

February 23, 2024 - Edition #626

*Photo of a snowy Rocky Ledge Shores in the Weirs
(photo compliments of Ann-Marie Shpeley Photography)*



CITY OF LACONIA NOTICE

**SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT
RESTRICTIONS GO INTO EFFECT
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 6 AM**

**Effective Friday, March 1,
2024 at 6:00 am, trucks
whose gross weight
exceeds 10 tons are
prohibited from using
the following streets in
the City:**

Crockett Road, Daisy
Gardner Road & Leighton
Ave N., Eastman &
Eastman Shore Roads.
Hillcrest Drive, Hilliard
Road, Pickerel Pond
Road, Severance Road
Summit Ave, Woodvale
Road & Wentworth
Cove Rd.

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.



A map of posted City streets can be found on the City's website [here](#).

Trucks over 10 tons may still use roads with seasonal weight limits when issued a permit by the City's Department of Public Works. Permits are granted in two types of situations:

Blanket authorizations for:

- Contractors providing City services such as solid waste and recycling collection.
- Private emergency services such as cleaning sanitary sewer lines.
- Heating fuel companies such as heating oil and propane.

Blanket authorizations cannot be used for any other use except that which is authorized on the permit.

One-time Permits are typically used for deliveries and collections such as:

- Building supplies, construction equipment, household goods, furniture.
- Roll-off solid waste containers.
- Automobiles to dealerships.

More detailed information and permit forms may be found on the City of Laconia website [here](#).

Questions – Please call Laconia DPW Office at 603-528-6379.



LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 26 -
March 2

Mon
2/26

Sensory Storytime @ 10am (babies-6)

Tue
2/27

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

Wed
2/28

Toddler Time @ 10am (babies-3), Tech Help @ 2pm

Thurs
2/29

Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6),
Family Craft @ 1:30pm

Fri
3/1

Move & Groove @ 1pm

Sat
3/2

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!

Snowshoe Yoga



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 24th 10 am-12 pm

Trail Games and Tracking

Having trouble convincing your kids to go outside much less on a hike with you? Experience the many ways you can make time in nature fun for you and for them with some basic animal tracking skills and immersive games!

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

1-3 pm



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

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.

LRSO 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 \$25 Adult / \$10 Student

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



featuring
Adam Gallant

Sponsored by the Robert T. Smith Family Trust

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***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



AWARD

Following up on our story last week regarding awarding of this year's Debra Bieniarz Award posthumously to Harold Achber, shown above accepting the award from Mayor Andrew Hosmer is Mr. Achber's wife, Rachel.



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) for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at ww.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.



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

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



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



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:

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 to \$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 INVESTMENT DEMOLITION GRANT FOR 11 JAMESON STREET

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

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

BELKNAP MILL FUN WITH FIBER ART FOR TWEENS

**SATURDAY
MARCH 9TH
10AM-1PM
DROP IN**



BELKNAP MILL FAMILY CRAFT DAY

**SATURDAY
MARCH 2ND
10AM-1PM
DROP IN**



Artwork • Essays • Videos • Poetry • Songs • Stories



**Submissions
NOW OPEN!**

Raising awareness, erasing stigma and promoting self-expression



NHCSoc.org/Participate

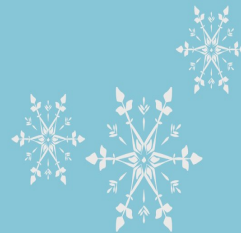
Submissions are now open for the 2024 Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest.

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.

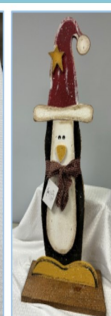
Learn more here:

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



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
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PO Box 7312
Gilford NH 03247-7312

Scan here to
purchase online



Winter Blues Raffle | website
www.lrscholarship.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: lrscholarship.org
or follow us on Facebook or Instagram



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 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 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 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 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 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 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 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10-12:00- Bingo 12:00pm- Movie	15 10-11:00am-Trivia 11:30am- Congregate meal	16 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 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 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 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 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 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 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 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* * See other side for menu options*

**** Click [here](#) for menu!**

COCA-COLA BEVERAGES NORTHEAST'S WINNI DIP

Special Olympics
New Hampshire



Now is YOUR chance to experience the **thrill** of the **chill....**into Lake Winnepesaukee!

We invite you to join us at The Margate Resort for one of Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast's Winni Dip Events! Your participation can directly make a difference for over 2,500 Special Olympics New Hampshire athletes.

- March 9 - Law Enforcement Winni Dip
- March 10 - Winni Dip

BONUS: Sign up today for your chance to win a **VIZIO 50" Class V-Series 4K UHD LED Smart TV**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW

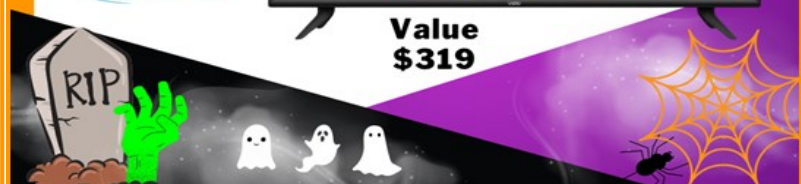
Special
Olympics
New Hampshire



**REGISTER BY
FEBRUARY 23 & YOU
COULD WIN A VIZIO
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UHD LED Smart TV**



**Value
\$319**



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 ...

Depot (later, Veterans) Square, Laconia is seen around 1900, when the North Church (Congregational) was still located on its original site, at the corner of Church Street. At left in distance is the John C. Moulton House, on what soon became the Laconia Library lot. The first Masonic Temple Building (built in 1894, looms above the scene, at right, with wooden houses opposite it on Main Street. The broad square had been created when the railroad passenger station was built in 1892, with removal of numerous structures that had earlier crowded the space. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

The church (later, the Christian, still later Evangelical Baptist, and now the 'CAKE') was moved to its current location in 1903 and the stone Congregational Church (just off-photo at right) was completed in 1906. The Masonic Temple Building was rebuilt in 1904, after being destroyed in a Dec. 6, 1902, fire. The Gale Memorial Library Building was completed in 1906. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



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/>

SCAN ME



SCAN QR CODE
FOR BRIEF SURVEY

WINTER PARKING BAN IS IN EFFECT

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

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST



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

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

**OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING
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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
Call - 603-527-3533

Karen Switzer
Executive Director

Chris Guilmett
Assistant Director



Applicants | Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
www.lrscholarship.org

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

Price \$20

Call or E-mail for tickets:

**www.uulaconia.org
603 524 6488
uusl@myfairpoint.net**

March 9th, 2024

4:30 pm

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Laconia**

172 Pleasant Street,
Laconia, New Hampshire

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LONG HISTORY WITH SPRING WATERS AND FIZZY DRINKS - THE LAKES REGION AND BEYOND

From 1825, over 30,000 US bottlers sold "fizzy" soft drinks. They produced 16,000 brands, many now only remembered by collectors. The 19th century saw the rise of non-alcoholic beverages, and New Hampshire was part of the market explosion.

Dennis will explore the roots of the bottling industry in the Granite State, focusing on Laconia and the Lakes Region. Learn about brands like Cott and Lafayette Beverages. Hear about today's industry and NH's oldest bottler, in operation since 1863!

Free and open to the community.


TUESDAY


 12 MARCH 2024

 AT 6:00PM

 LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY



 603-527-1278

 www.laconiahistory.com



Dennis Sasseville
Presenter

Laconia Historical & Museum Society – Presentation: New Hampshire's Long History with Spring Waters and Fizzy Drinks - the Lakes Region and Beyond

A presentation on *New Hampshire's Long History with Spring Waters and Fizzy Drinks* will be shared on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm in the Laconia Rotary Auditorium at the Laconia Public Library. As part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's 'Our Yesterday's 2023 Presentation Series', this is a free program that the community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The soft drink and water bottling industry in the United States has a long and interesting history, dating back to the 19th century. During this time, more than 30,000 bottlers across the country produced over 16,000 different brands of fizzy drinks. Although most of these brands are no longer in existence, some of them are still remembered by ardent collectors and researchers. This industry provided employment opportunities and refreshing drinks for consumers, including those in New Hampshire.

Dennis Sasseville, an accomplished researcher, author, trainer, and educator, will present about the roots of the soft drink and water bottling industries in New Hampshire, with a focus on Laconia and the surrounding Lakes Region. In his presentation, he will share the stories of some of the popular brands of the past, including Cott and Lafayette Beverages from Manchester, Coca-Cola Bottling of Laconia, and others from the Lakes Region.

Dennis will also talk about today's spring water and carbonated soda industry and the oldest soft drink bottler in New Hampshire that has been in continuous operation since 1863. As a 45-year resident of New Hampshire, he has a deep love for all things New England, which provides the framework for his popular writings and in-depth research.

In 2019, he co-authored the history of Moxie, an iconic Northeast soda, and in 2023, he published his latest book, *Granite Fizz: The Untold Story of Spring Water and Flavored Tonic in New Hampshire*, which is available on Amazon.com.

For additional information about this program, or to learn more about LHMS and other upcoming events, please visit laconiahistory.com or LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.

16th Annual Robbie Mills Memorial 8 BALL TOURNAMENT

To Benefit:  & 

Saturday March 9th (Major Snow 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

Sponsored by



It's For the Kids
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction



For information and to Pre-Register
Contact Tony Felch 603-998-1418
or ynotynot@peoplepc.com

Annual Robbie Mills Memorial Tournament

To Benefit:



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Aug. 2, 1998: Robert J. "Robbie" Mills, 14, died, the victim of murder in connection with the theft of his bicycle. Hundreds of mourners attended calling hours for the youth, Aug. 7, as an "angry and bewildered community" searched for closure. Mills had been a student at Memorial Middle School "where he was going to enter the eighth grade in September. He was active in sports and loved NASCAR racing and the outdoors. He had been employed at Bonanza Steak House and had purchased his bicycle with his own money.

In Robbie's memory we work together to provide funding for the Boys & Girls Club and the Children's Auction. We also support the Robbie Mills Sports Complex so that the youth have a place for sports as well as an opportunity for after school programs. These are things that Robbie felt we should have. By making these things a reality it brings something positive out of a tragedy.



Wellness Fair

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



- **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:**





Lakes Region Community Emergency Response Team CERT Training

The Partnership for Public Health, Winnepesaukee Public Health Network is pleased to offer the Basic CERT training class. This class is open to all, 14 years old and older who are interested in learning skills that will assist them in the event of an emergency at home, the workplace or while recreating. No prior emergency training or background necessary.

We welcome all persons without exception regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, physical limitations, economic hardship or disabilities of any kind. ***Minors must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Laconia Adult
Education
Laconia High
School**

**Tuesday's
March 05, 2024
— May 07 2024**

**6:00 pm—
9:00 pm**

Register

Laconia Adult Education

<https://adultedlaconia.coursetorm.com/course/cert-training-community-emergency-response-team2?page=3#>

Questions:
John Beland, Emergency Preparedness and Response Director
Partnership for Public Health, Winnepesaukee Public Health Network
Email: jbeland@ppnh.org Phone: 603-707-5855

There is \$30. tuition charge for this program.

A limited amount of tuition scholarships are available: Call 603-707-5855 or email: jbeland@ppnh.org to apply.

The Basic CERT Training teaches you basic disaster response skills so you can safely help yourself and those around you when disaster strikes and when professional responders aren't available. Learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community.

What You Learn

- ♦ Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness
- ♦ Unit 2: CERT Organization
- ♦ Unit 3-4: Disaster Medical Operations
- ♦ Unit 5: Disaster Psychology
- ♦ Unit 6: Fire Safety and Utility Controls
- ♦ Unit 7: Light Search and Rescue Operations
- ♦ Unit 8: Terrorism and Hazardous Materials Safety
- ♦ Unit 9: Course Review and Disaster Simulation

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FOR THE WORST."**

—Stephen King



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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.



CDC.GOV
Safer Food Choices for Adults 65 Years or Older | Food Safety | CDC

Older adults have a higher risk of getting sick from food poisoning and having a more serious illness.

Read all about how to stay safe - just click on the image at left for more information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



City Meetings

Week of:
Feb. 26 - March 1

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:**

Human Relations Committee -
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Planning Subcommittee
February 26, 2024, 10:00 am
Meeting Notice

City Council
February 26, 2024, 7:00 pm

Lakes Business Park
Commission
February 27, 2024, 3:00 pm
Agenda

Public Works Subcommittee
February 28, 2024, 4:00 pm

Government Operations &
Ordinances Subcommittee
February 29, 2024, 2:00 pm

Human Relations Committee -
Sign Vigil Subcommittee
February 29, 2024, 4:00 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:
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