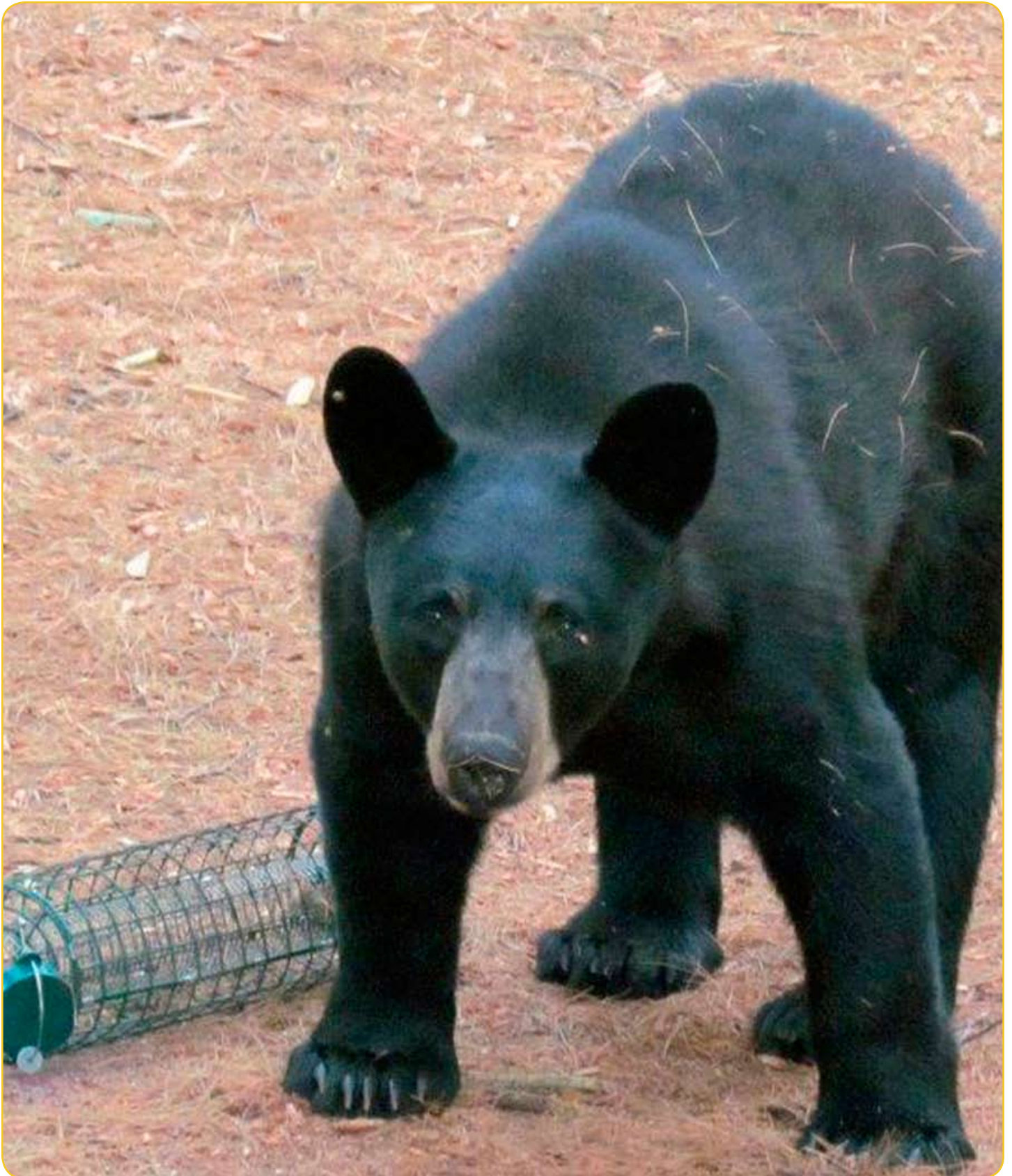


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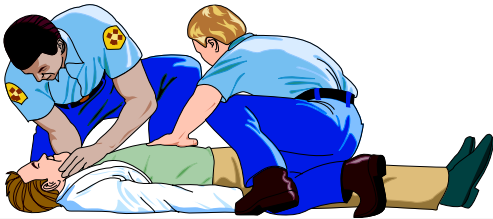
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AUSTIN CATE REUNION NEWS

The Austin Cate Academy Reunion luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 12 noon at Johnson's Seafood & Steak Restaurant in Northwood...and Nelson McLean will be in attendance! All are welcome, friends, family, attendees, and alumni; no reservations necessary. See you at Johnson's!

CPR CLASS OFFERED

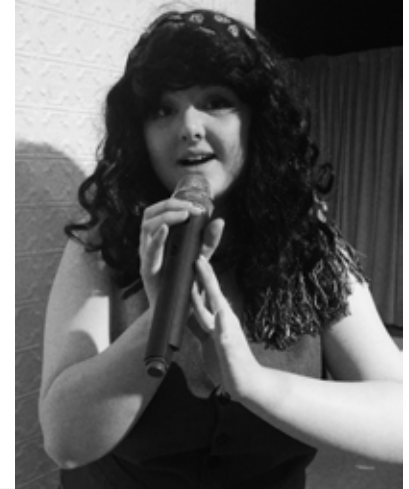
Strafford Fire & Rescue is sponsoring a CPR class for the residents of Strafford. The date will be April 22, 2017 starting at 9:00 am. The class will be held at the Strafford Town Hall. Class size is limited to 50 students. To register, please contact Chief Scott Whitehouse at the Bow Lake Station at 664-6863 or via email at 25admin@metrocast.net. This class is free so don't delay.



IMPERSONATORS OF ROMANCE— A NIGHT TO REMEMBER VI

Has the winter weather got you feeling blue? Well join Linda Ronstadt and many more for The Lakeside Players first big production of the year! Carol MacDonald's *Impersonators of Romance VI* will premiere on the Bow Lake Grange Hall's stage in Strafford, NH on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7 pm and continue to run Saturday, April 22, at 7 pm and Sunday, April 23, at 2 pm. Light appetizers and baked goods will be available; seating is cabaret style.

Don't let the name fool you. It is not all about romance. This show takes you to the past and the present with performers from the 1920s to today. Rock, pop, comedy and Broadway skits are included in this show. Get your tickets today before it is sold out. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$18 per person. Reservations are required. You can make reservations by calling 603-664-5901 and sending a check or by visiting us online and using a credit card at www.bowlakecc.org.



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Regular Business Hours: Mon/Wed/Thu-8:30 to 2:00;
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Mother Nature threw us a curve ball on Election Day last month, but 372 of you still made it to the polls during the blizzard. The decision to hold the election was not made lightly, and our Town Moderator, who has the final word, was careful to follow NH Law and the advice of the Secretary of State. Many of you took advantage of absentee voting (always an option for ballot elections); and the final number of voters was 409, just slightly below our 12-year average of 432. Thank you for your participation.

Please license all dogs by April 30. A reminder that all dogs 4 months and older must be licensed each year between January 1 and April 30. Avoid late fees. See below for details on licensing your dog online.

The Town Hall (Including the Town Clerk's Office) will be closed on the following days in May, June and July—Monday, May 29, 2017, Memorial Day; and Tuesday, July 4, 2017, Independence Day.

Online Vehicle Renewals & Dog Licensing—You can renew your vehicle registrations and license your dogs with the Strafford Town Clerk online. Just follow the instructions on the renewal letters we send or go to www.strafford.nh.gov (our Town website) and locate the red "Online Payments" button. The Strafford Town Clerk will process your online renewals and mail your registrations/licenses to you. It's easy and convenient. Only renewals can be processed online; allow one week for

processing; all new vehicles, vehicle transfers, and new dogs must be processed in person at the Town Clerk's office.

Enjoy mud season and get ready for black fly season. For questions or concerns, please contact Christine Bane, Strafford Town Clerk, at townclerk@strafford.nh.gov or 664-2192 ext. 102.

READY RIDES

Ready Rides is a non-profit organization formed to provide rides for seniors and physically challenged neighbors in Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford who need transportation to medical and dental appointments. This year we will be expanding our ride service to Newfields. The success of our program depends on our volunteer drivers. We are always looking for new drivers. Our program works around your schedule and availability; you can do as many or as few rides as you want. Drivers select rides from a list of requested trips to match a driver to a rider. We offer training programs for new drivers and mileage reimbursement. To request information about registering as a rider or volunteering as a driver, please email us at info@readyrides.org or call 603-244-8719.



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Snowmobiling may be over but NOT the fun times out of doors. If you have not yet registered those OHRVs, dirt bikes, three and four wheelers, *get 'er done*. If they were not registered in the past two years, you will need to know all the information about it (including the Vin #, color, CCs etc.). Maybe you have an older registration you could bring with you with all the information.

Fishing, saltwater, and freshwater season is here—get those licenses now. Bass fishing is open (Catch & Release only May 15 thru June 15); Brook, Rainbow and Brown Trout is ICE OUT TO ICE IN, excluding Lake Trout which is January 1 thru September 30. Salmon starts April 1 through September 30.

To purchase your Hunting license, you need your expired hunting license or a copy of your “Hunter Safety Course Certificate.” Spring Turkey season is coming up in May so make sure your license is updated.

You can purchase licenses or registrations from the Strafford Tax Collector at Town Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2 pm, and Tuesdays from 1 to 6 pm.



8th ANNUAL BOW LAKE 5K

Registration is now open for this annual event. The Bow Lake 5K Road Race and Walk is a local road race open to anyone interested in either running or walking. Participants range from the serious runner to the recreational joggers enjoying the challenging but scenic route. The intent of all participants is to take part in this fun community event to raise funds in support of Strafford Recreational Sports and NH Thunder. The race takes place on Sunday, April 9, with the gun going off at 9:00 am. Registration will begin at 8:00 am. Registration is available online at www.straffordrecsports.org. View course map and other details there as well. Pre-Registration is \$20 (online until 4/8 at 5 pm). Family discounts will be offered for 3 or more family members registering. NH Thunder athletes will also be given a discount. Race day registration will be \$25. There will be cash prizes for first and second place Male and Female runners overall. Prizes in each age category. There is also a Walker's category. Refreshments will be served after the race. We hope you can join us in support of SRS and NH Thunder to have fun and stay active. If you can't make it to the race, you can make a donation right on our webpage. Direct any questions to Karyn Fisher at 5fishers@metrocast.net or 664-6993.



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STRAFFORD SUMMER ARTS CAMP 2017

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fortunate once again to host Strafford Summer Arts—a week-long day camp run by theatre, music, and art professionals. This year's camp is on July 31 through August 4, 2017. Camp is for ages 8 to 14 and runs from 9 am to 3 pm (with a Friday evening performance for the community at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$350 (\$275 for residents of Strafford). A \$125 deposit is due at time of registration with balance due July 1, 2017.

Guided by New Hampshire Theatre Project (NHTP) director Genevieve Aichele, instrumentalist Randy Armstrong, and art instructor Jessica Anderson, Strafford Summer Arts Camp includes dramatic theatre and movement instruction, storytelling, costume design, and set decoration/setup. In addition, Randy brings a wide variety of world instruments the participants are excited to play! Students learn to play multicultural music, as well as sound effects. No prior experience is necessary.

We also have AMAZING Coe Brown interns who bring great energy and enthusiasm to the program. The emphasis of the camp is on collaboration, gaining self-confidence, and developing an appreciation for world cultures through theatre, art, and music—and, of course, fun!

Please email info@nhtheatreproject.org or call 603-431-6644 x4 with questions or to enrol. Local community coordinator, Angela Smith, is also available to answer questions at straffordsummerarts@gmail.com.

CAMP SENTINEL

It is time to start thinking about summer camp! Camp Sentinel is located in the foothills of the Ossipee Mountain range in Tuftonboro, NH. Established in 1949, Camp Sentinel offers a safe, fun, Christian experience for boys and girls ages 7 to 15. For more information, go to www.campsentinel.org. Limited scholarships are available for Strafford residents. Applications for scholarships will be accepted until May 1, 2017. Further scholarship information is available through Lori Shiere from Third Baptist Church (664-6910) or Louise Matteson from Bow Lake Baptist Church (664-9753).



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NH THUNDER TRACK & FIELD PROGRAM

The NH Thunder Track & Field Program is currently taking registrations for the 2017 Track & Field season. More information and online registration is available on our website, www.nhthunder.com. Or you can print out and return the registration form with the program fee of \$50.00—which includes new uniforms this year and meet fees—made payable to NH Thunder, P.O. Box 173, Strafford, NH 03884. Early Bird Registration is by March 31; after that the fee changes to \$55.00. Registrations will also be taken the first night of practice.

The program will begin on Monday, April 17, and run through the end of May. The Track & Field Program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7-15 years as of December 31, 2017. Practices will be Mondays and Thursdays from 5:15-6:45 pm with 3 track meets throughout the season. Practices are held at the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Track. The meets will also be held at Coe-Brown. Times will be subject to change due to High School meets and availability of CBNA athletes. There will also be optional meets during the season that we will encourage you to go to.

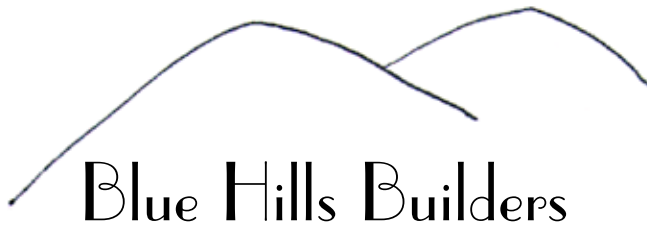
The Track & Field program is USATF certified. This is a great opportunity to participate in any, and all, track and field events you may be interested in, such as shot put, javelin, high jump, long jump, discus, running events, and hurdles. Events will be chosen by the guidance of the coaches and athletes together.

The track program only works if we have interested parents

to volunteer to help with measuring, timing and supervising the different age groups. No experience is necessary. The Coe-Brown athletes also help to make this program a success. We are excited to continue to build our NH Thunder running program; our emphasis is completely on fun and participation. We are looking forward to another great year. Please call Karyn Fisher at 664-6993 or email 5fishers@metrocast.net with questions or concerns.

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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LIBRARY LINES

Stop by and check out the Hill Library remodel. Our media is now located to the right of the entrance. Our beautiful new mural of the Birds of New Hampshire, by Lindsay Aucella, brightens up our new Children's Room. We have comfortable areas to play and sit and lower picture book bins. Our Adult collection is now located in the front left of the entrance. There is a cozy nook to read a good book or talk to a friend.

For the month of April, Hill Library has Cubelets for children and adults to explore. Come in on Monday, April 17, from 4 to 6 pm and play. Story Time will continue on Wednesday mornings in April at 11 am. Bring your preschooler in for some stories and a project.

Do you need help downloading your e-books or audios? Stop by for Tech help on Mondays from 12 to 3 pm or Tuesdays from 4 to 7 pm. Bring your device, and we will help you download an audio and e-book. The overdrive website is nh.overdrive.com and download e-books from NH Downloadable Books Consortium, accessing thousands of titles. We will be receiving our NEW SILC-Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative-materials on April 18. Come in and check the new titles out. We also have three Kindles that can be checked out. Check our website at www.HillLibrary.org and our Facebook page at Hill Library for new titles to our collection. And remember, you can renew your books online.

The next Library Trustees meeting is Wednesday, April 12, 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.

Looking for a new book to read? *Sing in the Morning*, *Cry at Night* by Barbara J. Taylor is the book to be discussed on April 6 at 6:30. On May 4, the Book Club book to be discussed is *The Old American* by Ernest Hebert. The Artists Group will meet on Tuesdays, April 11 and 25, from 5 to 7 pm. Need some help with your computer or device? Computer Help with Matt will be Thursdays, April 13 and 27, from 6 to 7 pm. An Evening of Spoken Word with Skip Manning will meet on Wednesday, April 26, at 5:30 pm. Remember that you can use the Meeting Room for your programs or meetings. Call for availability.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 12, from 7 to 9 pm for the NH Humanities Program entitled *The Founding Fathers: What were they thinking?* Professor Emeritus at UNH School of Law Richard Hesse has been an advocate for civil and human rights for more than 50 years. He explores the cast of characters called "founders", their problems and solutions that they fashioned. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.



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FRIENDS OF HILL LIBRARY

Friends of Hill Library's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7 pm at Hill Library. We will be reviewing NH Humanities programs, elect officers for the ensuing year, and discuss how the Friends of Hill Library helps support the Library. Our museum pass program (see separate article) is alive and well and waiting to be used. For updates on activities at the Library, check out Hill Library's website and Facebook page. Please join us on the 20th for the Friends meeting; all are welcome.

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 Hill Library for a family reimbursement of up to \$35 per year. This program allows you to go to any museum and be subsidized for at least part of your cost to visit. If you are a Hill Library patron, you can take advantage of this offer. Just ask at Hill Library's circulation desk or go online for the forms (www.hilllibrary.org). Check out <http://museumsnewengland.org/> to find a wide variety of museums to select from for your next family trip.

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The Strafford Women's Club will gather on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 1:30 pm in the Idlepines Room at Bow Lake Church for our usual business meeting. Refreshments will be served. We welcome guests and new members. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Lucinda at 664-9200.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

This year the Strafford Women's Club is offering two \$750 scholarships to full-time, college-bound graduating high school seniors who are residents of Strafford and who maintain a 3.0 GPA. Scholarship application forms are available now at Coe-Brown's Guidance Department or mailed to you upon request by calling Marilyn Roderick at 664-2824. Your application must be in our hands by 5 pm on April 30, 2017. Time flies, especially in your senior year, so don't delay.

APRIL IN THE GARDEN

Congratulations! You've made it through another Winter. WOO HOO! The members of the Strafford Garden Club are inviting you to join us at our annual Pot Luck on Monday, April 10, at noon at Carol Chicarillo's house. It's a blast. And guess what? We promise that as soon as you walk in the door, you will be warmly greeted and encouraged to join in the fun. Contact Carol at carolchic19@comcast.net for RSVP.

Our regular meetings are held the first Monday of the month (starting May 1, 2017) at 1 pm at the Grange Hall. We are a very active social club. In addition to our monthly meetings and interesting presentations by locally renowned garden specialists, we travel to many wonderful garden sites throughout the State in the Summer and Fall, enjoy monthly lunches at various restaurants, and participate in walks and hikes in conjunction with Bear-Paw Regional Greenways. We are committed to our community as we plant and maintain flowers and gardens throughout our Town, deliver Welcome Baskets to new residents, and keep debris off the roads. Last year we partnered with the Girl Scouts and made kissing balls to hang at the Grange Hall and Old Waldron Store. Young and old, male and female, all are invited to join. For more information, contact Carolyn Page at carolynenzpage@gmail.com.

As always, we're slaves to the whims of nature. It always seems Spring drags its heels and then runs full force into Summer. Observing the re-birth of Spring is one of life's wonderful experiences. Giving in to the old adage "April showers bring May flowers," we can look forward to Mother Nature giving us sunshine and warm temperatures so we can get outside and begin gardening. Here are a few tips to get us started—(1) Be prepared with an organized "To Do" list and take advantage of whatever nice days we are afforded; (2) After the thaw, you can start planting the first batches of peas, swiss chard, and onion sets. These are best planted every two weeks. Ornamental grass can be seeded; (3) Start seeds indoors for peppers, artichoke, eggplant, broccoli and tomatoes; (4) Divide rhubarb as soon as it pops through the ground; (5) Clean out the asparagus bed; (6) Start basil seeds inside; (7) Weed and divide perennials. Pot extras for the Garden Club Plant Sale in May; (8) Fertilize or use compost to enrich the soil; (9) Make notes on your calendar to take pictures of your vegetable and flower gardens every few weeks as a record of what you planted and for warranted bragging rights for friends and family.

Here's a toast and best wishes for a beautiful and prosperous 2017 Garden!

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.

CATAMOUNT WOMEN AID

Bowling! Plants! Northwood! Oh my! Go to <https://catamountwomenaid.org/> to register or for more info on all of our upcoming events below.

Register for Catamount Bowling Night to be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Strikers East in Raymond. Sign up your team—find a group of 4 to 5 friends/family to join you for a night of good healthy fun.

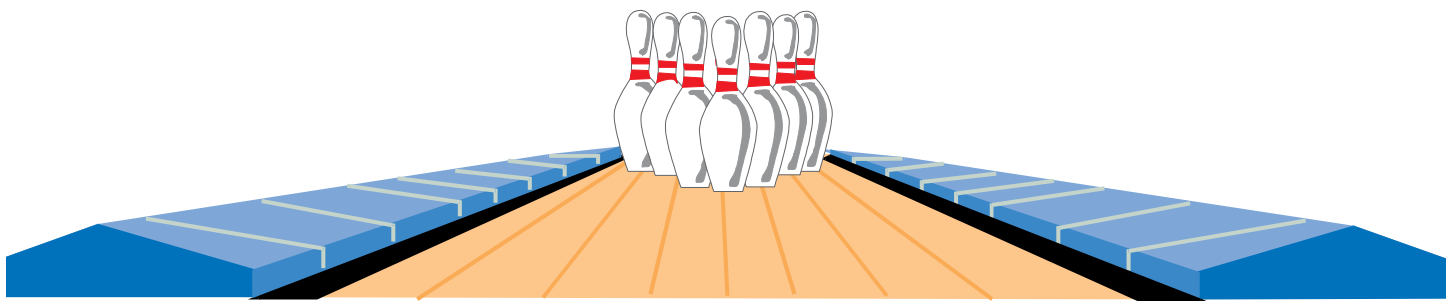
Come to the Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 9 am. The plant sale will feature many of your favorite varieties of plants and some unique varieties to add character and spice to your yard. The plant sale will be located on Route 4 in Epsom, NH in front of Christie's Antiques & Gifts at 1740 Dover Road in Epsom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Donations are needed for the sale. Are you excited to start doing spring clean-up in your garden? Going to be separating your perennials? Have extra starters of veggies? We are always accepting donations of any perennials, herbs or annuals for the sale. Please email us atcatamountwomenaid@gmail.com. Pick up can usually be arranged.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

We had a good turnout at our March meeting. Several important topics were discussed. We concurred with the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions in their opposition to proposed bill SB136. Among other things, this bill would prohibit the Federal Government from acquiring through donation or purchase more than 2% of the State's land including the White Mountain National Forest area, and including conservation easements where the Federal Government is the primary easement holder. This legislation would create several difficulties, most notably, limiting the ability of conservation commissions to protect natural resources. The Town of Strafford has been doing a stellar job in this regard, and currently over 25% of our land is in conservation.

There was discussion of new zoning rules handed down by the State. It was emphasized that our Town Zoning Board will use everything available to keep the Town rural. Many thanks to them. Bear-Paw reports approval of trail connecting Spencer Smith and Evans Mountain is pending with the Department of Environmental Services.

Don't forget that April 22 is Earth Day. There are many ways to enjoy the day, whether it is picking up litter from the roadsides or spending some time outdoors on trails or waterways. The Isinglass River is beautiful this time of year with a good volume of water. Some of us can recall how close it came to being turned into a reservoir in the 1980's. Sometimes the best decisions are the ones not made. If you live in Strafford, chances are you have seen wild turkeys in your yard or nearby. The Toms are strutting, and their sudden changes of head colors to vivid blues, whites and reds is striking. All the birds have a wonderful display of greenish, bronze and copper tints in their feathers. The successful re-introduction of this native species in NH is nothing short of remarkable.

A reminder that our monthly meeting is April 3 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall and is open to anyone who would like to attend.



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TOWN DEMOCRATS HOST HEALTH CARE FORUM

Learn more about what proposed changes in the Affordable Care Act may mean for you at the next meeting of the Strafford Town Democratic Committee, set for Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 pm at Hill Library. The featured speaker will be Patrick Carroll, an expert on healthcare policy and the District Director for Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter. All are welcome to this public event. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that the proposed TrumpCare law would cause 14 million people to lose their health insurance in the first year. The cost of uncompensated care would drive up premiums. And Medicaid block grants would be capped and states could use those revenues for general operations—a big concern in a state like New Hampshire with a rapidly aging population.

In March, the committee elected a new slate of officers for a two-year term: Chairman Bob Perry; Co-Chairman Sharon Omand; Treasurer Roger Mumper; Secretary Jane Vachon; and at-large delegate to the Democratic State Convention Carol Perry. Thanks to all for serving.

Watch for updates and opportunities for action at www.strafforddems.org.

STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

At the March Strafford Town Republican Committee Roundtable, we discussed a couple of bills that have circulated and what different House actions mean. If a bill is indefinitely postponed or voted against, it cannot be brought up in the current two-year session. If a bill is tabled, it can be brought off the table by majority vote and voted again up or down by majority vote. If it is not voted off the table that same day, it may be brought off the table by a majority vote but would then need a 2/3 majority to pass during that year. The bill could be reintroduced the following year fresh.

Kurt Wuelper shared that he endeavors to respond to all requests and has been thanked by people for his responsiveness even when they are on different sides. Every constituent deserves an answer. Kerry McMahon, a candidate for School Board in Strafford, shared some thoughts. Kerry has been attending Strafford School Board meetings for a year now so as to understand how things work. Kerry sees hope for Strafford School to bring up its ratings and lower its costs. Kerry spoke highly of one of the staff who has been very spirited and innovative. Please join us from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Hill Library on the second Monday of the month for a roundtable discussion, April 10, 2017.



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STRAFFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual joint Strafford and Barrington Historical Societies meeting will be held at the Green Hill Chapel in Barrington on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 7:00 pm. The tentative program will feature a presentation on the history of the Concord Coach.

The Strafford Historical Society is sponsoring another great program right here in Strafford on Wednesday, April 12, about our Founding Fathers; please see a separate article in the Calendar for more information.

The Historical Society would like to extend a special thank you to Cam Whitehouse and Zach Hout who contributed the heavy lifting to the big move of Historical Society archives at Hill Library; and to our Fire Chief, Scott Whitehouse, who helped to arrange for their participation. Please visit the new historical corner at Hill Library, and please contact the Historical Society for more information or assistance with conducting research on local history.

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

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.

SHS FOUNDING FATHERS PROGRAM

Please join us on Wednesday, April 12, at Hill Library for a NH Humanities Program beginning at 7 pm, sponsored by the Strafford Historical Society. The program is entitled THE FOUNDING FATHERS: What were they thinking? The presenter is Richard Hesse, Professor Emeritus at UNH School of Law. He has been an advocate for civil and human rights for more than 50 years. Mr. Hesse explores the cast of characters called "founders," their problems, and solutions they fashioned. All are welcome.

"ROAD TO RESURRECTION" EVENT

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 2-4pm as Third Baptist Church will host "The Road To Resurrection." This fun, family-friendly event will have you talking and walking with Jesus. Scripture from the Gospels guide families through the events surrounding Jesus's death and resurrection. During this hands-on experience, you will travel the path Jesus journeyed: Wave palm branches to honor Jesus; tiptoe into an upper room and taste the Passover meal; visit Barabbas in his jail cell; hear a Roman soldier's remorse for hurting Jesus, and celebrate on a hillside outside Jerusalem where Jesus has risen from the dead! For more information, please contact Diana Muzzey at 664-6862 or 664-7750.

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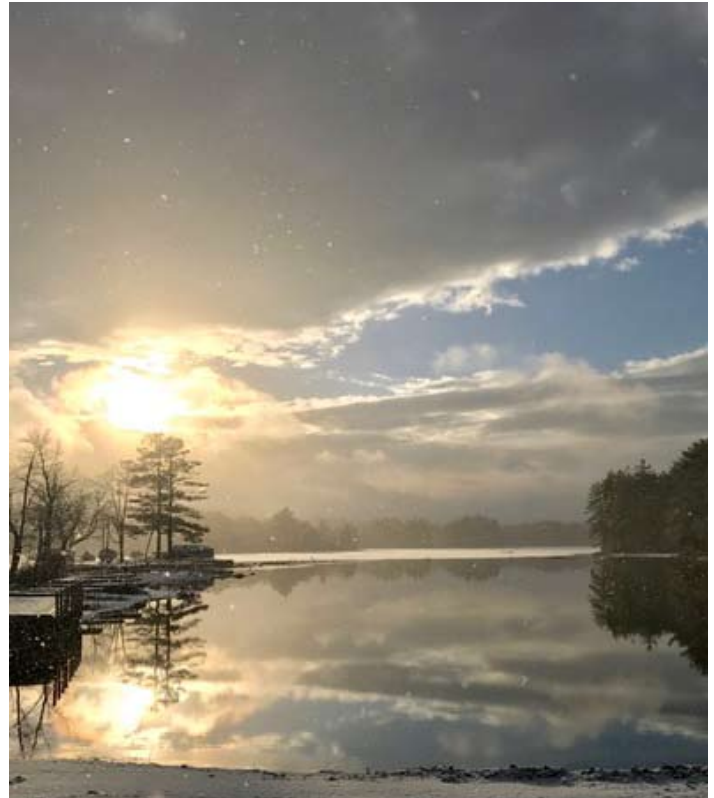
Thank you to everyone who made our recent "Meet the Candidate" event in advance of Town elections such a success. Candidates for the School Board, Planning Board, Selectmen, and the Library were on hand to meet with interested voters. It was such a rare opportunity to meet both aspiring and incumbent candidates and learn about what they do and reasons for wanting to serve our small Town. We plan to make this a recurring event, not only for elections, but to give our residents the opportunity to learn more about those who serve in our local government and agencies and how those bodies work to serve the people of Strafford.

It can't snow forever; spring is here and with it comes the kick-off of our annual membership drive. What an exciting year it promises to be in our small Town! With the reopening of the Bow Lake Inn and the completed renovations of the new Uncle George's convenience store, the village will have new life this summer. Your Bow Lake Community Club is ready to do our part, busily planning for another year of taking care of the iconic Grange Hall and serving our community. Membership levels start at just \$25, and each membership comes with a free hour of Grange Hall rental. If you or someone you know wants to join, check out our new website, www.bowlakeecc.org or contact any one of our officers for more information.

The Club's April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 6:30 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall, and the public is welcome; please join us.

Impersonators of Romance VI is coming to the Grange Hall

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Fire Department Business Line	664-6863

Town Hall.....664-2192

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

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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

straffordswampstompers.org

Strafford Town Democratic Committee

strafforddems.org

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Calendar of Events



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| 1 | Sat | 9:00 am | Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church. |
| | | 9:30 am | Bear-Paw Walk in Hooksett. |
| 2 | Sun | | See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services. |
| 3 | Mon | 4:30-5 pm | Free Dinner, Interfaith Community Kitchen; St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Mon.) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department Business Meeting. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall. |
| 4 | Tues | 6:15 pm | TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday). |
| | | 7:00 pm | Strafford/Barrington Historical Society Joint Meeting; see article. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Health Care Forum/Strafford Town Democrats at Hill Library. |
| 5 | Wed | 11:00 am | Story Time at Hill Library (every Wednesday). |
| | | 5-6:30 pm | Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.). |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department EMS training. |
| 6 | Thur | 8-10 am | Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday). |
| | | 6:30 pm | Book Club meets at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:30 pm | Planning Board meets at Town Hall. |
| 7 | Fri | 7:30 pm | AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday). |
| 8 | Sat | 2-4 pm | <i>Road to Resurrection</i> at Third Baptist Church; see article. |
| | | 6:30 pm | Catamount Womenaid Bowling; see article. |
| 9 | Sun | 8:00 am | Annual SRS Bow Lake 5K; register at straffordrecsports.org ; see article. |
| 10 | Mon | 12 noon | Strafford Garden Club annual potluck lunch; see article. |
| | | 6:30 pm | Strafford Town Republicans meet at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department training. |
| 11 | Tue | 5-7 pm | Artists Group meets at Hill Library. |
| | | 5:30 pm | Selectmen meet at Town Hall. |
| | | 6:30 pm | Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome! |
| 12 | Wed | 6:00 pm | Library Trustees meet at Hill Library. |
| | | 6:00 pm | Strafford School Board meeting in Strafford School Library. |
| | | 7-9 pm | <i>The Founding Fathers: What were they thinking?</i> Program at Hill Library; see article. |
| 13 | Thur | 6-7 pm | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meets at Nippo. |
| 15 | Sat | | Deadline for May <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> . |
| 16 | Sun | | <i>Happy Easter</i> |
| 17 | Mon | 4-6 pm | Cubelets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations. |
| | | 7:30 pm | Fire Department Officers Meeting. |
| 20 | Thur | 7:00 pm | Friends of Hill Library meeting at Hill Library; see article. |
| 21 | Fri | 7:00 pm | Impersonators of Romance VI at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. |
| 22 | Sat | 9:00 am | CPR Class at Town Hall; see article to register. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Impersonators of Romance VI at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. |
| | | | <i>Earth Day</i> |
| 23 | Sun | 2:00 pm | Sew & Chat at Hill Library. |
| | | 2:00 pm | Impersonators of Romance VI at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article. |
| 24 | Mon | | Strafford School spring vacation; 4/24 through 4/28. |
| | | 1:30 pm | Strafford Women's Club meeting in Idlepines Room of Bow Lake Church; see article. |
| | | 6:15 pm | SAU 44 Joint Board meeting. |
| | | 7:00 pm | Fire Department Work Session at respective stations. |
| 25 | Tue | Noon | Austin-Cate Academy Reunion; see article. |
| | | 5-7 pm | Artists Group meets at Hill Library. |
| | | 5:30 pm | Selectmen meet at Town Hall. |
| 26 | Wed | 5:30 pm | Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> . |
| | | 6:00 pm | Strafford School Board meeting in Strafford School Library. |
| 27 | Thur | 6-7 pm | Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library. |

