



# Weare in the World

*For Weare Residents, By Weare Residents*

**December 11, 2024**

## Community Tree Lighting on Dec. 14



On Nov. 30, members of Weare Parks and Recreation and several community members met at the town center gazebo to decorate for the holidays. With a tree donated by Jewel Farm, we continued our annual effort to spread holiday cheer throughout Weare.

New this year will be a community tree lighting party on Saturday, Dec. 14 beginning at 3 p.m. Weare Fire and Rescue will be bringing along some special guests and there will be light refreshments and music.

Weare PARC would like to thank the following individuals who helped to bring this event to our community: Eldon and Kristy Townes from Jewel Farm for donating the tree; Tatum Trudel, realtor and The Sweet Spot for donating snacks and hot cocoa; JaNeen and Ryan Lentsch for securing the tree in the gazebo; and our



decorators Deb, Zachary, Sarah and Emily Conant; Karie Tepper; Abby Kirby; David and Jackie Pratte; Weare Fire and Rescue for providing transportation to our special guests. We hope to see you all on

Dec. 14. Above: Deb, Zachary, Sarah and Emily Conant; Karie Tepper; Abby Kirby; David and Jackie Pratte.

## Matthew Colby Named SAU 24 Assistant Superintendent



School Administrative Unit 24 is pleased to announce that Matthew Colby has been appointed as Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2025. With a distinguished 23-year career in SAU 24, Colby brings a wealth of experience, deep community ties, and a proven track record of educational leadership to this new role.

Colby began his career as a Social Studies teacher at John Stark Regional High School, where he also served as Department Coordinator. He later transitioned into school administration, holding positions as Assistant Principal and Principal at Henniker Community School, where he has led the school to achieve significant milestones, including the New Hampshire School of Excellence Award in 2022.

Throughout his tenure in SAU 24, Colby has played an integral role in shaping the district's educational vision. His leadership contributions include the development of the SAU 24 Portrait of a Learner, spearheading competency-based education initiatives, and overseeing critical projects like the SAU 24 Professional Growth Master Plan. His expertise spans project management, instructional leadership, and fostering collaborative educational environments.

Colby's educational background includes a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in District Leadership from Southern New Hampshire University and certification as a New Hampshire School Superintendent. He is also a graduate of NHSAA's Granite State Leadership Academy (GSLA), where he honed his skills in systems thinking and restorative practices.

Superintendent Jacqueline Coe expressed enthusiasm for the appointment.

"Matthew's commitment to educational excellence and his unwavering dedication to our students and staff make him the ideal choice," Coe said in a school release.

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"His continued leadership will undoubtedly strengthen SAU 24 as we support the success of every learner."

Matthew Colby shared his excitement about the new role.

"It has been a privilege to serve the SAU 24 community for over two decades," Colby said in the release. "I am honored to step into this leadership role and look forward to collaborating with our dedicated educators, staff, and families to further our mission of educational excellence."

## Board Hears Cemetery Plan; Continues Work on Town Budget

By Tom Clow

The Cemetery Advisory Committee presented a five-year plan for cemetery improvements to the Weare Board of Selectmen at the Dec. 2 BOS meeting. The plan calls for focusing the first year on Eaton, Sugar Hill and Oil Mill Cemeteries. The work will include headstone cleaning and repairs at all three cemeteries and fencing repairs at the Sugar Hill site. This advisory committee, recently established by the Board of Selectmen, includes Thomas Flaherty, Sherry Burdick, Mike Zienkiewicz and BOS Chair Janice Mathews. Flaherty presented the five-year plan at the BOS meeting.

In past years, the job of evaluating cemetery needs and placing articles on the town warrant to meet those needs had fallen to the cemetery trustees; however, the trustees were elected officials, and in recent years no one has run for those offices. This resulted in the selectmen taking on the responsibilities of the cemetery trustees. The last annual report from cemetery trustees appeared in the 2020 Weare Town Report.

The need for additional help overseeing the town's cemeteries became apparent through the efforts of former selectman Sherry Burdick, who headed an evaluation of conditions at Center Square Cemetery on East Road that identified 163 headstones as damaged or displaced. Burdick secured a grant of \$35,092 from the Charles and Ethel Eastman Fund for the repairs at Center Square.

### Town Budget Nears Completion

Also at the Dec. 2 meeting, the board heard budget presentations from library director Clay Kriese and a wrap-up of smaller department budgets from finance administrator Beth Rouse. This completed budget presentations from all departments. The material will be put together into one municipal budget summary for a public hearing scheduled for January 20. The 2025 Town Deliberative Session will be held on Feb. 1.



## School News



Congratulations to JSRHS graduate ('24) Eli Lemire, who



won the USCAA National Cross Country Championship for NHTI. In his field of 82 runners, Lemire, who hails from Weare, was the standout, running a 5:30.6 mile average while beating all other opponents by a margin of 26 seconds. His overall finishing time of 27:23.5 was three seconds faster than the winning mark of last season. He became the

first NHTI national champion since Hall of Famer Heather Searles in 2008; it was also the best men's finish in the national meet since Hall of Famer Ignacio (Nacho) Hernando finished second in 2011.

Congratulations to JSRHS senior Alexis Boudreau, who was selected to the Girls Soccer 2024 New England All-Region team. Only a select few players from New Hampshire are recognized each year for this prestigious honor.



Boudreau has received New Hampshire All-State honors as the JSRHS starting goalkeeper for the past three seasons and was team captain this year.



Ivy Li, mother of CWES student Allie Li, was the "Royal Reader" in Barbara Grantz's second grade class in early December. "Royal Readers" are family members invited by the students to read a special book to the class. The readers are welcomed by a red carpet, music and saluting students.

Mrs. Grantz started the "Royal Reader" program more than two decades ago and continued it off and on throughout her teaching career. She restarted her "Royal Readers" in recent years after a former student -- now a preschool teacher herself -- told her how memorable it was and that she has "Royal Readers" in her own classroom. "Royal Reader" is an example of SAU 24's goal to increase family engagement through intentional connections and communications.





## News from the Weare Police Department

**SATURDAY, 9AM to 4PM**  
**DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

We hope the kiddos will stop by to visit with Chief Moore at the American Legion. He will be spending the day crafting candy cane reindeer along with those who choose to...

**join in the fun!**

**TO RING IN THE  
NEW YEAR...**

**THE WEARE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HAS A BRAND NEW TELEPHONE  
NUMBER AND FAX NUMBER!**

**NEW BUSINESS LINE**

**603-696-4000**

**NEW FAX LINE**

**603-696-3999**



For more from the police department, call the business line at 603-529-7755, or go to the [website](#). Don't forget the "Officer Feedback" tab to let the police know your thoughts on community interactions. Also, find more information on [Facebook](#).

1st Annual  
Weare American Legion Auxiliary  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
**Saturday \*December 14th\* 10am - 3 pm**  
Vendor hours 9 - 4  
12 N Stark Hwy, Weare, NH 03281

**Vendor spots limited! Reserve Today!**  
\$25 registration - Table and Chairs included

Contact Martha: [mrs.kaloogian@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.kaloogian@gmail.com)  
or Linda [lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com](mailto:lindaholbrook.lh@gmail.com)

Hop on over to NH Audubon's  
**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**  
December 14  
10am-3pm

With food trucks  
B's Tacos & more,  
plus a vendor raffle.

Join us for a special holiday shopping experience featuring local, handmade crafts and products. The Nature Store is open with even more gift ideas!

**NH AUDUBON**  
M'LANE CENTER  
84 Silk Farm Rd.  
Concord, NH

[www.nh Audubon.org](http://www.nh Audubon.org)

**Candlelight Carol Sing**  
**Friday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
Come sing with us!  
Quaker Meeting House  
529 Quaker St., Henniker

Any and all voices are welcome. The event is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a candle, stick of firewood or finger food to share.

For more information, call 603-995-4311.





*Holiday*  
**POPS**  
KEITH LOCKHART CONDUCTOR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH  
SNHU ARENA

BUY TICKETS AT  
TICKETMASTER.COM

**Boston Pops**



please join us for  
**MERRIMENT ON  
MAPLE STREET**  
Outdoor Arts Market

At The Country Spirit  
Restaurant and Tavern  
Come shop locally made gifts and  
goodies

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH**  
262 Maple Street Henniker,  
NH  
10:00-2:00  
Arts and Crafts, Hot Cocoa, Local  
Beer Samples, Hot Toddies

Broken Boat Farm will be here with  
their goats dressed up as reindeer for  
kids to take pictures with!

Broken Boat Farm reindeer goats  
will be here for selfies!  
Vendor spaces still available.  
Set up starts at 8:00 am. Cost is \$20/spot.  
Contact Sarah with RSVP /  
Questions: [hennikerspirit@gmail.com](mailto:hennikerspirit@gmail.com)

### Weare Garden Club Christmas Party

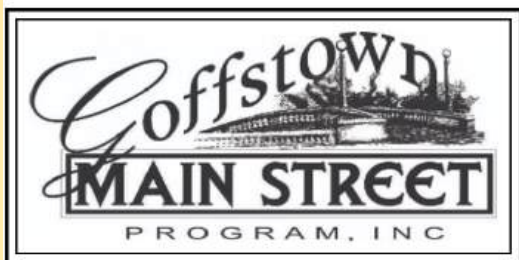
By Nancy Christian



Our local garden club had a lovely evening of food, companionship and gifts on Dec. 3. We enjoyed take-out from The Puritan and tasty desserts like ice cream and homemade cookies. The Yankee Swap was especially fun.



Hand in Hand Senior Center provided a festive meeting space. All town clubs are welcome to use the handicapped accessible space. Our first 2025 meeting will be March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center. All are welcome to attend.



**FIRST NIGHT:**  
**Rockin' New Year's Eve**  
**Downtown Goffstown**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 31**  
**5-9 p.m.**

## Weare Public Library



Skywatch (all ages). Thursday, Dec. 19, 4:30 - 6 p.m. The NH Astronomical Society will have a variety of telescopes to show us what's in the night sky. In case of bad weather (or clouds) we will reschedule in January.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5). Wednesday, Dec 11 & 18 at 10:30 a.m. Longer stories, movement and songs followed by a simple craft or related activity.

Afterschool Gaming (ages 6-18). Wednesday, Dec. 11 & 18, 2-4:30 p.m. Challenge your friends on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, and other game systems.

Ruff Readers (ages 5-11). Wednesday, Dec. 11 & 18, 5-6 p.m. Emerging readers get to read with one of our visiting therapy dogs. Call us to sign-up.

Craft Group (adults). Thursday, Dec. 12 & 19: Learn a new craft. Space is limited. Call us to register.

Early Dismissal Movie: The Wild Robot: Thursday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. School's out early! Join us for the blockbuster adaptation of the novel about Roz (an intelligent robot on an uninhabited island) - with popcorn and lemonade.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup (ages 0-3). Fridays 10:30 a.m. - noon. An informal gathering for young children and their caregivers. Get out of the house; meet new friends! Books, puzzles, early literacy toys & music.

PokeMonday (kids). Monday, Dec. 16 2:30-4:30 p.m. Meet, trade, and play with other Pokemon card game enthusiasts and win prizes.

Mother Goose Time (ages 0-2). Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m. A storytime for infants and little ones with simple rhymes, stories, and songs! Afterwards caregivers and children can stay playtime.

Book Group (adults). Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. We're reading and discussing "*The Reading List*" by Sara Nisha Adams. Call us to reserve your copy.

Celebration of Animation (all ages). Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m. From Bugs Bunny to SpongeBob; join pop culture historian and author Marty Gitlin for a hilarious presentation on the cartoons and characters that we grew up with, including dozens of clips and a trivia challenge. Wear your PJs. Bring your stuffies. We'll have cereal and coffee.

### Holiday Hours

Dec. 24-26: Closed

Dec. 31: Closing at 3 p.m.

Jan. 1: Closed

Merry Christmas!

**For registrations, the library phone # is: 603-529-2044.**



## Tai Chi Grant

Hand in Hand Senior Center has received a second grant from the NH Department of Health and Human Services to provide Tai Ji Quan (Tai Chi) to the Weare Community. Sandy Turcotte will again be the inspirational instructor.

**Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance** aims to improve balance, coordination and stability using gentle, low-impact movements based on the forms of Tai Chi. Tai Ji Moving for Better Balance is a progressive 24-week (six months) evidenced-based group exercise program. It will meet twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45-9:45 a.m. starting Jan. 7 at **Hand in Hand Senior Center**. The program works to improve balance, muscle strength, flexibility and mobility to enhance overall fitness. Participants of Tai Ji are shown to: improve balance, increase their self-confidence, gain a sense of achievement, improve their well-being, reduce the risk of falling, reduce stress and improve memory and cognition.

This is a six month course. You will need to commit to a majority of the sessions in order to see progression. If you are interested, please send your name, email and phone number to [hkurk@hisc.org](mailto:hkurk@hisc.org), or stop by the Center, 33 N. Stark, Wed. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. to sign up.



**HAND IN HAND SENIOR CENTER & THRIFT SHOP**

The Hand in Hand Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors to socialize and get involved in group activities.

**33 North Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281**  
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

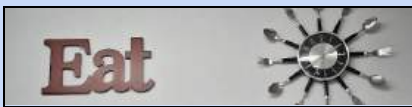
**603-529-4263 / [www.facebook.com/hihsc.org](http://www.facebook.com/hihsc.org)**

Happy holidays to all our friends and supporters! Here are our December events:

**Hand in Hand** will hold a holiday sing-along on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at about 1 p.m. All are welcome to help spread holiday cheer. Yoga and the Christmas tree craft will continue as scheduled.

We'll show the movie "Love Actually" at 2 p.m. on Dec. 17. This romantic Christmas classic has an amazing ensemble cast, including Hugh Grant, Keira Knightly, Emma Thompson and Liam Neeson. Tasty refreshments will be offered.

A new Tai Chi program will begin in January.



**Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Dine in, take out or free delivery.**

**Dec. 11:** Stuffed shells, sausage, garlic bread

**Dec. 18:** Open-faced turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll

**Dec. 25:** Christmas dinner will start at 1 p.m. Call 529-4263 to reserve a spot.

Coffee, tea, and various desserts are also available. All are welcome to stay for games, crafts, and conversation

**Join the NH Lions Green Team!**



Turn ideas into action on the environment. Don't try to do it all alone. Join our group with resources and support and make a difference in the world.

The NH Lions support projects in communities that already make a difference, like the following: window dressers build (insulating area homes); Trex plastic recycling (reducing waste); sustainable DIY craft fair (repurposed materials); mini raised bed gardening with hoop houses (growing food nine months of the year); and roadside cleanups (keeping New Hampshire beautiful).

**HELP IS NEEDED:** social media skills / community needs assessment / education / and hands-on project work. **NEXT MEETING:** via Zoom on Dec. 16. Contact Sarah for time and link. [NHLionsgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:NHLionsgreenteam@gmail.com)

**The Weare Area Writers Guild**

**Buy Books From Local Authors for Christmas**  
(Available on Amazon unless otherwise specified.)

See [www.bit.ly/wearewriters](http://www.bit.ly/wearewriters) for details

**Romance:** Jennifer Hallock and Karen Coulters  
**Science Fiction:** David Collins / **Fantasy:** Kevin Lane  
**Fiction-Mystery:** JS MacEachern / **Creative Non-Fiction:** Connie Evans & Ellen H. Reed & Debbie Kruenegel Farr & Marjorie A. Burke / **Younger Readers:** Ellen H. Reed & Kevin Lane & Karen Coulters / Majorie Burke's books can be purchased at: [www.marjorieburke.com](http://www.marjorieburke.com)

**Fiction**

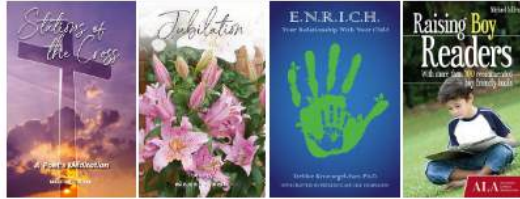


**Creative Nonfiction**



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## Nonfiction



## Younger Readers



## Skate Girls



Treasure Hunt  
when Hill Rowel



## Looking for Something to Do?

Compiled by Sharon Czarnecki



### Ace Hardware

5 Depot Street, Goffstown  
603-497-2682 [website](#)

**12/19,21,22** Holiday Centerpieces  
**1/4 \* 9-11 a.m.** Kids Event  
*See website for times and to register*



### AG Paintball

603-529/-3524 [www.agpaintball.com](http://www.agpaintball.com)

**12/22 \*** Bring Your Own Paint  
Registration required for all events.



56 Mt. Vernon St. Milford  
(603) 672-1002 x 38  
<https://amatocenter.org>

**12/14 \* 4 p.m.** The Nutcracker by Boire Dance Company  
also **12/15 \* 2 p.m.**  
**1/5 \* 1-4 p.m.** Auditions for Seussical, the Musical  
also **1/6 \* 6:30-8:30 p.m.**



### Capitol Center for the Arts

603) 225-1111  
[www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com)

### Bank of NH Stage 16 S. Main St \* Concord

**12/13 \* 7:30 p.m.** Night OUT feat. Free Range Revue  
Tribute to Nightmare Before Christmas  
**12/14 \* 11am** Mr. Aaron Holiday – Musical Theatre  
**12/14 \* 7 p.m.** Birth-Tay: Taylor Swift B'day Dance Party  
**12/15 \* 3 p.m.** Mary Fahl, formerly of 10ober  
Project \* with full band  
**12/18 \* 7 p.m.** Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas  
**12 20 \* 7:30 p.m.** deSoL - Music  
**12/21 \* 2 & 7 p.m.** Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas  
**12/28 \* 8 p.m** Frank Santos Jr.-(Rated R.)  
Comedy Hypnotist  
**12/28 \* 8 p.m.** The Big Easy New Year's Eve  
**1/8 \* 7 p.m.** Ranger Zone Open Mic (Free)

### Chubb Theatre 44 S. Main St, Concord, NH

**12/ 13 \* 9:30 p.m.** Nikki Glaser - Alive and Unwell Tour  
**12/14 \* 4:30 p.m.** Safe Haven Ballet- the Nutcracker  
**12/15 \* 4:30 p.m** Safe Haven Ballet presents  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas  
**12/19 \* 7 p.m.** Buzz Ball – Variety Show  
**12/20 \* 8 p.m.** The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight  
**12/27 \* 8 p.m.** Zach Nugent's Dead Set –  
Grateful Dead Tribute  
**12/30 \* 7 p.m.** Joe Gatto: Let's Get Into It  
featuring Mark Jigarjian – Comedy  
**1/10 \* 8 p.m.** Get the LED Out





### Concord City Auditorium

2 Prince St, Concord  
(603) 228-2793 [www.theaudi.org](http://www.theaudi.org)

- 12/14 \* 2 p.m. The Nutcracker/ Turning Pointe Dance  
12/22 \* 2 p.m. The Nutcracker/ NH School of Ballet



### Currier Museum of Art

150 Ash St. Manchester  
603-669-6144 [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org)

**NOTE: Our library has discount passes!**

Until 12/31 \* 9:30 a.m. \* 12 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

[Frank Lloyd Wright Home Tours](#)

#### EXHIBITS

- Until 1/12 "Construction & Color" Olga de Amaral  
Until 2/2 "Impressions of the Human Spirit" Dan Dailey  
Until 2/23 "A Distant Conversation" Jean-Michel Basquiat & Ouattara Watts.  
12/19 Tea & a Tour with Bruce McColl – Members Event – Reg. Req.  
12/21 Art for Vets – Free to Vets & Families  
12/27 & 28 "December Days" free, family-friendly museum tours and art activities

**Classes and Workshops** Registration required. See website. **Cost range** is \$150 to \$375 for non-members. Start dates vary. Over 18 choices.

**Scholarships** – full or partial tuition on a needs basis



### Deering Community Church

763 Deering Center Road 603.464.5643 [Facebook](#)

- 12/14 \* 9-11 a.m. Community breakfast



### Fuller Public Library

29 School St. Hillsborough  
603.464.3595 [www.fullerlibrary.info](http://www.fullerlibrary.info)

- 12/16, 23 & 30 \* 2 p.m. Tech Help  
12/16, 23 & 30 \* 1 p.m. Knitting Purls  
12/17 & 19 \* 10 a.m. Storytime  
12/19 & 26 \* 1 p.m. Board Games – Adults  
1/6, & 13 \* 1 p.m. Knitting Purls  
1/6, & 13 \* 2 p.m. Tech Help  
1/7, 9, 14 & 16 \* 10 a.m. Storytime  
1-2, 9, & 16 \* 1 p.m. Board Games – Adults  
1/3 \* 1 p.m. Tea & Conversation - Adults  
1/7 \* 1 & 6 p.m. How To Days

### Grapevine Center \* 4 Aiken St. \* Antrim

- 12/18 & 1/15 \* 6 p.m. Mom's Campfire, Chat & Pizza  
12/19 & 26 \* 9:30 a.m. Better Beginnings For Parents & Kids  
12/19 & 26 \* 10 a.m. Outdoor Activities for Families  
12/19 & 26 \* 12:30 p.m. Afternoon Playgroup  
12/24 & 31 \* Noon Library Closing  
12/25 & 1/1 \* Library Closed  
1-2, 9, & 16 \* 9:30 a.m. Better Beginnings  
1-2, 9, & 16 \* 10 a.m. Outdoor Activities for Families  
1-2, 9, & 16 \* 12:30 p.m. Afternoon Playgroup

- 1/7 \* 7 p.m. Dad's Campfire

### Project Genesis 7 School St \* Hillsboro

- 12/14 \* 8 a.m. Barre Class for Strength  
12/16 \* 4 p.m. Learn to make "Pot Sticker Soup" \$15  
12/19 \* 5 p.m. Free Dinner – Community Supper  
12/20 \* 2 p.m. Coffee Connection – Eats & Crafts

### Smith Cong. Church \* 30 West Main St. \* Hillsboro

- 12/15 \* Noon - 2 p.m. Pot Luck & Film  
Today's Reporters witness Birth of Christ  
12/16 & 30 \* 6:30 p.m. Youth Group  
12/20 \* 7 p.m. Grief & Holidays  
12/24 \* 7 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
1-2 \* 1 p.m. Memory Café for patients and caregivers  
1/6 & 13 \* 6:30 p.m. Youth Group



### Hampshire Hills Athletic Club

50 Emerson Rd Milford  
603-673-7123 [www.hampshirehills.com](http://www.hampshirehills.com)

- 12/14 \* 12-2 p.m. Yoga Nidra Workshop  
12/18 \* 6:30-8:30 p.m. Posy Cottage Cookie Decorating  
12/20 \* 5:30-8:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out  
12/21 \* 4-6 p.m. Dinner with Santa  
12/29 \* 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New Year Intentions  
Journaling, Yoga & Meditation with Amelia  
1/4 \* 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Small Group Yoga w/Amelia



### Henniker Brewing Co.

129 Centervale Rd., Henniker  
(603) 428-3579 [www.hennikerbrewing.com](http://www.hennikerbrewing.com)

(Food for purchase in red)

- 12/13 Iberian Empanadas  
12/14 & 15 \* 2-6 p.m. Sip N Shop Craft Fair  
Teenie Wienies  
12/14 \* 3-5 p.m. Rubik's Muse  
12/19 & 26 \* 6 p.m. Trivia  
12/21 \* 3-5 p.m. Brian Wall Acoustic  
12/21 Waffle Donut Wagon  
12/28 \* 3-5 p.m. Ben Harris Acoustic  
Blue Nose Pit Masters  
Iberian Empanadas  
12/29 Trivia  
1/2 & 9 & 16 \* 6 p.m. Trivia  
1-4 \* 3-5 p.m. Speed Trap  
1/8 & 15 \* 5:30 p.m. Putting League



### Hillsboro Moose Lodge

15 School St Hillsboro 603-464-6024

[Facebook](#)

- 12/15, 22, & 29 \* 12:30 p.m. Cribbage



### Majestic Theatre

880 Page Street \* Manchester  
(603) 669-7469 [www.majestictheatre.net](http://www.majestictheatre.net)

### Derry Opera House 29 W Broadway, Derry

- 12/13 \* 7 p.m. A Christmas Story The Musical  
also 12/14 \* 2 & 7 p.m. and 12/15 \* 2 p.m.



**Studio Theatre 880 Page Street \* Manchester**

1/11 \* 7 p.m. British Invasion



2 Institute Drive, Concord  
(603) 271-7827x113  
[www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com)

12/16-12/20 Exhibit halls &amp; Planetarium Theater closed

12/16-12/20 Science store is open for holiday shopping



1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110  
617-9/73-5206 [www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org)

**NOTE: Our library has discount passes!****Featured Exhibits:**

Amazon Rainforest / Atlantic Harbor Seals / Giant Ocean Tank / Indo-Pacific Coral Reef / Marine Mammal Center / Olympic Coast Sanctuary / Penguin Colony / Sea Jellies / Science of the Sharks / Shark & Ray Touch Tank & More

**Now showing at Simons Theater:**

Animal Kingdom (3D)  
Ocean Paradise (3D)  
Secrets of the Sea (3D)

**NH Audubon**

84 Silk Farm Rd., Concord  
602-224-9909 [NHaudubon.org](http://NHaudubon.org)

**The McLane Center 84 Silk Farm Road \* Concord**

12/14 \* 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Holiday Craft Fair



(603) 668-5588  
[www.palacetheatre.org/calendar](http://www.palacetheatre.org/calendar)

*For date ranges, see website for details & tickets***Main Stage – 80 Hanover St. Manchester**

12/13 thru 12/29 \* A Christmas Carol (Play)  
12/23\* 6 p.m. Chanukah at the Palace  
Music by Bodj; Psychological Illusionist, Kent Axell  
12/31 thru 1/12 \* Recycled Percussion

**Rex Theatre - 23 Amherst St., Manchester**

12/13 \* 7:30 p.m. Draw the Line / Aerosmith Tribute  
12/14 \* 2 & 7:30 p.m. A Celtic Christmas Concert  
12/15 \* 3 p.m. NH Gay Men's Chorus Concert  
12/18 \* 6 & 8:30 p.m. Candlelight feat. "Tchaikovsky"  
12/19 \* 7:30 p.m. Queen City Improv Holiday Show  
12/20 \* 7:30 p.m. Whammer Jammer  
J. Geils Tribute Band Experience  
12/21 \* 7:30 p.m. Feast of the Seven Fishes  
Calamari Sisters music and more

also 12/22 \* 2 p.m.

12/27 \* 7:30 p.m. Forever Simon & Garfunkel - Concert  
12/28 \* 7:30 p.m. Storyteller Adam Wake - Live  
12/29 \* 2 p.m. Swiftie Dance Party - Music & Dance  
12/30 \* 7:30 p.m. Dueling Pianos - Interactive sing-along  
12/31 \* 7:30 p.m. Jimmy Dunn's N.Y. Eve – Comedy  
1/3 \* 7:30 p.m. Feud Gone Wild (R-Rated Game Show)  
1/4 \* 7:30 p.m. Story Songs of the 70's –  
Singer/Songwriter Tom DiMenna

1/9 \* 6 p.m. Vivaldi's Four Seasons and more  
1/9 \* 8:30 p.m. Coldplay and Imagine Dragons  
1/10 \* 7:30 p.m. Italian Comedy Night  
1/11 \* 7:30 p.m. Prince/Bowie Tribute Band  
1/12 \* 2 p.m. Good Looking "Hank" & His Cowboy Drifters - Tribute to Hank Williams, Sr.  
1/16 \* 7:30 p.m. 603 Songwriters in the Round

**Pat's Peak**

686 Flanders Road, Henniker  
603-428-3245 [www.patspeak.com](http://www.patspeak.com)

12/31 \* 9:20 p.m. New Year's Eve Fireworks  
1/5 \* 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Krantz Memorial Race  
1/12 \* 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Macomber Cup Race

**Poetry Readings**

For our interested poets:

[First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter 12 Elm St](http://www.exeteruu.org)  
[www.exeteruu.org](http://www.exeteruu.org) 603- 772-4002

See website for events.

[Frost Farm Poetry 122 Rockingham Rd \\* Derry](http://www.frostfarmpoetry.org)  
[www.frostfarmpoetry.org](http://www.frostfarmpoetry.org) 603-432-309/1

See website for events.

[Bookery Manchester \\* 844 Elm Street](http://www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night)  
[www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night](http://www.bookerymht.com/open-mic-night)  
603 836-6600



200 Bedford \* St. Manchester \*  
(603) 669-0400 [Website](#)  
Mon – Fri \* 10 to 4 / Sat & Sun \* 10 to 5

**NOTE: Our library has discount passes!!**

Southern NH University Arena  
555 Elm St. Manchester 603-644-5000  
[www.snhuarena.com/events](http://www.snhuarena.com/events)

12/14 \* 7:30 p.m. Holiday Pops - Boston Pops  
12/20 & 21 \* (Time TBD) It's Bull Time/ Prof. Bull Riding  
12/28 \* 2 p.m. Harlem Globe Trotters  
1/9 \* 7 p.m. Disney on Ice  
also 1/10 \* 7 p.m.  
also 1/11 \* 10:30 a.m., 2:30 & 6:30 p.m.  
also 1/12 \* 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.  
1/15 \* 7:30 p.m. Dancing with the Stars Live

**St. Paul's School**

325 Pleasant Street, Concord  
(603) 229-4600 [www.sps.edu](http://www.sps.edu)

**The Chapel of St. Peter & Paul**

12/15 \* 5 p.m. Annual Festival of Lessons &amp; Carols

**Stark Brewing Co.**

500 N. Commercial St. \* Manchester  
603-625-4444 [www.starkbrewingcompany.com](http://www.starkbrewingcompany.com)

See website for events.



**White Birch Community Center**

51 Hall Ave \* Henniker

(603) 428-7860 [Weekly Newsletter](#)

Programs are FREE unless listed in *blue*. Please RSVP [rustyg@whitebirchcc.org](mailto:rustyg@whitebirchcc.org).

- 12/11 \* 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Creative Handworkers
- 12/12 \* 1-3 p.m. Christmas Caroling at White Birch
- 12/12, 16,19 & 23 \* 10 a.m. Bone Builders
- 12/13, 17, 20 & 24 \* 9:30 a.m. Bone Builders
- 12/13 & 20 \* Noon Forever Young Fitness
- 12/13 & 20 \* 1 p.m. Cribbage
- 12/16, 18 & 23 \* 1 p.m. Bridge
- 12/17 & 24 \* 10:45 a.m. Gentle Chair Yoga
- 12/17 \* 11 a.m. Game Hour
- 12/17 & 24 \* 1 p.m. Mah Jongg
- 12/18 \* 8:30 a.m. Tai Chi – strength & balance
- 12/18 \* 10 a.m. Knit Wits knitting group
- 12/19 \* 9 a.m.-2:25 p.m. BUS TRIP Red River Theater  
"White Christmas"
- 12/19 \* 8:45 a.m. Gentle Chair Yoga
- 12/24 \* 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Dominoes
- 12/24 \* 1-2:40 p.m. Movie: "The Santa Claus"
- 12/25-31 CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK
- 1/3 \* Noon to ? Lunch Bunch at [Olive Garden](#)
- 1/7 \* 1-3 p.m. Movie: "[Akeelah and the Bee](#)"
- 1/8 \* 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Creative Handworkers
- 1/8 \* 1-2 p.m. Team Trivia
- 1 9 \* 1-2:30 p.m. Create Your Own Painting
- 1/16 \* 11 a.m.-Noon Estate Planning with [Attorney Deb Urbaitis](#)
- 1/16 \* 12:30-2:30 p.m. CPR & First Aid for Seniors with EMT Woodie French

**Slanted Shadows**

Late afternoon winter sun  
cast slanted shadows over  
new fallen snow as they slid  
silently down the slope  
in the forest, illusory  
pathways illuminated  
between tree trunks.

-Marge Burke

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**

6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 11**

6 p.m. – John Stark School Board meeting  
7 p.m. – Conservation Commission meeting  
7 p.m. – Weare Democrats meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 12**

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

**Monday, Dec. 16**

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**

6 p.m. – Weare School Board meeting  
7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**

7 p.m. – Master Plan Subcommittee meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 19**

3:45 pm. – Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting  
6 p.m. – Ethics Committee meeting

**Friday, Dec. 20**

11 a.m. – Weare Area Writers Guild meeting

**Saturday, Dec. 21**

9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans meeting

**Monday, Dec. 23**

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 26**

7 p.m. – Planning Board meeting

**Monday, Dec. 30**

6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen meeting



POETRY CORNER

**Winter Solstice**

We bid farewell to  
autumn's warmth today,  
sun at lowest ebb,  
shortest day, longest night,  
winter's chill descends,  
embrace the darkness  
of this night, when time  
seems to stand still, settle  
into quietness,  
let your inner light shine,  
hope and renewal  
comes in the morning,  
with rebirth of light,  
lengthening of days.

-Marge Burke

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