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Thanks to Bruce Smith for our February cover shot. The photo of Snackety Brook on page 9 is courtesy of PT Dupuis, and Cindy Lavigne took the photo on page 12. Thank you all!

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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.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Strafford Town Hall for review of the proposed budget and certain warrant articles to be voted on at the March 17, 2018 Town Meeting. Storm date is Thursday, February 8, 2018.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD ELECTION NOTICE

In accordance with RSA 669:15, the following offices are open for election on March 13, 2018, at the Annual Town Meeting:

Selectmen 3-Year Term
Moderator 2-Year Term
Supervisor of the Checklist 6-Year Term
Trustee of Trust Funds 3-Year Term
Library Trustee 1-Year Term
Library Trustee 3-Year Term
Road Agent 1-Year Term
Planning Board 3-Year Term

Any Strafford resident who is a registered voter may file to be a candidate beginning January 24, 2018 through February 2, 2018. Declarations of Candidacy will be taken by the Town Clerk at the Town Hall during the Clerk's regular business hours and, in addition, on Friday, February 2, 2018, from 3 to 5 pm.

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION NOTICE

In accordance with RSA 671, the following offices are open for election on March 13, 2018, at the Annual Town Meeting:
School Board Member 3-Year Term
School Board Member 3-Year Term
School Board Member 1-Year Term
Strafford School District Moderator 3-Year Term

Any Strafford resident who is a registered voter may file to be a candidate beginning January 24, 2018 through February 2, 2018. Declarations of Candidacy will be taken by the Town Clerk at the Town Hall during the Clerk's regular business hours or on Friday, February 2, 2018, from 3 to 5 pm.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The last day for addition of new voters and corrections of address and/or party registration before the School District Meeting, March 10, 2018, will be March 3, 11:00-11:30am, RSA 654:28; 669:5; 669:12; 654:8,II. Supervisors of the Strafford Checklist will be sitting at the Town Office on Saturday, March 3, 2018 between 11:00-11:30am for this purpose. Registrations will also be accepted on Town Election Day, March 13, 8:00am-7:00pm. This is the last day for addition of new voters and corrections of address and/or party registration before the Town Meeting, March 17, 2018. If you are registering as a new voter, a photo ID, proof of citizenship, age and residency in Strafford needs to be provided.



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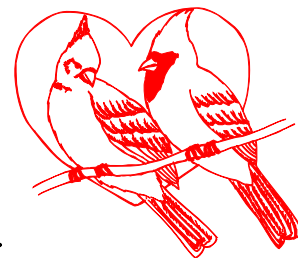
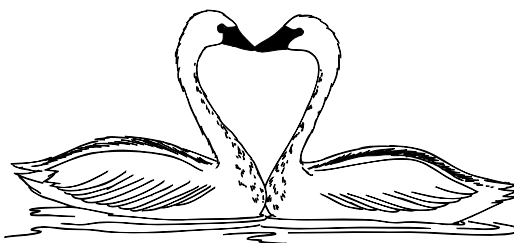
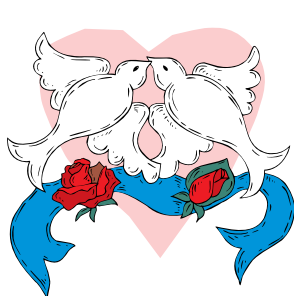
The Town Hall (Including the Town Clerk’s Office) WILL BE CLOSED on the following days in February & March—Monday, February 19, Presidents Day; and Tuesday, March 13, Town Election Day, open for VOTING ONLY.

Town Election is Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Voting takes place at the Strafford Town Hall. The polls will be open for voting from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Town Meeting is Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Strafford School Gym beginning 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, March 1; you may register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist session on Saturday, March 3, from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Strafford Town Hall (change of party will be accepted). March 3 will be the last date to register to vote at the School District Meeting on March 10. If you wish to vote at Town Election or Town Meeting, you may register at Town Election on March 13. Please note that if you have not registered to vote by March 13, you will not be eligible to vote at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17. Absentee Voting—Per RSA 669:26 *Absentee Ballot Request Forms* are available at the Clerk’s office and online at www.trafford.nh.gov.

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STRAFFORD TOWN REPUBLICANS

Representative Kurt Wuelper and Senator John Reagan joined us for the monthly round table. We discussed the New Hampshire House Calendar which comes out every week being a very useful tool for state representatives and something that citizens would find quite informative too. We also learned that the first few days run through bills from last year. The House passed a further loosening of marijuana regulations and passed a family leave bill that is an opt-out option and is likely to falter in the Finance Committee as being non-financially sound. The School Budget Hearing was January 24, 2018 at 6:00 in the cafeteria, and the School District Meeting is March 10, 2018. Strafford voters will be voting for three School Board seats this year. We also learned that the adoption of newer versions of building and fire codes were again voted down due to the increased costs of construction they would have entailed. Another bill afoot seeks to even out revenues for roads and bridges that normally come from gas taxes for those driving electric and hybrid cars. The simplest proposal for this is a 200 dollar annual fee for electric cars and 100 dollars for hybrids. Please join us on second Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Hill Library in Strafford. Next meeting is February 13, 2018.

STRAFFORD TOWN DEMOCRATS

The Town Democratic Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 7 pm at Hill Library. Looking ahead to the mid-term elections, one of our focuses in the coming months will be to give Strafford residents opportunities to meet candidates running in our district. Democratic candidate for Congress Terence O'Rourke will speak at our meeting on March 6. Congressional candidate Mindi Messmer will speak at our April 3 meeting.

To address vulnerabilities in the State's election systems, the committee last fall unanimously approved a resolution emphasizing that voting in New Hampshire is a fundamental right. The action supported passage of LSR #18-2327.0, and the resulting house bill, which authorizes a moderator to conduct a verification count of machine-counted ballots. The law is needed because of the steady increase in the theft of personal, commercial, industrial, and government information by domestic and foreign actors, according to Committee Chair Bob Perry. Verification procedures are intended to help counter vulnerabilities in existing electronic ballot-counting devices used throughout New Hampshire. "We want to ensure that every vote counts and every vote is counted," said Perry. HB-372, an attempt to make voting difficult for certain segments of our population, including students, was recently passed by the Legislature and is headed for the Governor's desk. Keep up on committee news and follow bills of interest at www.strafforddems.org.



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Youth Programming—Preschool Story time is on Mondays at 10:30, and Bouncing Babies is on Thursdays at 11:15. Mondays from 3:30-4:30 will be Crazy 8's Math program for Grades 3-5; sign up required (2/5 Toilet Paper Olympics; 2/12 Spy Training; 2/26 Zip Line Zoo). Thursdays at 4 pm in February will include 2/1 Harry Potter Read Night; 2/8 Make a Valentine; 2/15 Brain Flakes (come build with us); and 2/22 Snap Circuit Engineers. Space is limited so please come in or call to sign up for these programs. Saturday programs include 2/3 Family Story Time at 10:30 am; 2/17 Harry Potter Club from 11 am-12 pm; join in for games, snacks and all things Harry Potter.

Hill Library Trustees—The next Trustees Meeting is Wednesday, February 14, at 6 pm. If you are interested in information about becoming a Trustee, stop by and talk to our Director. All Trustees meetings are open to the public.

Adult Programming—Wednesday, February 7, at 6:30 pm, join us for *NH on Skis: Presented by E. John B. Allen*. Take Scandinavian and Austrian immigrants, the Dartmouth Outing Club, the Cannon Mountain Tramway, the muscular Christian, amateur tinkerers, and Professor E. John B. Allen. Cover it with snow and shake, and you have all the makings of a unique New Hampshire history. "String Enthusiasts" meet on Tuesdays from 12 -2 pm. The Book Club meets on February 1 at 6:30 pm and will be discussing *Before and After* by Rosellen Brown. The March book choice is *Malice* by Keigo Higashino. Come by and pick up a copy. Sew & Chat will be Sunday, February 25. Evening of Spoken Word with Skip Manning will be February 27 from 5-7 pm. And remember, you can use our new Meeting Room for your programs or meetings. Call for availability. All Hill Library events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise specified.

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On Wednesday, February 21 at 7 pm, "Mark Twain" will visit our library. The Strafford Library Association, aka Friends of Hill Library, will sponsor this free night of fun and information.

		
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STRAFFORD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

STAFF CHANGES

The Strafford Community Calendar Staff bids a heartbroken goodbye to one of our own, Debbie Shaver. For the past 16 years, she has been an active part of our Circulation Staff, the group who delivers copies of the *Calendar* to all area locations where the printed copies are available. We will miss especially Debbie's special brand of energy and humor.

As our unique town newsletter swings into its 42nd year, we welcome two new staff members, Winnie Fracassi and Cynthia Bennett.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Strafford Garden Club is offering a \$1000.00 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. may 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, 2018.

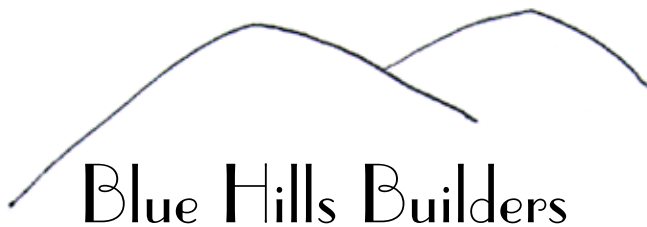
STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

Please mark your calendars on Saturday, March 10, 2018 for the School District Meeting. It will be held at the Strafford School, and begin at 8:00 AM. This is when the entire school budget and warrant articles are explained and voted on. It's a very important meeting to attend. The school budget is almost 10x that of the town and has a big impact on the town tax rate and your tax bill. Also, the School Board has recently started a Facebook page to help pass information about the school and budget. Please LIKE or FOLLOW the [Strafford NH School Board](#) page. It will be a good way to stay informed of any issues or Board events taking place at the school. All of the information being presented at the District Meeting will be posted on the page. Lastly, the Board would like to extend our thanks to Carol and Bill Lord for their dedication to the School Board and town. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

FRIENDS OF HILL LIBRARY SPONSOR

MARK TWAIN PROGRAM

Please join us on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:00 pm for a night with Mark Twain. One of America's best humorists will help with the mid-winter blahs you might be having. Strafford's own Bill Trotter will entertain us with his rendition of famous Mark Twain quotes and stories. Hope to see you at Hill Library on the 21st. This program is free and open to the public; all are welcome.



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STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

Our winter break from monthly meetings continues in February, but don't forget to meet for lunch at Strafford Farms Restaurant in Dover at noon on Monday, February 26, 2018. If you wish to carpool, we will leave at 11:00 am from the Bow Lake Church parking lot. All are welcome to join us. Please RSVP by February 19 to Carol Cooper at 942-8164 or bccoop@metrocast.net if you plan to attend.

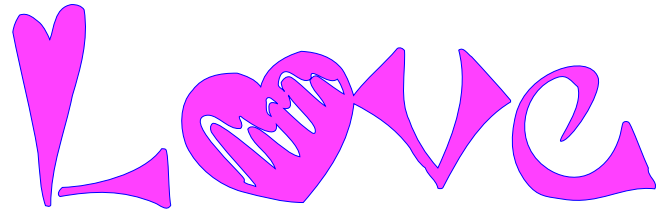


ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

In addition to our two annual scholarships for \$750.00 each, this year the Strafford Women's Club is offering a special one-time scholarship, the Rita M. Kerivan Memorial Scholarship, for \$750. Rita Kerivan earned her teaching credentials at Bridgewater State Teachers College (now known as Bridgewater State University) in 1941. The Rita M. Kerivan Memorial Scholarship is for those planning to major in college courses with a goal towards becoming a teacher.

All three scholarships are open to seniors who attend any area high school, academy, technical school, or are home-schooled; must be residents of Strafford; maintain a 3.0 grade point average; and seek to further their education in a college, university, or institute.

Application forms will be available on February 15, 2018, at Coe-Brown's Guidance Department or mailed to you upon request by calling Marilyn Roderick at 664-2824. All applications must be in our hands by 5 pm on April 30, 2018. Time flies, especially in your senior year, so don't delay.



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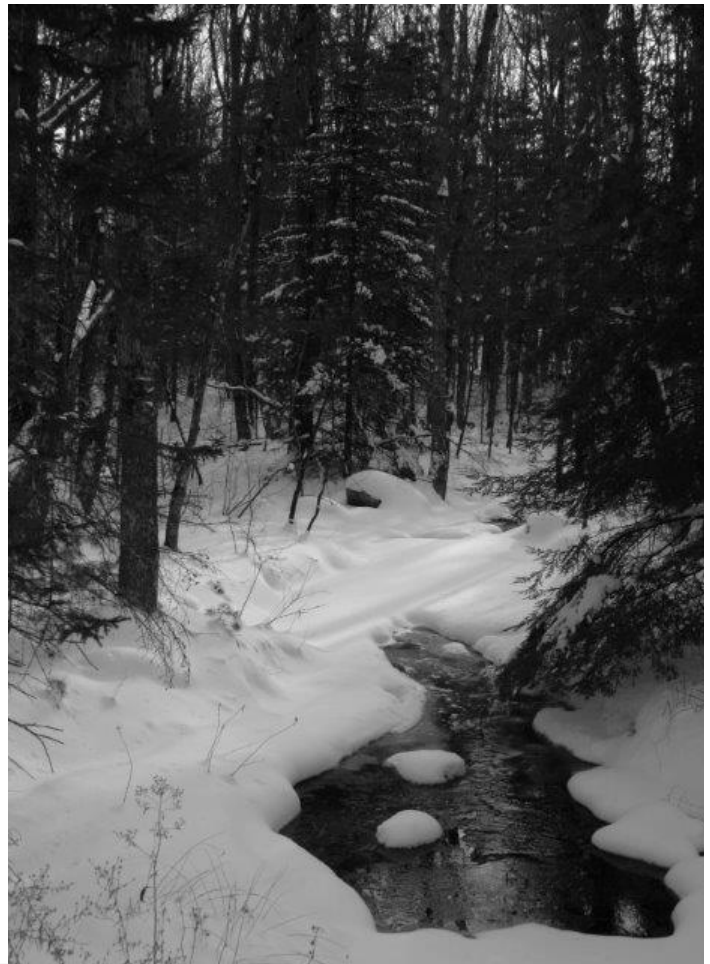


CONSERVATION NOTES

A great way to protect your land is through the creation of a conservation easement. A conservation easement is a legally binding agreement between a landowner and a public agency or qualified non-profit organization that restricts use of the land to protect its significant natural features. The landowner agrees to conserve the land and its resources while yielding rights to exercise more intensive uses like residential development or mining, excavating, or dumping of hazardous materials. Your land will be managed for multiple conservation benefits such as wildlife habitat, watershed protection, agricultural or timber protection, recreation and scenic preservation.

The holder of the easement monitors land use to ensure the terms of the easement are upheld. The landowner is free to live on and manage the land, sell it or pass it on to heirs. The easement remains forever. There are potential financial benefits related to tax considerations. Some public agencies holding conservation easements are Town Conservation Commissions and Fish and Game. Non-profit organizations include Nature Conservancy, NH Forest Society, and Bear-Paw. For more information there are question and answer sites at www.forestsociety.org/pdf/CEQAFact.pdf, or: info@bear-paw.org, www.bear-paw.org.

Here's hoping February is slightly milder for those who enjoy outdoor winter activities. When our extreme cold snap began, the highest temperature in the state was atop Mount Washington. That is a rare occurrence indeed.



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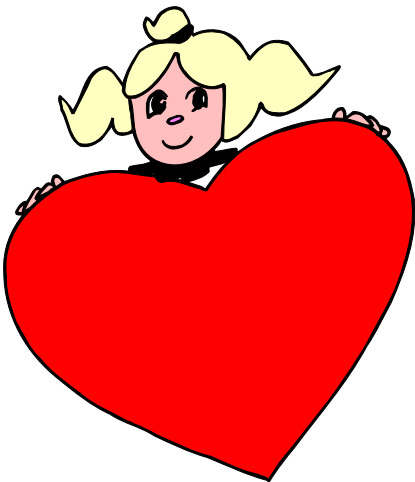
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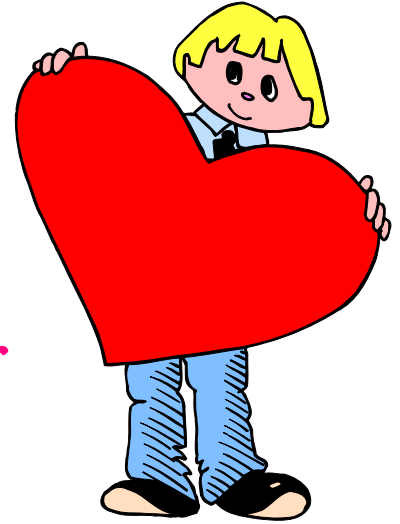
Only six weeks and six days until the first day of spring (but who's counting?). Thank you to everyone who came out for first-ever January Cabin Fever Social. Little did we know when we planned it what a crazy winter it was going to be. We had a great time connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. Our next event will be a Candidate Meet and Greet on Saturday, March 3, from 2 to 4 pm. We're also extending an invitation to the people who head our town services. This is your chance to meet the people behind the names you see on our town ballot and learn what they're about.

We are busy planning our 2018 events and getting our annual membership drive underway. We hope you will either renew your membership for 2018 or join us! Mark your calendars now for the Annual Ed Gerhard Concert on Saturday, June 2, our Pulled Pork Drive-Thru on Tuesday, July 3, Ducks O'er the Dam on Saturday, September 1, and our Chili and Chowder Challenge on Saturday, October 6.

Did you know you are welcome to attend any of our BLCC monthly meetings? They're informative, informal, and we provide snacks. Normally, our meetings fall on the second Tuesday of the month and start at 6:30, but we may reschedule due to certain town conflicts. Consult the *Strafford Community Calendar* for the latest meeting information.



Happy Valentine's Day ♥



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MOTHER NATURE...I NEED A WORD WITH YOU!

Our snowy end to December and the cold start to the New Year got our season off to a good start. Unfortunately most of that snow melted away with the high temps and rain of the January thaw. Hopefully by the time you read this winter will be back in full swing.

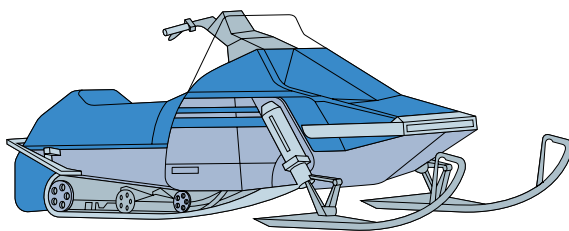
The trail re-route to Bow Lake via Fire Road 38 has been completed and has been put to good use. Our groomers had been out multiple times and the trails were in excellent shape especially for early season riding. Please use caution when riding on frozen bodies of water. Know the conditions BEFORE you ride. Please stay on the trail respect our landowners and their property. Without them, we'd have nowhere to ride.

New trail maps have been printed and are available at all our local power sports dealerships including Bickford's Sports Center in Epsom, St. Hilaire Motorsports and Rochester Sports Center in Barrington, Dover Marine in Dover plus Log Home Hardware in Nottingham. You can join the Club and register your sleds at these locations. Our Strafford Town Hall is also an OHRV agent. You can also pick up a new map trail-side at Isinglass Country Store and Uncle George's by the Dam. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our many map advertisers, in no particular order—Allied Fuels, St. Hilaire Motorsports, Isinglass Country Store, Scott Barry Trucking, Uncle George's, Bickford's Sports Center, Nippo Lake Golf Club, Karen & Julio's Diner, Heritage True Value Hardware and Heritage Corner Market, Johnson's Seafood and Steak, Rochester Sports Center, Tough Tymes Grill, Northwood House of Pizza, Sweet's

Logging and Land Clearing, Mike Harris & Son Plumbing and Heating, Dante's Pasta and Vino, Adagio Spa and Salon, Lynn Sweet/Home Sweet Home RE/MAX, Don J. Clifford Building Contractor, and Provensource Machine. Thank you for your support!

Our annual Club Bonfire and Cookout/Ride-In is scheduled for Saturday, February 17 (conditions permitting) from 5 to 9 pm at the Barry home, 1437 Parker Mountain Road. The Swamp Stompers will provide hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill plus soda and bottled water. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. BYOB. Bring your sleds. Bring the kids. All are invited. See our website or follow us on Facebook for more details as the date gets closer; www.straffordswampstompers.org

Our next meeting will be on February 8 at Nippo Lake Golf Club. We meet the second Thursday of the month from September through April. Meeting at 7 pm. Come early for dinner. Think Snow!!



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The Bow Lake Church extends an invitation to all community women to come together for a once-a-month potluck 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.

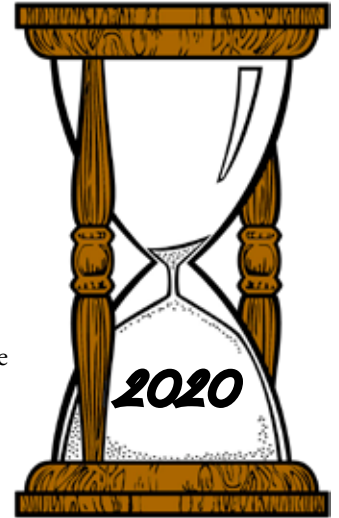


TOPS

It's always a great time to refocus on your personal goals. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 pm at the Strafford Police Station. With the support of others you can reach your goals. Please join us to see what our group can do for you.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Please watch for advertised meeting dates for the Strafford Historical Society and the Bicentennial Planning Committee; and please think "Bicentennial"—2020 will be here before we know it!



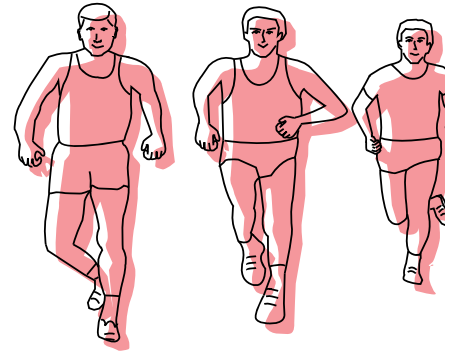
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TRASH IS?

Unsecured trash has a tendency to fly out of the back of trucks and land in yards and on roadways on your route to the Recycling Center. PLEASE take the time and make the effort to avoid being guilty of this unintentional littering by closing bags tightly and tying down the load. Let's all help out and keep litter in its appropriate place.



STRAFFORD REC SPORTS AND NH THUNDER TEAM UP FOR 9th ANNUAL BOW LAKE 5K

Join us on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 9:00am for this fun, family-friendly road race along the shore of beautiful Bow Lake! This scenic, part hilly, part flat course is great for serious competitors, casual joggers and walkers. Proceeds of this annual event support Strafford Rec Sports in providing recreation opportunities for children and families in our community and NH Thunder in providing cross-country and track programming. Registration for the race and course map/details can be found online at www.straffordrecsports.org. Pre-registration is only \$20, and race day registration is \$25 starting at 8:00 am. Sign up early to get a complimentary tee shirt! Register a family of 3 or more to receive our family discount! After the race, enjoy refreshments while we announce the overall prize winners, age category prizewinners, and walker prizewinners along with the winners of three amazing gift baskets. Any questions, please contact Sara Pickard at sarapickard@ymail.com. See you at the starting line!



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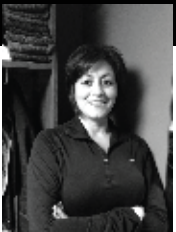


MUSEUM PROGRAM

Have you been to the Children's Museum in Dover? How about the NH History Museum or the Currier Museum of Art in Concord? When was the last time you went to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth? Well, you could go to any one of these, bring back a receipt for your fee, and present it to the Friends of Hill Library for a family reimbursement of up to \$35 per year. This program allows you to go to any museum and be subsidized for at least part of your cost to visit. If you are a Hill Library patron, you can take advantage of this offer. Just ask at Hill Library's circulation desk or go online for the forms (www.hilllibrary.org). Check out <http://museumsnewengland.org/> to find a wide variety of museums to select from for your next family trip.



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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.

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Monday–Friday:

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530 Province Road, Strafford, NH www.blfbwc.org

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

30 Strafford Rd. www.tbcstrafford.weebly.com.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Crown Point Baptist Church.....509-2224

274 First Crown Point Rd.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.....435-6242

Rte. 4, Northwood Saturday 6:00p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Northwood Congregational Church U.C.C.942-7116

881 First NH Turnpike (Rte. 4), Northwood, NH 03261

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.....435-7908

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

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Church.....285-3533

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

www.new-hopechurch.com

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Nottingham Community Universalist Church679-8400

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 Church868-2785

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

www.stgeorgesdurham.org

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

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

113 School St, Northwood, NH

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

STRAFFORD LINKS

Bow Lake Camp Owners Association

blcoa.org

Bow Lake Community Club

www.bowlakecc.org

Bow Lake Yacht Club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BowLakeYachtClub/>

BSA Troop 23

straffordtroop23.webs.com

Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

www.coebrown.org

Hill Library

hilllibrary.org

Lakeside Players

www.the-lakeside-players.com/

Strafford Bicentennial

www.Strafford1820-2020

Strafford Community Calendar

straffordcommunitycalendar.com

Strafford Police

straffordpolice.org

Strafford Recreational Sports, Inc.

straffordrecsports.org

Strafford School

strafford.k12.nh.us

Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club

straffordswampstompers.org

Strafford Town Democratic Committee

strafforddems.org

Town of Strafford

strafford.nh.gov

The Christian Cupboard and USDA emergency food distribution

site at the Christian Center continues to serve the Town of Strafford.

Persons needing food are invited to come to the Center on Thursdays between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. for confidential emergency food distribution.



Calendar of Events

February 2018



1	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Thursday).
		11:15 am	Bouncing Babies at Hill Library (every Thursday).
		4-6 pm	Harry Potter Read Night at Hill Library.
		6:30 pm	Book Club meets at Hill Library.
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meets at Town Hall.
2	Fri	7:30 pm	AA in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
3	Sat	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast at Bow Lake Church.
		10:30 am	Family Story Time at Hill Library.
4	Sun		See Church Directory on <i>Contacts</i> page for religious services.
5	Mon	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time at Hill Library (every Monday).
		3:30-4:30p	Crazy 8's at Hill Library (every Monday).
		4:30-5 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.
6	Tues	12-2 pm	String Enthusiasts meet at Hill Library (every Tuesday).
		6:00 pm	Public Hearing on Town Budget at Town Hall (storm date 2/8/18).
		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.
7	Wed	5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner @ Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wed.)
		6:30 pm	<i>NH on Skis</i> program at Hill Library; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS training.
8	Thur	4-5 pm	Make A Valentine at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Swamp Stoampers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo; see article.
12	Mon	7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
13	Tues	5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
		6:30 pm	Bow Lake Community Club Board meeting at Bow Lake Grange Hall; public welcome.
		6:30 pm	Strafford Town Republicans meet at Hill Library; see article.
14	Wed		Valentine's Day
		6:00 pm	Hill Library Trustees meet at Hill Library.
		6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.
15	Thur		Deadline for March <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .
		4-5 pm	Brain Flakes at Hill Library.
17	Sat	11a-12 p	Harry Potter Club at Hill Library.
		5-9 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Club Winter Bonfire, Cookout & Ride-In; see article.
19	Mon		Presidents Day ; Town Hall and Hill Library closed.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
21	Wed	7:00 pm	<i>Mark Twain</i> visits Hill Library sponsored by Friends of Hill Library; see article.
22	Thur	4-5 pm	Snap Circuit Engineers at Hill Library.
25	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
26	Mon		Strafford School winter vacation week; February 26 through March 2.
		12 noon	Strafford Women's Club lunch trip; see article.
		6:15 pm	SAU 44 Joint Board Meeting at the SAU office in Northwood.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective Stations.
27	Tues	5-7 pm	Evening of Spoken Word at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
		5:30 pm	Selectmen meet at Town Hall.
28	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meets in Strafford School Library.

