



# The Milton Gazette

News from the Milton Parks & Recreation Department



## December



### 2023 Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 9th

Emma Ramsey Community Center  
424 White Mountain Highway



Breakfast  
9:00 ~11:00

Wildlife  
Encounter  
11:00 ~ 12:00

Wildlife Encounters Ecology & Wellness Center will be joining us for a Jr. Zoo Keeper Encounter! Families are invited to meet some of the amazing animals that call NH their home! Families are invited to enjoy a light breakfast and meet Santa, take some pictures & and create an ornament!

Families wishing to donate an unwrapped toy may add to our holiday tree. We will be distributing toys to our families in need the following week. The recreation department will gratefully accept donations to our breakfast as well! We look forward to this annual event and hope you will join us for some holiday fun!

### Kids Night Out December

Friday, Dec. 8th 5:30 - 8:30

Emma Ramsey Community Center  
424 White Mountain Highway, Milton NH 0.851

Children 4 - 12 yrs. Old can join us for an evening of fun and games, crafts, dinner and a movie! This month we will be



building and decorating gingerbread houses for the contest the next day! We will supply the house, and some decorations, but kids are invited to bring extra decorations to complete their own unique house.

Program cost is \$10.00 per child, and limited to the first 20 kids who sign up. To reserve your spot, you may call 603-652-4501



#### 2023 Soccer Season

A picture is worth a thousand words, and this picture says it all! Thank you so much to all our soccer players, parents, and coaches for another amazing soccer season.

Even though we didn't walk away with the championship I don't think that it dampened the spirits of our season. The games were fun, win or loose and the kids learned so much and had fun doing so!

Thank you so much to the "Steve's", Coach Steve Coyne and Coach Steve Gero, we couldn't do it without you and the kids love working hard for their coaches. We thank all our coaches and assistant coaches for their continued support of our program and for all their time and dedication to our sports programs.



Thank you to all the families who participated in the 2023 basketball Clinic!

A big thanks to Alan Grady for hosting again this year and to all the other Volunteers who turned out to help!

# Community News



## Town of Milton, NH

*Settled in 1760  
Incorporated in 1802*

### STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**WILLIAM A. GRIMES**  
Justice & Administration Building  
259 County Farm Road, Suite 204  
Dover, New Hampshire 03820  
Telephone: (603)742-1458  
Fax: (603) 743-4407

#### Notice

Strafford County Commissioners  
are holding a public hearing and meeting  
to discuss the proposed new nursing home.

Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
Café Conference Room, 295 County Farm Road  
Lower Level, Dover, NH 03820  
or Join the meeting through Zoom

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85352268905?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85352268905?pwd=5bcwXLdwHCnlicfzHKOuFQIUkMpcpf.1#success)  
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## Joint Milton/Lebanon Public Hearing on the Townhouse Road Bridge Proposal

Joint Milton/Lebanon Public Hearing on the  
Townhouse Road Bridge Proposal, scheduled  
for December 9, 2023, from 11am to 1 pm, in the  
Nute High School Cafeteria.  
Nute Middle/High School & Library 22 Elm  
Street, Milton, NH 03851

#### Public Meetings



**MILTON TOWN HALL**  
**424 White Mountain Highway**  
**Milton, NH 03851**

Dec. 4, 2023	Board of Selectman - 6:00 PM
Dec. 5, 2023	Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 PM
Dec. 6, 2023	Conservation Commission - 6:00 PM
Dec. 9, 2023	Joint Milton/Lebanon Public Hearing on Townhouse Road Bridge Proposal 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Dec. 18, 2023	Milton Free Public Library Trustees Meeting 10:00 AM
Dec. 18, 2023	Board of Selectman Meeting - 6:00 PM
Dec. 19, 2023	Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 PM
Dec. 25, 2023	Town Offices Closed - Christmas Day
Dec. 26, 2023	Budget Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM



Wishing all  
Our  
Families  
A Safe &  
Happy  
Holiday  
Season!

and a Happy  
& Healthy  
New Year!





## Senior Activities

### Rochester Senior Activity Center

150 Wakefield St, Suite 10, Rochester, NH 03867

**31 Wakefield St. | Rochester, NH 03867**  
**(603) 335-7500**

#### Senior Activity Center Programs

##### Senior Center Drop In Hours

Monday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

##### December Senior Breakfast:

8:30 - 9:30 on the Third Friday of the Month, December 15th - (FREE) no membership or registration required.

##### Quilting and Crafting (drop-in)

Mondays, 9:00 AM - Noon at the Senior Center. This is great for beginners as well as those who are looking to work on current projects with company. (FREE) no membership or registration required.

**Veterans' Time:** Tuesdays, 9:00 - 12:00 PM, Veteran's drop-in-time. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, books, puzzle, TV, or just chat with Jerry about Veteran history or Veteran's Affairs Opportunities. Free, no registration required.

**Senior Chair Yoga:** Wednesdays from 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

or 11:00 - Noon. This is yoga that uses a chair rather than a mat. We do several warm ups and poses on the chair. Once we come to standing. We use the chair for our support during posture sequences and balancing poses. This class is great for anyone recovering from surgery, and any type of joint issues or replacements. Anyone can do it. FREE - No registration required.

**Senior Mobility Class (50+):** Fridays 10:00-10:30 AM

Over time poor movement, injury, and stationary positions cause our tissues to change and shorten, often resulting in decreased mobility. In North American Society the primary impairments are at the shoulder, hip and ankle. Our mobility class combines soft tissue work with static stretching and stability work to unlock range of motion that has been lost over time and improve positioning. (FREE) no membership or registration.



#### Senior Bingo

Tuesdays, 9:00 - Noon

Emma Ramsey

Community Center

424 White Mtn Highway

Milton, NH 03851

603-652-4501 ext. 8

#### Senior Breakfast

We will host a special breakfast for the seniors on Tuesday, December 19th. The transition to the new Town Hall will begin mid-December, so there will be no Senior Luncheon in December. Reserve a spot by calling 603-652-4501 ext. 8 or email [recreation@miltonnh-us.com](mailto:recreation@miltonnh-us.com)

**Farmington Parks & Recreation**  
**531 Main Street, Farmington, NH**  
**603-755-2405**



## School & Library Happenings



**MILTON  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### Nute Events

Sunday, 12/3/2023

10:00– 3:00 pm (Hair Studio 71) (sign-ups start at 9:00 am) First Come First Served.

Hair Studio 71 would like to give back to our local communities! This holiday season we will be offering FREE Haircuts for families in need. We understand that the holidays can be stressful and we would love to help! To help us reach our goal of 20 kids, we are offering simple haircuts. We ask that children come with clean, brushed hair. We can't wait to see y'all and spread love to our local communities!

Thursday, 12/21/2023 - Nute High School & Library, and Nute Middle School Winter Concert.

Concert begins at 6:00 pm. Everyone Welcome



### Jingle Ball

Milton PTA Family-Friendly Dance  
Costume Contest with prizes:  
Ugly Sweater, Fancy, and best overall  
Christmas attire

Friday Dec. 8th 6-8pm  
Nute Cafeteria



**Milton Free Public Library**  
13 Main Street  
PO Box 127  
Milton Mills, NH 03852  
mfpl@metrocast.net  
(603) 473-8535

### Hours

**Tuesday 3:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Wednesday 12:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Thursday 10:00 - Noon & 3:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Friday 1:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

### 2023 Annual Gingerbread House Contest sponsored by Milton Free Public Library & Milton Parks and Recreation

Saturday, December 9, 2023 (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)  
@ The Emma Ramsey Community Center  
424 White Mountain Highway, Milton NH 03851

- 1.) Best Children's Entry (Child's own creation)
- 2.) Best Family Entry (Family collaboration on entry)
- 3.) Best in Show (Most original and creative entry)

Entries should be dropped off at the Emma Ramsey Center, before the event starts at 10:00 am, or prior to that day.

Entries will be judged by MFPL Staff & Parks  
and Recreation Staff.

A gift certificate will be awarded for 1st place in each category.

Entry forms with instructions can be picked up at the  
recreation department offices, the post office,  
Milton Free Public Library and assorted locations  
around town.

This is a family friendly event, we look  
forward to seeing how creative our families  
can be. Best of Luck to our contestants!

Gift Certificate awards are courtesy  
of the Milton Free Public Library  
Friends Group!





# Recreational Information



## In-Store Kids Workshops

Join us the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last.



Gingerbread House - December 2, 2023

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 AT 9 AM – 12 PM PST**

## Kids Workshop at Home Depot

The Home Depot

## Strafford County 4-H News - December 2023

### Holiday Greetings, 4-H friends!

December and the last month of 2023 is upon us! We hope you are all enjoying this season of light and magic. We are looking forward to seeing all the festive decorations, the first snow and many gatherings during this time of the year.

October 1st kicked off the new 4-H program year, and we'd like to remind you to take a few minutes to re-enroll in 4-H Online to have access to all the fun events and activities that we have planned for you. If you need assistance, please reach out to us, or use the re-enrollment guide that is posted on our website.

Upon enrollment, we will mail you a 4-H Project Book and a few other info flyers to help you plan out your individual and club projects for the 2024 fair season. We want the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Stratham Summerfest 2024 to be the best yet.

A few important things to remember:

- We have a 4-H themed calendar for sale in Strafford County which is available now until December 31st. The funds raised through the sale will support 4-H programs in Strafford County. Available through 4-H Online, and the price of \$16.00 includes shipping.
- Get your Superbowl Food Game on and save the date! We will be holding the Favorite Foods Festival on February 3rd in Durham. Watch for more information shared in the coming week.
- Remember the UNH Scholarship for active 4-Hers! Earn a \$500.00 scholarship for each year of active NH 4-H participation, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year of UNH enrollment (\$20,000 total). The scholarship is available every year a student is enrolled at UNH (Durham and Manchester Campuses).

With gratitude,

Your Strafford County 4-H Team



THE GREATER WAKEFIELD LIONS CLUB PRESENTS



## THE GRANITE STATE CHORAL SOCIETY

PERFORMING

# Sounds of the Season

FEATURING

STUDENT VOICES AND BELLS  
OF SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 7:00PM AT  
THE WAKEFIELD OPERA HOUSE  
2 HIGH STREET, SANBORNVILLE

\$10.00 – ADULTS    \$6.00 – 14 AND UNDER  
2 AND UNDER FREE



## Arts at the Airfield



Join Us for our 4th annual Holiday Art Faire!

### Saturday/Sunday, December 9th & 10th 9AM - 2PM

9A Lafayette Rd. (Rte. 1) North Hampton  
(2nd floor, above the Airfield Cafe)

**An Intimate Gathering of Fine Artists**

Your host: **Lori Martone Pottery**: functional thrown Stoneware, Plaice Cove Design, Hand-crafted Jewelry, Fiber Art & Tapestries, Resin Ocean Creations, Lifelike Paper Flowers, Joyful Acrylic Paintings, Functional Art, Mystical Candles, Organic Soaps, and so many more treasures and gifts!



# The Spirit of Christmas Past

FOUR CENTURIES OF CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 | 6:30 PM

### Dover Public Library, Dover NH

How did Christmas go from a rowdy celebration to the family-centered event it is now?

Trace the development of the celebration of Christmas in "The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in America" at the Dover Public Library. This is an in-person program with the option to stream live from home. If you'd prefer to watch virtually, sign up at <https://www.ringcentral.com/register/3d3346f1/f48fd597/index.html> to

# Local Fun!



**New  
Hampshire  
Farm  
Museum**

NH Farm Museum  
1305 White Mountain Highway  
Milton, NH 03851  
603-652-7840  
nhfarmmuseum.info@gmail.com

December 2nd: Victorian Christmas & Horse-Drawn  
Carriage Rides



## Celebrate Christmas at the farm!

Tour the beautifully decorated Jones Farmhouse and experience the wonder of a Victorian Christmas at the Farm Museum! Our property will be gaily decorated, and our volunteers I'll be in period dress.

You can also help us decorate! We'll have all the materials on hand so you can make decorations for the barnyard animals and our outdoor Christmas tree.

**DATE:** Saturday, December 2, 2023  
**TIME:** 10:00 – 4:00

## A full day of Christmas activities!

- Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride over the fields.
- Stop by the Blacksmith Shoppe to watch the blacksmith as he fires up the bellows!
- Warm up by our outdoor hearth and enjoy some mulled cider using our recipe from the 1800s.
- Try your hand at roasting popcorn on the open hearth.
- Join in singing carols in the parlor!
- Make a wonderful smelling pomander ball with oranges, cloves, and cinnamon. They make a beautiful gift!

Visit our 1940s kitchen and decorate a cookie to eat or take home.



**NHFM Country Store Bazaar**

December 2: Country Store Holiday Bazaar  
DECEMBER 2, 2023  
Holiday Bazaar at the Country Store!

Main Street Festival of Trees  
December 1st & 2nd



Rochester Main Street is pleased to announce that Festival of Trees will return to Studley's Flower Gardens on Friday, Dec. 1st from 6:00 PM - 8:00 pm and Saturday, December 2nd from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM.

Enjoy caroling, refreshments and a visit from Santa while strolling through dozens of wonderfully decorated trees, generously donated by area businesses and organizations. They are fully decorated and often studded with gift certificates and other prizes.

Admission is \$5.00 and includes 5 raffle tickets. Children under we enter at no cost. Studley's Flower Garden is located at 82 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867

## Milton Woman's Club Creche & Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Advent Sunday  
Sunday, December 3rd

Please join us as we celebrate  
the Advent Season with our  
traditional tree lighting &  
Blessing of the Creche!

4:00 PM

@ Veterans Park  
Please join us as  
we welcome the  
Season!



Tree Lighting

