

Summer Happenings: June-August 2026

Shout out to the following local businesses for sponsoring our Spring Walk Event:

Badger Balm, Bank of NH, Bellows Nichols Insurance, Bennington Congregational Church, Edmunds Ace Hardware, Hillsborough Chrysler Dodge, Hillsborough Ford, Monadnock Community Hospital, Scott Equipment Services and Wade's Precision Auto!

Upcoming Events:

Blindfolded Boat Race! June 8, starting at 6:15 pm at Norway Pond in Hancock! (Rain date is June 9) A fun kick-off fundraiser for our Avenue A Teen Center. Register your canoe or come to spectate! Visit avenueatc.org for more info!

Free Clothing Day: August 10 from 5- 7 PM (all ages welcome). We'll also have an extra time on August 11th from 9-Noon specifically for families with elementary-aged children and younger to shop the remaining items. Still accepting donations of: footwear, maternity clothes, and children's apparel (size 4th grade and under). If you have items to contribute, please reach out to Teresa at the Grapevine.

Summer Programs & Resources:

Out & About: Family Friendly Outings continue into June, short hike every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 am! See you on the upcoming trails! **6/4** Gregg Lake, Antrim *stroller friendly **6/11** Harris Center with Susie, Hancock.

Monthly Gathering for Aging Adults: Whatever you consider yourself to be... Senior, Aging or Older Adult, Retired person? We welcome you to join us for a gathering each month for refreshments, to socialize, learn about resources, and have fun! Meets on the last Tuesday of the month at our Avenue A Teen Center. On **6/30** from 10-Noon, New Futures, a statewide advocacy organization, will join us to talk about current legislation and what to look for as Mid-Term elections approach. We will end the morning with lunch and conversation. Call to register.

Summer Adventures: Children ages 4-7, join us for a week of fun in the sun at The Grapevine! Miss Paula and Miss Brenda will be offering summer painting, water games, crafts, and more. Weeks are July 6-10 and August 3 - 7 from 9 - 1 pm.

Summer Parent/Child Programs: Caregivers and children will be together for summer fun and connection to other families at the Grapevine for a weekly stay and play. There will also be a traveling group that meets in Hillsborough and visits various local places for walks and summer fun!

Campfire Groups: We have two separate monthly groups for parents to unwind and connect. — FREE pizza provided 🍕

Campfires for Dads with Rick Edmunds: 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. (Group often does summer hikes—reach out for locations!) **Moms Campfire with Paula Coombs:** 1st Thursday of the month, 6 -7:30 PM, bring a chair & beverage.

Ongoing programming and community resources: Ben Pratt Community Wood Bank, Tool Lending Shed, Kinship & Relative Caregiver Support, Home Visiting & One-to-One Parent Support, Information & Referral, Antrim Community Supper; 6/18, 7/16, & 8/20, and our Avenue A Teen Center programs. *Please note* SAIL! (Stay Active & Independent for Life) Summer hours, July 6 until September 30, 10-11 am at the Antrim Town Hall.

Interested in our Fall Programs- Better Beginnings, Better Beginnings for Babies, Out and About, or Hillsboro Play group? To register or for more information, call us at 603.588.2620 or email us info@grapevინeh.org

Volunteer Spotlight: Rose Novotny

This season we chose to spotlight Grapevine Volunteer, Rose Novotny of Antrim! Rose joined the Grapevine Board of Directors in 2006 and currently serves as our Board Chair. She joined us to be involved in the community in which she works and lives, and has also experienced The Grapevine as a parent. Says Rose, "My Husband Russell and I loved being a part of Better Beginnings for Babies and the Better Beginning Parent/Child Groups. Our son Fletcher's journey went right up through the Learning Vine Pre-School, and soon enough he'll be ready to start programs at Avenue A!"

Professionally, Rose has worked at the Antrim branch at Bank of New Hampshire since 1994, currently serving as Assistant Vice President - Office Manager. She is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking and the Leadership Monadnock program. Rose is involved in many volunteer efforts in the community, including as a member of the Antrim Community Board. In her free time, Rose enjoys being outdoors hiking, camping, gardening, and taking pictures. We are so grateful for Rose's leadership, her empathy and compassion for others and commitment to making our community a great place to live!

