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- 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. straffordrec.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

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942-8164 or staff@straffordcommunitycalendar.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON AUGUST 1st

The Strafford Garden Club presents their second annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 1, from 7:30 to 10:30 am in the dining hall of Bow Lake Grange Hall. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00. The menu includes fluffy pancakes, New Hampshire maple syrup, freshly cooked blueberry sauce, sausage patties, and fresh fruit salad. Your choice of coffee, tea, or milk is included in the price. Please bring your family, friends, and summer guests to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared and served by members of the Strafford Garden Club. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit a college scholarship to be awarded to a Strafford resident and will aid in the Garden Club's efforts to beautify Strafford by planting and tending the many planters and barrels of flowers placed around our Town.

BOATER SAFETY CLASS

Strafford Fire & Rescue will be hosting a second NH Boater Safety Class on Tuesday, August 11, and Thursday, August 13, from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. You must pre-register and pre-pay the NH Marine Patrol by calling 1-888-254-2125. If you have any questions, you can call the Bow Lake Fire Station at 664-6863.

DUCKS O'ER THE DAM

The whole community is looking forward to Ducks O'er the Dam at 1:00 pm on September 5, 2015, the perfect way to celebrate a nearly perfect summer and have a chance at the \$300 top cash prize. Don't forget to get your quacks in a row and buy your ducks at Sheilah's Deli and Market; through our website (bowlakecc.org); or from any Board member; and come out for a guaranteed great time.

WHERE TO FIND THE STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Here are the locations where you can find a copy of the *Strafford Community Calendar*: Elf's; Hill Library; Post Office; Strafford Town Hall; Strafford School; Isinglass Store; K & J's Diner; Sheilah's Deli & Market; Nippo Lake Golf Club; Northwood Garage; Northwood Physical Therapy; and online. The online version is posted in PDF format, complete with ads and working links on our website. Go to straffordcommunitycalendar.com; click on Download Current Issue or Download Previous Issue; save to your computer.



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HISTORY I NEVER KNEW: THE BOW LAKE LIGHTNING REGATTA

On June 27, Bow Lake experienced its first Lightning New England District Championships, which included 17 boats. I learned many things I never knew. Seventeen boats took part, and crews came from as far away as Rochester, NY. We housed a delightful crew of thirty-something sailors from Lake Champlain, VT, and I became very involved with the “whats?” and “whys?” of sailboat racing.

The morning of the race, “our” sailors said they slept well and that they always have a few jitters before a race. Their boat was built in 1983. They joined the race at Bow Lake to support the fleet here. Because the weather predictions were dire for the next day, the people in charge of the Regatta made the tough decision to do all 5 races in one day. Three of the 5 races went for 2 times around the course. Once around the markers took about 25 minutes, and the distance was approximately 2½ miles.

The Lightning, a 19-foot centerboard sloop, was originally designed by Sparkman & Stephens as an affordable family day-sailor and racing boat. She has evolved into one of the most popular and competitive one-design racing classes in the world. Awarded ISAF International Class status, the Lightning is sailed in more than 13 countries and in the Pan American Games, and the class provides a professionally-managed association that is among the largest in all of one-design sailing. The Lightning’s rig is simple, but offers

sophisticated sail shape controls. The hull features a unique hard chine design that combines the stability that provides sail-carrying power, with flat bottom sections that promote planing. The International Lightning Class Association protects the boat’s design and licenses custom and private builders to build boats under its administration. A list of Lightning builders is available from the ILCA upon request. There have been over 15,000 built, and there are over 500 fleets worldwide. (www.lightningclass.org)

There were 5 boats from Bow Lake in the race: 1) Ned Hinds, 2) Bob Shapiro, 3) Rob Donle, 4) Nathaniel Henrickson, 5) Jamie and John Boynton. The Regatta was a true community event because many people pitched in to help, continue to protect the lake, and make it a safe event. For example, several people, including a Strafford Policeman, helped the long line of trailers at the boat ramp. The Lake Hosts on duty thoroughly checked all the sailboats and trailers for invasive milfoil. Clarinda and Bruce Donle helped with the race in one of the crash boats. They reported that there were some near misses but nothing serious. Dave Murdock told me that he and his brother used to go to Trinity Church Camp on Bow Lake, sailing on Sunflowers against Camp Idlepines. He reported at the celebration dinner on race day that all the crews really appreciated the Lake and the friendliness of Strafford people. Dave organized housing for 6 crews at 4 different houses. The crew from

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Lake Champlain, which ultimately came in 1st place out of the 5 races, said they always love it at Bow Lake. "Our" crew came in 4th, which was admirable given that they had never raced on "our" Bow Lake before.

Another historic community event is the Lobster Cookout sponsored as a fundraiser by the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association. And, unlike the NE Lightning District Championship Regatta, this is not the first but actually the 55th Lobster Cookout! Join us on Saturday, August 8, from 5-7 pm at Whitchers Point on Water Street.



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For more information please contact Karyn Fisher at 5fishers@metrocast.net. You can register online at www.straffordrec.org after August 1, 2015. Cost: \$35.00 before September 1; \$45.00 after September 2. Grades: 1st-5th. When: Wednesdays beginning September 9 and running through mid- October. Times are subject to change due to High School and Middle School Cross Country Meets. Time: 5:30-6:30. Location: Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Track/Cross Country Trail. Register By: August 31.





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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all who turned out for our Pulled Pork Drive Thru on a perfect summer evening – it was a fabulous success! Please join us at our next Board meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 7 pm at the Grange Hall.

We are proud to announce we reached our membership goal this year, thanks to you! If you'd still like to join or renew, it's never too late. Membership starts at just \$25, and your dues go to directly support the iconic Bow Lake Grange Hall. Go to our website at bowlakecc.org for more information, or speak to any Board member.

Have you noticed how clean the beach and park areas are this summer? Thank our local Boy Scout Troop 23 for their hard work in making these public areas ready for a busy summer.

If you're planning an event at the Grange Hall, we have a new resource guide coming soon to our website and available through our Building Administrator, Paula King. If you represent a business or service that could be a resource for special events held at the Grange Hall, please contact Suzanne Murdoch at smurdoch1005@aol.com to be included. For more information on Grange Hall rentals or to secure your event date, call Paula at 664-5901 or email at lnpbakerhouse@aol.com.

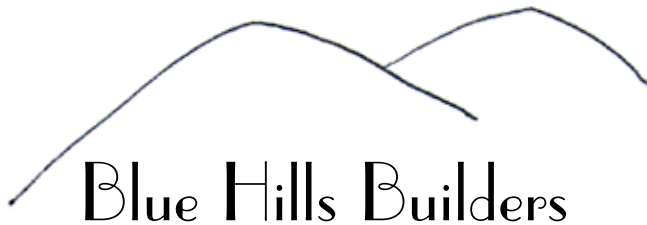
READY RIDES

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.

We continue to see a growth in ride requests month after month. 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.

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STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

Strafford Women's Club members are going out to lunch at the Tuckaway Tavern in Raymond on Monday, August 24, 2015. Plan to arrive at the restaurant at 11:45 am. If you wish to carpool, meet at 11:00 am at the Bow Lake Church parking lot. Please RSVP to Alice at 664-2690 no later than August 20 if you plan to attend. Lunch will be followed by a brief business meeting.

SWC SUMMER RAFFLE 2015

The Strafford Women's Club is offering tickets for sale for its Summer Raffle 2015 Fundraiser for scholarships and select community projects—One ticket for \$1 or six tickets for \$5. Tickets are available at our Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 5, at the Bow Lake Grange Hall or from Carol Cooper at 942-8164. This is a pick-a-prize raffle where you choose the prize you wish to win by placing your tickets in the appropriate jar at the Social. Please see the list of prizes in our quarter-page ad in this issue of the *Calendar*. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Ice Cream Social on August 5, beginning at 7 pm. You need not be present to win. Many thanks to our generous donors!

SECOND ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON AUGUST 5

Don't feel sad! You may have been one of the few who were not at the Bow Lake Grange Hall for the first Strafford Women's Club Ice Cream Social of the summer, but you still have the chance to make your own delicious sundae on Wednesday, August 5, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Small sundaes cost \$2.50 and large are \$3.50. Add a homemade brownie for 50 cents. Choose from vanilla, chocolate, and coffee ice cream, then build your sundae from a variety of hot sauces, candies, nuts, fruit, and whipped cream. Your creativity will result in a delicious concoction that is beautiful to behold and fun to eat. Add lively conversation with friends and neighbors and you have the recipe for a fun-filled evening.

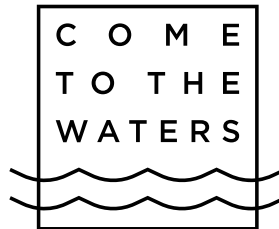
Add to your enjoyment by participating in the Pick-a-Prize Raffle. Buy your tickets for \$1.00 each and place them in the jars in front of your choice of the 22 raffle prizes donated by community businesses and club members. At 7:00 pm the winning tickets will be drawn and prizes will be awarded. You need not be present to win.

All profits fund two Strafford Women's Club college scholarships and other worthwhile community projects. Club members donate most of the food and supplies. The Strafford Women's Club thanks all who have participated in these fund raising events that bring together and enrich our community.

Strafford Women's Club

2015 Summer Pick-A-Prize Raffle

- ❖ Blue Oasis Spalon Carol Griffin/Manicure \$20
- ❖ Bow Lake Community Club Gift Basket \$80.00
- ❖ Cavarretta Gardens \$20 GC
- ❖ Cooper Hill Pizza \$20 GC
- ❖ Durham Village Garage Oil Change \$38.00
- ❖ Garden Basket \$30
- ❖ Halo's Family Hair Salon \$35.00 (GC & beauty items)
- ❖ Hannaford Northwood \$25 GC
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- ❖ K & J's Diner \$25 GC
- ❖ Market Basket \$50 GC
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- ❖ Northwood Diner \$25 GC
- ❖ Northwood Garage State Inspection \$30.00
- ❖ Original acrylic painting, priceless
- ❖ Piece Time Puzzles One Puzzle \$16.00
- ❖ Pied Cow & Marilyn Price, 6 tee-shirts w/Marilyn's painting, \$96 (split between 2 prizes)
- ❖ Rochester Country Club 18 holes for 2 (no cart) \$96
- ❖ Sheilah's Deli & Market \$25 GC



COME TO THE WATERS

is a result of an active cry for more of the Holy Spirit moving in our lives and in our community. The Lord has a set a purpose for you and is actively calling this region to a beautiful plan! This event is going to bless you in so

many ways as we exalt the name of the Lord in humble surrender. Together as one voice, we will be glorifying the Lord through worship and diving deeper into His love.

Please join us for this night of worship. With an acoustic set, two blessed worship leaders (Matt MacKay & Alex Archambault), and a room full of hearts crying out to The Lord in surrender, we are sure to experience something marvelous! Whether you have been coming to church all of your life or you have never stepped foot in a church before, we want you to come and join us.

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**APPALACHIAN TRAIL PROGRAM
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Bette Frazier Thru-Hiked the 2,174 mile Appalachian Trail from Springer Mt, GA, to Katahdin, ME March 31 to August 27, 2007 after retiring from teaching children Physical Education for 25 years in NH. She was the 115th hiker to complete the Trail and the 14th woman in the 2007 season. She averaged over 15 miles per day for the 150-day journey (which included seven zero days). With a trail name of "Catchup", Bette caught up to hundreds of other hikers who helped her to have a safe, injury-free, life-changing experience. Carrying a 28 lb. backpack, eating dehydrated food, encountering rattlesnakes, bear and a bobcat, this was a very exciting adventure! She will show her equipment and slide show, representing her website at www.trailjournals.com/catchup. Bette's goal is to encourage youth and adults to experience the beauty of nature right here in our local area where hiking trails are readily available. She has completed hiking the NH forty-eight 4,000-footers, the 67 New England 4000-footers, the Long Trail and Belknap Ridge. She has 600 miles remaining to complete her section hike of the Appalachian Trail.

The public is welcome at this event. Please join the Strafford Women's Club to hear this inspiring account of Bette's Thru Hike on Monday, September 28, 1:30 pm in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Baptist Church.



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Libri Grant—We have just received over \$1,400 worth of books from the Libri Foundation's *Books For Children*. Our collection will be adding 62 picture and youth books. These are all due to the generosity of the Libri Foundation and an anonymous donor that matched funds for these books. We also had the wonderful surprise of receiving an unexpected 19 more math and science books thanks to the generosity of Bill Strawbridge and Meg Wallhagen. Come in and check out our new children's titles.

Adult Fiction and Non Fiction—*Wright Brothers* by McCullough, *Luckiest Girl Alive* by Knoll, *14th Deadly Sin* by Patterson, *Elon Musk* by Vance, *Go Set a Watchman* by Lee, *Dead Wake* by Larson, *Lucky Life Interrupted* by Brokaw, and *The Places In Between* by Stewart. We also have three Kindles that can be checked out. Come in and find out more about them!

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Planet by L'Engle, *An Abundance of Katherines* by Green, Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Andrews, *Theodore Boone: the Activist* by Grisham, and the *Matched Series* by Condie.

Come in and check out our telescope. The 2015 Perseid meteor shower will peak around August 11. A new moon on August 14, 2015 will create perfect conditions for watching the meteor shower. The Perseid meteor shower, one of the brighter meteor showers of the year, occurs every year between July 17 and August 24. The shower tends to peak around August 9-13. The best time to view the Perseids is when the sky is the darkest. Most astronomers suggest that the best time to view meteor showers is right before dawn.

The next Trustees Meeting is Tuesday, August 11, at 6 pm. There are positions for Alternates that can be filled. If you think you might be interested in being a Hill Library Trustee Alternate, come by and see what the Trustees are all about. We are looking for energetic, creative folks to bring fresh perspectives to the Board. If you need transportation to the meeting, please call 664-2800.

Come build with Bricks4Kidz on August 8, from 12 to 1:30 pm. We have two Summer Craft Activities left on Monday afternoons, August 3 and 10 at 3 pm. We have had a great turn out creating Super Hero capes, masks, and wrist bands! Summer Story Time sessions finish on Wednesdays, August 5 and 12 at 11 am. Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 4, 6, 11, and 13, we will be featuring a fun movie from 2 to

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4 pm. Cartoon and Drawing Club meets the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month, August 4 and 20, from 5 to 7 pm. As an added summer program on August 12 from 12 to 3 pm, Anne will lead a special "Make-and-Take" book-making workshop with a "Stick Bound Craft Book Workshop" for 6-12 year olds. Call Anne with any questions at 664-2238.

Minecraft Club will be taking a hiatus over the summer and will reconvene in September. Wanted—Legos in the Library. Got bricks in your home that are no longer in use? We would love for you to donate them to the Library. Also, our Young Adult collection is growing but can use your help. If you have books or audios you would like to donate, please bring them to the Circulation Desk.

Join us on Thursday, August 27, at 6:30 pm, for our Book Club. Come and share your thoughts.

Join us from 5 to 7 pm on Tuesday, August 25, for an "Evening of Poetry" with Steve Manning, and bring your own poetry to share.

All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.



NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015—Labor Day.

Online Vehicle Renewals & Dog Licensing—You can renew your vehicle registrations and license your dogs with the Strafford Town Clerk online. Just follow the instructions on the renewal letters we send OR go to www.strafford.nh.gov (our Town website) and locate the red "Online Payments" button. The Strafford Town Clerk will process your online renewals and mail your registrations/licenses to you. It's easy and convenient. Only renewals can be processed online; allow one week for processing; all new vehicles, vehicle transfers, and new dogs must continue to be processed in person at the Town Clerk's office. NOTE: We continue to offer renewal services by mail or in person at the Town Clerk's office.

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



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FIRE FIGHTERS ANNUAL DINNER

The Strafford Fire & Rescue Fire Fighters Association is once again hosting its annual dinner on October 17 from 4 to 7 pm, with a change to the menu. We will be unable to do a prime rib dinner due to the rising cost of beef; so we would like to try a Pig Roast with all the fixings and a new apple crisp recipe. Tickets will be \$15.00; kids 8 and under \$5.00. Tickets will be available mid-August for pre-purchase at the Bow Lake Station or from any of our Fire Fighters. These events support our efforts to help out others in the community who may be experiencing a difficult time. We do not purchase equipment for our operations from the Association. Hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support.

STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

You never know what will happen at a round table discussion. July's Town Republican meeting moved into international affairs by joining in assisting 4 lost bicyclist/campers who were pretty far off course from their intended campground, Yellowstone. Please join us on the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for round table discussions at Hill Library, 15 Parker Mountain Road, Strafford, New Hampshire.

STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

Get an unusual look at life behind prison bars at the August meeting of the Strafford Town Democratic Committee on Tuesday, August 4, at 7 p.m. at Hill Library. Strafford resident Jayne Young, who is the Program Coordinator at the New Hampshire State Prison in Concord, will be the featured guest. She will offer insights on alternatives to imprisonment and other initiatives that are proving to be both highly effective and cost-saving. All who are interested in this topic are cordially invited to attend.

At its July meeting, the committee heard a presentation by Joe Cicirelli, a Field Organizer for the State Employees Union, which represents 12,000 state and municipal workers around New Hampshire. He explained how the state budget that has not yet passed for the current biennium has big implications for the public, State agencies, and public sector workers. Governor Maggie Hassan vetoed it because it includes tax cuts for businesses that would "put a hole in the future budget of the State to the tune of tens of millions of dollars," said Cicirelli. He urged attendees to stay in touch with their legislators as the budget is finalized in coming months. Learn more about the Strafford Town Democrats at www.strafforddems.org.



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STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

Blueberries, blueberries, blueberries! They're everywhere—growing at the water's edge, in backyards, on the side of the road, and of course at the PYO Berrybogg Farm, managed by our own Ann Lake. And if you made it to our Blueberry Pancake Breakfast on August 1, you had a chance to taste some delicious homemade blueberry sauce. Blueberries are fairly simple to grow if you can meet their basic needs—a sunny spot with well-drained soil, a good water source, and of course protection of the ripening fruit from rascally birds. A great source for more specific information on growing blueberries is the North American Blueberry Council, www.blueberry.org.

Our Trips Coordinator, Bev Nemetz, has put together quite a schedule for us this year. If you didn't make it to the Sculpture Walk and Moulton Farm in Meredith in July, you missed a good one. The August trip will be to The House by the Side of the Road in Wilton; then the Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA, in September; and lastly the Currier Museum in October. Be sure to sign up at the monthly meetings, or call Bev to let her know of your interest.

The August 3 business meeting (Grange Hall @ 1:00 pm) will be followed by a field trip to see a beautiful private garden. Ann Lake will lead us to the home of Chris and Bob Lasky on Tender Road in Northwood for this special visit and tour. Hope to see you there.

P.S. The Plant Sale is our big project each year, and we are fortunate and grateful to our members and those in the community who donate plants to the effort. We would love to see what your plants look like in their full glory, so if you plan on dividing and donating next year, please take a photo when they're in bloom to share with us. Thanks!

THE BOW LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS "INSIDE RUSSIA TODAY"

On Saturday, August 1, 2015, The Bow Lake Baptist Church, with a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, will present "Inside Russia Today", an Interactive Presentation with Marina Forbes. There will be a Pot Luck Breakfast at 9:00 am; the presentation, "Inside Russia Today", will start about 9:30 am. Attendance at the breakfast is optional, but we hope you come. This program is free and open to the public. It was made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council (<http://www.nhhc.org>). For more info, please call (603) 332-2255 for Marina Forbes or 332-6265 for coordinator Joan Nelson. Also, see the July issue of the *Calendar* at www.traffordcommunitycalendar.com for more details about the program.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

Conservation Commission members spent a recent Sunday morning on the popular Spencer Smith trail on the Town Forest looking at the problem of the wet area up a short rise from the trailhead off Parker Mountain Road. It is full of sphagnum moss and fed by a drainage down from the nearby rocky cliff. Though dry much of the summer and autumn that section can also be wet and mucky at any time of the year depending upon the weather. Until now the trail through the area has been maintained with wide planks, but many are now deteriorating. Rather than replacing those planks, rerouting the trail to avoid the whole bog area as much as possible seems the best solution. Conservation Commission members are working to create a new trail around the wet area that can cross the wet drainage in a much narrower area. The old boards will be gone, the new path will be clearly indicated, and brush piles in the wet area should discourage hikers from taking the old route.

The Spencer Smith trail is probably the trail most used by those of us in town as well as others from around the region. The Conservation Commission is thankful to Rick Hodges who keeps the parking area plowed in winter. Even on the bitterest winter days we will see cars parked there and footprints up the trail.

The other Town Forest trail is the Neil Mooers loop, a C-shaped trail that starts by the Town Forest sign, goes up the broad forest access road and near the top goes through the woods blazed in red and exits on the highway at a smaller parking area about halfway up the hill. A blue-blazed trail leads off the Neil Mooers loop and heads uphill to join the Spencer Smith trail. Find a map for the Town Forest trails on the Town of Strafford website. Click on Conservation Commission over under the list of Boards and Commissions and then scroll down to find both the Town Forest and Isinglass River Conservation Reserve trail map. Happy trails!

It's time for another Wildflower Identification Walk at Graylag Cabins on Wild Goose Pond. Botanist George Newman led a group to identify spring wildflowers earlier this year, and he will be back on Sunday, August 9, at noon to lead those interested in seeing the summer wildflowers. The walk is free and open to the public. Check www.graylagcabins.com for directions.

HISTORICAL NOTES

The Strafford Historical Society's annual fundraising yard sale will be Saturday, August 8, and Sunday, August 9, from 8 am to 2 pm at the Old Waldron Store, RAIN or SHINE. We will have the big tent again this year. Donations large and small are very welcome or you may rent a table to join us. If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact JoAnn Brown at 664-2225; Liz Evans at 664-7736 (eevans.strafford.nh@gmail.com); or any Society member. You may also drop off donations at the Old Waldron Store (no large appliances please). We have already gathered some great items. Proceeds will be put toward the Austin Hall painting fund.

The Society is very pleased to announce that a contract has just been signed for painting the exterior of Austin Hall. The painters will be starting work by the time that you read this column. This is the long-awaited final step in the restoration work that we have been doing over the past few years. Our community is very fortunate to have several historic buildings that are open and available to the public, but Austin Hall is our one building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Austin Hall has played an important part in our community as the first home of what became Austin-Cate Academy and as the Parker Mountain Grange Hall since its construction in 1833; and we hope that you will help the Historical Society as we work to preserve this important piece of our community's heritage. The Society is still in need of your support to finish this project. Please contact any Society member for more information on how you can help, and remember that donations are tax deductible.

Please note that the next Bicentennial Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at the Old Waldron Store. If you would like to help out, please email straffordbicentennial@gmail.com.



Contacts

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency.....911
 Police Non-Emergency..... 664-5644
 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, Wednesday9:00–noon

Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or by appointment):

Tuesday..... 4:00–7:00

Planning & Zoning (Ext. 105)

Assessor (Ext. 107)

Hill Library..... 664-2800
 Monday through Thursday..... 11:00–7:00
 Saturday..... 10:00–2:00

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Wednesday.....4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday.....9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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Saturday:

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bow Lake Baptist Church664-7401
 530 Province Road, Strafford, NH www.blfwbc.org
 Worship Service (Sunday School & Child Care Available)..... 10:00 a.m.

3rd Baptist Church of Ctr. Strafford..... 664-7750
 Sunday Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

Crown Point Baptist Church..... 509-2224
 274 First Crown Point Rd.
 Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church..... 942-8716
 Rte. 4, Northwood
 Sunday Mass..... 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
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 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.

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1	Sat	7:30-10:30a	Pancake Breakfast by Strafford Garden Club at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		9:00 am	Pot Luck Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Baptist Church.
		9:30 am	“Inside Russia Today” in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Baptist Church; see article.
2	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for religious services.
3	Mon	1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		3:00 pm	Craft Make & Take at Hill Library.
		5-6 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 meets at Town Hall.
4	Tue	2-4 pm	Afternoon Movie at Hill Library.
		5-7 pm	Cartoon and Drawing Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:00 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
		7:00 pm	Town of Strafford Democrats meeting at Hill Library.
5	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
		4-8 pm	Ice Cream Social Fundraiser by Strafford Women’s Club at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
6	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		2-4 pm	Afternoon Movie at Hill Library.
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
7	Fri	7:30 pm	AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
8	Sat	8am-2pm	Yard & Bake Sale at Waldron Store by Strafford Historical Society; see article.
		12-1:30pm	Bricks4Kidz at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5-7 pm	Annual Lobster Cookout at Whitchers Point by BLCOA; tix at www.blcoa.org.
9	Sun	8am-2pm	Yard & Bake Sale at Waldron Store by Strafford Historical Society; see article.
		12 Noon	Wildflower Identification Walk; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
10	Mon	3:00 pm	Craft Make & Take at Hill Library.
		6:30 pm	Town of Strafford Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
11	Tue	2-4 pm	Afternoon Movie at Hill Library.
		6-9:30 pm	Boater Safety Class; see article.
		6:00 pm	Hill Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
12	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
		12-3 pm	Stick Bound Book Craft at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
13	Thur	2-4 pm	Afternoon Movie at Hill Library.
		6-9:30 pm	Boater Safety Class; see article.
15	Sat		Deadline for September <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i>.
		10am-3pm	Book Sale Blow Out at Hill Library.
		11a-12:30p	Reptiles on the Move at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Bow Lake Camp Owners Association Annual Membership Meeting.
17	Mon	7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department officers meeting.
18	Tue	6:00 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
20	Thur	5-7 pm	Cartoon and Drawing Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
23	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
24	Mon	11:45 am	Strafford Women’s Club meets at Tuckaway Tavern (11 am for carpooling); see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.
		7:00 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.
25	Tue	5-7 pm	Evening of Poetry with Steve Manning at Hill Library.
		5:30-7 pm	Kindergarten students ice cream social at Strafford School.
26	Wed		Kindergarten students first day at Strafford School.
		6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
27	Thur		First day for all students at Strafford School.
		6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
31	Mon	7:00 pm	Fire Department work session.

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