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Deb Liskow took this month's cover photo, showing winter on Bow Lake. The eagle on page 6 was snapped by Pat Sims. The photo on page 10 was taken by Shawn Barry on Province Rd. Cindy Lavigne took the photo on page 12 last winter. And Pat Dupuis took the photo on page 14 on Barn Door Gap Rd. Send your photos to staff@straffordcommunitycalendar.com.

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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.

**STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB ANNOUNCES
PERSON OF THE YEAR**

In November the Strafford Garden Club announced its Award for the Strafford Person of the Year. The Award went to Martha English for the leadership she has shown in the various organizations of Strafford—Bow Lake Community Club, Hill Library, and Bow Lake Baptist Church. She has also served as a Supervisor of the Checklist, a volunteer at the Christian Cupboard Food Pantry, as a cook for the Community Dinners, and is being recognized for her organizational and volunteer efforts for the Ready Rides Program. Congratulations, Martha. You make Strafford a better place to live.



SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm and Saturday, January 30, 2016, from 11:00 to 11:30 am for corrections of address and addition of new voters. Stipulations according to RSA 654:27,28. No change of party accepted until after the Presidential Primary, according to RSA 654:32. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age, and residency in Strafford need to be provided.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 23

The Boy Scouts of Strafford's Troop 23 will be collecting and disposing of Christmas trees on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for seniors 65+ or military veterans). If interested, please send a note to StraffordTroop23@gmail.com with your name and address to reserve your spot today. No artificial trees, please!

METROCAST MEETING

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The following offices are open for election on March 8, 2016, at the Annual Town Meeting:
School Board Member—3-Year Term
School Board Member—3-Year Term

Any Strafford resident who is a registered voter may file to be a candidate beginning January 20, 2016 through January 29, 2016. Declarations of Candidacy will be taken by the Strafford School District Clerk at her home located at 12 Birch Road (Beaver Dam Estates), Strafford, NH on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 and Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM; on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 and Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. In addition, on Friday, January 29, 2016, the Strafford School District Clerk will also be available from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

On November, 24, 2015, the Strafford School District Election notice was also posted at Strafford Town Hall, Strafford Post Office, Hill Library, Strafford School, SAU #44 Office, as well as at Isinglass Country Store.

Carrolle A. Popovich
Strafford School District Clerk

TOWN OF STRAFFORD ELECTION NOTICE

The following offices are open for election on March 8, 2016, at the Annual Town Meeting:

- Library Trustee (1 seat open)—3-Year Term
- Library Trustee (1 seat open)—1-Year Term
- Planning Board (1 seat open)—3-Year Term
- Selectman (1 seat open)—3-Year Term
- Road Agent—1-Year Term
- Trustee of Trust Funds—3-Year Term
- Town Clerk—3-Year Term
- Town Treasurer—3-Year Term
- Town Moderato—2-Year Term
- Supervisor of the Checklist—6-Year Term

Any Strafford resident who is a registered voter may file to be a candidate beginning January 20, 2016 through January 29, 2016. Declarations of Candidacy will be taken by the Town Clerk at the Town Hall during the Clerk's regular business hours. In addition, on Friday, January 29, 2016, the Town Clerk will be available from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM for filing only.

Diane Waldron
Strafford Town Clerk



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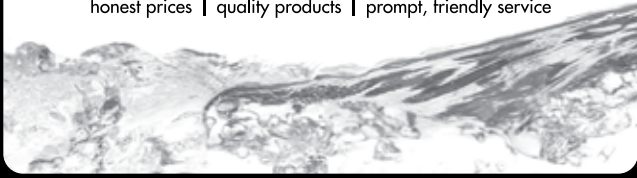
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NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

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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; 2016 Dog renewals can be processed online beginning January 1, 2016; 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. We continue to offer renewal services by mail or in person at the Town Clerk’s office.

The Town Hall will be closed for regular business on the following days in January, February & March: Monday, January 18, 2016—Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Date to be determined 2016—Presidential Primary *VOTING ONLY*; Monday, February 15, 2016—Presidents Day; Tuesday, March 8, 2016—Town Election Day *VOTING ONLY*.

Election News: This year, at Town Meeting, the voters of Strafford approved the purchase of an electronic tabulator to be used in Strafford Elections. As per RSA 656:42, the clerk will give “public notice of the date and time of a pre-election test of the electronic ballot counting device and test ballots.” Please check the Town website for the electronic tabulator testing date in January. You are welcome to attend this testing session.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY – Date TBD

TOWN ELECTION – TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

TOWN MEETING – SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

The Presidential Primary and Town Election will be held at the Strafford Town Hall. The polls will be open for voting from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Town Meeting will be held at the Strafford School Gym at 8:30 am.

Voter Registration: You may register to vote during the Clerk’s regular business hours or at the polls on Election Day. Please be sure to bring your picture ID with you when you register to vote and on Election Day.

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

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CONSERVATION NOTES

Come help Bear-Paw Regional Greenways celebrate 20 years of conservation successes at its annual meeting on Saturday morning, January 30, 2016, at the Hooksett Library beginning at 9 a.m. Strafford landowners and Bear-Paw members have been a big part of Bear-Paw from the beginning. The acres conserved in our Town, both private and public lands, are more than a quarter of the 8000 acres Bear-Paw has helped protect across the 11 towns where Bear-Paw works. And no other town has supported a conservation project so enthusiastically with hard work and fun as Strafford did with our flamingo project to help protect Evans Mountain! That spirit continued with the individual contributions to help protect the Brown islands and shoreline this year.

Raptor rehabilitator, Jane Kelly, from Epping will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting and will bring some of her live clients with her. As usual, there will be ample treats to go with coffee in the morning, hearty hot dishes for lunch, interesting donated items for the raffle, and a hike for those interested in the afternoon. Watch for your postcard invitation in January, and if you are not on the Bear-Paw mailing list, find information about the event on the website, www.bear-paw.org.



With so many newly conserved public properties, Bear-Paw has begun a series of walks to discover the trails and hiking possibilities on all of them. Several Strafford folks have already trekked to some of them for exploratory ventures. There will be about two of these hikes a month, alternating between Wednesday and Saturday mornings. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, January 2, 2016, and will be to explore the Dearborn Estate conservation easement owned by the Town of Raymond. It has a variety of landscapes from lake to ledges and a rail trail suitable for biking. We will carpool from the Grange at 9:00 am. The next hike will be on Wednesday, January 20, with the location to be announced. If you would like to be on the email list to learn about these hikes, please email Harmony Anderson at harmony@metrocast.net



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FROM THE STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

Our year ended with a few fun-filled events. We travelled to Southern New Hampshire University's Culinary Restaurant, The Quill, for an afternoon of dining delights. Our Southern Italian menu featured a choice of a 3 or 5 course meal that was exquisitely prepared by students enrolled in the Culinary Program at SNHU. On December 6 we held our annual Christmas Party. There were many delicious dishes served. Our Yankee Swap proved to be very entertaining. Let's just say that what happens at the Yankee Swap stays at the Yankee Swap. We do not meet during the winter months. Our next monthly meeting and potluck luncheon will be held on April 11, 2016.

Our new initiative is the launching of our *Welcome to Strafford Program*. This program is designed to provide new residents with a warm welcome to our community, inform them about the activities and businesses in our Town, and encourage them to shop locally. New residents of Strafford will receive a Welcome Gift—an attractive basket containing advertisements, discounted coupons, and product samples from local companies. Many thanks to those who have already contributed to our *Welcome to Strafford Program*: 24-Hour Fitness, Hannaford Food Market, Isinglass Country Store, Chesley Library, Hill Library, Meyer Family Dentistry, Northwood House of Pizza, Northwood Garage, Peace Tree Yoga, Silhouette Skin Care, Strafford Post Office, and TD Bank. If you are a business that wishes to contribute to our

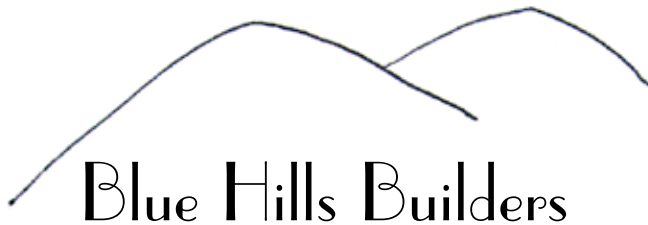
Welcome to Strafford Program or if you know a new resident in Strafford, please contact Pam Boyer at pboyer@metrocast.net.

The Strafford Garden Club wishes you and your family a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

The Strafford Garden Club has recently launched its *Welcome to Strafford Program*. This Program is designed to provide new residents with a warm welcome to our community and inform them about the activities and businesses in our Town. (See Strafford Garden Club news in the *Strafford Community Calendar*.) New residents of Strafford will receive a lovely Welcome Gift—an attractive basket containing advertisements, discount coupons, and product samples from local businesses. New residents will be encouraged to shop locally.

Over fifty companies have been invited to participate in this Program. If for some reason you did not receive an invitation and you would like to participate, please contact Pamela Boyer at pboyer@metrocast.net. Also, referrals of new residents rests mostly on word of mouth. If you meet someone new in Town, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Can you believe 2016 is already here? We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to what the New Year will bring!

Many of us have stayed or moved here because of the sheer beauty of Bow Lake and this area. Did you ever just have to stop and capture that perfect photo? Check back next month for details on a special photo contest we will be running with you in mind. Your beautiful image could be featured in a 2017 calendar that celebrates Strafford in all seasons. What better way to share our special spot with family and friends?

We are already busy preparing for a great 2016 ahead! Your BLCC officers for 2016 are: President, Sheila Jenkins-Hamilton; 1st Vice-President, David Murdoch; 2nd Vice-President, Vicky Mowers; Treasurer, Donna Fletcher; Recording Secretary, Martha English; and Corresponding Secretary, Suzanne Murdoch.

The Bow Lake Community Club exists to maintain the iconic Bow Lake Grange Hall for you and our community. We host a number of special events during the year including our famous Pulled Pork Drive-Through in July, Ducks O'er the Dam in September and our Chili & Chowder Challenge in October. In addition to our fundraising events, membership dues are a major source of revenue, and we are very thankful for our members and volunteers. 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.

Our next Board meeting will be held at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm, and the public is welcome.

STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

Many thanks to all who visited our booth at the Bow Lake Grange Hall during *Christmas in Strafford* last month! The purchases of our homemade beans, baked goods, and raffle tickets for the Christmas gift basket go a long way to help support our scholarship fund and select community projects. The lucky winner of the basket was Martha English—Congratulations!

Remember that we take a break from our monthly business meetings in winter, but don't forget to meet for lunch at Cooper Hill Pizzeria on Monday, January 25, 2016, at noon. All are welcome to join us. Please call or email Gwen by January 20 if you plan to attend (664-5344 or killawatts@metrocast.net).

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FROM STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

IMPORTANT: Due to a scheduling issue, the School District Hearing previously scheduled for January 27, 2016 has been changed to Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 6 pm. It will be held at Strafford School. 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.

Also, the School Board continues to try to work out a new contract with the Strafford Education Association (SEA). Due to the Board declaring impasse in December, the negotiation notes were made public at the December 9, 2015 School Board meeting. Also during that meeting, the Board Chairman's response to the SEA's posting on Facebook was recorded. If you would like to review any of this information to see what the Board is struggling with, it is included in the meeting minutes posted on the School website or as a hard copy at the SAU or School office.



FRIENDS OF HILL LIBRARY

The Strafford Library Association's next meeting will be held at Hill Library on Monday, January 6, 2016, at 7:00 pm. We are the "Friends of Hill Library" group—all are welcome to attend. A public library can never have enough friends! Please join us.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Please join the Strafford Historical Society on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at Hill Library for a special program, "Sound Meditations," featuring Strafford's Steve Bachman of White Mountain Didgeridoos. We will armchair travel to Australia to enjoy the music and more. The program begins at 6:30 pm or soon thereafter. There will be a brief business meeting before the program.

The next meeting of the Bicentennial Planning group will be on Monday, January 11, at 6:30 pm at JoAnn Brown's home on Province Road. If you cannot attend and you are interested in getting involved with planning our big Town birthday party, please send a message to straftordbicentennial@gmail.com, and we will be happy to include you in our mailing list.

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**STRAFFORD SWAMP STOMPERS
SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

As I write this it's 8 pm and still 47 degrees out. Mother Nature has been playing a cruel joke on us so far this season. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, it will feel a little more like winter. Meanwhile, the Club has been out every Sunday morning to prepare our trails for the snow that WILL eventually fall. We strive to have the best conditions possible. FYI: There have been some changes on Corridor 17a between the Isinglass Store and Evans Mountain. The trail signs will be posted per the changes. Please stay on the marked trail.

On December 5 we participated in the annual *Christmas in Strafford* from our table at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. We raised money for trail and equipment maintenance as well as money that we will eventually donate to the Easter Seals as part of the annual NHSA Ride-In Fundraiser held in February. A big thank you goes out to our many area businesses who donated goods for our annual raffle.

Two changes are going into effect on January 1, 2016. The first is you will now be able to register OHRVs at the Strafford Town Hall during normal business hours. That's great news as we currently have no OHRV agents in Strafford. The second change is you will also be able to join your local snowmobile club online. The cost will be \$35 plus a \$2 service charge. Check out our website www.straffordswampstompers.org for the link after the first of the

year.

Our next Club meeting will be held on January 14 at Nippo Lake Golf Club at 7 pm. Come join us for some great food and discuss the trails. On Saturday, February 6, we will be holding our annual Bonfire/Cookout & Ride-In (conditions permitting). The Swamp Stompers will again be providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. All snowmobilers are welcome to attend. This is a free event open to all snowmobilers. Donations are accepted of course. Check out our website for more details as the date gets closer.



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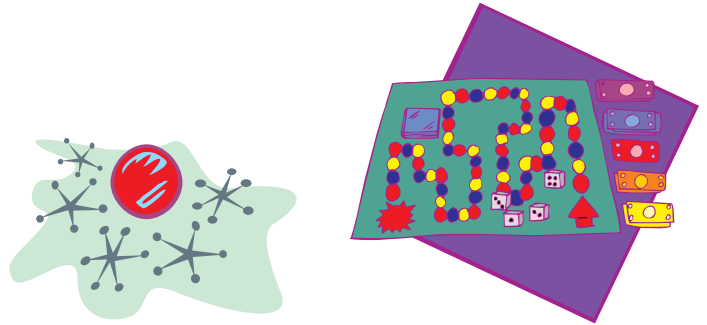


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To request information about registering as a rider or volunteering as a driver, please email us at info@readyrides.org or call 603-244-8719. Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be mailed to Ready Rides, P.O. Box 272, Northwood, NH 03261. Your gifts are tax deductible. Thank you.

FESTIVAL OF GAMES

Four tables full of games and people enjoying the games. Music playing in the background and the sound of chatter and laughter filling the room. Upstairs, two TVs and a projector are connected to video game consoles and gamer favorites such as Mario Kart are playing. At the end of the day, a potluck dinner and movie awaits. Now, what are you doing New Year's Day? Have I convinced you to come to the Festival of Games at Third Baptist Church yet? What if I add that we will be hosting a video game tournament, Lego builder's competition, and other competitive events, all with prizes ranging from a GameStop gift card to Amazon gift cards. The dinner and movie may be at 6 pm; but don't worry, we will have a luncheon at noon to postpone your stomach's rumbling. Can't wait to see you at the Festival of Games at Third Baptist Church between 11 am and 8 pm. For more information you can email abascom08@yahoo.com.



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STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

At the December meeting of the Town of Strafford Republican Committee, the Presidential campaign and candidates were the topic of conversation. We all oared in with who we were pulling for and why. An interesting conversation ensued about the book *Public Bank Solution* by Ellen Brown. Please join us on second Mondays at 6:30 pm at Hill Library in Strafford, New Hampshire, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Next meeting is January 11, 2016.

STRAFFORD DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Strafford Town Democrats will meet on Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 pm at Hill Library. The meeting is a great way to get the latest news on the Democratic campaigns going on in New Hampshire, especially during the exciting run-up to the February 9 Presidential Primary. New Hampshire's Primary is still first in the Nation, in part because our citizens take time to become informed and take part in the vote.

The Committee's holiday gathering at the gracious home of Roger and Josephine Mumper in December was a sparkling evening, with great food (those Democrats can really cook!) and comraderie enjoyed by all. Stay in touch with the Strafford Town Democrats at www.strafforddems.org.



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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HILL LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW COMPUTER LAB

91% of Americans (16 or older) say that public libraries are important to their communities. They are no longer just places for books; libraries of all types are viewed as anchors in their communities. Makerspaces are trending and provide evidence that libraries are continuing to evolve beyond the traditional focus on just print collections. Instead, libraries are offering free technology workshops, small business centers and 24/7 virtual access to e-Books and digital materials. Along with this, digital literacy continues to grow as an important library service.

Libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people. Recent PEW research finds that virtually all libraries provide free public access to computers and the Internet, Wi-Fi, technology training and robust digital content that supports education, employment, e-government access and more. In this spirit, the Hill Library has just completed the installation of five (5) new computers with large, hi-res screens offering more opportunities for internet browsing, desktop publishing, webinars and gaming. The Hill Library offers everyone in town free, open access to these digital tools. We are interested in hearing from you about what other kinds of classes and services you would like to see offered. Come up to Hill Library Monday through Thursday from 11 to 7 or Saturday from 10 to 2 to use these new resources, and let us know how we might better serve you.

HAM & BEAN SUPPER

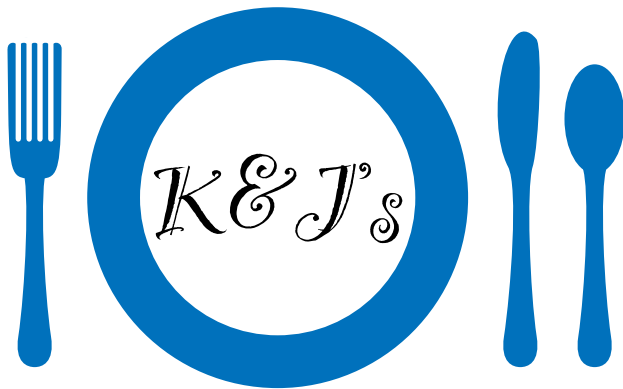
Save the date for the Strafford Women's Club Fourth Annual Ham & Bean Supper to benefit the SWC Scholarship Fund for Strafford high school seniors. Come and enjoy baked ham; homemade award-winning baked beans; homemade cole slaw, corn casserole, and pies; rolls and butter, coffee and milk at the Bow 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.)

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 will be available at Coe-Brown's Guidance Department on February 1, 2016, or mailed to you upon request by calling Marilyn Roderick at 664-2824.

NEWSLETTER AWARD PLAQUE TO HANG IN TOWN HALL

Next time you're at Town Hall, to vote, pay taxes, or attend a meeting, check out the plaque awarded to the *Strafford Community Calendar*. It's on the wall of the Meeting Room, to your left as you enter the front door.



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LIBRARY LINES

Are you interested in publishing your own writing? Join Arielle Sieling and Christopher Kellen on January 6 from 6 to 7:30 pm for *Your Book, Your Way: Step by Step Publishing Workshop*. Come check out our new computer resource center. Storytime...come join the fun! Our next Storytime session will begin on January 6 and run through February 10. Stop in for seasonal stories, crafts, and new friends. If you have a child aged newborn to 4, sign up for *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*. When you keep track of your first 100 books, you will earn an adorable book bag! Come in and check out our telescope! We also have three Kindles that can be checked out. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public.

New To The Collection—Adult Fiction: *Kane and Abel* by Archer; *Survivor* by Flynn; *Japanese Lover* by Allende; *Aftermath: Star Wars* by Wendig; *Stars of Fortune* by Nora Roberts; *Tricky Twenty-Two* by Evanovich; *Wendy Darling* by Oakes; *Confess* by Hoover; and *Darker Shade of Magic* by Schwab. Non Fiction: *Wildflower* by Drew Barrymore; *The Organized Mind* by Levitin; *Good Fences* by Hubbell; *Stone in the Garden* by Hayward; *The Witches: Salem* by Schiff; and *Big Magic* by Gilbert. DVDs: *Spy*, *Blazing Saddles*, *Fox & the Hound*, *Curious George Very Monkey Christmas*, and *Sesame Street Christmas*. Audios: *Pretty Girls* by Slaughter; *Tricky Twenty-Two* by Evanovich; *Book Thief* by Zusak; *Fault in Our Stars* by Green; *Looking for Alaska* by Green; and *Cross Justice* by Patterson. Children/Young Adults: *Winter* by Meyer; *Six of Crows* by Bardugo; *Wings of Fire Books 3-5* by Sutherland; *I Am Malala* by Yousafzai; and the *Treasure Hunters* series by Patterson.

The Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, January 13, at 6 pm. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month. Please consider becoming a Hill Library Trustee or 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.

Programming—“The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns” by John Parker will be held on Thursday, January 14, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Feeling artistic? Try the Cartoon and Drawing Club on January 5 and 19 from 5 to 7 pm. Interested in writing your own book? Interested in joining an Art Group, or working on your own art with others? An Artists’ Group organizational meeting will be held on January 20 at 6 pm. Minecraft Club will be held on Saturday, January 16, from 11 to 1 pm. We will supply snacks; you bring your devices. All are welcome to come in and play. Bring yourselves and your poetry to share on January 27 from 5 to 7 pm for “An Evening of Spoken Word” with Steve Manning. Book Club meets at 6:30 pm on January 28.



HILL LIBRARY HOSTS JOHN PORTER

“The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns”

On Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 pm at Hill Library, please join John Porter as he takes us on a chronological walk through time, with photo illustrations of barns around the State that are examples of

various eras of agricultural history. John Porter was raised on a dairy farm in Lebanon, NH. He graduated from UNH with a BS in Animal Science; then went on to get a Master’s from Cornell University in Animal Nutrition and Farm Management; and



later got another Master’s Degree from Bob Jones University in Education Administration. He served as a Dairy Specialist for the UNH Cooperative Extension from 1974 until his retirement in 2006. He still works part-time for UNH and operates his own consulting company, Farm Planning Services, LLC. “The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns” will show the evolution of barn architecture and tell the story of New Hampshire agriculture. Barns changed from the early English style, to Yankee style, to gambrel and then pole barns to accommodate the changing agriculture over time. There are a number of different examples of barn architecture in Strafford. Come hear some great stories about barns and bring your stories to share as well.

ARTISTS ALERT

Are you interested in joining an art group? Interested in working on your own art but with others who share your interests? An organizational meeting will be held at Hill Library in Center Strafford on January 20 at 6:00 pm to discuss the possibilities. Please come and bring your ideas about how the group might function. If you have any questions, call Anne Smith at 664-2238. We look forward to seeing you.



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
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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):

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Tuesday.....	1:00–6:00

Town Office/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 110 or 101):

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Tuesday.....	4:00–7:00
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Assessor (Ext. 107)

Hill Library..... 664-2800

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

Recycling Center Year-Round Hours:

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3rd Baptist Church of Ctr. Strafford..... 664-7750

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

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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

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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	Fri		NEW YEAR'S DAY; No School; Town Hall and Library closed.
		11am-8pm	Festival of Games Day at Third Baptist Church; see article for more info.
		7:30 pm	AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Baptist Church (every Friday).
2	Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Baptist Church.
		9:00 am	Bear-Paw hike; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
3	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
4	Mon		No School; teacher workshop.
		5-6 pm	Free Dinner Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Hall, Northwood (every Mon.)
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
5	Tues		Strafford School re-opens.
		5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meeting at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station; see article (every Tuesday).
		7:00 pm	Strafford Town Democrats meeting at Hill Library; see article.
6	Wed	11:00 am	Story Time at Hill Library (every Wednesday in January).
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.)
		6:00 pm	Publishing Workshop at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7:00 pm	Friends of Hill Library/Strafford Library Association meeting at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS Training.
7	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
9	Sat		Boy Scouts collect Christmas trees; see article.
11	Mon	6:30 pm	Bicentennial Planning meeting; see <i>Historical Notes</i> .
		6:30 pm	Strafford Town Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
12	Tues	6:30 pm	PTO meeting.
		7:00 pm	Bow Lake Community Club Board Meeting at Grange Hall; public welcome.
13	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
		6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
14	Thur	7:00 pm	Agricultural/Barns program at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club.
15	Fri		DEADLINE for February <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i>.
16	Sat	11am-1pm	Minecraft Club meeting at Hill Library.
18	Mon		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; School, Town Hall, and Library closed.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
19	Tues	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meeting at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
		6:00 pm	MetroCast meeting at Town Hall.
		6:30 pm	Historical Society meeting at Hill Library; see article for details.
		7-7:30 pm	Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall.
20	Wed		Bear-Paw hike; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
		6:00 pm	Artists Group organizational meeting at Hill Library; see article.
24	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
25	Mon	Noon	Strafford Women's Club lunch trip; see article for details.
		6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
27	Wed	5-7 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library with Steve Manning; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
		6:30 pm	Fourth Grade Band Concert at School.
28	Thur	6:30 pm	Book Club meeting at Hill Library.
30	Sat	9:00 am	Bear-Paw Annual Meeting; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> for more info.
		11-11:30a	Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall.



January

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