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Gilford Town Newsletter



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WELCOME TO THE MAY ISSUE

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

Spring is in full swing and summer is just around the corner! As we gear up for summer fun, there is still plenty to do around town as we wait for warmer weather.

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

GILFORD TOWN RESIDENTS

All Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.



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

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.

CALENDAR

Recreation Commission

5/1, 5:30PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Planning Board

5/1, 5/15, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Board of Fire Engineers

5/2, 5/16, 8:30AM @ Gilford Town Hall

Conservation Commission

5/2, 5/16, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Cemetery Trustees

5/4, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Historic District & Heritage Commission

5/9, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Gunstock Acres Village Water District

5/9, 5:30PM @ Gilford Public Library

Library Trustee Meeting

5/10, 10AM @ Gilford Public Library

Board of Selectmen

5/10, 5/24, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Friends of the Library

5/16, 4PM @ Gilford Public Library

Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee

5/18, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Zoning Board of Adjustment

5/23, 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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Public Access**
community empowered by media



**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
GILFORD, NH.
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 @ 10:00 AM**

9:45 A.M. Parade Participants to assemble at Gilford Community Church Parking Lot

10:00 A.M. Ceremony at World War I & II Veterans Memorial, across from Gilford Community Church

- Raising of Flag
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Placing of Wreath
- Star Spangled Banner

10:15 A.M. Proceed to Pine Grove Cemetery

10:30 A.M. Raising of Flag

- Benediction
- Placing of Wreath
- Remarks
- Taps

10:45 A.M. Return to Gilford Community Church



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Baby Storytime - Mondays, May 1 - 22 @ 10:00am

Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays & Fridays, May 2 - June 2 @ 10:30am

Spanish Storytime - Thursdays, May 4 - June 1 @ 10:30am

Science @ the Library - Wednesdays, May 3 - 31 @ 3:30pm

Drop In Craft: Bunny Buddies - Saturday, May 13 @ 10:30am

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

WWW.GILFORDLIBRARY.ORG

Mayhaps May will be the month to bring us warm weather and outdoor fun! The Library has quite a few programs this month to get us in the outside mood. Have you ever wondered why New Hampshire is the first to vote in the primary? Or how many different types of bats live in our state? What about what going outside does for your health? We hope to see you around the Library for some of these and more!

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

GROWING VEGETABLES IN CONTAINERS - MAY 1 @ 4:30PM

Learn the benefits and drawbacks of gardening in containers, from Ron Trexler of the UNH Extension.

MACRAME PLANT HANGER - MAY 3 @ 4:30PM

Come for a fun craft day making a macrame plant holder. Space is limited so sign up today! Cosponsored with Gilford Parks & Rec.

HISTORY OF THE PRIMARY - MAY 10 @ 4:30PM

John Gfroerer presents a brief history of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary from its origins to present importance. An NH Humanities program.

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER - MAY 11 @ 6:30PM

Do you believe that all children deserve to achieve their full potential? Join us for an informational meeting to learn about our program and how you can take part in this vision.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP - MAY 15 @ 5PM

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of *If I'd Killed Him When I Met Him* by Sharyn McCrumb. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

DISCOVER LIVE: VENICE - MAY 16 @ 1PM

Discover the hidden gems of Venice in this live virtual tour.

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: AFTERLIFE- MAY 18 @ 5PM

This month's book is *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez. Led by Rhett; books are available at the front desk.

BENEFITS OF GETTING OUTSIDE - MAY 23 @ 10AM

Find out how nature helps optimize our health. Presented by Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropractic.

BATS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - MAY 25 @ 6PM

Learn about the native species of bats that make NH their home and how we can help conserve these fascinating mammals.

CLOSING FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - MAY 27 & 29

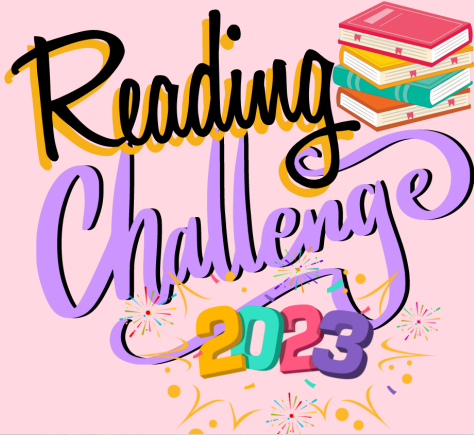
The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.



GILFORD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY BECOME A FRIEND

The Friends are sponsoring a
Mother's Day Craft this month:



If you want to add some variety and fun to your reading, we are sponsoring the 2023 Adult Reading Challenges. Prizes are given quarterly, so it's not too late to begin.

If you aren't a member yet, it's never too late to become a Friend of the Gilford Public Library. You can join [here](#). Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 4 PM at, you guessed it, the Library. We would love to have you join us!



GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gilford, NH 03249

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ALL SCHOOLS

Early Release May 12th

No School

May 29th

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**Public Hearing to Accept a Donation - \$9750.00 from Gilford PTA
& The Beyond School Enrichment Grant from the NH DOE - \$8,800.00**

Gilford High School Library - May 1, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting

Gilford High School Library - May 1, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

GHS HIGHLIGHTS

The seniors had an awesome day at Gunstock for the United Way's Day of Caring (Earth Day) on April 21. They performed community service activities at Gunstock which included raking, painting and many other needed activities during the workday. This was the seniors' way of giving back to the communities that have supported our Gilford and Gilmanton learners.



Our learners had the choice to choose from over 70 presenters/demos on Thursday, April 13th, for our Portrait of a Learner Career Exploration Day. The focus for this event was to allow our learners the opportunity to see real-world application of our Portrait of a Learner attributes in action (innovation, collaboration, critical thinking, and self-direction). The event received such positive feedback that the learners and even the community members are thinking about how to make it bigger and better next year! Learners were able to choose sessions that could be a possible future career path and hear how the professionals got into the business. Learners could also attend the Laconia airport event which focused on aeronautics. Thanks to all of our community partners!



Congratulations to the Senior Scholar Athletes. They were recognized on April 3rd at the Capitol Center for the Arts. All recipients must be a NH high school senior, must have a B+ GPA throughout their high school career, must letter and be currently active in at least two NHIAA recognized sports, and must be a positive role model who has participated in community service activities. Chance Bolduc, Jordyn Byars, Ryan Caldon, Samuel Cheek, Tyler Davignon, Vanessa Flander, Patrick Gandini, Hanah Gannon, Jesica Gannon, Brady Heyman, Cole Howard, Allison Kenyon, Lauren Nash-Boucher, Savannah Neuman, Alysen Pichette, Jalen Reese, Ashley Sanderson, Joseph Schelb, Lexi Shute, Tessa Tanner, Emily Watson, Taryn Wernig.



Congratulations to senior, Marena Beale, for receiving the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award for her achievement of 328 hours of service.



Gilford Parks and Recreation News!

Spring Adult Hiking Program Scheduled to Begin on May 2nd!

We will once again be sponsoring some hikes for any adults looking for a fun, outdoor activity on Tuesdays this spring. The first hike will be held on May 2nd at they will run each week through the month of May. Participants will gather each morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Gilford Town Hall Lobby before departing for the hike. All

interested participants must RSVP at least one day in advance to each trip. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Parks and Rec. Office at 527-4722.



Gilford Old Home Day Yard Signs and Vehicle Stickers for Sale



The Gilford Old Home Day Committee is selling Yard Signs and Vehicle Stickers with the proceeds going to help support the Old Home Day celebration. The Signs are designed so that the date can be updated each year, so that they can be used every summer and stickers are available to update signs that were purchased last year. Both the signs and stickers are available through the Parks and Recreation Office.

Aug. 26th 2023

Cost: Yard Signs - \$20.00 each; 2023 Update Stickers are \$5.00 each

Vehicle Stickers – 3.00 each



Boston Red Sox Bus Trip

Join us as we visit historic Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox play this season. Our trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 26th vs. the Atlanta Braves**. Ride to Boston in comfort aboard a Premiere Coach Charter bus, complete with TV/DVD and lavatory. The cost of the trip is \$90/person and includes the cost of your ticket to the game and transportation. All other expenses are your own responsibility. Any child ages 17 or under must be accompanied by an adult guardian. Space is limited, so sign up today! Please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722 for registration information.





Gilford Parks and Rec News Continued

Senior Moment-um Activities

May 8 - Mother's Day Breakfast & A Craft



Happy Mother's Day to all! We are celebrating at **9AM** with a beautiful breakfast of Italian Egg Casserole with sausage, a croissant and juice! Made by the one and only Dan! After breakfast we will be doing a spring craft! This Mother's Day treat and a craft is **\$5.00** and located in the Fellowship Hall in the Gilford Community Church. **Please RSVP by Thursday, May 4** in order for us to confirm our reservations. Thank you and see you soon!

May 16- Discover Live: Explore Venice!

Gilford Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Gilford Public Library to co-sponsor Discover Live: Exploring Venice on **Tuesday May 16 at 1pm**. This will be held at **the Gilford Public Library in the Meeting Room**. Come enjoy coffee and pastries as we visit Venice, Italy through zoom and talking with a Tour Guide! No charge for this program. Call 527-4722 to reserve a spot by **Friday, May 12**.



May 22- Baseball Day!

Baseball day is going to be hit out of the park on **May 22 at 11:30AM!** Come join us at the **Fellowship Hall located in the Gilford Community Church** for hot dogs, chips, candy, soda, and oh, how could you forget the cracker jacks?! After our lunch the movie "42" on the life story of Jackie Robinson on his history-making career signing for the Dodgers will be played. Lunch and movie is **\$5.00**. **Please RSVP by Thursday, May 18 in order for us to confirm our reservations.**



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.





GILFORD OLD HOME DAY Community Dinner



Thursday, May 11, 2023

at the Gilford Community Church

All Proceeds to help support Gilford Old Home Day

Meal prepared by Dan Barnhart of The Plate Lunch.
Menu includes: Chicken Florentine Pasta, Salad, Rolls,
Dessert and Drink.



Cost: 10.00 per meal

Tickets are available in the Parks and Recreation Office
and must be purchased in advance, no later than
Thursday, May 4th.

Both sit-down and to-go options (no drinks with to-go
meals) available. To-go meals available starting at
6:00pm, sit-down scheduled for 6:30pm.

For more information, please contact the Parks and
Recreation Office at (603) 527-4722.



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DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW

FOAM RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

The Foam Recycling Program is going fantastic! Gilford DPW has collected over 4,000 lbs of foam from Gilford residents alone since last July. This is equivalent to just over TWELVE 40-yard containers! That's pretty awesome! By removing this foam from our waste stream we are making more room for the normal trash (MSW) which is hauled to the incinerator so we end up shipping out less loads per month and save hauling costs thanks to your foam recycling efforts.

In addition to collecting from Gilford residents, the Town is a regional HUB location where other communities can collect and drop off their foam. The benefit to Gilford is that we not only are helping our neighboring community with a regional recycling effort but we will make revenue off of the foam we collect by densifying it and selling it to our vendor. We have collected over 2,800 lbs from neighboring communities so far and will be selling our first ingot load to Soprema in Canada very soon.



DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW



FOAM RECYCLING UPDATE (CONT.)

DPW Director, Meghan Theriault, has been going around and promoting the regional foam recycling program by speaking to local Rotary clubs, Solid Waste Management Districts, Regional Planning Commissions and presenting at upcoming conferences. So far there are four (4) other municipalities collecting at their local transfer stations and seven (7) communities holding collection events, all dropping their foam off to Gilford.

If you have questions on the program please go to the Recycle Right [website](#) for more information or call the Gilford Solid Waste Center at 603-293-0220.



DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW



NEW PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM

DPW is excited to announce that you can now recycle your clean and dry household bags & wrap at the Gilford Solid Waste Center (GSWC)! We have joined the NexTrex Beyond the Bag Program where they turn our recycled single use film plastic into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing. You can simply place your bags in the labeled bins along the front of the GSWC building and then we'll take care of the rest! Ask an attendant if you have any questions or print out the helpful flyers located on our Recycle Right website: www.gilfordnh.org/recycleright





Mark your calendars!

May 20th from 10-2 the annual "Wings, Water & Wheels" Touch a Plane, Touch a Truck family event at the Laconia Airport. Bring the kids and bring the camera!

Airplanes, Fire Trucks, Police Cars, Dump Trucks, Construction Equipment, Boats, a Midget Race Car.....let the kids climb all over and meet the operators. Free parking compliments of Granite State Glass adjacent to the airport.

This is sponsored by the non-profit STEM education group, WinnAero so a modest admission price will be charged. Don't miss the chance to see "your" Airport and a variety of vehicles, planes and watercraft.



For immediate release.

For more information, contact:

Jennifer Kelley, Executive Director

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383 South Main St.

Laconia NH 03246

Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Hosts Christmas in July on The Mount Washington

All proceeds to benefit the Auction

LACONIA —For the first time, the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will host a Christmas in July fundraiser on The Mount Washington on July 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. to raise funds for local children and families in need.

Tickets cost \$65 and include a three-hour cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee, a buffet dinner and entertainment by DJ Nazzy with a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the Auction.

For an additional \$10 per car, passengers can secure a pre-purchased parking spot, and for another \$10, select a seat on the Mount and board early.

For more details visit <https://bit.ly/ChristmasinJuly2023>

For more information on the Auction, please visit ChildrensAuction.org

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About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the 2022 Community Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 41 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$8 million has been 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.



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