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Gilford Town Newsletter



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WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

Welcome to the November 2022 issue of The Hub, the town-wide newsletter for Gilford.

Halloween has passed and we are now in the month of giving thanks. Check out 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 Gilford Town Offices, Gilford Public Library and Recycle Center will be closed Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of Veterans Day.



The Gilford Town Offices, Gilford Public Library and Recycle Center will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving.



The Town is accepting nominations for the oldest citizen to receive the Boston Post Cane.

Nominations can be sent to selectmen@gilfordnh.org.

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

11/1, 11/15, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Cemetery Trustees

11/3, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Budget Committee

11/3, 11/10, 11/17 6:30PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Recreation Commission

11/7, 5:15PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Planning Board

11/7, 11/21, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Gunstock Acres Village Water District

11/8, 5:30PM @ Gilford Public Library

Historic District & Heritage Commission

11/8, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Library Trustee Meeting

11/9, 10AM @ Gilford Public Library

Friends of the Library

11/15, 4PM @ Gilford Public Library

Board of Fire Engineers

11/15, 8:30AM @ Fire Station

Board of Selectmen

11/16, 7PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee

11/17, 4PM @ Gilford Town Hall

Zoning Board of Adjustment

11/29, 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**
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Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee Ballots for the State General Election being held on November 8, 2022 are available at the Gilford Town Clerk's Office. The following information is provided on qualifying for an absentee ballot:

RSA 657:1 Absence, Religious Observance, and Disability Absentee Voting. – Any person who is absent on the day of any state election from the city, town, or unincorporated place in which he or she is registered to vote or who cannot appear in public on any election day because of his or her observance of a religious commitment or who is unable to vote there in person by reason of physical disability may vote at such elections as provided in this chapter. A person who is unable to appear at any time during polling hours at his or her polling place because an employment obligation requires the person to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from work from the time the polls open until after the time the polls close shall be considered absent for purposes of this chapter.

RSA 657:3 Armed Services Voter. – Regardless of whether he is previously registered, any person qualified as an armed services voter as provided in RSA 654:4 may vote absentee at any state election in the New Hampshire city or town which was last his home as provided in this chapter.

Procedure:

RSA 657:6 Procedure by Applicant. – An application form for an absentee ballot shall be mailed or delivered to any person who applies therefore to the secretary of state or to any town or city clerk. It shall be filled out by the applicant and sent to the clerk of the town or city in which he desires to vote. Alternatively, a person may apply for an official absentee ballot by sending to said clerk a written statement containing the information required by the appropriate paragraph of RSA 657:4, or by the federal post card application.

Ballots may be obtained in advance at the Town Clerk's Office, filled out and retained with the Town Clerk until voting day. Regular business hours are: M, TU, W & F 8-4:30 – TH 8-6:00; the office will be open 8-5 Monday, November 7, 2022 to accept absentee ballots. **Returned ballots must be delivered in person no later than November 7, 2022 at 5 pm** or sent by USPS mail (and received by Election Day, 11/08/22 or presented at the polls by a spouse, parent, sibling or child in accordance with RSA:657:24 and with proper ID), in accordance with state law. Please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's Office at 527-4713 or dlafond@gilfordnh.org if you have any questions.

Danielle LaFond
Town Clerk – Tax Collector

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To Vote. Completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

2. To Vote by Write-In. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
GILFORD
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022



SAMPLE

Offices	Republican Candidates	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Chris Sununu <input type="radio"/>	Libertarian Kelly Halldorson <input type="radio"/> Libertarian Karlyn Borysenko <input type="radio"/>	Tom Sherman <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Governor
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Donald C. Bolduc <input type="radio"/>	Libertarian Jeremy Kauffman <input type="radio"/>	Maggie Hassan <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> United States Senator
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	Karoline Leavitt <input type="radio"/>		Chris Pappas <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Representative in Congress
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	Joseph D. Kenney <input type="radio"/>		Dana S. Hilliard <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Executive Councilor
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Timothy Lang <input type="radio"/>		Kate Miller <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> State Senator
For State Representatives Vote for not more than 4	Richard B. Beaudoin <input type="radio"/> Russell Dumais <input type="radio"/> David Nagel <input type="radio"/> Harry H. Bean <input type="radio"/>	Independent Kurt Webber <input type="radio"/>	Lisa A. DiMartino <input type="radio"/> Dana Hackett <input type="radio"/> Bob McLean <input type="radio"/> Edward Cracraft <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> State Representatives <input type="radio"/> State Representatives <input type="radio"/> State Representatives <input type="radio"/> State Representatives

BALLOT CONTINUES ON BACK - TURN OVER



Offices	Republican Candidates	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Bill Wright <input type="radio"/>		Bill Wright <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Sheriff
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	Andrew Livernois <input type="radio"/>		Andrew Livernois <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> County Attorney
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	Michael G. Muzzey <input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/> County Treasurer
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	Judy McGrath <input type="radio"/>		Judy McGrath <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Register of Deeds
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1	Alan Glassman <input type="radio"/>		Alan Glassman <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Register of Probate
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	Stephen Hodges <input type="radio"/>		Eliza Leadbeater <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> County Commissioner

2022 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2022 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

[Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (Passed by the N.H. House 294 Yes 43 No; Passed by Senate 21 Yes 3 No.) CACR 21

Yes ☐

No ☐

Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution

2. "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

Yes ☐

No ☐

SAMPLE

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

It is the penultimate month of 2022 and we are fully in the throes of Autumn. Most of the leaves have already left the trees signaling the coming winter chill. But, before that happens let us enjoy some more Autumn events here at the library.

On the 10th we have "Thanksgiving Centerpieces" at 10am, a chance to create a piece to really gussy up your holiday table. Then on the 15th at 4pm we have "A Soldier's Mother's Story" a historical performance about a union soldier's mother and the associated sacrifices she made.

This month does bring Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving with it to start off the holiday season. The library will be closed on Friday, November 11 as well as Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 in observance of those holidays. We will also be closing at 5pm on Wednesday the 23.

November is a time for giving thanks and reflecting on the year that we've had, all the ups and downs. We hope we continue to see you at the library even though colder weather may make the journey a little tougher.

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 GOING ON IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Baby Storytime - Mondays, November 7, 14, 28 & December 5 @ 10:00am

Preschool Storytime - Tuesdays, November 8, 15 & 29 @ 10:30am

Preschool Storytime - Fridays, November 18, December 2 & 9 @ 10:30am

Elementary Early Release: Turkey Leaf Lantern - Wednesday, November 16 @ 1:30pm

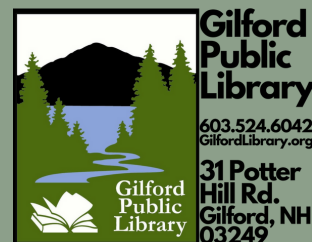
Silly Stretching Storytime - Thursdays, November 10, 17 & December 1 & 8 @ 10:00am

Science @ the Library - Wednesdays, November 9 & 30 @ 3:30pm

Drop-In Craft: Pinecone Owls - Saturday, November 12 @ 10:30am

Theater Thursdays - Thursdays, November 10, 17 & December 1 & 8 @ 4pm

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



WWW.GILFORDLIBRARY.ORG

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

MANAGING STRESS AT ANY AGE - NOVEMBER 1 @ 1PM

Learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of stress, take steps to reduce its harmful effects, recharge and find balance in your life. Presented by the Granite VNA.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP - NOVEMBER 7 @ 5PM

Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of Bruno, Chief of Police by Martin Walker. Copies are available at the front desk

THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECES - NOVEMBER 10 @ 10AM

Decorate vases with a fall theme and arrange flowers in the vase. Sign up at the front desk!

A SOLDIER'S MOTHER'S STORY - NOVEMBER 15 @ 4PM

Hear about the Battle of Gettysburg from a mother's perspective. Blending the stories of men who left their New Hampshire homes to fight for the Union, Sharon Woods appears as Betsey Phelps, the mother of one such soldier. A NH Humanities program.

BOOK DISCUSSION - NOVEMBER 17 @ 5:00PM

This month's book is *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker. Led by Rhetta; books are available at the front desk.

T(W)EEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS - NOVEMBER 1 & 15 @ 3PM

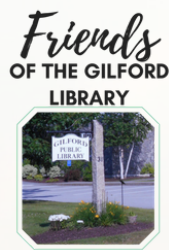
Calling all heroes, mages, wanderers, scoundrels, and goblins for a D&D club with Dungeon Master Hayden!

T(W)EEN CUBING CLUB - MONDAYS NOVEMBER 7-28 @ 4PM

Each Monday, learn basic cubing and speed cubing with a Gilford YouTuber.

HOMESCHOOL CLUB - NOVEMBER 3 & 17 @ 12PM

Home school kids between 11 and 18 years old, come for an afternoon of games and activities.



GILFORD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

After years of dedicated service Pam Hayes has stepped down as President of the Friends. The Board voted to institute an annual Mrs. Hayes Art Day in the Children's Room to honor her contribution to the Friends, the Library and all the community. Look for this fun activity early in 2023.

Pam Seed stepped down as Vice President and is now chairing the annual Membership Drive where, in the near future, you will be able to renew your membership and continue to support the Friends and our wonderful Library.



Thank you, Pam!



New Board from left; Kathy Meierjorgen, Vice President; Betty Tidd, President; Lynne DeVivo, Secretary; Sheila Roddy, Treasurer.

Also, Shaw's has selected The Friends to receive \$1 from every \$3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Bag sold during the month of November 2022 at the 1400 Lakeshore Drive, Gilford location.



GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU 73

2 Belknap Mountain Road

Gilford, NH 03249

Phone 603-527-9215

| Fax 603-527-9216

ALL SCHOOLS

No School

November 11th

Early Release November 16th

No School

November 23rd-27th

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m. ~ November 7, 2022 - Gilford High School

GHS - FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

7:00 p.m. ~ November 11, 2022 - Gilford High School Theatre

7:00 p.m. ~ November 12, 2022 - Gilford High School Theatre

7:00 p.m. ~ November 18, 2022 - Gilford High School Theatre

7:00 p.m. ~ November 19, 2022 - Gilford High School Theatre

Get tickets [here](#)

EARLY RELEASE

Gilford High School - November 16 @ 12:30PM

Gilford Middle School - November 16 @ 1:30PM

Gilford Elementary School - November 16 @ 1:30PM



Gilford Parks and Recreation News!

Adult Pick-Up Volleyball Program Continues on Tuesdays

Open to men and women over age 18, this program will be held in the GMS Gymnasium on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., through May 23rd (less any Tuesdays that there is a school function, vacation week, snow day or holiday). The program will be recreational in nature, and players of all abilities are welcome. A registration fee will be charged of \$1.00/person, per evening. Interested individuals can call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722 or show up at the gym to register.



Senior Strides Walking Group Begins on November 2nd



Every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. we will offer a drop-in walking group program at the Gilford Youth Center beginning on November 2nd. This program is geared towards senior adults looking to get out for some exercise. Participants can track their laps as they work towards a goal or simply stop in for a casual stroll while socializing with friends. Plenty of chairs will be available for participants to take breaks as needed. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and bring their own water. Come join us for some good exercise and fun socialization! A \$1.00 weekly donation is suggested. For more information, please call the Parks and Rec Office at 527-4722.

Adult Chair Yoga Program Begins on November 2nd

Gilford Parks and Recreation is partnering with Renee Cupples, E-RYT500 Certified Yoga Instructor, to run a 6-week Adult Chair Yoga Program on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. held at the Gilford Youth Center. This program begins November 2, 2022 and runs through December 7, 2022. This will all be held in the Youth Center unless otherwise noted. Session is planned to extend for make-up classes if a class is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 for all 6 classes or \$10.00 daily drop-in fee.



Parks and Recreation News Continued

Gilford Youth Basketball Program Registration Information

Open to all Gilford students in grades 1 through 6. Registrations will open on Tuesday, October 25th. The Registration Deadline for all participants is Tuesday, November 8th. The early registration fee is \$15.00 per child; after November 4th, the fee will be \$25.00. Coaches, assistant coaches and referees are always needed and welcome!



For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

Downhill Ski and Snowboard Program



Open to all Gilford students in grades 3 through 8 (students in grades 1 and 2 may purchase passes, but are not eligible for lessons). This program will take place at Gunstock Ski Area and will run on Tuesday evenings for 4 weeks from January 3rd through January 24th, 2023. Program will

include a 50 minute group lesson each week (Students in grades 3-8 have the option to opt out of lessons). Chaperones are needed for grades 3 through 6 for lessons as 7th and 8th graders can be on their own. Participants will be broken up into lesson groups based on ability. Equipment rentals are available. Registration will begin on Monday, October 3rd. **The Registration Deadline is Friday, November 11th!** This deadline will be strictly adhered to, so please register early.

Cost:

Gunstock Prices	10/22 - 11/11
Midweek Youth Season Pass	\$225/participant
Prime Youth Season Pass	\$360/participant

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

Parks and Recreation News Continued

Santa Land (Co-Sponsored by the Gilford Youth Center!)

This fun filled program offers area youth the opportunity to participate in some holiday themed games and activities leading up to having their picture taken with Santa Claus. Activities include a bounce slide as well as holiday crafts and activities. This program is scheduled for **Friday, December 2nd** from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and **Saturday, December 3rd** from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to be held at the Gilford Youth Center.



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.




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! 



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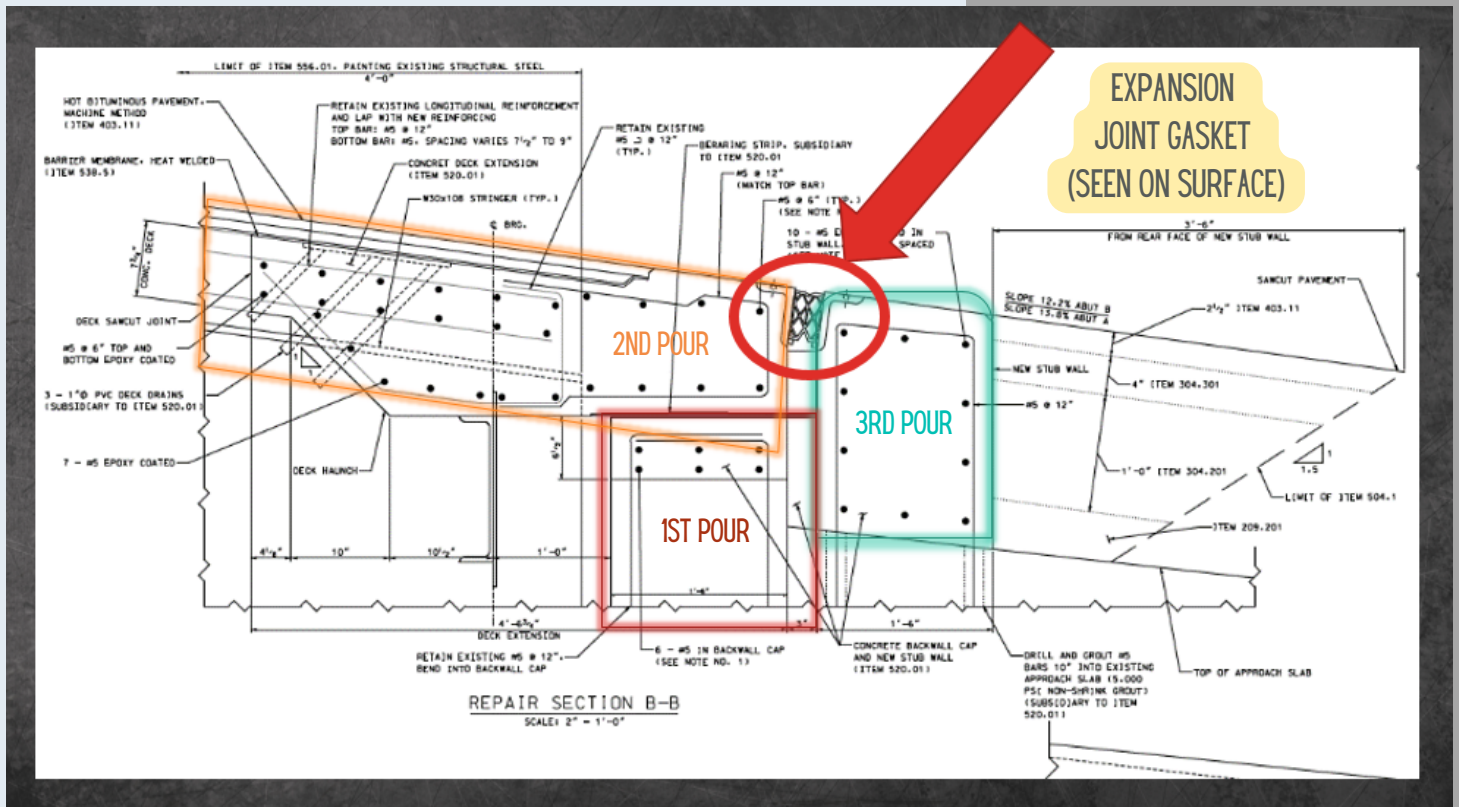
GOVERNORS ISLAND BRIDGE PROJECT

Over the last month, Evroks has been working to demo portions of Governors Island Bridge where new expansion joints will be installed, starting in the southbound lane. Demolition of the existing backwalls, concrete deck ends, membrane and asphalt overlay were completed to date. There have been three separate concrete placements required to create these new expansion joints (see plan on next page w/three colored sections).

Before each pour, the design engineer completes a site inspection to check the placement of all reinforcing steel (aka rebar) and also makes sure the dimensions of the forms are correct. The 1st pour on October 7th was for the concrete caps for the reconstructed backwalls. Steel hardware for the new expansion joints was then placed and secured inside the next set of forms along with more rebar and hoops. The 2nd concrete placement on October 26th created the deck extensions. The 3rd set of forms poured on October 28th, created the backwalls for the new expansion joints. All new reinforcing was placed and secured inside the forms, including special U-Bars to avoid the utilities found beneath the roadway.



DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW



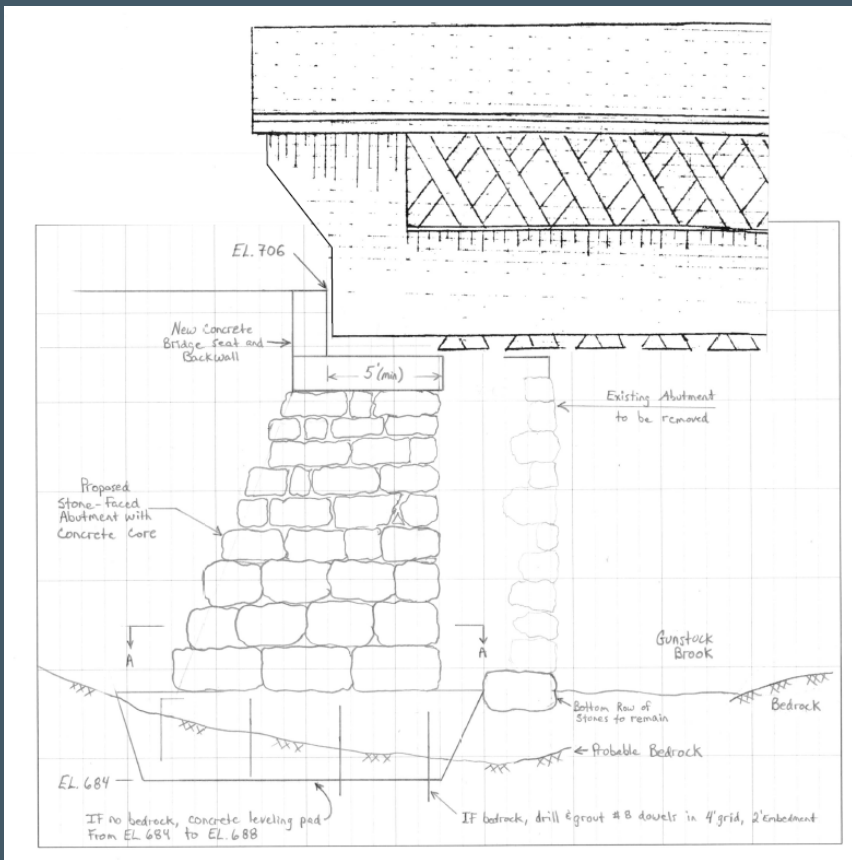
GOVERNORS ISLAND BRIDGE (CONT.)

S.W. Cole has been on site for all field testing of concrete before being placed. Test results have all been within specifications. Also, the weather has been on our side and therefore cold weather concrete provisions have not been required for the concrete placements thus far. The contractor will be shifting over to the northbound lane in the near future to start this entire process over again and rebuild the expansion joints on that side, before paving and placing the final expansion joint gasket material in across both lanes.

This project is expected to continue through the end of the year, due to the tedious demolition, form construction and separate concrete pours required by design, before being able to fully open the bridge again. Gilford DPW thanks everyone for their continued patience and caution while driving through the work zone.



DOWN AND DIRTY WITH DPW



TANNERY BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

In late September, the Board of Selectmen voted to move forward with a revised scope on the Tannery Bridge Project. The contractor, Daniels Construction, will be removing the entire southern abutment (on the Tannery Hill Road side) and rebuilding it back 5 feet, which will help open up the narrow section in Gunstock Brook, as well as fix the collapsed section and resolve the undermining that is occurring as well. A new bridge seat will be anchored to the bedrock and the wingwalls will also be rebuilt and shortened up slightly.

No repairs will be made to the northern abutment (Town Hall side) at this time due to funding. The engineer is currently working on obtaining the required wetlands permit for this project and construction is expected to start in December or sooner, depending on permitting.



Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Friday, Nov. 18th from 12:00-2:00

(while supplies last)

**Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.

This event is open to all. No proof of residency or income needed.

This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:



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New Hampshire**
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**FEEDING
AMERICA**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VITA)!

The Laconia VITA site needs Intake Specialist and Tax Preparers for the upcoming tax season. Low and moderate-income individuals and families avoid costly tax preparation fees and claim helpful tax credits with this free service.

Intake Specialists greet tax filers, conduct an intake review to make sure all documents are present for a complete and accurate tax return, and offer resources for other financial needs filers may have.

Tax Preparers need not have previous tax or finance experience, just computer aptitude, a willingness to learn, and can volunteer a few hours a week or every other week from late January to mid April. Training provided.

To volunteer please contact Cathy Dumais at 603-528-4295, or cdumais100@gmail.com





TODAY'S DATE:

October 24, 2022

For immediate release

Contact:

Jennifer Kelley
Executive Director
Jenn@ChildrensAuction.com
603-527-0999
383 South Main Street
Laconia NH 03246

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 41st ANNUAL
GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION
DECEMBER 6-9 AT THE BELKNAP MARKETPLACE IN BELMONT, NH**

LACONIA - Join us for the **41st Annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction**, **presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, Tuesday, December 6- Friday, December 9 live at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont, NH.** The Auction airs daily from 9AM – 7PM. Each day will be filled with terrific items up for bid, on-air fun and appearances from friends and neighbors throughout the community. On Friday, December 9, Auction volunteers will come together to announce the total funds raised for children and families in need. Don't miss it!

The Belknap Marketplace, located on Route 3 in Belmont, is the recent shopping center acquisition of Vernet Properties. People in the Lakes Region knew the property as the Belknap Mall. The new owners have renovated, are signing new tenants, and have changed the name to The Belknap Marketplace to reflect its re-emergence as a multi-use destination in the area. George Vernet, principal and founder of Vernet Properties, is delighted that The Marketplace will be a part of the Auction.

"It is an honor to be associated with such an outstanding organization as the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction," states Vernet. "They provide so much to the Lakes Region community. The Belknap Marketplace looks forward to hosting this event that financially supports local children and families in need."

Jennifer Kelley, GLRCA Executive Director, is thrilled to hold the Auction at The Belknap Marketplace. "We are grateful to everyone at The Marketplace for welcoming our hundreds of

Auction volunteers into their space,” she states. “The Auction is such a valuable community event. Business leaders throughout the Lakes Region continue to show their generosity to the Auction as we raise funds to financially support local, low-income children and families. Thanks to everyone at Vernet Properties for welcoming the Auction to The Marketplace!”

Come experience the Auction in person at The Marketplace! The week always holds fun surprises. The Marketplace offers plenty of convenient parking, and there will be plenty of in-person viewing on set. Join us December 6-9 to be part of the magic!

Watch, Stream or Listen

Can't make it in person? There are so many ways to enjoy the Children's Auction and bid on fantastic items for your family and friends. **Breezeline** subscribers can watch us on Channel 12, and **LRPA** viewers can tune into Channel 25. Prefer to stream? We've got you covered! Stream the Auction from your smart phone, computer or mobile device at ChildrensAuction.org, the **Laconia Daily Sun** website at laconiadailysun.com, at or Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction. You're a radio star? Then listen each day with **Zack Derby and friends at Lakes 101.5 FM**.

You Can Help The Auction!

Donate Items

You're holiday shopping anyway – why not buy something for the Children's Auction? We're looking for new, unused, unperishable items, big and small. **Gifts cards** are always a hit with our bidders. Other popular items include **electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, toys, services** – you name it, we need it! Convenient item collection sites **are now open** throughout our region, including Alton, Ashland, Belmont, Bristol, Center Harbor, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth and Tilton. Visit ChildrensAuction.org for details. And on **Black Friday, November 25, visit our collection site at the Belknap Marketplace and drop your items off between 11AM – 3PM. On Saturday, November 26, items can be dropped there from 9AM – 1PM.** We will also be accepting items T-TH of Auction Week right at The Marketplace. Stop by and see us in person!

Bid High, Bid Often

As we always say, **it's for the kids!** Bid online at ChildrensAuction.org, or over the phone during Auction week at **(603) 527-0999**. Your generosity makes all the difference in the lives of local children and families in need.

New This Year – Pre-Bidding!

You asked and we listened! Starting on Black Friday, November 25, online Auction bidders can bid early on items with a retail value of \$300 and more. Anyone can bid on these featured items and the items will close during the Auction, December 6-9. Want to donate a special item valued at \$300? Drop it off before November 15 and it will be included in our new, online pre-bidding! For more information, visit ChildrensAuction.org or call (603) 527-0999.

Become a Sponsor

If you're a business owner and have always wanted to get involved with the Children's Auction, **it's not too late to be a Sponsor**. Sponsorship opportunities exist at every level. Email us at Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org or call (603) 527-0999 for more information on how your business can make a difference in the lives of children. Have an idea for a new kind of sponsorship? We're ready to listen. Thank you!

Let's Get Social!

For the most up-to-date info on the Children's Auction, plus behind-the-scenes insight into the Auction and the amazing nonprofits that we support, follow us:

Facebook: Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction
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Kick off your holiday season at the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, December 6-9 at The Belknap Marketplace in Belmont, NH. See you there!

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 *Community Challenge*, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7.5 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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