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THE STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- 1-inch ad for 1 month: \$12.25; 3 3/4 in. wide x 1 in. high
- 1-inch ad for 6 months: \$68.50
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2. Inserts and ads are prepaid.

**TOWN OF STRAFFORD
ELECTION NOTICE**

In accordance with RSA 669:15, the following offices are open for election on March 14, 2017, at the Annual Town Meeting:

- Library Trustee3 Year Term
- Library Trustee2 Year Term
- Planning Board (2 seats open)3 Year Term
- Road Agent1 Year Term
- Selectman.....3 Year Term
- Town Clerk2 Year Term
- Trustee of Trust Funds.....3 Year Term

Any Strafford resident who is a registered voter may file to be a candidate beginning January 25, 2017 through February 3, 2017. Declarations of Candidacy will be taken by the Town Clerk at the Town Hall during the Clerk's regular business hours and, in addition, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday February 3.

Christine Bane
Strafford Town Clerk

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION NOTICE**

The following offices are open for election on March 14, 2017, at the Annual Town Meeting:

- School Board Member.....3 Year Term
- Strafford School District Clerk3 Year Term
- Strafford School District Treasurer.....3 Year Term
- Strafford School District Moderator 3 Year Term

Any Strafford resident who is a registered voter may file to be a candidate beginning January 25, 2017 through February 3, 2017. Declarations of Candidacy will be taken by the Strafford Town Clerk from Wednesday, January 25, 2017 through Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Strafford Town Hall during regular business hours and, in addition, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3, 2017.

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Remember that we take a break from our monthly business meetings in winter, but don't forget to meet for lunch at Benedict's Grill on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. If you wish to carpool, we will depart at 11:00 am from the Bow Lake Church parking lot. All are welcome to join us. Please call or email Bev by January 12 if you plan to attend (664-2552 or b.nemetz@snhu.edu).

Many thanks to all who visited our booth at the Bow Lake Grange Hall during *Christmas in Strafford* last month. The purchases of our homemade beans, baked goods, and raffle tickets for the Christmas gift basket go a long way to help support our scholarship fund and select community projects. The lucky winner of the basket was Jenna Price—Congratulations!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TRASH IS?

Unsecured trash has a tendency to fly out of the back of trucks and land in yards and on roadways on your route to the Recycling Center. **PLEASE** take the time and make the effort to avoid being guilty of this unintentional littering by closing bags tightly and tying down the load. Let's all help out and keep litter in its appropriate place.

THANK YOU

Catamount Womenaid would like to thank the sponsors and neighbors that made the 2016 Catamount 5k at the Deerfield Fairgrounds a triumph. Platinum Sponsor Deerfield Veterinary Clinic provided a strong financial foundation for the second year in a row. Gold Sponsors, Northeast Delta Dental and Granite State Solar, and Silver Sponsors, Northeast Eye Care, Abbey Run Construction and Debbie Kelley of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services/Verani Realty, helped us achieve a successful fundraiser, raising more than \$9,000. On November 6, we hosted 115 runners and walkers at the historic Deerfield Fairgrounds for a sunny and scenic course, with course direction help from Deerfield Community School 8th graders. After their run, participants were greeted with a spread of refreshments donated by Panera of Concord and Dover, apples from Calef's Country Store, and water donated by Deerfield resident Dwight Barnes. The crowd was entertained by Deerfield Park & Recreation Director Joe Manzi, who volunteered his time and expertise as emcee. We are humbled by the generous support of our community, which allows us to provide emergency financial assistance to men, women and children in need. Sincerely, The Board of Catamount Womenaid, Laurie Bienefeld, Christie Gerasimchik, Lynn Hapke, Deb Horton, Marisa McCutchen and Fran Miller.



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Town Hall winter closures: Monday, January 2—New Year's Day observed; Monday, January 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and Monday, February 20—Presidents Day.

For your convenience, vehicle renewals and dog license renewals may be completed online. Instructions and costs for this service are found in your renewal letter and when clicking the red "Pay Online" button found on the home page of our Town website, www.trafford.nh.gov. It's easy and convenient. Only renewals can be processed online; 2017 dog renewals can be processed online beginning January 1, 2017; allow one week for processing; new vehicles, vehicle transfers, and new dogs must be processed in person at the Town Clerk's office. When licensing a new dog, you will be required to provide proof of rabies vaccination.

Town Budget Public Hearing: February 7, 2017. Time TBD.

Town Election: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Town Meeting: Saturday, March 18, 2017, starting at 8:30 am at Strafford School.

Voter registration information for Town Election/Town Meeting and Supervisors of the Checklist sessions—You may register to vote with the Town clerk during regular business hours before March 4, 2017. You may also register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist sessions to be held on the following days (change of party will be accepted):

Tuesday, January 24, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at Strafford

Town Hall; and Saturday, March 4, from 11:00 to 11:30 am at Strafford Town Hall. If you have not registered to vote by March 4 and want to vote at Town Election or Town Meeting, you may register at the polling place (Town Hall) on Election Day, March 14. Please note that you must be a registered voter by March 14 to be eligible to vote at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18.

For further information or questions, please contact Christine Bane, Strafford Town Clerk, at 664-2192 ext.102.

STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR DEADLINE

Publishing a sixteen-page newsletter, in print and online, every month is extremely time-consuming. In order to meet the publication schedule, the editors need your cooperation in honoring their deadline as follows: **All articles and ads must be turned in by the 15th of the month. Late submissions will only be accepted from those who have made special arrangements with one of the editors no later than the 15th. Of course, early submissions are always welcome.**



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TOPS

It's always a great time to refocus on your personal goals. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 pm at the Strafford Police Station. With the support of others you can reach your goals. Please join us to see what our group can do for you.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST IN STRAFFORD

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm for corrections of address and addition of new voters for March Town Election, RSA 699:5. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.



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**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 20447
COMMUNITY SERVICE DRIVE**

It is a new year, but for the Girl Scouts of Troop 20447, we are halfway through our community service, monthly themed, collection drive. The Girl Scouts are continuing their monthly themed collections with a socks drive. With the cold winter months, it is important to help those in need. For January we are collecting socks for all ages. It is funny to think that people are in need of socks, but there is a great need for this. We are collecting for young and old--fuzzy and furry, warm and cozy. All styles, sizes, and colors are happily accepted. We just ask that they be new.

The donations will be passed on to our community where the need is greatest. Additionally, if there is an excess of donations, we will be bringing them to homeless shelters and children's homes in our neighboring towns.

We have a donation box at Strafford's Hill Library. Members of the Library staff are excited to see patrons drop off their donations. Our Scouts will be periodically picking up the donations made there.

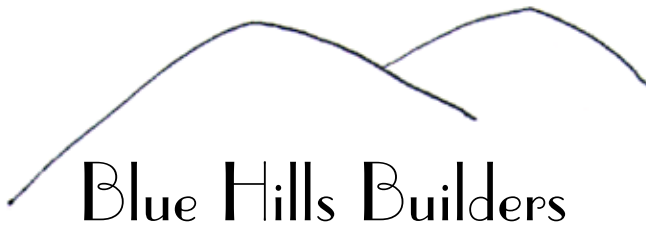
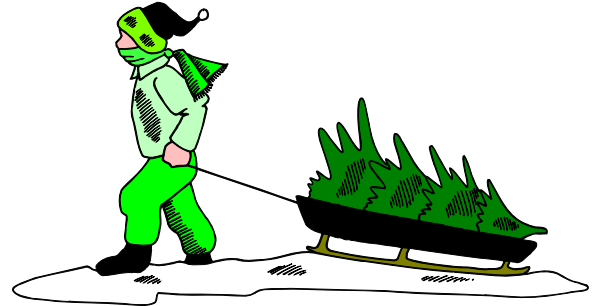
As our Troop continues the year long, monthly themed, community service collections, we want to send out a big thank you to our Strafford community for supporting our efforts this far. We also want to give a big thank you to Hill Library for hosting our donation box.

Here is a list of the themes we have planned for coming months: January—socks, new, all styles and sizes accepted; February—books, just in time for Read Across America;

March—baby items for mothers in need; April—stuffed animals, new with tags; May—pet care, to benefit the Cochecho Valley Humane Society; June—food drive for Strafford Food Pantry; August—back-to-School supplies.

**CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL SERVICE
BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 23**

The Boy Scouts of Strafford's Troop 23 will, once again, be collecting and disposing of Christmas trees following the holiday season. Pickup date is Saturday, January 7; cost is \$10 (\$5 for seniors 65+ and military veterans). If interested, please send a note to Ben Poirier at kidpenguin01@gmail.com with your name and address to reserve your spot today. No artificial trees, please.



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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EVENTS

On January 1, 2017, at 9 am there will be a meditation on the promise of the New Year—songs, prayers, communion, a short homily, and lighting candles to symbolize our hopes for the New Year.

On January 8, 2017, at 9 am the Rev. Gary Schulte of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ will be our visiting preacher.

Whenever a month has five Sundays, we gather on the fifth Sunday to serve our community. Join us on January 29, 2017, at 9 am for our in-house “Service Service”. We will be assembling Blessing Bags to distribute to those in need who we encounter, as well as baking treats to deliver to our local emergency service personnel. For information on our future service projects, visit <http://northwoodcongregationalchurch.blogspot.com>.

All of these church services are at Northwood Congregational Church U.C.C. in Northwood on Route 4 next to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. The phone number is 942-7116 and email is adminncc@myfairpoint.net.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Bow Lake Church extends an invitation to all community women to come together for a once-a-month pot luck breakfast. This gathering is designed for women of all ages to enjoy the fellowship of one another as well as giving the opportunity, through the easy channel of food, to become better acquainted. There is no charge, no homework, no deadline and no lists, but we do ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. Each breakfast features a new (and brief) speaker. Breakfast begins at 9 am on the first Saturday of every month in the Idlepines Room of the Church. Place settings and beverages are provided. Welcome! Come and enjoy.



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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

As I write this, our community has wrapped up another successful *Christmas in Strafford* event. Thanks to all the organizers, volunteers, crafters, and vendors who made this and every year so special – just one more reason to treasure our little corner of the world and the people who live here.

Speaking of treasuring our little corner of the world, we still have a few 2017 Strafford calendars left featuring photography of our beautiful Town and lake. Get yours before they're gone. Call Suzanne at 905-9897 or email her at smurdoch1005@aol.com.

Another year and a new Board ready to take us into the New Year. A special "thank you" to our outgoing President of two years, Sheila Jenkins-Hamilton! We're so glad Sheila will be staying on with us as a member-at-large. Your BLCC Board for 2017 is President David Murdoch; 1st Vice-President Paula King Baker; 2nd Vice-President Vicky Mowers; Treasurer Donna Fletcher; Recording Secretary Martha English; and Corresponding Secretary Suzanne Murdoch.

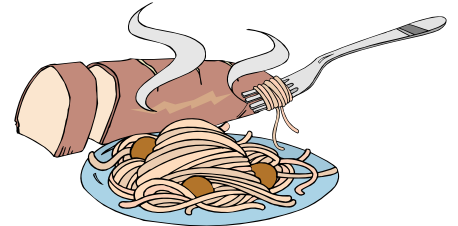
Wishing everyone a very healthy and happy New Year.

MUSEUM PROGRAM

Have you been to the Children's Museum in Dover? How about the NH History Museum or the Currier Museum of Art in Concord? When was the last time you went to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth? Well, you could go to any one of these, bring back a receipt for your fee, and present it to the Friends of the Hill Library for a reimbursement of up to \$25. This program allows you to go to any museum and be subsidized for at least part of your cost to visit. Any Hill Library patron can do this once a year. Just ask at Hill Library's circulation desk or go online for the forms (www.hilllibrary.org).

SPAGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISER

When tragedy strikes, the Strafford community always comes together to offer love and support. In the wake of the loss that befell the Broadstone family, please join the Strafford teachers and staff and come to a community dinner that will be held to raise money to help them out. Please join us on Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 5 to 7 pm at Strafford School. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Donations will be gratefully accepted.



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Our sincere apologies to some of our regular Christmas tree customers who were unable to cut a tree here this season. We know that we disrupted some family traditions and we feel terrible about that. Some nearby cut-your-own farms did not open this year causing their customers to find us on line. By the end of the first weekend, most of our trees that were ready for harvesting were gone. Our field looked like a tornado went through it.

This brings us to what we may have for trees next year. It takes eight to ten years to grow a tree to the right size. We'll have trees for next Christmas, but you may want to tag a tree early. We open for tagging on Columbus Day weekend and the weekends following. The number of trees tagged will determine how many untagged folks will be able to cut. If you can't come in person, call and have Gordon reserve a tree for you.

To help stem this predicament, we have pulled all web advertising to save the trees for local and long-time customers. Again, we are so sorry to have disappointed you.

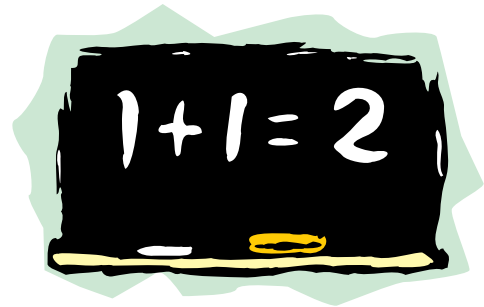
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**SCHOOL BOARD NOTES
FROM CHAIRMAN MONAHAN**

The School Board regrettably accepted the resignation of our long-term School District Secretary and Clerk recently. Carrolle Popovich was an incredibly dedicated secretary for over 24 years. Her attention to detail over that time was instrumental in helping past Boards resolve issues and keep the public informed. As a new Board member, Carrolle was very helpful to me as I learned the processes and policies of the Board. Once I became the Chairman, she was an amazing asset and wealth of knowledge as the Board tackled budgets, hired new administrators, and negotiated contracts. Her willingness to dedicate her time to this very important position, for the many years she did, along with taking care of the election process as the District Clerk, shows her true character in being a part of this Town. She is, and will continue to be, sorely missed at our meetings. As the current Board Chairman, I cannot thank her enough for what she has done for our Town and School.

Please mark your calendars for the following important School District Meetings: School District Hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 5:30 pm at the School (Snow Day Thursday, February 9). This is the first time the Board will present the 2017-2018 proposed budget and warrants. It is completely open for discussion and allows the Board to make any changes prior to the district voting day. School District Meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 9:00 am at the School (Snow Day Wednesday, March 15, 6 pm). This is when the budget and warrants are actually voted on.

These meetings are very important since the School budget makes up a large portion of the Town tax rate. It is approximately ten times the amount of the Town budget. Please make the time to attend and participate in this process.



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STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

How to better restrict cheating on voting day was the first thing discussed. There are a lot of proposals, and it is a complex challenge. The New Hampshire House will receive committee assignments from Speaker Jasper. Legislation usually take some time to go through committees, votes in each House, and reconciliation between the House and Senate. There are some exceptions such as a response to the opioid crisis that was achieved in 3 weeks. The House may move their session days to be on Thursdays, which is the same day the Senate has their sessions so that House members miss fewer votes due to attendance at Senate hearings. We discussed how President-Elect Trump has so quickly and impressively picked his Cabinet. Please join us on second Mondays for the Round Table Discussion of the Strafford Town Republican Committee at Hill Library. Next meeting is January 9, 2017.



STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Strafford Town Democrats enjoyed a festive holiday gathering in December at the home of Roger and Josephine Mumper. Bright spots in recent events include the re-election of Carol Shea-Porter to Congress and our new Senator Maggie Hassan.

The Town Democratic Committee will not meet in January. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 7, at 7 pm at Hill Library. Please join us to stay informed and involved. Stay in touch online at www.strafforddems.org.



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Good conservation news this month. On December 15 Bear-Paw board members and Phil and Carolyn Auger signed the documents to protect another 86 acres with a donated conservation easement. Back in 1998, the Auger's original donated easement of 96 acres along with Corey Colwell's 150 acres were the very first Bear-Paw easements in the region. Since then, more Strafford private landowners have protected their land with donated Bear-Paw easements, and strong citizen support and our conservation fund have helped protect several large public lands to bring our total of Bear-Paw easement properties to well over 2500 acres. When you add the conservation properties protected through other agencies, new maps show that Strafford is fortunate to have 27% of our Town's lands protected with much of it available for low impact recreational use by the public. The Conservation Commission thanks the Augers for adding to the wildlife habitat, water resource protection and scenic beauty of our Town.

More good news for Strafford citizens—the Bear-Paw Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 28, is coming back to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy this year. When Bear-Paw held it down in Hooksett, Strafford folks still made up a big percent of the gathering even on that snowy morning two years ago. This year with the focus on protecting Bennett Island, the hope is for strong ice on Bow Lake that will allow the afternoon hike to be across to the island. The speaker in the morning will be Sam Evans Brown from New Hampshire Public Radio's *Outside In* program. Bear-Paw is looking for donations of interesting raffle items and also for volunteers to bring either baked goodies for the morning coffee time or a crockpot for the lunch. Call Harmony Anderson at 491-2194 or email harmony@metrocast.net if you would like to contribute to the raffle fun or food.



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It's all smiles as Harmony Anderson, Al Jaeger, Phil Auger, Carolyn Auger, and Scott Young gather at the Town Hall to sign the Bear-Paw documents for the Auger's donated conservation easement that adds 85 acres to their property protected back in '98.

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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Each year the Strafford Garden Club picks someone from the community who does outstanding work for our Town. This year's award is long overdue. We have chosen the quiet force behind the *Strafford Community Calendar*, Rollande Merz.

Many of you may not know Rollande; but if you look at the top of page two, you see her name not only next to Print Editor but Web Editor as well. Few of us appreciate the amount of work that goes into putting a paper together, and few of us realize how lucky Strafford is to have a monthly *Calendar*. The paper answers most of the questions we have about participating in our Town. Many call it our bible. People living in many surrounding towns have said that they need a publication like our *Calendar*.

Not only is Rollande helping us to have just any-ole-paper, the *Calendar* quality is such that it has won a NATIONAL PRIZE for its web edition!

And so The Garden Club Certificate of Appreciation goes to Rollande for "your tireless work in editing the *Strafford Community Calendar* for more than twenty-five years." Thank you, Rollande. The *Calendar* is one of the things that make this Town great.



Rollande Merz, Strafford Citizen of the Year, 2016

LIBRARY LINES

We will be remodeling over the next few months, and our collection will be moving around. Our media is now located to the right of the entrance. Our Children's Room is moving to the back of the Library, and our Adult collection will be in the front left of the entrance. If you would like to help move some books, stay tuned for our call for help. Thank you for your patience.

Would you or your family like to sponsor a magazine? We are beginning a new magazine sponsorship program. Choose a favorite magazine to sponsor; the majority of subscriptions are \$20.00 a year; and support the Hill Library. Come in for more information on titles and prices. Thank you.

For the month of January, Hill Library has the manipulatives, Brain Flakes, for children and adults to explore. Come in on Wednesday, January 18, from 4-6 pm and play. Story Time will continue on Wednesday mornings at 11 am. Bring your preschooler in for some stories and a project. Stop in to make a Snowflake Craft on Thursday, January 12, from 4-7 pm. We will also be showing *Frozen* on Monday, January 23, from 4-6 pm. Popcorn will be provided.

Remember that you can use the Meeting Room for your programs or meetings. Call for availability. We will be receiving our new rotation of Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative (SILC) materials on January 18. Come in and check out all of the new titles. All of the new items are on the back side of the white shelf on your right as you enter the Library. We also have three Kindles that can be checked out. Check our website www.HillLibrary.org and our Facebook page (Hill Library) for new titles to the collection. If you like audios and ebooks, go to nh.lib.overdrive.com and download ebooks from NH Downloadable Books Consortium, accessing thousands of titles. Come in and find out how to download audios and ebooks with your Library card.

Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, January 11 at 6 pm. All Trustees meetings are open to the public. We are looking for energetic individuals who would like to serve the Town and our Library. Stop by or call for more information, 664-2800.

Programming—Looking for a new book to read? *The Summer Before the War* by Hellen Simonson will be discussed in the January 5 Book Club meeting at 6:30 pm. *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee will be the February book pick. The Book Club will meet on February 2.

Anne Smith will be leading the Artists Group on Tuesdays, January 10 and 24, from 5-7 pm. Cartoon and Drawing Club is on hiatus. Computer Help with Matt will be Thursdays, January 12 and 26, from 6-7 pm. An Evening of Spoken Word with Skip Manning will be held on Monday, January 30, at 5:00 pm.

All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.



Contacts

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency.....	911
Police Non-Emergency.....	664-5644
Police Business Line	664-7462
Dog Officer.....	664-5644
Poison Control.....	1-800-562-8236
All Emergencies.....	911
Fire Department Business Line	664-6863

Town Hall.....664-2192

Town Clerk's Hours (Ext. 102):

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday.....	8:30–2:00
Tuesday.....	1:00–7:00

Tax Collector's Hours (Ext. 103):

Monday & Wednesday.....	8:30–2:00
Tuesday.....	1:00–6:00

Town Office/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 110 or 101):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	9:00–noon
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Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or by appointment):

Tuesday.....	4:00–7:00
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Planning & Zoning (Ext. 105)

Assessor (Ext. 107)

Hill Library.....664-2800

Monday through Thursday	11:00–7:00
Saturday	10:00–2:00

Recycling Center Year-Round Hours:

Wednesday.....	4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Strafford Post Office.....664-2118

1079 Parker Mountain Road (Rt. 126), Strafford, NH 03884

Monday–Friday:

Retail Service.....	8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Lobby & Post Office Box Access	6:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:

Retail Service.....	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lobby & Post Office Box Access	6:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Bow Lake Baptist Church664-7401

530 Province Road, Strafford, NH www.blfwbc.org

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

3rd Baptist Church of Ctr. Strafford.....664-7750

30 Strafford Rd. www.tbcstrafford.weebly.com.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Crown Point Baptist Church.....509-2224

274 First Crown Point Rd.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.....435-6242

Rte. 4, Northwood..... Saturday 6:00p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Northwood Congregational Church U.C.C.942-7116

881 First NH Turnpike (Rte. 4), Northwood, NH 03261

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.....435-7908

50 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 www.ststephenspittsfieldnh.org

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Church.....285-3533

34 Raymond Rd. (Rte. 156), Nottingham, NH 03290

www.new-hopechurch.com

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church679-8400

106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290

www.nc_uc@yahoo.com

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

St. George's Episcopal Church868-2785

One Park Court at 14 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824

www.stgeorgesdurham.org

Sunday Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Northwood Advent Christian Church.....834-0863

113 School St, Northwood, NH

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

STRAFFORD LINKS

Bow Lake Camp Owners Association blcoa.org

Bow Lake Community Club www.bowlakecc.org

Bow Lake Sailing wessexusa.com/bls_main1.html

BSA Troop 23 straffordtroop23.webs.com

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy www.coebrown.org

Hill Library hilllibrary.org

Lakeside Players thelakesideplayers.org

Strafford Community Calendar

straffordcommunitycalendar.com

Strafford Police straffordpolice.org

Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc. straffordrecsports.org

Strafford School strafford.k12.nh.us

Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club

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Strafford Town Democratic Committee

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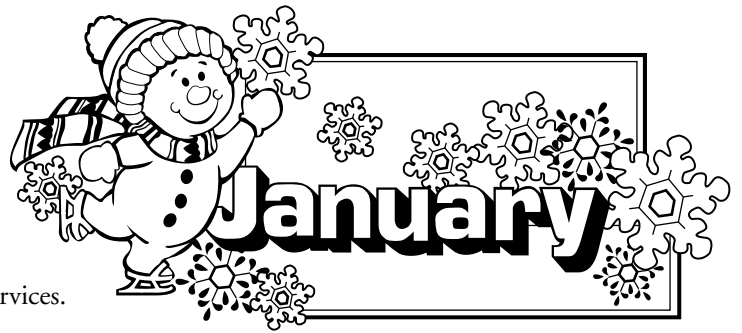
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The Christian Cupboard and USDA emergency food distribution

site at the Christian Center continues to serve the Town of Strafford.

Persons needing food are invited to come to the Center on Thursdays between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. for confidential emergency food distribution.

Calendar of Events



1	Sun		NEW YEAR'S DAY See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
2	Mon		No School and Town Hall closed.
		4:30-5 pm	Free Dinner Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Hall, Northwood (every Monday)
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
3	Tues		No School; Teacher Workshop.
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station; see article (every Tuesday).
4	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library (every Wednesday in January).
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.)
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS Training.
5	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		6:30 pm	Book Club meeting at Hill Library.
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
6	Fri	7:30 pm	AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Baptist Church (every Friday).
7	Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Baptist Church.
			Boy Scouts collect Christmas trees; see article.
9	Mon	6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club Board Meeting at Grange Hall; public welcome.
		6:30 pm	Strafford Town Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
10	Tues	5-7 pm	Artists Group at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	PTO meeting.
11	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
		6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
12	Thur	4-7 pm	Snowflake Craft at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club.
15	Sun		DEADLINE for February <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i>.
16	Mon		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; School, Town Hall, and Library closed.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
17	Tues	11:00 am	Strafford Women's Club carpool meet time; lunch at 11:30 am; see article for details.
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
18	Wed	4-6 pm	Brain Flake Creation Time at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
22	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
23	Mon	4-6 pm	Movie Time <i>Frozen</i> at Hill Library.
		6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
24	Tues	5-7 pm	Artists Group at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7-7:30 pm	Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall.
25	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
26	Thur	5-7 pm	Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser at Strafford School; see article for more info.
		6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.
28	Sat	9:00 am	Bear-Paw Annual Meeting and Bennett Island field trip; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> for more info.
30	Mon	5:00 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library with Skip Manning; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
31	Tues	5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.

