

February 3, 2023 - Edition #574

*A gorgeous January sunset on Lake Winnisquam
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



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.



With the impending extremely cold weather coming into the region Friday and Saturday, the City of Laconia has been working with our local emergency shelters to ensure that those experiencing homelessness have a safe and warm place to go to.

On Friday February 3rd and Saturday February 4th, Isiah Café will be open from 9am-2pm as a warming shelter and reopen from 8pm-8am as an emergency shelter.

The Dube Building at the old State School property will be open on Friday February 3rd from 8pm-8am as an emergency shelter. They will also be open from 8am on Saturday February 4th to 8am on Sunday as both a warming center and a shelter.

The Salvation Army is also providing a place to go for anyone who needs to get out of the cold. The main doors at their 177 Union Avenue location will be open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm, Saturday from 9am-1pm and again on Sunday from 9:45am-1230pm.

At 8pm each night, a van will be picking up those who need transportation to one of the shelters. The van will be picking up at City Hall and Isiah Café.

The City is monitoring the weather conditions including any power outages and can add warming centers or shelters if the situation requires it. Those needing guidance for cold related emergencies should contact Laconia Police or Laconia Fire Department for assistance.

Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Click [here](#) to access the Library's Event Calendar for more information on any program you're interested in!

SHAYLA'S TECH HELP

Tuesdays at 10am
Wednesdays at 2pm

Have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian. Most Tuesdays at 10 am and most Wednesdays at 2 pm, in the Volpe Room; check our event calendar to confirm dates.

Preschool Pals



THURSDAYS AT 10AM FOR AGES 3 TO 6

Storytime Craft



WED. FEB 8 | 10 AM | NEWBORNS - AGE 3
THUR. FEB 9 | 10AM | AGES 3-6

TODDLER TIME



Wednesdays at 10am for newborns to age 3

SENSORY STORYTIME



MONDAYS AT 10AM
NEWBORNS - AGE 6

SENSORY STORYTIME CRAFT

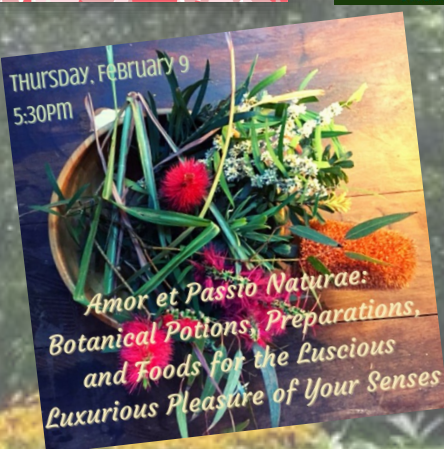


MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 10AM | NEWBORNS - AGE 6



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 3:30 PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 11 AM
BEST FOR AGES 5-12

Lego
Club



Amor et Passio Naturae:
Botanical Potions, Preparations,
and Foods for the Luscious
Luxurious Pleasure of Your Senses



Teen and Family Drop-In Craft:
Tiny Canvas Sharpie Art

Saturday, February 11, 10am-12pm
Kids through teens

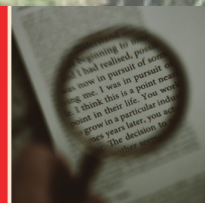
Family Drop-In Craft: Valentines



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 3-5 PM
BEST FOR KIDS THROUGH TEENS



Wednesday, February 8 at 6 pm
Adults, and Teens 13+



Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, February 8
4 pm



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6
3:30 PM
BEST FOR AGES 3-12



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community. If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing 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 13, 2023** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

REQUEST TO APPROVE ANGLED PARKING ON WINNISQUAM AVENUE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$22,500.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICATION PUMPS, ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND VARIOUS EMS TRAINING FOR THE LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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REQUEST TO INCREASE SANITARY SEWER RATES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2023 - ORDINANCE 2023-189-50-01

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS

Notify Me allows you to subscribe to an unlimited number of email lists.

The City of Laconia's website offers an easy way to find out about important notices and items affecting residents in our community.

Just visit our website at www.laconianh.gov and scroll down until you see the image above. Click on the image and it will bring you to the Alerts & Notifications section on our website.

You can choose which items you wish to have e-mailed or texted to you...everything from weather related closings, trash pickup delays, City job opportunities, agendas as they are posted on our website, and much more!

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at (603) 527-1270 or email NBrown@laconianh.gov

February is American Heart Month



Bulky Item Pickup!

Don't forget to take advantage of our Bulky Item Pickup service! For just \$8.00 per item you can have bulky items that are eligible for collection picked up curbside on your regular trash day (metal items picked up on a pre-arranged pickup date).

Bulky item stickers can be purchased (\$8 per item) at the City Clerk's office or at our Public Works Department. Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379 with questions, or to arrange for metal item pickup.

February 2023



ONE PEER TO ANOTHER Laconia, NH

Click the image (above left) to read the current edition of
"One Peer to Another" newsletter!



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p>Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm</p>		<p>9am Check-In 10am Gratitude 11am Worldview 1pm Liberty Comfort Dog Educational Event 2pm Identifying Stressors 3pm Deep Breathing Techniques</p>	<p>9am Check-In 10am Ted Talk 11am Wants & Needs 1pm How am I feeling? 2pm Open Discussion 3pm Music Therapy</p>	<p>9am Open Discussion 10am Establishing Healthy Boundaries 11am Arts & Crafts Activity 1pm Walk & Talk 2pm Moving Towards 3pm Writing / Journaling</p>
<p>9am Open Discussion 10am IPS Topics 11am Peer Discussion 1pm Limits & Boundaries 2pm Short-Term Goals 3pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>9am Check-In 10am Dealing w/ Anxiety 11am What I like about me 1pm Long-Term Goals 2pm Deep Stretching 3pm Open Discussion</p>	<p>9am Check-In 10am Self Reflection 11am Healthy Relationships 1pm Emotional Wellbeing 2pm Rock Painting 3pm Music Therapy</p>	<p>9am Open Discussion 10am True Emotions 11am Strategies to Cope 1pm Decision Making 2pm Stress Management 3pm W.R.A.P</p>	<p>9am Check-In 10am Meditation 11am Sit & Stretch 1pm WOW Trail Walk 2pm Personal Healing 3pm Music & Movement</p>
<p>9am Check-In 10am Dollar Store, Walmart, Shopping Trip 1pm Arts & Crafts 2pm Dealing w/ Depression 3pm Ice Breaker Game</p>	<p>9am Check-In 10am Journaling 11am Walk & Talk 1pm Boundaries 2pm Coping Skills 3pm Sit & Stretch Happy Valentine's Day!</p>	<p>9am Open Discussion 10am Music Therapy 11am Chair Yoga 1pm Deep Breathing Techniques 2pm Staying Present 3pm Ice Breaker Game</p>	<p>9am Check-In 10am Emotional Meter 11am WOW Trail Walk 1pm Self Care 2pm Mindfulness 3pm Looking within ourselves</p>	<p>9am Open Discussion 10am Ted Talk 11am Self Reflection 1pm Sit & Stretch 2pm Meditation 3pm Wants & Needs</p>

Laconia Senior Center

Good afternoon,

I am so excited to let you know that there have been several new activities added to our February Activities Calendar. Plus, I want to remind you that our Congregate Meals are on Tuesdays, except for February 27th and that is a Monday. This is all due to our AARP **Free Tax (by appointment)** days on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

First, we have an added event - a movie - on Feb. 3rd, 13th and 24th of February from 12:30 to 2:30. We are serving snacks and a drink. On February 6th the Laconia Police Department will be speaking on Tax Fraud and Scams, starting at 9:00 am. Also added is the VNA Foot Care Clinic from 9 am to 1 pm by appointment on February 6th. Manicure by Brenda by appointment is on the 6th of February from 11 am to 12:30 pm. On February 7th is Story Telling by author Mike Dowel at 11:30 am while we enjoy our wonderful Congregate Meal. The blood pressure clinic is on February 21st at 10:30 am. Bank of NH will be conducting a session on Tax Fraud on February 23rd from 9:30 to 10:30 am. We are back now on Scrapbooking, Knitting and Crocheting with many other activities as well. If you don't know how to do any of these things, we will teach you. Come on in and meet new friends and reunite with old friends.

We just finished making Valentine cards for the Belknap Nursing Home. We will be decorating our windows this week and next for Valentine's Day. Then on to St. Patties Day and Easter! Come get your craft on! Oh my, so many things to do. Do you like to do puzzles? We have some nice puzzles to challenge you. How about Bingo? We have some pretty good players!

Don't forget to RSVP for your Congregate Meal by calling 603-524-7689.

If you are looking to earn some extra money working part-time and love to support others, please give me a call to sign up to be a Meals on Wheels Driver, or see the ad (right) to apply. I can honestly say we have a great bunch of people with huge hearts working here. Come check us out.

As always, looking forward to seeing you,

Deborah Haskell

Community Action Program Belknap Merrimack Counties Inc.

Laconia Senior Center Resource Manager

532 Main St

Laconia, NH 03246

dhaskell@capbm.org

603-524-7689 x 7201



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of February 13, 2023!

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center
Saturday, February 4

Snowshoe Tours
Beginner Snowshoe
Adults
1—3 pm

Moonlight Tours
Moonlight Snowshoe
Adults
5—7 pm

Registration & FMI: prescottfarm.org

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965

Community Action Program's Meals on Wheels is looking for a driver to join their team!
Please click on the image (left) for more information.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
We are looking for a **MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER** to join our team right now! Come find your purpose while you make a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.
Flexible schedule. No Holidays, No Weekends.
Part time: Laconia Senior Center 184 Doan Street West Laconia

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
Description: MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC. (CAPBM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals to become self-sufficient and socially independent.

CAPBM is looking for professional, friendly, and reliable people who want to make a difference in the lives of older individuals who are hungry and isolated. As a driver, you will deliver and deliver meals to seniors in their homes. Drivers are needed on Monday through Friday, approximately 4 hours a day. This experience is essential. Drivers are needed and able to work in a team environment. Requires own transportation and vehicle insurance.

The rate is \$10.50/hr. plus mileage for delivery.

Responsibilities:

- Pick up meals from the program site and, if requested, assist in meal packing.
- Deliver meals to seniors in their homes.
- Deliver meals to seniors in a timely manner.
- Report safety, maintenance or social service needs of the participants to supervisor.

Community Action Program Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc. is an E.O.E.

Requirements:

- The experience is necessary.
- Must be flexible and able to work in a team environment.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must have a reliable source of transportation to be used in fulfilling responsibilities of the position and maintain adequate insurance coverage.
- Must be dependable with a consistent attendance.
- Must be able to deliver meals to seniors in their homes.
- Ability to transport clients and their pets and work under time constraints of food delivery.
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Employment will require successful completion of reference and background checks, including but not limited to:

APPLY ONLINE: <https://www.capbm.org/employment>

Send to: New Hampshire Department of Safety, Criminal Record Check, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, 100 State Street, Concord, NH 03302, Attention: Office of Adult Services, Room 200, Concord, NH 03302. Phone: 603-224-1400. Fax: 603-224-1400. Email: capbm@capbm.org



Rights for someone (or an organization) to cross another person's property

This is a complicated topic as there are many different ways for someone or an organization to have a right to cross another's property. This article will focus on two of the most common situations in the City.

Crossing over another's property:

A right for another person to cross your property is most commonly created by a private right of way, a right to pass and repass, or an easement. All three versions are fairly common in the City. Most of the time the right to cross another's property is in your or their deed.

Some common situations found in the City are:

- A property that is "landlocked" by other properties such that they do not have access to a public street will have some form of a right to cross a property to get to the public street.
- Two properties that share a driveway, enabling the property owners to get to garages behind the houses.
- A private road that enables property owners to gain access to their property.

Utility Easements:

Utility easements give a utility company the right for a utility, such as an electric line, to go through a person's land. The easement could be for any utility or just a specific utility.

Some common situations found in the City are:

- Utility easements for Eversource's regional electrical distribution system.
- Water, sewer and drainage easements with the City
- Water, sewer and drainage easements to enable a property owner to install underground utilities to the City's system or to a lake or stream in the case of a drainage system.

If you have a question about a City utility easement please call Public Works at 603-528-6379. If you have questions on someone's right to cross over your property, you should talk with your attorney.



Did you know there's a quick and easy way to search for information included in the City's Charter and Ordinances? Just click [here](#) to access this section of our website.

The City's Code is updated periodically; however, as new legislation is enacted by the City Council it will be posted in the "New Laws" section of this page on our website. Topics are also searchable by using key words.

We hope you find this service helpful!

As always, if you have any questions we are happy to help. Just call the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270.





LAKES REGION MENTAL HEALTH CENTER PROVIDES SOFT PLASTICS COLLECTION POINT

Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) has partnered with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club and the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia to provide a soft plastics collection point. Accepted items include: plastic grocery bags, vegetable bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, air packing bags, dry cleaning bags, ice bags, cereal box liners, plastic films labeled with a #2 or #4 recycling symbol, blue and white amazon bags and pellet bags. Crunch snack bags, pet food bags and hard plastics are not accepted. Any attached paper on bags must be removed. Soft plastics will be accepted at the 40 Beacon St. E location until February 10, 2023.

About Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Lakes Region Mental Health Center is the NH-designated community mental health center serving 24 towns in Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. A non-profit, private corporation founded in 1966, LRMHC provides integrated care to children, adults, elders and their families who are living with and recovering from mental illness and/or emotional distress. LRMHC professionals provide the highest quality of care, and by working in partnership with other health care providers, hospitals, law enforcement, corrections, courts, school districts, social workers and public health officials, LRMHC is able to provide a continuum of care for patients and improve the quality of life in the Lakes Region. In Fiscal Year 2022, LRMHC's 200+ employees served 3,512 children, adults and families and provided over \$372,000 of charity care. For more information, visit lrnhc.org or call 603-524-1100.

About the Lions Club and Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia

For over 64 years, the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club has offered people a chance to give back to their community. From involving members in community projects such as park cleanups to bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions club members are committed to building a bright future for their community. The Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia has earned Green Sanctuary Certification from the national Unitarian Universalist Association. In collaboration with other organizations and communities, they hope to achieve their vision through activities addressing Climate Change, Water Quality and other Critical Environmental and Social Justice issues.

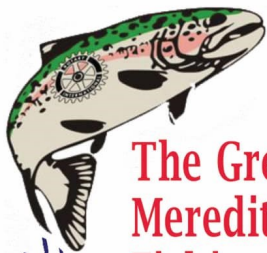
Over \$50,000



in Winnings!

**FEBRUARY
11 & 12, 2023**

For advanced ticket sales, go to
www.icefishingnh.com
or call (603) 279-7600



**The Great
Meredith Rotary
Fishing Derby**



A Great Weekend for the Entire Family!



Tickets make Great Holiday Gifts!

You can fish ANY public Pond or Lake in N.H. and be eligible for prizes!

Photos Wanted!



*Do you have a favorite photo showing
what makes Laconia special?*

*Send it our way
(email to NBrown@laconianh.gov)
and you just might see it in a future
issue of Laconia Links!*

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 ...

The First Baptist Church, at the corner of Spring Street and Union Avenue, was dedicated in 1895. Only 23 years later, in 1918, the congregation merged with the First Freewill Baptist Church on Court Street to form the South Baptist Church. Thereafter, the Union Avenue structure was used by Pitman Hosiery Mill from 1919-1921 as a day-care center for children of its employees. From 1922-1936, it became home to the Knights of Columbus and also housed the Palace Movie Theater and a roller-skating rink. From 1936-1941, it was home to the Church of the Nazarene. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Sometime in the late 1940s, the Union Avenue church was demolished and the St. Jean de Baptiste Society built on the site in 1950, selling to the Salvation Army in 1981. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
Winter Blues Raffle



- Full size handmade exquisite quilt
- Nubble Lighthouse Canvas Print
- Handcrafted Earrings and Pendant
- 20 Handcrafted Notecards
- \$100 Common Man Gift Card
- Additional items may be added

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

Purchase online

or

send a check:

LRSF

PO Box 7312

Gilford NH 03247-7312

Scan here to
purchase online



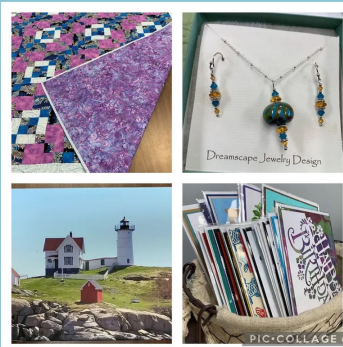
LRSF Winter Blues Benefit
Night Tickets, Wed, Jan...
www.eventbrite.com

Live Raffle Drawing - LRSF - Fratello's Benefit Night

March 8, 2023

Need not be present to win!

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



LAKES REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
BENJAMIN GREENE, CONDUCTOR

Symphony Concert

"HAYDN SEEK"

MARCH 25, 2023 7PM

*Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium
Rt. 25, Meredith, NH*

*Kari Jukka-Pekka
Vainio*

HAYDN - Concerto in C Major for Cello
HAYDN - Symphony No. 104 "London"
BERNSTEIN - West Side Story Highlights
DVORAK - Humoresque
VIVALDI - Concerto for Two Flutes

TICKETS
Adult \$25 / Student \$10
www.LRSO.org
800-514-3849

Sponsored by the
Robert T. Smith Family Trust

WINTER IS FUN AT BOLDUC PARK!

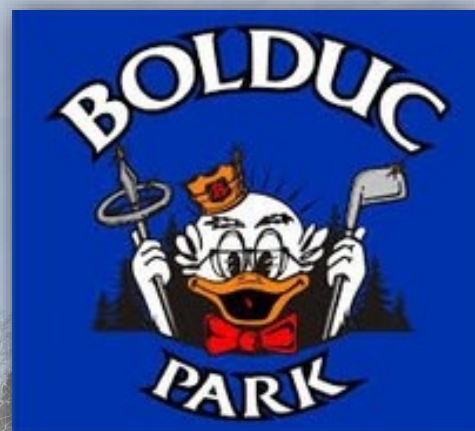
Looking for a budget friendly way to have fun and fresh air this winter? At Bolduc Park year round disc golf and cross country skiing are available to the general public for a modest donation and free to lower income youth and one supervising adult.

A nine hole wooded disc golf course and 10 kilometers of groomed cross country ski trails are maintained at the non-profit Bolduc Park at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line.

In the warm weather, golf and golf lessons are offered to adults and youth.

For general information or to learn about the benefits of volunteering at Bolduc Park call 603-524-1370 or check out www.bolducpark.com.


Free cross country skiing, golf and disc golf and rental equipment is available to kids and teens whose families already qualify for income eligible programs such as Free and Reduced Lunch, SNAP, Housing Assistance and Fuel Assistance. These programs are funded in part by Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.





Laconia Senior Center 524-7689

FEBRUARY 2023 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Bingo 10-12 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt.	2 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt	3 Bingo 10-12 Movie 12:30—2:30 PM w/snack & drink
6 VNA Foot Care 9-1 by appt. LPD talk on Tax Fraud, Scam 9:AM Coffee Social 10-11 Manicure by Brenda 11:00-12:30 by appt	7 9:AM Activity Mtg. Story telling 11:30-12PM RSVP 11:30 Fettucine w./ Turkey Broccoli Alfredo Sauce Veg Fruit Cup Warm Dinner Roll	8 Bingo 10-12 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt	9 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt	10 Bingo 10-12
13 Coffee Social 10-11 Movie day 12:30 PM-2:30 PM Pop corn / drink	14 Scrapbooking 9-11:00 RSVP 11:30 Chicken pot Pie Buttermilk Bisc Veg Fruit Cup, Chocolate	15 Bingo 10-12 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt	16 Hearing Clinic @ 10:15 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt	17 Bingo 10-12
20 AGENCY CLOSED No Delivery 	21 Knitting/sew 9-11 BP CLINIC@ 10:30 Peer Support Group 1:00—2:30 RSVP 11:30 Bread Chicken Strips Potato Wedg Veg	22 Bingo 10-12 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt	23 Fraud Protection 9:30—10:30 BNH Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt	24 Bingo 10-12 Movie 12:30—2:30 PM w/snack & drink
27 RSVP 11:30 Chicken Cordon Blue Sand w/Hon Must Dress Oven Roast Potato Wedg, Veg. Coolies, Fruit cup.	28 Scrapbooking 9-11:00 AM Foot Care by Maddy 9:00—11:45AM by appt			

Memorial Park Skating Rink is open!

Bundle up and get outside with your family to have some fun!

Questions? Please call Parks & Rec at (603) 524-5046.



PARKS & RECREATION

2023 Tree and Shrub Program



The 2023 Tree, Shrub and Flower Sale is here! This annual sale is a fundraiser for the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) and your purchases help support local conservation efforts here in Belknap County. This year we are offering reasonably priced bareroot plants such as strawberry, raspberry, grapes, asparagus, fruit trees, onions, evergreens, shade trees and trees to help feed and shelter wildlife.

To purchase plants using PayPal visit our website at www.belknapccd.org or get a copy of the sales information sent or emailed to you. Please contact Lisa at 603-527-5880 or email belknapconservation@gmail.com. Thank you!

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST



**LAKES REGION
STUDENTS ATTENDING
HIGHER EDUCATION
2023 - 2024**

**APPLICATION ON OUR
WEBSITE**

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

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

Completed qualified application packets (with all required documents) received by March 1, 2023 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??

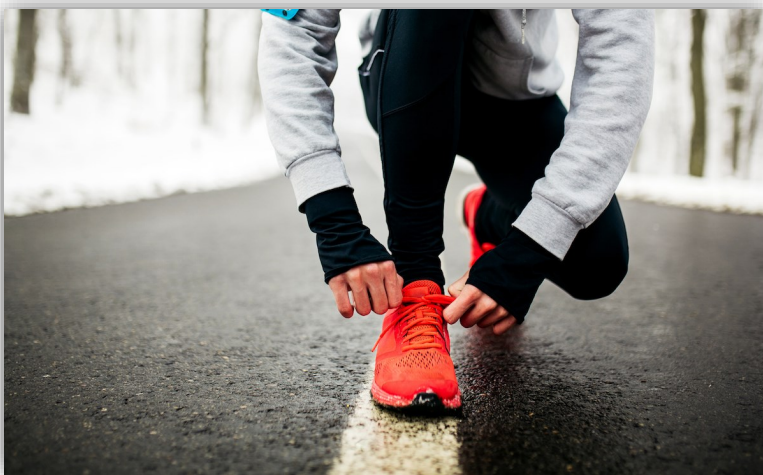
Email - scholarship@lrscholarship.org
Call - 603-527-3533

**Karen Switzer
Executive Director**

**Chris Guilmett
Assistant Director**



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Scholarship Foundation
www.lrscholarship.org



Safety reminder: Anyone exercising, walking or skiing on a City road during periods of limited visibility (including snow storms) should wear light colored clothing with reflective material and a blinking light.

Also, you should be walking, running or skiing against traffic so that you can see vehicles coming towards you. Depending on wind speed and direction, drivers may have limited visibility and may not see you.



Walking against traffic gives you the ability to react quickly to approaching traffic if they are unable to see you.



IRS Certified Volunteers Providing **FREE TAX PREPARATION**

IRS VITA/TCE return preparation sites are operated by certified volunteers. Site operating hours and services offered may be limited. In addition, by law, some sites provide priority services to seniors. Please be advised that you may not be immediately served. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Will Prepare

- Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2)
- Interest Income (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV)
- State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G)
- Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G)
- IRA Distributions (Form 1099-R)
- Pension Income (Forms 1099-R, RRB-1099-R, CSA-1099)
- Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099, RRB-1099)
- Simple Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B) *limited*
- Sale of Home (Form 1099-S) *limited*
- Prior Year and Amended Returns
- Self-Employed Income (Form 1099-MISC, Form 1099-NEC and Form 1099-K) *limited*
- Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G)
- Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C) *limited*
- Health Savings Accounts (Form 1099-SA) *limited*
- Itemized Deductions *limited*
- Education Credits (Form 1098-T)
- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Health Insurance Statements (Forms 1095-A, B or C)

Will Not Prepare

- Schedule C with net loss, depreciation or business use of home
- Complex Schedule D, Capital Gains and Losses
- Form SS-5 (request for Social Security Number)
- Form 8606 (non-deductible IRA)
- Form 8814 (child taxed at parent's tax rate)
- Form SS-8 (determination of worker status for purposes of federal employment taxes and income tax withholding)
- Parts 4 & 5 of Form 8962 (Allocation of Policy Amounts, Alternative Calculation for Year of Marriage)
- Form W-7 (application for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN))
- Returns with casualty/disaster losses



**Please see a
professional preparer
for assistance with
complicated returns.**

What to Bring

- For married filing jointly, both spouses must be present
- Original photo identification such as driver's license, school, employer, military, or state id for you and your spouse (if married)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- A copy of last year's tax return
- All Forms W-2 and 1099
- Forms 1095-A, B or C (ACA Statements)
- Information for other income
- Information for all deductions (including charitable contributions)/credits
- Total paid to daycare provider and their tax ID number
- For direct deposit of refund, proof of account and bank's routing number
- For prior year returns, copies of income transcripts from IRS (and state, if applicable)

Site Name: LAKES REGION VITA

Location: 184 Beacon St West Laconia (Laconia Senior Center)

Days: Tuesdays 5 - 8pm and Saturdays 9am - 1pm. 1/31/23 through 4/18/23

CALL 211 TO MAKE APPT OR ONLINE NHTAXHELP.ORG. Make sure to choose VITA

DO NOT CALL THE SENIOR CENTER!!!!



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LACONIA KIWANIS KRONIKLE ONLINE

Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle". To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, click [here](#). Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).



"In Laconia Schools..."

February 2, 2023

Good day, Laconia School District Staff and Families.

On behalf of the Laconia School District, I hope you have had a great start to the new calendar year as we start a new semester this week. Some of us may remember years that began with a "19." It seems unbelievable that we have started the year 2023 and have been in the 21st century for over two (2) decades. At the midpoint of this school year, we have some exciting information about the past, present, and future of the 2022-23 school year that we would like to share in the first of two (2) installments.

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

We now have student representatives on the Laconia School Board. Ella Tryon, a Senior, and Nerma Krupic, a Junior, will alternate meetings and be a voice for the LHS student body on the School Board. Thank you, Ella and Nerma for your service and commitment to the Laconia School District.

Staff

We have continued to use Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to hire additional staff in all our schools. This year, these Covid-19 funds are being used to partially or fully fund 16 additional positions to support teaching, learning and interventions for our students.

In the last two (2) years, we have added programming for elementary, middle, and high to expand opportunities and to support future learning pathways for our students, including:

- One (1) music teacher and one (1) art teacher this year means that we have a full-time art and a full-time music teacher in each of our elementary schools.
- A teacher for our College and Career Exploratory program that was added last year at LMS.
- An LHS teacher who is instructing students in four (4) sections of Wood Shop and two (2) sections of classes for students to explore multiple Huot programs.

21st Century Learning After School Programs

Our out-of-school programs are expanding with 520 students participating in afterschool programs (200 at elementary, 120 at LMS, and 200 at LHS).

- In our elementary schools, we have Lego and Minecraft clubs, project-based learning activities and a variety of programs that integrate future career paths, such as cooking, music, and science.
- At LMS, clubs that we are offering include, Jazz Band, Dungeons and Dragons, Chess, Environmental Club, STEM, Legos, Cooking, Dance, Student Leadership, Art/Photography, to name a few. We also offer math tutoring and homework help daily.
- The LHS after school interest clubs have significantly increased this year growing from two (2) clubs with 30 participants to 25 clubs with 200 participants. Our clubs include math tutoring, homework help, e-sports, SAT Math Prep, Dungeons and Dragons, Chess, and Coding, to name a few. Many of the clubs are geared towards helping students find their passions and possible future careers.

Please click on the image above to read the February issue of "In Laconia Schools..." to learn what's going on in the Laconia School District!



VOTE FOR US!

New Hampshire Magazine is looking for the best of the best and we'd LOVE your VOTE!



» Don't wait! Voting ends on March 17.

It's that time of year! New Hampshire Magazine has opened their ballot for the Best of NH 2023! Click [here](#) to vote for us in the following categories: 100-Theater/Performing Arts Venue and 117-Best Venue (more than 150 guests). *Thank you!*



Lakes Region Art Association

Gallery
Artists, Photographers & Artisans



**Love,
Passion,
& Chocolate**



Small Masterpieces by Local New England Artists

Chocolate confections

from **ROCKY MOUNTAIN
(CHOCOLATE FACTORY)**
Suite #200, Tanger Outlets



Lakes Region
Art Gallery
Fine Art Exhibit
February 2nd - 25th

Surprise your
Valentine
with a
Fine Art Masterpiece

Art & Chocolate Reception
Meet the Artists
February 11 from 4:00 to 8:00
Public Welcome!

New LRAA Gallery Hours
January 2 – February 28
Thursday, 10am - 7pm
Friday & Saturday 10am – 8pm
Sunday, 10am – 6pm

The Tanger Outlets facility closes whenever local schools close.
Check before heading out in the snow:
<https://www.tangeroutlet.com/tllocations>



CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions have **current vacancies**:

Board of Assessors: 2 alternate positions

Conservation Commission: 1 alternate position

***Downtown TIF District Advisory Board:** 2 regular positions

Heritage Commission: 2 alternate positions

***Lakeport TIF District Advisory Board:** 1 regular position

Library Board of Trustees: 1 regular position, 2 alternate positions

Planning Board: 1 alternate position

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3 alternate positions

Historic District Commission: 2 alternate positions

Trustees of the Trust Funds: 1 regular position

**Members of the TIF District Advisory Boards shown must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts)*

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 (or by e-mail at Nbrown@laconianh.gov) for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at www.laconianh.gov. A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our website. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. **The deadline for receipt of applications is February 10, 2023.**

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placed to support Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation Operating
Fund
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eat in or order take out- mention lakes region
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Live raffle drawing will be held early evening!
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
4PM - CLOSE
FRATELLO'S LACONIA**



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



Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Friday, March 3rd from 12:00-2:00

(while supplies last)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
180 Loudon Rd. Concord, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.

No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors.



Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect. As of November 1st, no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Laconia's sledding hill is now open (conditions permitting!) located at the end of South Street, and can be found on Google Maps if you need directions.

Laconia does not provide any tubes or sleds for use. There is no charge to use the sledding hill and all are welcomed to USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

In the winter the lights are scheduled to turn on from 4pm to 10pm. Questions? Please call Parks & Rec at 603-524-5046.



Soft Plastic Recycling

On Saturday February 11 the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, together with the Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees of the Universalist Unitarian Church will again be collecting soft clean plastics. We are also collecting pop-topped canned goods for the local food pantries.

Volunteers will be out in front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant St. Laconia from 11am until 1pm.

If it is raining or snowing that day the event will be postponed.

Should you have any questions, please email theandrews@verizon.net, call the church office at 603-524-6488 or check our Facebook page.

Thank you for your help!



Public Events at Taylor Community - Laconia, NH

All events listed are free and open to the public

Bank of New Hampshire Music Series

Thank you to the Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the 2023 Taylor Community Music Series.

Costa Blue - *February 6th at 6:30 p.m.*

Costa Blue is an acoustic musical duo consisting of Russ Costa and Johnny Blue Horn. This event will be held at the Woodside.

Rachel Clemente - *February 12th at 3:00 p.m.*

Traditional Scottish harpist Rachel Clemente and bagpiper Dan Houghton. Join us for this musical event held at Woodside.

Bob McCarthy - *February 20th at 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for this mix of folk songs, country blues, jazz, ragtime, bluegrass, jazz, rhythm and blues, and gospel, laced with strains of Ireland and Brazil. This event will be held at Woodside.

Eddie Scheer Jazz - *February 27 at 6:30 p.m.*

Join us as Eddie and the gang bring back their highly anticipated Jazz performance! This event will be held at Woodside.

Lectures

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation - *February 9th at 2:00 p.m.*

Join us for this presentation by members of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

Michael Cross - Mysteries with Michael - *February 20th at 11:00 a.m.*

Try your hand at solving a crime with forensic science Professor Mike Cross. Test your knowledge as you investigate the crime scene and analyze the evidence to find the murderer. We will host a Group Zoom Session in the Woodside Theater.

Jane O'Neail - John Singer Sargent - *February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.*

This program will explore his most beloved as well as rarely seen images, including portraits, forays into Impressionism and stunning watercolors.

Black History Month Presentation - The Road to Freedom - *February 27th - 2:00 p.m.*

The Road to Freedom: Black History & the Civil Rights Movement This special, narrated by Deon Cole, gives a fresh perspective of the black movement in America, from Emancipation to the Civil Rights era.

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For more information on
Taylor Community please
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What's New for Medicare in 2023?

Part A: Hospital insurance

Part A premium	Free if you've worked 10 years or more \$278 per month if you've worked 7.5 to 10 years \$506 per month if you've worked fewer than 7.5 years
Part A hospital deductible	\$1,600 each benefit period
Part A hospital coinsurance	\$0 for the first 60 days of inpatient care each benefit period \$400 per day for days 61-90 each benefit period \$800 per lifetime reserve day after day 90 in a benefit period (You have 60 lifetime reserve days that can only be used once. They're not renewable.)
Skilled nursing facility insurance	\$0 for the first 20 days of inpatient care each benefit period \$200 per day for days 21-100 each benefit period



Part B: Medical insurance

Part B premium (For individuals with incomes below \$97,000 or couples with incomes below \$194,000)	\$164.90 is the standard premium
Part B deductible	\$226 per year
Part B coinsurance	20% for most services Part B covers



Part D: Prescription drug coverage

National average Part D premium	\$32.74 per month
Part D maximum deductible	\$505 per year
Coverage gap begins	\$4,660
Catastrophic coverage begins	\$7,400



If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, contact your plan directly for your 2023 premium, copayments, and deductible.

January 2023 Medicare Minute



The 2023 World Championship Sled Dog Races are scheduled for February 17, 18 and 19, 2023!

More details to come closer to the event.

Check the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club's [website](#) for updates!

12" 
Pickup Truck or SUV

9" 
Small Automobile

6" 
Snowmobile or ATV

5" 
Small Group Spread Out

Ice Safety

Minimum Thickness
of Clear, Hard Ice

4" 
1 Person with Personal Gear

**<3" UNSAFE!
Stay OFF!**

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TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.

THE VIETNAM WAR

A LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY PROJECT



Throughout the month of April, students in Taylor Osborne's CCR US History class at Laconia High School will be engaging in several different historical processes as they create a project focusing on Laconia's involvement in the Vietnam War. Students will work with the Laconia Historical and Museum Society to analyze primary sources from the 1960s and '70s, as well as connect with local Vietnam veterans to hear and share their stories. Students will generate biographies of several of Laconia's veterans. Their research and work will culminate in the creation and public presentation of a website towards the end of May.

Community Support Is Needed:

Members of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society have worked to connect with veterans who would like to take part in interviews. Additionally, the Historical Society is able to provide several years' worth of newspapers and members of the Historical Society are available to work with the students as they investigate these documents. The class is hoping to gather resources from friends or family members of Laconia's Vietnam veterans, to share the stories of those who are no longer around to share them themselves. Examples of helpful primary sources could be things like photographs, letters, journals, etc (*Students will work with copies of documents, and all original copies will be returned, unaltered, to the rightful owners*)

The community's support and participation will be a huge help with this important project, and it is much appreciated. The more community support, the better the project will be!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Osborne; his contact information is shown below:

Contact Info:

Teacher: Taylor Osborne

Email: tosborne@laconiaschools.org

Thank you in advance for your help!

BELKNAP MILL PRESENTS:

BELL & BRICK

A Winter Concert Series



February 9th, 2023
Green Heron

February 2nd, 2023
Audrey Drake Trio



February 16th, 2023
Angela Stewart



February

Event Details

Tickets: \$10
Doors Open: 6:30p
Concert: 7-8p



City of Laconia

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Laconia, NH 03246
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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.



Winter certainly
isn't over yet!

There are plenty of
cold winter days
still ahead.

Click on the image (above) to read all about *Cold Weather Safety for Older Adults* provided by the National Institute on Aging.



City Meetings



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](http://www.laconianh.gov). 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, unless otherwise noted:

Planning Board

February 7, 2023, 6:30 pm

Agenda

Heritage Commission

February 8, 2023, 5:00 pm

Water Commission

February 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

Agenda



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
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
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 - Hilary Young	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert	
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
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 - Katie Gargano	
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

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