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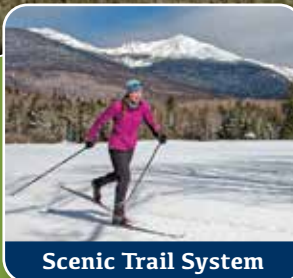


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Tiny Mayhem brings variety back to the Seacoast

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Tiny Mayhem, a quarterly event that showcases new plays, dance, music, visual art and experimental performance, launches on Friday, December 11. Both in-person and online tickets are available. Further details about the line-up and how to purchase tickets can be found at www.nhtheatreproject.org/currentseason.

Tiny Mayhem is a contemporary performance laboratory produced in partnership with NHTP Company Artist Emily Karel. Originally conceived at the Red Door in Portsmouth NH in the summer of 2015, the events are an eclectic assortment of theatre, music, dance, and drinks curated to create a one-of-a-kind night.

"There's a kind of magic in the classic vaudeville form," adds Stewart. "Audiences are looking for new music, dance, theatre - and they'll find all that and more in Tiny Mayhem." Each Tiny Mayhem is curated by a team of artists from an open call for



submissions, and artists invited to experiment with something new.

The December 11 show will include The Singing Lesson by Adam LaFramboise and Katie Gall, choreography by Sarah Duclos and Anthony Bounphakhom, poetry by Mike Nelson and Amy Desrosiers' new comedy, Nut Free.

"I'm thrilled to be able to share this ridiculous play," explains Desrosiers. "I

think we can all use a laugh right now. Tiny Mayhem provided the perfect opportunity for me to embrace the season theme 'What Are You Waiting For?' - this play has been sitting on my computer in some form for the past 6 years. It's totally bizarre and completely unrelated to the current state of the world, which is exactly what I needed and what, I think, we all need!"

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Ice Fishing in New Hampshire: The Beginner's Guide

if you're looking for a new hobby this winter, look no further. We'll fill you in on all the details you need to know to make your next ice fishing adventure a success here in New Hampshire. Mark Beauschesne, local fishing expert and guide offered some insight into the sport. So let's start with the basics.

WHEN IS ICE FISHING SEASON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE?

Typically, ice fishing season starts upon the declaration of "ice in" and ends upon "ice out" here in the Granite State. According to the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game (NHFG), these declarations usually fall between late December and mid-April, but can vary depending on weather and safety conditions out on the ice. CAUTION: Be sure to check the ice depth before stepping foot onto what seems like solid ice. Looks can be deceiving!

WHAT SORT OF GEAR IS NEEDED TO ICE FISH?

CLOTHING: Layers, layers, layers. You're going to want to have multiple levels of protection sheltering you from the cold. And it

may be wise to pack extra clothing to keep safe in your car, because let's face it, something is bound to get wet and if you don't have a backup, things can turn south pretty quickly in frigid conditions.



FISHING EQUIPMENT: As an age-old tradition, ice fishing has roots planted deeply in the past. And while ice anglers of yesteryear may have used primitive tools to drill their holes and capture their game, the tools and tricks of the trade have modernized to match the technology today. Consider this packing list of essentials to ensure you have a successful trip out on the ice: Sled, Ice Chisel and/or Ice Auger, Ice Scoop, Conventional Fishing Rod or Reel, Fishing Bait.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ICE FISHING IN NH?

FISHING LICENSE: A fishing license is required by the state of New Hampshire for anglers aged 16 and up. Licenses can be purchased online, by mail, or in person at one of NHFG's many licensing agents. Check online for more detailed instructions on obtaining required licensing.

SO WHERE CAN I CAST A LINE? AND WHAT KIND OF FISH ARE BITING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WATERS?

Beauschesne pointed to Lake Winnepesaukee as a popular ice fishing destination. As the largest lake in the state, this comes as no surprise! Other popular locales include Lake Sunapee, Newfound Lake in Bristol, and Crystal Lake in Gilmanton. For more information on where to fish in the Granite State, check out NHFG's regional fishing guides.

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To maintain social distancing, each group of 10 attendees will have a check in time and masks will be required. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$225 for groups of 10 and include holiday treats! Tickets can be purchase at www.mcmusicschool.org.

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We're aware that these uncertain times are limiting many aspects of life as we all practice social and physical distancing. While we're continuing to feature destinations that make our state wonderful, we don't expect or encourage you to go check them out immediately. We believe that supporting local attractions is important now more than ever and we hope our articles inspire your future adventures!

1. PORT CITY PRETZELS, PORTSMOUTH

You can't go wrong with snacks any day of the year, but especially during the holidays. Even if you're spending the season hunkered down with your immediate household you're going to want to have plenty of special snacks around. Order these goodies online and never be without a tasty treat. portcitypretzels.com/



2. POLLY'S PANCAKE PARLOR, SUGAR HILL

Everyone's favorite New Hampshire restaurant also provides some of the best gifts this time of year. We all love the maple syrup they make and now your friends and family across the country can enjoy it too! Order straight off their website at pollyspancakeparlor.com/shop/



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Santa Claus is coming to town, and he's arriving by chopper. On Saturday, Dec. 12, the big guy will land via helicopter at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road, in Londonderry.

Touchdown is scheduled for 11 a.m. outside the Aviation Museum. The free event is designed to be Covid-19 safe and all are welcome. Families wishing to see the helicopter land should arrive at the museum no later than 10:45 a.m. to park and then make their way to the landing observation area, where there will be plenty of room to observe social distancing. After arrival, Santa will occupy a special outdoor throne, where he'll speak to children and take requests via microphone.

Santa will visit and take requests until 1 p.m., when he'll depart by fire truck courtesy the Manchester Airport Fire Department, which will whisk him off to his next appearance. Families are requested to dress appropriately for the outdoor event, which will be held rain or shine.

Hot chocolate will be provided free by the Airport Diner/Common Man restau-



rants, which will also have a food truck on hand for the event.

Children who speak to Santa will be rewarded with goodie bags given out by Santa's helpers. Also, Santa will lead the socially-distant singing of several holiday carols, accompanied by his special tuba-playing elf. The helicopter arrival is weather permitting, but Santa's visit will take place as scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

The Aviation Museum has changed this year's annual visit by Santa to be as safe as possible, following all Covid-19

public health guidelines.

"It wouldn't be the holidays without Santa coming in by helicopter," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of N.H. "So we did our best to rework the event to be Covid-19 compliant, so we could go ahead this year, when we need all the holiday cheer we can get."

Unlike previous years, Santa's visit to the Aviation Museum will be held entirely outdoors. Children will converse with Santa via frequently sanitized microphone; all participants will be expected to wear face coverings and observe social distancing. Families with children visiting Santa will be asked for contact tracing info, and also get temperature checks.

Santa's appearance is free and open to the public. The Aviation Museum itself will be open to visitors on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with regular admission prices in effect.

Besides Santa's arrival, Saturday, Dec. 12 also marks the debut of this year's "Holiday Festival of Toy Planes and Model Aircraft" inside the museum. The exhibit, which runs through Sunday, Jan. 24, includes more than 1,000 aviation-related toys, games, and other items that celebrate the enduring childhood fascination with flight. ▶

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The Aviation Museum is located at 27 Navigator Road, off Harvey Road, in Londonderry, N.H. For more information, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.



Dr. Max Latona



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On Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m., join the Nashua Public Library for a virtual conversation on the topic "What Does It Mean to Be an American?"

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philosophy at St. Anselm College, will facilitate using a thought-provoking discussion format.

To get an invitation to the Zoom event, register at tinyurl.com/what-doesitmean2020.

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Mount Washington is one of the state's most recognizable features. Visible from a variety of places, it stands tall over us, reminding us that somewhere, somehow, there's already snow!

And that's because no matter what the weather is at sea-level, there's a good chance the summit of the state's highest point is experiencing something vastly different.

The saying, "home of the world's worst weather," is actually pretty spot-on. And that might be why one of the most important weather centers in the world is right here.

The Mount Washington Weather Ob-



servatory has been operational in some capacity since 1870. Before the Weather Bureau began working at the summit, the U.S. Signal Service was keeping

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and climate, by maintaining its mountain-top weather station, conducting research and educational programs, and interpreting the heritage of the Mount Washington region."

It is their mission that has kept things moving since the early days. The observatory serves as a vital record for climate change. And while many other weather stations have upgraded their technology, the center here continues to use a fairly simple "sling psychrometer" which contains two mercury thermometers. This older tool has meant super-scientific readings that are highly accurate.

And with the weather experienced here at the summit, it's no wonder the

weather center sits here. In fact, back in 1934 the highest winds recorded to date were measured here at whopping 231 miles-per-hour!

The observatory offers tours which can be booked in advance. These are great for curious kids and adults that want to learn more about climate, science, and New Hampshire.

But even if you aren't able to visit for a tour, taking a trip to the summit of Mount Washington is worth it. The views are incredible and there's a good chance you'll experience at least some unexpected weather!

The Mount Washington Observatory is a fascinating place to visit. To get there,

consider the auto road, which is a fun road trip from the base of the mountain to the top. Or, you can hike all the way up. Either way, plan on spending some time at the top. You can learn more about the observatory here. And you can even check it out on Facebook. The discovery center has, unfortunately, recently been closed, but you can still take a tour of the weather center. Check out this page for more information on their schedule and how to reserve a space.

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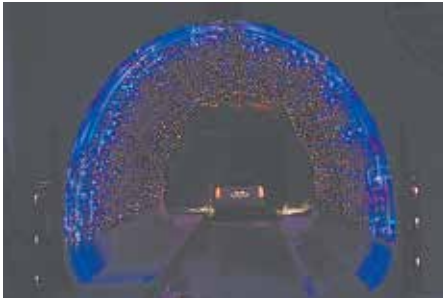


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Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil

4:30 p.m. 1122 Route 106 North. Loudon, NH It's time for New Hampshire Motor Speedway to trade in the checkered flags for more than 2.5 million twinkly LED lights for the 10th annual Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil, open Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 (Thanksgiving) through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 (4:30-9 p.m. Sundays – Thursdays and 4:30-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, depending on weather conditions). The Gift of Lights has become a family tradition during the holidays. The

2.5-mile drive-thru light show will feature the Tunnel of Lights (the 130-foot-long infield entrance and exit tunnels will be brightly lit, giving a truly memorable experience that kids of all ages will need to see to believe), 520 displays and 80 different scenes. Admission is \$25 per car or bus (up to 15 people). Buses containing more than 15 people will also be charged an additional \$2 per person for anyone over the 15 allowed. A portion of all per car load admission proceeds will benefit Speedway Children's Charities New Hampshire Chapter. Gift of Lights will be open 4:30-9 p.m. Sundays – Thursdays and 4:30-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, depending on weather conditions. Be sure to check the speedway website and social media channels for closure information, which will be posted by noon that day, when planning your trip. All Gift of Lights traffic should enter speedway property using the South Entrance off N.H. Route 106 North. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Santa Claus is quarantining in the North Pole and will not be at the Gift of Lights this year. The gift shop located in the Main Office remains closed.



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■ **DECEMBER 19:**
Santa's Stocking Stuffer Craft Fair
 10 am. 78 Norcross Circle, Route 16

North Conway, NH. Great last-minute holiday craft fair with lots of fine crafts & arts to select from! See you there!!!

Santa at the Cog!

3168 Base Station Rd., Bretton Woods, NH. Train not required. Santa returns! A socially distanced event. Santa will be spending weekends at Marshfield Station this holiday season. While he wishes he could take the 1-hour train ride up to Waumbek Station he is excited to see all the families that are

stopping to take the ride. He might even have a unique gift for each family.

'This Merry Moment'

136 State Street, Portsmouth, NH
 The New Hampshire Art Association is once again hosting a holiday exhibition and sale of members' works titled, "This

Merry Moment," during December. All mediums of artwork will be shown as well as greeting cards. When: Wednesday, Dec. 2, through Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021. There will be an online opening reception on Friday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. via the Zoom platform. The art sale will be at the Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery on State Street as well as available for perusing online at www.nhartassociation.org. The exhibit and sale takes place Wed., Dec. 2 through Sat., Jan. 2, 2021.

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Ways to win Winter with the kids in New Hampshire

Winter is the perfect time to trek the family on a snowy adventure—and New Hampshire is just the place to do it. With plenty of off-the-slopes family fun, you'll have no trouble finding the perfect activity for you and yours. Check out these seven ideas that are sure to please the crowd!

Cosmic Snow Tubing at Granite Gorge

Snow tubing is a winter classic—but it can be an adventure when you do it in the dark! On Saturdays throughout the season, Granite Gorge offers up a stellar tubing experience under the stars. With neon lights illuminating the tubing lanes, music blaring, and glow necklaces included, this one is a party for the whole family! Saturdays, 6-9pm, Granite Gorge, 341 NH Route 9, Roxbury/Keene.

Winter Thrill Rides at Cranmore Mountain

Cranmore Mountain is much more than just a skier's paradise. Hailed as the #1 Resort for Off-Hill Action, you can trust there's an adventure here for everyone. Cranmore Mountain's Tubing & Adventure



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Fat Biking at Great Glen Trails

Take the family on a winter bike ride—with Fat Bikes! These specially designed bikes come with extra-wide tires to traverse unstable terrain... much like snow. Head to Great Glen Trails to cycle on the groomed cross-country paths winding through scenic countryside vistas. Pick up a trail pass and rentals at the lodge and get pedaling!

Trails open at 8:30 am daily, weather permitting, Great Glen Trails, 1 Mount Washington Auto Rd., Gorham.



Ice Skating at Strawberry Banke

Ice skating at Strawberry Banke is an experience like no other. The museum's historic Puddle Dock Pond is nestled in the center of a restored colonial village, offering that just-stepped-back-in-time feeling as you glide along the ice. Afterwards, explore the museum and learn about the history of Strawberry Banke through costumed role-players, heritage garden tours, hands-on activities, over 30,000 artifacts, and more! Skate times vary, check calendar. Strawberry Banke, 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth.

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brings to life the story of now largely forgotten railroads that once operated in the area, shining new light on the roads' stories from their beginnings to the present. The authors detail how and why the roads were built in the first place, where they went and what they did, their roles in the economy of the Monadnock Region, and what became of them.

"Becoming a Good Creature" by Sy Montgomery School is not the only place to find a teacher. In this picture book adaptation of Sy Montgomery and Rebecca Green's New York Times best-selling *How to Be a Good Creature*, learn the many surprising lessons animals have to teach us about friendship, compassion, and how to be a better creature in the world.

"A Cry from the Far Middle: Dispatches from a Divided Land" by P.J. O'Rourke

This uproarious look at the current state of these United States includes essays like "Woke to the Sound of Laughter," about the upside of being "woke" (and unable to get back to sleep); "Sympathy vs. Empathy," which considers whether it's better to hold people's hands or bust into their heads; a brief digression "On the Additional Hell of the Internet of Things" because your juicer is sending fake news to your FitBit about what's in your refrigerator; and many more.

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