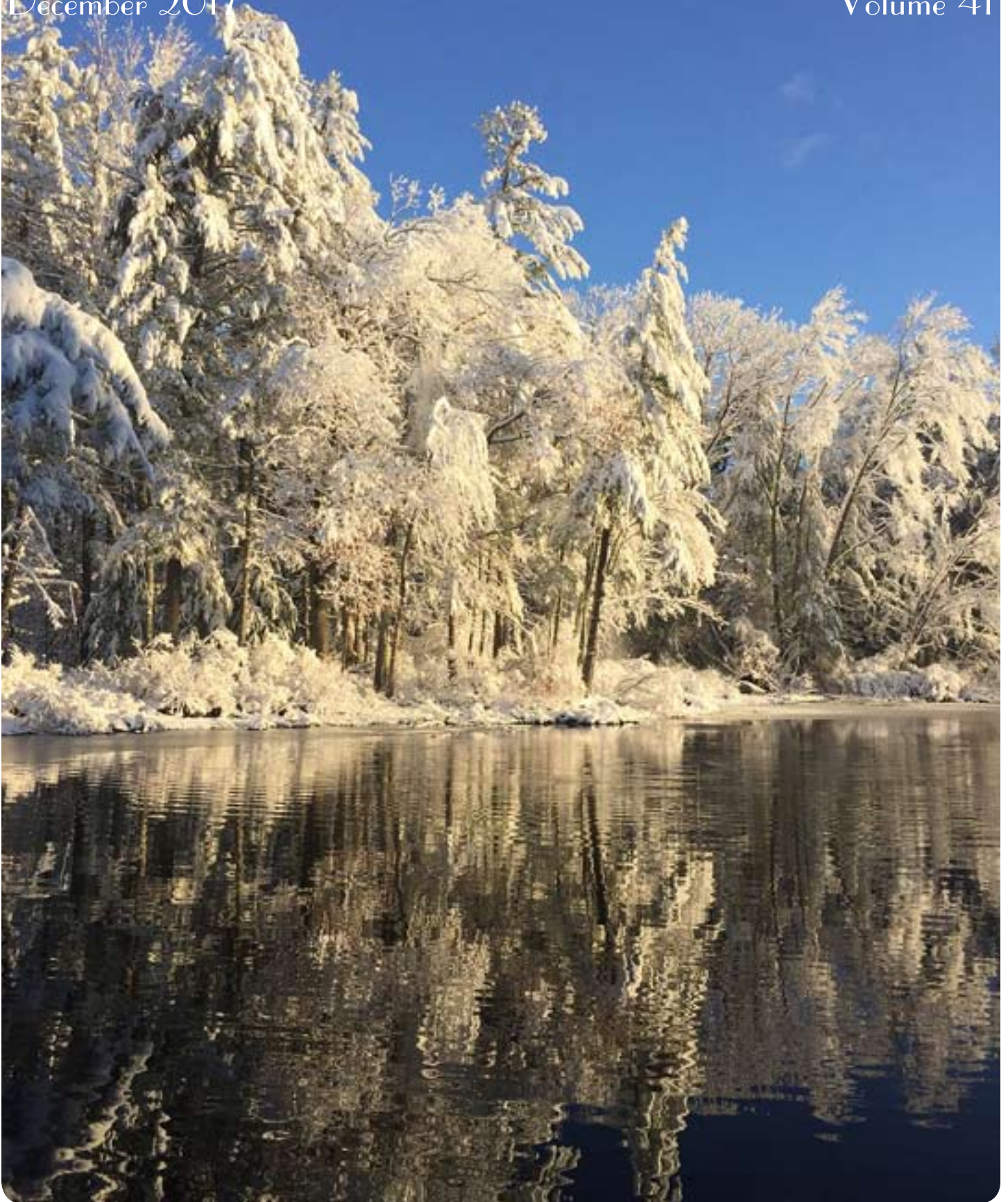


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*Thanks to Bill & Linda Hodgdon for this month's cover shot of Bow Lake after a snowstorm in late November of 2014. Thanks also to Carolyn Page for her photo of a decorated Christmas tree on page 12. And see page 14 for two beautiful photos by Pat Sims. Check out the online version of the Strafford Community Calendar to see all of these photos in magnificent color! Thank you, photographers!!*



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**ANNUAL CBNA HOLIDAY CONCERT  
AT BOW LAKE CHURCH**

The Strafford Women's Club is hosting its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Concert on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Bow Lake Church in Strafford. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Under the direction of Mr. Bruce McCormick, the musical gifts of many talented students will be showcased while performing instrumental ensembles and group and solo vocal selections. Take some time out of your busy day, enjoy the gift of music in a relaxed setting, and have some light refreshments in the Idlepines Room immediately following the concert. There will be a box at the door for optional food pantry donations and a basket available for monetary donations to benefit the Strafford Food Pantry. In case of inclement weather, please call one of the following to check for cancellation: Jane 664-9202 or Lucinda 664-9200. A cancellation will also be posted on the *Town of Strafford, NH Community* Facebook page.

**DEADLINE CHANGE**

The deadline for submittals for the January 2018 issue of the *Strafford Community Calendar* has been changed to December 12, 2017. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with holiday printing schedules. Going forward, deadlines remain on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**IMPORTANT 2018 TOWN DATES**

Town Budget Hearing, Tuesday, February 6, at 6 PM in Town Hall Conference Room; School District Budget Hearing—*no date set—check website*—in Strafford School Gym; Town and School District Election of Officers, Tuesday, March 13, at Town Hall from 8 AM to 7 PM; Town Meeting AND School District Meeting, Saturday, March 17, in Strafford School Gym; Town Meeting begins at 8 AM; School District Meeting follows—check website for more exact timing. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Check the Town website for any updates or additional announcements at [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://www.strafford.nh.gov)

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at the Town Hall on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 1:30 to 2:00 pm for corrections of address and/or party affiliation and for addition of new voters. 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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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Strafford Garden Club again enjoyed the culinary goodness of a November dinner created by Randy Brisson and the presentation of Strafford Citizen of the Year to Ellen White for her extensive community service. Mary Lou Lambert was honored, as well, as Garden Club Member of the Year for her many contributions to club efforts over a number of years.

As to the season, gardens are being put to rest for the winter at this point in time. If you have enjoyed the beauty of dahlias, now is the time that they will soon sustain a hard frost. Then a two-week rest will allow their tubers to "ripen" prior to cutting back stems at 6 to 8 inches, allowing for easier handling. Using a fork to lift tubers, one then air dries them for a few days prior to storage in a cool, dry place for winter. Many folks also lift glad bulbs for the best manner of winter storage, after several days of drying and cleaning the bulbs. Tuberos begonias, as well, can be cellar stored in their pots, to then re-grow and bloom next season. Free plants can also be waiting in your flower garden, if you think to collect seeds once pods are dry. Place in marked envelopes, and you'll have a head start on your spring flower plots by early spring indoor sowing.

Our Hill Library now carries the *Garden Gate* magazine, a gift subscription from the Garden Club, which offers great gardening information and zone recommendations on plantings.

The Club visited a sister club in Portsmouth recently to enjoy wisdom from their guest speaker, Paul Parent, who is a well-known local expert on plant propagation. His Sunday

morning radio show is a must for any serious gardener, with tips and call-in queries.

Our December meeting is the traditional Christmas potluck on December 4 at 12 noon. Prospective members may attend as guests. Let us know you wish to join us by emailing [b.nemetz@snhu.edu](mailto:b.nemetz@snhu.edu) as soon as possible.



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## BEAR-PAW REGIONAL GREENWAYS

Bear-Paw reports good progress in the campaign to Save Bennett Island Forever. Although still short of their fundraising goal, they hope it will be met by the December 31, 2017, deadline. The Town of Strafford's Conservation Commission is the largest single contributor to the project and has increased its pledge of support to \$50,000. The Town sees the value of protecting this special place on Bow Lake. The Swim to Save Bennett Island event was a huge success, netting over \$12,000.

Bear-Paw's Annual Meeting will be held at the Hooksett Public Library on Saturday morning, January 27, 2018. We are eager to hear from our members who attended the Annual Meeting and Conference of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission on November 4 regarding the workshops they participated in.

This fall's severe windstorms produced power outages and damage throughout towns. At times like these many of us appreciate the value of generators and wood stoves. Chainsaws are also a useful commodity. Nonetheless, we are fortunate not to have experienced the hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes that other parts of the Country and world have had to endure.

You may have noticed large flocks of migrant blackbirds this year. Common grackles were particularly prevalent. They make quite a racket as they forage in the forest during the day, flipping leaves to search for invertebrates and seeds, especially beechnuts. Other blackbirds that travel in large groups are red-winged blackbirds, brown-headed cowbirds, and starlings. We hope you enjoy a peaceful and happy holiday season.

## FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Ice Fishing will be here before you know it. Purchase your Hunting and Fishing License and Register your OHRV at the Tax Collector's Office. To purchase your Hunting License, you need your expired Hunting License OR a copy of your "Hunter Safety Course Certificate."

"Snowmobile Club Memberships" will save you an extra fee. The Snowmobile Club MUST be affiliated with the NH Snowmobile Association. Our local Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club is affiliated. Bring that snowmobile membership number with you. It is not mandatory to belong to a club, but it does save you money. Also, get your OHRVs, Dirt Bikes, Three or Four wheelers and Snowmobile Registration at the Tax Collector's Office. If you have not registered it in

the past two years, you will need to know all the information about it (including the VIN #).

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Fall/Winter Town Hall Closures Thursday, November 23, 2017–Thanksgiving Day; Monday, December 25, 2017–Christmas Day; Monday, January 1, 2018–New Year's Day

**On-Line Vehicle Renewals**—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](http://www.strafford.nh.gov) (our Town website) and locate the red “Pay Online” button. The Strafford Town Clerk will process your online renewals and mail your registrations/licenses to you. It's easy and convenient. Please allow one week for processing, and plan accordingly for inspection needs. Only renewals can be processed online; dog licenses for 2018 can be processed online beginning January 1, 2018; and coming in 2018, online Vital Records processing. Please come to the Town Clerk's Office during business hours if you purchase a new vehicle, wish to transfer a vehicle, or if you acquire a new dog. **Transfers:** Remember to bring your registration with you if you would like to transfer plates to a new vehicle.

For further information or questions, please contact Christine Bane, Strafford Town Clerk, at 664-2192 ext. 102 or email [townclerk@strafford.nh.gov](mailto:townclerk@strafford.nh.gov).

Last month's trivia answer: In 1820 the Town of Strafford was formed and incorporated when the northwestern part of Barrington was split off. This was due in part to the lengthy travel time required to attend Town Meeting.

## 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](mailto:info@readyrides.org) or call 603-244-8719.

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## BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

We had some great spooky and funny entries for our first pumpkin carving contest. Our winners were rewarded with gift certificates from Uncle George's. If you didn't get in on the fun, plan to enter your pumpkin next year. Winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Place Joe Fenton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Simeon Fanslau; and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie to Ari Fenton and Judah Leff. Our other winners were Adalyn Fanslau, Bowen Fanslau, Akiva Leff, and Suzanne Jenkins.

Our first Trunk or Treat event was a success. We changed it up this year and transformed the Grange Hall parking lot into Trunk or Treat. Even with the change of date due to the storm (and roof construction), dozens of trick-or-treaters descended on us with bags open. They weren't disappointed, especially with our traditional full-size candy bars. Costumes ranged from princesses to superheroes—even a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Check out the photos in our Photo Gallery on our website, bowlakecc.org.

You may have noticed our Grange Hall is sporting a new roof. This is the most important maintenance item on our list and wouldn't have been possible without your support. Thank you! She's now ready to face the winter ahead in weathertight condition. Next on our list is new paint. We're considering taking her back to her traditional white. If you have a suggestion, go to our contact page on bowlakecc.org and tell us what you think.

*Christmas in Strafford* is here! Take a well-deserved break and come see us in the basement of the Grange Hall on Saturday, December 2, for delicious sandwiches, hearty hot

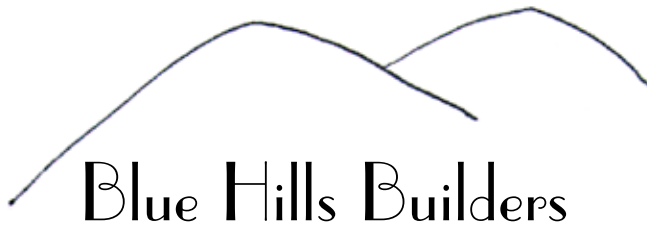
soups, and toothsome treats.

Mark Saturday, January 20, on your calendar for our Cabin Fever Social. This is an opportunity to come out and see your neighbors before spring. BYOB—We'll provide the music and some light refreshments. Time and final details coming in the January issue and on our website.

Wanted: Tap dancer (male) for our upcoming variety show. Rosemary Raynes and her husband David are putting together a special variety show to be performed at the Grange Hall in June of 2018. They have a special routine built around a male tap dancer (18+) and are looking for the right hooper with the tap shoes to pull it off. If you are interested or know someone, please contact Rosemary at rodadibri@gmail.com for more information.

## THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

Please mark your calendars for the following events at Third Baptist Church: Saturday, December 9, at 8:00 am Men's Breakfast; Sunday, December 17, at 10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program, *God's Promise Came True*; Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 pm Christmas Caroling; and Christmas Eve Services at 7:00 pm and 11:15 pm. Call Pastor Muzzey at 664-7750 for further details.



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**STRAFFORD RUNNERS FARE WELL AT DEERFIELD VETERINARY CLINIC CATAMOUNT 5K**

On November 5, 2017, 140 runners and walkers participated in the Deerfield Veterinary Clinic Catamount 5k, raising over \$10,000 for Catamount Womenaid. Strafford residents were well represented among the winners. Mallory Taylor, age 12, had the best female time at 21:06. Other Strafford winners in their age groups are Charlotte Leas, Hannah Woroniak, Jamie Lano, and Justin Pagnotta. All the runners and walkers were pleased with the new course and definitely enjoyed getting a generous swag bag and free fleece hat. The day would not have been possible without all the amazing participants, volunteers, sponsor, and supporters who were a part of the event. For full race results and to see photos, visit [www.catamountwomenaid.org](http://www.catamountwomenaid.org). While on our website, see information on our upcoming events—Bowling Night and Spring Plant Sale.

Besides our Title Sponsor Deerfield Veterinary Clinic, major sponsors are Northeast Delta Dental, East Coast Signal, Northeast Eye Care, J and D Power Equipment and Ewing Electric. Other sponsors are Robertson Insurance, David Malone, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, Candia First Stoppe, Deerfield Country Insurance, Eastern Propane, Epsom Family Dental, Abbey Run Construction, GT Young Trucking and Construction, Onni Therapeutic Massage, and Northwood Oil. Refreshments for the race were plentiful and donated by Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford, Panera Bread, Calef's Country Store, and The Lily Inn. Other donors include Lindt Chocolate,

Neatline Associates, Tuckaway Tavern, and Runner's Alley. And thanks to the more than 35 volunteers who helped in every aspect of the race, ensuring a safe and super time.

Catamount Womenaid provides emergency financial assistance to men, women, and children in Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Pittsfield, and Strafford. As a non-profit organization, Catamount Womenaid relies on donations and fundraisers to fulfill its commitment to the community.

**SUMMER MOWING REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Town of Strafford is seeking bids for summer mowing of the following Town properties: Town Hall, Police Department, the vacant lot at the intersection of Parker Mountain and Roller Coaster Roads, and the grassy area above the beach at the Dam. Included in the bid should also be the initial summer cleanup of the beaches at the Bow Lake Dam—on Water Street and the far side of the Dam. For further details or questions, call the Town Hall at 664-2192 Ext. 101, Monday through Wednesday 8:30 to 2:00.

Please submit your bid and proof of insurance to the Administrator, Town of Strafford, P.O. Box 23, Center Strafford, NH 03815 or via email to [administrator@strafford.nh.gov](mailto:administrator@strafford.nh.gov). Bids must be received no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, December 18, 2017.

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**HISTORICAL NOTES**

Christmas in Strafford comes to the Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road, on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please visit the dedicated crafters who join us and tour our beautiful old building. On December 8, 9 & 10, the Impersonators of Romance will present *Holidays by the Fireside* at the Old Waldron Store in celebration of the holiday season. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 PM, with a matinee on Sunday at 2 PM. For more information or advance reservations, please phone Carol MacDonald at 603-512-4210. Tickets are \$15 with part of the proceeds to benefit the Historical Society. Regular meetings of the Historical Society and historical-themed programs will resume after snow season, and we hope that you will join us for our first 2018 event in March.

A message from our President: During this holiday season, we would encourage all of you to think about the many wonderful things that bring us together and contribute to our sense of community. Our historic village centers, with their old New England buildings, are important to defining that sense of community, and the Strafford Historical Society is proud to be the stewards for two of these remarkable buildings, the Old Waldron Store in Bow Lake Village and Austin Hall in Center Strafford. Maintaining our two historic structures requires dedication and often requires significant expenditures. The Strafford Historical Society cannot do this alone; we badly need your help! Donations to the Society are tax deductible; please feel free to contact any Society member for more information.

As Strafford approaches its Bicentennial, it is more important than ever to reflect on our deep sense of place, and how important a sense of community is to our families, both young and old, newcomers, and natives. The Historical Society is taking a lead role in planning for the Bicentennial. In that capacity, we also are seeking donations to assist the organizing committee with getting the festivities off the ground. Our address is P.O. Box 33, Center Strafford, NH 03815.

**STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB**

The Strafford Women's Club will meet on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 12:30 pm in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Church for our annual Christmas gathering. Members are reminded to bring an appetizer to share and a wrapped gift for a fun Yankee Swap. Plates, napkins, and beverages will be provided. For anyone interested in Women's Club membership, this would be a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted. And please don't forget to bring non-perishable items for our monthly Strafford Food Pantry collection. Reminder, we take a break from our monthly meetings during the months of January and February and just go out for lunch! Look for the dates, times, and locations in upcoming *Calendars*. Questions, call Lucinda at 664-9200.



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### LIBRARY LINES

Some of our best ideas come from our patrons, and we are now putting out a “wish list” each month, mentioning items that the library would love to have but do not have in our budget. We could use batteries sized AA, AAA, and D. We would also love a new flag with pole; our welcome flag is quite tattered. We have a holder for 40” x 28” flags on 4-5 foot poles, and we do have one serviceable US flag. Thank you! Also, the library will be closed Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

We have a donation collection box for End 68 Hours of Hunger. This provides food to Strafford, Nottingham, and Northwood (including Coe-Brown) students for the 68 hours from Friday evening until Monday morning when students return to school. Many children receive breakfast and lunch at school Monday-Friday but do not have access to food over the weekend. Through donations, food is collected or purchased and sent home every Friday with these children. Please consider bringing in canned and dry goods next time you come in. We’re also looking for color comic strips for our family area. If you receive comic pages in a Sunday paper, please bring them with you to the library.

Youth Programming—Preschool Story Time every Monday at 10:30; and Bouncing Babies Lapsit every Thursday at 11:15. Monday, December 4, from 3:15-4 pm is LEGO Club. Join us for an afternoon of LEGOs. We’ll have different challenges to choose from, or use your imagination to create something incredible. On Thursday, December 7, from 4-5 pm join us for Candy Making. Kids of all ages are invited to our candymaking

workshop! We’ll be making our very own hard candy. Saturday, December 9, from 11-12:00 pm we have the Harry Potter Club. Harry Potter fans are all invited to Hill Library for an hour of Harry Potter fun. We’ll play games, have a snack, and make a craft. On Monday, December 11, from 3:15-4 pm come for Marshmallow Engineering and build different structures out of mini-marshmallows and toothpicks. Thursday, December 14, 4-5 pm is Snap Circuits. We have six snap circuit kits available to use and plenty of different designs. On Monday, December 18, from 3:15-4 pm please come to a Cookie Frosting Party. Join us in frosting sugar cookies! We’ll provide the cookies, frosting, and sprinkles. This program is for all ages. Thursday, December 21, from 6-7 pm is Teen Trivia. Anyone in grade 6 and up is welcome to join us for trivia and pizza. We’ll have some goofy trivia questions, a fun prize, and plenty of pizza to share. Tell your friends! Saturday, December 23, at 10:30 am is Family Story Time. Join us for Saturday Family Story Time. We’ll read books, sing songs, and make a craft. On Thursday, December 28, from 1-2 pm during school vacation week we’ll be making slime! It will be ooey, goey fun! Supplies available all afternoon.

Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, December 13, at 6 pm. All Trustees meetings are open to the public. Stop by or call for more information, 664-2800.

Adult Programming—String Enthusiasts; check out this new group of fiber artists on Tuesdays from 12-2 pm. Stop by

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for fellowship and inspiration. Computer Help with Matt has been suspended for the month of December. Remember, you can use our new Meeting Room for your programs or meetings. Call for availability. Evening of Spoken Word with Skip Manning will be Thursday, December 27, from 5-7 pm. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.

Do you need help downloading your ebooks or audios? Stop by for Tech help on Mondays from 12-3 pm or Tuesdays from 4-7 pm. Bring in your device, and we will help you download an audio or ebook. The overdrive website is [nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com); and download ebooks from NH Downloadable Books Consortium, accessing thousands of titles. Look on our website. [www.HillLibrary.org](http://www.HillLibrary.org), and our Facebook page, Hill Library, for our new titles and program offerings. And remember, you can renew your books online from our OPAC. Visit the website to find out how.



### 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](http://www.hilllibrary.org)). Check out <http://museumsnewengland.org/> to find a wide variety of museums to select from for your next family trip.



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## STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

The Russian meddling of U.S. elections, and the widespread theft of our private information by hackers, now intersects with the warnings in the 2006 HBO documentary *Hacking Democracy*, in which a supervisor of elections observes the successful manipulation, without a trace, of an electronic voting machine. "If I had not seen what was behind this [hack], I'd have no reason not to, I would have certified this election as a true and accurate result of a vote." Ion Sancho, Supervisor of Elections, Leon County, Florida. On Russian interference: "... last year's attack on America's voting process is as serious a threat to our democracy as any I have ever seen in the last 40+ years ..." Douglas E. Lute, Former Ambassador to NATO, Lt. General U.S. Army, Retired.

Voting machines are computers programed by a private vendor to read and accumulate data from ballots cast, which is a major departure from hand counts because the processing inside the computer is secret ... it is against state and federal law for anyone to know what's inside the machine, or how it was programed. It is regrettable that we have allowed our most fundamental right, the right to vote, to become the vehicle for a profit-making industry. A check on this secret process is to conduct an audit against the machine count. The Town of Strafford Democratic Committee has endorsed LSR 18-2327, a bill that authorizes a moderator to conduct a hand-count verification of machine-counted ballots.

December's meeting will be held at a member's home. The

next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2018. We wish all an enjoyable holiday season. Keep up to date at [www.strafforddems.org](http://www.strafforddems.org).

## NORTHWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Northwood Congregational Church, at 881 First NH Turnpike in Northwood, has much to offer at Christmas. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. The Church offers additional worship services. At 9 am, our usual worship time, our Church School students will help us remember the story as they act it out in pageant. We will sing familiar carols and celebrate the wonder of the season. At 7 pm, we will worship in candlelight and song. The choir will lead our music, candlelight will spread through the sanctuary, and we will wonder at the coming of the Christ Child as we celebrate in song. At 11 pm, we will worship in candlelight and meet around the Lord's Table as we share Communion. We will wonder at the birth of a baby who became our Savior. We will head home as a new day begins wishing each other a joyous day. The undesignated offering at the evening services will be divided between local church expense and community mission. Northwood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, offers a warm welcome to all. We like to say, "No matter who you are, you are welcome here. No matter where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."

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## STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

At the November Round Table of the Strafford Town Republican Committee, we were joined by New Hampshire Senator John Reagan, School Board member Kerry McMahon, and Jim Rousseau who seeks to fill the vacancy with the departure of Carol Lord. Senator Reagan was just in from a Nellie Mae Education Foundation meeting for the Pittsfield schools. The Pittsfield schools were awarded grants from Nellie Mae over four years that sought to help improve the organization, process, and vision so as to create a great team. Senator Reagan has been on a committee for this. During this time there have been groups traveling from Pittsfield and to Pittsfield across the States.

Next year looks to have a record number of bills. One of Senator Reagan's bills seeks to remove barriers to the Secretary of Education in the performance of their office. Senator Reagan is the education committee chair.

Kerry McMahon seeks to represent taxpayers, trim back jobs, and asks all to show up at the school budget and district meetings. All are hopeful the SB3 bill actually does bring honesty to our voting. Motor Voter does work well in the states that have it.

Jim Rousseau hopes to help bring cutting edge high tech formats front and center and accelerate when kids learn what as part of that so as to allow for greater capabilities upon graduation. One dad shared that he thought the google drive format could be used much more robustly at Strafford School and invites the participation of parents. Kerry McMahon spent

a day in a classroom and was wowed by the manner in which the teacher managed the classroom while having the attention and respect of the students. Jim Rousseau hopes to advocate for the students along with fiscal responsibility. All thought the pledge of the allegiance should be in all classrooms all days. We are at an impasse with the teachers union again, and Jim hopes to help resolve this.

Please join us on second Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 pm at Hill Library, 1151 Parker Mountain Road Strafford. See you December 12, 2017. Find us on Facebook under Strafford Town Republican Committee or visit our wordpress site: <https://straffordtownrepublicans.wordpress.com>.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Bow Lake Church extends an invitation to all community women to come together for a once-a-month potluck 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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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.
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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Bow Lake Baptist Church.....664-7401**

530 Province Road, Strafford, NH [www.blfwbc.org](http://www.blfwbc.org)

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

30 Strafford Rd. [www.tbcstrafford.weebly.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.new-hopechurch.com)

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

**Nottingham Community Universalist Church.....679-8400**

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

[www.nc\\_uc@yahoo.com](http://www.nc_uc@yahoo.com)

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

**St. George's Episcopal Church.....868-2785**

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

[www.stgeorgesdurham.org](http://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](http://blcoa.org)

Bow Lake Community Club [www.bowlakecc.org](http://www.bowlakecc.org)

Bow Lake Yacht Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BowLakeYachtClub/>

BSA Troop 23 [straffordtroop23.webs.com](http://straffordtroop23.webs.com)

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy [www.coebrown.org](http://www.coebrown.org)

Hill Library [hilllibrary.org](http://hilllibrary.org)

Lakeside Players [www.the-lakeside-players.com/](http://www.the-lakeside-players.com/)

Strafford Bicentennial [www.Strafford1820-2020](http://www.Strafford1820-2020)

Strafford Community Calendar

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

Strafford Police [straffordpolice.org](http://straffordpolice.org)

Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc. [straffordrecsports.org](http://straffordrecsports.org)

Strafford School [strafford.k12.nh.us](http://strafford.k12.nh.us)

Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club

[straffordswampstompers.org](http://straffordswampstompers.org)

Strafford Town Democratic Committee

[strafforddems.org](http://strafforddems.org)

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[strafford.nh.gov](http://strafford.nh.gov)

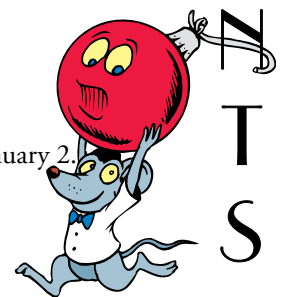
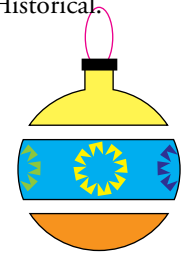
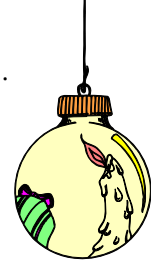
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1	Fri	7:30 pm	AA at Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
2	Sat	9a-4p	PTO Christmas Craft Fair at Strafford School.
		9a-4p	<i>Christmas in Strafford.</i> Soup & Sandwich Lunch & More at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Community Club.
3	Sun	9a-4p	<i>Christmas in Strafford.</i>
4	Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time at Hill Library (every Monday).
		12 noon	Strafford Garden Club Christmas Party; see article.
		3:15-4pm	Lego Club meeting at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		4:30-5pm	Free Dinner, Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's, Northwood (every Monday).
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department business meeting.
5	Tues	12-2 pm	String Enthusiast Group meeting at Hill Library (every Tuesday).
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
		6:00 pm	PTO meeting at School.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
6	Wed	5-6:30pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
7	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		11:15 am	Bouncing Babies Lapsit at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> (every Thursday).
		4-5 pm	Candy Making at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
8	Fri	1:30-2pm	Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall; see article.
		7:00 pm	Impersonators of Romance present <i>Holidays by the Fireside</i> at Old Waldron Store; see Historical.
9	Sat	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Third Baptist Church; see article.
		11a-12p	Harry Potter Club meeting at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Impersonators of Romance present <i>Holidays by the Fireside</i> at Old Waldron Store; see Historical.
			Free Family Movie Night in Strafford School Gym, <i>Polar Express</i> ; \$1 donation.
10	Sun	2:00 pm	Impersonators of Romance present <i>Holidays by the Fireside</i> at Old Waldron Store; see Historical.
11	Mon		No School; Parent Conference Day.
		3:15-4pm	Marshmallow Engineering at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Fire Department training.
12	Tues		DEADLINE for January 2018 Strafford Community Calendar.
		6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.
		6:30 pm	Strafford Town Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article.
13	Wed	6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
14	Thur	4-5 pm	Snap Circuits at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club.
17	Sun	10:00 am	Sunday School Christmas Pageant at Third Baptist Church; see article.
18	Mon	12:30 pm	Strafford Women's Club Christmas gathering at Bow Lake Church; see article.
		3:15-4pm	Cookie Frosting Party 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.
19	Tues		Annual Christmas Shopping Spree for Grades K-4 at Strafford School.
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	CBNA Music Dept. Winter Concert at Bow Lake Church hosted by Women's Club; see article.
20	Wed	6:00 pm	Christmas Caroling at Third Baptist Church; see article.
21	Thur		WINTER BEGINS
		6-7 pm	Teen Trivia Night at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
23	Sat	10:30 am	Family Story Time at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
24	Sun	7&11pm	Christmas services at Northwood Congregational Church; see article.
		7&11:15p	Christmas services at Third Baptist Church; see article.
25	Mon		MERRY CHRISTMAS – No School; Christmas vacation December 25 through January 2
26	Tues		Town Hall closed.
27	Wed	5-7 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
28	Thur	1-2 pm	Slime Making at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
31	Sun		NEW YEAR'S EVE

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