



## CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### Press Release

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### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for First Whitewater Park in New England

On June 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, please join the Franklin community at Trestle View Park for a ribbon cutting ceremony on the completion of phase 1 of the first whitewater park in New England. Hear thoughts and reflections from team members, elected officials and funding partners, as well as, to see Ron Magoon, President of Franklin Savings Bank, cut the ribbon officially opening the park!

The public-private partnership between the City of Franklin, Mill City Park, the many volunteers and residents have yielded success. Phase 1 construction included the installation of the first wave adjacent to the iconic Trestle View Park which was upgraded to include a stone amphitheater for connection to the river. In addition, the beginning of a walkway which will extend under the car bridge for pedestrian traffic is nearing completion.

*"This project came to fruition because of the dedication of Mill City Park and the City of Franklin with the support of many, many community partners. We celebrate those partnerships with this ribbon cutting ceremony," states Judie Milner, Franklin City Manager.*

Over the years, many themes have been discussed and reported on; community identity, economic development, economic vitality, individual pride and, of course, whitewater recreation. *"Originally, I thought we were building surf waves. We are*

*actually rebuilding our community's sustainability, quality of life, and pride," says Marty Parichand, Executive Director of the nonprofit Mill City Park and downtown business owner.*

Franklin Falls' industrial history is one of innovation, hard work, vibrancy and creation. Of course, none of it would exist without the magnificent water power of the Winnepesaukee River. Finally, Franklin's future will once again be linked with its most important asset... the energy and persistence of the Winnepesaukee River.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will kick off the annual Winni River Days celebration with events for the entire family. Schedule of events to follow.



# MILL CITY PARK

## AT FRANKLIN FALLS

### WINNI RIVER DAYS 2022

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY

##### Trestle View Park

- 4:00 - 4:30 pm: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 4:00 - 8:00 pm: Vendor Village & Beer Tent Open
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm: Downriver Race Registration at Mill City Park's Table
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm: FREE Live Music - The Sofferman Trio Perspective

##### Winnepesaukee River in Franklin

- 6:00 pm: Downriver Race - Finish Line at Trestle View Park

##### Marceau Park

- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Used Kayak Corner

#### SATURDAY

##### Trestle View Park & Winni River Trail

- 9:30 am: Step by Step 5K for Prevention

##### Trestle View Park

- 10:00 am - 10:45 am: BOATERCROSS Race Registration at Mill City Park's Table
- 10:00 am - 1:30 pm: RODEO Race Registration at Mill City Park's Table
- 11:00 am - 3:30 pm: DUCK RACE Registration at Mill City Park's Table
- 11:00 am - 8:00 pm: Vendor Village & Boat Demos
- 11:00 am - 2:30 pm: FREE Live Music - Ben Thibault Band
- 12:00 pm - 8:00pm: Beer Tent Hours
- 4:00 pm: DUCK RACE @ Trestle view
- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: FREE Live Music - Eon Granite Band

##### Winnepesaukee River in Franklin

- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm: BOATERCROSS Race Finish Line at Trestle View Park
- 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm: RODEO at Trestle View Park

##### Marceau Park

- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm: Used Kayak Corner

#### SUNDAY

##### Winnepesaukee River in Northfield

- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm: NESS Slalom Race

