



The Milton Gazette

News from the Milton Parks & Recreation Department
852 White Mountain Highway, Milton, NH 03851



April 2021



2021 Easter Basket Winners



The Recreation Department would like to thank all our families who joined us for the 2021 Town Easter Egg Hunt that was held on Saturday, March 27th at the town beach field. Special thanks to our Easter Bunny, and to everyone who donated towards the event and to the baskets that were given to the families who requested them. It was a great success and the kids had a blast!



Milton Recreation Spring Soccer practice times TBA K-2nd & U10 / U12

Registrations are available at the Recreation Offices and the Milton Post Office for our Milton Spring Soccer Program. The K-2nd program will take place on Saturday mornings at the town beach field and the U10/U12 programs will be on weekday afternoons from 5:45 - 7:00 pm. Exact schedules TBA.

How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank



Joke of the Month

Q: Why do so many people jump on April Fools Day?
A: Its Spring!

April Fools Day, Thursday, April 1, 2021

Camp Three Ponds



2021 Camp Three Ponds

Milton Town Beach / Emma Ramsey Community Center

June 21st - August 13th

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Pre & Post Care available

(7:00 - 8:00 am / 4:30 - 5:30 pm)

603-4501 ext. 8/603-652-7308

Registration Packets for the Milton Recreation Camp Three Ponds Summer Recreation Camp are now available. Packets can be picked up at both the Emma Ramsey Center or the Town Beach Gatehouse. The forms are also available on line www.miltonnh-us.com on the Recreation Department page. Registrations once complete may be dropped back off at either location.



Milton NH

Exercise & Fitness

@exercisefortheunofit ·

Health & Wellness

Website

find us on Facebook!

Instructor Nancy Coyne is offering free fitness classes through her website for our residents who do not wish to go to in person classes. This is a fun way to continue to exercise and stay fit, right from the safety of your home! Follow Nancy on her website for information on pop-up classes! Nancy is planning a special Cinco De Mayo Zumba Class that will be held both remotely & in person! More info to come!

Community News



TOWN OF MILTON, NH COVID-19 FACILITY USE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE PROTOCOLS

On March 15, 2021, the Milton Select Board voted to open Town Hall to the public for walk-in service starting on Monday, March 29th, subject to the following conditions:

- Masks must still be worn by all patrons/visitors to Town Hall.
- Contact forms must still be filled out prior to entering the building – these forms are available outside the main entrance of Town Hall and on the website (click here to go to the form).
- Social distancing must be maintained in accordance with the State of New Hampshire guidelines in place at the time (which is currently six feet). The number of people in the building will be limited, when necessary, in order to maintain social distancing. If you have questions/concerns or need to make special provisions to come in by appointment, please call the applicable department. The phone numbers are listed on the Town of Milton Website at www.miltonnh-us.com.



TOWN OF MILTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC MEETINGS MILTON TOWN HALL 424 White Mountain Highway Milton, NH 03851

April 5, 2021	Board of Selectmen - 6:00 PM
April 19, 2021	Planning Board - 6:00 PM
April 6, 2021	Conservation Comm: Casey Road Subcommittee – 5:00
April 6, 2021	Planning Board - 6:30 PM
April 13, 2021	Local Government Efficiency Task Force – 6:00 pm
April 27, 2021	Budget Committee – 6:00 pm



Milton Public Works 8th Annual Roadside Clean-Up

April 24th, 2021



Save the date!

Saturday, April 24th, Milton Public Works will be hosting their Annual Roadside Clean Up Event! Rain or shine the event starts at 9:00 am. You choose what area of town you would like to help clean-up.

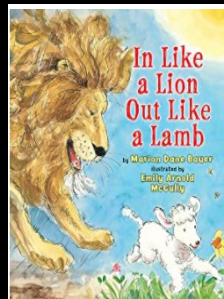
Public Works will provide you with the bags and feed you when you are through! A light lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon, however, you may clean as long as you wish. Public works will be picking up the bags left along the roadside! The town thanks you in advance for helping us keep our town beautiful, and litter free!



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

Browsing by appointment & Porch-side Pickup is available for the following hours:

Pouch-side Pickup Only: Tuesday, 3:30 - 7:30 pm
Browsing by Appointment & Porch-side Pickup
45-minute appointments are available, please call ahead
Wed (12:00 - 7:30 pm), Thursday (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)
Thursday (3:30 pm - 7:30 pm) Saturday (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)



Outdoor Storytime is held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at the library. In the event of inclement weather, please check the library Facebook Page. The library has a new Story-Walk at Branch Hill Farm. Enjoy reading Like a Lion Out Like a Lamb by Marion Dane Bauer next time you visit the trail.

Around Town



April 4 - 10, 2021

National Library Week is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, Library workers' contributions and promote library use and support!

National Library Week, from April 4 to 10, allows us to promote our local libraries and their workers. From Harry Potter and Matilda, to Lord of the Rings and Game of Thrones, we're sure at some point you've dashed to the library to borrow your favorite book. Then comes studying. Haven't we all spent endless hours in the library revising for our exams, borrowing textbooks, free journals and using their online resources? Do you remember that feeling of getting a brand-new library card – of whipping it out when you borrowed a mountain of DVD's? Of course, times have changed since the millennium, but aren't the staff always so professional and kind? Libraries are pivotal to society to both universities and to schools. Celebrating them, means celebrating silent reading, our communities and getting into college. Therefore, it's an obvious good deed. This National Library Week, let's look back on our love for the smell inside an old book, and wholeheartedly thank our local public libraries.

Please stop by and thank a local librarian for their help and support and for all their creative ideas that they share with our families!

THIS MOTHER'S DAY SHOW YOUR MOM YOU CARE.

Make a minimum \$25 donation in honor of your mother & the NH Food Bank will send a customized Mother's Day card.



**“Spring is nature's way of
saying, Let's party!”**

—Robin Williams



Kindergarten Registration

is now open for the 2021-2022 school year at Milton Elementary School. Children must be five years old by September 30, 2021 and must live in Milton/Milton Mills. Milton elementary will be providing an all day Kindergarten program

Registration packets are now available to be mailed or picked up at the Milton Elementary School Office.

Appointments for screening will be scheduled. The screening dates have not been set at this point. The child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of residency and completed registration paperwork are required prior to the time of screening. For more information you may call 603-6524539 or to request that a packet be mailed to you.

Recipe for Success—Cooking Matters® Program



NEW Virtual Courses!

*Learn to find whole grains, buy fruits and vegetables on a budget, compare unit prices, and read food labels in order to buy ingredients for balanced family meals. **Wednesday, April 21st 5:00 – 6:00pm.***

Share Our Strength's [Cooking Matters](https://www.cookingmatters.org/) is a national program that [empowers families](https://www.cookingmatters.org/) at risk of hunger with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to prepare healthy and affordable meals. Cooking Matters brings together local culinary and nutrition experts, as well as the Nutrition Connections Staff from [UNH Cooperative Extension](https://www.unh.edu/cooperative-extension/) and enthusiastic volunteers, to lead hands-on courses that give participants the [know-how](https://www.cookingmatters.org/) to select tasty and low-cost ingredients, stretch them across multiple meals, and use healthy cooking techniques and recipes that help them provide the best nourishment possible to their families. Visit <https://nhfoodbank.org/programs/recipe-for-success/cooking-matters/> to sign up or to find more information on their programs.

Local Area Offerings

Discover Wild NH Day

Update for 2021 Event: Discover Wild NH Day will not be held in April, as it is usually the case. There is a great hope that they will be able to hold the event in September 2021. More updates to come!

Discover Wild NH Day is an annual spring event hosted by NH Fish & Game and sponsored by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of NH.

Free Fishing Day – June 5th, 2021) Seasonal Fishing in the Granite State



New Hampshire Fishing and Boating

Having 944 lakes within a 9,350 square-mile area means never having to go too far to enjoy a day of Nh fishing and boating. From the Swift River in Passaconaway to Rye Harbor State Park, get the NH Fishing and boating information you need to plan your next trip!

<https://www.takemefishing.org/new-hampshire/>



**Saturday, April 10th @
10:00 AM**

Branch Hill Farm
Apple Grafting Workshop
307 Applebee Road
Milton Mills, NH 03852
603-978-7125
call to reserve your spot!

On Saturday, April 10th, an apple tree grafting class will be held from 10am to 12pm at the barn at Branch Hill Farm. This interactive workshop will include an introductory slide presentation as well as hands-on training. By the end of the class, each person will have completed grafting their own small apple tree to take home, with scions collected from a variety of heirloom trees. Participants will be able to choose between trees that produce baking, eating or cider apples. This workshop costs \$20.00 for materials. Pre-registration is required for the workshop and earlier registration is advised since class size is limited. To offer safe outdoor activities during COVID-19, all participants are required to wear masks and to practice proper social distancing. These workshops will take place rain or shine.

Please call Branch Hill Farm's Education Coordinator Kari Lygren at (603) 978-7125 or email kari_lygren@branchhillfarm.org with any questions.



**Celebrate Earth
Day
April 22, 2021**

Blue Ocean Society (blueoceansociety.org) is hosting a clean-up on Saturday, April 21, at 11:00 am at the Seacoast Science Center/Odiorne Point following the Rescue Run 5K & Kid's Fun Run. You may register for the beach cleanup by emailing info@blueoceansociety.org or by calling 431-0260.

The Children's Museum of NH has organized a full day of activities focused on keeping the earth healthy and celebrating its beauty. Plant marigolds with Wentworth Greenhouse from 12 - 3:00 pm; Bartlett Tree Experts will be handing out tree seedlings (while supplies last) to take home and plant; D.F. Richard will be in the museum's STEAM Innovation Lab at 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm leading a sustainable building activity. All activities are included with museum admission. Please visit childrens-museum.org for more information.

The Mall at Fox Run is inviting participants to come celebrate Earth Day over their school vacation week on Wednesday, April 25 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon where kids can decorate their own pots and plant some greens. Additionally kids can create their own artistic masterpiece of art by pedaling away on the Spin Art Bike. The event is free, no registration necessary. For more info, visit the events page on mallatfoxrun.com.

Ready to put some of the Three R's to use in your own home? Get all the info you need with eco-friendly articles, tips on the Three R's and valuable energy-saving how-to's by visiting Earth911.com. Have some weird stuff to get rid of? To find a directory of recycling locations, just enter your zip code the site will pull up a list of locations where you can safely and responsibly dispose of items like chemicals, electronics, and paint or recycle things like old eye glasses, furniture and cell phones to someone who can use them again!



**Love the Earth As You
Would Love Yourself!**

John Denver

Area Activities in April

**LET'S
CHAT**
ABOUT AGING IN
BROOKFIELD, FARMINGTON,
MIDDLETON, MILTON,
NEW DURHAM AND WAKEFIELD



Strafford Regional
Planning Commission
"Live Chat"
Wed. April 7, 2021
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Communities for
Healthy Aging
Transition (CHAT)

Event Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMrC0-qpikoGt0zL68S90L1x5H8b5mLV9y0>

Event Registration Tiny Url:

<https://tinyurl.com/mbxpku5b>

Join Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) as they partner with the towns of Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, and Wakefield on a community Zoom forum to gather feedback on their [Communities for Healthy Aging Transitions \(CHAT\) project](#). This forum is an opportunity for residents in these six towns to share their input on the communities they live in. This project seeks to identify strengths towards and opportunities for each regional community providing an inclusive, welcoming, supportive, and healthy environment for people of all ages.

To accomplish this SRPC wants to hear from the people that know Milton best, those who live and work in town. Using virtual public engagement tools like Zoom's breakout rooms and live interactive polling, SRPC will lead a discussion to best understand what residents value about their communities, and opportunities for making it even better.

Please join this interactive opportunity for providing input on **Wednesday, Apr. 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** The best part - you don't even have to leave your house-and you can still participate and share your thoughts! SRPC looks forward to CHATting with you! Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/mbxpku5b>, and contact communications and outreach planner Shayna Sylvia at ssylvia@strafford.org with any questions Can't wait to share your thoughts or won't be able to make the session, take the online [CHAT survey](#).

Facebook Text:

@StraffordRegionalPlanningCommission wants to hear from those that live and work in Milton about what it means to age in our town. As part of its Communities for Healthy Aging Transitions (CHAT) project, SRPC is asking the question "how does your community provide an inclusive, welcoming, supportive, and healthy environment for people of all ages?" Join their community Zoom forum on Wednesday, Apr. 7 from 6:00 -8:30 p.m. to share your thoughts! Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/mbxpku5b>



Rochester Harley Davidson will hold a Blessing of the Bikes on **Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM.**

Rochester Harley Davidson is located at 7 Crane Drive, Route 11, Rochester NH 03867. **Every Saturday** in the month of April, the shop will be holding their sidewalk Sale from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm offering assorted Harley Gear up to 70% off.



Blood Program
Leader

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

**WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together**

1:30 - 5:30 pm
Lebanon Fire - EMS
American Red Cross
Blood Drive
3 Upper Cross Road
Lebanon, ME 04027



Saturday, April 10, 2021 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Birch Ridge Vernal Pool Walk |
Birch Ridge Community Forest, New Durham, NH

Join us for a vernal pool walk! UNH Coverts volunteer Tom Gardner will lead us on a guided walk of vernal pools at the Birch Ridge Community Forest. Participants will learn about how to identify vernal pools and their key features and role in critical biological processes. Although this is a free event, space is limited and advance online registration is **REQUIRED**. Non-members are encouraged to consider a suggested donation of \$15.00

Senior Activities & Information



AARP
Coffee & Conversation
To register contact
AARP NH or
email: nhaarp@aarp.org

Grab your kilt and let's celebrate National Tartan Day!

What is National Tartan Day, you ask? The United States observes National Tartan Day each year on April 6. It commemorates the Scottish Declaration of Independence, from which the American Declaration of Independence was modelled. Almost half of the American Declaration of Independence signers were of Scottish descent.

Want to learn more? Join us on Tuesday, April 6 for a free virtual Coffee & Conversation with NHSCOT. Come learn how National Tartan Day is celebrated in the U.S., what a tartan is exactly and some of the pattern



Creative Feast
Cooking & Gardening with Herbs
Tuesday, April 27th
1:00 pm
Hosted by Chef Liz Barbour
& NHAARP

Herbs enhance a recipe far beyond what a sprinkling of salt and pepper can do. They add flavor, color, and give recipes their cultural identity. We have some great suggestions! Wanna learn some creative new ways to use herbs?

This fun, online cooking demo is brought to you by AARP NH and Chef Liz Barbour of [The Creative Feast](#). During this free webinar and cooking demo on **April 27 at 1 pm**, Liz will share with you the edible landscape she has created to surround her circa 1744 New Hampshire village home.

Join her for a slideshow tour through her edible gardens and see how she has introduced a variety of herbs to blend beautifully and deliciously into the landscape. Following the slides, Liz will welcome you into her studio kitchen to demonstrate two delicious recipes featuring herbal combinations that you will love. **Preregistration is required at:** <https://aarp.cvent.com/CreativeFeast421>

2021 CSA Shares Available



Sign up for 18 weeks of
fresh vegetables from
Waking Web Farm!

Who are We?

We are Waking Web Farm: a brand new 1/4 acre farm in Milton, NH co-owned and operated by Farmers Georgia and Katelyn. We use human-scale, no-till, regenerative practices to grow nutrient dense and chemical free produce for our neighbors.

Join our CSA Community

Become a member of our CSA and receive a weekly box of fresh produce from June through mid-October with weekly pick-ups at Branch Hill Farm in Milton, NH.



Can Your Own Member Share

Interested in preserving the flavors of the season to provide you and your family with safe, healthy, whole foods? We'll provide bulk quantities of common pickling vegetables for once a month pick-up July through October. Membership Cost: \$160 Call with questions!

Details

Dates: June 9th - Oct. 10th
Membership:
Full Share: \$500 (\$28/wk)
Half Share: Please Inquire

Pick up Days & Location:
Wednesdays 4pm-6pm
or Sundays 2pm-5pm
At Branch Hill Farm in Milton.



See what we're up to:
Follow us on Instagram
[@wakingwebfarm](https://www.instagram.com/wakingwebfarm)



MCKENZIE'S
FARM

The farm will be offering CSA
Shares until June 1, 2021.
For more information
on how their CSA Program
works, please visit
<https://mckenziefarm.com/csa/> or email them at
mckenziefarm@gmail.com

