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Gilford Town Newsletter



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WELCOME TO THE APRIL ISSUE

Welcome to the April 2023 issue of the Hub, the town-wide newsletter for Gilford.

We have so much to look forward to this month including finally seeing spring flowers! There are events happening all over town and we can't wait to see you there.

If your group has something they'd like featured, please email us at gilfordlibrary@gmail.com by the 20th of the month and we will try to fit it in the next month's issue.

NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

CALENDAR

DID YOU KNOW?

The Board of Selectmen have a Facebook Page! You can find the page by clicking [here](#) or by searching for Town of Gilford - Board of Selectmen's Office.

GILFORD PHONE DIRECTORY

Administrator	527-4700
Assessing Office	527-4704
Board of Selectmen	527-4700
Budget Committee	527-4700
Building Inspector	527-4727
Finance Department	527-4701
Fire Department	527-4758
Gunstock Acres Village Water District	293-8580
Health Officer	707-5860
Historic District	527-4727
Library	524-6042
Parks & Recreation	527-4722
Police -Business	527-4737
Emergency	528-3800/911
Planning & Land Use	527-4727
Public Works	527-4778
Solid Waste Center	527-4778
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	527-4713
Welfare Office	527-4796

Recreation Commission

4/3, 5:30PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Planning Board

4/3, 4/17, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Conservation Commission

4/4, 4/18, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Cemetery Trustees

4/6, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Historic District & Heritage Commission

4/6, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Gunstock Acres Village Water District

4/11, 5:30PM @ Gilford Public Library

Library Trustee Meeting

4/12, 10AM @ Gilford Public Library

Board of Selectmen

4/12, 4/26, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Board of Fire Engineers

4/18, 8:30AM @ Gilford Town Hall

Friends of the Library

4/18, 4PM @ Gilford Public Library

Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee

4/20, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Zoning Board of Adjustment

4/25, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

TOWN NEWS ON YOUR TV

You can find recorded

meetings, flyers for town

events and programs, &

information all on Lakes

Region Public Access, which

can be found locally on

Atlantic Broadband Channels

24, 25, & 26 on the schedule.

Mondays

5:00am - 4:30pm

Fridays

5:00am - 5:45 pm

Sundays

6pm-12 Midnight



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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Baby Storytime - Mondays, March 6 - April 10 @ 10:00am

Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays & Fridays, March 7 - April 11 @ 10:30am

Spanish Storytime - Thursdays, March 9 - April 13 @ 10:30am

Science @ the Library - Wednesdays, March 8, 22, 29 & April 5 @ 3:30pm

Cursive Writing - Mondays, March 13 - April 3 @ 3:30pm

Early Release: Fluffy Slime - Wednesday, April 12 @ 1:30pm

Drop In Craft: Bunny Buddies - Saturday, March 11 @ 10:30am

Bunny Hop Storywalk - Friday, April 7 @ 3:30pm

National Library Week: Touch-A-Truck Event - All week, April 24 - April 28 @ 10:30am

**For More
Information
click [here!](#)**

WWW.GILFORDLIBRARY.ORG

We hope everyone is ready for those April showers to wash away the last remnants of snow and prime the soil for the fabled May flowers. The library certainly is, and we have a cadre of fun programs to wait out the precipitation. We are especially excited for all of the events for all ages during National Library Week! All through April 24-29, we'll not only have our touch-a-truck event, we will have multiple programs for adults, 3D printer demos, and even fine forgiveness.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Want the latest information and want to know what's going on at the Gilford Public Library? Click [here](#) to sign up for the newsletter. We have the latest books and highlight some library staff favorites as well as fun facts and videos.

Building Hours

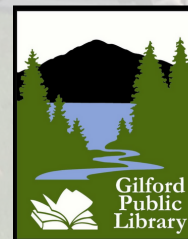
Monday - Wednesday, Friday 9AM-6PM

Thursday 9AM-8PM

Saturday 10AM-2PM

Curbside Service

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM



**Gilford
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

TITANIC: 25TH ANNIVERSARY - APRIL 3 @ 2PM

James Cameron's "Titanic" is an epic, action-packed romance set against the ill-fated maiden voyage of the R.M.S. Titanic. Come celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the movie!

NATIONAL PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

Downtown Gym will be talking about Parkinson's Awareness Month and their unique Rock Steady Boxing program that is adapted especially for people with this condition. Tuesday, April 4 @ 10am, Thursday, April 20 @ 6pm, and Saturday, April 29 @ 10am.

VEGETABLE GARDENING - APRIL 4 @ 4:30PM

Sarah Marcoux from the UNH Extension Program will teach principles and practices for successful vegetable gardening including where to plant, when, and what products to use.

ESTATE PLANNING - APRIL 6 @ 10AM

Attorney Edward Beasley along with special guest Greg Gagne will discuss how to protect against the potentially catastrophic effects of a nursing-home stay.

SMALL STEPS...BIG RESULTS - APRIL 11 @ 1PM

Finding ways to reach our health goals can sometimes be difficult. Granite VNA will show us how to break our large goals into small achievable steps for long term success.

UNSINKABLE LEADERSHIP: A TITANIC STORY - APRIL 12 @ 5PM

Linda Barry, Gilford resident, has a small Titanic connection & will revisit "A Night to Remember" around the 111th anniversary and what it means to be a leader in the 21st century.

NH MUSHROOM COMPANY - APRIL 13 @ 6PM

The NH Mushroom Company is giving a class in mushroom identification bringing some mushrooms for identification and encouraging you to bring some you have found.

BOOK DISCUSSION: SYCAMORE - APRIL 20 @ 5PM

This month's book is *Sycamore* by Bryn Chancellor. Led by Betty; books are available at the front desk.

LIVING AN ACTIVE LIFE WITH A HEALTHY LOWER BACK - APRIL 25 @ 10AM

Learn how you can improve your lower back health with this informative class. Presented by Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropractic.

DISCOVER LIVE: GDANSK, POLAND - APRIL 25 @ 1PM

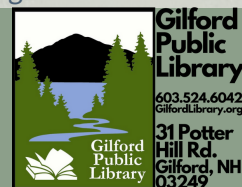
See the magical charm of the old streets that haven't changed for centuries in one of the prettiest and most characteristic cities in this live virtual tour.

SHARING & CARING STORYTIME - APRIL 26 @ 4PM

Children's author, Andi Diehn will share her book, *Mama's Days*, on what it is like to have a parent struggling with their mental health in a storytime including calming yoga poses and activities.

RECYCLING WITH DPW - APRIL 27 @ 5PM

Meghan Theriault from Gilford's DPW brings us the latest in recycling in Gilford including FOAM.





GILFORD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!



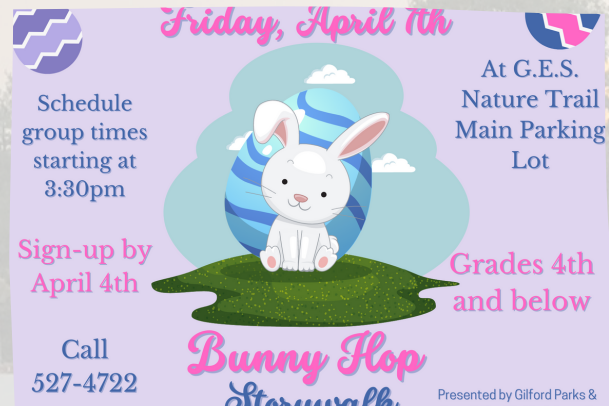
April is a BIG month for the library because National Library Week is the 23rd-29th and wow, those librarians know how to celebrate—and the Friends love to support them!

Then there's the Sock Bunny Drop-in Craft on April 8th:



We are also supporting the joint program Bunny Walk with Parks & Recs:

Of course, we are supporting EARTH DAY:



LOVE YOUR
LIBRARY
BECOME A FRIEND

WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO SPONSOR THE 2023 ADULT READING CHALLENGE. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK.



GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ALL SCHOOLS

Early Release April 12th

School Vacation

April 24 - April 29

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m. ~ April 3, 2023 - Gilford High School Library

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) has created a survey for all school districts across the state and is looking for community members' input. The survey is open until April 28, 2023 and takes about 15 minutes to complete. Please use the link below to access the survey as a community member.

- Community Members*: bit.ly/nhedcommunity

We have openings in all three of our schools for the 2023-2024 school year. We are currently looking to fill a high school science position (biology focus), a middle school science position and a district wide speech pathologist position. We also continue to look for paraprofessionals to join our team. Please go to the SAU 73 website and review employment, which can be found here.

If you have driven down Alvah Wilson Road recently you may have noticed the large storage containers in front of the middle school. We are in the process of doing an LED lighting project in the school district and these storage containers will be used to store the materials for the middle and high school lighting projects. We are installing new LED lighting in all of the existing fixtures in the school district. We hope the project will be completed by the end of June.

GHS - HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to the boy's nordic team for clinching the Division II state championship! This is their third state title in a row!

Congratulations to Jalen Reese for being named Mr. New Hampshire Basketball! Each year the Mr. & Ms. New Hampshire Basketball award is given to the person chosen as the best high school boys and girls basketball player in the state of New Hampshire. The award winner is selected by members of the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization via a vote that considers three distinct aspects for each candidate: academic excellence (25%), sportsmanship (25%), and basketball accomplishments (50%).

Meet the Division III state hockey champions! Congrats to your Belmont-Gilford hockey team! They had quite the impressive season.

The Gilford Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Rhianna Reinholz, a junior at Gilford HS was this year's 1st place award winner in the Rotary 4 Way Speech contest. This annual competition asks participating students to speak for 5-7 mins.- with minimal notes- on a topic of their choosing but emphasizing how this subject matter can demonstrate the attributes of the Rotary 4 Way Test- IS IT THE TRUTH?, IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?, WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?, WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED? Rhianna's topic was Midwifery.

Second place winner, sophomore Katie Strickland, spoke to the environmental dangers of green lawns vs. more natural vegetation and 3rd place winner, sophomore Lily Winward, addressed mental health. Freshman Kylie Kelly finished 4th while speaking passionately about her love of sports.





Gilford Parks and Recreation News!

Bunny Hop Story Walk (Co-Sponsored with the Gilford Library)

Friday, April 7th

Held on the GES Nature Trail (Check-in in the GES Parking Lot)

Scheduled Groups begin at 3:30pm

Open to Gilford Children in Grades 4 and Younger

Cost: Free!



This is a combination Egg Hunt and Story Walk where participants will have a chance to hunt for eggs at each stop along the story walk. All Participants should plan to bring their own basket/bag to collect eggs along the walk and should dress appropriate for the weather and trail conditions. Participants must be

accompanied by a parent throughout the walk. **All participants must pre-register with the Parks and Recreation**

Department no later than Tuesday, April 4th by calling the Recreation Office at

(603) 527-4722. Groups will be limited and participants will be assigned a group time when they register.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (Co-Sponsored with the GYC)

Saturday, April 8th at the Community Church – Fellowship Hall

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$4.00 per child and \$6.00 per adult



Join us for a family friendly pancake breakfast where children have the chance to meet and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny! Additional activities include face painting, coloring sheets, raffles and more!



Gilford Parks and Rec News Continued

Senior Moment-um Activities

April 10 – Easter Brunch and Bingo



We are happy to announce that Chef Dan Barnhart is back and making you all a delicious Easter Brunch! Come join us on April 10 at **11:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall at the Community Church. Brunch will include quiche, hash browns, fruit cup, juice, coffee, tea and water followed by Candy Bingo! The Candy Bingo will include prizes with of course candy, as well as some other fun misc. prizes. The cost for Brunch is **\$5.00** per person. **Please RSVP by Thursday, April 6th** by calling the Parks and Recreation Office at (603) 527-4722.



April 17 – Stretching (Intro to Chair Yoga) and Sandwiches

Be sure not to miss this one! Free Introduction to Chair Yoga led by Renee Cupples, E-RYT500 Certified Yoga Instructor! This is a gentle stretching using a chair and learning the benefits of it. This program will take place in the Fellowship at the Community Church from **10:30-11:30 AM**. Following this relaxing class will be a lunch of Italian cold cut subs, chips, soda and a dessert, all prepared by Dan Barnhart. The cost for lunch will be **\$5.00** per person and will be served at **12:00 Noon**.



Participants are asked to **RSVP by Thursday, April 13th** by calling the Parks and Recreation Office at (603) 527-4722. Participants can register for the lunch only if they are not interested in the Chair Yoga.

Gilford Parks and Recreation Contact Info

Gilford Parks and Recreation website: www.gilfordrec.com

Gilford Parks and Recreation Office Phone: 527-4722

Gilford Parks and Recreation Program Announcement Line: 527-4723

You can also “Like” Gilford Parks and Recreation on facebook!



Gilford Parks and Recreation

Seeking Lifeguards for this Summer!

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking **Lifeguards** for the 2023 summer season at the Gilford Town Beach. Pay range is \$16.00/hr - \$18.25/hr depending upon experience.



Applicants must be 16 years of age and possess a current American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Certification (*WSI preferred, but not mandatory*) by the summer of 2023. The Parks and Recreation Department will help coordinate initial Lifeguard Certification and will reimburse employees for cost of certification!

Call the Gilford Parks and Recreation Dept. at 527-4722 for more information.





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DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW

TANNERY HILL BRIDGE

Work is underway! Public Works has coordinated with Daniels Construction to perform the much needed and necessary repairs to the Tannery Hill Bridge abutment wall.

In 2021 the bridge had originally suffered damage to the southwest abutment during the late July summer rains. A new section of the abutment wall had collapsed leaving exposed soils and additional stones bulging outward. Not being able to perform immediate repairs, the plan was to temporarily shore the failing abutment until permanent repairs could be made. After talking to several contractors and engineers it was determined that it was not economically feasible.

The decision was made in March 2022 to move the bridge off the existing abutments and out of the way to take the bridge weight off the failing abutment and ensure that no damage to the bridge or the active sewer line would occur should the abutment collapse further. Also with the bridge temporarily moved, it



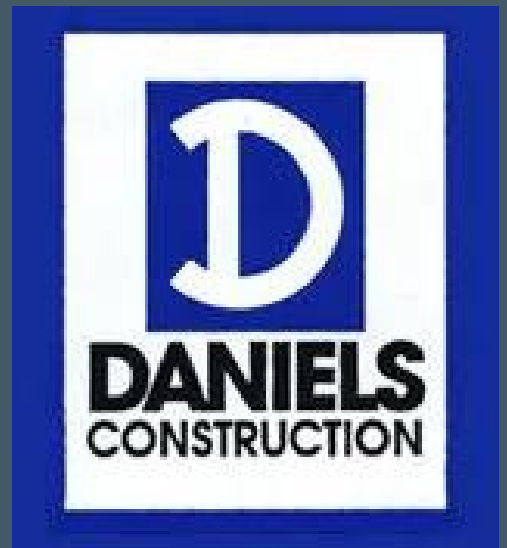
DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW



TANNERY HILL BRIDGE (CONT.)

allows for easier access and mobility on the west side during construction which would in turn reduce project pricing.

In late April 2022 Geddes Building Movers successfully moved Tannery Hill covered bridge off the abutments. The sewer main that runs underneath the bridge was also secured with a steel I-beam. In late March 2023 as soon as permitting was completed, Daniels Construction began the repair project. The main sewer line has been by-passed and removed to allow for the rebuild of the abutment and wing wall. The majority of the failed abutment has been removed and construction of the footing for and new wall have begun. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by mid May of this year.



DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW



TANNERY HILL BRIDGE (CONT.)

In the meantime, the Public Works Department is looking into having the covered bridge evaluated and any repairs needed, performed before it is placed back over Gunstock Brook. We are all excited and look forward to having the bridge back open to pedestrians to enjoy the wonderful craftsmanship and beautiful scenery of the brook.



We're Hiring

GILFORD DPW SEASONALS

\$15 - \$17/hour, 40 hrs/week
Send your application/resume to dpwdirector@gilfordnh.org or apply online at the Indeed link below.

DONALD ONOFRIO MEMORIAL WALK

Donald Onofrio Memorial Walk May 29, 2023 1PM (1300) Glendale docks. Don's ashes will be disbursed (per his written wishes) along his daily walking/paper route terminating at his former Scenic Dr house. Memories of Don will be shared at 127 Scenic immediately following the walk.

Don fell in love with Lake Winnepesaukee while flying a Connecticut Air Guard fighter jet on a low level instrument training route in the 60's.

The evaluator pilot told Don to remove the view limiting device while over the Lake. Don's eyes adjusted to the light and he proclaimed what he saw was the most beautiful thing in the World. The following month Don used his vacation to visit the area by car. The rugged former iron worker from CT, wearing bean boots, walked into the Belknap point motel to ask where he could buy a place with such a great view. The proprietor, having just become a realtor, had one listing which was just down the hill. Don purchased the property in 1968 and called Gilford home until he died of boredom while secluded in a Stuart FL nursing home on 5/29/20. A rural section of Route 11 between Ellacoya and the scenic overlook was constructed through Don's property. Don sold the land South of Route 11 after the new road split his property. Don eventually bought two waterfront parcels across the street from his house when the railroad offered the lots for sale. He bought the house neighboring him to the North for his elderly mother. A consummate Scenic Drive walker, Don talked to everyone & only stopped if someone needed a hand. A well traveled man with numerous stories, Captain Onofrio flew 747's for Pan Am and United when international pilots garnered the ultimate respect. He was recruited by United to teach their crews the oceanic procedures he mastered at Pan Am. Don never forgot his difficult childhood growing up with sparse food options in a single parent New Haven apartment. His drive to succeed allowed him to attend UConn engineering classes by day while he earned a living sitting night alert with F100 fighter jets at Bradley. A signed F100 photo with Don in the cockpit is prominently displayed at Kitchen Cravings. The staff at Kitchen Cravings, Country Club Road Bank of New Hampshire branch, and the Gilford tax collector office were Don's favorite people. They enabled him to live an honorable, self reliant and dignified life.



For immediate release.

For more information, contact:

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Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Awards \$525,000 to 60 Nonprofits

LACONIA—The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (GLRCA) last week distributed \$525,000 in grants to 60 area nonprofit organizations at a luncheon event at the Huot Career and Technical Center that also included a workshop on digital marketing.

The 60 nonprofit leaders gathered their checks during the meet-and-greet event that also offered lunch prepared by students at the center and the half-hour marketing presentation.

Corina Locke, the creative director of SnapRoot Creative Digital Marketing, an agency that collaborates with the Auction, offered the talk on how nonprofits can use an online software graphics program called Canva to enhance the posting they are doing on social platforms like Facebook.

"We were glad to see everyone enjoying their meal and feeling grateful not only for their grant but for the chance to network with other nonprofit leaders and to learn from Corina," said Jaimie Sousa, chair of the Auction board. "It was a great opportunity to get everyone together."

Grants will be used by the local nonprofit organizations to fund wide-ranging programs that support local children and families in need. These programs address needs that are vital to the well-being of children in our communities, including food and housing insecurity and related emergency assistance; afterschool programs, recreation, education and the arts; childcare and related family resources; and healthcare, including victim outreach and support and preventative health and wellness training.

The Auction had \$686,398 in requests in 2022 from 65 nonprofits and awarded \$525,000 to 60 agencies. For specific distribution information, visit <https://www.childrensauction.com/whereourmoneygoes>.

Sousa is pleased with the 2022 Auction results. "In 2020 and 2021, while still impressive, our fundraising was impacted by the financial pressures of the pandemic. I am beyond thrilled to see the Auction emerging stronger than ever with a new fundraising record set in 2022," she said. "These funds are significantly improving the lives of local children by ensuring their basic needs are met, and they have opportunities to thrive. There are so many people from the Lakes Region and beyond that made this possible, and we cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions."



Sousa also thanked the Auction's board's Distribution Committee, which reviews all the grant applications and makes recommendations on funding.

"We are so lucky to have a group of truly dedicated community volunteers who carefully review every application to ensure that we are best meeting the requirements and wishes of the children in need in our local communities," said Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, chair of the Distribution Committee. "Because of the committees' strength with problem solving, analysis, empathy and community awareness, we are able to ensure all who donate, bid and volunteer that the funding is being spent wisely."

The next round of grant applications will be due by Oct 15.

For more information about the GLRCA application and funding process, visit www.childrensauction.com/applyforfunding.

In past 41 years, the Auction has distributed \$8 million to nonprofit organizations in the community.

Learn more about the Auction at www.childrensauction.org, or follow the Children's Auction on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

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About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction holds numerous fundraising events in central New Hampshire throughout the year, including a cornerstone event every December. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events into a major annual campaign, incorporating the Community Challenge. In the 41 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$8 million has been raised and awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.org.

