

WELCOME TO LACONIA

February 2, 2024 - Edition #623

*"Welcome to Laconia" after the recent storm  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*

## TEMPORARY SERVICE DISRUPTION

### SERVICE DISRUPTION LACONIA CITY FACILITIES

**FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Municipal services will be interrupted in the City of Laconia on Feb. 9-10 and March 8-9 as the City upgrades and consolidates its computer network. The project

requires taking the network off-line on the dates listed above. On these dates, most municipal services requiring the use of a networked computer will be unavailable and telephones will not be operational. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. Impacted departments include:

City Manager's Office  
City Clerk/Tax Collection  
Assessing  
Planning  
Code Enforcement

**Public Safety services provided by the Police and Fire departments will NOT be impacted. Also NOT impacted is the Transfer Station.**

### *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).



## February is American Heart Month



This year marks the 60th consecutive American Heart Month!

President Lyndon B. Johnson first issued an American Heart Month proclamation in 1964 and since then, U.S. presidents have annually declared February as American Heart Month.

Please visit the American Heart Association's [website](http://www.heart.org) for helpful information.





LACONIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 5-10

Mon  
2/5

Sensory Storytime @ 10am (babies-6),  
Beginner Mindfulness @ 10am

Tue  
2/6

Tech Help @ 10am, Lego Club @ 3:30pm (ages 5-12),  
Teen Gaming Club @ 3:30pm (ages 12-18)

Wed  
2/7

Toddler Time @ 10am (babies-3), Meet the Memory Cart  
@ 11am, Tech Help @ 2pm, Writing Group @ 6pm

Thurs  
2/8

Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6),  
Family Craft @ 3:30pm

Fri  
2/9

Family Board Games @ 3pm

Sat  
2/10

**For descriptions and more, visit our online calendar!**

<http://laconialibrary.org>  
follow us: @laconialibrary  
call: (603) 524-4775  
text: (603) 556-4666  
email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org)  
[Sign-up for our monthly email newsletter](#)



Visit our  
website for all  
our Library  
events.

**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Goss Reading Room Closed



# Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!

Learn something new, enjoy the outdoors, and  
expand your wellness options with us!



## Sourdough Bread 10 am-12 pm

Learn to bake your own from scratch using a sourdough starter! We'll discuss how to start and keep a sourdough culture alive and use it to make breads and many other baked goodies, including a loaf of bread to finish at home and a biscuits that uses the sourdough discard to enjoy at the end of the class. Participants will also go home with some sourdough starter to continue your sourdough baking journey.

Registration closes the day before this class begins.  
Please call for availability for same day registration.

## Snowshoe Yoga 10 am-12 pm

Immerse yourself in the peacefulness of nature as you practice yoga on snowshoes! Snowshoes help keep you on top of the snow and provide a more stable base. Experience inner calm and a sense of wellness in nature with yoga poses, a guided walking meditation, and this introduction to shinrin-yoku, or "forest bathing." All experience levels welcome and accommodated.



Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

## Saturday February 10th

### Needle Felting Winter Landscaping 1-3pm

Join us for a beginner needle felt class. We'll enjoy the view of the mountains as we learn the basics of needle felting and each participant will take home a felted winter landscape.

Additional programs, series, and registration details  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)



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Environmental Education Center

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## Winter Tree ID

Leaves are not the only way to identify trees and, in fact, winter lends itself to using bark, buds, fruit and plant architecture to identify woody plants. Join us as we amble through the woods at Prescott Farm to identify common New England trees and shrubs.

Snowshoes or snow cleats available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

10am-12 pm

## Saturday February 3, 2024

### Oil Pastel Technique

Discover the drawing and painting technique of oil pastels. The session will provide hands-on instruction, all of the materials, the variety of oil pastels available, their application characteristics, background information of how oil pastels were created and, of course, Studio Time to create your personal creative piece based on Nature.

1-3pm

### Cooking with Winter Storage Crops

Winter storage crops, such as winter squash, carrots, onions, and potatoes are hearty enough to be stored and used for winter recipes. Come make roasted acorn squash rings, root vegetable soup, and a roasted root vegetable dish. While you enjoy your dishes, learn some ideas on crops you can grow at home to store for next winter.

1-4 pm

Additional programs, series, and registration details

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# The Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Invites you to the Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

J. Oliva Huot Career & Technical Center  
Laconia High School

Annual Meeting Agenda

Recognition & Celebration for 2023  
Society Business  
Presentation of Honorary Membership  
Unveiling of the new LHMS website



For more information or to  
RSVP by February 15th:  
[lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net)  
call: 603-527-1278

The Laconia Historical & Museum Society is hosting its annual meeting on Tuesday, February 20th, at 8:00 am. The event will be held at the J. Oliva Huot Technical Education Center located at Laconia High School. Light refreshments will be served during the meeting.

The meeting agenda includes recognition and celebration of 2023 accomplishments, society business, the first presentation of the Warren D. Huse Honorary Membership, and the unveiling of the new LHMS website. The event is open to current LHMS members, and anyone interested in the work of protecting, preserving, and sharing the story of Laconia.

Please RSVP to [lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net) with the subject line "Annual Meeting" by Thursday, February 15th.

For more information about this event or other LHMS events, please visit [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com) or follow LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.

## 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.



Click Here  
for More  
Information



February 16, 17, 18,  
2024



THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
SLED DOG DERBY

## EXTREME COLD

### NEIGHBOR CHECK

Ready.

CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS IN AN EMERGENCY

For more tips visit  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



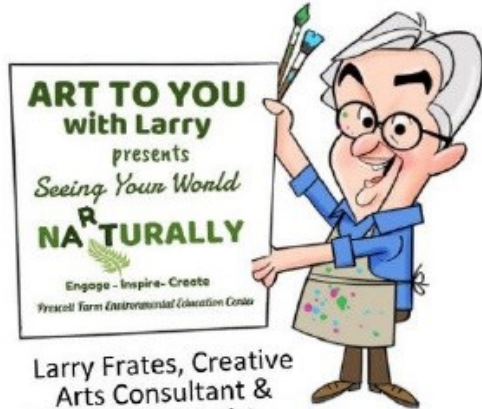


# Prescott Farm

**Don't miss this year-long series of nature-inspired art instruction by Larry Frates!**

Additional programs, series, and registration details

[www.prescottfarm.org](http://www.prescottfarm.org) or 603-366-5695



Larry Frates, Creative Arts Consultant & Teaching Artist

Feb 3: Drawing with Oil Pastels  
Mar 2: Embossed Paper Prints  
Apr 6: Elements of Paper Sculpture to Create Birds  
May 4: Creating Watercolors Pencil Mono-Print  
Jun 6: Metal Embossing with Up-Cycled Materials  
Aug 3: Creating with Natural Objects  
Sept 14: Harvest Festival Art Exhibit  
Oct 5: Scratch Board Techniques from Nature  
Nov 2: Upcycled Paper Making  
Dec 7: Painting with Paper Pulp

**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!**

**ReadyNH.gov**  
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



# Laconia Water Department



## Prevention Better Than Reaction

As the Water Department is nearing its completion of our annual winter preparation/prevention program, this is a reminder for our customers to keep in mind the potential of water pipes freezing.

If the temperature inside a house gets below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degree Celsius) it's likely that the water supply pipes and the drain traps will freeze. When water freezes it expands 9 percent, and if there is no room for expansion, it's possible that the pipe will develop a crack and eventually leak once the ice thaws out. Fixing a ruptured pipe can be expensive, but the damage from uncontrolled water leakage can easily reach into the thousands of dollars.

The majority of the calls received for frozen water pipes and water meters are a result of inadequate heating and cold air drafts where piping is located in the home. It is recommended that property owners check their property for these conditions and identify the location of their water meter and shutoff valve before an emergency.

The property owner is ultimately responsible for repairs to the piping within the home or building. The Water Department will replace frozen or damaged meters. Customers will be charged for the cost of the replacement of the meter and service calls, as applicable.



If for any reason you cannot stop the flow of water from a broken pipe, call the Water Department's 24-hour emergency number at 603-524-0907.



## LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT METER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



Meters are changed periodically to comply with the Public Utilities Commission's Rules and Regulations, the American Water Works Association and in accordance with the Laconia Water Works' Tariff.

The Water Department has an annual program that replaces meters and **there is no cost to the property owner**. Our goal is to change out these meters over the winter months.

The Water Department will contact those property owners whose water meters are due to be changed.

We are in the process of sending letters and making phone calls to schedule appointments. This process takes approximately 20-30 minutes.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (603) 524-0901.







## 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 12, 2024** 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:

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-01 RELATIVE TO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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#### **ORDINANCE 2024-150-3 - RESTRICTIONS ON DISPLAY OF PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

## LACONIA HOUSING

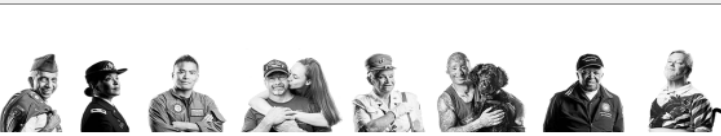
Public Notice for Laconia Housing  
proposed changes to the  
Housing Choice Voucher Program  
Administration plan

The Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority (LHRA) has provided a draft of the proposed and updated agency administration plan for the Housing Choice Voucher program. We invite all interested community members to review the plan for comments/suggestions.

The Agency's Administration plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program can be found on our website [www.laconiahousing.org](http://www.laconiahousing.org). A public hearing is scheduled for February 21st at 12 noon at Laconia Housing Administration Office - 32 Canal St. to receive comments/suggestions. Please go to Laconia Housing website for more information on the plan review.








**Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)  
PACT Act Claims Clinic for all Veterans and  
Survivors**

**Hosted by the Tilton VA Clinic**


**Date:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024  
**Location:** Tilton VA Clinic  
630 West Main Street  
Suite 400  
Tilton, NH 03276  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
and  
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**VBA can assist with the following: service connection claims,  
updates, questions, evidence submissions,  
letters of intent, PACT Act questions,  
and benefit program questions.**

**This event is walk in only, no appointments scheduled.  
Please call Lindsay Pratt-Bluemle, LCSW  
with questions at 603-624-4366 x5320.**



To register for an appointment in the future, please  
contact your VA Social Worker at 603-624-4366 x5320

**VA**  **U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**



**Don't miss this  
New England  
Wolves game  
coming soon!**

Please join us at the Merrill Fay Arena,  
468 Province Road, Laconia, NH...

**NH Avalanche vs. New England Wolves -  
Saturday, February 3 @ 6:15 pm**

**We hope to see you there!**

## Laconia Residents....It's time to register your dog!

Per RSA 466:1 all dogs residing in the City of Laconia must be registered with the license number issued imprinted, as well as a paper license. The tag issued must be worn on the dog's collar at all times. Please remember that a valid rabies certificate and proof of inoculation (if applicable) are required to register.

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



We are happy to help register your dog in person here in City Hall or you can use our on-line registration. Just click the image (left). When processing your registration online, please be sure to add the two or three digit prefix (22- or VET-.)



*For the comfort and safety of all, we ask that you leave your dog at home when you come into City Hall to conduct business. Although we love seeing your four-legged family members, we would like to encourage you to be conscious of others. As always, certified service animals are welcome.*

### **Fees:**

1st dog for owner 65+	\$ 2.00
Civil fine for failure to register by April 30	\$25.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$ 1.00
Replacement tag	\$ 1.50
Spay/neutered dog	\$ 6.50
Unaltered dog	\$ 9.00





# 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 loss, depreciation or business use of home
- Complicated 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 joint, both spouses must be present
- Government issued photo identification for you and your spouse (if married)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and/or dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and/or 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 day care 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 at Laconia Senior Center

**Location:** Parking and entrance on Left Side of Beacon Street West beyond Water Street

**Days:** Tuesdays, 5-8 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm, January 30 to April 13, 2024

**Hours:** Make appointment by calling 211 or online at NHTAXHELP.ORG only (Do Not Contact Senior Center)







**Laconia Senior Center 603-524-7689**

## **FEBRUARY 2024 ACTIVITIES**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1</b> <b>10-11:00am-Indoor volleyball</b>  <b>11:30am- Congregate meal</b>	<b>2</b>  <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u>  <b>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</b>
<b>5</b> <b>9-11:00am-Foot and Blood pressure Clinic - Granite VNA * By Appointment*</b> <b>10-12:00pm- Corn Hole</b>  <b>9-12:00pm- Board Games</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10-11:00am- TED Talk- "Why Sleep Matters Now More than Ever"</b> <b>11:00am- Board Games</b> <b>1:00pm- Walking Group</b>	<b>7</b> <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u>  <b>10-12:00- Bingo</b>  <b>12:00pm- Movie</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10-11:00am- Pictionary Game</b> <b>11:30am-Congregate meal</b> <b>12:30pm- Valentine's card making with Jan</b>	<b>9</b> <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u> <b>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</b> <b>11-12:30- Heart Healthy Talk w/ Brooke Noonan-VNA</b>
<b>12</b>  <b>10-12:00pm- Corn Hole</b>  <b>9-12:00pm- Board Games</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9-10:00am- Card games</b> <b>10-11:30am-Indoor Bad Minton</b> <b>1:00pm- Walking Group</b>	<b>14</b> <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u>  <b>10-12:00- Bingo</b>  <b>12:00pm- Movie</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10-11:00am-Trivia</b>  <b>11:30am-Congregate meal</b>	<b>16</b> <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u>  <b>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</b>
<b>19</b>  <b>The Center is closed today</b>	<b>20</b> <b>10-11:30am- "Open Mike" (singing, poetry, Etc.)</b> <b>1:00pm- Walking Group</b>	<b>21</b> <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u>  <b>10-12:00- Bingo</b>  <b>12:00pm- Movie</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:30-11:00 AM- Men's coffee hour with Guest speaker John Beland- CPR, first aid and what to do in an emergency situations</b> <b>11:30am-Congregate</b>	<b>23</b> <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u>  <b>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</b>
<b>26</b> <b>10:00am- Affordable Hearing *by appointment only*</b>  <b>10-12:00pm- Corn Hole</b>  <b>9-12:00pm- Board Games</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9-11:00am- Foot Clinic w/ Maddy</b>  <b>10-11:30am-Book Club- Swap and Chat</b> <b>1:00pm- Walking Group</b>	<b>28</b> <u><b>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</b></u>  <b>10-12:00- Bingo</b>  <b>12:00pm- Movie</b>	<b>29</b> <b>10-11:00am- Michelle Pals with Keller Williams- "When its time to sell your home"</b> <b>11:30am-Congregate meal</b> <b>12:30pm- February birthday celebration</b>	<b>Calendar subject to change*</b>  <b>** Click <a href="#">here</a> for menu!</b>



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](#).



**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**

**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of Feb. 12!**



# 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 ...

**This was Mill Street, Laconia, in the mid-1960s, before the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s. 'Ma' Ladd's 'American Cafe' was at left, Horace Conrad, Locksmith, in the next building and The Citizen occupied space in the structure at the corner of Beacon Street. (The newspaper's printing plant was directly behind these three structures.) The Busiel Mill is seen, in distance, at right. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**This part of Mill Street has been a pedestrian walkway since Urban Renewal. The three old buildings, along with several others, were demolished to create a parking lot. The extension to the Busiel Mill was also razed and a flat-roofed Laconia City Hall (seen in distance at center) was built in 1971-1972, with a gable roof added in 1985-1986. The three-story addition to the former bank buildings (at left) was completed in 1971 and is now part of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



# COCA-COLA BEVERAGES NORTHEAST'S PENGUIN PLUNGE

## TAKE THE PLUNGE!

Brave the cold and earn bragging rights in the spooktacular event!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to assist on both 2/10 & 2/11 for as little as hours or the day (both inside & outside roles are available).

[CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)



Special Olympics  
New Hampshire



## Belknap Mill Quilters Guild

Belknap Quilters Guild is happy to announce the February Zoom Workshop - 3-Dimensional English Paper Piecing with Tina Craig of Seaside Stitches in Rhode Island! The date is Sunday, February 18th, from 10 AM to 4 PM in the comfort of your own sewing room! Workshop Tuition is \$52.00. We will all receive four patterns: pincushion, bowl, Christmas ornament and a toy soccer ball (see separate images below). Select your favorite pattern for the workshop and use the others at your leisure (plenty of time for ornaments!) Tina also offers an EPP Tool Kit for those who would like one.

For more information or to register contact program chair Cheryl Goldenberg at [twin2th29@gmail.com](mailto:twin2th29@gmail.com). If you would like to order an EPP Tool Kit from Tina Craig at Seaside Stitches, please place that order by February 5th, by contacting her at [tinastitches@gmail.com](mailto:tinastitches@gmail.com), or mail your check for \$27 plus \$6 shipping to Tina Craig, 188 Weathervane Rd, Wakefield, RI 02879. Please make checks out to Tina Craig.

Thank you!







Great Meredith Rotary

# Ice Fishing Derby

Save the Date  
February 10-11, 2024



[Click Here  
For More Info](#)



### **Attention tenants of large multifamily complexes:**

Rental properties with over 4 apartments or condominiums are only authorized four sets of solid waste containers. These containers have the City of Laconia stamped into the barrel.

Some landlords have arranged for private service to supplement the disposal of solid waste from their complexes. If the private service is provided by Waste Management the containers will have "WM" stamped into the barrel. If the private service is provided by Casella the containers will have "Casella" stamped into the barrel. Other firms may or may not provide barrels with their logo.

The company providing the private service may empty these containers the same day as the City's service or on a different day.

If the private containers are not emptied, please call your landlord or the company that is providing the service. Do not call Public Works as the City's contractor does not empty these private containers.

*Thank you for your help!*



15th Annual New  
England  
Pond Hockey Classic!  
February 2-4, 2024  
Lake Waukegan

Check out the website  
[here](#)

<< LAKE WAUKEGAN >>

## **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. An appointment is required for bulky item pickup, both for metal and non-metal items.

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 an appointment.



# FAMILY Yoga!

**GEARED TOWARDS AGES 2-6**

*With parent or caregiver in attendance.*



#### WHERE?

Join us for our trial run at the Family Resource Center in Laconia, located at 719 North Main Street.

#### WHEN?

At 9:30am on Mondays.  
February 5th  
February 12th  
February 26th  
& March 4th.  
Classes are 45 minutes.

#### HOW?

Just drop-in! No registration needed.

Let's play yoga! Classes offer families an opportunity for playful connections, including music, movement, yoga games and a story. Children get to explore active movement and nurturing ways to calm the body and rest.

Contact Kasia with any questions!

Email [kasia.beznoska@lrca.org](mailto:kasia.beznoska@lrca.org) // Call (603) 581-1572



**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.

## Laconia's Sledding Hill is Open!



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 welcome to **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

In the winter the lights are scheduled to turn on from 5 pm to 9 pm. Questions? Please call Parks & Rec at 603-524-5046.



**FUNds 4 Paws.org**

## SAVING ANIMALS TRIATHLON AT FUNSPOT

Get ready for action at the 2024 Saving Animals Indoor Triathlon at Funspot! Gather your pals, pets, and excitement, and pencil in this must-not-miss event! This year's event is on **Saturday, March 16, 2024.**

**Online Registration Coming Soon!**





## 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](http://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](mailto:NBrown@laconianh.gov)



## What's New for Medicare in 2024?

### 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 \$505 per month if you've worked fewer than 7.5 years
Part A hospital deductible	\$1,632 each benefit period
Part A hospital coinsurance	\$0 for the first 60 days of inpatient care each benefit period \$408 per day for days 61-90 each benefit period \$816 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 \$204 per day for days 21-100 each benefit period

### Part B: Medical insurance

Part B premium (For individuals with incomes below \$103,000 or couples with incomes below \$206,000)	\$174.70 is the standard premium
Part B deductible	\$240 per year
Part B coinsurance	20% for most services Part B covers

### Part D: Prescription drug coverage

National average premium for basic Part D benefit	Around \$30 per month
Part D maximum deductible	\$545 per year
Coverage gap begins	\$5,030
Catastrophic coverage begins	\$8,000

Read all about what's new for Medicare in the new year....Just click on the image above!

# Photos Wanted!

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

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



## FACEBOOK LIVE

### Partnership for Public Health FACEBOOK page

Come and join us on January 9, 2024 at 10am, February 13, 2024, at 10:00am on or March 5, 2024 at 10am on Facebook and bring your New to Medicare questions and/or any questions you may have regarding Medicare.

My name is Lori Raymond and I have been a Medicare Counselor since 2017 and am happy to be available to answer your questions. I look forward to assisting you.





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.



## WINTER PARKING BAN IS IN EFFECT

*No parking on any public street between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:30 am*

### ***The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect!***

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.

***We appreciate your help!***



## CONCORD HOSPITAL TELEGRAM



Be one of the first to experience a new themed fundraiser for the Concord Hospital health system.

### SAVE THE DATE

Speakeasy soiree.  
**April 4, 2024**

Formal invitation to follow.

Slap on your glad rags. Be ready to cut a rug.  
Spare some loot. It will be for a good cause.

Keep it quiet but tell all your friends.  
The joint will be hoppin'! Be there or be square. Best.

Supporting Concord Hospital's charitable mission of meeting the health needs of individuals in the communities we serve.



# City of Laconia

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Laconia, NH 03246  
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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.



Did you know that even if they have never worked under Social Security, your spouse may be eligible for benefits if they are at least 62 years of age and you are receiving retirement or disability benefits?

Learn more by clicking on the image (left).



## City Meetings

Week of:  
Feb. 5 - Feb. 9

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:**

### Water Commission

February 5, 2024, 5:30 pm

### Agenda

### Planning Board:

February 6, 2024, 6:30 pm

### Agenda

### Special Events Review Committee:

February 7, 2024, 12:00 noon

### 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
Codes Director Joe Gray	
Conservation .....	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Finance .....	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing .....	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
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	
Planning & Zoning .....	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Director Rob Mora	
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
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3) .....	803-3425
Mark Haynes (Ward 4) .....	524-3605
Steven Bogert (Ward 5) .....	528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6) .....	998-1418

General Council E-mail:  
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