

*March 3, 2023 - Edition #578*

*Lakeport with a fresh blanket of snow!  
(photo compliments of View From Above NH)*



## Automated Curbside Solid Waste Collection is Coming May 1, 2023!

**What to do with the forest green recycling containers and  
save tax dollars at the same time...**

Around 2012 the City sold approximately 1,000 64-gallon forest green recycling containers with "Laconia Recycles" stamped on them. These containers are supposed to be used for recycling, not trash.

If you still have these containers and they are large enough for your recycling and they are in good shape, you can continue to use them for recycling after the City converts to automated recycling. A single-family home is authorized only one recycling container under the automated collection program.



Please notify Public Works if you plan on continuing to use the 64-gallon recycling container instead of receiving a 96 gallon recycling container as part of the conversion to automated recycling. For every container that continues to be used, the taxpayers save \$61.56. If all 1,000 containers are used, the City's taxpayers will save \$61,560 that can be used for other City needs.

Please let Public Works know by filling out the survey at the following link:  
<https://zfrmz.com/cjZ1ZiWojmRWmA25rJHh> or e-mail us at  
[publicworks@laconianh.gov](mailto:publicworks@laconianh.gov)

## 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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).



## Please note!

**THE TRANSFER  
STATION WILL BE  
CLOSED ON SATURDAY,  
MARCH 4 DUE TO THE  
ANTICIPATED WINTER  
STORM**

Please call Public Works at  
603-528-6379 with any  
questions you may have.



# 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.

## PRESCHOOL PALS



THURSDAYS AT 10AM FOR AGES 3 TO 6

## TODDLER TIME



Wednesdays at 10am for newborns to age 3

## Storytime Craft



MARCH 8 & 9

**SENSORY STORYTIME**

Andrea Zimmerman and David Chen  
Illustrated by Marc Rosenthal

**MONDAYS AT 10AM FOR NEWBORNS - AGE 6**

## A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes



**Wednesday, March 8**

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
humanities  
Connecting people with ideas  
**6:30pm**

## Family Craft: Paper Roll Sunbursts



**Monday, March 6, 3:30 pm**

**Best for ages 3-12**

**SENSORY  
STORYTIME CRAFT**

**March 6**

Teen and Family Drop-In  
Craft: Rock Painting



SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 10 AM-12 PM  
KIDS THROUGH TEENS

**TEEN MANGA CLUB**

TUESDAY,  
MARCH 7  
3:30-4:30PM

**SNACKS PROVIDED**

Ages 12-18



## Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 8

4 pm



## WINTER IS FUN AT BOLDUC PARK!

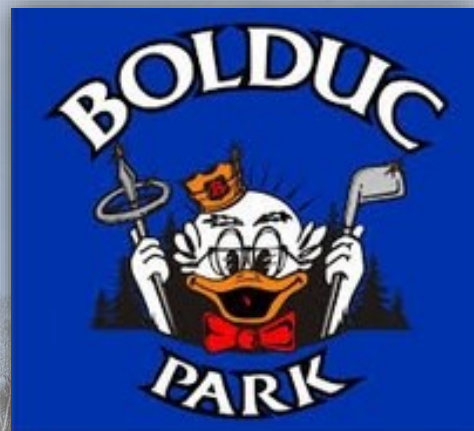
Looking for a budget friendly way to have fun and fresh air this winter? At Bolduc Park year round disc golf and cross country skiing are available to the general public for a modest donation and free to lower income youth and one supervising adult.

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](http://www.bolducpark.com).

Funding from the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction makes it possible for Bolduc Park to offer lower family income kids and teens free cross country skiing, golf and disc golf and lessons. Call 603-630-5650 for more information.



## Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



**Friday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-2:00**

(while supplies last)

**Lakes Region Community College  
379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH**

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

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

Sponsored by:



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](http://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](http://lrscholarship.org)**





BELKNAP HOUSE  
ONLINE AUCTION  
MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

## EMPOWER FAMILIES WHILE SHOPPING!

Belknap House provides not only safe shelter for parents and children, also classes and resources to help parents become self-sufficient.

### Additional items

Gift certificates,  
Self care items, gift baskets,  
paintings and photography  
by local artists and more.  
Items added daily.

1 hr cruise on Miss  
Meredith for 4, many golf  
opportunities, dining,  
handcrafted items: quilts,  
canoe paddles & so much  
more!



Bids will be placed at:

<https://www.32auctions.com/BelknapHouse2023>

Want to donate an item? Please call 527-8097.

# Backflow Testing

## LACONIA WATER WORKS BACKFLOW TESTING RATE CHANGE

At their regularly scheduled meeting on January 3, 2023, the Board of Water Commissioners voted to proceed with increasing its backflow rates. The fees for testing backflows were raised to \$50 per test for 1 or 2 devices and \$40 per test for 3 or more devices.

This increase is necessary as the cost of our operation and maintenance of the department has been steadily rising.

## Laconia Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, March 19th | Belknap Mill  
8 AM - 12 NOON

\$6 Includes  
Pancakes, Sausage,  
Coffee, Tea, Juice



Thank you for supporting  
the Laconia Rotary Club!

**\$6 ADULTS**  
**\$5 CHILDREN**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
ROTARY PARK BANDSTAND REPAIR

FOR INFO, visit [www.LaconiaRotary.org](http://www.LaconiaRotary.org)

## BELKNAP MILL PRESENTS: *A Winter Concert Series* BELL & BRICK



February 16, 2023  
Angela Stewart



March 16, 2023  
Katie Dobbins



February 9, 2023  
Green Heron



March 2, 2023  
Bob McCarthy Trio



April 6, 2023  
Andrianna Gnap Band



April 20th, 2023  
Lakes Region  
Woodwind Quintet

*Event Details*  
Tickets: \$10  
Concert: 7-8p

**Rescheduled  
to March 30!**



# 2023 ART WALK

JOIN THE BELKNAP MILL'S  
ART WALK DURING  
NEW ENGLAND COFFEE FESTIVAL

**MAY 20TH  
9AM-3PM**

INTERESTED ARTISTS  
Jill@belknappmill.org

**BELKNAP MILL**  
1823-2023

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## NEW ENGLAND COFFEE FESTIVAL

**May 19-20, 2023**

**Laconia, NH**

[newenglandcoffeesfestival.com](http://newenglandcoffeesfestival.com)

## Memorial Park Skating Rink is open!



ICE RINK  
OPEN

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

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

## MARCH MADNESS

For



**Make-A-Wish**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



**Saturday March 11, 3-7:30pm**

**St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall Gymnasium**

Family Fun Activities

Basketball Themed Games for Kids – Sports Bar for Adults

\$5,000 & \$10,000 Prize Opportunities for Kids and Adults

Food, Snacks, Soft Drinks, Adult Seltzers, Beer

TVs playing NCAA Men's Conference Championship Games

Join the NCAA Men's Tournament Bracket Pool and win up to \$1,250

Purchase Brackets Here:

<https://form.jotform.com/Vschuck/ncaa-basketball-bracket>



# Improve the energy efficiency of your home.

## FREE Home Energy Workshop



**NHSaves** Button Up Workshop is a 1½ hour presentation about improving the energy efficiency of your home. It covers energy saving tips and NHSaves energy efficiency programs. Learn about saving electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from NH's energy utilities. New Hampshire residents that want to use energy wisely and save money will find the information very useful.

WHEN NEW HAMPSHIRE SAVES,



NHSaves.com

### PRESENTATION:

Join us for a **NHSaves** Button Up Workshop

### WHEN:

Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:00–7:30 P.M.

*Light refreshments will be served.*

### WHERE:

Laconia Library  
695 North Main Street  
Laconia, New Hampshire

### PRESENTER:

Andy Dunoan, Energy Training Manager, LRCC

### QUESTIONS:

Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia  
603-524-6488 • [uusl@myfairpoint.net](mailto:uusl@myfairpoint.net)

### SPONSORED BY:

NHSaves: [www.nhsaves.com](http://www.nhsaves.com)

### LOCAL PARTNERS:

Green Sanctuary Committee of the  
Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia  
The City of Laconia  
Congregational Church of Laconia  
Laconia Gilford Lions Club

Visit [https://nhsaves.com/learn/?resource\\_type=event](https://nhsaves.com/learn/?resource_type=event)  
for dates and locations of all Button Ups.

Workshops are organized by Plymouth  
Area Renewable Energy Initiative, (PAREI)  
[www.PlymouthEnergy.org](http://www.PlymouthEnergy.org) • 603-536-5030

The workshops are FREE thanks to funding provided by



EVERSOURCE







Hip- Hip Hooray!!! 17 more days till Spring!! And March is looking like a full month at the Laconia Senior Center. March 6<sup>th</sup> will be starting our VNA Foot Care and moving right into the Social Hour at 10 am, then Brenda will be here to make your nails shine at 11 am.

With the weather lately, the congregate meal will be a refreshing taste of beef stew with vegetables and a warm dinner roll, fruit cup for dessert. Don't forget on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March is our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and that will be the traditional corn beef. Call and make your RSVP. All are welcome and we would love to meet and greet you.

Activities coming up on Friday 3/10/23 at 10 am: "Trivia Thyme" by the VNA and that afternoon will be another movie selected by the Gilford Library. Snacks and a drink provided. Bingo at 10-12 on 3/8/23.

**Did you know?** From Harvard Health Letter by Harvard Medical School, 4Blackfan Circle, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02115: You can prevent blood clots in your legs. Knowing the most common causes could help you avert a serious health crisis. Blood clot triggers include being bedridden for long periods, sitting for even 3-4 hours in a car, plane or train, not getting enough activity, having blood pool in your legs because valves aren't working properly, and taking medication which promotes blood clotting. Signs of a dangerous blood clot that can happen in seconds: Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) signs COULD BE a swollen, red and painful leg. If the blood clot breaks off, you could have shortness of breath and chest pain upon taking a deep breath. How to avoid these blood clots? By staying hydrated, stretch and move your legs around, don't cross your legs and wear compression stockings to prevent swelling and keep blood from pooling in the legs. If you experience symptoms go to the emergency room STAT.

**Easy herbs and potted veggies.** What you will need to do is start your seedlings within the month of March. Take old buckets, flower pots, or large tin cans and put holes in the bottom. Line with weed covering or a paper towel, fill with rocky soil and top off with potting soil. Use a pencil to make a hole to put the seed in. Cover with plastic wrap and place in a well-lighted window. When ready to transplant, say around the end of April, place in a larger container or just keep in the same pot if large enough. Later in the season you will have fresh herbs all summer or veggies later in the fall. Coffee grinds are awesome for fertilizer as well as clean eggshells.

Follow us on in Laconia Links for updates and special events coming soon. You can always call me at 603-524-7689.

*Debbie Haskell*, Laconia Senior Center Resource Manager

# City Clerk's Office



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

Did you know you can process your boat or jet ski 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 .**

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

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





# 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, looking south in the early 1890s. White three-story building at left was the Perley Block and, beyond it, the Unitarian Church towers over the scene. On the right, the building in distance with Mansard roof was the Eagle Hotel, torn down in 1937 to make way for a Woolworth store (later occupied by Benjamin's and Sundial Shop.) White house at right was the Noyes residence and wooden buildings at right housed various businesses. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**Today, the Colonial Theater has replaced the house behind the fence at left, and the Laconia Antique Center occupies the site of the Perley Block. The Unitarian Church burned in 1938. On the right, the Cook Block replaced the Noyes House in 1898 and the Pemaco Block replaced the old wooden buildings at near right in 1926. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



Environmental Education Center  
***Every Saturday in March***

**Learn Something SWEET in  
March at Prescott Farm!**

**90 minute programs begin on the hour from 10 am–3 pm.**

**Registration & FMI: [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)**

## WRITERS' NIGHT OUT

## FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

**6:00PM  
BELKNAP MILL**

(FREE) MEET-UP FOR LOCAL WRITERS  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY **N H W P**



200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
BELKNAP MILL

1823  
2023

## Marriage, Medicare & Medicaid

### 5 SEX COUPLES NEED TO KNOW

**Tips for same-sex couples who are married or thinking about marriage so you can understand how marriage affects Medicare and Medicaid rights.**

Since the Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015) made same-sex marriage legal in every state, married same-sex couples have been able to get coverage under the same Medicare and Medicaid rules as married opposite-sex couples in all states. Where the couple lives or when or where they were married makes no difference.

## MARRIAGE & MEDICARE

**Qualifying for Medicare Part A coverage based on your spouse's work history.** Medicare Part A is the health benefit that covers hospital care. To qualify for free Medicare Part A, you must have 40 "quarters" of work history, roughly 10 years, based either on your own work record or your spouse's work record. If you or your spouse do not have a qualifying work history, the cost of Part A can be as high as \$500 per month.

What are the rules about Medicare coverage for spouses?

- You must be a spouse in a **marriage** recognized by the jurisdiction in which it was performed. Registered domestic partnerships, civil unions and common law marriage may

quality in limited cases, depending on your  
state recognizes marriages

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performed in any state as well as marriage performed in other countries.

You must have been married at least one year before you can qualify for Medicare based on your spouse's earnings record.

- If you are divorced, you can qualify for Social Security if your marriage lasted at least 10 years. If you start receiving the spousal benefit within 12 months of the date of your divorce, you can receive the benefit as if you were still married.

Advocacy & Services for JUSTICE IN ACTION

**National Resource Center  
on LGBTQ+ Aging**

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## JUSTICE IN AGING

FIGHTING SENIOR POVERTY THROUGH LAW

# Marriage, Medicare & Medicaid - What Same- Sex Couples Need to Know!

Please click  
on the image  
(left) for  
helpful  
information .

# 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 **March 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:

**ACCEPTANCE OF A 2023 NH DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (NHDES)  
EXOTIC AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL GRANT  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,530.00.**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



# CITY OF LACONIA

## Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **March 27, 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:

**POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF THE FORMER  
LAKESHORE SPUR, A 3.63 +/- ACRE AREA  
OF STATE OWNED DISCONTINUED RAIL  
CORRIDOR, PART OF THE CONCORD-  
LINCOLN CORRIDOR IN LACONIA**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk





Laconia Senior Center 524-7689

## MARCH 2023 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Bingo 10-12 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt.	2 BNH fraud Protection 10: to 11:AM Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM	3 Bingo 10-12 Movie 12:30—2:30 PM w/ snack & drink
6 VNA Foot Care 9-1 by appt Coffee Social 10-11 Manicure by Brenda 11- 12:30 by appt	7 Activity Mtg. 10: AM Beef Stew w/ Vegetables 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 Trivia Thyme 10-11 by VN Movie 12:30—2:30 PM w/ snack & drink
13 Coffee Social 10-11	14 Scrapbooking 9-11 ** Country Singer Don Smith 11-12	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 St Patrick's Dinner Traditional Corn Beef Movie 12:30—2:30 PM w/ snack & drink
20 Bank of NH Fraud Protection 10:AM—11:AM	21 Knitting /Sewing 9-11 BP Clinic @ 10:30 Sweet & Sour Chicken, Brown Rice	22 Bingo 10-12 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt.	23 Thrift Shop Crawl 9- 12 RSVP Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt.	24 Healthy Heart Healthy You 10-11 by VN Movie 12:30—2:30 PM w/ snack & drink
27 Breaded Chicken Strips Seasoned Potato Wedges Vegetable, Dinner Roll Fruit Cup	28 Scrapbooking 9-11 Foot Care by Maddy by appt 9-12	29 Bingo 10-12 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt.	30 Taxes Free 12:30—3:30 PM by appt.	31 Bingo 10-12 Movie 12:30—2:30 PM w/ice cream sundaes

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 8, 2023**

**4PM - CLOSE**

**FRATELLO'S LACONIA**



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



**MARCH  
IS  
NATIONAL  
KIDNEY  
MONTH**



**March is National  
Kidney Month!**

Did you know that  
kidney disease is  
often referred to as a  
"silent disease,"  
because there are  
no symptoms in its  
early stages?

Click [here](#) to read more about it provided by the  
National Institute of Health.

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.







# 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!!!!**



IRS e-file is fast, more accurate, secure, and simple.





*Curbside recycling will be  
picked up the week of  
March 13 2023!*



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00  
am on **Sunday, March 12th.**

Don't forget to put your clocks forward  
one hour before you head to bed on  
Saturday evening.

*Spring will be here soon!*

## **Laconia Putnam Fund is seeking a new member!**

The Laconia Putnam Fund, a volunteer board of the City, is seeking an individual to fill a term created by the resignation of a long-time member.

The Putnam Fund, working with the Trustees of the Trust Funds, uses the income from the Perley and Ellen Putnam Free Lecture Fund to provide free entertainment (lectures, theatrical and musical productions, etc.) to the citizens of Laconia.

We invite you to join our team! Meetings are generally held once a month.

To apply, please click [here](#).

Questions?

Please call the City Manager's Office at  
603-527-1270.

# **APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST**

**LAKE 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](mailto:scholarship@lrscholarship)  
Call - 603-527-3533

**Karen Switzer  
Executive Director**

**Chris Guilmett  
Assistant Director**



Home | Lakes Region  
Scholarship Foundation  
[www.lrscholarship.org](http://www.lrscholarship.org)





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



## ONE PEER TO ANOTHER Laconia, NH

<b>Monday</b> 8:30am - 4:30pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am - 4:30pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am - 4:30pm	<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am - 4:30pm	<b>Friday</b> 8:30am - 4:30pm
<b>Contact Program Director</b> <b>Miranda</b> <b>One Peer To Another</b> <b>603-528-7742</b> <b>328 Union Ave</b> <b>Laconia NH 03246</b> <a href="mailto:miranda@onepeer.org">miranda@onepeer.org</a>		<sup>1</sup> 9am Check-In 10am Gratitude 11am Worldview 1pm Self-Reflection 2pm Mutuality 3pm Deep Breathing Techniques	<sup>2</sup> 9am Check-In 10am Ted Talk 11am Wants & Needs 1pm How am I feeling? 2pm Open Discussion 3pm Music Therapy	<sup>3</sup> 9am Open Discussion 10am Healthy Relationships 11am Arts & Crafts 1pm Walk & Talk 2pm Moving Towards 3pm Journaling
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<sup>13</sup> <b>FIELD TRIP!</b> <b>(We provide transportation)</b> <b>Prescott Farm</b> <b>Discovery Tour (FREE)</b> <b>12 pm-1 pm</b> <b>Pack Lunches!</b>	<sup>14</sup> 9am Check-In 10am Journaling 11am Walk & Talk 1pm Boundaries 2pm Coping Skills 3pm Sit & Stretch	<sup>15</sup> 9am Open Discussion 10am Music Therapy 11am Chair Yoga 1pm Deep Breathing 2pm Staying Present 3pm Ice Breaker Game	<sup>16</sup> 9am Check-In 10am Emotional Meter 11am WOW Trail Walk 1pm Self Care 2pm Mindfulness 3pm Looking within ourselves	<sup>17</sup> 9am Open Discussion 10am Ted Talk 11am Self Reflection 1pm Sit & Stretch 2pm Meditation 3pm Peer Connections <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b>
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## LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!

It's time to register your dogs for 2023!

To renew **online**: [www.laconianh.gov](http://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  
30<sup>th</sup> each year.***

### Sign up for Power Chords - a new Broadway chorus!

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, a program of the Belknap Mill and the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre, announces its newest program - a Broadway chorus called Power Chords! Led by Lorraine Barrows (shown left), the group will have a short trial season this spring with about 6 weeks of rehearsals culminating in a 2-3 song repertoire to perform at a May 20 fundraiser for the Colonial.



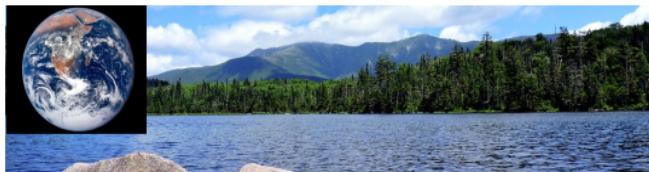
Any adults 18+, regardless of singing experience, are welcome to register to join the group. Besides the fun of singing with a group of people, participants will get vocal direction and improve their singing skills. Barrows is a recently retired music teacher who moved to the Lakes Region in 2021 and immediately auditioned for Powerhouse's production of Our Town knowing community theatre was a great way to meet people in her new community.

Says Barrows, "As a teacher and musical theatre director, my greatest pride has been in helping singers and performers reach their greatest potential. Rehearsals will be lively, efficient, and full of laughter. I love any genre of popular music, but show tunes are my favorite!"

All the details and how to register can be found at <https://www.belknapmill.org/powerchords>. There is a \$10 participation fee, but nobody will be turned away if this presents a hardship. After the initial trial period the group will discuss how to proceed and more people will be able to join.

This is a great opportunity to get involved with Powerhouse with a smaller time commitment than one of its big theatre productions requires. For all the news on Powerhouse and all the exciting programs at the Belknap Mill go to [belknapmill.org](http://belknapmill.org).





## Which Climate Solutions Work for You, our Community, and the World?

Come Explore Climate Solutions using MIT's EN-ROADS Climate Policy Simulator

with Peter Dugas  
EN-ROADS Ambassador

Are you:  
Concerned about climate change?  
Would like to know what solutions work best?

Find out how to explore which technologies and policies work best for addressing climate change.

Laconia Public Library, Auditorium  
March 11th 2023, 1-3 PM

Sponsored by:

NH Lakes Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby.

Admission Free, RSVP at:

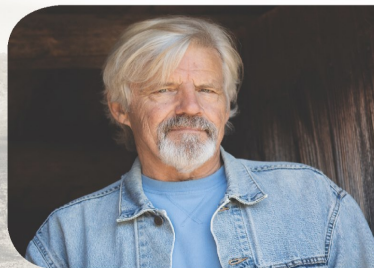
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## Meet the Oscar-winning Author of *On Golden Pond*

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 | 6:00 PM

for a conversation about his debut novel and book signing



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## Laconia Senior Center

## Thrift Shop Crawl

March 23, 2023

The bus will take a total of 10 people to the thrift shop stores in the Laconia Area.

We will leave at 9:AM and back at 12:PM

We will also have a prize for the person who brings home the smallest find.



Locations visited will be:

St. Vincent de Paul Union Ave Laconia NH

Used 2B Lake Street Gilford NH

Good Will Daniel Webster HW Belmont NH

Salvation Army Thrift Store New Salem St. Laconia NH



# City of Laconia

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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.



The Social Security  
Administration needs  
your help regarding  
government imposters.

Learn how to spot scams,  
identify red flags and report  
suspicious activity [here](#).



## City Meetings

Week of:  
March 6 - 10

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, unless otherwise noted:**

### **Planning Board**

March 7, 2023, 6:30 pm

### **Agenda**

### **Laconia Putnam Fund**

March 7, 2023, 8:45 am



## 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

General Council E-mail:

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[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)