



# SENIORS ALIVE!

December 2023



## ~ Mission statement ~

Greater Hillsborough Senior Services reaches out to seniors to provide support, services, congregate opportunities and advocacy that help them remain active, respected and vital members of their community.

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#### September Meeting

Saturday, December 9, 2023  
9:00 am at Deering Fish & Game

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## From the GHSS Chair...

The year 2023 is coming to a close! I hope that all of you had a chance to attend some of the trips and luncheons this year. For the first time GHSS chartered two busses to the Hobo Railroad, 96 people enjoyed a meal and train ride.

We will be hosting the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 14th! Please check the events page for all the details. This will be limited to 100 reservations only, no walk ins or take out plates. We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

Please remember as we enter into December that weather plays a big factor in our events. We may have to cancel bus trips last minute due to weather.

We hope to have some new options for luncheons in 2024, so stay tuned. Ernie will be planning trips for 2024, so if you have something in mind please fill out a comment card at the luncheon or on the next bus trip.

I would like to "Thank" the GHSS Board of Directors for their continued commitment, Riché Colcombe for her monthly Market Basket trips, Premier Printing and the Young-Richardson American Legion Post for the continued support. It truly takes a village!

We always are looking for volunteers, board members and bus drivers. Please reach out to any board member if you are interested.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

LouEllen Beard, Chair – GHSS Board of Directors

## Noteable December Holidays...



### Hanukkah: December 7th – 15th, 2023

Hannukah is an 8-day Jewish festival marking the miraculous victory of the Maccabees, Jewish freedom fighters, over the Seleucid Greek occupiers in the year 139 BCE. After recapturing Jerusalem's Holy Temple, they searched for pure oil with which to light the Temple menorah. They found just enough to burn for one day, but miraculously it burned for eight days until more oil could be brought.



### Christmas: December 25, 2023

Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe was the son of God. For most people, it takes place every year on 25 December – the day that the Roman Catholic Church chose to mark Jesus' birthday. But, in fact, no one actually knows the exact date Jesus was born.

## For More Information View GHSS online

Facebook: Go to Facebook.com and search for Greater Hillsborough Senior Services  
Send us an email at [GHSS@ghsservices.org](mailto:GHSS@ghsservices.org) / Visit our new website at [GHSServices.org](http://GHSServices.org)



## Featured Profile...

### Robert A Thomas Jr.

By Marianne Hammond



Robert A. Thomas Jr. was born on Jackson Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire in his parents' living room. Wow. It happened on September 22, 1936. He would spend all his life in this town. He completed all his schooling at Hillsborough schools and graduated from high school to go on to college. He attended New England College on an athletic scholarship for basketball and baseball. And majored in English Literature.

During his college summers he worked for a communications company and traveled to Labrador and Newfoundland. He continued in this field until he came to work for Sylvania (now Osram) in 1961. He retired from Osram in 1993.

Bob met his wife Linda at Osram and they were married in 1989. He has a daughter Shelley Cutter who lives locally and has two grandchildren: Tucker and Chelsea and one great-grandchild, Wren.

Bob likes to hunt and fish; he cuts his own wood for heating their home. His get-away home is on Peirce Lake. He is a life-long member of Hillsborough Methodist Church and a faithful person in the church. GHSS has offered fun trips for him and Linda to enjoy, luncheons to meet with his old high school friends and new friends. He is grateful to GHSS for all the things they offer and the volunteers who work hard for people they serve.

Bob is a smiling, happy man and a joy to know and be around. This may be short and sweet, but he is a sweet man.

**Inviting adults 60 and older  
to a delicious lunch!**

*Antrim First Presbyterian Church*

**Wednesday, December 20  
73 Main St, Antrim  
Lunch Served at 12 Noon**

**Steak and Cheese Sandwich  
Prepared by The Village Eatery**

*\* Suggested Donation \$3*

**RSVP to Jan Howe by Wednesday 12/13  
pastorantrimfpc@gmail.com | 802-376-9115**

This FREE lunch is sponsored by:

**MEALS ON WHEELS HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**



### DEERING COMMUNITY CHURCH FREE SATURDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
December 9, 2023

ALL ARE WELCOME





# SENIOR TRIPS

## December RSVP Deadlines

- RSVP by December 7th.

### RSVP for all Event Trips to:

Ernie Giovelli, Trip Coordinator  
Email: wetwo1217@hotmail.com  
Cell Phone: +1 (631) 891-9548

**\*If a payments is required, payment is accepted only after registering with Ernie.**

Trip Details are available online.  
Online Registration **NOT** Available.  
Visit [GHSServices.org](http://GHSServices.org)

### RSVP for all Warner Trips to:

Riché Colcombe, Trip Coordinator  
Phone: +1 (603) 478-1989

\*Always bring cash or credit cards for extra purchases or food that is not included.

## DECEMBER TRIP



### Bellows Falls Vermont Country Store Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Cost is FREE\* / RSVP Required**

Payable by check to GHSS or cash at Premier Printing

- Free Transportation •
- Lunch in Keene with Choices •
- Applebees, Chilis and Other Options •

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN / NOT INCLUDED

**Bus leaves Hillsborough Shaws at 9:00 am  
Arrives in Hillsborough at Shaws About 3:00 pm**

Registration starts on the first of each month.  
If a trip falls in December, please wait until December 1st.

## December\* Warner Shopping Trips

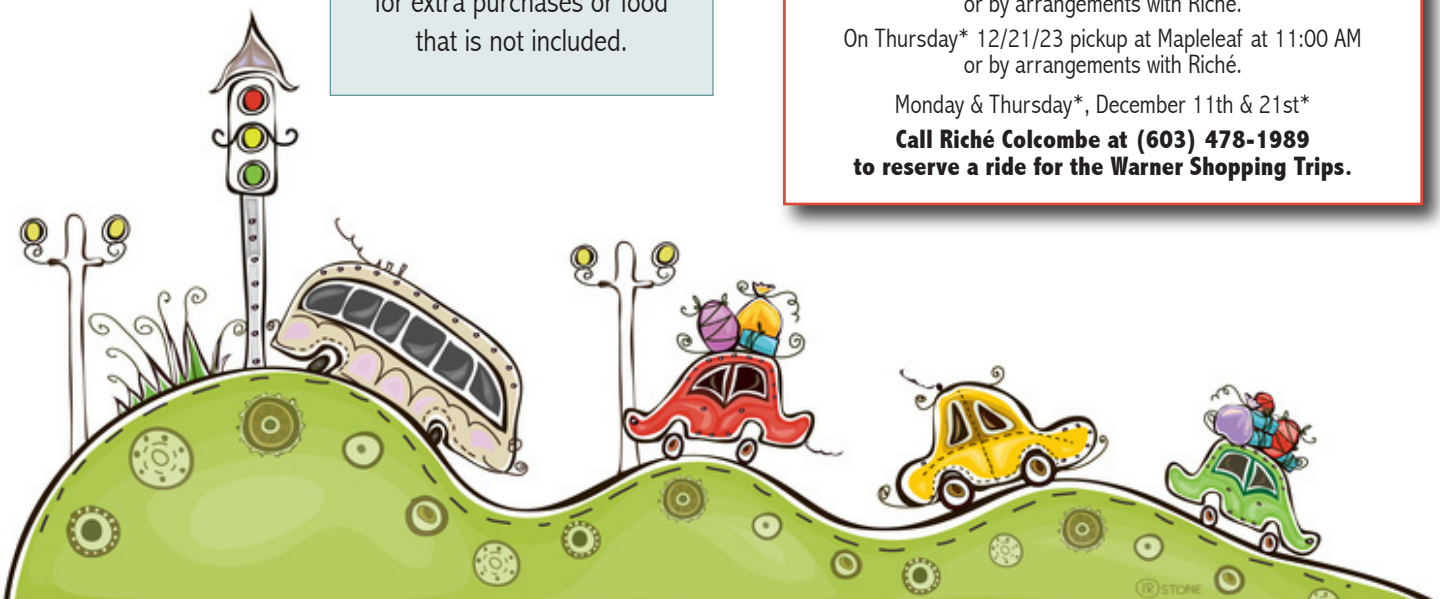
**\*Note changes for December as Christmas falls on the 4th Monday of the month.**

On 12/11/23 pickup at Mapleleaf at 12:00 PM  
or by arrangements with Riché.

On Thursday\* 12/21/23 pickup at Mapleleaf at 11:00 AM  
or by arrangements with Riché.

Monday & Thursday\*, December 11th & 21st\*

**Call Riché Colcombe at (603) 478-1989  
to reserve a ride for the Warner Shopping Trips.**







## Hillsborough Community Center Fundraising News

### THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!

This year has been a successful year in many ways. We've made new friends, new connections, and have brought to our community many wonderful events that support our mission of improving people's health, well-being, education, and cultural opportunities. We've had the support of many generous sponsors, donors, and dedicated volunteers who've helped us engage with the community. We estimate that over 3,000 volunteer hours have made these events happen, and to make all of the behind-the-scenes administrative stuff look seamless.

It's because of dedicated supporters and donors like you that our organization has raised almost \$100,000 toward our goal of building our future regional community center! The year is rapidly coming to a close, but you still have a chance to make a tax-deductible donation that will help us get steps closer to our goal! The future regional community center will serve not only Hillsborough, but more than 48,000 people in surrounding towns. Help us make this dream a reality. As a registered 501(c)(3) organization, individuals and corporations who give to the Hillsborough Community Center may qualify for a tax deduction.

Every dollar counts. Please Donate to the Hillsborough Community Center. There are several ways to donate: Donate online at: [www.hccnh.org/donate](http://www.hccnh.org/donate) — or, mail us a check. Make checks payable to Hillsborough Community Center, Inc., and mail to: Hillsborough Community Center, Inc., PO Box 202, Hillsborough, NH 03244.

### 2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

Join us on Saturday, December 2nd at the HDHS Craft Fair.

We're making the holidays fun by raffling off gorgeous fully decorated Christmas trees decorated by local sponsors! The winner can choose to keep the tree or donate it to a local family in need.

You'll be able to get your holiday shopping done by supporting local businesses at the HDHS Craft Fair. Get your tickets at our booth to help us raise funds to build a regional community center! Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

Our fabulous tree sponsors this year are:

- Danielle Quinn & Amanda Blevens Realtors
- Keith & Jessica Audette - TM&M Services
- Meleny Nagy - Rose Garden Hands
- Bar Harbor Bank
- Morquip Equipment Rentals
- Dreamland Quilts
- Hanna's Diner
- Taco Beyondo
- Spotlight Realty
- TM&M Services
- Rose Garden Hands
- Bar Harbor Bank & Trust
- Dreamland Machine Quilting and Fiber Art Studio
- Hanna's 1950's Diner
- Taco Beyondo, LLC
- Hillsboro NH Police Department
- Ollie's Treasure Shop
- Greater Hillsborough Senior Services
- Vaillancourt Fuels
- Mike & Chrissy Merrill

Location: Hillsboro-Deering High School, 10AM-2PM. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Want to sponsor a tree? It's free. Contact us at [director@hccnh.org](mailto:director@hccnh.org) This event is generously sponsored by Shaw's.

**Purchase Raffle Tickets  
\$5 Each or 5 for \$20.**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL DEANNA HIGGINS  
AT (603) 464-4007 OR [DEANNA.HIGGINS@HCCNH.ORG](mailto:DEANNA.HIGGINS@HCCNH.ORG)**

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## Fuller Public Library

29 School Street, Hillsboro, NH 03244

**(603) 464-3595**

**fullerlibrary.biblionix.com**

**Email: circ@fullerlibrary.info**

Fuller Public Library has a lot of programs planned for all ages. Participate and enjoy!

**Fuller Library now has a community newsletter.**  
**Subscribe by email to HillsboroughHubNH@gmail.com**



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Fuller Public Library**  
**2023 New Hampshire**  
**Library of the Year**

### December 1st, Friday, 1:00 pm

Chat & Chew (formerly Tea & Conversation)

### December 2nd, Saturday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Make or Take Holiday Crafts

### December 5th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

How To's Day – Holiday Centerpieces with Sharon Vorhees.  
 Please call to RSVP: (603) 464-3595.

### December 9th, Saturday, 10:00 – 11:00 am

DAR Program – Winged Creatures with  
 Maria Colby from Wings of Dawn.

### December 14th, Thursday, 6:30 pm

Woolly Mammoths with Harris Center's Susie Spikol.  
 Reserve a spot soon due to limited seating availability. Call  
 (603) 464-3595 or email director@fullerlibrary.info

### December 19th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Group.

### December 25th, Monday Closed for Christmas

### For Other December Events,

please see the Fuller Public Library Calendar at  
<https://www.fullerlibrary.info/events>



**PLEASE SEE**  
**BRUNCH BINGO\***  
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**FOR BINGO**  
**BRUNCH DETAILS.**



Come Celebrate with

your Friends and Neighbors

# Christmas Party

**Thursday, December 14th**

**12:00 Noon • American Legion**

**FREE Senior Luncheon and Full Buffet**

**Homemade Pies • Cookies • Brownies**

**Music • Games • Silent Auction • More!**

**Reservations required and limited to the first 100 seniors.**

**Please no walk-ins without reservations.**

**Call by December 7th to RSVP – Ernie Giovelli (631) 891-9548.**

**Bus will pick up at Maple Leaf at 11:30 am.**

**"Maybe Christmas,' he thought,  
 'doesn't come from a store.  
 Maybe Christmas... perhaps...  
 means a little bit more.'"**

**DR. SEUSS**



# Christmas Fair

**Saturday, December 2**  
**7:30-2:00**

## Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast sandwiches & free coffee

Soups, sandwiches, hot dogs & apple crisp

## Check out our sale of:

Crafts **B** Christmas Items **B** Plants  
Jewelry **B** Swedish Tea Rings  
and other Baked Goods  
plus Free Items, too!



**Hillsboro United Methodist Church**  
16 Henniker St. • Hillsboro NH • 603-464-3056

December  
2nd



## Hillsborough for the Holidays

- **7:30am-2pm:** Breakfast/Lunch, Swedish Tea Rings, crafts, plants, baked goods, Christmas and free items - **Hillsboro United Methodist Church.**
- **9am-12pm:** Free cookies and cocoa, **Granite State Computers**
- **9am-12pm:** Cookie Walk (cookies sold by the pound), SERRV, My Jeans Bags and Christmas Shoppe - **Smith Memorial Church**
- **9am-3pm:** Vendors, baked goods, raffle, pet sketches from your photo - **St. Mary's Church**
- **9:30am-1pm:** Christmas Trains and Gardens - **Hillsborough Heritage Museum**
- **10am-3pm:** New gift items, Mini Mitten Sale (what discount will you receive?) - **Hillsborough Community Thrift**
- **10am-2pm:** Craft Fair - **Hillsboro-Deering High School**
- **10am-2pm:** Festival of Trees Fund Raiser for the Community Center - **Hillsboro-Deering High School**
- **10am-2pm:** Holiday Stroll: crafts, prizes and specials - **Hillsboro Moose Lodge 1091**
- **10am-5pm:** Hillsboro's Holiday Pop-Up Shop and raffle basket - **Stonewall Farm - 235 Windsor Rd**
- **10am-12pm:** Make & Take holiday crafts, Annual Holiday Raffle, and free cocoa - **Fuller Public Library**
- **2-4pm:** Pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Grinch - **Valley Bible Chapel**
- **2-4pm:** Crafts, 2:30-TBD movie, 3:30-Christmas with the Chosen - **The Shepherd, Valley Bible Chapel**
- **4:30pm-5:30pm:** Hillsborough Heritage Museum open
- **5:00pm:** Tree Lighting in Butler Park and Caroling with HDMS Chorus

***Parking:** Municipal lots: Central Street, Page Lot next to Valley Bible Chapel, Library, and Knapp's Insurance.*

***Donate to the Hillsboro Food Pantry - drop off donations: Fuller Public Library (9-1)***  
***Donate to End 68 Hours of Hunger: drop off at Smith Church (9-12)***

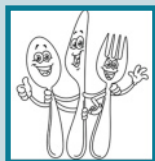
# BRUNCH BINGO

**Maple Leaf Community Room**  
**Hillsborough, NH**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

Lunch served at 12:00 PM

BINGO: 1:00 – 3:00 PM (optional)



Meals On Wheels of Hillsborough County  
will provide a fresh, delicious & healthy  
lunch to anyone 60 years or older.

*\$3.00 Suggested Donation to Meals On Wheels.*

**Reserve Your Lunch!**  
Call Anita Vasser  
(603) 785-0765  
by December 12th.



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# DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31			1 Fuller Library Holiday Raffle Begins FL: 1:00 PM Chat & Chew	2 Hillsborough for the Holidays HUMC Christmas Fair 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM FL: 10:00 – 12:00 PM Make or Take Crafts
3	4 SCC: 9:00 AM Strong Living Exercise	5 ML: 1:00 PM BINGO FL: 6:30 pm How To's Day	6	7 SCC: 9:00 AM Strong Living Exercise SPL: 9:00 AM VT Country Store Trip FL: 1:00 PM Games for Adults	8	9 DCC: 9:00 – 12:00 PM Free Breakfast GHSS Board: 9:00 AM Deering Fish & Game FL: 10:00 – 11:00 AM DAR Program
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24	25 	26	27	28 SCC: 9:00 AM Strong Living Exercise FL: 1:00 PM Games for Adults	29	30
	31					

**Calendar Key Codes:** **AL#59** (American Legion), **SPL** (Shaw's Parking Lot), **ML** (Maple Leaf), **PP** (Premier Printing), **DFG** (Deering Fish & Game), **DCC** (Deering Com. Church), **FL** (Fuller Library), **SCC** (Smith Congregational Church)





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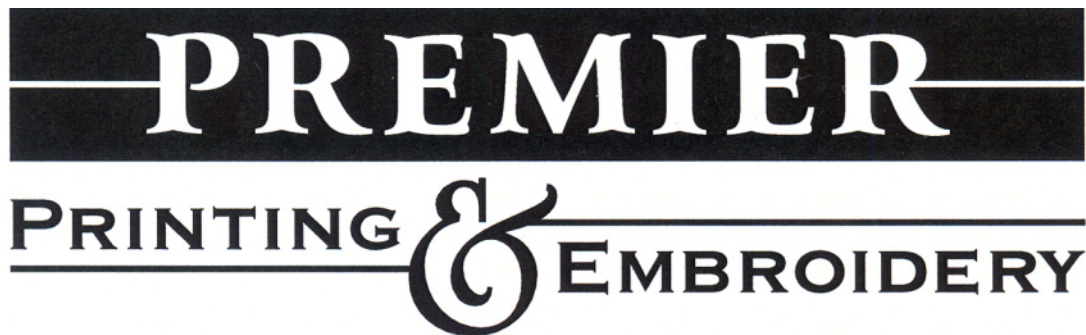
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