



# THE HUB

Gilford Town Newsletter



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## WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE

Welcome to the first issue of The Hub, the town-wide newsletter for Gilford. In these pages, you'll find information from Town Hall, the Library, the Youth Center, Community Church, Public Works, and more community institutions.

We are always looking to feature important news and events, so if your group has something they'd like featured, please email us at [gilfordlibrary@gmail.com](mailto: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

### UPDATE ON COVID-19 ACTIVITY

COVID-19 continues to headline the daily news across the country, in New Hampshire we have seen an uptick in the number of positive cases being attributed to community spread, so please we urge you to remain diligent when in the grocery store, eating at a restaurant, or attending family gatherings. Social distancing and wearing a mask continue to be your best defense.

### 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 below.

Mondays

**5:00am - 4:30pm**

Fridays

**5:00am - 5:45 pm**

Sundays

**6pm-12 Midnight**



**Lakes Region  
Public Access**  
community empowered by media

Conservation Commission

**12/1, 12/15 7PM**

Board of Selectmen

**12/2, 12/16 7PM**

Cemetery Trustees

**12/3 4PM**

Budget Committee

**12/3, 12/10, 12/17 6:30PM**

Planning Board

**12/7, 12/21, 7PM**

Library Trustees

**12/9, 10AM**

School Board Meeting

**12/10, 6PM**

Friends of the Library

**12/15, 4PM**

Board of Fire Engineers

**12/15 7PM**

Town Hall Closed

**12/25**

Town Hall Closed

**12/26**

## NEWS

Dan Tousignant is the new building inspector, taking over for retired David Andrade.



**TOWN OF GILFORD**  
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[abovill@gilfordnh.org](mailto:abovill@gilfordnh.org)  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FROM: Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator  
DATE: November 19, 2020  
SUBJECT: 2020 Tax Rate

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has set the 2020 municipal tax rate for the Town of Gilford at \$15.03 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

This represents a \$0.83 decrease (-5.2%) from the 2019 rate of \$15.86.

The rate is comprised of 4 factors as follows:

- Local Education = \$7.42 (a decrease of \$0.69 or -8.5% from 2019)
- State Education = \$1.84 (a decrease of \$0.04 or -2.1% from 2019)
- Town = \$4.65 (a decrease of \$0.01 or -0.2% from 2019)
- County = \$1.12 (a decrease of \$0.09 or -7.4% from 2019)

In addition, residents of the Gunstock Acres Village Water District will have a tax rate of \$1.33. This is a \$0.70 cent or 111% increase over the 2019 tax rate of \$0.63.

The Town's total assessed valuation increased by 5.8% (from \$2,032,075,540 to \$2,149,486,818) in 2020 due to a town-wide statistical update.

It is anticipated that tax bills will be in the mail sometime during the last week of November with a due date projected to be December 31.

cc: Board of Selectmen  
Office of the Town Clerk – Tax Collector  
Finance Department  
Budget Committee



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

**Did you know** that with your library card you can get access to the entire NH Downloadable Books collection, which now includes a wide variety of magazines from **ZINIO**?

Architectural Digest, Bon Appetit, National Geographic, Us Weekly, The New Yorker, and many more are available on NHDB and on the Libby app, where they can be read in article view, which makes for a much easier reading experience!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Get in the festive spirit and sign up your children for Take-N-Make Gingerbread Houses! Any child, 5th grade and under, can make their own gingerbread house at home. Sign up by **12/14** & pick up your supplies on **12/16**.



Write a letter to Santa at the library, or bring your own to drop in our special Santa Mailbox in the Childrens room.



## BAKED GOODS FOR GOOD

Sign up for a baking competition, where all proceeds benefit Gilford Got Lunch! More information to come, check the library website for updates.

Due to the increase in the number of COVID cases on local, county, and state levels, the library is suspending all in-person programs, and all one-on-one in person service. We are also limiting building visits to 30 minutes. Grab and go service, light browsing, and quick computer use are still available, and curbside service is encouraged.

## Building Hours

Monday - Friday 9AM-6PM

Saturday 10AM-2PM

## Curbside Service

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM

## HOLIDAY HOURS

**12/24** - Closing at 1:30pm

**12/25** - Closed

**12/26** - Closed

**12/31** - Closing at 5PM

**1/01/2021** - Closed

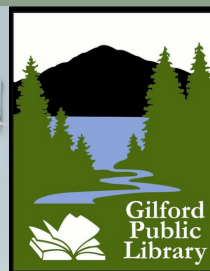
[WWW.GILFORDLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.GILFORDLIBRARY.ORG)

# HeritageQuest

New databases available  
from our website!

**creativebug**

UNLIMITED ACCESS TO 1000+ ONLINE ART AND CRAFT  
CLASSES TAUGHT BY EXPERT INSTRUCTORS



**Gilford  
Public  
Library**

603.524.6042  
GilfordLibrary.org

**31 Potter  
Hill Rd.  
Gilford, NH  
03249**





## NAVIGATING RECOVERY of THE LAKES REGION

603- 524-5939

info@navigatingrecovery.org

www.navigatingrecovery.org

102 Court Street Laconia NH 03246

M-F 9am-5pm & Sat 11am-3pm

Navigating Recovery offers crisis navigation and one-on-one support to anyone affected by or afflicted with Substance Use Disorder (family members included).

### MEETINGS

**Offered via Zoom, open to the public**

MONDAY - Buddhist 8-Step Recovery Meeting @ 5:30-6:30pm

Link for meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86300972817>

WEDNESDAY - Grief Support Group @ 4-5pm

Link for meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83955538679>

WEDNESDAY - SMART Recovery for Family & Friends @ 6-7pm

Link for meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81991365374>



### *Helping Hands: Senior Support for the Lakes Region*

A group of citizens has been formed to help the elderly and at risk citizens in our community during this time of need. Volunteers will help run errands, find daily needs and necessities, go grocery shopping and provide any and all support they are capable of.

There are some donations from local businesses and community members. These donations will be used solely to help those that are unable to leave their homes or do not have the capability to find or get what they need on their own.

Anyone in need of assistance can call Erika Willette at 603-293-5181, or email at [Erika.willette@hotmail.com](mailto:Erika.willette@hotmail.com).

Those interested in volunteering may join the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2611445905792257/>

*Thank you!*



## GILFORD ROTARY CLUB

invites you to the  
Ray Wixson Memorial  
Senior Holiday Dinner  
Wednesday, 12/9/2020  
It's drive-by this year!

Drive up to the  
entrance of the Gilford  
Community Church at  
19 Potter Hill Road  
4pm to 6pm.

You will be served a  
delicious  
Holiday Dinner  
in a carry home tray.  
Gilford Seniors  
ages 62 and up are  
welcome to this tasty  
Turkey dinner.

## WE APPRECIATE YOU

*Make your reservation  
as soon as possible  
by calling  
Sandy McGonagle at  
524-3134.*





## GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAU 73

2 Belknap Mountain Road, Gilford,  
NH 03249

Phone 603-527-9215

| Fax 603-527-9216

The principals, school counselors and teachers are working on plans for the second trimester which will start on December 14th and finish on March 26, 2021. We have surveyed families regarding your preferred instructional model for the second trimester. The second trimester will look very similar to the first trimester for our remote and in person learners in the elementary and middle school. However, it will look different in the high school for the remote learners, as details continue to evolve. Please contact the schools if you have any questions related to the second trimester.

### GILFORD COUNTRY STORE HS RAFFLE TICKETS

Help support the Gilford High School Senior Class by purchasing Raffle Tickets from Gilford Country Store! 20+ items are being raffled off, and it's \$3 for 5 tickets or \$5 for 10 tickets. The drawing is Saturday, December 5th at 5pm. Support Local and shop at the  
*Gilford Country Store!*



## GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD

Next Meeting is Monday,  
December 7th

### GSD GOING REMOTE

*For the week of 11/30-12/4  
students will be receiving  
their instruction remotely  
during this time.*

*Students will return to  
in-person instruction  
(for those that are  
in-person) on 12/7.*



2020 Division II Volleyball Champs

### MANAGING CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) ANXIETY

**For You**

- Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage
- Connect through calls/text/internet
- Add extra time for daily stress relief
- Practice self-care
- Focus on your mental health

**For Kids**

- Reassure them that they're safe
- Let them talk about their worries
- Share your own coping skills
- Limit their news exposure
- Create a routine & structure

**For Quarantine/Isolation**

- Keep in contact with your loved ones via social media, texts, and phone calls
- Create a daily self-care routine
- Keep yourself busy: games, books, movies
- Focus on new relaxation techniques



# GILFORD'S *Grand Holiday Home* DECORATING CONTEST



## *Key Info.*

- NO FEE to enter and winners will receive a gift card to a local restaurant as well as a yard sign for bragging rights.
- Deadline to enter: **Sunday, December 6th.**
- Entries should be submitted via email to Parks and Recreation Director, Herb Greene at [hgreene@gilfordnh.org](mailto:hgreene@gilfordnh.org).
- Entries must include photo of your house, your name, physical address and phone contact.
- Public Voting open from **Monday, December 7th - Sunday, December 13th.**
  - Entries will be available to view on both the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and the Gilford District PTA's Facebook pages.
- These viewings will also include a link for the public to vote for their favorite entries.
- Google Map with addresses of all entries available on **Monday, December 14th** to allow the public to view displays in person.

## ENTRIES WILL BE VOTED ON IN 6 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES:

TRADITIONAL DECORATIONS

OVER THE TOP LIGHTS

OVER INFLATED

TECH FREE

REASON FOR THE SEASON

SNOWMAN BUILDING CONTEST - IF CONDITIONS ALLOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE AT 527-4722.

SPONSORED BY GILFORD PARKS & REC AND GILFORD DISTRICT PTA





## "BAG IT" PROJECT

Sharing information & resources during Covid-19 pandemic.



**Partnership for Public Health**  
Your Partner for A Safer and Healthier Community

Kate Bruchacova  
Community Health Educator  
[www.pphnh.org](http://www.pphnh.org)

This project was born at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic as a response to a need to reach out to community members to share health messaging with them, while helping other programs with distribution of items offering curbside pickup/drop off or delivery. We saw an opportunity and came up with an idea to provide bags with health messages on them to organizations such as community libraries, as they are the community hub and beyond. The Gilford Public Library was the first one to partner with us on this project and helped us make it a success! We are very thankful to their team!! I am happy to report that now you can find these bags at the Gilford, Franklin, Laconia and Meredith public libraries and one of them even used the bags for their "trick or treat" program this year, so opportunities are endless.

*The Gilford Rotary Club continues their 34th season of selling Christmas trees to benefit local charities offering trees through Sunday, 12/6, at Gilford Commons on Route 11. Shoppers can browse the selection of fresh cut trees 9am-7pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and 12-7pm, Monday-Thursday. Trees are New Hampshire-grown, freshly cut, fraser fir & balsam trees in all shapes and sizes. Decorative holiday wreaths and bird feeder wreaths are also for sale. COVID-9 protocols will be observed. Shoppers can also enter a drawing. Proceeds benefit non-profit organizations supported by Gilford Rotary in the Lakes Region.*



## NEWS FROM PARKS AND REC

We will be working with the Gilford Youth Center to offer a weekly walking program for Senior Citizens at the Youth Center. **Wednesday mornings, 9AM-10AM**, beginning **December 2nd** at the **Gilford Youth Center Gym**. All participants should wear a mask that should be worn throughout the program, and should plan to bring their own water bottle, as water will not be provided. Chairs will be available, spaced 6 feet apart where participants can rest as needed. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be available. For more information, please call the **Parks and Recreation Office** at **527-4722**.



## 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

## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

The Gilford Solid Waste Center is now fully staffed with four (4) full-time employees and running very efficiently. Close to 400,000 lbs of recyclables have been collected, baled and sold. Several tours of the new facility have occurred over the summer and fall for towns interested in building a similar recycle center. Gilford hosted the October monthly NRRA Member Meeting, where NH The Beautiful presented a grant check for \$5,000 to staff toward the new horizontal baler. We continue to receive great feedback from residents on the ease of use of the new facility and hope that residents continue to recycle right!



## WEEKS CONSERVATION PROJECT UPDATES

Happy Holidays! The town has received a wonderful conservation gift as the John M. & Eileen R. Weeks Conservation Project has been purchased by Lakes Region Conservation Trust! We are pleased to announce, in partnership with the Town of Gilford Conservation Commission, the completion of the 65-acre John M. and Eileen R. Weeks project located on Belknap Mountain Road in the Belknaps Region of NH. Thank you to all our members who contributed to this effort. If you didn't get a chance, you can still contribute to Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

This amazing 65 acre parcel on Belknap Mountain Road borders Forest Society Land, and Muehlke Family Conserved Lands. Future plans for the land include utilizing the large flat field in the property to build a kiosk, parking, and trails to connect with the Belknap Range Trail System.

After the first of the year, a Steering Committee will be formed that will spearhead the future plans for the land.

Look for more information in future newsletters.





# It's For the Kids **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**

GREATER LAKES REGION  
**CHILDREN'S  
AUCTION**



Help children and families  
here in the greater Lakes  
Region by raising money for  
the Children's Auction.

**Join the 40+ teams  
already on board!**

**BE A SUPER HERO  
FOR THE KIDS  
AND TAKE  
THE CHALLENGE**

**[childrensauction.com/challenge](http://childrensauction.com/challenge)**

The Community Challenge is the follow-on, pandemic-proof transformation of Patrick's Pub Mania, which raised \$2.3 million over 11 years for children and families in need and distributed via the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. The Community Challenge is comprised of local businesses, organizations and friends and families who create teams and creatively fundraise their way to Closing Ceremonies, where coveted awards await the top teams in this friendly but spirited challenge.



Partnership for Public Health  
Your Partner for a safer and healthier community

What can you do to assist the Winnepesaukee Public Health Network in the Covid-19 response? The most significant challenge to the healthcare system in the Winnepesaukee Public Health Network (WPHN) continues to be staffing shortages. In a system that is already stressed, it only takes an employee, or resident of a facility to test positive and/or become ill to ignite a staffing crisis in very short time. Add in schools going in and out of remote learning due to COVID 19, requiring staff to be home with children, it's easy to see how a healthcare facility can rapidly find itself in a very difficult staffing situation.

We currently have an immediate need for RN's, LPN's and LNA's to assist in staffing needs at the NH Veterans Home. Anyone meeting these certifications and can offer assistance should contact John Beland, Winnepesaukee PHN, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at W-707-5855, C-455-8915 or by e-mail [beland@pphnh.org](mailto:beland@pphnh.org).

The Winnepesaukee PHN is working to build a reserve of clinical workers and citizen volunteers who could be called upon to assist in COVID 19 vaccination clinics. All clinicians and citizens who are interested in this type of opportunity, are encouraged to visit [www.nhresponds.org](http://www.nhresponds.org) and register to become a volunteer. When choosing an organization to volunteer to, select: Lakes Region COVID 19. Complete the application process. Questions can be directed to: Kevin Nugent, Volunteer Coordinator, Winnepesaukee PHN. P-707-5854, e-mail- [knugent@pphnh.org](mailto:knugent@pphnh.org).

Please visit [bit.ly/37o92Qc](https://bit.ly/37o92Qc) to learn about the Temporary Health Partner, on-line 8 hours training opportunity. Successful completion of this program allows the graduate to work in a healthcare setting performing the duties as described in the attachment, while under the guidance and support of clinical personnel. Once training is completed and the candidate desires to be added to the roster shared with healthcare agencies in the Winnepesaukee PHN for potential deployment they should contact John Beland.

### **Volunteers**

*Whether you are helping a neighbor get groceries, are a retired nurse who wants to help out at potential surge flex facilities, or are a business who is answering the call – we cannot thank you enough.*

**You're  
invited!**

# **ROBOT Building Party**

Bring a friend, make new ones,  
and build a **ROBOT** with  
**GIRL SCOUTS**—it's all **FREE!**

**Wed. December 2**

**Virtual Event 6-7pm**

**For Girls at Gilford Elementary School**  
**Register here: <https://bit.ly/38OFJIQ>**



Parents & Caregivers, you're invited too! Get more information  
and RSVP at [customer care@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsgwm.org) or call  
Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains at 888-474-9686.

  
**girl scouts**  
of the green and  
white mountains  
Serving New Hampshire and Vermont

*\*not a school sponsored event*



**TICKET!**

**ADMITS YOU + A FRIEND!**  
**FREE Robot  
Building Party**

**December 2 6-7pm**

**At Register: <https://bit.ly/38OFJIQ>**

**TICKET!**



# YOUR HEALTH: FIGHT THE FLU AND COVID TOO

## Practice Healthy Habits This Cold And Flu Season

Increase your chances of staying healthy and protecting your family, friends and co-workers from flu and other infectious viruses this season by practicing healthy habits, including:

- Getting a flu shot
- Avoiding unnecessary touching of your eyes, mouth, and nose
- Covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough – use a tissue or your upper sleeve, but not your hands
- Washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze, or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces
- Going home if you feel sick
- Maintaining a distance of *at least* three feet from people who are sick
- Getting plenty of sleep
- Being physically active
- Managing stress
- Drinking plenty of fluids
- Eating nutritious foods



## We All Win When We Get a Flu Shot

Don't forget to get a flu shot. By getting your flu shot, everybody wins – you reduce your chances of getting seasonal flu; you help protect those around you who may be at great risk if they were to get the flu; and, you help keep business running as usual.

Even healthy people can get the flu. Why take the chance with your health and the health of co-workers, family and friends? Get a flu shot.

Remember, a lot of people count on you, but not for the flu.

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