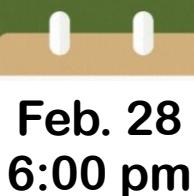


**February 16, 2024 - Edition #625**

*A recent sunset over Lake Winnisquam from Gale Avenue  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*

## City of Laconia Proposed Action Meeting

  
**Feb. 28**  
**6:00 pm**

**City of Laconia  
Proposed Action Meeting  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
6:00 PM  
Laconia City Hall  
Laconia, NH**



The City of Laconia is proceeding with planning for the Elm Street Pedestrian Improvements. As part of the regulated process for this federally funded project, the City is hosting a Proposed Action Meeting. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM** at the Laconia City Hall, located at 45 Beacon Street E., Laconia, NH. At this meeting, HEB Engineers will provide a recap of the project history, findings of the Engineering Study, and an overview of the Proposed Action for the Elm Street Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Your attendance would be appreciated and feedback is encouraged.

### 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).



**Curbside  
recycling  
will be picked  
up the week of  
Feb. 26!**



LACONIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# February 19-24

Mon  
2/19

Library Closed

Tue  
2/20

Tech Help @ 10am,  
Fantastic Fiction Book Group @ 10am

Wed  
2/21

Toddler Time @ 10am (babies-3), Tech Help @ 2pm,  
Teen Art Club @ 3:30pm (ages 12-18)

Thurs  
2/22

Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6)

Fri  
2/23

Sat  
2/24

Family Board Game Day @ 1pm

**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!



## Tap Into Maple

Experience a Northeast tradition that predates New England—making maple syrup! From tapping a tree to tasting delicious maple syrup, you will take an inside look into every step of the syrup making process. Our naturalists will help you identify maple trees, learn the parts of the tree and their functions, and how the maple sap is turned into syrup.

February 20th, 21st, 22nd 10-12 pm

## Cooking and Baking with Maple

Move beyond the pancake topping and cook with maple syrup. We'll use Prescott Farm's very own real maple syrup to make a dressing, a side dish, and a dessert. We will also discuss the various forms of maple products and how to substitute maple into your favorite recipes.



Saturday February 21st 1-4pm



## Making Maple Candy

Let's make something really special with Prescott Farm's fresh maple syrup: maple candy! Participants will work together to turn maple syrup into two styles of maple candy to enjoy. We will also taste test maple sap and the different grades of syrup.

Additional programs, series, and registration details

Thursday February 22nd 1-3 pm [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

*Prescott*  *Farm*

Environmental Education Center

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

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

## Tracking NH Wildlife

Not all New Hampshire animals hibernate or migrate. There are lots of native animals who live in NH year round! Join us to learn how they survive and practice reading their tracks to know what they're up to.

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

Saturday, February 17; 10 am-12 pm



Additional programs, series, and registration details

[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

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## Snowshoe Yoga 10-12 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 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.

Additional programs, series, and registration details

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## PRESIDENTS DAY

*City Hall will be closed all day on Monday, February 19th for Presidents Day. We apologize for any inconvenience!*



### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

**There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on Monday, February 19th, Presidents Day.**

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

**If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.**



### 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.

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](http://ch-trust.org)  
for more info and to purchase tickets

GRAB YOUR CLOSEST DAMES AND FELAS  
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.



## Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Winter Blues Raffle

- Full size handmade exquisite quilt
- "Pink Peony" Table Runner
- Framed Loran Percy prints
- 32" holiday penguin
- Assorted Gift Cards/Certificates
- Update list of items can be found on the Winter Blues page of our website



Raffle tickets 3 for \$10.00  
Purchase online or  
send a check:  
LRSF  
PO Box 7312  
Gilford NH 03247-7312

Scan here to  
purchase online



Winter Blues Raffle | website  
[www.lrsf.org](http://www.lrsf.org)

Live Raffle Drawing - LRSF - Fratello's Benefit Night

March 6, 2024

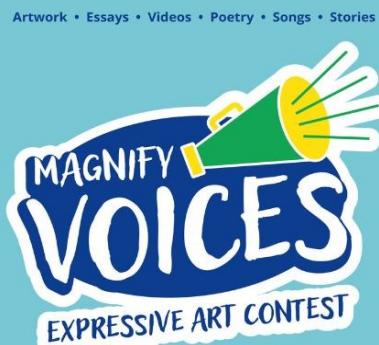
Need not be present to win!

stay up to date by checking out our website  
at: [lrsf.org](http://lrsf.org)  
or follow us on Facebook or Instagram

Submissions are now open for the 2024 Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest.  
The submission deadline is April 21.

New Hampshire students in 5th through 12th grade are invited to submit a creative piece about their experiences and connections to mental health. An initiative of CSoC, Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest raises awareness, erases stigma, and effects change to help ensure the social and emotional health of youth in the Granite State.

Learn more here: <https://nhcsoc.org/submissions-now-open-for-2024-magnify-voices-expressive-art-contest/>



## Submissions NOW OPEN!

Raising awareness, erasing stigma and promoting self-expression



[NHCSOC.org/Participate](http://NHCSOC.org/Participate)



# 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 26, 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 2024-06 - ACCEPTANCE OF UNANTICIPATED FUNDS FROM THE GRACE C. SMITH REVOCABLE TRUST

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



## CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **February 26, 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 2024-04 - RELATIVE TO ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,888.88 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF SWAT/SOU EQUIPMENT FOR THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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### ACCEPTANCE OF A 2024 NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (NHDES) EXOTIC AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL GRANT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

## CITY OF LACONIA, NH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Laconia City Council will hold two consecutive Public Hearings on Monday, February 26, 2024, during the regular City Council meeting which begins at 7:00pm at City Hall, 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia New Hampshire 03246. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for Economic Development Projects, up \$500,000 for Housing Projects, up to \$500,000 for Public Facility Projects, up to \$350,000 in Emergency Funds, up to \$25,000 per Planning Study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low- and moderate-income persons. The Public Hearings will take comment on the following:

1. The progress of, and a proposed change to, a CDBG Project. The City was awarded a \$170,000 CDBG for the Lakes Region Community Developers project to acquire 11 Jameson Street for the intent to renovate the house into an affordable rental unit. LRCD believes the site would be better suited to contain 3 units of supportive housing instead. Additional funding would be required for the supportive housing option, and those funds have been awarded by NHHFA. LRCD is requesting a change of the use of the project from a single family rental unit to 3 units of supportive housing (required City permits have been obtained). As to the current progress of the project, CDBG funds were used towards the acquisition of the property in May 2023. LRCD will be making the required renovations to the building with an anticipated completion date of August 2025.
2. Progress of the Boys and Girl's Club CDBG Energy Improvements project at 876 N Main Street. This \$553,000 CDBG project include the replacement of windows and improved ventilation. The windows are 80%+ replaced in the main building. The heating system will be changed over to gas in the spring. The project is anticipated to be complete by fall 2024.

Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the Meeting ADA Coordinator at City Hall by calling 603-527-1265 at least 72 hours in advance of the public hearings so that the City can make any necessary arrangements.



## CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **February 26, 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 2024-02 - REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN INVESTNH DEMOLITION GRANT FOR 11 JAMESON STREET

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

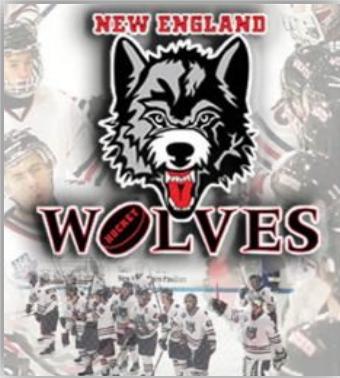


## CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

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### RESOLUTION 2024-03 - VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL DISABILITY

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



Don't miss  
these New  
England  
Wolves  
games  
coming  
soon!

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

NH Avalanche vs. New England Wolves -  
Saturday, February 17 @ 6:15 pm

Benefit game Cure Starts Now Foundation in  
memory of John Bradley Thompson  
(more info below)

Boston Junior Rangers vs. New England Wolves -  
Sunday, February 18 @ 11:30 am

Boston Junior Rangers vs. New England Wolves -  
Tuesday, February 20 @ 12:00 noon

NH Avalanche vs. New England Wolves - Thursday,  
February 22 @ 12:00 noon



Click [here](#) for more information on  
the Cure Starts Now benefit game!

**FEBRUARY 17, 2024**  
**6:15 PM**



**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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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



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 6, 2024**

**4PM - CLOSE**

**FRATELLO'S LACONIA**



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





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

**BELKNAP MILL  
TEXTILE  
DAY**

**4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
10AM-1PM**

**BELKNAP MILL  
TEXTILE  
DAY**

**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
1PM-4PM**

# 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...

**Academy Street, Laconia, is seen, looking west after a 1923 snowstorm. The Academy Street School is just off-photo at left and the Dr. Walter H. True House is seen at far right. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ...AND NOW

**Since 1978, the Academy Street School has been home to the Laconia District Court (NH Circuit Court 4th Circuit – District Division – Laconia). Several houses in distance at left have been removed for parking. Many trees no longer shade this street. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



## CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

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

**Board of Assessors:** 1 alternate position

**Building Code Board of Appeals:** 1 registered architect position

**Conservation Commission:** 1 alternate position

**\*Downtown TIF District Advisory Board:** 3 regular positions

**Heritage Commission:** 2 alternate positions

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

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

**Planning Board:** 2 regular positions, 1 alternate position

**Putnam Fund:** 1 regular position

**\*Weirs TIF District Advisory Board:** 1 regular position

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** 4 alternate positions

**Historic District Commission:** 2 regular positions, 2 alternate positions

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

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

The deadline for receipt of applications is **March 6, 2024**.

# 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.



## Ask the Historian

For more information visit [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com)

Get your burning questions about Laconia's history  
answered by our local historical experts!

*\*Special appearances by or support from other local historical experts may occur.*



**Warren Huse**  
Laconia Historical &  
Museum Society



**Ginger Ryan**  
Lakeport Freight House  
Museum



**Robert Ames**  
Webmaster  
[WeirsBeach.com](http://WeirsBeach.com)

Submit your inquiries via Facebook on the LHMS page or email your question to [lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net) with subject line *My Burning Question* until July 1st.

All responses to the questions will be recorded by Alan MacRae and will be broadcasted on the Society's social media channels and other platforms, starting August 2024.

The Laconia Historical & Museum Society invites the Laconia community to submit their most burning questions about the people, places, and events that have shaped Laconia's story. LHMS is bringing together three experienced historians of Laconia history for a year-long program, *Ask the Historian* to answer these questions.

Warren Hues, Ginger Ryan, and Robert Ames will accept questions through June 2024. Community members can submit inquiries via Facebook on the LHMS page or email questions to [lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net) with the subject line *My Burning Question* until July 1st. All questions are welcome, and more than one question is encouraged!

All responses to the questions will be recorded by Alan MacRae and will be published on the Society's social media channels and other platforms, starting August 2024. If you have any inquiries regarding this program or other LHMS activities, please contact the Society through [lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net) or call 603-527-1278.

## 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 30 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

## APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

LAKES REGION STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHER EDUCATION 2024-2025

### APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE

[Applicants | Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation \(lrscholarship.org\)](http://www.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.org](mailto:scholarship@lrscholarship.org)  
Call - 603-527-3533

Karen Switzer  
Executive Director

Chris Guilmett  
Assistant Director



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**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**

**Beans & Greens Farm**  
Fresh, Healthy and Local



**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!**

# Wellness Fair

Community Action Program's Laconia Senior Center will be partnering with Partnership for Public Health to host a Wellness Fair



Partnership for  
Public Health

- When:** Wednesday, March 20th from 9am-12
- Location:** Laconia Senior Center located at 184 Beacon Street West, Laconia NH 03246
- Free event** to the public. Food from local vendors and prize raffles will be drawn.
- vendors include:**



## 16th Annual Robbie Mills Memorial 8 BALL TOURNAMENT



To Benefit:



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**Saturday March 9th** (Major Draw date March 10th)

### At Winni Bar & Billiards

131 Lake St Unit 24, Gilford, NH

\$30.00 PP Donation includes: Practice, Lunch & entry for door prizes

Pre-Pay by February 25th and receive a free T-Shirt

Doors open @ 9:30am (Pay \$35.00 after 10:30)

Tournament starts Promptly at 11:00am

Double Elimination - BCA Rules apply

Sponsor a player: If you can't play, Pay for a player that can't afford it!

- 1 Trophies
- 2 Cash Prizes
- 3 Food
- 4 Raffles
- 5 50/50
- 6 Live Auction



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
of the Lakes Region



For information and to Pre-Register

Contact Tony Felch 603-998-1418

or ynotynot@peoplepc.com



LAKES  
REGION  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA  
Benjamin Greene, Conductor



# SYMPHONY CONCERT "THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM"

March 16, 2024 - 7:00pm  
Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Rt. 25, Meredith  
Tickets [www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org) \$25 Adult / \$10 Student

COPLAND - Lincoln Portrait  
GRANT STILL - Afro-American Symphony  
BERLIOZ - Roman Carnival Overture  
HAYDN - Trumpet Concerto in E flat major



Sponsored by the Robert T. Smith Family Trust



Mid-State Regional  
Coordinating Council

## RIDER SURVEY

Help us get you where you  
need to go!

### OUR SERVICE

Mid-State Regional Coordinating  
Council helps organize  
transportation services around the  
southern Lakes Region and central  
New Hampshire. This survey will help  
determine residents' wants and  
needs for services.

### FOR MORE INFO

<https://midstatercc.org/>

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SCAN QR CODE  
FOR BRIEF SURVEY

# AWARD

Each year the City Council presents the  
Debra Bieniarz Award to a resident of our  
community who has made significant  
contributions to the City's youth.

The 2023 Debra Bieniarz Award was  
presented posthumously to Harold Achber.  
Accepting the award at the City Council meeting  
of February 12, 2024 in memory of Mr. Achber  
were his wife and his two sons.

Please click [here](#) to read the Proclamation  
describing how Mr. Achber enriched the lives of  
many of our community's youth over the years.

Join World-reknown violinist  
Aniko Geladze and  
pianist/hurdy-gurdy player  
Noelle Beaudin for an evening  
of foot-stomping Fiddle and  
Piano music from Ireland,  
Cape Breton, Prince  
Edward Island,  
Quebec, Scotland,  
Galicia, and  
Wales.



## CELTIC SPRING CONCERT

March 9th, 2024

4:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Laconia  
172 Pleasant Street,  
Laconia, New Hampshire

Call or E-mail for tickets:  
[www.uulaconia.org](http://www.uulaconia.org)  
603 524 6488  
[uusl@myfairpoint.net](mailto:uusl@myfairpoint.net)

# City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall  
45 Beacon St. East  
Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



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



## 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	

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Are you wondering if getting  
married will affect your Social  
Security benefits?

Find out the answer with  
information provided by the  
Social Security Administration  
by clicking the picture (left).



## City Meetings

Week of:  
Feb. 19 - Feb. 23

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:**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
February 20, 224, 6:30 pm  
**Agenda**

**Water Commission**  
February 20, 2024, 5:30 pm  
**Agenda**

**Parks and Rec Commission**  
February 20, 2024, 6:00 pm

**Police Commission**  
February 21, 2024, 3:00 pm

**Conservation Commission**  
February 21, 2024, 6:00 pm



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

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)