



THE MILTON GAZETTE



January 2012

News from the Town of Milton, New Hampshire

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Tuesday, January 10th
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Emma Ramsey Community Center
Presidential Primary

Registered voters from Milton and Milton Mills are invited to cast their vote for the candidate of their choice at the 2012 Presidential Primary. Non-registered voters who reside within the towns of Milton and Milton Mills may with appropriate identification (picture ID, proof of residency etc) may take advantage of same day registration, and also vote in the primary.

The supervisors would like to remind undeclared voters that they will need to check in with the supervisors after casting their vote to be returned to their undeclared status. We look forward to seeing everyone at the polls. Every vote counts, so please make the effort to exercise your right to vote.



Celebratory Snowshoe Outing
Saturday 14, 2012
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
To the Jones Brook Hatchery, Milton

Charlie Bridges and Rich Cook of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will lead a snowshoe outing from Piggott Hill to the Jones Brook Fish Hatchery in Milton on Saturday January 14 from 10 am to 1 pm. The event is held in celebration of the completion of a conservation easement on 358 acres of land along Jones Brook. This 2.5 mile round trip snowshoe will include a partial bushwhack through mixed forest. Participants are encouraged to bring lunch to enjoy at the scenic hatchery site, where trip leaders will discuss the history of the hatchery and the importance of land conservation for preservation of water resources.

The easement was donated by Branch Hill Farm/the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in 2008 as part of the Salmon Falls Headwaters Project, which led to the protection of nearly 800 acres valued at \$1.3 million.

The outing is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. No pets, please. To register, please call 603-978-7125 or email info@mmrg.info.



20th Annual Milton Winter Carnival February 11th & 12th

Plans for the 20th annual Milton Winter Carnival are underway. Although this year's carnival might end up looking a little different because of lack of snow and ice, the carnival will go on.

The carnival committee will be meeting Saturday mornings 10:30 at the Emma Ramsey Community Center until carnival. New committee members are welcome, so please consider joining and bringing your ideas, especially this year! Many of the carnival activities of past years will still go on such as opening ceremonies, 5th grade air balloon launch, carnival bingo, children's entertainers, chili/chowder cook-off, meat bingo, silent auction etc.

There will be activities at both the Milton Town Beach and The Emma Ramsey Community Center. Depending on the ice conditions and the amount of snow conditions the day of the carnival, activities will be located as warranted.

The carnival was first initiated to bring a sense of community spirit and pride to Milton and to encourage area residents to take advantage of our wonderful local resources for outside recreation during the winter months. Although the weather doesn't seem to want to accommodate our snow/ice needs this year, the committee will work hard on planning some outdoor activities that can take place whether we have snow or not.

If you have any ideas that you would like to share with the committee on outside activities that would be fun with or without snow, please contact the recreation department or again, please consider joining the committee and helping us put together a wonderful carnival for our area families. Milton Recreation (652-4501 ext. 8.)



Tony Mincu
December
Town Administrator's
Report

Well, still waiting on winter, but we will take what we can get.

The budget season is coming to a close. 2011 ended with a decent surplus. Operational efficiencies, personnel transitions, great budgetary oversight by department heads, effective use of revolving funds, and money saving moves in changing service providers, all have contributed to maintaining a decent balance sheet for the year 2011. The fact that we have not needed a TANS this year speaks volumes.

The proposed 2012 Budget reflects an 8,000 dollar increase, less than 1% from the prior year. Given certain fixed uncontrolled costs such as NH Retirement downshifting from the State, increase in medical costs, which together represent a 50,000 dollar increase from the prior year, one can see that some significant savings and cutting was done in order to keep the overall budget increase at less than 1%. A more detailed and exhaustive explanation of the Budget will come out in the Voters Guide. But as to Warrant Articles, beyond the 'normal' requests, The Fire Dept will be requesting a purchase of a new fire truck, The Highway Dept will be requesting a new 6 wheel dump, and the Town will be requesting monies to implement a step plan for all Town employees (Basically a 14 year blue-print classifying all employees within a paygrade and outlining future pay increases based on satisfactory reviews. Again, the Voters Guide will be fleshing out this information.

EReg, electronic (online) registration for vehicles and dog tags, will be coming. Implementation is on the books for mid-February and we are presently in the process of lining up the providers and the software necessary for rollout. Access to a computer will allow one to complete auto registration renewals online 24/7.

The new year also saw some fundamental changes in Town Hall operations behind the scenes. Payroll has switched to a new provider ADP at a savings of some 50%. The Town's Banking is in the process of moving from TD Bank, which promised us additional service charges and little to no interest, to Federal Savings, which has waived all service fees and is giving our accounts a respectable interest rate. Bookkeeping has been streamlined and operational changes have been instituted in accordance with recommendations from our Auditors.

PSNH has just awarded us a grant for Economic Development. We will be using that money towards the implementation of a development plan with associated materials such as Charette outlining the advantages of Milton for certain business types.

All in all, we are not sitting still. Always looking to increase our efficiencies and looking for opportunities to leverage your Tax dollars to maximum usefulness.

Stay warm this unusual winter and be sure to get out and vote, whether it be for the Primaries or for the Town Deliberative Sessions.

Sincerely,

Tony

Milton Fire and Rescue



Milton Fire-Rescue is ushering out 2011 with what may be considered as a relatively uneventful year. Although at the time of this writing (the morning of December 28), the call volume of 2011 sits at: 405 fire calls and 460 EMS calls, which is up from the previous 5-year average (865 calls verses 849). In 2011, we did experience Hurricane Irene but by comparison to the northern portion of NH, the Town of Milton got away easy during the one day event. Milton has been able to recover the costs of responding during the storm from FEMA. That being said, there were no serious, catastrophic multi-day events like the 100-year floods of 2006 & 2007, nor the ice storm of 2008. Therefore we bid farewell to 2011 and set our sights on preparing for 2012.

Due to arrive in the Town of Milton for the New Year is a new ambulance. You will quickly notice it as it has been painted red with a black stripe and the EMS Star Of Life. The purchase of this ambulance was made possible with the preplanning of Milton residents several years ago as they created the Ambulance Revolving Account. This account holds money collected from insurance companies for medical transports and has been set aside for the purpose to purchase a replacement ambulance at NO COST to the taxpayer.

With the purchase of the new ambulance, the 1994 Ford truck formerly known as A2, has been traded, the former A1 will become the new secondary ambulance (A2) and will continue to reside at Central station to be used as a back up in the event of maintenance on the new A1 or a simultaneous medical call where A1 is already occupied on a call. If you would like a personal tour of the new ambulance, feel free to contact the station and we will try to schedule a time convenient for you.

As the March budget season approaches, Milton Fire-Rescue will have a warrant article for the purchase of a new fire truck. This truck will carry 1000 gallons of water and will be the replacement of the current 1989 Engine 2 which is housed in Milton Mills' Station 2. Engine 2 is facing multiple issues with maintenance and the need to be re-furbished to become NFPA compliant to enclose the firefighter compartment. A \$50,000 grant has been applied for and another \$50,000 is available in the capital reserve account. The remaining balance to purchase a new engine will be \$250,000 which is proposed to be funded with a 7-year bond of less than \$50,000 per year. You may receive more information on the proposed purchase of this truck by either contacting the Milton Fire Chief at Central Station. Please set February 11th aside to attend the Milton Deliberative Session where you may receive more information on this and other budget items.

Meanwhile as you prepare for 2012, please remember to use fire safety tips like check your chimneys for any buildup of creosote, keep all combustibles at least three feet from a heat source and test your smoke detectors monthly. From a medical point of view, you know your body better than anyone else and if you feel chest discomfort or shortness of breath, please do not hesitate to call 911. Immediate medical interventions may save yours or a loved one's life.

Warrant article 350,000

50,000 capital reserve

Grant 50,000

Balance = warrant article to fund a 7 year bond of less than 50,000 per year.

Contact Information

Emergency Dial: 911

Station 1 : (603) 652-4201

Station 2: (603) 473-2157

Email: info@miltonfirerescue.com

Meetings at the Emma Ramsey Center

Selectmen: 9th & 23rd (6:00 pm)

Planning Board: 3rd (6:30 pm)

Conservation Commission: 9th (7:00 pm)

Budget Committee: Every Thursday (6:00)

Zoning Board: 26th (6:00 pm)

Townhouse Restoration: 18th (5:30 pm)

Fire Department: 4th & 25th (5:30 pm)

Recreation Commission: 9th (5:30 pm)

Water District: 31st (5:00 pm)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Hours

Monday	8:30 - 3:30
Tuesday	8:30 - 3:30
Wednesday	8:30 - 3:30
Thursday	8:30 - 6:30
Friday	8:30 - 11:30

The Town Clerk's Office would like to remind residents that Taxes were due on December 12, 2011. All unpaid taxes will be accruing 12% interest per month until paid in full. Also, if your taxes are paid through your mortgage company, please check to make sure your taxes have been paid.



Milton Free Public Library

Winter Hours

Sunday and Monday closed

Tuesday 3:30-7:30

Wednesday 12:00 -7:30

Thursday 10:00 - 12:00 & 3:30 - 7:30

Friday 1:00-7:30

Saturday 10:00 - 1:00

The Friends of the Milton Free Public Library (MFPL) announce the annual "Fun Fan Fiction" Contest. MFPL challenges Milton high school students to stretch their creativity to enhance or change a work of fiction by adding a character, changing an ending, or amending a plot of a work of fiction. The Friends judge these works based on originality, how the changes enhance the existing work, and how close the writing style stays to the original work.

Submissions are now being accepted and will be until Friday, February 10, 2012. Entries can be sent directly to Milton Free Public Library in Milton Mills, Nute Library or given to one of the English teachers at Nute High School. 3 cash prizes will be awarded for fiction and this year an award will also be given to best Manga or Graphic Novel fan fiction .

Prizes will be awarded during "Nute Week" (February 24) celebrations in the Nute High School gymnasium. All high school students from Milton are encouraged to enter .

Continuing programs

Thursday morning pre-K story time: Join the fun , listen to a story, do a craft, meet other children 10:30-11:30

Interested in knitting, crochet, quilting, needlepoint or other crafts? The "kninja's" are meeting Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. until? Call the library at 473-8535 for more information.

Yoga with Betsy Baker

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Yoga practitioners of every level are welcome to join Saturday morning classes at 8:30. These classes are \$10 / class or \$40/5 classes. (Student and senior discounts are available). Call 473-2401 for more information.

Sensei Thomas Howland is available to instruct Okinawan Karate-Do here. The cost of your Gi (uniform) varies with size. For more information, call Sensei Howland at 473-8473.

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Nute Library

Winter Hours

Monday: 9:00 - 5:00

Tuesday: 9:00 - 5:00

Wednesday: 9:00 - 2:00/3:00-7:00

Thursday: 9:00 - 5:00

Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday: 9:00 - 12:00

Ladies Craft Group

Our open craft group meets every Monday in the Nute Community room from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. New members are always welcome!

Quilters Group

Our quilting group meets on Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00 in the library. Quilters need to supply their own machines and materials, but instruction is free. Master Quilter Carole Sullivan will be on hand to guide you with your quilting projects. This group is open to both the expert quilter or the beginner. Projects range from full-size quilts to wall hangings. You choose your own project.

Financial Aid Night

There will be a financial aid night held on January 19, 2012 from 5:30 - 6:45. There will be a representative from (NHHEAF) New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, to help explain the process of financial aid. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend this program.

On-Going Book & Video Sale: Nute library has books and videos that have been either donated or deleted from the library collection on sale at the front of the library. There are some really good bargains to be had. This is a wonderful way to stretch your holiday budget and help the library purchase new items for the current collection.

If you are looking for a new home for your new/current books or DVD's please give the library a call. New books and DVD's will help stretch the library budget and help keep the collection new. If you would like to donate a new book or DVD to the collection, please give us a call and we will tell you what is on our wish list.

For more Information please check us out at:

<http://nutelibrary.books.officelive.com/default.aspx>

Milton Community News



Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
Saturday, January 14th - 10:00 am
Milton Elementary School

Pack #155 Cub Scouts will be holding their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 14th commencing at 10:00 am. Their pack meeting will be held at that time and weather permitting their will also be sledding that day. If you are interested in joining the Milton Cub Scout Pack, e-mail: pmsteer@metrocast.net



Post #8393 VFW news



"THANK YOU"

Milton Memorial Post #8393 Veterans of Foreign Wars ended their 20th "Toys for kids Fundraiser" with a gala Christmas Party, Sunday December 11, 2011 at the Emma Ramsey Center, Milton Town Office building. Santa Claus arrived escorted by firemen on a fire engine and had pictures taken with the children to their delight. To add to the excitement a Magic show followed Santa's departure. An auction of various donated items concluded the program with generous bids, which elevated our chances for a successful fund raiser.

We were also blessed with generous contributions of cash, gift certificates and toys by the following businesses and individuals.

Joan Ball, Coleen's Cosmetology Services, Carol Carlson, Roy & Donna Cochrane, Barron Brothers Development, Tim and Linda Bates, Dr. Billie Bondar, Richard Bowden, DeMoulas Market Basket, DiPrizio GMC Trucks, Signs That Tom Drew (Tom Drew), Charles & Bonny Dunton, Eastern Boats Inc., Evergreen Valley Snow Mobile Club, Robert & Nancy Graham, Hair-works, (Kim Paquette), Hurd Lumber Co, Index Packaging, James Johnson & Morgan Gallagher, Rochester KFC, William Crause CPA, Bruce & Lorraine Lander, Nancy Loubier, Metrocast Cablevision, Milton Mills Variety Store, Milton Business & Industrial Alliance, Milton Garage, Milton Veterinary Clinic, Mi-Te-Jo Camp ground, Lakeside Mart, O'Keefe's Auction Outlet, Occupational Health Services, Inc., Robert Page, Rochester Midas, Soldiers Helpers, Lisa Stewart, Stuart's Green Houses, Sullivan & Worcester, LLP., Milton Hardware, Town of Milton Board of Selectmen, Claire Tucker, Turner Liberty Agency Insurance, Walgreen's DO 128, Wal-Mart Store #2330, Cynthia Wyatt.

All proceeds will be distributed among families in need in our community. This year because of the bad economy, there is an increase in families seeking help.

Our Thanks to all those who so generously supported our program through donations of all kinds. Thanks also to Santa Claus, Magician David Anderson, Photo taker Chris Goodale. We appreciate and give thanks to John Nolan, editor of Rochester Times, Fosters Daily Democrat, Karen Brown Milton Recreation Director, Milton Correspondent Marilyn Pike for advertising this event.

In behalf of all our members, Thank you all and we wish you, A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Paul Carlson
Post Chaplain
Program Chairman
Milton Mills

Share The Help

Milton Community Services

New Location - Milton Town Office

Mondays & Thursdays 8:00 - 3:30 pm

Welfare applications. Food Pantry is now locate at the Milton Industrial Park (headstart building) If you are in need of assistance please call to schedule an appointment to see if you meet the program requirements @ 652-4501 ext. 9

Milton Food Pantry

The food pantry is now located in the Headstart Building in the Milton Industrial Park. Food pantry is available for families who are struggling to meet their families food needs.

Mondays : 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Farmington Food Pantry may cover emergency situations if necessary. You must call 516-8191 for more information.



American Legion News



The American Legion Oscar G. Morehouse Post 61 will again be supporting the Legion Oratorical Contest based on the students knowledge of the Constitution, The contest at Nute High School is tentatively set for Jan 31. The dates for the Junior Oratorical finals are being established for both the Milton, and Sanbornville Schools. We are hoping for a good turnout by the students this year. The Legion is again working with Doug Decker, the Nute H.S. English teacher and anyone interested (parents note!-first prize is \$150 for the H.S. and \$75 at the 7th/8th grade levels) should contact him for more information. The regular monthly meeting will be Jan. 11 at 7:00pm (second Wed. of the month) Bob McKinley

Recreational Activities for December



Senior Bingo Program

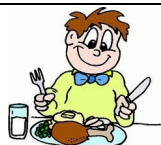
Tuesdays: 10:00 - 11:30 am
January 4th, 18th, 25th & 31st

Doors open @ 9:00. Coffee, donuts, fruit, cheese & crackers are served. In order to be in compliance with NH State Law, these senior bingo offerings are open to those who are 60 years old and older.

Sunday Bingo

Sunday Bingo
12:00 pm - Emma Ramsey Ctr.
January 22, 2012

Food served starting @ 12:00. Bingo begins at 1:00 pm. This is a senior bingo program and players must be 60 years old or older.



Senior Luncheon **Tuesday - January 24th**

The meal will be served immediately after the completion of the Tuesday bingo program. If you don't play bingo, you are still welcome to join us for the senior dinner. If you are interested in joining us, please call the recreation department phone and leave your name and number. 652-4844 ext. 8

Meal at noon prepared by Ann Walsh & Friends
 The meal will be a You must sign-up for the meal by if you plan on attending. We have limited seating capacity in the Emma, so requests will be taken on a first come basis.
 January's menu will include Minestrone Soup, Sandwiches, & assorted desserts.

The senior luncheon program is open to area seniors who might not participate in other programs, but would still like to meet and socialize with the senior set. We host the meals once a month after one of the Tuesday bingo sessions. If you have never participated and would like more information on this program, please call the recreation department at 652-4501 ext. 8

LIBERTY MUSIC GATHERING

An acoustic music jam open to all
Musicians and listeners welcome.



Donations are gratefully accepted.

There is no cost for admission & the coffee is free!

Everyone is invited to join this acoustic music jam that is open to all musicians and listeners alike!

Jam sessions are every other Saturday evening
 January 8th & 22nd
 From

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Sponsored by
 Liberty Chapel
 Milton Mills, NH.
 603-652-2522



Kids Night Out
(drop-off program—Emma Ramsey Ctr.)

Friday, January 20th
6:00 - 9:00 pm.
\$5.00 per child

Snowmen

SNOWMEN is a humorous and heartfelt coming-of-age story about three unlikely heroes and the winter that changed their lives forever. After a surprising discovery in the snow catapults three small-town boys into the spotlight, the best friends hatch a plan to be remembered forever by setting a Guinness World Records® title. Along the way, the trio battles schoolyard bullies, unites their community and discovers that - while fame may be fleeting - true friendship lasts forever.

Supper & snacks are included with the program fee. Craft will be theme related.

More December Recreational Happenings

Music & Movement Tot Program



The recreation department will be offering a music & movement class for children 18 months - 5 years
 Thursday Mornings from 9:30 - 10:15
 Emma Ramsey Community Center
 January 5th—February 9th (6 weeks) \$7.00 per class
 Class size is limited, registrations will be taken on a first come basis. Instructor Jody Gourlay
 Beat the winter blues while your kids have a blast!
 For more info/to register call 652-4501 ext. 8



Children's Museum of New Hampshire
 (formerly Children's Museum of Portsmouth)
 6 Washington Street
 Dover NH 03820
 Phone: (603) 742-2002

Friday, January 6th: Free Family Fun Night 5:30-8pm,
 plus Step-it-Up Challenge Kick-Off . Participants will
 receive a free pedometers to track their steps!

Join the NHCM for the Step it up Challenge

Fitness Fun for the Whole Family
 January 6—May 5, 2012

Register your family team to compete in this million-step journey.

This free fun-filled evening will include

- Free pedometers! Participants will receive pedometers to track the number of steps they take on a daily basis toward the one million-step goal, with a finale celebration to take place May 5th.
- Which foods give you the power to be active and which leave you feeling down in the dumps? Find out and try samples from our friends from Hannaford supermarkets
- See what's inside a heart and assist cardiologist Dr. Jon Eddinger with a sheep heart dissection
- Move and groove with our fun Fitness Cart.
- Say FORE! During an indoor gold challenge with First Tee New Hampshire
- Pose for pictures with NH Fisher Cats Baseball team mascot Fungo

For more information, please call Jane at 603-742-2002 or visit www.childrens-museum.org.

This free program is made possible thanks to generous sponsorship from Kennebunk Savings Bank, Hannaford Supermarkets, the Thompson Foundation, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Dr. Jonathan Eddinger.



Half Moon School of Martial Arts

Martial Arts for Ages 7 to 107

Tuesday & Thursday night
 7:00 pm — 8:30 pm

Combining Kung Fu, Jiu-Jitsu and Karate, Shaolin Kempo is a complete self defense system offering challenges, both physical and mental, that teach respect, discipline and that the ultimate goal of Martial Arts training is not to have to use it

Arrive 15 minutes early to warm up
 One night a week : \$10.00 per class or \$30.00 a month or \$50.00 for two. Two nights per week: \$10.00 per class or \$45.00 a month or \$80.00 for two months.
 For more information contact Al @ 603-781-5230

ATTENTION HOMESCHOOLERS !!!

We are an area network of Homeschoolers always welcoming families and friends at our up coming events, activities and field trips.



Join us for:
 Jump Rope Club
 Kids Club
 Book Club



Special Classes in Art, Music, Ballet, & more
 Email: NHkidsInfo@yahoo.com to receive more information and to join our web-site!

2nd Annual Milton Winter Carnival Cake Decorating Competition



2nd Annual Penguin Cake Decorating Competition
The Milton Winter Carnival Committee will be sponsoring a Penguin Themed cake decorating competition as part of this year's

20th Annual Milton Winter Carnival

February 10th - 11th

Cakes should be dropped off at the Emma Ramsey Center by Friday, February 10th by 4:00 pm

- Construction Information

Each Penguin Cake entry must be created on a base no larger than 3ft by 2 ft. long. Smaller is fine. Please make base suitable for size of the cake. There is a 6 inch maximum border allowance around the Penguin Cake. Each cake must be made entirely of edible products with the exception of the base. No artificial display lighting should be used in the construction of the entry.

- Who Can Enter

The completion is open to everyone who wishes to participate with a complete entry form. The entries will be judged in three categories (1)Best Children's Entry (12 & under must be done entirely by the child) (2)Best Family Entry (3)Best Organizational Entry. Each cake can only be registered in one category.

- How they will be judged

The criteria for judging will include 1.) Structural design (how well does your display stay together) 2.) Creative use of materials 3.) Detailing (how detailed is the overall entry) 4.) Overall excellence.

- Who will Judge

The entries will be judged by members of the Milton Winter Carnival Committee and the Recreation Director. All decisions of the group are final. Judging will take place at the Emma Ramsey Community Center @ 3:00 pm on Saturday, January 11th.

- Prizes

There will be a trophy awarded in each category along with a Stonewall Kitchen gift certificate.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Category: _____ Entry Title: _____

By signing below I hereby agree that the Penguin Cake I have entered into this contest was created by me/my family/ my organization and I have followed all the rules of this contest. I also hereby hold harmless all Winter Carnival members and volunteers, & the Milton Recreation Department from any and all liability should my entry be damaged or destroyed during the duration of the contest.

Entrant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If Minor (Parents Signature): _____ Date: _____