

February 9, 2024 - Edition #624

A winter's day looking from the WOW Trail on Court Street towards Steele Hill (photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE



**PUBLIC INFORMATION
MEETING
US ROUTE 3/WEIRS
BOULEVARD BRIDGE
OVER LANGLEY BROOK,
LACONIA, NH**

The City of Laconia is announcing that a public informational meeting will be held to discuss the proposed Rehabilitation or Replacement of US Route 3/Weirs Boulevard Bridge over Langley Brook, NHDOT Bridge No. 135/128.

The meeting will be held at the City Hall - Conference Room 200A, 45 Beacon Street E, Laconia, NH 03246 on Wednesday, February 15th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

The City's Engineer (Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc.) is developing an engineering study for the rehabilitation or replacement of the existing bridge and reconstruction of roadway approaches within the vicinity of the bridge.

US Route 3/Weirs Boulevard over Langley Brook is a municipally owned redlisted bridge due to its poor structurally deficient condition. A partial closure or reduced load carrying capacity is imminent in the near future if the bridge is left as is.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, to hear the general overview of the program funding requirements, rehabilitation and replacement alternatives, find out the proposed project schedule, provide input and ask questions concerning this project.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like more information please contact Nate Guerette, Assistant Public Works Director at (603) 528-6379 ext. 406.

We hope to see you there!

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.



**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

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



LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 12-17

Mon
2/12

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

Tue
2/13

Tech Help @ 10am, Let's Create! @ 1pm, Teen Manga &
Anime Club @ 3:30pm (ages 12-18)

Wed
2/14

Toddler Time @ 10am (babies-3), Tech Help @ 2pm,
Mystery Book Club @ 4pm

Thurs
2/15

Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6)

Fri
2/16

Move & Groove @ 10am (babies-6)

Sat
2/17

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

[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

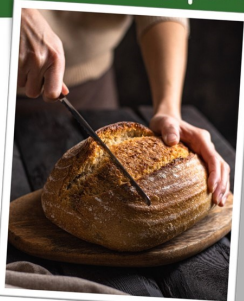
Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH • (603) 366-5695 • info@prescottfarm.org

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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 17th

Paper Quilled Flowers 1-3pm

Paper Quilling is the art of turning small strips of colorful paper into decorative designs. Participants will learn to roll, shape, and glue paper into a beautiful spring flower.



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Activities (weather permitting) may include:
snowshoe adventures / animal tracking / sledding / snow fort building
making and cooking with maple syrup / snow art / winter-themed quest

WILDQUEST WINTER CAMP

Full & Partial Scholarships Available | 9 am-4 pm | Ages 6-12

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN | Monday-Friday Feb. 26-March 1, 2024 | Prescott Farm 928 White Oaks Rd. Laconia

www.prescottfarm.org | (603) 366-5695 | camp@prescottfarm.org

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
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 with the subject line "Annual Meeting" by Thursday, February 15th.

For more information about this event or other LHMS events, please visit laconiahistory.com or follow LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

**LAKE REGION
STUDENTS ATTENDING
HIGHER EDUCATION
2024-2025**



**APPLICATION ON OUR
WEBSITE**

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

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

UPDATED EARLY BIRD RAFFLE QUALIFICATION FOR 2024!
The "Early Bird" bonus award raffle will include the names of the first 30 completed qualified application packets (with proof of FAFSA submission) that we receive by email!

QUESTIONS??

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

**Karen Switzer
Executive Director**

**Chris Guilmett
Assistant Director**



Applicants | Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
www.lrscholarship.org



CANCELLED



THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLED DOG DERBY

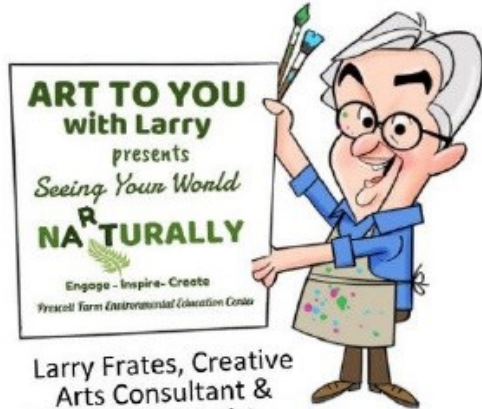
The World Championship Sled Dog Derby is cancelled for this year due to no snow on most of the course to build a trail. The warm weather, coupled with the lack of enough snow, has resulted in Mother Nature not working with us! Look for an even larger race next year, and thank you for your support.

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 or 603-366-5695



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



Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Earns Three-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction recently announced that its strong financial health and ongoing accountability and transparency has earned it a Three-Star Rating from Charity Navigator. This rating designates the Children's Auction as an official "Give with Confidence" charity, indicating it's using its donations effectively based on Charity Navigator's criteria.

Charity Navigator is America's largest and most-used independent charity evaluator. Since 2001, the organization has been an unbiased and trusted source of information for more than 11 million donors annually.

Charity Navigator analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators: the impact and results, accountability and finance, culture and community, and leadership and adaptability.

Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the auction said, "We hope the Three-Star Charity Navigator status will help those new to our organization trust our commitment to good governance and financial health as we support children and families in need and enhances the faith of our current supporters."

The Children's Auction's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free at charitynavigator.org.

For more information on the auction, visit childrensauction.org or call 603-527-0999.

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

Numerous fundraising events in the Lakes Region throughout the year support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, including our four-day signature event every December. In the past four decades we have distributed more than \$8 million to over 80 nonprofits that serve low-income families and children in the Lakes Region, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Auction falls under the umbrella of the Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps local community organizations that serve children and families in need. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.org.

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. 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

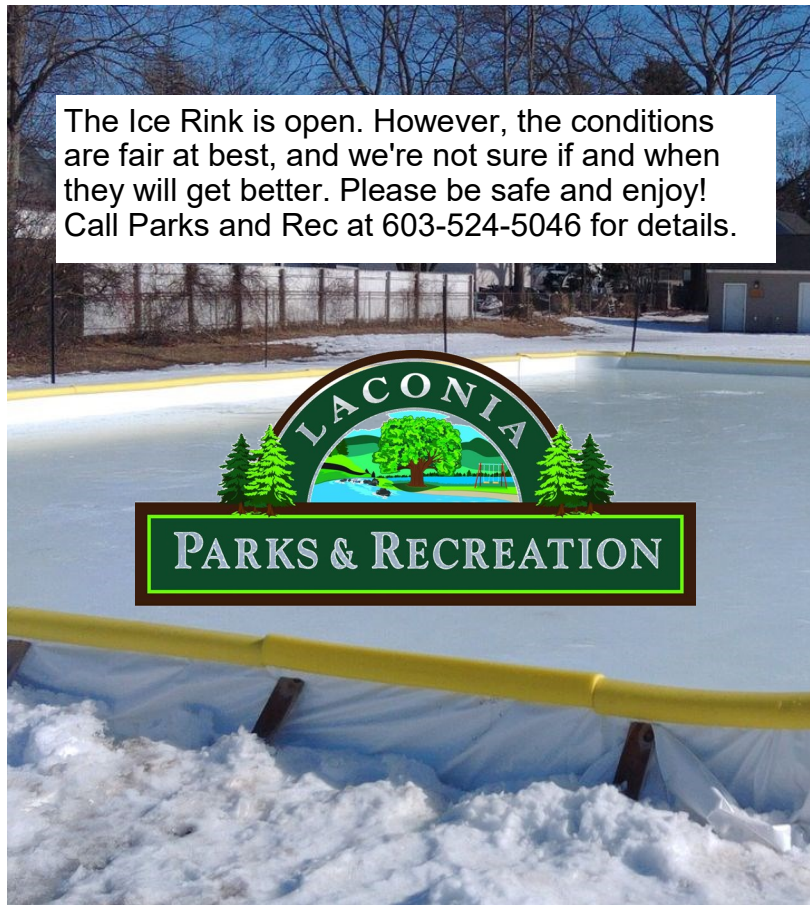
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Location: Tilton VA Clinic
630 West Main Street
Suite 400
Tilton, NH 03276
Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
and
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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-Blueumle, 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



The Ice Rink is open. However, the conditions
are fair at best, and we're not sure if and when
they will get better. Please be safe and enjoy!
Call Parks and Rec at 603-524-5046 for details.



Beginner's Mind for Writing: How to Start Anything through Mindful Writing

Presenter: Alexandria Peary

A New Hampshire Humanities event hosted by:
The Belknap Mill

Monday, February 12th at 6:00pm Via Zoom
Free and open to the public!



You're Invited...

To enjoy an exhibit and meet local artists from
Lakes Region Art Association this Friday.



This month the Belknap Mill's Riverside Gallery features an exhibit by Lakes
Region Art Association titled, "Art in the Community."

*You're invited to join us Friday, February 9th from 5pm-7pm to meet the
artists.* This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the artists, learn
about art and what motivates artists to create. All 60+ association members
have been invited to participate in this exhibit.

The exhibit will run through February 27th. The Riverside Gallery is open
Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm and Saturday 9am-1pm.

If traveling a distance, please check our website or Facebook for any
changes.



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



Great Meredith Rotary

Ice Fishing Derby

Save the Date
February 10-11, 2024

Click Here
For More Info

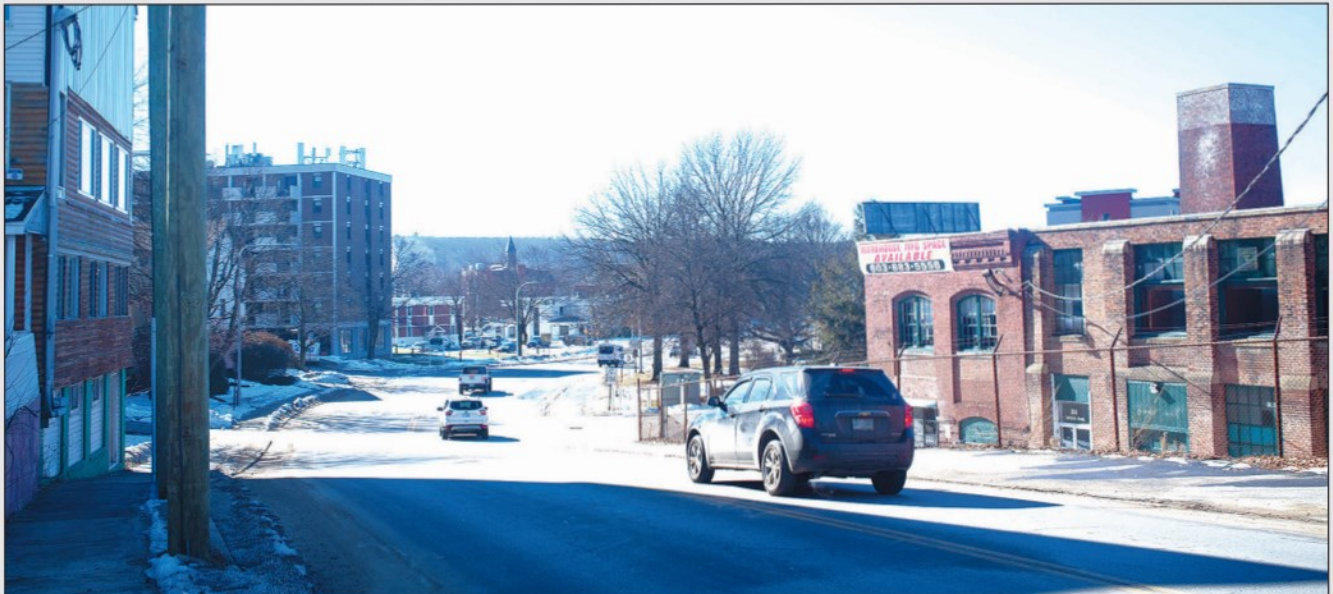
Our yesterdays

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 is Union Avenue, Laconia, in the early 1960s, looking west from J.H. Valliere Plumbing & Heating (off-photo at left) and the Pitman Hosiery Co. factory (far right) toward Main Street, with the Belknap County Superior Court House in the distance, beyond the Harriman Block. First Methodist Church is glimpsed at left; Laconia Grist Mill, Cormier Hosiery Mill and Laconia Electric Co. are seen at right. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

The Pitman Hosiery building is still there, but the rest of the buildings on that side of Union Avenue were removed during Urban Renewal, in the late 1960s, to create Stewart Park. South Gate Terrace and Sunrise Towers replaced several buildings on the left. (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. 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, 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!





SERVICE DISRUPTION LACONIA CITY FACILITIES FEBRUARY 9TH – 10TH MARCH 8TH – 9TH

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
Parks
Library
Department of Public Works
Finance

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

Please keep these dates in mind as you plan to use City services over the next few weeks. Thank you for your accommodations as we complete this important task.



**Partnership for
Public Health**

Community Action Program's Laconia Senior Center will be partnering with Partnership for Public Health to host a Wellness Fair on Wednesday, March 20th from 9am-12 at Laconia Senior Center located at 184 Beacon Street West. This is a free event to the public. Food from local vendors and prize raffles will be drawn. Some of our vendors include:



Senior Companion Program



Emergency Preparedness



"Plastics Recycling and Community Action Program Food Drive this Saturday February 10th"

The Universalist Unitarian Society of Laconia, together with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, is collecting clean soft plastics and food items in front of the church at 172 Pleasant Street Laconia from 11am until 1pm this Saturday.

To help our neighbors and our environment, please bring the clean soft plastics you've been saving for proper repurposing as well as the following needed items for CAP: easy-open pop-top canned soups, fruit, small jars of mayonnaise, jellies and jams, cereal and small personal-sized toothpastes, shampoos, moisturizers, mouthwash, razors and toothbrushes.

We are grateful for your continuing enthusiasm to remove plastics from landfills and in support of our efforts to help one another.

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@lrccs.org // Call (603) 581-1572



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!



Ending Care Appeals

If you are receiving care in a hospital or non-hospital setting and are told that your Medicare will no longer pay for your care, you have the right to a fast appeal if you feel that continued care is medically necessary. There are separate processes for hospital and non-hospital appeals. Non-hospital care includes care from a skilled nursing facility (SNF), Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF), hospice, or home health agency. You can appeal by following the instructions on the notices you receive.

Hospital Discharge Appeal

Important Message from Medicare: Your provider should give you this notice within two days of entering the hospital as an inpatient. This notice includes instructions for how to appeal.

Beneficiary and Family Centered Care- Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO): To file an expedited appeal, call the BFCC-QIO by midnight of the day of your discharge.

Detailed Notice of Discharge: Once you contact the BFCC-QIO, the hospital must send you this notice. It explains in writing why your hospital care is ending.

The BFCC-QIO should call you with its decision within 24 hours of receiving all the information it needs.

Non-Hospital Discharge

Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage: You should receive this no later than two days before your care is set to end. If you receive home health care, you should receive this notice on your second-to-last care visit. This notice tells you when your care is ending and explains how to appeal.

BFCC-QIO: File an expedited appeal by noon of the day before your care is set to end.

Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage: Once you contact the BFCC-QIO, your provider should give you this notice. It explains in writing why your care is ending.

If you have Original Medicare, the BFCC-QIO should make a decision no later than two days after your care was set to end. **If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan,** the BFCC-QIO should make a decision no later than the day your care is to end.

Read the most current Medicare Minute information!

Just click on the image (left) to read the full document.



Knitting Mittens

DROP IN TUESDAYS 11:30AM-1PM

\$10 DONATION

BELKNAPMILL.ORG

Drop in and learn to knit
The World's Simplest Mittens or Latvian Mittens
Beginners to Intermediate level welcome

LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next
Board Meeting on Thursday,
February 15th, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

The Zoom invite link to join is on our
website at:

www.laconiahousing.org/board-info

Questions? Please call us at: 603-524-2112

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APRIL 27

COLONIAL
THEATRE
Laconia

LAKES FM 101.5
UN-ROCK & Relax
104.9
THE HAWK

PRESENT
A NIGHT OF DANCING AT THE
BELKNAP MILL

ENJOY YOUR FAVORITE SONGS FROM THE 60'S, 70'S AND 80'S

FEBRUARY 17

21+ EVENT FROM 7-10PM
\$15 PP/\$25 PER COUPLE

LIGHT APPETIZERS FROM
BEANS & GREENS FARM

CASH BAR



Belknap Mill

ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION



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!

Local Artists from Lakes Region Art Association exhibit at Belknap Mill.

LACONIA, NH: The Belknap Mill's Riverside Gallery features an exhibit by Lakes Region Art Association members, "Art in the Community," for the month of February. The public is invited to join us Friday, February 9th from 5pm-7pm to meet the artists. This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the artists and learn about art and what motivates artists to create. All 60+ association members have been invited to participate in this exhibit.

The exhibit will run through February 27th. The Riverside Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. If traveling a distance, please call ahead to be sure the room is not rented for an event.



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AND JADE SIMONE - THE SHOWGIRL WITH THE DRAGON TO DO LIST



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Join us for Concord Hospital's 2024 social event of the year where theme dress is encouraged and guests will be taken back to the roaring twenties which will include tasting rooms and big band music with dancing.



THE BEE'S KNEES SOCIAL CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024
6:30-9:30PM

CHURCH LANDING

281 D.W. HIGHWAY, MEREDITH, NH

1920'S GLAM OR COCKTAIL ATTIRE



Scan QR Code or visit ch-trust.org
for more info and to purchase tickets

GRAB YOUR CLOSEST DAMES AND FELLAS
AND DON'T BE A PILL AND MISS GETTING ALL
DOLLED UP AS THIS SHINDIG WILL BE HOPPIN'!



Proceeds will support the Concord Hospital health system with maternity care and prenatal & postnatal OB/GYN patient care.

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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.



Knowing the signs of a scam before it happens gives you a better chance of not becoming a victim. Learn how to spot a scam in this video provided by the Social Security Administration (click above).



City Meetings

Week of:
Feb. 12 - Feb. 16

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:**

Trustees of the Trust Funds
February 12, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Laconia Human Relations
February 12, 2024, 3:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

City Council
February 12, 2024, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Putnam Fund
February 13, 2024, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission
February 15, 5:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Board of Assessors
Feb 15, 5:30 pm



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:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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