



# The Milton Gazette

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



January 2023

### 2022 Toys for Kids Program wrap-up!

The Recreation Department would like to thank our families who participated in our 2022 holiday programming. Our department was able to assist (92 Milton residents with Christmas this year). Our Seniors were treated to two holiday meals & entertainment. We were able to provide both their Thanksgiving & Christmas Luncheons at no cost! Thank you to Alan Brock and Ann French for providing us with some wonderful holiday music & songs!

We would like to thank all our residents who stepped up with gifts and donations. Special "THANKS" to Mr. Walter Cheney, Mr. & Mrs. John Locke Jr, & Humphrey & Cora Williams for sponsoring our assorted programs! Without their generous donations, we would not have been able to do everything that we did. We would also like to thank the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's, Caravan Of Toys and the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots Programs, and for their continued support of our families. We hope all our families & Seniors enjoyed their holiday season!



Friday, January 27th

5:30 - 8:30 PM / \$10 per child (4-12 yrs. old)

Emma Ramsey Community Center  
(basement of town hall)

Children are invited to join us for an evening of fun with games, dinner/dessert, a craft and a movie!

This program is limited to the first 20 kids who reserve a space! You may sign up by e-mail, or phone.

[dbrown.miltonrec@gmail.com](mailto:dbrown.miltonrec@gmail.com)/603-652-4501 ext. 8  
Please leave a message and we will get back to you!



**New Toddler Playgroups to begin in both Farmington & Milton in January!**  
**603-435-2500**

An open, facilitated playgroup for toddlers and their caregivers will begin in two location:

#### Farmington: Town Hall (upstairs)

356 Main Street, Farmington, NH 03835  
Thursdays (starting Jan. 19th) 9:30 - 10:30 AM

#### Milton: Restoration Church,

370 White Mountain Highway, Milton, NH 03851  
Fridays (starting January 20th) 9:30 - 10:30 AM

### Tuesday, January 24, 2023

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a session from 7:00 - 7:30 PM to correct the checklist on the day before opening of candidate filing period. (RSA 669:5, 654:27).

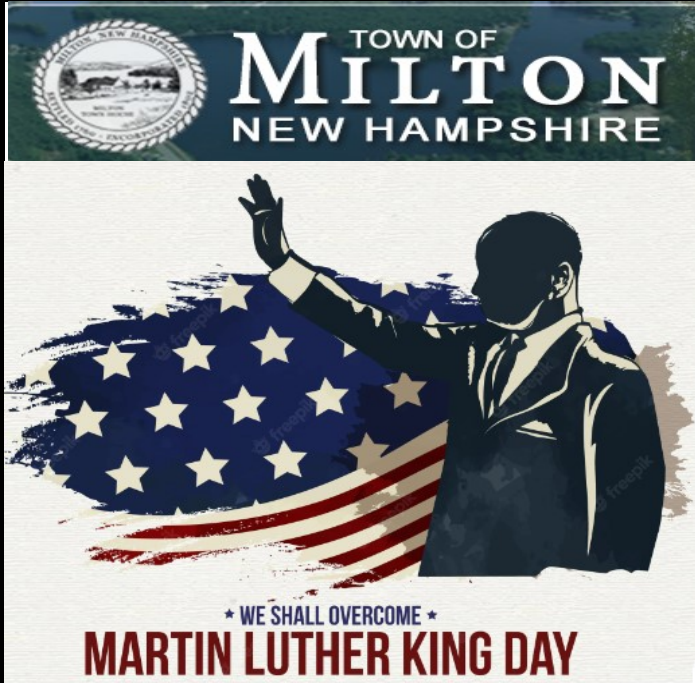
### Saturday, March 4, 2023

First day for candidates in towns with non-partisan official ballot system to file declarations of candidacy with town clerk. (RSA 669:19; 652:20, 40:13, VII).

### Friday, January 25—February 3, 2023

Is the filing declaration of candidacy with town clerk in towns with non-partisan official ballot system. Town Clerk's Office must be open at least from 3:00 - 5:00 PM on the last day of the filing period. (RSA 669:19; 652:20; 10:13, VII)

# Community News



**January 16, 2023**  
**All town offices will be closed in**  
**Observance of Martin Luther King Day**



**2023 Town of Milton Dog Licenses are due by**  
**April 30, 2023**

<b>Puppies under 7 Months</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
<b>Unaltered dogs</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>Spayed/Neutered dogs</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
<b>Senior Citizens (over 65)</b>	<b>\$2.00 for 1st dog</b>
<b>Group license (5 or More dogs)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

All dogs should be licensed by April 30th of every year. A late fee will be assessed for each month. If you have not licensed your pet by June 1st, an additional \$25.00 fee maybe charged.

Don't forget....you may renew your dog license online as long as we have an updated rabies certificate! New registrations need to have current rabies certificate and a Spaying/Neutering Certificates.



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

Jan 2, 2023	Board of Selectmen - 6:00 PM
Jan 4, 2023	Conservation Commission - 6:00 PM
Jan 5, 2023	Budget Committee - 6:00 PM
Jan 10, 2023	Budget Committee - 6:00 PM
Jan 16, 2023	Civil Rights Day - Town Hall Closed
Jan 17, 2023	Planning Board - 6:30 PM
Jan 17, 2023	Budget Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM Public Review of 2023 Town Warrant Public Review of FY24 School Warrant Location: <b>Nute High School Cafeteria</b>
Jan 18, 2023	Milton Free Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 2:00 PM Location: <b>Milton Free Public Library</b>
Jan 23, 2023	Board of Selectmen - 6:00 PM
Jan 31, 2023	Budget Committee - 6:00 PM

**TOWN OF MILTON**

Public Notice **First Session (Deliberative Session)** Nute High School Cafeteria **Saturday February 11th, 2023** The Town Session will begin at 9:00 am, the School Session will begin at 1:00 PM Proposed Articles will be available at Town Hall and online at [www.miltonnh-us.com](http://www.miltonnh-us.com).

The **Second Session of annual meeting (Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Nute High School Gym)**, to elect officers, to vote on all questions required by law to be on official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from First Session of annual meeting. Voters may register at the polls (RSA 40:13, VII; 654:7-a) Votes taken at the second session shall not be reconsidered.



## Senior Fun

Rochester Rec has some fun programs planned for Seniors! coming up..... 603-332-4120  
Rec.Rochester@RochesterNH.gov

### Mondays (9:00-Noon)

**Quilting, crafting, Knitting and Crochet:** come learn how to quilt or bring a sewing project you are already working on! Free drop in program. No membership required.

### Tuesdays (9:00-Noon)

**Veterans' Time with Jerry Vermette:** Tea, hot chocolate, books, puzzles, TV or just chat with Jerry about Veteran History or Veteran's Affairs Opportunities. Free, drop-in, no membership required.

### Tuesdays (9:00-Noon)

**Bingo!** Games are \$.50 Per card and is limited to those 55 and older. This is a free drop-in program. No membership required.

### Thursdays (9:30-11:30)

**Senior Tech Support:** Do you have questions about the capabilities of your cellphone, tablet or computer? Is there a setting you would like to change but don't know how to? Do you have a technological issue you need help resolving? Rec volunteer Chris Rouff will be available to assist you with your technology questions! Please bring your device with you. This is a free drop-in program. No membership required.

### Thursdays (6:30-7:30)

**Line Dancing:** This is a free program, but registration is required. No membership required. Program runs from 1/5/23 - 2/23/2023.

### CVNA Presents: Nutrition for Seniors

**Thursday, January 26, 2023 (10:30 AM)** at the Senior Activity Center. Learn how to improve your diet with Sandy Powers, RN, Wellness Nurse from Cornerstone VNA. She will guide you to improve your nutritional goals, and ways to nourish your spiritual and emotional health. A healthy snack will be served.

### Senior Breakfast

#### **Friday, January 20, 2023 (8:30-9:30 AM)**

At the Senior Activity Center. This is a free drop-in program. No membership required.

### Adult Programs at the Senior Activity Center-

#### **\$5.00 fee or free with Senior Activity Membership**

Iyengar Yoga - Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Kundalini Yoga—Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM



### Senior Bingo

Tuesdays, 9:00 - Noon  
Emma Ramsey  
Community Center  
424 White Mtn Highway  
Milton, NH 03851  
603-652-4501 ext. 8

### Senior Spaghetti Luncheon

to be served after bingo on Tuesday, January 24th!  
You do not have to play bingo to come enjoy the dinner after. Luncheon is served directly after the completion of that day's bingo.

We will be serving Spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread salad, drinks and dessert.

(\$5.00) Tickets or reservation only

Reserve a spot by calling 603-652-4501 ext. 8

or email [recreation@miltonnh-us.com](mailto:recreation@miltonnh-us.com)

and put Luncheon in the subject line.



(603) 692-4211 or  
[Admin@SNMOW.org](mailto:Admin@SNMOW.org)

Strafford County Meals on Wheels  
has a lot to offer our Seniors!



### Dining Centers

We have three public Dining centers spread throughout Strafford County. These centers are located in Dover, Rochester, & Somersworth and are a great place to enjoy a healthy meal with your friends and peers. These centers also host monthly specials that include items like holiday themed menu, entertainment, and activities.

### Participation Eligibility

Participants must be 60 years of age or older or the spouse of a 60+ participant. Volunteers who help with the serving and cleanup are also welcome to have lunch as well. Diners are asked to fill out an initial intake form. The form is simple and is needed to aide us in getting funding support for the meals. To get started please contact the administration office at (603) 692-4211.

# School & Library Happenings

One athlete of character  
improves your team.  
One team of character changes  
your school.  
One School of character impacts  
the community.

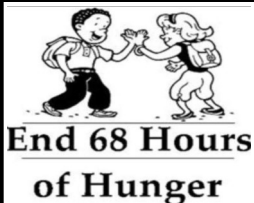


Assistant Principal, Jill Neilson with Officers Cummer, Bachert & Hanscom are on hand for the Nute High School Awards Program. Congratulations to all the students who earned either Honors or High Honors this Quarter!



## New Football Program for 7th & 8th Grade Players

If parents of 7th and 8th graders interested in playing on the new Farmington/Nute/Alton Junior High Football team could please email your current email address to [njrflbtigers@gmail.com](mailto:njrflbtigers@gmail.com).



We have been chosen once again by Hannaford Supermarkets to receive donations for the month of January! Please help feed our local kids by purchasing a reusable bag. Thank you Hannaford!



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

<https://miltonfreepubliclibrary.org/>

We're hiring! The Milton Free Public Library is seeking a friendly, detail-oriented person to work 4 to 11 hours a week (varying 4 hour evening shifts and occasional Saturdays AM - 1 PM). Please visit our website for the full job description and employment application. <https://miltonfreepubliclibrary.org/>

**SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER**



Nute Library  
22 Elm Street  
Milton, NH 03851  
[Nutelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Nutelibrary@gmail.com)  
<https://sites.google.com/a/sau64.org/nute-hs-library/home>



Have you seen the winter wonderland scene that our friend Abi made for us to enjoy? If you haven't seen these scenes, stop by and check them out!



## Recreation Information



NH Free  
Ice Fishing Day  
Saturday, January 21, 2023

Free Fishing Days in NH

New Hampshire offers two free fishing days each year,

**CONTACT:**

Scott Decker: (603) 271-2501

Dianne Timmins: (603) 271-2501

**December 22, Concord, NH** – If you've ever wanted to try ice fishing, why not take advantage of New Hampshire's winter free fishing day on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

That's a day you can fish without a license in New Hampshire.

Note that all other regulations must be followed. Learn more about fishing rules by reading the NH Freshwater Fishing or Saltwater Fishing digests at [www.fishnh.com/fishing/publications.html](http://www.fishnh.com/fishing/publications.html).

Persons participating in a fishing tournament must still hold a license, even on free fishing day.

Find more information about ice fishing in New Hampshire, including videos, a list of bait dealers, and more at [www.fishnh.com/fishing/ice-fishing.html](http://www.fishnh.com/fishing/ice-fishing.html).



**CONTACT:**  
Lisa Collins:  
(603) 271-3212

Megan Woods:  
(603) 271-0495

**Concord, NH** – Registration opens on January 16 for **New Hampshire's 2023 Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW)**

Winter Workshop, a one-day program where women will learn outdoor skills to enjoy during the winter months.

The Winter BOW Workshop will be held on Saturday, **February 25, 2023**, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness, NH.

Participants focus on one outdoor activity during the day-long workshop. Choices include winter hiking, winter outdoor survival, snowshoeing/wildlife tracking, and "Shoe and Shoot" (woodland target shooting on snowshoes). A brochure with more information is now available at [www.nhbow.com](http://www.nhbow.com).

## Stay Safe on the Ice

In winter, before you venture out onto any frozen pond or lake to ice fish, snowmobile, ski or snowshoe, play it safe by following these important guidelines for ice safety:

- ◆ **It is not advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice.**
- ◆ **If on foot, carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger** to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice, because the ice thickness will not be uniform all over the waterbody.
- ◆ Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH, offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness: **There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or All-Terrain Vehicle travel.**
- ◆ Remember - **thick ice does not always mean safe ice!** Ice can be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice is formed when warming trends break down ice, then the slushy surface re-freezes.
- ◆ **Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets and spring holes**, where the ice can be dangerously thin.
- ◆ **Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy.** Don't go on the ice during thaws.
- ◆ **Watch out for thin, clear or honeycombed ice.** Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.
- ◆ **Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker.** Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents and wave action that weaken ice.
- ◆ **Don't gather in large groups or drive large vehicles onto the ice.**
- ◆ **If you do break through the ice, don't panic.** Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. Carry a set of ice picks; they can help you pull yourself out if you do fall through the ice; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.

**Ice safety is also very important for snowmobilers.** Don't assume a trail is safe just because it exists; ask about trail conditions at local snowmobile clubs or sporting goods shops before you go.

## Recreation Information

### Seacoast Classical Academy

Seacoast Classical Academy, a new K-8 chartered public school will be hosting information sessions in Dover, North Hampton, Rye and Stratham. School-aged children residing in any NH town are eligible to attend Seacoast Classical for Free. Space is limited. Please pre-register for events at <https://seacoastclassical.org/events>

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND FAMILY RIGHTS



Learn more at a [Family Engagement Event](#).

- Dover: Thursday January 12, 6:15pm  
Dover Public Library, 73 Locust Street
- N. Hampton: Thurs. January 19, 10am  
North Hampton Public Library, 239 Atlantic Avenue
- Rye: Wednesday January 25, 5:30pm  
Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Road
- Stratham: Sat. January 28, 12:30pm  
Wiggin Memorial Library, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue

A no-tuition K-8 public charter school opening in the NH Seacoast region in September 2023. An affiliated High School is planned to open in 2024.

For more information, and to register, visit:

[seacoastclassical.org](https://seacoastclassical.org)



### Concord NH Winter Festival

Friday, January 27, 2023 3:00 PM - Saturday, January 28, 2023 4:00 PM (EST)

**Few things compare to the beauty of a well-carved ice sculpture, and there's no better time to enjoy their beauty than a bright New England winter day!**

Winter Fest 2023 will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> on New Hampshire State House lawn in Concord. On Friday, visitors can enjoy ice-carving demonstrations from New Hampshire's finest ice artisans. The ice blocks will all be illuminated with colorful LED lights to create a truly spectacular display.

The official competition will run from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM the next day, with the awards ceremony scheduled for 3:15. Play cornhole, listen to live music, and enjoy free hot chocolate and s'mores while you watch the ice sculptor's work. If you haven't gotten your fill of ice after the competition, stick around for the Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament in Concord over the same weekend.



**Disaster! The Musical**  
January 6 - 29th  
Multiple dates and times available!  
Ticket can be purchased on-line.

Set in the wildest decade ever, *DISASTER!* delivers earthquakes, tidal waves, infernos and unforgettable 70s hits like "Knock On Wood," "Hooked On A Feeling," "Sky High," "I Am Woman" and "Hot Stuff" — plus, an outrageous cast of performers from New York to Maine!

Don't just take our word for it. See for yourself why audiences and critics are wild for this hilarious homage to the era of bell-bottoms, platform shoes and the hustle. From the moment the glitter ball starts spinning you'll be dancing in your seat...and rolling in the aisles.

### **Buy Your Voluntary Hike Safe Card**

**Your Back Up Plan in the Great Outdoors!**

<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/safe/>

The NH Fish and Game Department is authorized to sell voluntary Hike Safe Cards for \$25 per person or \$35 per family.

The card is valuable for anyone hiking, paddling, cross country skiing or engaging in other outdoor recreation. People who obtain the cards are not liable to repay rescue costs if they need to be rescued. An individual may still be liable for response expenses if the actions that created the need for the emergency response meet the criteria set forth by legislation (RSA 206.26-bb).