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THE HUB

Gilford Town Newsletter



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WELCOME TO THE JANUARY ISSUE

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

Happy New Year! 2023 has some great things in store for us and we are excited. See what Gilford has to offer this month!

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 RESIDENTS

The Town Hall, Town Offices, Library and Recycling Center will be closed Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King, Jr. 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

Conservation Commission
1/3, 1/17, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Cemetery Trustees
1/5, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Budget Committee
1/5, 6:30PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Recreation Commission
1/9, 5:15PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Planning Board
1/9, 1/23, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Gunstock Acres Village Water District
1/10, 5:30PM @ Gilford Public Library

Historic District & Heritage Commission
1/10, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Library Trustee Meeting
1/11, 10AM @ Gilford Public Library

Board of Selectmen
1/11, 1/25, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Friends of the Library
1/17, 4PM @ Gilford Public Library

Board of Fire Engineers
1/17, 8:30AM @ Fire Station

Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee
1/19, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Zoning Board of Adjustment
1/24, 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 HEARING NOTICE
GILFORD BUDGET COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023
7:00PM

GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The Gilford Budget Committee has scheduled 3 public hearings on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00pm, to present its preliminary budget recommendations and to solicit public input on the proposed FY2023 Town Budget, the FY2023-2024 School District Budget, and the proposed FY2023 Gunstock Acres Village Water District Budget pursuant to the provisions of RSA 32:5. Following the public hearings, the Budget Committee will vote to finalize its budget recommendations, including its recommendations on appropriations for Town and School petition warrant articles.

Any interested person may attend this public hearings and present testimony related thereto.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

APPROPRIATION OF UNANTICIPATED FUNDS

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
7:00pm
Gilford Town Hall – Conference Room A

The Gilford Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:95-b, as authorized by a vote on Article 12 of the 1994 Town Meeting; to accept \$180,140.04 in grant money from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. This is a special, one-time payment in accordance with Senate Bill 401 for maintenance, construction and reconstruction of municipally owned bridges. These funds have been allocated for repairs to the Tannery Hill Road Bridge.

Any interested person may attend this public hearing and present testimony related thereto.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES
IN EXCESS OF \$100,000**

per RSA 33:8-a

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

7:00PM

GILFORD TOWN HALL – 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The Gilford Board of Selectmen hold a public hearing on a proposal seeking voter approval at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting to borrow funds for construction of a new bathhouse at the Town Beach. The proposed "draft" warrant article is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,025,000) to replace the Town Beach Bathhouse; and to authorize the issuance of not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon? \$25,000 is intended to be used as the first year's payment. (2/3 Ballot vote required)

Additional information on this project along with estimated re-payment schedule will be presented at the meeting. Copies are also available at the Selectmen's Office and on the Town's website (www.gilfordnh.org). Any interested person may attend this public hearings and present testimony related thereto.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Baby Storytime - Mondays, January 9, 23, 30 @ 10:00am

Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays & Fridays, January 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31 @ 10:30am

Spanish Storytime - Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26

Science @ the Library - Wednesdays, January 4, 18, 25 @ 3:30pm

Early Release: Snow Slime - Wednesday, January 11 @ 1:30pm

Drop In Craft: Snowman Soup - Saturday, January 14 @ 10:30am

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

WWW.GILFORDLIBRARY.ORG

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

New Exercise program for seniors! VIVO Exercise will be on Wednesdays at 9am beginning January 4th. Featuring a live virtual instructor, sign up today for a nominal fee of 5 dollars per class.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP - JANUARY 9 @ 5PM

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of *Open Season* by C.J. Box. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

THE HOLOCAUST: OUR DUTY TO REMEMBER - BUT WHAT? - JANUARY 12 @ 6PM

This presentation provides historical context of the events in Nazi Germany, the reasons behind the Nazi regime's rise to power, and it sheds light on the background against which the "Night of the Broken Glass", and later the Holocaust, took place. The talk will cover how the Nazi regime came about, and the reasons for its atrocious deeds. In particular, it will take a close look at how common, "normal" people were induced to contribute to the industrialized murder as which we must understand the Holocaust today. Presented by Mick Gronka.

THAT REMINDS ME OF A STORY - JANUARY 17 @ 4PM

Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. She'll tell some of those stories - her favorites are the funny ones - and invite audience members to contribute a few stories of their own.

BOOK DISCUSSION - JANUARY 19 @ 5PM

This month's book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Books are available at the front desk.

ORGANIC SAFFRON FARMING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE - JANUARY 19 @ 6PM

Salvatore Family Farm, a small family farm located in Chichester, New Hampshire, specializes in growing one of the world's most expensive spices, organic saffron. Saffron traditionally has been grown in Europe and the Middle East so what's it doing here in New Hampshire? Learn about the many uses for saffron and how this local family farm grows and hand-harvests their organic saffron.

BRAIN HEALTH WITH AWAKENING CHIROPRACTIC - JANUARY 31 @ 10AM

Come join us for this wonderful class. 1 in 6 people suffer from a neurological disorder, which includes anything from Alzheimer's disease, depression, anxiety, brain cancer, parkinsons, and the list goes on. Our brain is essential for us to live vibrant lives. This class focuses on understanding how we can promote brain health through our lifestyle choices.



GILFORD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

**LOVE YOUR
LIBRARY
BECOME A FRIEND**

The Friends also sponsored the events at the library held during the Candlelight Stroll. There were crafts for adults and kids and 35 DOZEN homemade cookies were consumed in a flash along with gallons of mulled cider and hot cocoa.



Good Friends help their friends start the New Year off right—so we are providing the initial funding for the live Zoom exercise class every Wednesday (starting January 4th) at 9am with instructor Shari Bristo-Baker. The classes are \$5 per person per class and space is limited. You can call the library (603-524-6042) to sign up.



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



GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU 73

2 Belknap Mountain Road Gilford, NH

03249

Phone 603-527-9215

| Fax 603-527-9216

ALL SCHOOLS

Early Release January 11th

No School

January 16

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m. ~ February 6, 2022 - Gilford High School

GHS - HIGHLIGHTS

The ALICE drill held at GHS on December 13th was a success! Staff and students responded near perfectly to the hypothetical intruders announced on the intercom during the drill. As soon as the scenario was announced, we heard desks, chairs, and other classroom furniture being moved in front of classroom doors. In an effort to evolve these drills, we opted to pull the fire alarm to see how students and staff would respond, and we are proud to say that everyone passed with flying colors. At the end of the drill, administrators, Gilford Police and Fire Department, and Mrs. Horn's entire science class took part in a debriefing session to discuss how the drill went and what we can do differently next time. Students and staff offer a unique and valuable perspective to how we should view school safety and practice safety drills. In fact, the decision to pull the fire alarm today, had actually been suggested by a student during a debriefing session last year. We want to personally thank everyone for their commitment to school safety. This was truly a collaborative effort among Gilford Fire, Gilford Police, and Gilford High School.



During the College and Career Fair, students were self-directed as they conversed with the representatives from colleges, the military, and local employers. Students were provided a tool to use to ask questions as they investigated potential opportunities for their post high school plans.



During Red Ribbon week, students were asked to critically think as they participated in a variety of activities regarding substance misuse and healthy choices.



We believe it is essential for our learners to develop their ability to Collaborate, Innovate, Self-Direct, and Critically Think.

A shared vision of the attributes enables our learners to thrive in an ever-changing world as they become college, career, and life ready.

**Congratulations to the following students for being accepted
into the New England Music Festival in March**

Senior Louie Laurendeau was accepted for a SECOND year in a row for both Tenor and Bass.
Senior Ella DeCarli was accepted for the FIRST time and will be singing Alto.
Junior Grace Cook was accepted for her SECOND year.
Junior Michael Guerin was for the FIRST time and will be singing Bass.
Junior Isabella Cottrell was accepted for the SECOND year as an Alto.
Sophomore Hunter Bell was accepted for the FIRST time and will be singing Alto.
Sophomore Luc Martin was accepted for the FIRST time and will be singing Tenor.
Senior Olivia Fanjoy was accepted for the FIRST time and will be playing Bass Clarinet in the band.
Senior Jesse Powers was accepted for his THIRD year in a row on percussion.
Junior Elijah Page was accepted for the FIRST time and will be playing Trombone in the band.

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*Gilford Chapter
National Honor Society
2022-2023 Induction Ceremony
December 7, 2022*



*The Gilford Chapter of the National Honor Society
would like to invite you to attend the induction ceremony
of its newly accepted members,
on Wednesday the seventh of December,
at six o'clock in the evening
in the Gilford High School Auditorium.
Reception to follow with light refreshments in the cafeteria.
With great pride we will honor our newest members*

<i>Brady Heyman</i>	<i>Riley Powers</i>
<i>Cole Howard</i>	<i>Isaiah Reese</i>
<i>Tyler Lafond</i>	<i>Alden Townsend</i>
<i>Maria Uicker</i>	<i>Makenna Clayton</i>
<i>Elizabeth Albert</i>	<i>Georgia Eckhardt</i>
<i>Aiden Bondaz</i>	<i>Ella Kelliher</i>
<i>Brayden Gardner</i>	<i>Gracey LeBlanc</i>
<i>Haukur Karlsson</i>	<i>Kaitlyn O'Brien</i>
<i>Scott Kulcsar</i>	<i>Kaegan Sanville</i>
<i>Ellie Nicolas</i>	<i>Elliot Warren</i>

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Winter Family Fun Night

THURSDAY, JAN 19, 2023

Sponsored by Gilford PTA



**Join us for tubing at Gunstock
6pm-8pm**

**Tickets \$5/pta members
\$10/non-members**

*Tickets must be reserved on the
Google Form & Tickets are limited.
Deadline for tickets is Wednesday 1/11
(Payment request will be sent a week prior and is due before
attending)*



S'mores included!

This is NOT a drop off event .



Gilford Parks and Recreation News!

Boston Celtics Bus Trip on March 1st

Join us on **Wednesday, March 1st** on a trip to see Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown and the defending Eastern Conference Boston Celtics take on Donovan Mitchell, Darius Garland and the Cleveland Cavaliers! Ride to Boston in comfort aboard a Premier Coach Charter bus, complete with TV/DVD and lavatory. Any child ages 17 or under must be accompanied by an adult guardian. Space is limited, so sign up today! The Bus will depart the Gilford High School at 4:45 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. game, with an approximate time of return of 12:00 a.m. **Cost: \$110.00 per person.** Please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722 for registration information.



VS



Gilford's Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink

Open daily from dawn-4:30pm, from late Dec. through early March as conditions allow.
Telephone: 293-0692.

Weekly schedule is as follows:

	Mornings Dawn-12:00noon		Afternoons 12:00noon-4:30pm	
Sunday	Stick & Puck		Open Skating	
Monday	Open Skating		Stick and Puck	
Tuesday	Stick & Puck		Open Skating	
Wednesday	Open Skating		Stick and Puck	
Thursday	Stick & Puck		Open Skating	
Friday	Open Skating		Stick and Puck	
Saturday	Open Skating		Stick and Puck	



Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ice Rink Rentals Available: For information on rink rentals for private games/parties, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.



Please watch for information on special events and/or programs to be held at the Ice Rink through the winter season.

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.





PUBLIC WORKS

FIRST RESPONDER

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DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW

WINTER STORM ELLIOT

Winter Storm Elliot hit Gilford pretty hard, washing out road shoulders, snapping trees and poles all over town and knocking out power to thousands of residents and public buildings. DPW worked the entire storm from 10pm Thursday Dec 22nd until 10pm December 23rd and came in Saturday as well. The crews dealt with heavy snow in the higher elevations of town followed by 2.75 inches of rain onto frozen ground coupled with high wind gusts.

Crews had prepped for the storm in advance by pushing back snowbanks to make way for water runoff and opening up structures and culverts that are known to receive a lot of water or in low areas prone to flooding. Even with these efforts Gilford received significant storm damage. Over 15 roads were closed on Friday afternoon due to downed wires and trees and many roads had dangerous washouts along the edges making travel unsafe.



DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW

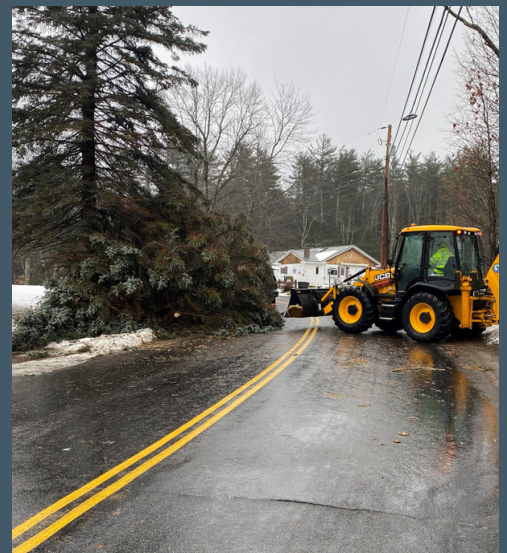
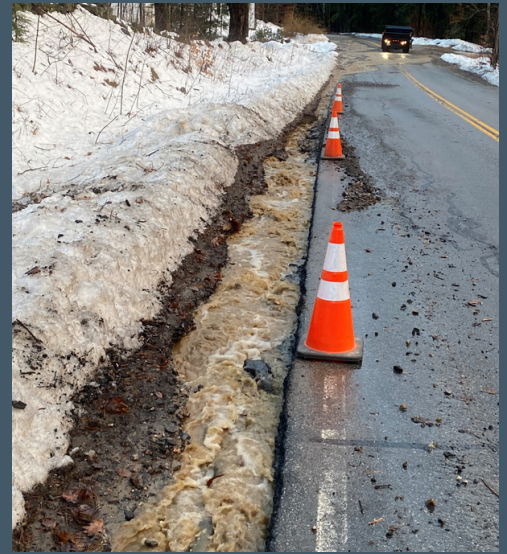


WINTER STORM ELLIOT (CONT.)

DPW crews could be seen all around town unclogging plugged culverts, putting up barricades, cutting and moving trees (that were not in any power lines), scraping washed out gravel on roads and finally treating roads with salt after the rain stopped.

Receiving 2.75" of rain during warmer weather is still very significant and can cause damage, but getting it in the middle of winter when the ground and snowbanks are frozen adds another frustrating layer of difficulty.

In the aftermath of the storm, DPW has been working to prioritize and begin cleanup efforts, along with submitting preliminary damage assessments into NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management. DPW expects between 4 and 6 weeks of immediate cleanup work is needed and then additional repairs in the warmer weather.



DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW



WINTER STORM ELLIOT (CONT.)

Priority #1 has been repairing washouts on the hardest hit roads which were Hickory Stick and Deer Run, Gilford Glen Road, Salt Marsh Road and Mountain Road. Priority #2 will be cutting up trees to make roads accessible for full travel and winter maintenance. Priority #3 will be repairs of all other washouts around town, which are quite numerous. Also mixed in with that work will be steam cleaning frozen culvert crossings, repairing any failed culverts or headwalls and exposing blocked culvert pipes as we find them in our work.

We thank all Gilford residents for their continued support and patience as we work on post storm cleanup efforts over the coming weeks. As a reminder, you can call in any storm related work orders for issues affecting public roads in town to our DPW office. You can help us out by keeping your private driveway culvert clear and open for flow of water at all times, even the winter. Thanks!





January 2023 Events!

- 01/04 Adult Race League Begins
- 01/07 Winter Prime First Tracks
- 01/08 NENSA Zak Cup Skate Race hosted by GNA
- 01/12 NENSA Paintball Biathlon hosted by GNA
- 01/15 USASA Rail Jam
- 01/18 Gunstock Area Commission Public Meeting
- 01/28 Rail Jam
- 01/30 Ladies Love Winter (2-day women's only ski training/learning session)
- Tuesday 01/31 Ladies Love Winter



**Book By
12/1/22:
We'll Throw
in S'mores for
200 Guests!**

PLAN A FAMILY FUN NIGHT!



**Have a large family. group of friends or coworkers?
Rent the whole hill! We offer private Tubing Hill rentals for 2 or 3 hour
increments starting at \$1,500. Book by December 1st and we will throw in
S'mores for up to 200 guests. to enjoy a "'toasty' outing by the fire ring
in between tubing laps. Scan the QR code to get started!**

