



March 8, 2024 - Edition #628

*Spring will be here soon!  
(photo compliments of Rob Clifford Photography)*

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**BRIDGE  
REPAIR**

The Church Street bridge repair project starts March 11th.

The Church Street bridge was built in 1980 and is over 43 years old. The bridge needs some work to recondition it for the next 20 years of its life.

The project will repair the bridge's expansion joint that is on its east side and the area where the sidewalk and road surface meets. The work includes:

- Replacement of the expansion joint. Over the years the joint has corroded, and it is no longer capable of retaining the gasket that prevents stormwater and salt from getting onto the metal bearings. These bearings allow the bridge to expand and contract.
- Removal of the granite curb on the downstream side of the bridge and repairs to the sidewalk. The joint between the granite curb and the deck allows saltwater to get into the deck, corroding the steel, and weakening the concrete. The contractor will remove 3 feet of sidewalk measured from the curb for the full length of the bridge. This is to enable the contractor to repair the deck and the sidewalk.

On Monday March 11th the contractor will block the parking spaces on the downstream side of the bridge to remove the curbing and to remove the sidewalk. Both travels lanes will be open this week.

On March 18th, the contractor will block the downstream side of the bridge to begin the process of removing and repairing the deck and the joint. Traffic will be two way alternating and the contractor will be using the temporary traffic signals with the countdown timers similar to the ones used on the Messer Street bridge last year. The sidewalk on the upstream side of the bridge will remain open during the work.

If you have any questions please call Public Works at 603-528-6379.

## **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).



*Thank You For  
Your Patience*





Mon  
3/11

**Sensory Storytime @ 10am (babies-6)**

Tue  
3/12

**Tech Help @ 10am, Let's Create @ 1pm, Teen Manga & Anime Club @ 3:30pm (ages 12-18),  
Lego Club @ 3:30pm (ages 6-11)**

Wed  
3/13

**Toddler Time @ 10am (babies-3), Tech Help @ 2pm,  
Tinker Time @ 3:30pm (ages 6-11),  
Mystery Book Club @ 4pm, Writing Group @ 6pm**

Thurs  
3/14

**Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6)**

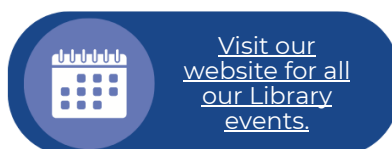
Fri  
3/15

**Move & Groove @ 10am (babies-6)**

Sat  
3/16

**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)



Visit our  
[website for all](http://laconialibrary.org)  
[our Library](http://laconialibrary.org)  
[events.](http://laconialibrary.org)

#### **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!

Prescott  
Farm  
Environmental  
Education Center

## TAP INTO MAPLE TOURS

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.



**Saturdays**

March 9th, 16th, 23rd

**\$15 Nonmembers**  
**Free Members**

**All Ages**

**Join Now**

**90 MINUTE PROGRAMS BEGIN AT THE TOP OF EACH HOUR 10 AM-2 PM**



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



603-366-5695



928 White Oaks Rd. Laconia





## Gilford Community Church to Host Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Gilford Community Church at 19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford is hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Friday, March 16, 2024, at 6pm.

A traditional dinner with all the fixings, including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions, turnips, and Irish Soda Bread. Carrot cake and Irish coffee for dessert.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased through Tuesday, March 12th at the GCC administrative offices at 19 Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford. For those with questions, please call (603) 524-6057.

## American Red Cross CPR/AED Class @ The Downtown Gym!



Saturday, March 23rd, 2024:  
10:30am-12:00pm

### Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED

Participants will be trained how to recognize emergencies, contact EMS, demonstrate how to check a responsive or unresponsive victim, how to care for an adult with a breathing/choking emergency and care for them if in cardiac arrest. 2 hours e-learning on your own time. 1.5 hours of skill time at Downtown Gym. 2 year certification.

Price: \$70.00 payable the day of class (cash, check or Venmo)

Please pre- register with Anna by March 18th, 2024:

[aswanson@pbhha.org](mailto:aswanson@pbhha.org)



## Fiber Arts at the Belknap Mill

The Belknap Mill is offering a new Saturday program called Fun with Fiber Arts for Teens and Tweens starting March 9th. The second Saturday of each month will feature fiber art activities for ages 10+ from 10am-1pm. The Belknap Mill's Saturday programs are no cost, but donations are always welcome. Some of the activities will include making looms, finger knitting, and making friendship bracelets.

For adults looking to work on their fiber arts projects, the Mill offers a Textile Circle on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-1pm or the second Tuesday of the month from 1pm-4pm. Visitors can bring spinning wheel, cross stitch, knitting project, or whatever fiber art medium and join in for creative support and an exchange of ideas.

The Belknap Mill Museum is open Saturdays 9am-1pm for self-guided tours. Learn how the Mill was once a hosiery museum and used the Winnepesaukee River to generate hydroelectric power. For more information about all the Saturday programs or the museum visit: [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)



## 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**

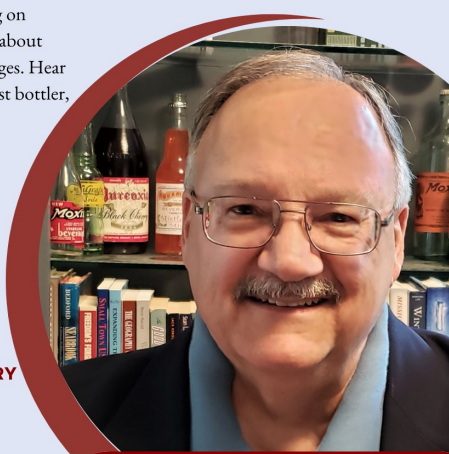
 **AT 6:00PM**

 **LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**



 603-527-1278

 [www.laconiahistory.com](http://www.laconiahistory.com)



**Dennis Sasseville**  
*Presenter*



March 11, 2024, marks the 20th anniversary of the passing of Laconia Fire Department member Mark Miller. Mark Miller lost his life during a department water rescue training. Mark's passion for water rescue brought awareness to the need for fire-fighters to be trained in water rescue. His impact is still felt throughout the department and state, as Water Rescue is now a training priority.



## Plastics Recycling and Community Action Program Food Drive Saturday, March 16th

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 in Laconia from 11am until 1pm on Saturday, March 16.

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!



It won't be long until New Hampshire's black bears will come out of their winter dens looking for food!

Click [here](#) for guidance provided by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department regarding what you should do to prevent bears from being attracted to your property.



# Parenting Journey in Recovery

## \*HYBRID COURSE\*

*Participants can choose to attend in person at our office at 719 North Main St. Laconia, NH*

*OR virtually via Zoom*

*Addiction is complicated and difficult to overcome.*

*Parents and caregivers in recovery face the additional challenge of building strong, positive relationships with their children while maintaining sobriety, which can be both rewarding and daunting.*

*Parenting Journey in Recovery provides a valuable source of fellowship and support and enhances awareness of triggers that may bring about relapse.*

*Personal recovery, accountability, positive actions, and hard work are only some of the topics discussed by group members.*

*Participants in this class should have at least 90 days in recovery prior to the start of the class.*

**Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm**

**14-Week Series begins**

**March 20, 2024**

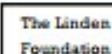
**To register, go to:**

**[www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)**

**or email: [tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org)**

*For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6:00pm and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration.*

**Brought to You By:**







Please see the Public Hearing Notice below which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun.

In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community.

If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department.

Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



**CITY OF LACONIA  
Notice of Public Hearing**

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **March 25, 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:

**A POTENTIAL PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF LACONIA OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 601 MAIN STREET, LACONIA, NH**

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...

Eastern Hockey League Playoff (First Round)  
Three game series

Premiere Team

N.H Avalanche vs New England Wolves:  
Wed., March 13 @ 1:00 pm @ Merrill Fay Arena

Game 3 (if necessary) @ Merrill Fay Arena -  
Sat. March 16 @ 6:45 pm

EHL Team

Seacoast Spartans vs New England Wolves  
March 14, @1:45 pm @ Merrill Fay Arena

*We hope to  
see you there!*



## Gilford Community Church to Host Next Gals' Night Out

On Friday, March 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm the Gilford Community Church (GCC) at 19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford, NH will host Gals' Night Out with a brand-new presentation from Sheryl Faye as she portrays "Her Majesty", Queen Elizabeth II, alongside a delicious dinner catered by Ellie Murphy.

Tickets for Gals' Night Out are \$25 and may be purchased through Tuesday, March 5th at the GCC administrative offices at 19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford. For those with questions, please call (603) 524-6057.

Future Gals' Night Out events include The Powerchords, who will sing Broadway hits, on Friday, May 17, 2024.

*We hope to see you there!*



**Curbside  
recycling  
will be  
picked  
up the week  
of  
March 11!**



## New Hampshire Humane Society's 4th Annual Compassion Golf Tournament!

Get ready to tee off for a cause at the beautiful Laconia Country Club on Monday, May 6th, 2024. Grab your tickets today at [nhhumane.org/events](http://nhhumane.org/events)

Here's what you need to know:

Registration starts at 11:30 am with a shotgun start at 1 pm. Stick around after the tournament for a post-event reception. Your participation and support directly impact our mission of advocating for animals and finding them loving homes.

Join us on the green and help us save even more lives!





# 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)





**Kiwanis** CLUB OF LACONIA, NH **2nd Annual**

# FREE THROW COMPETITION

**FREE TO ALL LAKES REGION BOYS & GIRLS**

**SATURDAY MARCH 16th**  
9:00am till 12:30pm

**Laconia Middle School**  
150 McGrath St, Laconia, NH  
(SNOW DATE: Saturday March 23rd)

**Pre-Register:**  
Text- 603-630-5531  
klwanishoop@gmail.com

**Register Early for a FREE GIFT** (while supplies last)

**Boys & Girls Age Brackets**

- 7-9 years old
- 10-11 years old
- 12-13 years old

Registration is at 8:30am  
Warm Up at 8:45am  
Competition begins at 9:00am

**Walk-ins are welcome!**

Register here 

Benefits Lou Athanas Basketball League & Gilford Parks & Recreation Basketball League



## 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!

-  Trophies
-  Cash Prizes
-  Food
-  Raffles
-  50/50
-  Live Auction

**Sponsored by**

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
of the Lakes Region

**It's For the Kids**  
**COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**  
CHILDREN'S AUCTION

 Challenge Team

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

## LACONIA KIWANIS KRONIKLE ONLINE

Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle".

To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, click [here](#).

Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).

## Annual Robbie Mills Memorial Tournament

To Benefit:  & 

**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.





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

## MARCH 2024 ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Calendar subject to change*</b> <b>* See other side for menu options*</b>				<b>1</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
<b>4</b> <u>10-11:00am-Foot and Blood pressure Clinic – Granite VNA *By Appointment*</u> <u>10-12:00pm- Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm- Board Games</u>	<b>5</b> <u>9-10:00am- TED Talk - "How Societies can grow old better"</u> <u>10-12:00- Bingo</u> <u>1:00pm- Walking Group</u>	<b>6</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10-12:00pm- tabletop ping pong</u> <u>10:00am- Movie</u>	<b>7</b> <u>10-11:00am- Pictionary Game</u> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u>	<b>8</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
<b>11</b> <u>10-12:00pm- Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm- Board Games</u>	<b>12</b> <u>10-11:00am- Volunteer opportunities with NH Humane Society and pet visit w/Paige</u> <u>No Bingo today</u> <u>1:00pm- Walking</u>	<b>13</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:00 am- Movie</u> <u>10-12:00-indoor volley ball</u>	<b>14</b> <u>10:30-11:30- education by Franklin VNA followed by blood pressure clinic</u> <u>11:00am-Trivia</u> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u>	<b>15</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
<b>18</b> <u>10-12:00pm- Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm- Board Games</u>	<b>19</b> <u>10-12:00pm- Bingo</u> <u>1:00pm- Walking Group</u>	<b>20</b> <u>9-12:00pm- Wellness Fair with Partnership for Public Health</u>	<b>21</b> <u>10-11:00am- Hawks and Owls with Squam Lake Science Center</u> <u>10:00am- Artfully Aging Zoom Art class</u> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u>	<b>22</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
<b>25</b> <u>10:00am- Affordable Hearing *by appointment only*</u> <u>10-12:00pm- Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm- Board</u>	<b>26</b> <u>10-12:00- Bingo</u> <u>1:00pm- Walking Group</u>	<b>27</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10-11:00am- activities committee meeting</u> <u>10:00am- Movie</u>	<b>28</b> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u> <u>12:30pm- March birthday celebration</u>	<b>29</b> <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>



Mark Your Calendars for  
Maple Weekend!

March 16 & 17.

Know your trees, know your syrup



New Hampshire  
Maple Producers  
Association, Inc.

Maple Weekend will be here before you know it! Make sure you plan your trip to a local sugar house for March 16 & 17.

Find a sugarhouse near you:  
<https://hubs.la/Q02jGSQT0>



# 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 ...

**Looking upriver from the Avery Dam in Laconia, around the mid-1870s, one can see the original St. Joseph Church, at the corner of Lyford and Messer streets in the distance at left. Buildings at right are on or near Arch Street. Union Avenue is off-photo at right in this stereopticon view. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**The dam was rebuilt in concrete in 1949. The hydro plant, at right, was installed in 1985-1986. River's Edge housing project (in distance at right) was opened in 2016 on site of historic 'Old Red Mill, once home to the William Abel knitting machinery factory and later home to Sterling Engineering, Kinsman Organ and F.W. Webb. (Adam Drapcho/ The Laconia Daily Sun)**





## Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Protecting, Preserving and Sharing the story of Laconia.



As an LHMS member, you are a key player in safeguarding the city's priceless collections and narratives. Your support empowers LHMS to take necessary actions to *protect* the archives, artifacts, and other historical possessions that are vital in preserving the city's cultural heritage.



By joining LHMS, you will help *preserve* the stories and memories of our community's past, ensuring that they are passed down to future generations. Your support honors and celebrates our history while investing in the future of our community.



Our community's pride and legacy are embodied in the story of Laconia, and we must continue to celebrate and preserve our city's culture, heritage, and traditions for future generations. Becoming a member of LHMS is a great way to ensure that Laconia's story is *shared* and celebrated for years to come.

## Become a member today!

[www.laconiahistory.com](http://www.laconiahistory.com)

**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](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

# JIMMY & THE JESTERS

ROCK & ROLL OLDIES SHOW  
& CLASSIC COUNTRY



**MARCH 29TH**  
BAND PLAYS 7 TO 10 PM  
**\$10 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR**  
POTLUCK WELCOME  
AT 6 PM

# 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://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](mailto:scholarship@lrscholarship)  
Call - 603-527-3533

Karen Switzer  
Executive Director

Chris Guilmett  
Assistant Director



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



## The Concord-Laconia Connector connects the Lakes Region to southern NH CAT Launches New Commuter Bus Route – the Concord-Laconia Connector

Have you heard? Concord Area Transit started running the Concord-Laconia Connector intercity commuter bus route last month. This service is offered fare-free connecting Concord to Franklin, Tilton, and Laconia.


The Concord-Laconia Connector (CLC) has 15 bus stops along the route, including major employment, medical and retail destinations such as Merchant's Way, Merrimack County Complex (Nursing Home and County Corrections), Franklin Industrial Park, J. Jill Distribution Center, Tanger Outlet, Belknap Mall, Concord Hospital-Laconia, and downtown Laconia.

The bus makes four round trips per day with the first leaving downtown Concord at 5:45 AM arriving at Concord Hospital-Laconia at 7:26 AM and the Church St parking lot downtown Laconia at 7:31am.

A complete schedule for the route can be found at [ConcordAreaTransit.com](http://ConcordAreaTransit.com) or in the new CAT Riders Guide.

Terri Paige, Transportation Director for Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack which operates CAT, says "We are very excited about this new route. It gives residents of these communities access to thousands of jobs, while also providing a way for residents to travel to medical appointments and other services outside their home community. And since it is fare free, it will give them a much-needed break from the cost of driving".

Those using the CLC connects to the existing CAT routes via the Penacook Route in Penacook. The routes are timed for a quick, easy transfer at the Penacook Family Physicians bus stop.




**Transit System Map  
Bus Schedules  
Rider Guide**

FREE public transportation in Concord, New Hampshire, and surrounding communities.

Where will you go today?

Includes the new Concord-Laconia Connector

Effective November 2023



603-225-1989  
[concordareatransit.com](http://concordareatransit.com)

### About Concord Area Transit


Since 1989, Concord Area Transit (CAT) has served Concord area residents and visitors as the public transportation service with regular fixed-route bus service and specialized services for seniors and ADA complementary paratransit service. It provides bus service throughout Concord and surrounding points, including Penacook, Concord Hospital, Downtown, Memorial Field, Fort Eddy Road Plaza, NHTI and Concord Heights. Buses operate Monday through Friday, 6am-6:30pm. No ticket or cash is needed as all services are fare-free. For a complete schedule or more information, contact CAT at (603) 225-1989 or visit [Concordareatransit.com](http://Concordareatransit.com).

### About CAPBMCI

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (CAPBMCI, CAPBM, CAP-BM, BMCAP) is a New Hampshire based 501(c)(3) private, nonprofit organization. The agency was established in 1965 under the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 with the primary mission of working with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist them in their efforts to become or remain financially and socially independent. The agency sponsors and manages seventy-three (73) programs designed to meet the needs of children, families, single parents, and the elderly.







**JUNE 16 | 7PM**

[COLONIALLAACONIA.COM](http://COLONIALLAACONIA.COM)

**COLONIAL THEATRE**  
*Lebanon*

**SPECTACLE**  
*Live*

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.

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# 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 [chtrust.org](http://chtrust.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'!

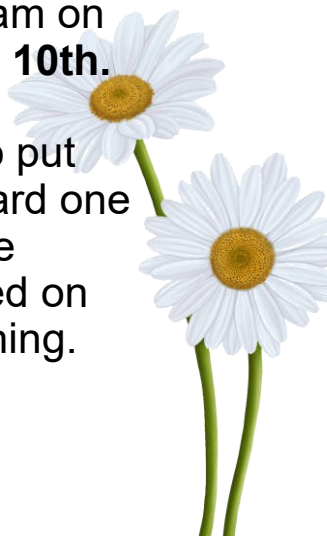


Proceeds will support the Concord Hospital health system with maternity care and prenatal & postnatal OB/GYN patient care.



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on **Sunday, March 10th.**

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





# Parenting Journey in Recovery

**\*HYBRID COURSE\***

*Participants can choose to attend in person at our office at 719 North Main St. Laconia, NH*

*OR virtually via Zoom*

*Addiction is complicated and difficult to overcome.*

*Parents and caregivers in recovery face the additional challenge of building strong, positive relationships with their children while maintaining sobriety, which can be both rewarding and daunting.*

*Parenting Journey in Recovery provides a valuable source of fellowship and support and enhances awareness of triggers that may bring about relapse.*

*Personal recovery, accountability, positive actions, and hard work are only some of the topics discussed by group members.*

*Participants in this class should have at least 90 days in recovery prior to the start of the class.*

**Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm**

**14-Week Series begins**

**March 20, 2024**

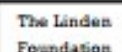
**To register, go to:**

**[www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)**

**or email: [tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org)**

*For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6:00pm  
and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration.*

*Brought to You By:*







WE'RE **SHAMROCKIN'** THIS BAG



This March, make your community feel lucky by purchasing a Give Back Bag. Throughout the month, each reusable \$3.00 Give Back Bag purchased at our selected Shaw's will send our organization a \$1 donation.

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GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS  
Reusable Bag Program

Benefiting Organization:

**Lakes Region  
Santa Fund**

At This Shaw's Location:

**Belmont**



**Now in the Gallery**



**March 1 through March 24**

*Spring is Here!*

*Join Us for* **Artist Reception**  
**March 10 from 2 to 4 pm**

**Lakes Region Art Gallery** in the Tanger Outlets  
120 Laconia Rd, Tilton, New Hampshire  
T: 603-998-0029 [www.lraanh.org](http://www.lraanh.org)

# 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:**



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**NOTICE**

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



Franklin   
VNA & Hospice

1st Annual

# 5K RUN & WALK


SATURDAY

APRIL 27, 2024 AT 9AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL RYAN HOWE

603-934-3454

rhowe@franklinvna.org

Franklin   
VNA & Hospice

Start/Finish at Paul Smith  
Elementary School  
41 Daniel Webster Dr.  
Frankin, NH  
9am

REGISTRATION \$35 PER PERSON



<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Franklin/FranklinVNAandHospice5kRunWalk>

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](http://www.uulaconia.org)  
603 524 6488  
[uusl@myfairpoint.net](mailto:uusl@myfairpoint.net)

March 9th, 2024

4:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Laconia

172 Pleasant Street,  
Laconia, New Hampshire

## It's For the Kids COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE AUCTION

Sponsored by the Café Déjà Vu Team

## EGG My Yard!

How would you like to wake up to a yard  
filled with candy & toy stuffed eggs?

We will come out after 8PM the night before Easter.  
We will scatter (not hide) the eggs in your yard.  
(Laconia, Meredith, Belmont, Gilford area!)

22 EGGS - \$20  
45 EGGS - \$40  
70 EGGS - \$60  
95 EGGS - \$80  
120 EGGS - \$100

CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL TODAY!

We have a limited supply so order early!  
March 27th deadline



(603) 998-1418 or [ynotynot@peoplepc.com](mailto:ynotynot@peoplepc.com)

I will send you the registration form with instructions.

We will recycle the empty eggs if you bring them to Café Déjà vu after



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2024 - 10am to 3 pm**

**Rotary Park - Laconia**

Join us for the music, arts, crafts and cuisine of our diverse community  
from our earliest days to recently arrived New Americans.



## **Belknap Mill Quilters Guild**

### **Deborah Boschert's Lecture "All About Art Quilt Collages"**

Deborah Boschert is an artist, author and teacher who creates art quilts with layers of fabric, paint and stitching. The details in her quilts reflect her experiences and feelings about places she has lived and things she has done. Her award winning quilts have been exhibited at quilt shows and art galleries throughout the United States and internationally.

Deborah will share her most recent art quilts and talk about developing her own personal style. She will show numerous examples of her favorite techniques, materials and themes. She will also tell stories about exciting collaborations, surprising discoveries and finding inspiration in unexpected places.

The lecture will take place at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St, E in Laconia. The Guild is pleased to offer this lecture to the public. Non-guild members may register for the lecture at [info@bmqq.org](mailto:info@bmqq.org) and indicate whether you will attend virtually or in person. The cost is \$5.00 per person.



# 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

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Searching for a  
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Medicare  
.gov

There's a lot to consider when choosing the right nursing home for your loved one. Personalize your results by filtering the options that matter most to you - including inspection results, location, number of beds and more.

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## City Meetings

Week of:  
March 11 - 15

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:**

### Laconia Human Relations Committee

March 11, 2024, 5:00 pm

#### [Agenda](#)

### Laconia City Council

March 11, 2024, 7:00 pm

### Laconia Putnam Fund

March 12, 2024, 9:00 am

### Laconia Human Relations Committee - TM -CEI

March 13, 2024, 3:00 pm

### Heritage Commission

March 14, 2024, 5:00 pm

#### [Agenda](#)



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below  
must be preceded by 603)

Airport .....	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing .....	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk .....	527-1265
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager .....	527-1270
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
Code Enforcement .....	527-1293
Codes Director Joe Gray	
Conservation .....	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Finance .....	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing .....	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert	
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) .....	366-2229
Library .....	524-4775
Library Director - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation .....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel .....	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Zoning .....	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Director Rob Mora	
Police (Administration) .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) .....	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office) .....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) ..	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax .....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Katie Gargano	
Water .....	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare .....	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

### City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer .....	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1) .....	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2) .....	524-7054
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3) .....	803-3425
Mark Haynes (Ward 4) .....	524-3605
Steven Bogert (Ward 5) .....	528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6) .....	998-1418

General Council E-mail:  
[citycouncil@laconianh.gov](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

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