

Highlights

Park improvements being done, informed by community input include:

- A resurfaced basketball court & new backboards.
- A brand new pickleball court that replaced the former tennis court.
- A storywalk and walking path that follow the scenic Connecticut riverbank, with benches for resting.
- Replacement of all playground equipment with a brand new system.
- Exercise equipment stations along the path.
- Sunshades over picnic tables.
- New parking areas.
- Ballfield fence moved in to allow for more trail space behind.
- Picnic area with signage, for paddlers to enjoy a drop in spot to the river on the south end of the park.
- Ballfield dugouts and picnic tables were painted and stained within the last year by volunteers.
- Landscaped riverbank.
- A new ice rink was added for winter skating within the ball field, thanks to volunteer efforts of Lynch, LLC.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and crews that helped make this possible in Stratford!

We are stronger together!



For more information scan the code:
Contact: britni@thebch.org or 802-277-1974

**BACKSTREET'S
BACK!**



**GRAND
WELCOMING
TO THE REVITALIZED
BACKSTREET RIVER PARK!**

**SATURDAY
MAY 16, 2026
11 AM - 2 PM**

Celebrate the new park improvements with neighbors!

Meet at the Stratford Public Library pavilion for opening announcements: 74 Main Street, Stratford, NH.

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LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL!

- Parade walk from pavilion to see new features.
- Pick-up games to join in.
- Food for sale from Ben's Saucey Hawg, free hot dogs for kids & celebratory cake.
- Ribbon cutting & vendors at playground.
- Cohos Historical Society displays.



For more event info. scan the code:



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS & VOLUNTEERS

FRIDAY
MAY 15, 2026

Help clean up around the school & town, in preparation for Saturday's Grand Welcoming event at the park!

Meet at the school at 9 a.m.

Community volunteers call the school to pre-register: 603-922-3387

PROJECTS TO TACKLE:

- Litter pick up
- Spruce up garden beds
- Wipe down the pavilion tables & benches at the
- Town Common

Gloves recommended.

Garden tools, trash bags & cleaning supplies provided by The Community Builders Hub.

AFTER CLEAN UP:

- School to provide student bagged lunch picnic at the pavilion.
- Sweet treats from The Community Builders Hub for all volunteers!
- Kids to play at the new playground to celebrate!

SATURDAY LINEUP OF EVENTS MAY 16, 2026

11:00 AM Pavilion speeches

- Town Administrator, Suzanne Goulet - Park development
- History of the Park - from the Cohos Historical Society
 - Paul Raffanello to offer historic display & model train inside the Stratford Public Library, open 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Stratford Library Director, Tom McCorkhill - Library storywalk

11:30 Parade Walk

- Follow along to walk the new path and check out new features along the way Ends at the playground.

12:00 PM Ribbon Cutting

- Performed by the North Country Chamber of Commerce at the playground with local officials.

12:15 Scavenger Hunt begins

- Go to the Community Builders Hub table

12:00 - 2:00

• Vendors open

- Ben's Saucey Hawg serving BBQ; free hotdog vouchers for kids at the Community Builders Hub table!
- Local businesses & organizations set up by the playground.
- Touch a Truck with Stratford Hollow Fire Department!
- Celebratory cake slices at the Town of Stratford's table.

• Pickup Games

- Basketball led by Chris Caron
- Pickleball led by Kathy Smith
- Kids Beach Ball Toss field game at 1:00 at the ball field
- Kickball led by Lisa Stinson to cap it off starting at 1:45, kicking off weekly meet ups throughout the summer.

Facilities Notes:

Parking available at the Town Common & Library with reserved spaces for handicap. Additional parking along Main Street and small lots at both ends of the park. Bring a camp chair to the park to hang out! Portable toilets at library and ball field. Indoor toilet at the library.