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PHOTO CREDITS

Our cover photo this month comes to us from Bill & Linda Hodgdon. We have also included a few photos showing the beauty of winter in Strafford: On page 9, a lake picture by Cindy Lavigne, and on page 14, the top photo of the Isinglass River by Tamara Enz and the bottom photo of a pasture on Rt. 126 by P. T. Dupuis. The photo of Austin Hall on page 13 is also by P. T. Dupuis.

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The Town of Strafford is looking for a new Deputy Tax Collector. Hours are flexible; approximately five and one-half hours per week; but must be available for more as needed, with potential for growth. Candidate must have strong customer service and computer skills as well as general accounting knowledge. Please forward resume to: Judith Dupre, taxcollector@strafford.nh.gov. All resumes must be received by March 1, 2017. Interviews will be scheduled in March.

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

We are looking for a special photograph that represents Strafford for the cover of the 2016 Town Report. Historic black and white photos or current digital images are welcome. The ideal photo would be of a special place or view in Strafford. Along with the photo, please include in your submission the location, name of photographer (if known), any significant background information in the case of an old photograph, and a statement of permission to print your photograph. Attach a digital image to an email directed to officeassist@strafford.nh.gov. Non-digital photos may be dropped off at Town Hall. We will scan and return them.

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PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Announcement from the Selectmen's office that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6 pm at Strafford Town Hall for review of the proposed budget and certain warrant articles to be voted on at the March 18, 2017 Town Meeting. Storm date is Thursday, February 9, 2017.

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

Remember our winter break from monthly business meetings continues this month; but don't forget to meet for lunch at Nippo Lake Restaurant in Barrington on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at noon. All are welcome to join us. Please RSVP by calling Alice by February 17 if you plan to attend (664-2690).



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Due to DMV system upgrades during the Presidents' Day weekend, the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Tuesday, February 21. To offset this inconvenience, I will be open from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 22.

Town Hall February/March Town Hall closures: Monday, February 20, 2017 – Presidents' Day; Tuesday, February 21 – DMV System Upgrades; Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – Town Election Day.

Town Budget Public Hearing: February 7, 2017 – 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

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 2, 2017. You may also register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist sessions to be held on Saturday,

March 4, 2017 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 if you have not registered to vote by Election Day, March 14, you will not be eligible to vote at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18.

For further information or if you have any 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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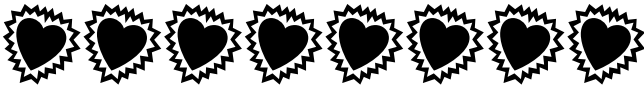


FESTIVAL OF GAMES AT THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

Imagine for a moment several tables lined with dozens of board and card games. The room is filled with the laughter of families playing games together and the excitement of someone who just won filling the air. Consider what it would be like to play a video game where the character on screen is controlled by your own movements rather than button presses. Lastly, just think how awesome it would be to be a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. On March 4, 2017, you'll be able to witness some of the above events first hand.

Third Baptist Church is hosting a Festival of Games at 1:00 pm with a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. Here you'll find board and card games for all ages and interests to play including some new ones that you may never have played before. In the back room there will be Xbox 360 Kinect games and a few favorites for the Gamecube and Wii like Mario Kart Double Dash and Wii Sports.

The Potluck Dinner will contain delicious dishes made by all of us; and feel free to bring a dish of your own. (The kitchen will be available to heat dishes that need it). Lastly, to end off the night, it may not be exactly like the real deal but we will be hosting a mock Wheel of Fortune. So if you're looking for a way to fight the winter blues, come on over to Third Baptist and play.



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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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Happy February! We are busy getting our annual membership drive underway. Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes another full calendar of community events. Watch for our informational and membership inserts in an upcoming *Strafford Community Calendar*.

Did you know you are welcome to attend any of our BLCC monthly meetings? They're informative, informal, and we provide snacks. Normally our meetings fall on the second Tuesday of the month and start at 6:30 pm. For the months of February and March 2017, meetings will be moved to the first Tuesday because of Valentine's Day and elections.

Just a few 2017 Strafford calendars left featuring photography of our beautiful town and lake. Get yours before it's too late. Call Suzanne at 905-9897 or email at smurdoch1005@aol.com.

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.

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).

FRIENDS OF HILL LIBRARY

Join us for a discussion of our efforts to support programs at Hill Library. We will be reviewing our museum program and selecting new NH Humanities programs for this spring. These programs are easy to see on their online catalog—www.nhhumanities.org/. All are welcome to attend this meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm.



Groundhog Day



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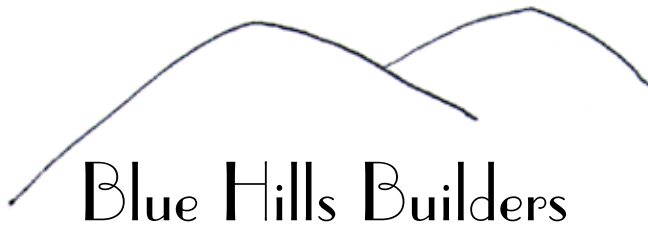
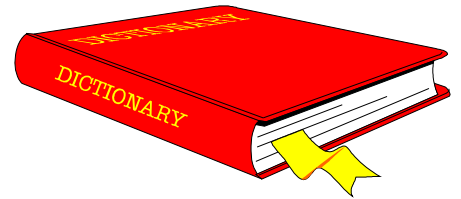
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For the month of February, Hill Library has Dash & Dot for children and adults to explore. Come in on Wednesday, February 15, from 4-6 pm and play. Dash & Dot are real robots that teach your kids to code while they play. Storytime will continue on Wednesday mornings at 11 am. Bring your preschooler in for some stories and a project.

Do you need help downloading your ebooks or audios? Come in for some Tech help on Mondays from 12-3 pm or Thursdays from 4-7 pm. Bring your device and download audios and ebooks. Go to nh.lib.overdrive.com and download ebooks from NH Downloadable Books Consortium, accessing thousands of titles. Remember that you can use the Meeting Room for your programs or meetings. Call for availability. We received our new rotation of Suncook Inter-Library Cooperative (SILC) materials on January 11. Come in and check them out. Some of the new audio titles are *Persuasion* by Austen, *Signature of All Things* by Gilbert, *Trojan Horse* by Lender, *A Night Divided* by Nielsen, and *See Me* by Sparks. New DVD titles are *Killing Kennedy*, *O Brother Where Art Thou*, *Under Our Skin*, *Avalon*, *Emperor and Escape Artist*. 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 our collection.

The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 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? *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee will be discussed at the February 2 Book Club at 6:30 pm. The March Book Club will meet on March 2. Anne Smith will be leading the Artists Group on Tuesdays, February 14 and 28, from 5-7 pm. Cartoon & Drawing Club is on hiatus. Computer Help with Matt will be Thursdays, February 9 and 23 from 6-7 pm. An Evening of Spoken Word will be held on Monday, February 27, at 5:30 pm. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.



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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

At the beginning of our monthly meetings, it is a custom to have a member read a poem about a garden. The poems vary—some are serious, some are funny, and every now and then one creates an “Ah Ha” moment. The following poem is just that—a reflection of the past, an observation of the present, and a reminder of good things still to come.

The Garden in Winter

by Lucy Maud Montgomery

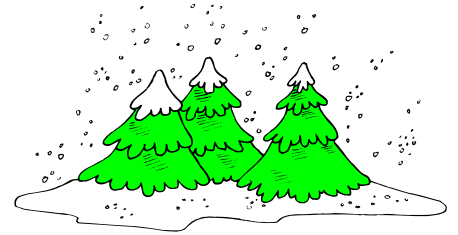
Frosty-white and cold it lies
Underneath the fretful skies;
Snowflakes flutter where the red
Banners of the poppies spread,
And the drifts are wide and deep
Where the lilies fell asleep.

But the sunsets o'er it throw
Flame-like splendor, lucent glow,
And the moonshine makes it gleam
Like a wonderland of dream,
And the sharp winds all the day
Pipe and whistle shrilly gay.

Safe beneath the snowdrifts lie
Rainbow buds of by-and-by;
In the long, sweet days of spring
Music of bluebells shall ring,
And its faintly golden cup
Many a primrose will hold up.

Though the winds are keen and chill
Roses' hearts are beating still,
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STRAFFORD SWAMP STOMPERS

Mother Nature... We need a little chat. Well the good news is we did get enough snow towards the end of December to get out on the trails. The Club went out and cleared several large trees and got all of the gates open. We're still working on some additional trail signs. As I write this we're in a bit of a thaw, and the conditions are not good for riding. Most open areas are bare. I'm hoping by the time you're reading this that winter will have returned to "normal". We do have a few small re-routes so please stay alert for these changes.

Back in December we had a very good turnout at *Christmas in Strafford*, and we thank all of our many customers and congratulate all of our prizewinners and thank all who donated raffle prizes and their time to make this a successful event.

The Club just finished printing up copies of our new trail map, and they're now available for purchase at all of our local outlets including the Isinglass Country Store, Rochester Sports Center, St. Hilaire Motorsports, and Bickford's Sports Center. You can also pick up a Club membership form at each of these locations as well as at our Town Hall, which is also an OHRV registration agent.

The annual Club Bonfire, Cookout and Ride-In is tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 11 at the home of Club President Shawn Barry. As usual, the Club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and soda/water. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. BYOB. This is an all ages event and open to the public. Please check out our website (www.straffordswampstompers.org) or our Facebook page for

more details or email shawn@straffordswampstompers.org

Our next Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 pm at Nippo Lake Golf Club. Come early for dinner. THINK SNOW!

FROM THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board would like to remind everyone of the very important upcoming meetings. The School District Budget Hearing will be held at the school on Wednesday, February 8, at 5:30 pm (snow day Thursday, February 9, same time). We moved the start time up to help with people who do not want to be out late on a winter night. This is the meeting where the upcoming budget is presented and discussed, line by line. We will also go over any warrants that will be voted on. The School budget is approximately 10x the Town budget, so being an informed voter is extremely important. This budget will be voted on at the School District Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 11, at 9:00 am at the School (snow day Wednesday, March 15, at 6 pm). The Board moved this meeting to a Saturday at the request of voters, so we hope to have a great turnout. There are many people on the School Board, School Administration, and SAU who do a lot of work to put this together, and I can't stress enough the importance of understanding where your tax dollars are spent. Please make the time to attend these two district meetings.



STATE HOUSE UPDATE

Happy New Year. My name is Mike Harrington, and I am one of your State Representatives representing New Durham and Strafford. This is my first "State House Update" which is a non-partisan update on what is going on in Concord and will be provided on a periodic basis.

The House first met in December on what is called Organization Day. On this day, all the Reps were sworn in, and the Speaker of the House was elected. Shawn Jasper, the former Speaker was re-elected. The next business was assigning all 400 Reps their committee assignments (I will be on the Election Law Committee), naming Chairs and Vice Chairs, and presenting the House and Senate with the results of the Governor's and Executive Council elections. Also during this time, the Reps develop Legislative Service Requests (LSRs). The LSRs will become the basis for proposed new legislation. All LSRs need to be signed off by their sponsors by 1/6. The various committees will all have organizational meetings in the middle of January, after which the LSRs, by then bills, will be sent to the appropriate committees.

The first major issue will be House Bill (HB) 1, which is the budget. NH has a biannual budget, and the new one must be approved before the existing one expires at the end of June. As you might expect, this is usually a contentious issue. I will keep you updated on the progress on the budget as it moves through the development and approval process. You can keep track of all the LSRs, bills and how Reps vote at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/>

One area where there always is confusion is what is actually being voted on. The House votes on what the applicable committee has recommended for a bill. Usually the committee recommends either "Ought to Pass" (OTP) or "Inappropriate to Legislate" (ITL). An example shows where the confusion comes from. Let's suppose there is a bill that states NH is not the best state in New England to live. The committee recommendation is ITL. Most Reps would vote yes but not yes that they are in favor of what the bill says but yes they agree with the committee that the bill is Inappropriate to Legislate. So a yes vote is a vote against the bill. If you are going to check to see who voted for what, you must know what the committee recommendation was first.

I hope you find this useful. You can contact me at 942-8691 or harringt@metrocast.net.



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STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Strafford Town Democratic Committee will meet at Hill Library on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and network with other concerned citizens. Looking ahead, the Committee's March 7 meeting will be Town of Strafford Democratic Party Caucus. At that meeting, all registered Democrats in Strafford are eligible to attend and vote in the biennial election of Town Democratic Committee officers and for Strafford's delegate to the Democratic State Convention and the County Democratic Committee. For more information about committee activities, call Town Democratic Committee Chairman Bob Perry at 269-4651. Watch for updates and opportunities for action at www.strafforddems.org.



STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

At the January Strafford Town Republican Committee Round Table, State Senator John Reagan and Representative Kurt Wuelper joined us. Allodial rights are being considered in a pending bill. This is an interesting topic that has to do with property and rights thereto of the owner and what interests the State may or may not have. Senator Reagan is a sponsor of the Right to Work bill which is getting a lot of press. Electric power rates came up with regards to employment since Sig Sauer and Lindt have expressly cited high electric rates as reason for not expanding.

Kerry McMahon, candidate for School Board, has attended School Board meetings for the last year and has been doing research on Kindergarten with various districts around the State. Kerry also has been working up proposals to help improve discovered weak areas of student achievement.

We also touched on Town Planning/Zoning and a proposal to set ordinance language to work with recent State-wide mandated allowance of accessory dwelling units on each lot.

Please join us on Monday, February 13, 2017, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Hill Library.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

Conservation Commission members are very pleased to see cars parked at both the Town Forest on Parker Mountain Road and at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve this winter. We had a long discussion about whether to pay for having both sites plowed, and it is good to know that people are enjoying both properties during the snowy months. We are thankful to Rick Hodges who clears the parking area by the Spencer Smith trail as a gift to the Town. Trail maps for both the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve (IRCR) and the Town Forest are available on the Town website. Click on Conservation Commission and find the maps below the list of Commission members.

Commission members spent a great deal of time this year working on Evans Mountain to plan a trail that will connect with the Spencer Smith trail on the Town Forest. We worked with George Lovejoy because the trail will cross the Blue Hills Foundation of the Evans Mountain conservation properties as well as the Strafford portion. We also needed to work with Bear-Paw to make sure any trail did not damage fragile habitats such as vernal pools or lichen covered bald rocks along the ridges. By autumn, a trail corridor approved by Bear-Paw had been planned, but still needed review by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), both of which gave large grants to enable us to purchase and conserve those 1000 acres up there. They each have that investment to make sure we are protecting the very habitats they supported with their dollars. We look forward to those approvals and the opportunity to complete the long-awaited connecting trail this spring and summer.

Bear-Paw is offering two hikes to the public in February. The first is Saturday morning, February 11, at 9:30 am over on Strafford's IRCR trails as part of the "One Step at a Time" discovery series of Bear-Paw conservation easement properties or preserves. Later in the month on Saturday afternoon, February 25, starting at 1:00 pm, Frank Mitchell will lead a group on Deerfield's Wells Town Forest. Deerfield recently protected all of its town forest tracts with Bear-Paw easements. The Wells Town Forest is a bit harder to find than some of the others, so it will be good to have Frank with all of his naturalist skills to lead us.



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STRAFFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Strafford Historical Society would like to extend our thanks to a number of people who helped make the holidays more festive at our two Historical Society buildings. Thank you to the Strafford Troop of Girl Scouts and the Garden Club for the kissing balls that decorated the porch at the Old Waldron Store, and thanks to Stacy Paine and family for the evergreen wreaths. Scott Schroeder donated a lovely Christmas tree that sparkled brightly in front of the Old Waldron Store throughout the season. And many thanks to Edie Brown and family for the lovely wreath that decorates Austin Hall. We are fortunate to have such dedicated supporters in our community.



The Historical Society is planning for a busy summer with a number of events at our two buildings. We are also looking for volunteers to help us catalogue the Chaplin Genealogy Collection to make the archive more accessible to researchers. Please contact us if you are interested in helping with the project. The Bicentennial Planning Committee continues to meet quarterly to begin planning for a year-long series of special events to mark our upcoming Bicentennial celebrations in 2020. For more information, contact us at straffordbicentennial@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page *Strafford's 200th Anniversary 2020*.

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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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.

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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 Church.....679-8400

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 Church.....868-2785

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

straffordswampstompers.org

Strafford Town Democratic Committee

strafforddems.org

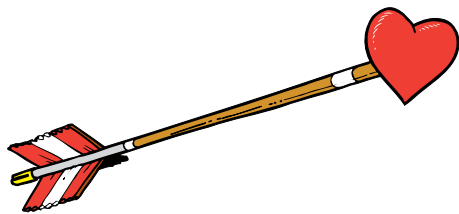
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Calendar of Events



1	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library (every Wednesday in February).
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner @ Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.)
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
2	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Thursday).
		6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library.
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
3	Fri	7:30 pm	AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
4	Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast at Bow Lake Church.
5	Sun		See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for religious services.
6	Mon	4:30-5 pm	Free Dinner @ Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday).
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
7	Tues	6:00 pm	Public Hearing on Town Budget at Town Hall (storm date 2/9/17).
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station; see article (every Tuesday).
		6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club Board meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Town Democrats meet at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	PTO meeting at School.
8	Wed	5:30 pm	Public Hearing on School Budget at Strafford School cafeteria (snow date 2/9/17).
		6:00 pm	Hill Library Trustees meet at Hill Library.
9	Thur	6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo; see article.
11	Sat	9:30 am	Bear-Paw Hike to IRCR; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
			Strafford Swamp Stompers Club Winter Bonfire, Cookout & Ride-In; see article.
13	Mon	6:30 pm	Town of Strafford Republicans meet at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
14	Tues		Valentine's Day
		5-7 pm	Artists Group meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
15	Wed		Deadline for March <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .
		4-6 pm	Dash & Dot at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
16	Thur	7:00 pm	Friends of Hill Library meeting at Hill Library; all are welcome.
20	Mon		Presidents Day ; Town Hall closed.
		6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board Meeting at the SAU office in Northwood.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
21	Tues		Town Clerk's office closed; see Clerk's Notes.
22	Wed	12 noon	Strafford Women's Club lunch trip to Nippo; see article.
		6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
23	Thur	6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
25	Sat	1:00 pm	Bear-Paw Hike in Deerfield; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
26	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
27	Mon		Strafford School winter vacation week; February 27 through March 3.
		5:30 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
28	Tues	5-7 pm	Artists Group meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.

