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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.

### FIRE FIGHTERS ANNUAL DINNER

The Strafford Fire & Rescue Fire Fighters Association will be hosting its annual dinner on October 17, 2015, from 4 to 7 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall. We are going to try a Pig Roast with all the fixings—beans, corn bread, cole slaw, and hot apple crisp. Tickets will be \$15.00; kids 8 and under \$5.00. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at the Bow Lake Fire Station, 664-6863. Hope to see you there. All proceeds and donations support the Strafford Fire Fighters Association. Thank you for your continued support.

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at Town Hall on Friday, October 23, 2015, from 2:30 to 3:00 pm for additions and corrections to the Checklist and review of any voters receiving 30 day letters, per RSA 654:44. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.

### TURKEY SUPPER ON FIRST CROWN POINT ROAD

All are welcome at the Crown Point Baptist Church on First Crown Point Road in Strafford, on Saturday, November 14, 2015, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm for our famous turkey supper—turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, squash, string beans, rolls, beverages, and homemade pies. Takeout is available. Cost is by donation.

### 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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Job Opening: The Hill Library seeks a college educated (MLS candidates welcome) area resident to help us better serve Strafford, NH youngsters. We seek a tech savvy, outgoing professional to help design and launch our Young Adult service area, expand programming for local youth, lead our Summer Reading Program, and continue year-round story time and early reader activities. We will train you for front desk patron services which will take about half your time. This is a long term position: \$9-15/hr, 10-15 hrs/wk. Commitment to customer service with a smile will get you an interview! Please send a thoughtful letter and resume by October 6, 2015, to George F. Preston, Director, P.O. Box 130, Strafford, NH 03884.

Come join the fun! Our first Story Time session will finish on Wednesday, October 14, at 11 am. The next Story Time session will run from November 4 to December 16. Stop in for seasonal stories, crafts, and new friends.

THE COLLECTION—Adult Fiction: *Name of the Wind* by Rothfuss, *The Nature of the Beast* by Penny, *Long Way Home* by Penny, *Code of Conduct* by Thor, Outlander series by Gabaldon, *English Spy* by Silva. Non Fiction: *Sick in the Head* by Apatow, *Gift of Failure* by Lahey, *Between the World and Me* by Coates, *Ask and It Is Given* by Hicks. DVDs: Father Brown, Season 1, The Wild, Star Trek, Shawshank Redemption, 1776, Fury, Toy Story 2, Dead Man, Beautiful and The Mexican. Children/Young Adults:

*Waiting* by Henkes, *The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Daywalt, *What Pet should I Get* by Dr. Seuss, *Shadows of Sherwood* by Magoon, *I Will Take a Nap* by Willems, *Virgin Suicides* by Eugenides, *Ranger's Apprentice #4 and 5* by Flanagan, *Reckless* by Funke and *Fearless* by Funke.

THE TRUSTEES—The next Trustee Meeting is Tuesday, October 13, at 6 pm. 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.

PROGRAMMING—Feeling artistic? Try the Cartoon and Drawing Club on October 6 and 15, from 5-7 pm. We also have a new Adult Coloring Night on October 20 from 6-7 pm. Bricks4Kidz will resume on November 14, from 12:00 to 1:30. Minecraft Club will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 11-1 pm. We will supply snacks; you bring your devices. All are welcome to come in and play! Join us on Thursday, October 22, for this month's Book Club. The featured book will be *The Brothers K* by David James Duncan. Bring yourselves and your poetry to share at "An Evening of Spoken Word" with Steve Manning on September 29 from 5-7 pm.

Save the Dates!—*Discovering New England Stone Walls*, November 23, 2015, 7:00 pm; and *Benedict Arnold*:

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## YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN NEEDED

The Hill Library seeks a college educated local resident to help us better serve Strafford youngsters.

We seek a tech savvy, outgoing professional to: help design and launch our Young Adult services area of the library, expand after-school and weekend programming for local youngsters, lead our Summer Reading Program, and continue year-round story time and early reader activities. We will train you for front desk patron services, which will account for about half your working time here.

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### CATAMOUNT 5K: RUN AROUND THE FAIRGROUNDS

Enjoy the scenic, autumn beauty of New England's Oldest Family Fairgrounds at the Inaugural Catamount 5k at the Deerfield Fairgrounds on Sunday, November 1, 2015. This 5k is offered by Catamount Womenaid and designed to bring the community together and promote health and wellness while supporting the small Deerfield-based nonprofit. The course is a cross country-type run on dirt, gravel, grass and a little pavement. "About 90% of the route is in open view of spectators and there's only a slight incline along with a decent downhill. The route tours the grounds without entering the events area. About the flattest course one can find in Deerfield and the first of its kind on the historic Deerfield Fairgrounds," says Julie DeCosta, Catamount 5k Planning Committee Member. Walkers and runners of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Online registration is available until 10/31/15 for \$22. Free fleece hats for the first 100 registrants. Race day

registration for \$30 starts at 7am and the 5k begins at 9am. Parking is close and easy, using a main gate at 34 Stage Road. Don't forget to set your clocks back—daylight saving time ends 11/1/15—makes coming to a morning race even easier. There will be an Emcee with music and announcements to start out the day and to motivate runners during the race. After crossing the finish line, there will be an assortment of donated baked goods and fruit and beverages. Grab your friends and family and register for this unique 5k. Tickets will be available to purchase for a variety of raffle baskets. Drawing will be at the completion of the race. *Like* Catamount 5k at the Deerfield Fairgrounds on Facebook to stay in touch about the raffle and other news about the event.

We are grateful for our sponsors, including Deerfield Veterinary Clinic, Northeast Eye Care, The Robertson Insurance Agency, Northeast Delta Dental, and Neatline Associates. All proceeds benefit Catamount Womenaid, providing emergency financial assistance to men, women and children in Deerfield, Epsom, Pittsfield, and Strafford, NH. Visit [www.catamountwomenaid.org](http://www.catamountwomenaid.org) to register.



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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.

**NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

Fall/Winter Town Hall closed schedule: Monday, October 12, 2015—Columbus Day; Wednesday, November 11, 2015—Veteran’s Day; Thursday, November 26, 2015—Thanksgiving Day; Thursday, December 24, 2015—Christmas Eve 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](http://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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## BEAR-PAW'S BROWN ISLAND CELEBRATION

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways invites you to celebrate the successful completion of the Brown Island project. On October 10, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, owners Hammond Brown and Eliza Evans will host us on the shorefront property that they agreed to protect. We also hope to have the Strafford Conservation Commission and many of the other contributors who made this happen as our honored guests.



In the Bear-Paw region and on Bow Lake in particular, undeveloped islands are a rare natural resource. With this project, we are protecting two island gems and 1,000 feet of shore line on the north side of Bow Lake. Nothing secures them as well as a conservation easement held by a local land trust with a mission like ours. Bow Lake is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including breeding loons and bald eagles, and is a popular spot for fishing, swimming, and boating.

Please contact Bear-Paw to RSVP at 603-463-9400, [info@bear-paw.org](mailto:info@bear-paw.org), or [www.bear-paw.org](http://www.bear-paw.org).

## HISTORICAL NOTES

Town Report Fun Day, Saturday, October 17, 2015, at the Old Waldron Store from 1 to 3 pm. Have you always wished that you had remembered to keep the Town Report for the year that you were married or your children were born? Have you ever wondered what to do with all those other old Town Reports that you've picked up and hate to throw away? The Strafford Historical Society has quite a few duplicates, and we would like to share. Come join members of the Historical Society and swap Town Reports. Donations also welcome, as there are a few volumes that we are missing from our collection. This is a great opportunity to browse our community's history, so we hope to see you there.



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## CONSERVATION NOTES

It's time for a celebration! Thanks to so many of you who contributed to the fundraising effort, the Brown Island Project is complete and was signed in September. It isn't just the two small islands that will be protected but also the 1000 feet of Bow Lake shoreline on the peninsula nearby that will never be developed. So many helped make this possible, and now we need to party from 1 to 3 pm on October 10, 2015. See separate Bear-Paw article for details.

Throughout the summer, Cheryl Mrozienski and other loon watchers kept an eye on the loon and eagle families that make Bow Lake their breeding home. Cheryl publishes updates about the successes in hatching and rearing the young. As of late August she reported the results so far for the four loon families on the Lake and the eagle family on Bennett Island. The Blueberry Island area loons and the Caswell Cove loons each hatched one chick, and both those chicks were still alive in late summer. There is sadder news farther down the lake—the Kooauke- Trinity Point area loons hatched a chick but lost it, and the Bennett Island area loons hatched two chicks but lost one early in the summer and the second one later in the summer. On the other hand, the bald eagles had a good summer; they hatched two eaglets, and both had fledged by the end of summer. If you'd like to receive the information that our local loon volunteers, Cheryl, Jeannie Ferguson, and Jan Williams collect, email Cheryl at [cmrozien@yahoo.com](mailto:cmrozien@yahoo.com).

Come join Bear-Paw on Saturday afternoon, October 17, over in Deerfield for a Fall Foliage Photo-Op hike. Frank Mitchell, who, as many of you know, is the man who seems to know everything you might find on any walk from his long career at UNH, will lead us on a private conservation easement that has public access up through their forest to high ledges that overlook Round Pond and Pawtuckaway State Park. The views and the late afternoon sun should give us excellent light for photos at what should be prime leaf-peeping time. This is free and open to the public, but be sure to register at [info@bear-paw.org](mailto:info@bear-paw.org) for directions and so we can get in touch in case weather causes a change in plans.

## 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](http://www.straffordrec.org) for details about each sport, including important registration deadlines.



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## STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board would like to welcome all the students and staff back to another year at Strafford School. A special welcome goes out to the new teachers and Paras. The building repairs are proceeding as planned, and the reports we've received are that there has been very little impact on the students. Once the new windows arrive and are installed, the front classrooms will be fully functional and have much better lighting and climate control. We cannot thank Mr. Tony Fallon enough for the time and effort he has put into this project to ensure its success.

A new committee was formed a few weeks ago. Board member Norm Finnegan is Chairing the Common Core Exploratory Committee. This is comprised of individuals interested in researching the pros and cons of the Common Core guidance. Mr. Finnegan reports back to the full Board any items of interest or topics for discussion. The Committee meets monthly on a scheduled Tuesday night. If you are interested in participating, please look for the meeting notice or contact Norm.

As many of you know, the School Board and Strafford Educators Association were unable to come to a new contract agreement last year. The two parties will once again begin the collective bargaining process this fall. If you would like to provide any input to the Board negotiating team, please either come to a meeting and talk with us or send an email

to the Board at the following address: schoolboard@strafford.k12.nh.us.

## STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

October is the time for our annual family pasta supper, an event of fellowship, a gathering before the busy holiday season arrives. All members and their families are invited to attend on Monday, October 26, 2015, at 6 pm in the Bow Lake Grange Hall. Don't forget to bring the food you signed up for; your own plates, cups and utensils; and your items to sell on the Country Store Table, our fun Club mini-fundraiser.

## STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Strafford Library Association's Annual Meeting will be held at Hill Library on Monday, October 5, 2015, at 7:00 pm. We are a "friends" group so everyone is welcome to attend. A public library can never have enough friends! Please join us.

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At our second Monday in September meeting we were joined by Frank Edelblut who is exploring a run for governor. Frank has a BS in Accounting from University of Rhode Island, a Masters in Theology from Holy Cross; became a CPA, worked for Price Waterhouse as a manager; launched, ran, then sold Control Solutions; is an Angel Investor; is a board member of Patrick Henry College and Transparency International; and launched a Wine Company in California. Frank has been married for 30 years and has 7 children. Frank started Control Solutions at his kitchen table during an economic downturn; and it eventually was an international company with thousands of people on staff.

Frank was lively in his approach to seeing challenges as opportunities. One instance is to realize that the high rate of elderly in New Hampshire can be harnessed with better estate and wealth transfer laws leading to good financial planning jobs. Also, Frank envisions transitioning New Hampshire to be a Medical Tourism spot with a vibrant high tech health care research/manufacturing, cutting edge treatments not available elsewhere, and "Right to Try" laws allowing patients at end stages to reach into the FDA pipeline for drugs not fully approved yet. Frank also sees our scenic scenery as a plus for this venture. Frank Edelblut is pleased that younger people are thinking twice about college with some obtaining two-year technical degrees and earning 60 to 75K annually right off the bat with much lower debt.

Frank knows that with only a couple million people, we can be more nimble and stay ahead of the change curve.

One recent example of New Hampshire trying to hold off change in a bad way was restricting Uber transportation. Frank illustrated that the efforts to do nothing and keep the status quo, like ducking the state employee pension gap, are really sinking New Hampshire. Frank Edelblut looks forward to "going to the ball" and proactively, positively lead New Hampshire to a healthier situation. Ross Berry, the Executive Director of NHGOP, also joined us and shared various insights.

Please join us for our second Monday Round Table talk on October 12, Columbus Day, at Hill Library, 15 Parker Mountain Road, Strafford, New Hampshire.



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## STRAFFORD GARDEN CLUB

Early signs of autumn arrived around the middle of September this year with cooler temperatures and branches of brilliant red leaves peeking through the green of the Strafford forests. Our work goes on, with fall arrangements in our little barrel and triangle gardens around town, the Strafford Town Hall and our beloved Dam Garden. The SGC Adopt-a-Highway will do its duty once more this year, and leader Clarinda Donle is looking for five volunteers to help, so let her know if you can join the “road gang” in October.

Bev Nemetz has an interesting trip planned for October. She will host us at a luncheon at the Quill dining room at Southern NH University, and then we will go to the Currier Museum to see the landscape prints of Maxfield Parrish. Be sure to sign up at the October meeting, or call Bev to let her know you're interested.

The SGC has a new project in mind—Welcome Bags for new residents of Strafford. Pam Boyer has come up with lots of ideas and goodies and would love to have one or two helpers on the project. Let us know if you have new neighbors that you would like us to welcome to town in this way.

We held our bi-annual election at the September meeting. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate: President Carolyn Page, VP Bev Nemetz, Recording Secretary Norma Bishop, and Treasurer Cynthia Bennett, who were unanimously elected. Welcome to the

new Board, and many thanks to our outgoing Board: Carol Thompson, Carol Ann Fallon, Marilyn Carriere, Mary Lee, and everyone who helped them out this year.

Our September program was a special one—our own Cynthia Bennett read from her book of poetry, “The Talking Garden,” reciting several delightful plant Haiku, and presented a slideshow of beautiful nature photographs by her husband, Bob Bennett. We were honored to have poet Charles Simic and his wife Helen in attendance as well.

At the next meeting on October 5 at 1 pm, Bev Nemetz will have a surprise program for us. We will also be taking nominations for Citizen of the Year and Garden Club Member of the Year, so come with your ideas. Everyone is welcome. See you there.



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## BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Ducks O'er the Dam was a big success, combining a beautiful day, food, games, and prizes and over 850 ducks jockeying for the coveted first position over the Dam. Not daunted by the lack of wind, one intrepid duck made it over the Dam, the remaining positions determined by a "photo finish" against the barrier noodles. Congratulations to the winners—Martha English (First Place), the Murdochs (Second), and the Cards (Third). A special "thank you" to those winners who donated part of their winnings back to the Bow Lake Community Club, and a big "thank you" to everyone who participated.

As a reminder, our Grange Hall resource guide is available on our website and through our Building Administrator, Paula King. For more information on Grange Hall rentals, whether weekly, for a day, or just an hour or two, call Paula at 664-5901 or email at [lnpbakerhouse@aol.com](mailto:lnpbakerhouse@aol.com).

The much-anticipated Halloween Dinner Show put on by our own Lakeside Players will be running October 23-25 (the dinner edition) and October 31 (dancing, anyone?). See the Lakeside Players article in this issue for more information.

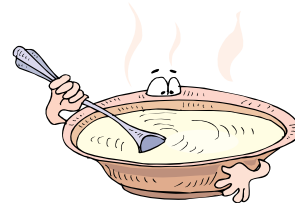
Bring the children out for Trick or Treat at the Grange Hall on Friday, October 30, from 5-8 pm for a "spook-tacularly" good time!

Looking ahead, *Christmas in Strafford* is just a short nine

weeks away (December 5 and 6). Check out their website [www.christmasinstraftford.com](http://www.christmasinstraftford.com) for the latest information.

## CHILI & CHOWDER CHALLENGE

What better way to welcome cooler temperatures than with a hot culinary smackdown? Bring the whole family and enjoy our own "master chef" happening, the Chili & Chowder Challenge on Saturday, October 10, from 5 to 7 pm at the Grange Hall. This is already shaping up to be a terrific event, but we still have room for your entry. Don't miss your chance at bragging rights and contact Michelle Benger at [benger@metrocast.net](mailto:benger@metrocast.net) or 664-5745 to sign up. Tickets for the Challenge are only available at the door and are priced at a modest \$9 for adults; \$5 for ages 5-11, and children four and under are free. Not only do you get to sample the best chili and chowder in the area, you'll enjoy salad, cornbread, drinks and dessert (hot dogs will also be available).



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### HALLOWEEN DINNER SHOW

The Lakeside Players invite you to join them at the Bow Lake Grange Hall for a tour of haunted people and places this Halloween Season without even leaving your seat! On the nights of Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24, plan to arrive at 7 pm; show starts at 7:30 pm. On Sunday, October 25, arrive at 2 pm; show starts at 2:30 pm. You will be dined, delighted, chilled and thrilled at our Halloween Dinner Show. We will chill you with creepy stories, thrill you with music, and you will be dined by Dining By Design. Reservations are required, and tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 664-9089 for reservations.

On October 31 at 7:30 pm at the Bow Lake Grange Hall, please join us for entertainment and dancing (no dinner). Enjoy the show; there will be plenty of time to dance between acts. Be sure to come in costume. More information is available on our website, [www.thelakesideplayers.org](http://www.thelakesideplayers.org).



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## STRAFFORD SWAMP STOMPERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Our September meeting is already in the books. Topics discussed were mostly about equipment and trail maintenance plus upcoming events. Another hot topic was the upcoming changes in how you will be able to join a snowmobile club in NH. Starting January 1st, you will be able to join our snowmobile club online through a special website run by the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association. This is the first step in a process towards making OHRV registrations available online. In the future you will be able to have "one stop shopping" where you can join a Club AND register your sled(s) all online. Now it is encouraged but not required that you join a New Hampshire snowmobile club before you register your snowmobile. This is a win/win situation. While your membership dollars are going directly to a worthy club to help with equipment and grooming expenses, you, the member, also receive a \$30 per sled discount on your OHRV registration fees. Currently our membership dues are \$28 for the entire family, and that includes a one season subscription to the Sno-Traveler Newspaper and NHSA decals. After we receive your membership application, we'll be mailing you a membership voucher which contains the information for your OHRV discounts.

It's VERY important that the information we receive on your application is legible and contains a valid email address and the date of birth for the primary member/head of household so we can set up your account in the database. We will be sending out application forms in the mail to all of last year's members shortly. You can also join the Club at local businesses such as Rochester Sports Center in Barrington, Bickford's Sports Center in Epsom, Morrison's Cycle in Madbury, Dover Marine in Dover, and Log Cabin Hardware in Nottingham. We also hope to have blank applications at the Town Hall, Sheilah's Deli & Market, and the Isinglass Country Store for you to fill out at home and send in.

After January 1 you will be able to join online through a special website. The link will be on our own website [www.straffordswampstompers.org](http://www.straffordswampstompers.org) at that time. Online fee will be \$35 plus a \$2 transaction fee. Right now you can beat the rush and save a few bucks by joining early.



Coming up soon is the annual NHSA Grass Drags and Watercross in Fremont, NH, on October 9 to 11, 2015. This thing is HUGE and gets bigger and better every year. Side by side grass drag racing, watercross drag racing and ovals, spectacular freestyle show PLUS great deals on new clothing and parts, manufacturers displaying new sleds plus a swap meet on Saturday and Sunday-[www.nhgrassdrags.com](http://www.nhgrassdrags.com).

Don't miss our Club's annual Fall Social at Nippo on October 22, 2015, at 7 pm. The next meeting of the Swamp Stompers will be on October 8 at Nippo Lake Golf Club at 7 pm. Come early for dinner. We'll also be starting trail work details late September or early October. Contact Shawn at 969-4705 or Kerry at 664-2558 for more details. As always, check out our website [www.straffordswampstompers.org](http://www.straffordswampstompers.org). THINK SNOW!



# 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

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**Town Hall.....664-2192**

### Town Clerk's Hours (Ext. 102):

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday.....	8:30–2:00
Tuesday.....	1:00–7:00

### Tax Collector's Hours (Ext. 103):

Monday & Wednesday.....	8:30–2:00
Tuesday.....	1:00–6:00

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

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

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

### Assessor (Ext. 107)

**Hill Library.....664-2800**

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

### Recycling Center Year-Round Hours:

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

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### Monday–Friday:

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Lobby & Post Office Box Access.....	6:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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530 Province Road, Strafford, NH [www.blfwbc.org](http://www.blfwbc.org)  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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## STRAFFORD LINKS

Bow Lake Camp Owners Association                      [blcoa.org](http://blcoa.org)

Bow Lake Community Club                      [www.bowlakecc.org](http://www.bowlakecc.org)

Bow Lake Sailing                      [wessexusa.com/bls\\_main1.html](http://wessexusa.com/bls_main1.html)

BSA Troop 23                      [straffordtroop23.webs.com](http://straffordtroop23.webs.com)

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy                      [www.coebrown.org](http://www.coebrown.org)

Hill Library                      [hilllibrary.org](http://hilllibrary.org)

Lakeside Players                      [thelakesideplayers.org](http://thelakesideplayers.org)

Strafford Community Calendar  
[straffordcommunitycalendar.com](http://straffordcommunitycalendar.com)

Strafford Police                      [straffordpolice.org](http://straffordpolice.org)

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Strafford School                      [strafford.k12.nh.us](http://strafford.k12.nh.us)

Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club  
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Strafford Town Democratic Committee  
[strafforddems.org](http://strafforddems.org)

Town of Strafford                      [strafford.nh.gov](http://strafford.nh.gov)

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# Calendar of Events



1	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
2	Fri	7:30 pm	AA meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
3	Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church.
4	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
5	Mon	1:00 pm	Strafford Garden Club meets at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
		5-6 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall (every Monday).
		7:00 pm	Strafford Library Association meeting at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
6	Tues	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
7	Wed	11:00 am	Story Hour at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.).
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
8	Thur	7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club; see article.
10	Sat	1-3 pm	Bear-Paw Brown Island celebration; see article.
		5-7 pm	Chili & Chowder Challenge at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
12	Mon		<b>Columbus Day</b> ; no School; Town Hall closed.
		6:30 pm	Town of Strafford Republicans meeting at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department training.
13	Tues	6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Bow Lake Community Club meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall.
14	Wed	11:00 am	Story Hour at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School library.
15	Thur		<b>DEADLINE for November Strafford Community Calendar.</b>
		5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meets at Hill Library.
17	Sat		Bear-Paw's Fall Foliage Hike; see <i>Conservation Notes</i> .
		1-3 pm	Historical Society's Town Report Fun Day; see article.
		4-7 pm	Pig Roast Dinner at Bow Lake Grange Hall by Strafford Fire Fighters; see article.
19	Mon	7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
20	Tues	6-7 pm	Adult Coloring at Hill Library.
22	Thur	6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		7-9 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Fall Social at Nippo; see article.
23	Fri	2:30-3 pm	Supervisors of the Checklist sit at Town Hall.
		7:00 pm	Lakeside Players Present Halloween Dinner Show; see article.
24	Sat	11am-1pm	Minecraft Club at Hill Library.
		4-7 pm	PTO <i>Pumpkin Hollow</i> at Strafford School; see ad.
		7:00 pm	Lakeside Players Present Halloween Dinner Show; see article.
25	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
		2:00 pm	Lakeside Players Present Halloween Dinner Show; see article.
26	Mon		Parent Conference Day at School.
		6:00 pm	Strafford Women's Club members' family pasta supper and country store table; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
		7:00 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board meeting.
27	Tues	6:00 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
28	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
29	Thur	5-7 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
30	Fri	5-8 pm	<b>Trick or Treat Night</b> in Strafford; be sure to visit the Grange Hall, too.
31	Sat		<b>Happy Halloween</b> ; see Friday, October 30.
		7:30 pm	Lakeside Players Show and Dancing at Bow Lake Grange Hall; see article.
1	Sun	2:00 am	<i>Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back!</i>
		9:00 am	Catamount 5K at Deerfield Fairgrounds; see article.



**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!**

