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2. Inserts and ads are prepaid.

DEADLINE CHANGES

The deadline for submittals for the December 2017 issue of the *Strafford Community Calendar* has been changed to November 12, 2017. The deadline for the January 2018 issue has been changed to December 12, 2017. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with holiday printing schedules.

HOLLY FAIR AT ST. STEPHEN'S

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be holding its annual Holly Fair on Saturday, November 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 50 Main Street, Pittsfield. The Fair will feature a Silent Auction; Bake Sale; Crafts; free Book Drawing for children; and Lunch. Lunch fare includes homemade soups, meatball sandwiches, homemade desserts, and a variety of beverages—eat in or take away. This is a great opportunity for Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping.

TURKEY SUPPER

All are welcome at the Crown Point Church on First Crown Point Road in Strafford on Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm for our famous turkey supper—turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, rolls, gravy, salad, beverages, and homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Cost is by donation. Please join us.

REBECCA RULE AT HILL LIBRARY!

On Thursday, November 16, Friends of Hill Library will present a program with Rebecca Rule—Town Meetings in New Hampshire, Present Past & Future—the traditions and history of town meetings, including the perennial characters, the humor and wisdom of this uniquely New England institution. Come join us at 7:00 pm for an evening of laughter before the holiday season begins. Our neighbor from Northwood is always entertaining.

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The November 27, 2017 meeting of the SWC will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Church followed by the annual "Cookie Swap." Bring as many cookies (with copies of recipe) as you want to swap and take home (in your own container) with extra cookies for the cookie plates. Cookies will be artfully plated and delivered to area members (and friends) who are unable to attend meetings. Come and find out what we are all about. All interested women are invited to pop in for a few minutes or stay and enjoy cookies and conversation.

Watch for details about our Annual Coe-Brown Holiday Concert in the December *Strafford Community Calendar*.



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The opioid crisis in New Hampshire impacts us all. Hope On Haven Hill is working positively to make a difference. This program will be highlighted on Saturday, November 4, at 6:30 pm at the Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church. Co-founder and Program Director, Kerry Norton, RN, will be the featured speaker. All interested people are encouraged to come and learn more about this important program.

Hope On Haven Hill was founded by Colene Arnold, MD, and Kerry Norton, RN. Their stated mission is: "To provide a nurturing therapeutic home environment for pregnant women with substance use disorder who are seeking recovery". They operate an eight-bed residential facility in Rochester and a comprehensive outpatient program for area families. For more information, see their website: www.hopeonhavenhill.org.

The Bow Lake Church family invites and encourages the community to attend this important program. We are located at 530 Province Road (Rte. 202A) in Bow Lake Village of Strafford, NH.

TOPS

Get out and enjoy those crisp, autumn days. Let those extra pounds fall away! TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 pm at the Strafford Police Station. The leaves have begun to change and you can too! Let us show you how!

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Please join us at the Historical Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road, Strafford, NH; ramp accessible; on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 7 PM and on Sunday, November 12, at 2 PM. Tickets are \$14. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Strafford Historical Society. For information or reservations (recommended), please e-mail bella@metrocast.net.



Cast & Crew from the bottom: Robert Taylor; left to right, John Levasseur, Pamela Howley-Crawbuck, Jim Zibailo, Joseph Morganella, Joseph Burke, Jean Barry & Phyllis "Roxy" Levasseur (Sharon Price not shown)



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JOYCE ANDERSEN & HARVEY REID IN CONCERT

Northwood Congregational Church presents Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid in concert on Sunday, November 19, from 4 to 6 pm. After 20 years as a fiddle sideman and singer-songwriter, playing in bluegrass, country, rock, Celtic, jazz and folk ensembles, Joyce Andersen has boldly created a new body of music and a new musical standard for the unaccompanied fiddle troubadour. A reviewer said her solo CD *SWERVE* will "forever alter your perception of the violin." Most recently she has been on a songwriting tear, and several choirs, including Voices from the Heart, are performing her uplifting songs.

Acoustic Guitar magazine called Harvey Reid "...one of the true treasures of American acoustic music," and one of his 32 recordings was the only album in the last 25 years to be selected in a list of Top 10 Folk CDs of all time. Guitar Player Magazine put him on their "desert island" CD list. He was the national fingerpicking champion and international autoharp winner, and Doc Watson took him to lunch to ask him how he played the 6-string banjo. Reid's songs have been recorded by dozens of artists, and after 35 years he is one of the most respected and versatile songwriters and acoustic players on the scene.

Andersen & Reid will play solo sets and perform together and will keep you on the edge of your seats with a special uplifting Sunday repertoire of old gospel songs, new spirituals, and any other songs they see fit to play that fit into the spirit of the day. Expect slide guitar, dazzling fiddle, razor-sharp duet harmonies, guitar instrumentals, down-home bluegrass, and

some rousing sing-a-longs.

Northwood Congregational Church is located at 881 First NH Turnpike, Northwood, NH. Suggested donation is \$12.00.



CHRISTMAS BY DESIGN FAIR

The Northwood Congregational Church, UCC, will be hosting their annual *Christmas By Design* Fair on Saturday, November 4, from 9 am to 2 pm. Popovers (fresh and hot from the oven) will be available all day, and a variety of homemade soups and bread will be available for lunch. The Fair will also have a Thanksgiving & Christmas table of handcrafted and gently used items; second-time around jewelry table; raffle baskets; Dominican Republic coffee and vanilla; SERRV, Heifer International, and Operation Christmas Child tables; bake sale; houseplants; silent auction; and several local craftspeople offering a variety of hand/homemade items. Enjoy a free cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate while you browse our entire first floor of table offerings. The Church is located next to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, 881 First NH Turnpike (Rte. 4). We hope you will join us on November 4 for some fun and unique shopping.



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STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

The Strafford Town Republican Committee is going to meet on the second Tuesday of each month starting on November 14, 2017, and going forward, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Hill Library.

With NH State Representatives Michael Harrington and Kurt Wuelper in attendance, and a visit from Senator John Reagan, at our October round table, the conversation revolved around current bill proposals. Rep. Harrington is sponsoring a bill so you will see, on your monthly electricity bill, exactly how much more you pay to subsidize the "Green" energy sources in NH.

Rep. Wuelper thinks you should know what actually happens during contract negotiations and has a bill in to make those negotiating sessions open public meetings.

We couldn't avoid talking about potential "bump stock" bills. While opinions differed on such a bill's effectiveness, all agreed there is no reason for the House to suspend its rules to allow on this year because the Senate bill-filing period is still open; and any such bill could easily be introduced under the regular rules.

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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NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Many new families have moved to town over the summer. If you are a new resident, welcome! I encourage you to visit the Strafford town website www.strafford.nh.gov to learn about town services and activities. The Town Clerk is your first stop for automobile registration, dog licensing, and voter registration. The holiday season is fast approaching, and the Town Clerk's office will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 23, as well as December 26, the Tuesday following Christmas. Please take these dates into account when planning your renewals and other Town Clerk business. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am here to serve you—Christine Bane, townclerk@strafford.nh.gov, 603.664.2192 x102.

Last month's trivia answer: Twenty one-room schoolhouses were built in Strafford in 1820.
This month's question: Why did Strafford residents choose to separate from Barrington in the early 1800s?

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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" or "Archery Education Certificate."

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 #).

When registering your snowmobiles, 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. It is not mandatory to belong to a club, but it does save you money. Be sure to bring your Snowmobile membership number with you.

You can purchase licenses or registrations Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 2 and Tuesday 1 to 6 or any time the Tax Collector is in the building.

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Third Baptist Church has Sunday School classes for all ages beginning at 9 am. During the worship service at 10 am, we have Children's Church for ages 3 through 4th grade. The monthly men's breakfast will be held at 8 am on Saturday, November 11. On Saturday, November 18, the Ladies Service Circle will meet at 9:30 am, and at 5 pm there will be a potluck supper followed by a presentation of Andy Bascom's Japan trip. The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 22, at 7 pm. Please call Pastor Muzzey at 664-7750 for more details.



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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

The next gathering for the Strafford Garden Club members is a dinner meeting scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. The cost for the meal is \$20 per person and should be given to Carolyn Page before October 31, 2017. Chef Randy Brisson will entice us once again with delicious food.

Also, be sure to save the date of December 4, 2017 for our annual Christmas Party. Please bring a dish to pass and a Yankee Swap present.

At our last meeting on October 3, we announced that Mary Lou Lambert was our Garden Club member of the year. Congratulations, Mary Lou! We also decided that a maple tree will be planted in Strafford in remembrance of past member Marilyn Walker.

During the month of October, twenty (yes, twenty) Welcome to Strafford gifts were delivered to new residents of our community. Many thanks to Donna Darnell for heading up this project and to all the Garden Club members who volunteered to deliver the baskets and gift bags.

The pace of working in the garden in November is slower than during the Spring and Summer months. However, there is still some work to be done. Plant your bulbs now. Add organic matter to garden beds. Mount soil around the crown of roses and wrap burlap around evergreens. Also, you might want to consider planning your 2018 garden with children or grandchildren in mind. (More than a seed is planted in a garden.) Consider giving a child his/her own plot. Make

tending fun. Divide up chores using a wheel spinner to see who does what. Celebrate harvests with family and friends.

The weeks leading up to Thanksgiving are a time to incorporate warmer scents and colors to your décor. Scout for bright-colored branches to mix with pumpkins, gourds, leaves and candles for centerpieces. Cut holly and twig dogwoods for use in arrangements. Above all, be thankful for the bounty that you have. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Gardening!

HISTORICAL NOTES

The Strafford Historical Society is pleased to welcome the Oreobelles group for another set of great performances at the Old Waldron Store, 520 Province Road, on Saturday, November 11, and Sunday, November 12; proceeds to benefit the Historical Society for upkeep of our buildings.

Looking forward, the Old Waldron Store will again host a number of crafters for *Christmas in Strafford* on the first weekend in December and will host a Christmas program the following weekend—December 8, 9, and 10. We hope that you will join us for all of these special events.

Please note that due to scheduling conflicts the program planned for the Society's November meeting has been postponed to next spring, and there will be no regular membership meeting in November.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTES

It is disconcerting to learn that the emerald ash borer (EAB) has been reported in both Strafford and Barnstead. This beetle, *Agrilus Planipennis* Fairmare, was first detected in Michigan in 2002. It has been known to infest all species of ash and has been responsible for the loss of millions of trees. The larvae of this insect bore into the ash tree where they feed on inner bark and phloem, creating "S" shaped galleries.

In addition to spreading naturally, the EAB is easily spread by moving firewood. Consequently, Strafford County issued a firewood quarantine on September 21, 2017. Major infestations may require drastic measures to contain EAB, including removal of thousands of trees. On the entry slope to our Town Forest are by count 43 ash trees. There is a story behind these trees. I recall working with another member of the Commission as part of a conservation program in the late 1970s. We were doing some selective cutting and left these trees as saplings. They have grown to maturity and are quite impressive. We will be discussing what to do with these at future meetings. Although they are not yet infested, it may be prudent to remove them before they become unsightly and hazardous due to EAB. However, there is evidence that leaving some ash trees may actually slow the spread of this pest. If you think you have found EAB, contact one of these offices: State Department of Agriculture, State Forestry or Natural Resource Agency, Cooperative Extension Office, U.S. Forest Service, or USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service or call toll free 1-800-444-8978. For more information about EAB visit: www.nhbugs.org.

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

Collective Bargaining Fact Finding Update: As many of you are aware, the School Board and Strafford Education Association (SEA) were again unable to come to a contract agreement last spring. After going through a number of negotiation meetings and a mediation session, the SEA requested to go to Fact Finding. In this process, an independent agent is hired to review packages from both parties and make a ruling. The difference between this process and mediation is that the result of the fact finding has to be brought before the voters, even if one or both parties disagree with the decision. Both the Board and SEA submitted their fact finding briefs to the agent at the end of September, and both parties also submitted a reply brief within 14 days of the original submission. This allowed both parties to respond to anything they saw in the other party's submitted briefing. We are supposed to have a ruling from the Fact Finder within approximately 30 days of submission. Once a finding is released, both the SEA and Board have 10 days to review the result. The SEA and Board will then vote on whether or not they accept the finding. Again, the difference here is that even if the Board does not accept the finding, it is still brought before the voters in a warrant article. The Board does not expect to have to file for a Special Meeting with the NH Superior Court but instead bring it to the voters during the District Meeting next March (2018). If anyone has a question, please let me know—Brian J. Monahan, Chairman, Strafford School Board, 603-608-8207 or bjmonahan@metrocast.netas.

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In the Library we have a donation collection box for End 68 Hours of Hunger. End 68 Hours of Hunger provides food to the students in the schools in Strafford, Nottingham, and Northwood (including Coe-Brown) for the 68 hours from Friday afternoon until Monday morning when the students return to school. Many children receive breakfast and lunch at school Monday through Friday but do not have access to food over the weekends. Through donations, we collect and buy food and send it home every Friday with these children. We know that no one wants to see our children go hungry, so please consider bringing in canned or dry goods next time you come in to Hill Library.

We're also looking for color comic strips for our family area. If you receive comic pages in a Sunday paper, could you please bring them with you to the Library?

Youth Programming—Story Times will continue. Sign-up is required, but we will still accept new sign-ups for this current session, which ends the week of November 13. Preschool Mondays are at 10:30, and Bouncing Babies are on Thursdays

at 11:15. A new session will start up in December. On Monday, November 13, at 11:15 am, join the Library in celebrating receiving the 2017-2018 Children's Literacy Foundation Rural Libraries Grant. Duncan McDougall, the founder of CLiF, will begin an interactive storytelling presentation. Families with young children are invited to join us and experience the excitement that reading can bring. Each child that attends will be able to choose two new books to take home. Contact us if you would like more information. On November 6, from 3:15 to 4 pm see how electricity works with Snap Circuits! We have hundreds of designs to choose from and new pieces to share. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. On November 13 from 3:15 to 4 pm, Mad Scientists may cause explosions in the Library! We have a variety of fun science experiments to work on together. Cardboard Engineers is set for November 20 from 3:15 to 4 pm so put your mind to the test with a building challenge. Your only materials are cardboard and tape so it's time to get creative. Book BINGO is happening on November 27 from 3:15 to 4 pm; revisit old favorites and learn about exciting new titles with our book BINGO. We'll have prizes too! The Crazy 8's Math Club meets on Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm until November 30 (excluding Thanksgiving Day). Math is fun with Crazy 8's. This program is for kids in grades kindergarten to second and sign-up is required. Saturday Story Time is on November 18 at 10:30 am. Families with children of all ages are welcome to join us for a Saturday Story Time. We'll have books, songs, play time, and a craft. Stuffie Sleepover—On November

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30 from 6 to 7 pm put on your PJs and head over to the Library with your stuffie. We'll have a special story time, and then your stuffies can spend the night. Come back on Saturday morning to see what they were up to while we were away.

Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees meeting is Wednesday, November 8, at 6 pm. All Trustees meetings are open to the public. Stop by or call for more information, 664-2800.

Adult Programming—On Thursday, November 16, the Strafford Library Association (aka Friends of Hill Library) is sponsoring Rebecca Rule, who will share the humor she finds in NH's Town Meetings. Ms. Rule is a local author, storyteller, and humorist. Join us at 7 pm for a good laugh. Looking for a new book to read? On Thursday, November 2, the Book Club will be discussing *Still Life* by Louise Penny at 6:30. Come join in the discussion. **String Enthusiasts**—Check out this new group of fiber artists on Tuesdays from 12 to 2 pm. Need some help with your computer or device? **Computer Help** with Matt will be held on Thursday, November 9, from 6 to 7 pm. 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 on Wednesday, November 29, from 5-7 pm. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.

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 in your device, and we will help you download an audio or ebook. The overdrive

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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.

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5K FOR CATAMOUNT WOMEN AID

The Deerfield Veterinary Clinic Catamount 5K will be run on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 9 am. The scenic route at the Deerfield Fairgrounds includes dirt, gravel, and paved sections; runners who participated in the Catamount 5K in the previous two years will note a change in this year's route. This 5K is challenging enough for seasoned runners, but also perfect for walkers and families. This race promotes health and wellness while benefiting Catamount Womenaid, a nonprofit that provides emergency financial assistance to men, women, and children in Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Pittsfield, and Strafford.

Register now at www.catamountwomenaid.org. On-line registration is \$22 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 and ends on November 4. The race day registration costs are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. The first 100 registrants will receive free hats. Medals will be awarded to the top male and female runners and for top racers in different age groups. Daylight saving time ends on Saturday allowing for an extra hour of sleep. Parking is close and easy; turn into the fairgrounds at a main gate at 34 Stage Road, Deerfield.

Generous businesses sponsors include Deerfield Veterinary Clinic, Northeast Delta Dental, East Coast Signal and Northeast Eye Care. Register early to get a great hat and swag bag. Enjoy free refreshments and post-race massages. Volunteers are needed for race day. Contact catamountwomenaid@gmail.com if you can help or to register. Like us on Facebook @ [catamount5k](https://www.facebook.com/catamount5k) and @[catamountwomenaid](https://www.facebook.com/catamountwomenaid).

BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone for another great Chili & Chowder cook-off! We had over a hundred hungry voters and lots of delicious entries. Congratulations to this year's winners. One of our newest entrants, Uncle George's, walked off with top chowder honors while Bill Trotter showed his versatility by winning the chili contest after coming in first in chowder last year. Check out all the great photos on our website, bowlakecc.org. Chili first place to Bill Trotter; second place to Carla Mowers—Chowder first place to Uncle George's; and second place to Nippo Lake Restaurant.

We changed it up this Halloween and sponsored our very first pumpkin carving contest and "trunk or treat" event in Bow Lake Village. Thank you to all our trick or treaters and their families for coming out, and to Uncle George's for helping us out by providing delicious snacks. Put October 30 on your calendar for next year, and come on out.

Join us for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Grange Hall at dusk on Sunday, November 26, sponsored by our local Boy Scouts. Bring your family to enjoy a time of community fellowship and celebration.

Looking ahead, *Christmas in Strafford* is almost here (December 2 and 3). We'll be serving delicious snacks, soups, chowders, sandwiches and more in the basement of the Grange Hall on Saturday, December 2. Check out the website www.christmasinstraftord.com for the latest information.

We're celebrating winter this year! Look for details on our Cabin Fever Social on January 20, 2018, in the next issue of the *Calendar*. Finally, we're blowing the top off the Grange Hall (but putting it right back on). Thanks to your support, she'll be getting a much-needed new roof that will shelter her for decades to come.

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STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

On October 3 Erin Turmelle, the energetic Political Director with the New Hampshire Democratic Party, treated members to a surprisingly interesting presentation on NH voting statistics. The basics: Whether people vote in federal, state or municipal elections is public information. That information is posted at publicly accessible locations at all clerk's offices in the state. Information on the checklist includes voter's name, street address, mailing address, town or city, voter history for an election (including whether or not one voted absentee), and party affiliation, if any, of every registered voter in the town or city. How people vote, however, is not public. NH voter turnout in the 2016 election at 72.5 percent of the voter-eligible population of 1,042,102 was the highest in NH history at 755,580, a 5.2 percent increase from 2012, and compared to a 2006 turnout of 417,436. NH turnout was exceeded only by two other states, Minnesota at 74.8 percent, and Maine at 72.8. The importance of same-day voter registration is clear: The six states with the highest voter turnout allow same-day voter registration, resulting, on average, in a 7 – 13 percent increase over states having no same-day registration. Erin's power point then included a primer on social media, with an emphasis on Twitter as a valuable and popular source of political information and 140-character messaging.

Our Tuesday, November 7, meeting will feature an 81-minute HBO documentary entitled *Hacking Democracy*, which follows a tenacious Seattle grandmother, Bev Harris, and her band of extraordinary citizen-activists, as they set out to

answer one simple question: How does America count its votes? And can those votes be hacked without a trace? Discussion and an action plan will follow. Keep up with news at www.strafforddems.org.

STRAFFORD RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Strafford Recreational Sports Presents "The Mother and Son Night of Fun". Because we've had such success with the Father-Daughter dances, we've decided to roll out something similar for all those moms and sons out there. All you Strafford moms, grab your son(s), and enjoy a night out of snacks, fun "minute-to-win-it" games, and wild animals! Yes, wild animals. Wildlife Encounters will provide a wildlife presentation and offer photo opportunities for those brave enough to get up close and personal with the cool critters they bring. For more information on Wildlife Encounters, visit their website at <http://weecocenter.com>.

Please join us for this fun event on Friday, November 17, 2017, from 6 to 9 pm in the Strafford School gymnasium. Cost is \$20 per family (moms plus as many sons as you can fit in your minivan—all for \$20!). There will be a concession stand for drinks and snacks. Register online at <http://straffordrecsports.org>. Select Online Forms from the Main Menu.



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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. Bids must be received no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, December 18, 2017.

ASSESSING UPDATE

Representatives from KRT Appraisal will be working in Town over the next couple months. They are conducting cyclical data verification of properties within the Town boundaries. In particular, they will be visiting properties on Maps 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Please give them your full cooperation in this process. Thank you.



When the workmen arrived at the dam to let some water out of the lake, this little beaver was stuck on the river side of the dam, but some Strafford residents—with advice from a “wildlife relocater”—came to his rescue and sent him happily on his way!



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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.

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

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

274 First Crown Point Rd.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Church.....285-3533

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

www.new-hopechurch.com

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church679-8400

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

www.nc_uc@yahoo.com

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

St. George's Episcopal Church868-2785

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

www.stgeorgesdurham.org

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

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

113 School St, Northwood, NH

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

STRAFFORD LINKS

Bow Lake Camp Owners Association blcoa.org

Bow Lake Community Club www.bowlakecc.org

Bow Lake Yacht Club

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

BSA Troop 23 straffordtroop23.webs.com

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy www.coebrown.org

Hill Library hilllibrary.org

Lakeside Players www.the-lakeside-players.com/

Strafford Bicentennial www.Strafford1820-2020

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

Town of Strafford

strafford.nh.gov

The Christian Cupboard and USDA emergency food distribution

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

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

1	Wed	5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS Training.
2	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		11:15 am	Bouncing Babies Lapsit at Hill Library and 11/9 and 11/16; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		4-5 pm	Crazy 8's Math at Hill Library (every Thursday).
		6:30 pm	Book Club meeting at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
3	Fri	7:30 pm	AA meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
4	Sat	9am-2pm	<i>Christmas By Design</i> Fair at Northwood Congregational Church; see article.
		4:30-6:30pm	Turkey Dinner at Crown Point Church, First Crown Point Road; see article.
		6:30 pm	Hope on Haven Hill program at Bow Lake Church; see article.
5	Sun	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back!
		9:00 am	Catamount Womenaid 5K; see article.
			See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services
6	Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time at Hill Library.
		3:15-4 pm	Snap Circuits at Hill Library.
		4:30-5 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday)
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
7	Tues	12-2 pm	String Enthusiasts meet at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
		7:00 pm	Strafford Town Democrats meeting at Hill Library; see article.
8	Wed	6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
9	Thur	6-7 pm	Computer Help at Hill Library with Matt.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club.
10	Fri		No School.
11	Sat		VETERANS DAY
		7:00 pm	<i>Proud to be an American</i> Variety Show at Old Waldron Store by Oreobelle; see article.
12	Sun		DEADLINE for December <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .
		2:00 pm	<i>Proud to be an American</i> Variety Show at Old Waldron Store by Oreobelle; see article.
13	Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time; 11:15 CLiF Storyteller; 3:15-4 Mad Scientists— all at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club dinner meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
14	Tues	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.
15	Wed	6:00 pm	Semi-Annual Joint School Boards Meeting at CBNA.
16	Thur	7:00 pm	Rebecca Rule at Hill Library; see article.
17	Fri	6-9 pm	Mother/Son Fun Night by Strafford Rec Sports at School gym.
18	Sat	9am-2pm	Holly Fair at St. Stephen's Church, 50 Main Street, Pittsfield; see article.
		10:30 am	Family Story Time at Hill Library.
19	Sun	4-6 pm	Andersen & Reid in Concert at Northwood Congregational Church; see article.
20	Mon	3:15-4 pm	Cardboard Engineers 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.
21	Tues	5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
22	Wed		No School—Thanksgiving recess November 22 through 24.
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
23	Thur		HAPPY THANKSGIVING
26	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
		Dusk	Christmas Tree Lighting at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Boy Scouts.
27	Mon	1:30 pm	Strafford Women's Club Cookie Party; see article.
		3:15-4 pm	Book BINGO at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
29	Wed	5-7 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library.
30	Thurs	6-7 pm	Stuffie Sleep Over at Hill Library.

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