



March 22, 2024 - Edition #630

*An interesting cloud formation seen from Winnisquam Ave.  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



**FREE** - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON MEREDITH CENTER ROAD, LACONIA. RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.

Proof of Residency Will Be Required.

To help minimize wait times, the City recommends that residents use the following schedule when coming to the Transfer Station:

TIME	FIRST LETTER OF LAST NAME
7 to 9 am	A through and including G
9 to 11 am	H through and including N
11am to 1pm	O through and including Z

**ACCEPTABLE:** APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS, FURNITURE, BEDS, PLUMBING FIXTURES, BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO TIRES  
(limit 6 tires per customer).

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:** AUTO TAILPIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES, BATTERIES, HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR SOLVENTS.

Electronic Waste WILL NOT be accepted free of charge at this event.  
E-Waste normal fees for disposal will apply.

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).





Mon  
3/25

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

Tue  
3/26

**Tech Help @ 10am,  
Lego Club @ 3:30pm (ages 6-11)**

Wed  
3/27

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

Thurs  
3/28

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

Fri  
3/29

**Move & Groove @ 10am (babies-6), Family Board  
Games @ 3pm (Families with children)**

Sat  
3/30

**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!



## 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.

10 am-12 pm

Saturday March 30th

## 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.

1-4 pm



Additional programs, series, and registration details

[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)



## 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

Jenn Anderson, Kathy Calvin, Mark Edelstein, and Dana Gardner recently completed their terms on the Board of Directors of the Belknap Mill.

Everyone at the Belknap Mill would like to thank you for your commitment. We wish you all well in your future endeavors.

Pictured (left): Jennifer Anderson, Outgoing Chair.



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.

**CONCORD HOSPITAL**  
Your Regional Health System

**CONCORD HOSPITAL**  
Trust

## 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 [chitrust.org](http://chitrust.org)  
for more info and to purchase tickets

GRAB YOUR CLOSEST DAMES AND FELLA'S  
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.

## 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)

THE  
**DOWN**  
**TOWN**  
GYM



# 2024 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of April 29 - May 3, and May 13 - May 17 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves during these two weeks on your normal trash day.

All materials must be placed in paper compost bags.

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck.

Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at 603-528-6379.



## Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am Sat, March 30th @ LEAVITT PARK



A **HUGE** egg hunt with 3000 eggs filled with Toys & Candy

Rain or Shine!  
Dress Appropriately

**Cookie Decorating and Games inside from 10:00am to 11:30am!**

Bring your own Basket!



With a Special Guest  
Appearance from the Easter  
Bunny!

Brought to you by Laconia Parks & Recreation and the Leavitt Park Community Club.

Call 603-524-5046 if you have questions!

# LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Administrative Unit Thirty

*"Ensuring success with every student, every day, in every way"*

Steve Tucker, Superintendent of Schools

Amy N. Hinds, Assistant Superintendent

Diane Clary, Business Administrator

March 22, 2024

Dear Members of the Laconia School Community:

The Laconia School District is moving to an online registration system that will go live on April 1. The goal of this process is to make registration more accessible for families. For families with incoming elementary students, the goal is also to balance class sizes across the three (3) elementary schools. Here is some information about this registration process in the District schools:

### **The Online Registration Process**

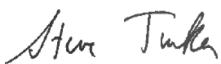
- Registration for all schools will move to an **online platform called Alma Start**, which can be accessed at <http://sau30.almastart.com> beginning on Monday, April 1.
- AlmaStart will be the platform for the online registration, which synchronizes with the District's Student Information System (SIS).
- **The registration process is for new students**, including PreK and Kindergarten students for 2024-25.
- There will be **support for families** to complete the online registration at the SAU. Parents and guardians of middle and high school children can also go to LMS and LHS for assistance in the registration process.
- **Information about the online registration process and attendance zones as well as the links for the registration** will be posted on the District web site. This information has been pushed out to *The Laconia Sun*, local daycare providers, ParentSquare, the Laconia Public Library, Laconia Links, and on school and district social media pages.

### **2024-25 PreK, Kindergarten, and other new elementary students**

- **The goals for an online, central registration process** are for students to attend the school in their attendance zone, to keep families together, to maintain class sizes that are as small as possible, and to balance class sizes across the district.
- Elementary students are initially placed in the school zone of their residence when they register on AlmaStart. In our central registration process, a child's placement will be finalized by the SAU.
- **The SAU will confirm each child's school in writing in approximately two (2) weeks.** For incoming new PreK and Kindergarten students, the first placements will take place by Friday, April 15.
- **When class sizes get to be 16**, we will evaluate how many more students are unplaced and work to balance class sizes across the three schools in the District.
- **The District will work to keep families/siblings together.**
- If a family has **special considerations** for their child for the District to take into account, including school placement and needs of the child, there is a section in the registration form to note this for consideration.

We look forward to welcoming new students and their families into our schools, particularly the Class of 2037 (next year's PreK students) and the Class of 2036 (next year's Kindergarten students)!

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker

39 Harvard Street. Laconia, New Hampshire. 03246 . Tel. (603) 524-5710 . FAX (603) 528-8442

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## 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 **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



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**RESOLUTION 2024-07, ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM A CHARITABLE TRUST (BRUNGARDT GRANTOR CHARITABLE LEAD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIREARMS RANGE FOR THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**REQUEST FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOAT MUSEUM TO LEASE DOCK SPACE AT THE CITY OWNED WEIRS DOCKS**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

## BULKY ITEM pickups



**Curbside collection of bulky items is by appointment only. Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379 to schedule an appointment for pickup. Metal collection is the 1st Wednesday of each month; non-metal collection is the second and third Wednesdays of the month. Please note that the cut-off day for a Wednesday collection is by 1:00 pm on Tuesday.**

**Thank you!**



# Walk With Ease<sup>SM</sup>

Walk With Ease, a free program of the Arthritis Foundation, is for anyone looking to begin or increase their movement or physical activity.

Over the course of 6 weeks, you'll be provided with interactive lesson videos, a free guidebook, weekly virtual meetings and resources to help guide your self-directed walking program.

**This program is proven to:**

- Reduce pain and discomfort of arthritis
- Increase balance, strength and walking pace
- Improve overall health

## Virtual Meeting Sessions

Tuesdays | 12:30pm - 1:30pm

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7

- Go at your own pace
- Use any device - this program can be done from anywhere!
- New classes starting monthly

## Contact Us!

Kate Bruchacova

603-397-3205 | [Kate.bruchacova@unh.edu](mailto:Kate.bruchacova@unh.edu)

If you need an accommodation to participate in our programming, please contact Rebecca Betts, [rebecca.betts@unh.edu](mailto:rebecca.betts@unh.edu) and 603-679-9447 prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to meet your needs, including language access services if requested, which will be provided free of charge.



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IT's For the Kids  
**COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**  
GREATER LAKES REGION  
**CHILDREN'S 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



## 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)

The City of Laconia has an Ordinance prohibiting parking or blocking of City sidewalks at any time during the year.

The City must keep all City sidewalks open and available for pedestrian use.

We ask that you pay attention when you park your vehicle to ensure that it does not interfere with the use of any portion of the sidewalk.

The Department of Public Works will notify the Police Department whenever it sees a vehicle parked on the sidewalk, and you could find a parking ticket left on your windshield.

**Please help the City and yourself by ensuring that you do not park on or block a sidewalk!**





# 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)





**COMMUNITY**  
RABIES VACCINE AND MICROCHIP CLINIC  
LEARN MORE AT [NHHUMANE.ORG/EVENTS](http://NHHUMANE.ORG/EVENTS)

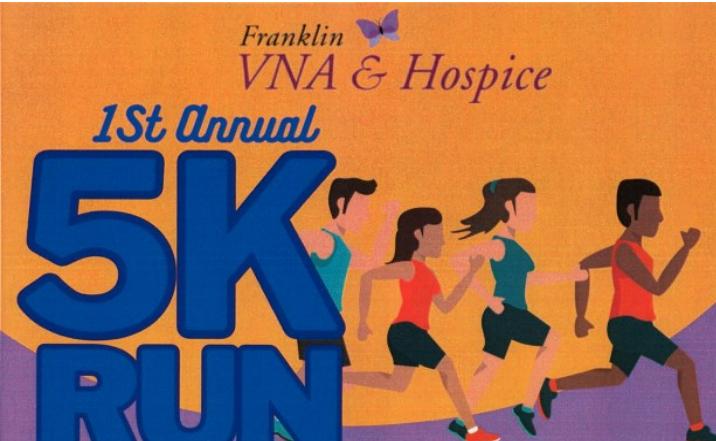
## RABIES VACCINE & MICROCHIP CLINIC

Sat, Apr 06 | 1305 Meredith C...

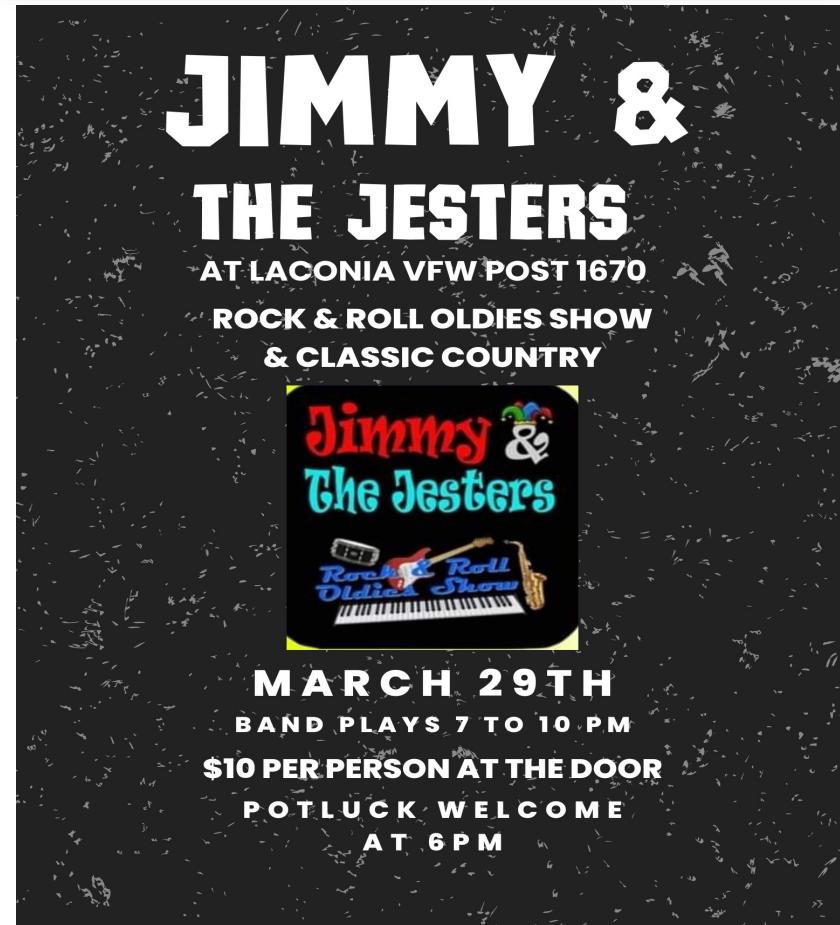
**REGISTER NOW**



**Pemigewasset CHORAL SOCIETY**  
50TH ANNIVERSARY  
*Sweet 50 Voices*  
Spring Concerts 2024  
William Gunn — Music Director | Laura Belanger — Pianist  
With the Pemigewasset Choral Society Chamber Orchestra  
**100 Voices, One Goal — To Spread the Joy of Choral Music!**  
SATURDAY • MAY 4 • 7:30 PM • COLONIAL THEATRE • LACONIA  
SUNDAY • MAY 5 • 3:00 PM • SILVER CENTER • PLYMOUTH  
ADMISSION BY DONATION  
*Our Laconia concert is presented by the Laconia Putnam Fund*  
**COLONIAL THEATRE**  
**Plymouth State UNIVERSITY**  
[PemiChoral.org](http://PemiChoral.org)  
**SILVER**  
CENTER FOR THE ARTS



**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](mailto:rhowe@franklinvna.org)  
**Start/Finish at Paul Smith Elementary School**  
41 Daniel Webster Dr.  
Franklin, NH  
9am  
**REGISTRATION \$35 PER PERSON**  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Franklin/FranklinVNAandHospice5kRunWalk>



**JIMMY & THE JESTERS**  
AT LACONIA VFW POST 1670  
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**



## Laconia Senior Center 603-524-7689

### MARCH 2024 ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Calendar subject to change*</b>				<b>1</b>  <u>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>9:45 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>9:45 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>9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:00 am- Movie</u>  <u>10-12:00-indoor volley ball</u>	<b>14</b> <del><u>10:30-11:30- education by Franklin VNA followed by blood pressure clinic</u></del> <u>11:00am-Trivia</u> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u>	<b>15</b> <u>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>9:45 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>9:45 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>9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u>  <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>



### Reminder

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS **APRIL 1**

**APPLY NOW**

Home | Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation (lrscholarship.org)

### IT'S POTHOLE SEASON!



**Drive carefully!**

**Winter is ending and Spring is upon us!**  
**The City's roads are experiencing the annual transition when gravel roads become soft, potholes are plentiful and the roads heave due to the freeze thaw cycle.**

# 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 ...**

South Main Street Laconia, is seen in the late 1970s, when the Laconia Elks Lodge 876 still occupied the brick house at center left, the Quik Laundry was off-photo at left and Promise You Gift Shop occupied the second house from left. Sign for Dunkin' Donuts, which opened Jan. 24, 1967, appears in distance at far right, just before Pine Street. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



**... AND NOW**

The Elks moved to Gilford in March, 2007, their former lodge being taken over by the Lakes Region Chamber. A branch of the Meredith Village Savings Bank was built on the former Elks grounds in 2005. Dunkin' Donuts underwent a complete make-over in 2011, and Sanel Auto Parts (Sanel Napa since 2018) relocated to South Main Street from New Salem Street in the early 1980s. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS

# Rockin' DADDIOS



**Friday, April 5, 2024 - 7:00 pm**

**Laconia Colonial Theater**

With Opening Guest Act:

## SAZERAC SWING

Tickets available at the Colonial Theater Box Office 609 Main Street Laconia  
Starting Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 10:00 am till 2:00 pm.

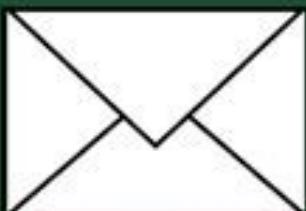
Tickets available online at [www.coloniallaconia.com](http://www.coloniallaconia.com)  
Starting Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 10:00am or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Free Admission - 2 ticket maximum Per Person - General Seating  
First Come first Seated

All General Admission Ticket Holders are to be seated prior to 6:45 pm.

**FREE Standby Tickets are available the day of the show at 6:45 pm.**

Like us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



**Alerts and  
Notifications**

# You're Invited...

*March is Membership Month at the Belknap Mill!*

We are now using a fixed membership model. What does this mean?

All memberships and renewals will begin and end in March!

\$50 Friend

\$100 Supporter

\$200 Bicentennial Supporter

\$500 Ambassador

\$1000 Champion

Your Mill membership supports our arts and education programs for children and families in our community, as well as maintains and preserves this historic landmark in downtown Laconia.

Becoming a member is easy, just click the links below or [print](#) out a form and mail it to:

The Belknap Mill  
25 Beacon Street East  
Laconia, NH 03246

[Become a Member](#)

[Renew My Membership](#)

## **Be Sure to Sign Up for City Alerts and Notifications!**

It's easy to sign up on our website to receive up-to-date information on important City news sent right to your e-mail.

Click [here](#) or the image (left) to access the Notify Me section of our website to set up your account. In addition to breaking news and important notifications, you can also sign up to receive several other City government related information.

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270.



## Transit System Map Bus Schedules Rider Guide

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

Where will you go today?

Effective November 2023

Includes the new  
Concord-Laconia  
Connector



603-225-1989  
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# 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 (or click on the image (left)).

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.

## 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.



BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.  
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965



## Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Awards \$609,700 to 63 Nonprofits

*Distribution luncheon offers nonprofit leaders time to connect, collaborate*

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction recently distributed \$609,700 in grants to 63 area nonprofit organizations at a luncheon at the Huot Career and Technical Center.

The 63 nonprofit leaders accepted their checks during the meet-and-greet event that also offered nonprofit leaders the chance to collaborate and share challenges and strategies over a lunch prepared by students at the center.

"We were glad to see everyone enjoying this celebration of their successes, feeling grateful not only for their grant but for the chance to gather with other nonprofit leaders and share stories and ideas," said Jennifer Kelley, the auction's executive director. "It was a great opportunity for everyone."

Grants will be used by the nonprofit organizations to fund wide-ranging programs that support local children and families in need. These initiatives address needs that are vital to the well-being of children in area communities, including food and housing insecurity and related emergency assistance; childcare and afterschool programs, recreation, education and the arts; family resources; and healthcare, including mental health support, victim outreach and support, and preventative health and wellness training.

The auction had over \$800,000 in requests in 2023 and awarded \$609,700 to 63 agencies. For a list of organizations that received funding, visit [childrensauction.com/wherourmoneygoes](http://childrensauction.com/wherourmoneygoes).

The auction's board president, Doug Morissette, is pleased with the process the organization uses to determine grant eligibility. "We have a Distribution Committee that works tirelessly over many months to review grant requests, and these committee members also look at the health of each organization and its past use of funding to ensure that every dollar the auction grants has impact," Morissette said. "We are confident that funds we raise and distribute significantly work to improve the lives of local children and their families by ensuring their basic needs are met, and they have opportunities to thrive."

Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, chair of the Distribution Committee, said, "The committee is charged with problem-solving, analysis, empathy and community awareness, so we can assure all who donate, bid and volunteer that the funding is being spent wisely."

The next round of grant applications will be due by Oct. 15. To apply for funding or learn more, visit [childrensauction.org/apply-for-funding](http://childrensauction.org/apply-for-funding).

In the past 42 years, the auction has distributed \$8.6 million to nonprofit organizations in the community. Learn more about the auction at [childrensauction.org](http://childrensauction.org), or follow the Children's Auction on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn.



Children's Auction Executive Director Jennifer Kelley, left, and Lisa Cornish, auction board member, right, present a grant award to Cady Hickman, social media and community engagement manager at Boys and Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH.

# Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

## Laconia-Gilford Lions Club



When: **Saturday, April 6**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot  
9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



### Items we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	Dehumidifier	\$10
CPU / PC Tower	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	CRT Monitor (<50lbs)	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	CRT Monitor (>50lbs)	tbd*
PC LCD Monitor	\$5	TV < 13"	\$ 5
Camcorder	\$5	TV < 25"	\$20
VCR	\$5	TV > 25"	\$30
Audio Visual Equip.	\$5	Very Large TV	tbd*
Speaker	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Printer	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Copier, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Freezer	\$20
UPS System	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
Humidifier	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Car batteries	\$5	Teflon pan	\$ 1
Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories \$5 (Free if recycling something else)			

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

\*The item will be weighed on site and the price determined.



### Items we CANNOT accept:

Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as fluorescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, smoke detectors, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

***“Don’t Throw It Out, Recycle It!”***

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions



The Belknap Mill's upcoming fiber arts circle is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd.

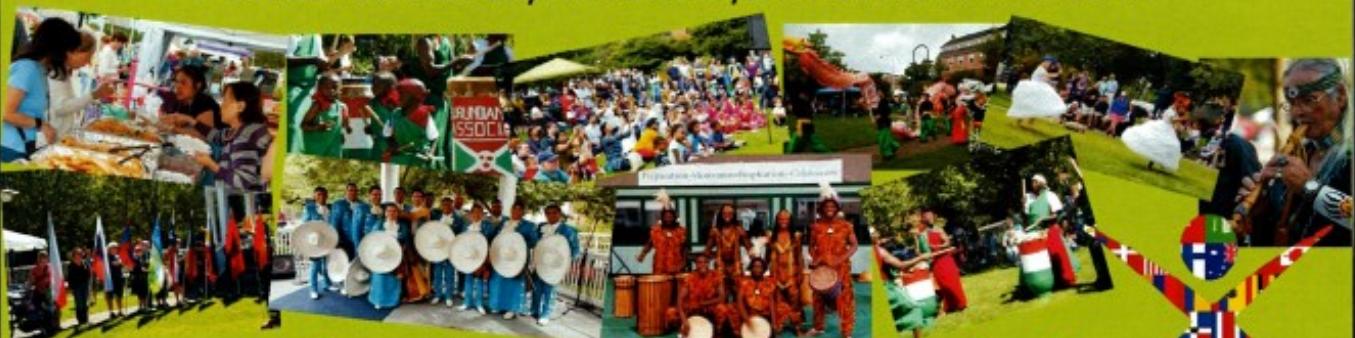
Carol will be showcasing hand spinning. Bring your fiber arts projects and join the fun from 10am to 1pm!



*Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of March 25!*

**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.



**Laconia Multicultural Festival**  
A Celebration of Music, Arts, Crafts and Cuisine in Downtown Laconia  
[www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org](http://www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org)



# City of Laconia

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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.

### What To Know About High Blood Pressure as You Age

#### Points to remember:



Learn more about high blood pressure and older adults at [www.nia.nih.gov/high-blood-pressure](http://www.nia.nih.gov/high-blood-pressure).

#### What you can do:



NIH National Institute on Aging

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is a common health problem for older adults. The good news is that blood pressure can be controlled in most people.

More info is available from the National Institute on Aging [here](#).



## City Meetings

Week of:  
March 25 - 29

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 other-**

### Appointments Subcommittee

March 25, 2024, 6:30 pm

### City Council

March 25, 2024, 7:00 pm

### Police Commission

March 27, 2024, 2:00 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

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