebecca Dunham

During this time of Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines, volunteering in person opportunities have been very limited or non-existent. Things are starting to open up and if you are interested in giving your time to an agency or organization, you should contact them directly for information.

However, there are some things you can do locally. The Red Cross is in need of blood donations and they post locations of blood drives on their website. You can sign up for an appointment. There is also a lot of news about the demand on food pantries helping families who are struggling economically. There are two food pantries, Pilgrim Church and on Route 125 by A Place to Grow) in Brentwood. Donations of non-perishables and cash are welcome. And, personal cash donations to the charity of your choice, at this time, would be most welcome.

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## Brentwood Fire Department

Should you wish to obtain a burn permit, we ask that you go to the Division of Forestry and Lands website [www.nh.gov/nhdfi](http://www.nh.gov/nhdfi). There is a tab for permits as well as a complete set of rules listed. Please pay attention to the Smokey Sign located on Rt 125, he will give you an idea of why you can or cannot get a permit.

### Department Activity for the Month of April

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fire, Other - 2           | Building Fire - 1                 |
| Cooking Fire - 1          | Brush Fire - 2                    |
| Assist 'ems - 3           | Motor Vehicle Accident - 2        |
| Gas Leak - 1              | Power Line Down - 1               |
| Public Service - 2        | Unauthorized Burning - 2          |
| Sprinkler Malfunction - 3 | Dispatched Canceled in Route - 10 |
| EMS Calls - 26            | Service Calls - 50                |

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## Brentwood Resident Named Interim Exeter Fire Chief

Brentwood resident and Exeter Assistant Fire Chief Eric Wilking was recently appointed interim chief following the retirement of Chief Brian Comeau. He has filled the position of assistant chief in Exeter for the past fifteen years.

# COVID MOMENTS

## What Are You Doing to Pass the Days While You Stay at Home?

### Thoughts That Come to Mind While Living Through This Coronavirus of 2020

The impact on me has been minimal. The federal and State guidelines to stay home was not a huge life change for me as a retired person. Dentist and doctor appointments had to be cancelled and family get together postponed.

The usual Spring clean up of the yard continued. As the virus news got worse, my mind wandered back to two anecdotes from my parents about the 1918 Spanish Flu era.

As I raked the family Rowell-Swasey Cemetery, Dad's comments of the 1918 flu came back to me.

I had asked him about a certain area in the cemetery with no stone markers. He was only six years old at the time, but remembers neighbors dying from the flu and their relatives needing to have them buried quickly. He did not know why headstones had never been erected and did not know who the people were or how many.

Dad had ten sisters and brothers at the time. In the farm journal kept by my grandfather and grandmother, they mentioned that the "entire family had flu."

My mother's story was about living in Newton, NH and remembers "what an awful time it was." She was six and recalled her mother helping out neighbors who were sick and bringing home a little girl to stay at their house while her mother recovered. Then the little girl got the virus and went back to her own house and eventually died. Being so close to sick people with the virus, mom said she was surprised she and her mother never got sick.

As days went on, I kept seeing articles on the internet about face masks. My sister and I discussed the growing need for healthcare workers and decided to start sewing masks. She contacted VNA, Brentwood Police and Fire Dept. and we made some for them. I then checked with Meals on Wheels office on North Road and we donated to them.

We found out about Seacoast Mask Makers in Exeter and donated masks to them.

People are helping out in many different ways to get through this Pandemic. It feels good to use my sewing skills to be helpful creating face masks for those who have to be out there on the front lines.

I never dreamed what my parents lived through in 1918 as children, I would be living through in 2020.

Barbara Swasey-Keir

### Animals Are Essential Too!

Brentwood Country Animal Hospital is committed to the maintenance of health and well-being for our patients. The challenge of adhering to strict social distancing and deep cleaning and disinfecting between each and every patient has forced us to make major changes in the way we interact with patients and their people.

Clients are no longer allowed in our building. Instead, they call us from the parking lot to let us know that they have arrived for the appointment. We get a history of concerns and one of the staff wearing a mask and gloves comes to bring the patient into the clinic. We trade one of our cloth leads (that will be laundered between dogs) for the client's leash, and carry cats in their carriers. After the exam we call with findings, thoughts, and plans. We place medication and food orders called in by clients in containers on the front porch.

We remain committed to the philosophy of Fear Free Practice, striving to minimize fear, anxiety, and

stress in our patients. This new and temporary way of doing our jobs ensures that we are still able to provide essential medical attention and care for our patients, and doing our best to minimize their stress, while protecting the health of our staff and clients.

Jody Kaufman



### The State Needs to Get Back to Work

The infection rate is minimal and we are losing more to mental illness at this time and this is having a negative effect on our citizens.

Some would like to keep everything closed and restricted – it's been over two months and we need to be leaders and show confidence in our abilities to be prudent and respectful, but also trust that overall we will do the right thing. We have done that by taking a pause for over two months and now it's time to roll up our sleeves and get back to work! The American workforce wants to hear us say "let's roll." We are strong and resilient and ready to tackle obstacles and get back to a semblance of normalcy.

The reality is we support local businesses and the spirit of America and the live free or die way of life in New Hampshire, not this shelter in place and cower in anticipation and clearance to live free!

Bob Mantegari

## Meeting the Challenge

Dealing with a pandemic as a mother of two young boys and business owner has had its own set of challenges that I'm sure we can all relate to. Family and friend gatherings are now done via Zoom or Facetime. The most difficult for all of us is not having the in person interactions, especially with grandparents. Keeping my two young boys structured with a virtual school schedule and entertained was, and still is, without a doubt an adjustment. We have all had to make changes and learn new ways to "get it done" as we are all working from home together. The silver lining to this is we have spent more time together we otherwise would not have had.

Being a Realtor during these uncertain times has its challenges, but thankfully I am armed with so much technology to keep moving forward. Business is conducted much differently than months ago. The ease of showing a property and marketing a property is still there, I just have to think out of the box and be creative. An in-person open house with buyers physically coming through the property has transitioned to a virtual walk through tour. Showings, of course, are still done by appointment. Social distancing, facial masks, and antibacterial wipes are used to wipe down surfaces before and after each appointment. Home inspections vary based on the vendor and buyer comfort levels. A majority of home inspectors and buyers are

opting for a Facetime call once the inspection is done. The inspectors are going through the report with clients via a Facetime or Zoom call, just as they would if the client was there in person. Title companies are conducting drive-by closings. Buyers and sellers are able to review and sign most all documents electronically. The day of transferring ownership, the buyers and sellers have a designated time to go to the closing company. No one needs to leave their vehicles, and the closing agent comes outside and passes paperwork that needs notarized signatures through the window.

Health and safety for all is a top priority. We are all in this together and we will get through this.

Kathleen Curley, Realtor, NH



## COVID-19 Timeline in New Hampshire

### Continued from April 24, 2020

#### April 24, 2020, New Hampshire

**Executive Order 2020-08:** Second Extension of State of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 2020-04 (Exp. 5/15/20).

**Emergency Order #34:** Further temporary requirements regarding health insurer coverage of health care services related to the coronavirus.

**Emergency Order #35:** Order temporarily waiving the 28-day separation period before a retired public employee can return to work on a part-time basis.

**Emergency Order #36:** Ensuring Worker's Compensation coverage of New Hampshire first responders exposed to COVID-19.

#### April 28, 2020, New Hampshire

**Emergency Order #37:** An order relative to Executive Branch hiring and out-of-state travel.

**Emergency Order #38:** Temporary modification of school board and district statutory requirements.

#### April 30, 2020, New Hampshire

**Emergency Order #39:** Temporary allowance for agents to consent to clinical trials.

#### May 1, 2020, New Hampshire

**Emergency Order #40:** An order extending and modifying Emergency Order #17 (Closure of non-essential businesses and requiring Granite Staters to stay at home). Today, Governor Chris Sununu announced he is implementing a new, modified Stay-at-Home Order. Stay at Home 2.0 is in effect until May 31st. The state is taking steps to reopen the economy in a smart, phased approach that is supported by facts, science and data.

#### May 5, 2020, New Hampshire

**Emergency Order #41:** Additional Medicaid Eligibility for Uninsured.

#### May 11, 2020, New Hampshire

**Emergency Order #42:** Authorizing temporary health partners to assist in responding to the COVID-19 in long-term care facilities.

#### May 14, 2020, New Hampshire

**Emergency Order #43:** Temporary modification to requirements for change of party affiliation.

### STATISTICS AS OF May 20, 2020, 9:00 AM

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Number of Persons with COVID-19                           | 3,868       |
| Recovered   | 1,388 (36%) |
| Deaths Attributed to COVID-19                             | 190 (5%)    |
| Total Current COVID-19 Cases                              | 2,290       |
| Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19           | 385 (10%)   |
| Current Hospitalizations                                  | 103         |
| Persons Tested Negative at Selected Laboratories          | 52,830      |
| Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL                | 18,490      |
| Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL                       | 1,434       |
| Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time) | 3,875       |

### CASES BY COUNTY

| County                    | Cases | County   | Cases |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Rockingham                | 1,159 | Grafton  | 64    |
| Hillsborough - Manchester | 938   | Belknap  | 54    |
| Hillsborough - Other      | 637   | Cheshire | 49    |
| Hillsborough - Nashua     | 357   | Carroll  | 44    |
| Merrimack                 | 290   | Sullivan | 16    |
| Strafford                 | 242   | Coos     | 4     |
| County TBD                | 14    |          |       |

## Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

Who misses the library? (Raises hand!) While the building may be closed, library staff is working hard to provide online resources and programs. Digital material is more expensive than print, and there likely will be unanticipated expenses associated with reopening. It is the Friends' mission to support the library by supplementing the budget where needed. Our formal Membership Drive has been temporarily put on hold, but you can make a donation any time. Online donations can be made from the Friends tab on the library's website. While you're there, click the AmazonSmile button (or go directly to [www.Smile.amazon.com](http://www.Smile.amazon.com)) and select "Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library" as your charity. A small portion of every purchase goes directly to the Friends!

Thank you to community members who volunteered for Friends of the Library Board positions. We will be voting on these positions during our June meeting. I'll report the results on Facebook and in the next Newsletter.

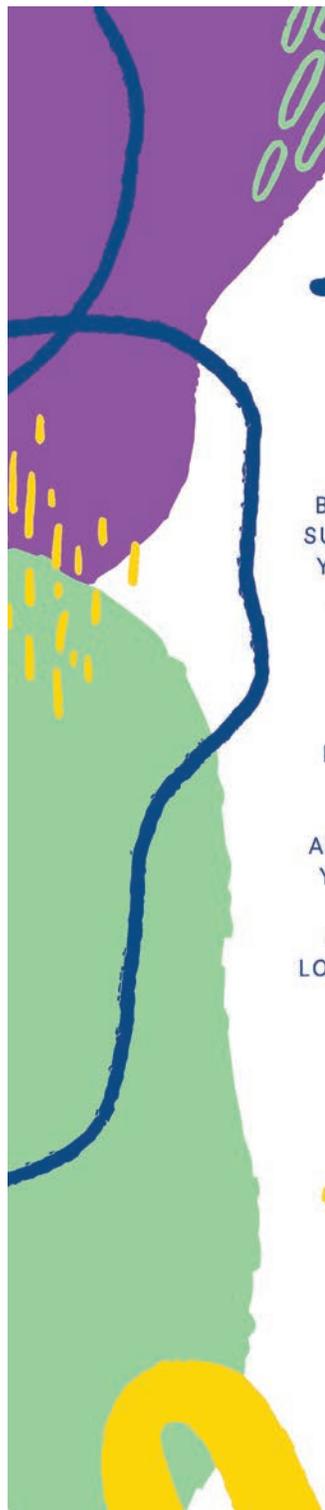
During our meeting in May, we discussed renewal of museum passes. Because the library and museums were not open at that time, we decided not to renew several passes. (We can request passes at any time once locations open back up.) One of the museums put on hold is the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. At the time of this writing, the Center is closed, but you can visit their website to check out at-home science activities, virtual exhibits and a new planetarium show each week. We had already purchased 5 passes for the Seashore Trolley Museum each of which provide free admission for 5 people. I highly recommend a visit when it reopens. My family enjoyed exploring there last fall, and observed people of all ages, from families with toddlers to retired history-lovers, wandering in and around the various forms of transportation.

Currently, the Basement Bookstore is closed and activities are on hold. Library staff have been putting some books in the Community Bookshelf for your reading pleasure. Please watch the library's website and the Friends' Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary/>) for updates.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, June 8**, at 6:30 pm, more than likely via Zoom. Feel free to email me at [jd paul@friendsofmeblibrary.org](mailto:jd paul@friendsofmeblibrary.org) if you'd like an invitation.

*Jessica Paul, Secretary for The Friends*

Library Trustees will meet on **June 15th** at 6:00 pm via Jitsi. Login information will be available on the library website and posted on the physical library door, prior to the meeting.



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# Imagine YOUR STORY

SUMMER 2020

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THE TIME IS UPON US ALREADY!  
BUT HERE WE ARE, GETTING READY TO KICK OFF OUR 2020  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM! WE HAVE HAD TO ADAPT THIS  
YEAR'S EVENT LIST TO MEET OUR DIGITAL SERVICE NEEDS.  
AS IT STANDS, ALL OUR EVENTS AND TRACKING WILL BE  
HANDLED DIGITALLY OR BY PHONE. THE PROGRAM IS  
SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE M.E.B. LIBRARY.

OUR EVENTS THIS YEAR WILL INCLUDE LIVE MUSICAL  
PERFORMANCES, CRAFT HOW-TO'S, VIRTUAL GAME DAYS,  
MANGA CLUB, AND SO MUCH MORE.

AS ALWAYS, WILL BE PROVIDING MULTIPLE WAYS TO TRACK  
YOUR READING AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS'  
GROUP, WE WILL HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZE INCENTIVES,  
SUCH AS A WAX SEAL, GAME OF THRONES TRIVIA GAME,  
LOCAL GIFT CERTIFICATES, COOL SOCKS, BOOKS, AND MORE!

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TO START LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM,  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[BRENTWOODLIBRARY.ORG/SUMMER-READING-2020](http://BRENTWOODLIBRARY.ORG/SUMMER-READING-2020)

# Kick Off:

WED. 6/17 FROM 2-6PM

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

## Opinion [*uh-pin-yuhn*]

*noun* – a personal view, attitude, or appraisal

### News From the State House

With each passing day we learn that the predictions and fatality rate of SARS-CoV-2 were nowhere near where they were suggested in March. For people under 60 with no pre-existing conditions, it is more dangerous to drive to the grocery store than have SARS-CoV-2. With 70-80% of New Hampshire deaths occurring in nursing homes and assisted living homes, the strategy to blunt the effects should have shifted, but New Hampshire and other states seem unwilling to shift the plans.

As people get more information, even some of the people who originally supported the idea of staying home have started to venture out. The numbers of people staying home are dropping and some states are threatening to fine or arrest people that don't stay home. Americans have a spirit which does not just appeal to authority, we need to be convinced it is in our best interest or we are more than happy to rebel. Not only is rebelling more frequent with nonsensical rules, I have seen people talking about voting with their feet by moving to another state with less stringent rules. I know of one person who has already moved from a more restrictive state to a less restrictive state and another who is planning to move in the beginning of June. New Hampshire population growth comes from people voting with their feet because of personal freedoms we enjoy in New Hampshire. With New Hampshire not being able to lead the way relaxing the controls because of fear that people from Massachusetts will flood in, that net migration might falter this year. The people talking about moving are not talking about New Hampshire as one of the places they are considering.

The NH House will meet June 11th for the first time since March at the UNH Whittemore Center. The Speaker chose an arena so that we could space out. I expect there to be some fireworks that day. There may be someone who wants to end the State of Emergency or limit emergency powers of the Governor. More likely is a discussion over the power of the Speaker to require masks of all legislators during session as he said he would require in the 5/14/20 calendar. It is likely that such a rule would require a rule change by the House and would need a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to pass. Since masks are only helpful when not social distancing, it is likely there will be some civil disobedience as the whole point of a 7,500 seat arena is to allow everyone to keep their distance so the requirement for masks flies in the face of the logic of the situation.

Without a solution to public hearings for bills, it is possible some bills could be pulled from their committee and voted up or down on the House Floor. However, I fear that we could end up with a lot of Tabled bills to avoid having a full debate on the issues since by this time in the year we are wrapping up so there is a perceived time crunch while other bills will get rammed through in spite of their problems.

Please feel free to reach out to me with your questions and comments at [fb.com/RepYokela](https://fb.com/RepYokela) or [josh.yokela@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:josh.yokela@leg.state.nh.us).

Representative Josh Yokela  
Rockingham 33 (Brentwood, Danville, and Fremont)

As of May 15, we are in our ninth week of the COVID-19 emergency, and the number of new cases each day remains higher than any of us want to hear. We are so proud of the local residents and organizations who have stepped up in these challenging times. In a crisis like this, it is amazing to see people on the front line doing extraordinary work to protect us.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the people in our community who are working behind the scenes to keep the front line workers safe and make medical progress in treating this awful disease. This week, I was contacted by a sales director of a clothing company in Newmarket who had access to 1.4 million masks through their UK contacts. Together, we reached out to the NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management to expedite the application process, placing this NH business in line for approval to have masks delivered in June. I hope our community and state can be aided by this resident looking out for NH citizens.

In mid April I was contacted by Dr. Anil Dewan of Brentwood. He is the chair of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, which is charged with the responsibility for ensuring the safety and well being of human subjects involved in research. Dr. Dewan's lab is involved with experimental treatments for patients with COVID-19 using plasma from patients who have recovered from the disease. The hope is that this convalescent plasma will contain antibodies to the virus, and will therefore help those currently fighting COVID-19.

The Mayo Clinic is heading this research, but requires support from participating hospitals like SNHMC. Dr. Dewan reached out to me in regards to concerns over legislative restrictions that may have prevented patients from entering the study. RSA 138-J:5 and RSA 464-A:25 together prevented medical proxies from providing consent for experimental treatments without approval from a probate court. Many of the patients eligible for this study are on ventilators and are unable to consent to the treatment themselves. Considering our current environment, the court system does not have the capacity to move in a timely manner.

When Dr. Dewan brought this to my attention, I immediately reached out to my colleagues including Senator Tom Sherman, a practicing physician, and John Williams, the Legislative Liaison to the House Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Through these contacts, Dr. Dewan's concerns were heard by the attorney for the NH Department of Health and Human Services. She also recognized the constraints the law created in these extenuating circumstances and moved quickly to alert Governor Sununu.

Just over two weeks after Dr. Dewan reached out to me, the Governor signed Emergency Order 39. This Emergency Order "provides temporary allowance for agents to consent to clinical trials."

I am grateful Dr. Dewan reached out to me and proud to have played a part in supporting the studies helping us fight this virus.

As these events have shown, we must work together to protect the health and safety of the citizens of New Hampshire. Please continue to support your fellow citizens by washing your hands, maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask in public.

I can be reached at [liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us). Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Brentwood. I love this job! Liz

## Swasey Information

Please be sure to visit our website for information on Swasey School. Links to our school newsletters and You Tube channel are all there and can be accessed by the public. We have added a webpage designated for those families that are registering incoming Kindergarten students. Thank you Brentwood for supporting quality education, and our students and staff. <https://sites.google.com/sau16.org/swasey-central-school>

After many years of teaching and devotion to students and families at Swasey, the following teachers are retiring after this school year.

Mrs. Sheila Lane, PE                      Mrs. Juliette Gavin, Music  
Mrs. Paula Rushia, Grade 5              Mrs. Dianne VanderMale, Grade 2  
Mrs. Kathy Desmarais, Kindergarten

Also leaving Swasey after this school year is Mrs. Wendy Welch, PE.

We welcome some new staff members to Swasey for next year.

Ms. Julia Doyle-Kindergarten              Mrs. Amy Murdy-Grade 5  
Ms. Deb Thomas-PE                              Ms. Ashley Hale, Grade 2  
\*TBD, Music

The following classroom teachers are moving grade level: Mrs. Julie Rourke will be teaching Grade 3 and Mrs. Amber Cooke will be teaching Grade 1.

### Return to School Committees From Superintendent Dr. David Ryan

Return-to-school committee orientation has begun. The SAU16 Crisis Response Plan calls for the assemblage and operation of four teams to each plan one of the four models for return to school in the fall: full return to school, return to school with interruption, delayed return to school with remote instruction, and hybrid return. Each team consists of employees from all roles and responsibilities in SAU 16 and will soon include student and parent representatives. These teams are scheduled to hold their orientation meetings on Monday or Tuesday of next week with research and collection of data to follow. Progress on all four plans will be made available throughout the process and the products will be shared in their entirety.

*Ron W. Kew, Principal, Swasey Central School*

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## Brentwood Recreation News

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
603-642-6400 ext. 120 • [recreation@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov)  
[www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation)

**Covid-19 update relating to Brentwood Recreation:** Playground, fields, basketball court, and pavilions are closed to the public until September. Brentwood Recreation is still accepting registrations for programs on the recreation website. The recreation department is still planning on having summer camp and will be modified to adapt to Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions. Any changes to the start date and other related news on summer camp will be announced. Please look below for other program updates.

### ALL BRENTWOOD PROGRAMS AND EVENTS STATUS

- **Pickleball:** Located at the community center basketball court. Starting date to be announced.
- **Senior Luncheons:** Will start back up in September.
- **Senior Trips:** Trips will start back up in September.
- **4th of July Parade:** No decision has been made to have or cancel the parade this year. Please check in on the Brentwood Recreation's website and facebook page for future announcements.
- **Youth Lacrosse:** Spring season is cancelled and the recreation department is planning for a fall season if restrictions are lifted.
- **Youth Field Hockey:** Spring season is cancelled and the recreation department is planning for a fall season if restrictions are lifted.
- **Pound Fit:** Will resume when the community center opens.
- **Senior Yoga/Yoga Classes:** Will resume when the community center opens.
- **Martial Arts:** Will resume when the community center opens.
- **Adult Coed Softball:** Registration is closed.
- **Youth Soccer:** Registration will open soon.

**Brentwood Summer Camp:** We are currently accepting resident and non-resident registrations for Brentwood Recreation Summer Camp. Camp operates: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, June 29th-August 21st. The program includes grades 1-6 (2021 school year). Start date of summer camp may change due to the Covid-19 virus. For the first time Brentwood Recreation has online registration available for summer camp. When registering online there will be a \$100 deposit that will hold your spot in summer camp. This deposit will apply to your total summer camp fee which is determined by our online parent handbook available on the Brentwood Recreation website. The recreation department will continue to provide updates if any changes are made. Please email the recreation department with any questions or to schedule an appointment for registration.

### ON-GOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

**Sneaker/Cleat Swap Bin:** If you are looking to get rid of old sneakers or cleats, please come down to town hall and donate your footwear to our sneaker/cleat swap bin right outside of the recreation office. This bin will help other members of the community to find appropriate footwear if families have limited options.

**Equipment Swap:** If you have sports equipment such as baseball bats, helmets, soccer balls, etc. that you would like to donate, please contact Andrew Gray in the Brentwood Rec Dept. We gladly accept donations to help other sports programs and families in need.

**Community Center:** The Brentwood Community Center is still available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate. Please view our website for pictures of the facility and copies of the rental application. You may also pick up an application at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

# Brentwood Meeting Dates

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

## ALL SAU 16 SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO REMAIN CLOSED.

All NH schools will continue with remote instruction and support through the remainder of the school year. Final day of remote learning for all students is **June 4**. In a previous update we shared two end-of-the-year dates with you dependent upon whether or not we would be returning to our school buildings. As we worked through the past few weeks and factored in all of the information we needed to arrive at a final decision, **June 4** has been designated as the students' final day of remote instruction.

- Jun 1 **Brentwood School Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm. Via Zoom, check SAU website or contact SB chair for login details.
- Jun 2 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Jun 3 **Candidate filing period begins.**
- Jun 4 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, CANCELLED for June.
- Jun 4 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. Check the town website and PB agenda for login details.
- Jun 6 **Plant Sale**, Pilgrim United Church, 197 Middle Road, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Jun 8 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:30 pm
- Jun 11 **Brentwood Republican Meeting**, Brentwood Rec Center, 190 Route 125, 6:30 pm.
- Jun 12 **Candidate filing period ends, 4:00 pm.**
- Jun 15 **Deadline for submissions to the Brentwood Newsletter.**
- Jun 15 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Via Jitsi. Login information will be available on the library website.
- Jun 16 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Jun 18 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. Check the town website and PB agenda for login details.
- Jun 23 **Recreation Commission Meeting**, Town Office, 6:30 pm. TENTATIVE, check with the Rec Dept. to confirm.  
**Senior Luncheons** will begin again in September.

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