



# The Milton Gazette

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



December 2021



A big "Thank You" to Bill Snowdon and his family for their amazing toy donation for the 2021 Milton Recreation Toy Drive. Bill is the owner of Snowdon Realty LLC in Farmington, NH, but he resides right here in Milton. Bill's donation will help many of our Milton/Milton Mills Families this holiday season and his generosity is so very appreciated!



Milton Recreation Department will host

**On Saturday, December 11, 2021. Breakfast from 9:00 - 11:00 am  
@ The Emma Ramsey Community Center (below Town Hall).**

**Families are invited to come and enjoy breakfast and meet Santa Clause, take some pictures and share with Santa what they are hoping he brings them this holiday Season!**

**Families in need may drop off their applications for holiday assistance, and families who wish to donate to a child in need may do so by dropping off a new, unwrapped gift for their child to place under the tree. Monetary donations, or donations of food for this event may be dropped off as well.**

**The Recreation Department will have a craft for the children to do while they wait for their turn to meet Santa!**

**For more information on this event or to volunteer to help, please contact the Recreation Department at 603-834-0278, or 603-652-4501 ext. 8, or by emailing [recreation@miltonnh-us.com](mailto:recreation@miltonnh-us.com)**

## Holiday Kid's Night Out

Friday, December 10th  
5:00 - 8:00PM  
\$10.00 per child

Emma Ramsey Center  
(basement of Town Hall)  
Children 4 - 12 yrs.



**Need to do some Holiday shopping without the kids?**

**Drop off your children for a night of fun with games, crafts, food and a movie!**

**We will be building/decorating Gingerbread houses to be entered into the Gingerbread contest at the "Breakfast with Santa" event on Saturday, December 11th.**

**Limited to 20 kids, sign up by emailing [dbrown.miltonrec@gmail.com](mailto:dbrown.miltonrec@gmail.com)**

**or call 603-652-4501 ext.8 or 603-652-7308.**

**Please leave a message and we will get back to you!**



### December Pie & Craft Fair

The American Legion Post 61 will host it's first annual pie & craft fair on Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the American Legion Hall 8 Steeple Street, Milton, NH 03851

## Community News



### Memorandum

**To:** Press Release and Posting on Town Web Site

**From:** Chris Jacobs, Town Administrator

**CC:** File

**Date:** November 30, 2021

**Re:** 2021 Tax Rate

The tax rate for Milton was set by the State Dept of Revenue Administration on November 24, 2021. The rate is \$22.86 per thousand of Property evaluation. The rate for 2020 was \$22.16.

The Selectman moved \$750,000 of the un-assigned fund balance to offset potential increases in the tax rate when working with the State to set the tax rate.

It is expected that the tax bills for the second half of 2021 will go out in the mail this week. The expected due date will be Monday, January 3, 2022.



The town has enacted a winter parking ban effective December 1, 2021 - April 15, 2022 10:30 pm - 7:00 am and during declared snow emergencies. The ban prohibits parking in or on all public ways and town streets. Each violation will be subject to a \$25.00 fine and towing fees. The purpose of the winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews, unobstructed snow removal or ice control measures in the event of extreme weather.



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

Dec. 1, 2021	Conservation Commission - 6:00 PM
Dec. 6, 2021	Board of Selectmen - 6:00 PM
Dec. 7, 2021	Planning Board - 6:30 PM
Dec. 20, 2021	Board of Selectmen - 6:00 PM
Dec. 21, 2021	Planning Board - 6:30 PM
Dec. 24, 2021	Holiday Observance - Christmas
Dec. 28, 2021	Budget Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM
Dec. 31, 2021	Holiday Observance - New Year's

The Milton Town Hall & Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th & 31st in observance of the Christmas & New Years!



### Monthly Department Head Reports

In an effort to increase the communication between residents and our department heads, each department will be releasing a monthly report to the Board of Selectmen, by their second meeting of the month.

Residents may find these reports on the Town of Milton Website under the Monthly Reports.



# Local Happenings this Fall



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



Nute High School &  
Library  
22 Elm Street  
Milton NH 03851  
(603) 652-4591 (Nute)  
(603) 652- (Nute)

## Fall Hours:

No Appointment Needed - Masks Required  
See You Soon!

Tuesday 3:30 - 7:30 PM, Wednesday 12 - 7:30 PM  
Thursday 10 AM - 12 PM & 3:30 - 7:30 PM  
Friday 1 - 7:30 PM, Saturday 10 - 1 PM  
Please sign up for our Newsletter!

Nute Library is looking for people interested in meeting once per month for an "Archive Club"? They are looking to host interested individuals to sort, catalog and help create a digital source of some of their archives. These include photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, and more local history. Email: nutelibrary@gmail.com if you would be interested in this once a month archive dive!

## *2021 Annual Gingerbread House Contest sponsored by Milton Free Public Library & Milton Parks & Recreation*

Milton Recreation & Milton Free Public Library will be hosting our annual Gingerbread House Contest as part of the 2021 Toys for Kids Holiday Party  
Saturday, December 11, 2021  
10:00 - 1:30 pm  
Emma Ramsey Community Center  
424 White Mountain Highway, Milton, NH 03851

The Houses will be judged in three categories:

- 1.) Best Children's Entry Children 12 & under, done by the child.
- 2.) Best Family Entry Family working together on one entry
- 3.) Best in Show Most original and creative entry

Entries should be dropped off at the Emma Ramsey Community Center, before events start at 10:00 am, or prior to that day. Entries will be judged by MFPL Director & Parks & Recreation Staff. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for winners in each category.

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

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



**HANDPRINT  
REINDEER**

And Story Time!

Monday, December 6th @ 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 7th @ 5:30 pm  
Story & Craft at the library!  
Stop by and listen to a wonderful story  
and enjoy a craft with your kids!



## Local Happenings



Nute Ridge Bible  
Chapel  
Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 12th  
6:00 pm  
99 Nutes Road  
Milton, NH 03851

Come enjoy **The Broken Fiddle Orchestra** and singers for a great set of songs. The orchestra is made up of kids and adults. Just putting the word out! If main parking lot is full, there is an extra lot right across the street. Come get your Christmas spirit on! This is a free event and all are welcome!

### **Ladytinabell Gift Shop** 184 White Mountain Highway Milton, NH 03851

Beginning on Saturday, December 4th the shop will be open from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 7 days per week! On Saturday, December 4th, Santa will be in the shop as well, if you would like visit with him and take a picture! Ladytinabell offers some very unique gifts locally made with lots of love!



### *The Farm Museum Country Store* **HOME GROWN & HANDMADE**

The New Hampshire Farm Museum Country Store will be open on select Saturdays in December.

All store sales support the educational mission of the New Hampshire Farm Museum, and [museum members](#) always get 10% off non-perishable items in the shop!

### **THE MUSIC MILL**

**White Mountain Puzzles - Cards - Books - Gifts**  
**Acoustic Musical Instruments and Accessories**  
35 Church Street, Milton Mills, NH 03852  
603-473-2522

FREE JUST FOR STOPPING BY TO CHECK OUT OUR SHOP! 2022 NORMAN ROCKWELL CALENDAR. SPEND \$30 OR MORE AND GET A GIFT CARD GOOD FOR \$10 OFF A FUTURE PURCHASE OF \$30 OR MORE! .



## Senior Fun!

**Senior Holiday Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**  
**Emma Ramsey Community Center**  
**424 White Mountain Highway**  
**Milton, NH 03851**

Featuring: *Music by 3 Shades of Grey*  
*Please call to reserve your spot*  
**603-652-4501 ext. 8/603-834-0279**



**Milton Senior Bingo**  
**Emma Ramsey**  
**Community Center**  
**424 White Mountain Hwy**  
**Milton, NH 03851**

Milton Senior Bingo - November Dates

Tuesday, December 7th & 14th

Tuesday, December 14th - Senior Luncheon

Doors open at 9:00 am for social hour, and bingo begins at 10:00 am. Coffee, donuts, yogurt and fruit & cheese and crackers will be available for purchase.



## *Breakfast*

Free - Are you ready for breakfast? We are ready for you! Come to the Rochester Area Senior Center the 3rd Friday of the month and enjoy the free breakfast the Rec Staff and other community members have cooked up for you.

Residents and non-residents (50+ years of age)

3rd Friday of the month @ 8:00am-9:00am

December 17th

Rochester Area Senior Center at the Community Center

Cancellations will be posted to facebook and our website



**Free to Area Seniors 50+**  
**Mon, Wed & Thursdays**  
**8:30 am - Noon**  
**Rochester Community**  
**Center**



Greater Wakefield  
 Resource Center  
 254 Main Street  
 Union, NH 03887  
 (603) 473-8324

The center is a place of community. We serve takeout lunches (great chef) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Gafney library has Hi Set classes on Wed. by appointment. We are renting our hall again for functions.

Call 473-8324

The December Lunch Calendar is posted on the website

<https://www.facebook.com/GWRC2016>

There are lots of great looking meals planned, so instead of cooking at home, give them a try!

\$4.00 a Senior/\$6.00 all others

Pick-up meals from 12:00 - 12:30

### **Senior Power Hour**

Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Rochester Arena

63 Lowell St., Rochester, NH 03867

9:00am-10:00am

(603) 335-6749

Heidi will lead you in a full body workout

Sign up [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e48aaa82ba3f85-senior11)

[www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e48aaa82ba3f85-senior11](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e48aaa82ba3f85-senior11)



Get some exercise and meet some new seniors!

All are welcome!



## For your Info.....



### **A Local Timber Harvest Workshop**

on Saturday,  
December 4, 2021  
9:00 - 11:00 AM  
Rain or Shine  
hosted by Jonathan Nute

#### **Local Timber Harvest Workshop on December 4**

The Milton Conservation Commission (MCC) will offer a free Timber Harvest Workshop on Saturday, December 4, from 9 to 11 am at a local tree farm on Hare Road in Milton. Retired forester Jonathan Nute will give an educational tour of a 2-acre harvest area, part of his 11-acre woodlot that is protected by conservation easement.

Before retiring to family land in Milton, Nute served for 29 years as Forest Resources Extension Educator for UNH Cooperative Extension in Hillsborough County and has received awards for his work as a forester and educator. He currently serves on the Board of Moose Mountains Regional Greenways and the Milton Planning Board. Participants of his previous guided walks at nearby Casey Road Conservation Land have been enthusiastic about how much knowledge they gained about the ecological history of that land. The upcoming workshop will be an opportunity for Milton residents and friends to learn about managing a woodlot, including harvesting decisions and practices, logging equipment, and maple sugaring. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. The MCC may be contacted at [mcc@miltonnh-us.com](mailto:mcc@miltonnh-us.com). The workshop will be held rain or shine; in the case of inclement weather, the gathering will take place in the hay barn. Cars may be parked in the field across from the white mailbox #45 on Hare Road.

The mission of the Milton Conservation Commission is to provide for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and watershed resources in the Town of Milton, in accordance with NH RSA 36-A. For more information about the MCC, see [miltonnh-us.com/conservation-commission](http://miltonnh-us.com/conservation-commission) or visit the Milton NH Conservation Commission Facebook page.

**Time to lace  
them up and get  
on the ice for  
Public Skate**

**ROCHESTER ARENA**



Public Skate is hosted at the Rochester Ice Arena  
63 Lowell Street, Rochester NH 03867  
Saturdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm &  
Sundays, 12:15 - 1:15 pm



<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/whitemountain/passes-permits/forestproducts>  
**NH White Mountain National Forest**

### **Forest Products Permits**

#### **Firewood Permits**

Permits for dead and down wood are issued for personal use for as few as two cords or as many as five cords per calendar year. The cost is \$20 for 2 cords and \$10 for each additional cord up to 5 maximum.

The personal use firewood permit covers most of the White Mountain National Forest, excluding active timber sales, developed recreation areas, designated Wilderness, and the Bartlett and Hubbard Brook Experimental Forests.

#### **Need to know before purchasing a firewood permit:**

- ▶ A permit can be purchased with cash or check made out to the 'US Forest Service'.
- ▶ At the time of purchase please provide a valid drivers license and vehicle registration for the vehicle that will be used to collect the firewood.
- ▶ The permit expires December 31 in the calendar year it was issued.

#### **Christmas tree permits**

Create special memories by bringing your family to the White Mountain National Forest to cut your own Christmas tree.

#### **Helpful information about Christmas Tree permits:**

- ▶ Tree permits can be purchased for \$5.00. Permits can be purchased [online](#) or through [our district offices](#).
- ▶ Trees are for personal use only, not for resale. One tree per family
- ▶ Use only hand tools to cut Christmas trees, such as an ax or handsaw. Chainsaws are not permitted.
- ▶ Make sure you are on National Forest land. Respect the rights of landowners when crossing private property.
- ▶ Do not cut trees within 100 feet of:
  - campgrounds
  - picnic areas
  - trailheads or developed recreation areas
  - experimental forests
  - designated wilderness areas
  - water bodies
  - active timber sales.
- ▶ Do not cut trees within 100 feet of paved roads and 50 feet from dirt roads.
- ▶ Do not cut trees larger than 6 inches in diameter at chest height. Pack down limb piles low enough so they are within 2 feet of the ground.
- ▶ Cut your tree so remaining stumps will be less than 10 inches in height.