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1. Inserts in the *Strafford Community Calendar* must be approved by the editors on or before the deadline.
2. Inserts and ads are prepaid.

AUSTIN CATE ACADEMY REUNION

Austin Cate Academy alumni are having a reunion brunch on March 6, 2016 at 11:00 am at Johnson's Restaurant in Northwood. Please contact ladyluvaca@aol.com or call Johnson's Restaurant at 603-942-7300 to make your reservation with Abby or Kerry. Margie Sears Sherman is making "tote bags" for everyone. We look forward to a great day sharing memories; let's make it happen.

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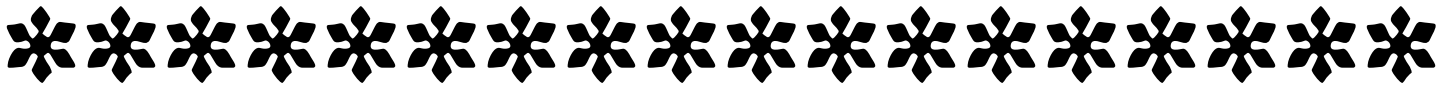
The Strafford Women's Club Fourth Annual Ham & Bean Supper will be held at the Bow Lake Grange Hall from 5 to 7 pm on Friday, February 5, 2016. Tickets are \$8 and will be available at the door; and kids 5 years old and under eat free. (Snow date will be Saturday, February 6.) Proceeds benefit the SWC Scholarship Fund for Strafford high school seniors. Come and enjoy baked ham; homemade award-winning baked beans; homemade cole slaw, corn casserole, and pies; rolls and butter, coffee and milk.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 (snow date February 4), at 6:00 p.m. in the Strafford School cafeteria for review of the proposed School District Budget. This is one of the most important meetings the Town holds each year. It is when the School budget, which is approximately 10 times the Town budget, is gone over line-by-line, and every question you have is answered. Please make this a priority to attend.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TOWN OF STRAFFORD

From the Selectmen's Office: A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6 pm at Strafford Town Hall for review of the proposed budget and certain warrant articles to be voted on at the March 12, 2016 Town Meeting. Storm Date is Thursday, February 4, 2016.



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DOG LICENSES—A reminder that all dogs 4 months and older must be licensed each year between January 1 and April 30. See below for details on licensing your dogs online.

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.

The Town Hall (Including the Town Clerk’s Office) will be closed on the following days in February & March: Tuesday, February 9, 2016—Presidential Primary *VOTING ONLY*; Monday, February 15, 2016—Presidents Day; Tuesday, March 8, 2016—Town Election Day *VOTING ONLY*.

2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016; Town offices will be open for *VOTING ONLY*.

TOWN ELECTION – TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016; to be held at the Strafford Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The polls will be open for voting from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TOWN MEETING – SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016; to be held at the Strafford School Gym on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 8:30 am.

Voter Registration for Town Election/Town Meeting/Supervisors of the Checklist Session –

You may register to vote with the Strafford Town Clerk during regular business hours on or before Thursday, February 25, 2016. You may register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist session to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Strafford Town Hall (change of party will be accepted). If you have not registered to vote by February 27 and wish to vote at Town Election or Town Meeting, you may register at Town Election on March 8.

Please note that if you have not registered to vote by Election Day, March 8, you will not be eligible to vote at the annual School District Meeting or Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12.

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



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Remember our winter break from monthly business meetings continues this month; but don't forget to meet for lunch at Johnson's Restaurant on Monday, February 22, 2016, at noon. All are welcome to join us. Please call or email Lucinda by February 18 if you plan to attend (664-9200 or kerivan@metrocast.net).

Also, please join us for the SWC's annual Ham & Bean Supper at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Friday, February 5 (snow date February 6). See separate article for more details.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 11 to 11:30 am for additions and corrections to the checklist per RSA 654:27, 28; 669:5. Change in party registration will be accepted. If you are registering as a new voter, proof of citizenship, age, and residency in Strafford needs to be provided. No additions or corrections shall be made to the Checklist after this session until Town Election Day on March 8, 2016, except as provided in RSA 659:12; 654:8,II.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

You can now purchase your Hunting and Fishing License at the Tax Collector's Office in the Strafford Town Hall. To purchase your Hunting license, you must provide your expired Hunting license or a copy of your "Hunter Safety Course Certificate." You must have this with you in order to receive your Hunting license.

You may also get your Off Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) and Snowmobile Registration at the Tax Collector's Office. Remember to bring proof of your current Snowmobile Club Membership with you to save yourself the 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.

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT HOURS AT TOWN HALL

Beginning January 19 and continuing through May 24, the Building Inspector's office hours will be from 2 to 5 on Tuesdays. As always, the Building Inspector is available by appointment. Beginning on May 31, the Building Inspector will return to the previously established office hours of 4 to 7 pm on Tuesdays.

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We want your prize photos of Strafford and Bow Lake. Have you ever noticed how irresistible our area is for the photographer in you? Many of us have pulled over for that perfect shot. If you're like most, these beautiful photos languish on our digital cameras or phones. It's time to share our special place with the world. Your Bow Lake Community Club is proud to announce a photo contest open to anyone who has area photos they would like to share. We will be including the best in our publication of a 2017 photo calendar. Imagine seeing your image on the pages of a beautiful calendar you can share with friends and family!

Our contest is open to all. To enter your photo for a chance to be featured in our 2017 Strafford Calendar, submit your digital file of at least 300 dpi (ppi) for an 8X10 to Suzanne Murdoch at smurdoch1005@aol.com by April 15, 2016. Selected photos will be featured in our inaugural 2017 calendar with attribution given to the photographer.

Who are we? The Bow Lake Community Club exists to maintain the iconic Bow Lake Grange Hall for you and our community. Our members and volunteers are a vital part of who we are. While we host a number of special events during the year, membership dues are a major source of revenue. If you aren't already one of our valued members, we invite you to join and support us as we support you. For more details

and to sign up, visit us at www.bowlakecc.org or write us at P.O. Box 204, Strafford, NH 03884.

THE LAKESIDE PLAYERS

Mark your calendar! Impersonators of Romance V is on the bill for April 8, 9, and 10 at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Carol MacDonald will be starting rehearsals soon to insure the best of all possible shows—all new acts, many new performers.

We are working on changing the presentation to "Cabaret Style"; eat before you arrive; we will have snacks and soft drinks available for purchase. Yes, this is a tease; new low ticket price and more information will follow.

STRAFFORD RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Strafford Recreational Sports provides youth sports opportunities for all children in Strafford, including soccer, cross country, basketball, skiing & snowboarding, track & field, baseball & softball, and volleyball. See our website www.straffordrec.org for details about each sport, including important registration deadlines.

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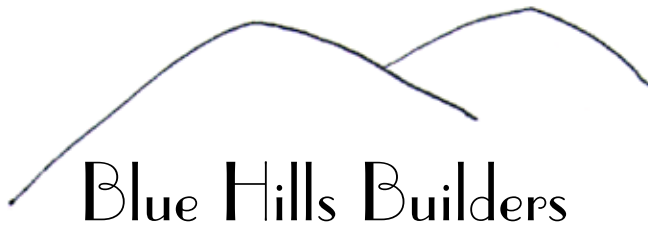
Ready Rides is a non-profit organization formed to provide rides for seniors and physically challenged neighbors in Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford who need transportation to medical and dental appointments.

In our last fiscal year ending September 30, we completed 1679 trips that included 156 for Strafford and 120 for Northwood. 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. Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be mailed to Ready Rides, P.O. Box 272, Northwood, NH 03261. Your gifts are tax deductible. Thank you



The Strafford Garden Club's "Welcome Baskets" for new residents are starting to be distributed. The initiative is headed by Pam Boyer, assisted by members of the club.



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CONSERVATION NOTES

It is nice to see cars parked at the Isinglass River Conservation Reserve parking area and to know that people are enjoying the trails there. The Conservation Commission has engaged Don Clifford to keep the parking lot open for us. If anyone using the trails comes across deadfall that impedes the trail, let the Conservation Commission know. Randy Jacunski, our member who is especially good with a chainsaw, has taken care of several such blockages in the past. Don Clifford also takes care of opening the parking spot over at the Town Forest. We hope to see folks making use of the trails there as well. The connector trail from the Neil Mooers loop to the Spencer Smith trail was newly cleared and marked this year. Conservation Commission is grateful to Rick Hodges who keeps the parking area at the Spencer Smith trail up Parker Mountain plowed for us.

How about a walk beyond Strafford? Bear-Paw has several walks planned for February. For a naturalist-led walk, put Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 on February 27 on your calendar, when UNH wildlife specialist Frank Mitchell will lead us on the Fordway Brook property in Candia. Please do register for this one at info@bear-paw.org for directions and in case weather makes a change in plans.

If you are up for an exploratory walk with Bear-Paw Board members and friends, there will be two of them in February to check out newly protected properties—one on

Saturday morning, February 6, and another on Wednesday morning, February 17. Snow conditions and parking possibilities will help make the location choice for those hikes. If you think you would like to come along, please email Harmony Anderson at harmony@metrocast.net to be on the Exploration Walks email list.



Carol Stiles, Celia Abrams, and Mimi Jost enjoy a Bear-Paw exploration hike on the newly conserved Dearborn Forest in Raymond.

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STRAFFORD REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

At the January meeting of the Strafford Town Republican Committee we discussed the rise in drug addiction in New Hampshire and the various proposals to try to reduce and manage this challenge. One of the areas reviewed with this was high school drug prevention classes and their efficacy. The recent failure of an attempt to change the First Amendment was discussed and of course much oaring in about the choices for President with talk of the voting demographic during the 2012 elections. We also talked about who was running for United States House from our First District as well as the gubernatorial and senatorial candidates. We then spoke of the electrical market in New Hampshire and how some businesses are considering leaving New Hampshire due to the high cost of electricity. We also spoke of how some of the incentives for solar and renewable energy are contributing to the increased rates in New Hampshire. Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016, from 6:30 to 8 pm at Hill Library.

STRAFFORD DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Please join us for the Strafford Town Democrats meeting on Tuesday, February 2, at 7 pm at Hill Library. We'll be planning for New Hampshire's Presidential Primary Day, which takes place on February 9, with voting at Strafford Town Hall. Be a part of history and cast your vote. The meeting will also provide an update on various State and local Democratic campaigns, including former Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter's bid for the U.S. House and current Governor Maggie Hassan's campaign for the U.S. Senate. It's a big year in New Hampshire politics, so it's a great time to get informed and get involved. Stay in touch with the Strafford Town Democrats at www.strafforddems.org.

BYA SOFTBALL/BASEBALL 2016

Registration for the BYA Softball/Baseball 2016 season is now open. It's fast; it's easy; and, of course, it's secure. Register before March 4 and get the early bird discount of \$30 per player. Register now at www.byanh.org and pay up to 6 months later with PayPal. Or register in person on Friday, March 4, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Barrington Middle School.



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The NH Thunder Track & Field Program is currently taking registrations for the 2016 Track & Field season. More information and the registration form is available on our website: www.nhthunder.com. You can print out and return the registration form with the program fee of \$45.00 (includes uniform and meet fees) (\$35.00 if you do not need a uniform and are using the one from last year) made payable to NH Thunder, P.O. Box 173, Strafford, NH 03884. Early Bird Registration is by March 20; after that the fee changes to \$55.00 if you need a uniform and \$45.00 if you already own a uniform. Registrations will also be taken the first night of practice.

The program will begin Monday, April 18, and run through the end of May.

The Track and Field program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 15 years as of December 31, 2016. Practices will be Mondays and Thursdays from 5:15-6:45 pm with three track meets throughout the season. Practices are held at the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Track. The meets will also be held at Coe-Brown. Times will be subject to change due to High School meets and availability of CBNA athletes. There will also be optional meets during the season that we will encourage you to attend.

The Track & Field program is USATF certified. This is a great opportunity to participate in any, and all, track and field events you may be interested in, such as shot put, javelin, high jump, long jump, discus, running events, and hurdles. Events will be chosen by the guidance of the coaches and athletes together.

The track program only works if we have interested parents to volunteer to help with measuring, timing, and supervising the different age groups. No experience is necessary. The Coe-Brown athletes also help to make this program a success.

We are excited to continue to build our NH Thunder running program; our emphasis is completely on fun and participation. We are looking forward to another great year. Please call Karyn Fisher at 664-6993 or email 5fishers@metrocast.net with questions or concerns.



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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7th ANNUAL BOW LAKE 5K**

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HISTORICAL NOTES



The Strafford Historical Society would like to send special thanks to Edie Brown and family for the beautiful holiday wreath decorating Austin Hall. We would also like to thank Stacy Paine and family for their gift of the lovely wreath decorating the Old Waldron Store. The Society truly appreciates our generous donors, and we thank you for including the

Historical Society as part of your holiday giving.

Strafford will be hosting the annual Joint Meeting of the Strafford and Barrington Historical Societies this year with a program focusing on Cellar Holes, an important cultural resource in our communities. This year's joint meeting will take place on Monday, April 4. More details will follow.

The Bicentennial working group met in January and will gather again in April. We are always looking for people with ideas and energy to help us plan for a fun-filled Bicentennial Celebration in 2020. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact the group at straffordbicentennial@gmail.com.



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SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

As someone who enjoys winter and lots of snow, I'm not very impressed with Mother Nature at this point. We're off to a slow start this season. Hopefully by the time you're reading this article, we're received a healthy dose of snow, and the trails are open for riding.

An update of info from last month's article: The State-wide online Club Membership website has been put on temporary hold until some legal matters have been worked out. Hopefully that website will be up and running soon. On a good note though, OHRV registrations are now available at the Strafford Town Hall during normal business hours. See Judy; she'll also have Swamp Stomper membership applications on hand. Membership applications are also available at Rochester Sports Center in Barrington, Dover Marine/Covered Bridge Sports in Dover, Morrison's Cycle in Madbury, St. Hilaire Motorsports in Barrington, Bickford's Sports Center in Epsom, and Log Home Hardware in Nottingham. Blank forms are also available to pick up at the Isinglass Country Store here in town.

A reminder, please stay on the marked trails. Most of our trails are on private property, which the Club has secured permission for use as a snowmobile trail from our many generous land owners. Please do not jeopardize our trail system by taking part in some "off-trail adventures".

On February 6 we will hold our annual Bonfire/Cookout

& Ride-In (conditions permitting) at the home of Club President Shawn Barry. The Swamp Stompers will again be providing hamburgers and hot dogs, soda and water; BYOB. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. All snowmobilers and friends are welcome to attend. This is a free event open to all. Donations are accepted, of course. If you've attended any of our past events, you know this is a good time for kids and adults. Check out our website for more details at www.straffordswampstompers.org or check us out on Facebook for more up-to-date news. Think snow!

MUSEUM PROGRAM

Have you been to the Children's Museum in Dover? How about the NH History Museum in Concord? When was the last time you went to Strawberry Banke? Well, you could go to any one of these, bring back a receipt for your fee, and present it to the Friends of the Hill Library for a reimbursement of up to \$25. This program allows you to go to any museum and be subsidized for at least part of your cost to visit. Any Hill Library patron can do this once a year. Just ask at Hill Library's circulation desk or go online for the forms (www.hilllibrary.org).

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BECOMING WOLF:

EASTERN COYOTE IN NEW ENGLAND

Please join us at Hill Library on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm when Chris Schadler, MS, MA will present "Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyote in New England". For more than 30 years, Chris has studied the wild members of the Canidae family, a biological group that includes coyotes, wolves, foxes, jackals and the domesticated dog. Chris' interest in wild canids began in 1980 as a volunteer at the Wolf Park in Battleground, Indiana under Dr. Erich Klinghammer. This opportunity and others inspired an eventual Masters in Conservation Biology at Antioch University Graduate School. Her thesis focused on the biological and social perspectives of natural recovery for the Eastern Timber Wolf in Michigan. While wolf recovery was the focus of her early work, Chris' attention shifted to the eastern coyote when she moved to New England. She chose a farm with known coyote problems to raise sheep and train her border collies. Using sound livestock management and common sense, she has avoided any predation for nearly two decades. A peaceful co-existence between coyote and livestock has grown an attentive audience for humane management.

Schadler described why she believes the coyote could soon claim the ecological niche once held by the wolf in the woods of northern New England. 'I have believed for 20 years this eastern coy-wolf we have is rapidly evolving into a top predator,' she said. As coyotes from western states migrated through Canada to New England, they bred with wolves, Schadler said. The resulting animal can grow to 45 pounds—nearly twice as large as western coyotes—and is beginning to hunt in packs. Like mosquitoes and crows, she said, coyotes are extremely opportunistic creatures: They eat everything from strawberries to garbage to freshly killed deer; they live so easily among humans that thousands have been counted in Chicago; and they respond when humans hunt them by bearing even more young. 'When we walk through the woods, they're there, watching us,' Schadler said.

Chris continues her work of the last 30 years. She divides her time between teaching on the New Hampshire Seacoast and working on her book *Becoming Wolf: The Eastern Coyote in New England*. Between presentations she can be found at camp in northern New Hampshire tracking coyotes, howling for wolves, or leading treks into Canada to study wild canids. Chris will be speaking at Hill Library on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Please join us.

ARTISTS ALERT II

The Artists Alert art group is a group of Strafford artists who are joining together to share common interests. We will be meeting on February 9 and 23 from 5 until 7 pm at Hill Library. If you're interested in joining, please drop by the Library or call Anne Smith at 664-2238.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Strafford Garden Club is offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a college bound high school senior or student already enrolled in a college, technical school, or graduate school. Students will need a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible. This scholarship is offered to students who live in Strafford and Northwood or are relatives of Strafford Garden Club members. Any student may apply, but those enrolled in or planning to major in courses relating to plants, ecology, environment, or agricultural studies, etc. will be given preference. Applications are available at the Coe-Brown guidance office or by contacting Dolly Theriault 942-8163 or gardenclubscholarship@gmail.com. Former winners may reapply. The deadline for application is March 15.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

This year the Strafford Women's Club is offering two \$750 scholarships to full-time, college-bound graduating seniors who are residents of Strafford. Scholarship application forms are now available at Coe-Brown's Guidance Department or may be mailed to you upon request by calling Marilyn Roderick at 664-2824.



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LIBRARY LINES

We want to welcome Lynne Chiarello to our staff as our new Youth Services Librarian. She will be a welcome addition to the Hill Library. Stop by and say hello.

Storytime, come join the fun! Our Storytime sessions will run on Wednesdays at 11 am through February 10. Stop in for seasonal stories, crafts, and new friends. Also, join our “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” program. When you keep track of your first 100 books, you will earn a cute book bag.

New To The Collection—Adult Fiction: *Complete Works of Shakespeare*, Pathfinder by Cooper; *Idiots First* by Malamud. Non Fiction: *Perennial Combinations* by Colston, *The Wave in pursuit of the Rogues, Freaks, and Giants of the Ocean* by Casey; *Coach Lessons on the Game of Life* by Lewis; *Ultimate Dog Treat Cookbook* by Palika. DVDs: Father Brown V. 3; Downton Abbey V. 6; Robin Hood: Men in Tights; Monty Python’s Meaning of Life; Monty Python’s Life of Brian; Martian; Mockingjay Part 2; Minions; Ant Man. Audios: *Camel Club* by Baldacci; *Edge of Eternity* by Follett; *Rogue Lawyer* by Grisham; *Time to Kill/ Firm/ Client* by Grisham; *Girl in a Spider’s Web* by Lagercrantz. Children/ Young Adults: *I Am Malala* (Young Readers Edition); *If It’s Snowy and You Know It* by Norman; *Six of Crows* by Bardugo; *Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower*; *You Can Tie Your Shoes*; *Nutcracker Ballet*; *Silly Snowy Day* by Coleman; and many board books.

Come in and check out our telescope. Practice this winter and prepare for the April 22 Lyrid Meteor Shower. We also have three Kindles that can be checked out. You can use these when you download eBooks from NH Downloadable Books Consortium. If you haven’t already, come in and find out how to download audios and eBooks with your library card.

The Library Trustees—Please consider becoming a Hill Library Trustee or Alternate who, with the Library Staff, are responsible for setting the policies guiding the future direction of the Library building, its collections, resources and programming. We are looking for several creative community members to fill vacant seats—we need one person to join as a Trustee and two people to join as Alternates. The time commitment will be about 3 hours per month. We will train you. This is an opportunity to make a difference in our community. The next Trustee meeting is Wednesday, February 10, at 6 pm and is open to the public. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month. We look forward to your participation.

Programming—Feeling artistic? Try the Cartoon and Drawing Club on February 2 and 16 from 5 to 7 pm. “Becoming Wolf: The Eastern Coyote in New England” with Chris Schadler on February 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring yourselves and your poetry to share on February 29 from 5 to 7 pm for “An Evening of Spoken Word” with Steve Manning and David McNicolls. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.

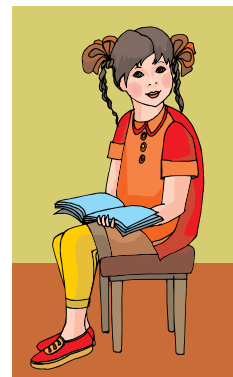
COMPUTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EVENING AT HILL LIBRARY

Is your computer slow? Is it not “booting”? Need help troubleshooting a problem or understanding a program? Would you like to understand how hardware works and fits together, or just have some questions? Do you have an old computer lying around you’d like to evaluate/rejuvenate, or upgrade? Need help surfing/finding things on the internet? Need to change your password? Hill Library will begin hosting a bi-monthly computer hour to help our patrons with computer issues/computer education, or anything else computer related that may be of interest. The Library has free internet access and both Windows 7 and Windows 10 based computers available for public use. You are welcome to bring in your own computers as well. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm, and we will meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month thereafter. The evening will evolve to meet the needs of the participants.

If you think you might be interested in joining us for an evening, you may submit questions/issues in advance so we are prepared to offer appropriate assistance. Please include your name, email address, (optional) telephone number, description of topic/issue you’d like addressed. Please email to: director@metrocast.net.

JUNIOR BOOK CLUB

Chesley Library in Northwood and Hill Library in Strafford are working together to launch a Junior Book Club for children ages 8-12. Regina Planchet, the Teen Librarian in Northwood, has taken the lead to get a reading group together for local youngsters, and she is eager to include youth from Strafford. George Preston, Director of Hill Library, welcomes this opportunity for children of both communities to get together around books. The Hill Library has recently hired a Youth Services Librarian who will be pursuing children’s programming of our own as well as assisting Ms. Planchet as the program evolves. The Junior Book Club’s next meeting will be Thursday, February 4, from 5 to 6 pm to discuss “Pie” by Sarah Weeks. The Club plans to meet the first Thursday of every month at the same time. Ms. Planchet would love to have any interested Strafford youngsters join the Club. You may contact her at chesleymemorialteens@gmail.com or call 942-5472 for more information. And watch for upcoming children’s programming at Hill Library as well. LET’S READ!



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, Wednesday	9:00–noon
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Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or by appointment):

Tuesday.....	4:00–7:00
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Planning & Zoning (Ext. 105)

Assessor (Ext. 107)

Hill Library.....664-2800

Monday through Thursday	11:00–7:00
Saturday	10:00–2:00

Recycling Center Year-Round Hours:

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

Strafford Post Office.....664-2118

1079 Parker Mountain Road (Rt. 126), Strafford, NH 03884

Monday–Friday:

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Lobby & Post Office Box Access	6:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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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

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

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Church.....285-3533

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

www.new-hopechurch.com

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

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

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

www.nc_uc@yahoo.com

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

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

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

www.stgeorgesdurham.org

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

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

113 School St, Northwood, NH

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

STRAFFORD LINKS

Bow Lake Camp Owners Association blcoa.org

Bow Lake Community Club www.bowlakecc.org

Bow Lake Sailing wessexusa.com/bls_main1.html

BSA Troop 23 straffordtroop23.webs.com

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy www.coebrown.org

Hill Library hilllibrary.org

Lakeside Players thelakesideplayers.org

Strafford Community Calendar

straffordcommunitycalendar.com

Strafford Police straffordpolice.org

Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc. 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

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.

Calendar of Events



February



1	Mon	5-6 pm	Free Dinner @ Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday).
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meets at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
2	Tues	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	Public Hearing on Town Budget at Town Hall (storm date 2/4/16).
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station; see article (every Tuesday).
		7:00 pm	Strafford Town Democrats meet at Hill Library.
3	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner @ Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.)
		6:00 pm	Public Hearing on School Budget at Strafford School cafeteria (snow date 2/4/16).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
4	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Thursday).
		5-6 pm	Junior Book Club at Chesley Library, Northwood; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
5	Fri	5-7 pm	Ham & Bean Supper by Women's Club at Grange Hall (snow date 2/6/16); see article.
		7:30 pm	AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
6	Sat		Bear-Paw Walk; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
		9:00 am	Women's Breakfast at Bow Lake Church.
			Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club Winter Cookout & Bonfire; see article.
7	Sun		See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for religious services.
8	Mon	6:30 pm	Town of Strafford Republicans meet at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
9	Tues	8am-7pm	VOTE; Presidential Primary; see <i>Notes from Town Clerk</i> . Town Hall open for voting only.
		5-7 pm	Artists Alert meeting at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
10	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
		6:00 pm	Library Trustees meet at Hill Library.
11	Thur	6-8 pm	Computer Technical Assistance at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
14	Sun		Valentine's Day
15	Mon		Presidents Day ; Town Hall closed.
			Deadline for March <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
16	Tues	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
17	Wed		Bear-Paw Walk; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
18	Thur	6:30 pm	Wolf/Coyote Program at Hill Library; see article.
22	Mon		Strafford School winter vacation week; February 22 through 26.
		12 noon	Strafford Women's Club lunch trip; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
23	Tues	5-7 pm	Artists Alert meeting at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
24	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
25	Thur	6-8 pm	Computer Technical Assistance at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library.
27	Sat	11-11:30a	Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall; see article.
		1:30-4 pm	Bear-Paw Walk; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
28	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
29	Mon		Leap Day.
		5-7 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.

