

February 18, 2022 - Edition #529

A preview of things to come!
(Photo compliments of View From Above NH)

Laconia Sledding Party

**Friday, Feb 18th 6pm - 8pm
@ The Laconia Sledding Hill**

**Canceled due to
inclement weather**



Follow us on Facebook for updated info!



Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription, please call the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.



FREE TAX PREP BY AARP!

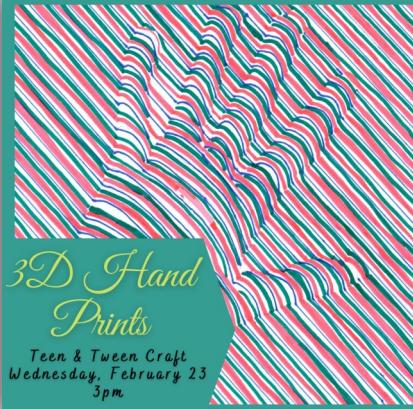
**YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO GET TAX HELP!
ALL AGES WELCOME!**

**WHERE: LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (532 MAIN STREET,
LACONIA, NH: PARKING AND ENTRANCE ON OPPOSITE SIDE @
184 BEACON STREET WEST)**

CALL: 603-524-7689 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Teen & Tween Craft: 3D Hand Prints

Create 3D art! For teens and tweens ages 9-19 in the Auditorium!

Preschool Storytimes!

February 23, 2022, 10 - 11 am.
February 24, 2022, 10 - 11 am.
Join Jamie for fun stories, songs, activities, and crafts each week.
For kids birth to age 6, in the Selig Storytime Room.



Music & Movement February 25, 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Are you ready to get moving??

In this program geared toward the younger crowd, we'll use music, instruments, and some fun surprises to dance, play and get those wiggles out!

For children birth to age 6, in the Auditorium.

Library Closed

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 21



Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla February 23, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Come to the Volpe room to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian!



2:30-4pm

Adult Seasonal Coloring February 25, 2022, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Happy winter!

Please join us in the Volpe room for some calming entertainment. We will be coloring seasonal pictures while listening to instrumental music.

Please feel free to bring your own coloring pages and favorite implements but many will be provided!

For adults in the Volpe Room.



Recycling Collection

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of February 28!



Please note that glass may now be put in with your recycling.

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

Saturday, February 19

Young Yogis
10—11 am



Snowshoe Yoga
10:30 am-12:30 pm



Snowshoe Adventure
1—3 pm



*For more information & to register:
prescottfarm.org*



2022 Tree, Shrub, Flower and Trout Sale

Belknap County Conservation District Tree Sale
Fundraiser is on-line!

Photo: Tom Howe

For the first time, the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) is offering its annual Tree, Shrub, Flower and Trout Sale Fundraiser both on-line and by mail. Visit the [BCCD website](#) to see the 2022 selection and purchase on-line. Offered are plants to grow your own fresh fruits and vegetables such as blueberry bushes, fruit trees, strawberry plants, raspberry canes, asparagus, onions, and many others that bear fruit enjoyed by wildlife and people alike. We didn't leave out those that prefer shade trees, Christmas evergreens, flowers, or plants that provide interesting landscaping. Most of the plants are sold 'bareroot' (no soil) and in a dormant state, and others will be in pots.

BCCD recommends customers place their orders by February 25th; however, orders will be accepted after the deadline while supplies last. Should you have questions or prefer a hardcopy of the Sale Fundraiser information be mailed to you, please contact Lisa Morin, BCCD Program Coordinator at telephone (603) 527-5880 or email belknapconservation@gmail.com The plants and trout will be ready for pick-up the last weekend in April. This annual sale is a fundraiser for BCCD and your purchases go toward support of local conservation efforts here in Belknap County. All programs and services are offered without discrimination.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES



Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. We will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to the general public in our community.

If you have questions regarding any Public Hearings shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **February 28, 2022** during the regular Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber relative to:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE CHAPTER 161, LICENSING, TO UPDATE SECTIONS 161-11.A AND 161.19 RELATED TO CHANGES IN LICENSING FEES FOR LACONIA MOTOR-CYCLE WEEK

Stacy Anders, Acting City Clerk

What are **YOU** doing this summer?

How about a summer job at Laconia's Beaches?

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for more info
Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

**BEACH STAFF
WANTED**
Spend your summer OUTSIDE
Be a part of an amazing team

PARKS & RECREATION

LACONIA

**YOUNG
PERFORMERS
OPEN MIC**

**SUNDAY
FEB. 27TH, 2022
2-4P**

**BELKNAP MILL
25 BEACON ST EAST
LACONIA, NH**

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STUDENTS IN THE LAKES REGION**





PRESENTED BY: JOHN MCARTHUR OF NH MUSIC COLLECTIVE AND BELKNAP MILL

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

**LAKES REGION
STUDENTS ATTENDING
HIGHER EDUCATION
2022-2023**

**APPLICATION ON OUR
WEBSITE**

[Applicants | Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
\(lrscholarship.org\)](http://lrscholarship.org)



**OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO AWARDING
SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOU!**

NEW in 2022

Completed qualified application packets (with all required documents) received by March 1, 2022 will qualify to be entered into a special bonus award raffle! One winner will be chosen at random and will win a BONUS \$275 Scholarship Award.

QUESTIONS??

Email - scholarship@lrscholarship
Call - 603-527-3533

**Karen Switzer
Executive Director**

**Chris Guilmett
Assistant Director**

LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!

Beginning January 1, 2022, you can register your dogs for the 2022 year.

To renew **online**: www.laconianh.gov, Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing

By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00



All dogs are to be registered by April 30th each year.

Call the Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265 with any questions you may have.

LACONIA'S LIFEGUARDS HAVE STRONG RESUMES



LIFEGUARDING DEMONSTRATES:

- PROFESSIONALISM
- INITIATIVE
- RESPONSIBILITY
- EXPERIENCE WITHIN A TEAM
- STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- LEADERSHIP
- CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE
- EXPERIENCE IN HIGH PRESSURE ENVIRONMENTS

CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC TO LEARN MORE

603-524-5046

PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on Monday, February 21st, Presidents' Day

Monday's collections (and collections the remainder of the week) will be on their normal schedules.

Any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379





Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Nurturing Skills for Families

Positive Discipline Practices & Techniques

A 6-week Zoom Series beginning March 10, 2022

Daytime and Evening Classes Available!

Thursdays 10:00-11:30am OR 6:30-8:00pm



Join Parent Educators from
The Family Resource Center of Central NH
as we discuss
“Positive Discipline Practices & Techniques”
in an interactive Zoom series.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on discipline which is based on respect, empowerment, caring and cooperation. Learn the power of nonviolent discipline practices and techniques.



This six-week series is open to anyone...
parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, extended family, professionals supporting families, etc.
All are welcome!

To register go to www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/ or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org



The Linden Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation



Our yesterdays

Our sincere thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past.....



THEN ...

Main Street, Laconia, from the Winnipesaukee River to Union Avenue before Urban Renewal in the late 1960s, gives an indication of the condition of several old buildings at that time. Businesses which had apparently vacated the Normandin Block, at left, were One Hour Martinizing in the former Paul's Restaurant, Shortle's Shoes and Mrs. Pappas' Shop. The Laconia Fruit Co., at the corner, right, was known as 'Baldi's Corner' for its one-time owner. After 1960, the city directories listed most of these store fronts as 'vacant.' (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)

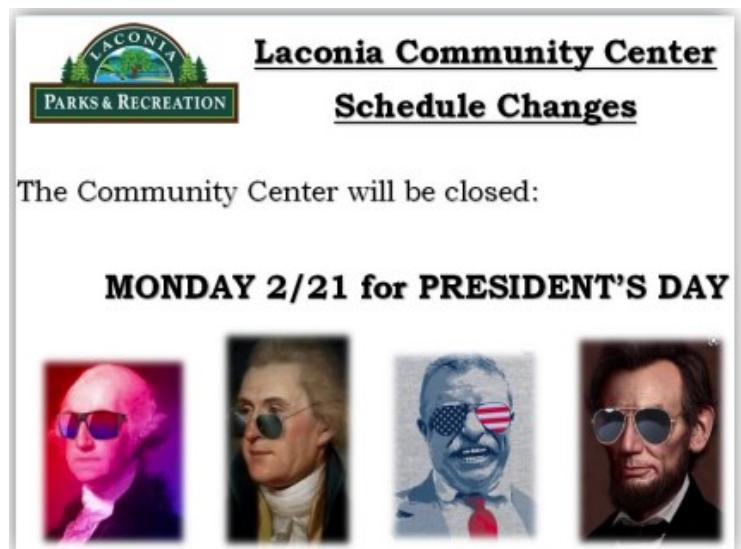


... AND NOW

Initially planned as part of the site of a new First Methodist Church, this stretch of Main Street ultimately became Stewart Park instead. South Gate Condominiums and Sunrise Towers, in background, were both built during the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s. Sunrise House, just off-photo at right, was built by Melcher & Prescott Insurance in 1968-1969 as one of the first new buildings in the Urban Renewal area. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)



*City Hall will be closed all day on
Monday, February 21st. We
apologize for any inconvenience!*



Laconia Community Center

Schedule Changes

The Community Center will be closed:

MONDAY 2/21 for PRESIDENT'S DAY



PLEASE JOIN US!

Fratello's is donating 25% of orders placed to support Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Operating Fund when you mention us!

eat in or order take out- mention lakes region scholarship foundation
Live raffle drawing will be held early evening!
You do not need to be present to win.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022
4PM - CLOSE
FRATELLO'S LACONIA**



Fratello's Laconia - 603-528-2022
Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation - 603-527-3533



Laconia Parks & Recreation's



OPECHEE DAY CAMP

**June 27th through August 19th
Opechee Park House
Monday - Friday**

Residents ~ \$105 per week
Nonresidents ~ \$145 per week
Sibling Discount ~ less \$20 per week
Field trips an additional fee.

Free breakfast and lunch provided daily by CAP.
Snacks are required.

Youngest campers will need to have finished a year in Kindergarten to come to camp.
Oldest campers will have just finished their 5th grade year

Weekly enrollment

City Clerk's Office



Now is a Good Time to Get Your Boat & Jet Ski Registration!

Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall? It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water when spring arrives!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

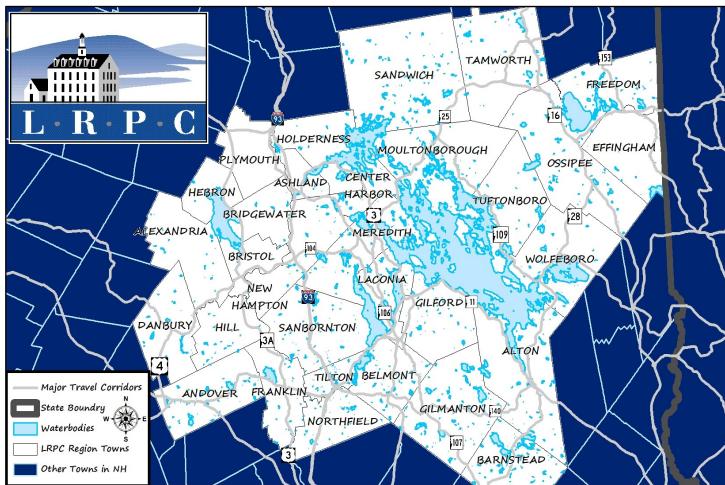
Please make checks payable to **City of Laconia**. In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent, and an additional \$1 Clerk fee will also apply, for a total of \$6. Please do not make out your check before coming in if you are unsure of the amount .



Click [here](#) for the Clerk's website

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's office at (603) 527-1265.





Regional Planners Launching Housing Review to Assess Needs, Find Solutions

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) project is launching a community survey, that encourages residents to share what impact the housing situation has had on them; what has worked, and what changes might be beneficial to communities and residents. The link to the Lakes Region's survey is available at <https://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshousing.asp>.

At the conclusion of the project, the Regional Planning Commission will use this survey data, along with other qualitative and quantitative information from a variety of

sources to provide resources, strategies, and recommendations to local municipalities, to assist in their efforts to ensure housing availability.

Housing is an important issue; it helps determine the longevity and sustainability of the Lakes Region and its economic development. In New Hampshire and throughout the country, available housing is scarce, putting a strain on working families and making it difficult for some businesses to recruit and retain workers.

The trends and challenges affecting housing in New Hampshire and the Lakes Region are being studied as part of a project conducted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) in partnership with the state's eight other regional planning commissions, the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs' Office of Planning and Development, and the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority. It is funded by an American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grant.

For more information on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment contact the Lakes Region Planning Commission at djeffers@lakesrpc.org or 603.279.5341.



The Laconia Gilford Lions, together with the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, is again collecting clean SOFT plastics on Saturday, February 19th.

We are collecting plastic grocery bags, vegetable bags, pet food bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, air packing bags, dry cleaning bags, wood pellet bags, and ice bags.

Each and every piece of CLEAN plastic is sent to Maine via the way stop at Hannaford's in Gilford to be repurposed and made into composite decking and outdoor furniture.

Our volunteers (masked) will be in front of the little white church at 127 Pleasant Street Laconia from 11 am until 1 pm on the February 19th. Our community is doing a great job in keeping these plastics from polluting the Earth. Our last collection on January 8th weighed in at 222 pounds!

Everyone who stopped by should be mighty proud of what they have done and are doing. Please spread the word.

Earth is our Valentine.



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



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A **FREE** tax preparation program designed for low-to-moderate income households with an income of up to \$57,000.

Visit NHTaxHelp.org or call 211 to connect with an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer. Toll-free outside of NH: 1-866-444-4211



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CA\$H Coalition
of New Hampshire

Granite United Way

Get Connected. Get Help.[™]

VITA is a free tax preparation program for low-to-moderate income individuals and families with a household income of up to \$57,000.

Go to NHTaxHelp.org or call 2-1-1 to connect with an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer.



Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
Winter Blues Raffle



- Full size handmade exquisite quilt
- Nubble Lighthouse Canvas Print
- Quilted Table Runner
- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- \$25 Mastercard Gift Card
- \$25 Sanitary Dry Cleaners Gift Card
- Additional items may be added

Raffle tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

Purchase online

or

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LRSF
PO Box 7312
Gilford NH 03247-7312

Live Raffle Drawing - LRSF - Fratello's Benefit Night

March 9, 2022

Need not be present to win!

Scan here to
purchase online



Winter Blues Raffle
Tickets, Wed, Mar 9, 2022
at...
www.eventbrite.com

Purchase raffle tickets online - link is on
our website: irscholarship.org

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is excited to do its first full scale production at the Belknap Mill from February 25-27 with the musical Daddy Long Legs by Paul Gordon and John Caird. Part of its 2022 Mill Series sponsored by Taylor Community and the Prior Family, Daddy Long Legs will be performed with sets, costumes, lights and performed off book, a change from Powerhouse's usual Mill programming which to this point has been staged readings and short plays.

Daddy Long Legs is a heartwarming Cinderella story about a witty and winsome young woman and her mysterious benefactor, based on the treasured novel that inspired the classic 1955 film starring Fred Astaire. Told mostly through a series of letters, we follow the story of orphaned Jerusha Abbott as she navigates college and shares her hopes and dreams through her correspondence with her patron, all along hoping he will finally reveal himself.

This two person musical will be directed by Powerhouse's Bryan Halperin and performed by married couple Joel and Laura Iwaskiewicz of Epping. Joining the Powerhouse production team for this show will be Katie Duncan as Stage Manager, Gay Bean as costume designer, Johanna Halperin as props designer and TS Events Productions for lights and sound. The accompanist for the live music will be Karina Allayne. For more information and to purchase tickets online go to <https://www.belknapmill.org/powerhouse-upcoming-productions>. Tickets are \$16, and may also be purchased at the door by cash or check. Seating is limited and masks will be required for all audience members to keep each other and the performers safe. Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is a program of the Belknap Mill.

COLONIAL THEATRE

Laconia

Visit the Colonial Theatre's website at www.coloniallaconia.com for more information on these and upcoming performances.

Tickets can be purchased on the Colonial's [website](http://www.coloniallaconia.com), or by calling 1-800-657-8774.



Celebrating BILLY JOEL - America's Piano Man

June 18, 2022 8:00 pm



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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*This year's
Laconia
Motorcycle Week
is June 11 - 19!*

Property owners planning to have vendors, parking, music, a campground, tents, etc. must apply to the Special Events Review Committee for approval. The Committee meets once a month and applications are currently being accepted. The final deadline for application for 2022 Motorcycle Week is April 22, 2022 for the May 4, 2022 Special Events meeting.

Contact the Planning Department now at (603) 527-1264 for questions and other related information.

You can get the [application](#) on our website on the Special Events page or in the Planning Office in Laconia City Hall.

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday
(603) 527-1270

SENIOR RESOURCES

ServiceLink Resource Center
(603) 528-6945 is the first number to call for senior services.



Protect what's important to you, and don't carry your Social Security card with you everyday. In most cases, knowing the number is enough.

Learn more tips from the Social Security Administration on how to Guard Your Card by clicking the image (left).



City Meetings



Week of:
Feb. 21 - 25, 2022

Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's [website](#). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. [All meetings are open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH, unless otherwise noted:](#)

Parks & Rec. Commission

February 22, 2022, 6:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Historic District Commission

February 22, 2022, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Minor Site Plan Committee

February 23, 2022, 2:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Police Commission

February 23, 2022, 3:00 pm

City Council Subcommittee - Appointments Committee

February 23, 2022, 4:00 pm
Room 200B
[Agenda](#)

Library Board of Trustees

February 24, 2022, 5:30 pm
Laconia Public Library



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below must be preceded by 603)

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
Acting City Clerk - Stacy Anders	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician Taylor Daigle	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumol	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office).....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax.....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1)	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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