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- 1-inch ad for 6 months: \$68.50
- 1-inch ad for 1 year: \$117.00

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2. Inserts and ads are prepaid.

BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out for Ducks O'er the Dam! There was fun, games (water balloons!), and great food. Despite the light and variable winds, our 600+ ducks put on a good show; it was a nail-biter! Congratulations to the winners: Dwayne Fanjoy's #558 went over the Dam in first place with Bridget Bruce's #671 tumbling close behind in second, and Karen Zander's pintail #568 pulling in a strong third. Mark Saturday, September 1, 2018 on your calendar, and plan to bring the family next year to help end the summer in quacking good Strafford style.

The much-anticipated annual Chili & Chowder Challenge is coming Saturday, October 7, from 5-7 pm (see our ad in this issue). Bring the whole family and enjoy a night of good eating and fun competition. There could still be room for your entry. (Will you be this year's dark horse?) Don't miss your chance at bragging rights and contact Michelle Bengener right away at benger@metrocast.net or 664-5745 to snag that last spot. Tickets for the Challenge are only available at the door and are priced at \$9 for adults; \$5/ages 5-11; and children four and under are free. Not only do you get to sample the best chili and chowder anywhere, you'll enjoy salad, cornbread, drinks and dessert (and have hot dogs for kids and adults alike).

We're changing it up this year. First, we're having a Carved Pumpkin Contest on Sunday, October 29. Bring your carved pumpkin to the Grange Hall from 4 to 6 pm. We'll award prizes for the top three and proudly display your lit pumpkins along the road and the Grange Hall parking lot for our first-

ever Trunk or Treat in Bow Lake Village (outside the Grange Hall) on Monday, October 30, from 5-8 pm. We'll have spooky decorations and lots of candy. Check out the insert in this month's *Strafford Community Calendar*, and bring your children for a safe outdoor trick-or-treating experience. If you want to participate in our Trunk or Treat or have questions, contact Sue Higgins at 978-496-4404 or suemac2867@aol.com.

Looking ahead, *Christmas in Strafford* is just a short nine weeks away (December 2 and 3). Check out their website www.christmasinstraftord.com for the latest information, and be sure to join us for lunch on Saturday at the Grange Hall.

Also, we are putting together a special Cabin Fever Get Together for January with some special treats and guests for the Strafford community. Watch for details in future issues of the *Strafford Community Calendar*.

ROAST PORK DINNER

Strafford Fire & Rescue is hosting its Annual Pig Roast with homemade baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, homemade apple crisp topped with ice cream, and coffee, milk and lemonade at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 7 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15.00 per person. All proceeds benefit the fuel assistance fund and other assistance programs. We hope to see you there!



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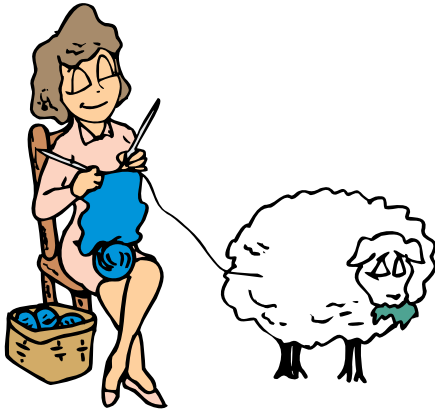
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Representatives from KRT Appraisal will be working in Town over the next couple months. They are conducting cyclical data verification of properties within the Town boundaries. In particular, they will be visiting properties on Maps 10, 13, 14, 15,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

STRAFFORD STRING ENTHUSIASTS!

Are you a knitter, crocheter or needlepoint person? Would you like to gather weekly with like-minded fiber workers? Getting together to work on personal projects, create items



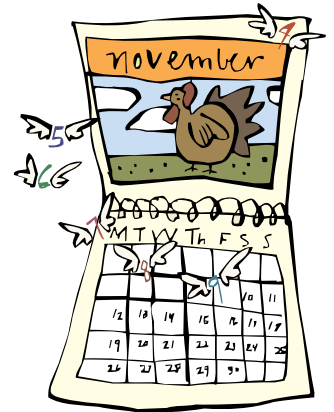
for charity, or just learn new techniques would be fun and rewarding. If you are interested, I'm willing to find a morning or afternoon location and get us going. Please email ddarnell678@aol.com with preferred day and time. Thanks!

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.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

Saturday, November 4, marks the 47th Annual Meeting and Conference of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions at Pembroke Academy. The keynote speaker will be Sylvia Bates of the Land Trust Alliance. The theme will be "The Synergy Behind Land Conservation". There are numerous interesting and relevant workshops. We will be sending two people. If you would like more information on the conference, the website is NHACC.org.

October is a spectacular month for enjoying our trails. A standout among the foliage is poison ivy. Typically known more as a nuisance, it turns a fiery red and offers a particularly stunning contrast if it has spiraled around a white birch. One of our members noted that more Buckthorn is found in Strafford these days. Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus Cathartica*) is an invasive species that was introduced from Europe as an ornamental shrub in the 1880s. Its abundant black fruit is dispersed by birds, and it spreads rapidly, replacing native vegetation and lowering species diversity as it takes hold in woodlands. It grows to 10" in diameter and up to 20 feet in height. It is important to treat the stumps after cutting, or they will sprout back vigorously the following year.

The Town received a utility line maintenance notification. This will involve some metal pole replacement on the power line between Rochester and Northwood and may temporarily impact some wetland areas. We will monitor this as necessary. You may recall sheep were once used to good effect in keeping down vegetation under the utility lines. Sadly, they were laid off for economic reasons.



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NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Fall/Winter Town Hall closed schedule: Monday, October 9, 2017–Columbus Day;
**Tuesday, October 10, 2017–Statewide DMV software upgrade; Thursday, November 23, 2017–Thanksgiving Day; Monday, December 25, 2017–Christmas Day. **For more information on this, please visit the Town website, www. strafford.nh.gov. The Clerk's office will have extended hours on October 11 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Dog Licensing reminder: All dogs must be licensed at 4 months, regardless of when you acquire them. If you have a new dog, please visit the Town Hall for a license.

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

Strafford Trivia: Last month's answer: The first road in Town was laid out on December 10, 1762. It is now known as Second Crown Point Road. This month's question: In 1820, the Town of Strafford built how many one-room schoolhouses?



FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Hunting season is coming up very soon. Be sure you have your Hunting License and Deer tags. Get those OHRV's registered now; the riding is in prime condition; and snow is coming so get your snowmobiles legal. Purchase your Hunting and Fishing License and register you 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 #). Snowmobile club membership 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. Remember to bring your membership number with you. It is not mandatory to belong to a club, but it does save you money.

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STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

A lively and meaningful discussion with guest Ellen Phillips, retired New Durham reading specialist and past Democratic candidate for the NH House, followed the presentation of the film *Education, Inc.* at the Committee's September meeting. All agreed that the film offers valuable insights on an issue Democrats are passionate about. The committee offers the DVD on loan; to arrange, call Bob Perry at 269-4651. *Education, Inc.*, is a documentary exposing the national political shift of public education as a civic institution available to all America's children, regardless of social or economic class, to a lucrative profit center actively promoted by hedge fund investors, corporations, and billionaires under the ruse of freedom and choice. The film documents the activities of working-class citizens in two counties in Colorado whose education-related outcomes diverged sharply based on the degree to which there was citizen awareness and participation, and the consequences of low voter turnout. It highlights a vocal public education proponent whose commitment and leadership in the New York public school system has led to exceptional results.

The Strafford Town Democrats' next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3, at 7 pm at Hill Library. Please join us for guest speaker Erin Turmelle, Political Director of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, who will offer an informative presentation on voting statistics, election 2018 issues, and candidate updates, followed by questions and answers.

"Understanding the challenges facing our country, our

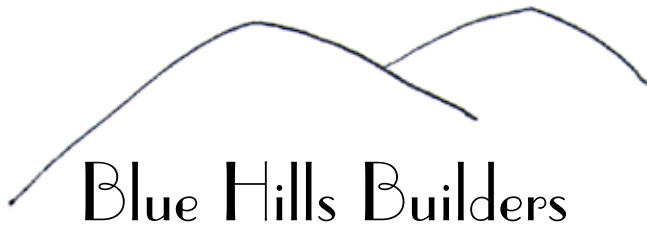
democracy, our families, and ourselves as individuals is primary to safeguarding our social and economic security," says Bob Perry, Chair of the Town of Strafford Democratic Committee and a longtime former State Representative. "Engage, or be left out." See you on October 3! Keep up with committee events and news at www.strafforddems.org.

OPIOID INFO NIGHT

Please come to the Hill Library on October 16 at 7 pm to find out more about the effect the opioid crisis is having on Strafford County. ONE Voice for Strafford County (Strafford County Public Health Network) will have info on drug abuse prevention, Strafford County resources, and the local recovery community.

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LIBRARY LINES

The Hill Library would like to welcome Paige Holman as our new Director. She is from Wakefield and loves hiking, gardening and the outdoors. Come in and introduce yourselves.

Youth Programming—Story Times will continue. Sign-up is required, but we will still accept new sign-ups for this current session: Preschool Mondays at 10:30, and Bouncing Babies Thursdays at 11:15. Crazy 8's Club on Thursdays 4-5 pm begins October 5 and runs through November 30. Kids in grades Kindergarten to 2nd are welcome to sign-up for 8 weeks of wacky math excitement. Join us for activities such as Toilet Paper Roll Olympics and Glow in the Dark Building. Sign-up is required. BuilderFest will be on Monday, October 2, from 3:15-4:00 pm—Elementary age builders wanted! Test out your building skills as you are tasked with the challenge of building incredible things out of ordinary objects. Snap Circuit Engineers will be

on Monday, October 16 from 3:15-4 pm. Join us for an afternoon of exploring circuits and electricity. We have plenty of snap circuits and lots of fun designs to make; this program is for children ages 7 and up. On Monday, October 23, from 3:15-4 pm the Tween Graphic Novel Book Club will meet. This month we will be reading *Amelia Rules: The Whole World's Crazy*. We'll be eating a delicious snack and discussing the book; recommended for kids ages 8-12. Please sign-up at the Library and pick up your book starting October 12.

On Saturday, October 28, at 10:30 am come to the Library's Family Trick or Treat Story Time! Join us for songs,

books, a craft, and a special Halloween treat. We'll be reading spooky (but not scary!) stories on the 28th. Make Your Own Candy (hard candy) just in time for Halloween on Monday, October 30, from 3:15-4 pm. This program is open to all ages.

Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, October 11, at 6 pm. All Trustees meetings are open to the public. Stop by or call for more information, 664-2800.

Programming—Looking for a new book to read? On Thursday, October 5, the Book Group will be discussing *A Man Called Ove* by Frederick Backman at 6:30. Next month's Book Group will meet on November 2. Come in and check a book or audio out and join in the discussion. Need some help with your computer or device? Computer Help with Matt will be Thursdays, October 12 and 26, from 6-7 pm. Remember, you can use our new Meeting Room for your programs or meetings. Call for availability.

Programs—There will be an Opioid Seminar on October 16 at 7 pm. Join us for "History of NH Agricultural Fairs with Steve Taylor" on October 26 at 7 pm. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.

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FRIENDS OF HILL LIBRARY

The next meeting of the Friends of Hill Library will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 7 pm at Hill Library. All are welcome as we discuss the programming opportunities for 2018. Our museum pass program (see separate article) is alive and well and waiting to be used. For updates on activities at the Library, check out Hill Library's website and Facebook page.

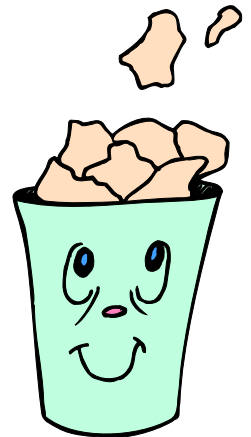
READY RIDES

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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<p>The Strafford School PTO is now accepting vendors for our annual Christmas Craft Fair. December 2 • 9am-3pm \$25 per 8x4 spot/\$20 for seniors (65+)</p> <p>Help us create a great community event by reserving your spot today! Please contact Lanta at (603)833-1223 or lanta@rockmaplefarm.org for a registration form.</p>	<p>NORTHWOOD OIL 1085 FIRST NH TURNPIKE NORTHWOOD NH 03261-8243</p> <p>942-5512 24 HOUR SERVICE</p> <p>INSTALLATION MAINTENANCE FREE ESTIMATES</p>  <p>DIESEL FUEL OIL KEROSENE</p> <p>MAKING WARM FRIENDS SINCE 1964</p>
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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the Strafford Garden Club will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. The regular meeting will begin at 1 pm. At 2:30 we will venture out to the Studio of local artist, Molly Wensburg. Molly will share her inspiration for the many beautiful nature paintings and drawings displayed in her home and studio. All Garden Club members and friends are invited to join us.

Our Road Crew was at it again in September. Picking up trash and debris is hard work; please help us by taking the time and making the effort to avoid unintentional littering by closing bags tightly and tying down loads for your trip to the Recycling Center.

Once again, there is news about Gwen's Garden. It has been staked for Spring 2018 plantings. A monthly one-hour weeding session will take place during the warmer Fall months. Thanks to Mark Thompson and his crew of many people who have worked hard to create this garden in memory of Co-Founder, Gwen Wilson. We look forward to the continued beautification of the Garden. Just wait until next year!

Gardening in October is entirely dependent on the weather. If there is an Indian Summer, there is no better time to be out in the garden. There are still plenty of garden tasks to keep us busy in October. We can dress our garden with compost, we can turn our compost pile, use our garden debris and leaves to add to our compost, plant trees and shrubs, bring our houseplants inside, cover mums and asters on cold nights when a frost is expected, clear away dead foliage, harvest winter

squash, and continue harvesting fall crops like beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale and leeks. Also, be sure to clean and put away empty containers and gardening tools. Most of all, enjoy the season. Show off your harvest with a beautiful fall display on your dining room table. Check out a couple of ideas at <http://gardenclub.homedepot.com/bring-harvest-table-centerpiece-ideas/>

Last, but not least, if you wish to be happy for a day, get drunk. If you wish to be happy for a week, kill a pig. If you wish to be happy for a month, get married. But, if you wish to be happy forever and ever, make a garden. Enjoy October in the garden!

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

October is the time for our annual family pasta supper, an event of fellowship, a gathering before the busy holiday season arrives. All members and their families are invited to attend on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 6:00 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. Don't forget to bring the food you signed up for; your own plates, cups and utensils; and your items to sell on the Country Store Table, our fun Club mini-fundraiser. Beverages will be provided.



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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 sponsor this event, including Deerfield Veterinary Clinic, Northeast Delta Dental, East Coast Signal and Northeast Eye Care. Register early to make sure you 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](#) and [@catamountwomenaid](#).



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NH AGRICULTURAL FAIRS PROGRAM AT HILL LIBRARY

Please join us at Hill Library on October 26, 2017, at 7 pm for another NH Humanities program. Steve Taylor will be the presenter of his popular topic of NH Agricultural Fairs. Steve explores the long love-hate relationship NH residents have had with their Fairs, which started in Londonderry in 1722. Steve is the original Executive Director of the NH Humanities programs. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Hill Library.

STRAFFORD RECREATIONAL SPORTS ANNUAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

The Board for Strafford Recreational Sports will be holding its Annual Meeting on October 16, 2017 at 6 PM. The meeting will be held in the Strafford School library. The public is invited to attend this meeting to meet Board members, hear coordinator reports, ask questions, and share any opinions or ideas regarding past or future efforts.

For any questions or suggestions regarding recreational youth sports in Strafford, contact Strafford Recreational Sports President, Craig Thomas, at chomas33@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

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



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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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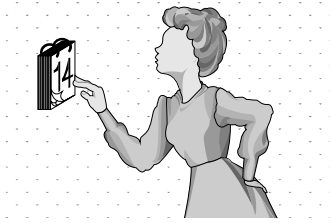
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DEADLINE CHANGES



The deadline for submittals for the December 2017 issue of the *Stafford Community Calendar* has been changed to November 12, 2017. The deadline for the January 2018 issue has been changed to December 12, 2017. Deadline for the November issue has not changed and remains October 15. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with holiday printing schedules.

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 Stafford Police Station. The leaves have begun to change and you can too! Let us show you how!



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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

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Monday–Friday:

Retail Service.....	8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Bow Lake Baptist Church.....664-7401

530 Province Road, Strafford, NH www.blfwbc.org
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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 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 Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
2 Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time at Hill Library (every Monday except 10/9).
	1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
	3:15-4 pm	BuilderFest at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
	4:30-5 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday).
	7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
	7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
3 Tues	6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
	7:00 pm	Strafford Town Democrats meet at Hill Library.
4 Wed	5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.).
	7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
5 Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
	11:15 am	Bouncing Babies Lapsit at Hill Library (every Thursday).
	4-5 pm	Crazy 8's Club at Hill Library (every Thursday).
	6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
	7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
6 Fri	7:30 pm	AA meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
7 Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.
	5-7 pm	Chili & Chowder Challenge at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see BLCC article for details.
9 Mon		Columbus Day ; No School; Town Hall, Hill Library closed.
	6:30 pm	Strafford Town Republicans meet at Hill Library.
	7:00 pm	Fire Department training.
10 Tues		Strafford Town Clerk's office closed for DMV software upgrade.
	5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
	6:00 pm	PTO meeting at School.
	6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.
11 Wed	6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.
	6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School library.
12 Thur	6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.
	7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club.
14 Sat	4-7 pm	Roast Pork Dinner at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Strafford Fire Fighters; see article.
15 Sun		DEADLINE for November <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i>.
16 Mon	3-4 pm	Snap Circuits Engineers at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
	6:00 pm	Strafford Recreational Sports Annual Board meeting in Strafford School library; see article.
	7:00 pm	Opioid Info Night at Hill Library; see article.
	7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
	7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
17 Tues	7:00 pm	Friends of Hill Library meeting at Hill Library.
22 Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
23 Mon	3:15-4 pm	Tween Graphic Novel Book Club at Hill Library.
	6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.
	7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
24 Tues	5:30 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
25 Wed	6:00 pm	Strafford Women's Club members' family pasta supper and country store table; see article.
	6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
26 Thur	6-7 pm	Computer Help with Matt at Hill Library.
	7:00 pm	<i>History of NH Agricultural Fairs</i> program at Hill Library; see article.
28 Sat	10:30 am	Family Trick or Treat Story Time—songs, books, a craft and a treat at Hill Library.
	4-7 pm	Trunk or Treat at Strafford School by PTO.
29 Sun	4-6 pm	Carved Pumpkin Contest at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see Bow Lake Community Club article.
30 Mon	3:15-4 pm	Make-Your-Own Candy at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
	5-8 pm	Trick or Treat Night in Strafford.
		Trunk or Treat outside at Bow Lake Village and Bow Lake Grange Hall.
	7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
31 Tues		Happy Halloween; see Monday, October 30.



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