



**WHITNEY**  
COMMUNITY CENTER

**APRIL-JUNE 2026**

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With Neighbors

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WELCOME TO THE  
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER'S  
APRIL - JUNE 2026 PROGRAM CATALOG.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS,  
EVENTS, AND SERVICES OFFERED BY  
THE FRIENDS OF THE WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER.

JOIN MEMBERS OF JACKSON AND THE SURROUNDING  
COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE CAN TEACH AND  
EVERYONE CAN LEARN!



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# WCC News...

Use & Bookmark our Website:  
Visit [www.whitneyccprograms.com](http://www.whitneyccprograms.com)  
to sign-up/register for all programs.

**Book Sale & Yard Sale:** The Annual Jackson Public Library Book Sale takes place on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 24th from 9am-3pm at the Whitney Community Center with fiction and non-fiction books, puzzles, children's books and games, and media. Also included will be the Climate Action/WCC Community Yard Sale with vendor tables and free stuff tables on Saturday 9am-3pm. Mark your calendar!

**2026 Summer Camps:** This summer we are offering three Summer Camps. All-In-One Summer Camp June 22-26, Theater Camp August 17-21, and Wellness & Outdoor Active Time Camp August 24-28. For more information and to register go to [whitneyccprograms.com](http://whitneyccprograms.com)

**Want to connect over Crafts or Cribbage?** Learn more about the Whitney Community Center's *Bring Your Own Crafts* nights and *Cribbage* gatherings by emailing us at [whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com).

**Our Mailing Address & Phone Number:** PO Box 665 Jackson, NH and 603-307-0639. Add us to your phone's contact list for future convenience and as always you can also reach us at the email above. Visit our website to learn more and to register for all programs: [WHITNEYCCPROGRAMS.COM](http://WHITNEYCCPROGRAMS.COM)



Check out the new  
Jackson Community  
Programming Calendar  
online @ [jxncpc.com](http://jxncpc.com)

A collaboration between Jackson, New Hampshire nonprofit organizations to provide Jackson and it's surrounding community residents and visitors a one-stop calendar with all community programming.



The Friends of the Whitney Community Center would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our 2026 Annual Fundraising Drive. Thanks to you, we're able to offer more than 70% of our programs at no cost! We believe in the importance of community connection and with your help we are able to offer care packages for our neighbors in need, summer camps for the kids, and community education programs for all throughout the year. We also host book sales, art shows, yard sales and help with Valley Clean-Up Day each spring. We are "neighbors connecting with neighbors". Watch your inbox for our At the Whitney emails to stay informed on all our program offerings. Not signed up? Email us at whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com and ask to be added.



# Summer Solstice & Chief Perley Celebration!



Join us as we Celebrate Summer & Years of Dedicated Service with an evening of community spirit, music, laughter, and the joy of welcoming summer together. Enjoy great company, seasonal festivities, and a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere that reflects the heart of our community.

A special highlight of the evening will be a retirement recognition honoring Chief Perley, for his dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to our community. Join us as we share stories, express gratitude, and send Chief Perley into this next chapter with appreciation and warm wishes.

Come be part of a meaningful and festive gathering that celebrates both the turning of the seasons and the people who make our community strong. Bring your picnic dinner and join in on the Summer Solstice Celebration.

**Sunday, June 21 / 5-7p Whitney Community Center**



## The Crucifixion Through the Voice of Psalm 22

This discussion will reflect on the spiritual, historical, and poetic beauty of this Psalm, traditionally attributed to King David (c. 1010–970 BCE) in the Book of Psalms of the Hebrew Scriptures. We will explore the historical and spiritual context in which the Psalm was written and consider its profound prophetic resonance—particularly its foreshadowing of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This discussion is led by John A. Heropolos, MDiv, **Sunday, March 29 / 4-5:30p**  
who has served as a Greek Orthodox priest **FREE**  
and Congregational pastor for 38 years. **Whitney Community Center**



## Summiting Mount Rainier

Explore the experience of summiting Mount Rainier via the Disappointment Cleaver Route in this engaging, story-driven presentation. Through photos, firsthand accounts, and practical insights, you'll learn about preparation, technical skills, challenges, and the rewards of reaching the summit. Ideal for outdoor enthusiasts, aspiring climbers, and anyone curious about high-altitude mountaineering.

This program is presented by Redline Guiding's **Wednesday, April 1 / 7-8:30p**  
Mike Cherim, with years of experience **FREE**  
mountain climbing. **Whitney Community Center**



## Japanese Knotweed & Ways to Manage It

Japanese knotweed is a growing concern for communities across the country. This invasive's rapid spread threatens gardens, riverbanks, and even buildings. Find out how to identify Japanese knotweed, understand the risks it poses, and learn responsible, effective ways to manage it.

This program is presented by Joel White who **Wednesday, April 8 / 7-8:30p**  
created North Country Invasives Services LLC **FREE**  
to help property owners understand and **Whitney Community Center**  
combat problem plant species.



## Cock-a-Leekie Soup with Chef Coffey

Chef Brian Coffey brings the beloved Scottish classic Cock-a-Leekie soup to life in this engaging culinary program. You will learn about the dish's origins while watching step-by-step techniques and creating your own flavorful, nourishing soup perfect for any season.

This program is taught by Brian Coffey, **Tuesday, April 14 / 4-6:00p**  
a local professional chef with over **Fee \$30 / Supplies Included / Limit 10**  
30 years of experience. **Jackson Community Church**



## From Clay to Kitchen: Crafting a Butter Dish

Discover the art of functional pottery in this hands-on three-session program as you create your own butter dish from start to finish. Participants will learn essential techniques in shaping, trimming, and finishing clay under expert guidance. Take home a beautiful, one-of-a-kind piece that's both practical and personal.

This program is taught by Jenn Hayes of **Thurs., April 16, 23 & 30 / 6-8:00p**  
Mountain Ridge Pottery who specializes in **Fee \$45 / Supplies Inc. / Limit 8**  
making functional pieces for home or business. **Whitney Community Center**

## Living with Bears: NH Management Practices Explained

Explore the principles behind New Hampshire's bear management programs and why they are essential for both wildlife and communities. You will learn how bear populations are monitored, the strategies used to maintain balance, and the role humans play in supporting safe coexistence. Leave with a clear understanding of bear ecology and responsible management practices.

This program is presented by Dan Bailey, Bear Project Leader for the Wildlife Division of the NH Fish and Game Department.

**Thursday, April 23 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Bicycle Maintenance with Pro Tune

John F. Kennedy once said, "Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of riding a bike." Whether you have a traditional bicycle or e-bike in this hands-on program learn the essential skills needed to properly maintain your bicycle including basic repairs, tire changes, chain lubrication, brake adjustments, safety checks, and more.

This program is taught by Jeremiah Beach of Pro Tune, a bicycle service shop in MWV with professional mechanics who fix what others can't.

**Tuesday, April 28 / 6-8:00p**  
**Fee \$15 / Supplies Inc. / Limit 15**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Paying for Your Child or Grandchild's College Education

Planning for your child or grandchild's college education can make a big financial difference. This program will share strategies for saving, investing, and funding higher education, including 529 plans, scholarships, and other practical options. You will gain tools and insights to make informed decisions and reduce the stress of college costs.

This program is presented by Brian Day-Lewis, Wealth Manager at Lifeline Financial Partners.

**Thursday, April 30 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## The Weeks Act & the Birth of National Forests

Learn how the Weeks Act of 1911, passed against fierce opposition, transformed forest conservation in the United States and led to the creation of national forests in the eastern states. This program will explain why the Act was transformative, the challenges it addressed, and its lasting impact on forest management and environmental protection.

This program is presented by Carl Linblade a longtime NH innkeeper and UNH Senior Lecturer who brings NH's history to life.

**Sunday, May 3 / 4-5:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Sharing Stories at Pro Tunes Tap Room

Gather at the Pro Tune Tap Room for a fun and engaging evening as locals share personal stories that spark laughter, reflection, and conversation. Settle in with something to eat or drink and enjoy an informal atmosphere filled with voices and experiences across our community. Join us as we celebrate the power of shared storytelling.

This gathering is hosted by Margaret Graciano. To sign up for a storyteller slot contact Margaret at mgracian8@gmail.com.

**Wednesday, May 13 / 6-8:00p**  
**FREE**  
**Pro Tunes Tap Room in Glen**



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TUNE**



## Making Wearable Jewelry Collections

Create your own beautiful jewelry set — a necklace, bracelet, and pair of earrings — using multi-precious metal steel wire, pearls, and a variety of fully drilled natural gemstone beads. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn the fundamentals of jewelry design and wearability, including securing multi-strand cable ends, knotting pearls on silk and synthetic strands, and working with clasps, ear wires, and other essential findings.

This program is taught by Tim Psaleedakis, a professional jeweler specializing in custom-made pieces and jewelry repair services.

**Friday, May 15 / 1-4:00p**  
**Fee \$45 / Supplies Inc. / Limit 8**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Shakespeare's Queens Come to Life with Poornima Kirby

Step into the world of Shakespeare's most unforgettable queens with Poornima Kirby as your guide. You'll uncover their drama, wit, and powerful stories of intrigue, ambition, and resilience that leap off the page and onto the stage. Experience these iconic characters in a dynamic program that brings history and theater together in full color.

This program is performed by classically trained actress, writer and director, Poornima Kirby, last seen performing A Christmas Carol at the WCC.

**Sunday, May 17 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## The White House Effect Film

The White House Effect examines the origins of US climate policy, tracing how early scientific warnings and political decisions in the late 20th century shaped today's climate crisis. Following the film screening, we'll gather for a facilitated discussion exploring the film's insights, missed opportunities, and what its lessons mean for civic engagement and climate action today.

This program is hosted by Mount Washington Valley Climate Action.

**Wednesday, May 20 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**

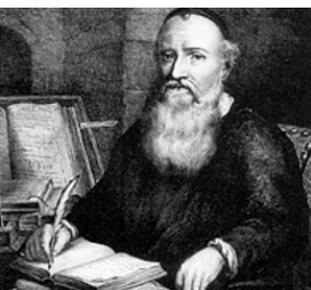


## 250 Years & the Mount Washington Valley

250 Years and the Mount Washington Valley is a lively one-hour performance featuring music, storytelling, and a special Readers Theater presented by students in grades 3-6. Young performers will bring local history to life as they read from a prepared script portraying memorable figures from the Mount Washington Valley. Join us for an engaging, family-friendly celebration of community stories, creativity, and the voices of our next generation.

This program is part of the Jackson Public Library and Whitney Community Center's Celebrate Democracy - 250 Years & Beyond series.

**Sunday, May 31 / 4-5p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## Who Are Mennonites? One Man's Journey

Who are the Mennonites, and what draws people to their way of life? Explore their history, traditions, and values, sharing stories of what attracts individuals to the faith. Discover the rich diversity, unique beliefs, and strong sense of community that make Mennonite life so compelling.

This program is presented by Dr. Mark Baker who taught at a Mennonite seminary and worked with Mennonites in Central America.

**Sunday, June 7 / 4-5:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**

## Western Wildlands: A Six-Week Bike Journey

Two friends take on the grueling 2,700-mile Western Wildlands Route, riding from Canada to Mexico on a six-week gravel adventure. Their journey winds through some of the most remote and breathtaking landscapes of the American West - from the Frank Church Wilderness to the high Uinta Mountains and the scorching deserts of Arizona. Along the way, they face challenges, embrace the unexpected, and experience the raw beauty of these wild lands.

This program is presented by Jackson locals Ryman McLane and Jeff Lougee who can be found riding their bikes across Mount Washington Valley. **Wed., June 10 / 7-8:30p**  
**FREE**  
**Whitney Community Center**



## The Art of Story: An Evening with Andy Davis & Local Tellers

Join us for an evening of shared storytelling at Pro Tune Tap, featuring local tellers and headlined by master storyteller Andy Davis. Enjoy a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where you can grab something to eat or drink while listening to stories filled with humor, wisdom, and lived experience. Come listen, laugh, and connect as stories bring the community together.

Andy Davis, is a professional storyteller and humorist who draws his material from history, folklore and personal experience. **Wed., June 17 / 6-8:00p**  
**FREE**  
**Pro Tunes Tap Room in Glen, NH**



## Let's Talk Tofu: Taking It to Another Level

Think tofu is bland or boring? Think again! Join us for a hands-on, welcoming cooking class that will transform the way you see—and taste—this versatile, plant-based protein. We'll explore how to choose, prepare, and cook tofu for bold flavor and satisfying texture, with tastings, easy recipes, and practical tips you can use right away.

This program is taught by Anjali Rose who has been creating delicious meals for years. **Tuesday, June 23 / 5:30-7:30p**  
**Fee \$15 / Supplies Inc. / Limit 10**  
**Jackson Community Church**



## Summer Solstice Celebration

Celebrate the longest day of the year with neighbors and friends for an evening of community spirit, music, laughter. A special highlight of the evening will be a retirement recognition honoring Chief Perley, celebrating years of dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to our community. Join us as we share stories, express gratitude, and send Chief Perley into this next chapter with appreciation and warm wishes. Bring your picnic dinner and join in on the Summer Solstice Celebration.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Whitney Community Center **Sunday, June 21 / 5-7:00p**  
**FREE**  
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## Swing Into Summer: Entertainment & Dancing with the Speakeasy Trio at THE

Step into a summer evening of music, movement, and good vibes at the Thompson House Eatery (THE)! The Speakeasy Trio will fill the room with toe-tapping jazz ballads and lively rhythms perfect for dancing — or simply soaking in the atmosphere. Bring your own food and beverages, gather with friends old and new, and celebrate summer surrounded by the charm and beauty of the Thompson House Eatery.

This gathering is hosted by THE's new owners together with Mount Washington Valley's own Speakeasy Trio. **Saturday, June 27 / 6-8:30p**  
**Fee \$25 / Limit 40**  
**THE at 193 Main Street, Jackson**



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# BOOK SALE

**MAY 23 & 24**  
**9am-3pm**



**Adult and Children's Books  
Puzzles & DVD's**

Community

# YARD SALE



**MAY 23 / 9am-3pm**

Both Events at  
Whitney Community Center  
16 Black Mt Rd Jackson



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Programs is easy... Visit  
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Questions? Call or email us at:  
603-307-0639  
[whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com)

**Cancellation Policy:** Fee-based programs may be canceled if the program does not meet minimum enrollment. A full refund will be issued to people who register for a fee-based program that is canceled. To drop from a fee-based program and get a full refund please contact [whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:whitneycommunitycenter@gmail.com) three days prior to the start date of the program.

**Liability Waiver:** In registering for and/or attending a Friends of The Whitney Community Center Program you agree you are familiar with and understand the inherent risks in attending, and you assume all the risks of injury and loss arising from your participation, here by releasing and holding harmless the Whitney Community Center and its agents from liability for any such injury or loss.

# KIDS SUMMER CAMPS



## ALL-IN-ONE SUMMER CAMP / JUNE 22-26

Each day features a different theme with hands-on activities, skill-building games, and special guest presenters sharing fun and interesting ideas.  
\$195 per camper (limit 25)

## THEATER CAMP / AUGUST 17-21

Campers collaborate to create and perform an original play, including acting, storytelling, props, music, and staging. The week concludes with a Friday performance for family and friends.  
\$195 per camper (limit 25)

## WELLNESS & OUTDOOR ACTIVE TIME CAMP / AUGUST 24-28

Activities and field trips focus on being active, healthy, and inquisitive while exploring the world around us through outdoor adventures. Jackson Grammar School Wellness Committee is sponsoring this camp so it can be offered at a special reduced rate.  
\$50 per camper (limit 25) \$145 savings per camper!

## FUN ACTIVITIES 9AM-3:30PM

Snacks included / Bring your own lunch  
Conveniently located next to Jackson Grammar School at The Whitney Community Center Jackson, NH

For full details and to register visit:  
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