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A view of things to come! (photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)

News from the Public Works Dept.

CITY OF LACONIA - NOTICE: THE SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT WAS LIFTED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Please call the Public Works Department at (603) 528-6379 for more detailed information or answers to any questions you may have..

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.



CITY OF LACONIA BRUSH DUMP

The Hilliard Road Brush Dump is located at 325 Hilliard Road (603-366-4855). The facility is now open for its spring and summer hours on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 am to 3 pm.

Materials accepted are as follows: Clean wood (not painted, stained or pressure treated); branches of trees (no larger than 3" in diameter/3' in length). Leaves are not accepted at the Brush Dump.

Residents who want to use this facility must have a Laconia dump sticker or day pass. Dump stickers and day passes are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East in Laconia from 8:30-4:30, Monday-Friday. Questions? Call DPW at 603-528-6379 or the City Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265.



APRIL 15-20

Mon
4/15

Sensory Storytime @ 10am (babies-6)

Tue
4/16

**Tech Help @ 10am, Fantastic Fiction Book Group @ 10am,
Teen Manga & Anime Club @ 3:30pm**

Wed
4/17

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

Thurs
4/18

**Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6),
Fiber Arts Group @ 10am**

Fri
4/19

Family Board Games @ 3pm (Families with children)

Sat
4/20

OH Ukeladies @ 2pm

For descriptions and more, visit our online calendar!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

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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!

Plant A Tree Cupcakes with Chef Allen



Get ready for a fun, gluten-free Earth Day celebration! Learn how to make edible and adorable cupcakes that look like little plants growing in terracotta pots. You will bake 8 gluten-free cupcakes in terracotta pots, make a dairy free or regular frosting, and make edible dirt from cake crumbs. This class requires participants to stand, bake, and work for most of the class. Please wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes and have long hair tied back.

10 am-12 pm

Saturday April 20th

Forest Trail Games & Amphibian Exploration

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 immersive games while we search for signs and sightings of New Hampshire's many native frogs and salamanders!

1-3 pm



Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescofffarm.org

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Environmental Education Center

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

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

Seed Starting at Home



Get ready for the coming gardening season by starting your own seedlings at home. This workshop will focus on indoor sowing techniques, including timing, light requirements, successful germination, and tips for transplanting your seedlings out into your garden. Workshop participants will practice sowing and transplanting seedlings to take home for spring plantings.

10am-12 pm

Saturday April 13, 2024
Felted Soap

Join us as we encase bars of soap with decorative felted wool packages that you can keep for yourself or give as gifts. The felted wool conserves the soap and makes a nice lather. In this class participants will felt three to four bars of soap brought from home using colorful wool to make their own designs. Note: This program does not include making the soap. Bring 3-4 bars of soap from home or bring your own homemade soap from a previous soap making class at Prescott Farm!

1-3pm



Frog Calls of Spring



During the springtime, Frogs are part of nature's symphony. Join us for an early evening forest hike to the wetland areas of Prescott Farm. We'll begin indoors to learn about the springtime habits of the frogs we are most likely to hear. Then, we'll hike out to our wetland areas to see if we can identify which frogs are at Prescott Farm. No prior experience frogging by ear is necessary.

Additional programs, series, and registration details

5-7 pm

prescofffarm.org

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LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

The Zoom invite link to join is on our website at:
www.laconiahousing.org/board-info
Questions? Please call us at: 603-524-2112

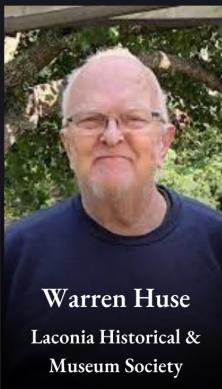


Ask the Historian

For more information visit laconiahistory.com

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

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



Warren Huse
Laconia Historical & Museum Society



Ginger Ryan
Lakeport Freight House Museum



Robert Ames
Webmaster
WeirsBeach.com

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

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

HELP US BRING IN SPRING!

Laconia Rod and Gun Club

First Live Entertainment since 2014

Dances in April • LIVE MUSIC

April 6 - Fuzz Boxx

April 13 - Sold Out Souls

April 27 - Freddie Partridge

Great People Having Great Memories

Open Kitchen For Snacks

Non-Smoking Function Hall

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Band starts at 7pm • \$10 Cover

Laconia Rod and Gun Club

358 S Main Street - Laconia

All proceeds help Laconia Rod and Gun Help The Community

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

Warren Hues, Ginger Ryan, and Robert Ames will accept questions through June 2024.

Community members can submit inquiries via Facebook on the LHMS page or email questions to lhmslpl@metrocast.net with the subject line *My Burning Question* until July 1st. All questions are welcome, and more than one question is encouraged!

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



FOR RELEASE - April 11, 2024

The Laconia School Board honored Bank of New Hampshire (BNH) for contributing \$50,000 to a fundraising campaign to upgrade the playgrounds at Elm Street School, Pleasant Street School and Woodland Heights School at its meeting on April 2, 2024.

The cost of the playground upgrade is expected to be \$489,000 of which the District is hoping to raise \$239,000 through donations.

Founded in 1831, the BNH has a long history of meeting the personal banking, business lending, and wealth management needs of residents throughout the State and southern Maine. The BNH is the 13th oldest financial institution in the nation.

Currently, the BNH has won numerous awards, including Best in State Bank by Forbes (2023), a number one ranking in New Hampshire for financial performance, and a number two

community bank ranking in New England. The BNH is known for its support of community and charitable giving. In the last three (3) years, the Bank gave \$350,000 to Laconia-based organizations. The Bank made a \$250,000 donation to build the Bank of New Hampshire Stadium at Laconia High School, a state of the art athletic complex in the State of New Hampshire. Not only is it the home field of the LHS Sachems, the Stadium has hosted numerous regional and state athletic contests over the last decade.

Thank you to the Bank of New Hampshire, President and CEO Chris Logan, and Executive Vice President Mike Seymour for their generous \$50,000 donation to the Laconia elementary school playgrounds!



From left to right: Michael Seymour, Executive Vice President at BNH; Jennifer Anderson, School Board Chair; Steve Tucker, Superintendent of Schools; Laura Dunn, School Board Member and Playground Committee Member; Michaela Champlin, Principal Woodland Heights Elementary School and Playground Committee Member; and Christopher Logan, President and CEO of the BNH.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE BEING OFFERED IN LACONIA

Have you thought about how you can help the mental health crisis in the Lakes Region? You can! Become a Certified Mental Health First Aider!



Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 3 PM

Place: The Congregational Church of Laconia, "Church Hall"
(Basement area of the Church)
18 Veteran's Square, Laconia, NH 03246

Who: Open to the public ** Must be 18 years old or older

To sign up, email pamela@satoricongroup.com. For more information on Mental Health First Aid go to www.satoricongroup.com. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 12th. Upon completion of the course, participants receive a 3-year certification as a Mental Health First Aider. The cost is \$120 per person. All materials are included. SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

*If participants bring a non-perishable food item for the UCC Little Free Food Pantry, they will receive \$5 off the cost of the class!

Help us build a more resilient community! Instructors Pamela Joyal and Abi Fannion will be teaching people how to recognize and respond to someone who may be experiencing a mental health event or substance use issue and how to apply the ALGEE action plan. #BeTheDifference #mhfa #mentalhealth #mentalhealthmatters

You're Invited...



A Moment in the Landscape

New England landscapes painted from photographs.

Katie Van Cura

MEET THE ARTIST

Friday, April 12th
5pm-7pm



Property Taxes - Deductions and Exemptions



Do you own your home in Laconia and is it your primary residence? Are you a veteran who served our country and were honorably discharged? If so, you may qualify for a veteran credit.

If you are 65 years or older and meet the necessary income and asset limits you may qualify for an elderly exemption.

Please check our website at <https://www.laconianh.gov/162/Credits> and <https://www.laconianh.gov/165/Exemptions> to see if you qualify.

The deadline to apply for the 2024 tax year is April 15, 2024. Questions? Please call the Assessing Office at 603-527-1268.

Spring Has Sprung



Spring has sprung at our selected Hannaford! This April, purchase this specially marked Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet (pictured below) to send our organization a \$1 donation!



Hannaford's Gilford
1425 Lakeshore Road
Gilford, NH 03249

hannaford.2givelocal.com
Bloomin' 4 Good Program





Firefighter - Paramedic

Firefighter - AEMT

STARTING RANGE—FF/PARAMEDIC: \$60,902-70,679.39

STARTING RANGE—FF/AEMT: \$56,186.55-65,242.89

(+3% Cola Raise July 1)

HIRING BONUS UP TO \$4,000.00 (PAYABLE AT 90 DAYS)

(STARTING RATE OF PAY BASED ON EXPERIENCE)

Be A Part of a Growing Department in a fast pace environment with a progressive Fire/EMS division

Largest Department in the Lakes Region. Opportunities for department to pay for you to become a paramedic and ample other training opportunities. 11 paid holidays, paid training, overtime after 4 months, new equipment on order.

Come find your forever home!

Laterals increased pay and shorter probation time.

Must Possess a current CPAT or meet the eligibility requirements for Lateral Transfer.

Minimum Qualifications Are: High School Diploma, Pro-Board FF2, NREMT Advanced EMT or Paramedic, and CDL-B... BUT...

We will consider any combination of qualifications and provide the required training to the right person. Those who do not meet the above minimum qualifications are encouraged to apply!

A completed City application form, cover letter, and resume is required and may be mailed or delivered to:

Laconia City Hall Finance Office Attn: Employment

45 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

EOE/ADA

Due by 5/31/2024

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page 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 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 April 22, 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:

ORDINANCE 2024-235-39-A – AMENDING CHAPTER 235, ZONING, RELATIVE TO ARTICLE VII, SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS, §235-39 A, GENERAL PROVISIONS – UNSAFE STRUCTURES

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the



Lakes Region Mental Health Center Annual Art Auction

ATTENTION ARTISTS

Do you want to support LRMHC during Mental Health Awareness Month?

We are now accepting art submissions from artists of all levels! Check out the details and fill out the submission form by scanning the QR code below.

Deadline to submit art is April 15th

Place your bids beginning May 1st!
Scan the QR code next to the item or visit
BiddingForGood.com/LRMHC

May
2024

SUBMIT ART



603-524-1100 Irmhc.org 40 Beacon St. E. Laconia, NH
81 Highland St. Plymouth, NH

The New Hampshire Humane Society's Community Pet Pantry needs your help!

As we continue to support our communities' furry friends and their families in need, our shelves are getting bare.

If you're spring cleaning and finding unused pet food or pet related items, we'd love to make them available in our pantry!

If you would like to drop off your donations but are not able to during our walk in hours (Thursday-Saturday, 12-4 pm), there is a yellow bin to the right of our main entrance where items can be donated.

To learn more about our pet pantry, please visit www.nhhumane.org/programs. Thank you!

WE CARE of Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia
David Clark's "ALL ABOUT JOEL"
Brings Billy Joel to Life in Meredith!

Dust off your dancing shoes and prepare to sing along as David Clark's "ALL ABOUT JOEL" benefit concert takes you on a musical journey through the iconic hits of Billy Joel while supporting The Lakes Region Food Pantry's fight against hunger.

More than just a concert, this charitable event is presented by We Care of Temple B'nai Israel. Join this night of entertainment and heartwarming support on Saturday, May 25th, at 7:30 PM (General Admission) at the Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium in Meredith, NH. Tickets are just \$40; no additional fees and plenty of free parking at the venue. Tickets are available online at <https://tbinh.org> and select retail locations (see website).

David Clark, a seasoned performer, will be joined by a talented saxophonist to create a dynamic duo performance. Clark's stunningly accurate piano playing, powerful vocals, and charismatic stage presence will leave you feeling like you're experiencing the Piano Man himself as he engages the audience with wit and humor. Whether you're a lifelong Billy Joel fan or simply looking for a fantastic performance, David Clark's "ALL ABOUT JOEL" is the perfect event for all.

The We Care concert model goes beyond entertainment as all the net proceeds will directly benefit The Lakes Region Food Pantry, a vital non-profit dedicated to providing essential food assistance and other resources to families in need. We Care has championed local causes since 2013 by "lending a helping hand to Lakes Region nonprofits," and they are proud to support the Food Pantry's mission. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening of unforgettable Billy Joel music, support a worthy cause, and make a real difference in the lives of others. Relive the golden age of piano rock with David Clark's electrifying performance. Get your tickets today and prepare for a night of music, community, and giving!

Can't go to the show but still want to help? Visit the website, <https://tbinh.org>, to purchase tickets that will be donated to our community's first responders, police, firefighters, and emergency response teams. A win-win for the fight against hunger and giving back to those who keep us safe.

We Care extends its deepest gratitude to Miracle Farms Landscaping, Audi Nashua, and Interlakes Family Dental, our steadfast event sponsors, as well as the major support of The Laconia Daily Sun and Northeast Communications. Their continued commitment to We Care, year after year, has clearly improved the lives of countless individuals within the Lakes Region community.

**DAVID CLARK'S
ALL ABOUT JOEL**

**BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024**

INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM, MEREDITH

LIVE PERFORMANCE AT 7:30 PM

BENEFIT FOR

THE LAKES REGION FOOD PANTRY

Lakes Region Food Pantry Event Sponsors

Mondovi Dental  Hannaford  Meredith Kiwanis Club 

TICKETS JUST \$40

TBINH.ORG



OR IN PERSON AT

*Innisfree Booksellers
Meredith & Laconia

*Cleckleberries Garden Shop
Meredith

*The Thrift Shop
Moultonborough



Event Sponsors

 Audi Audi Nashua

 Interlakes FAMILY DENTAL

 MIRACLE FARMS

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
THE LAKES REGION
BUSINESS DIRECTORY

 The Sun
Official media sponsor of Temple B'nai Israel

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COMMUNICATIONS
Official broadcast sponsor of Temple B'nai Israel

CAN'T ATTEND?

You can still support the Lakes Region Food Pantry. Donate tickets to First Responders. Visit tbinh.org



Minimum Federal Eligibility Requirements for Medicare Savings Programs in 2024

If you have limited income and resources, you can get help from your state paying some or all of your Medicare premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance. Some states don't count certain types or specific amounts of income or resources when deciding who qualifies, so you may still qualify for these programs in your state even if your income or resources are higher than the federal limits listed below. [Contact your state](#) to find out.

Medicare Savings Program	Individual Monthly Income Limits	Married Couple Monthly Income Limits	Helps Pay Your
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program	\$1,275	\$1,724	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Part A premiumsPart B premiumsDeductibles, coinsurance, and copayments
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program	\$1,526	\$2,064	Part B premiums only
Qualifying Individual (QI) Program	\$1,715	\$2,320	Part B premiums only
Qualified Disabled & Working Individuals (QDWI) Program*	\$5,105	\$6,899	Part A premiums only

* This includes a \$20 general income exclusion.

Resource limits for QMB, SLMB, and QI are \$9,430 for an individual and \$14,130 for a married couple. Resource limits for QDWI are \$4,000 for an individual and \$6,000 for a married couple.

NOTE: If you qualify for QMB, SLMB, or QI, you automatically qualify for Extra Help, which helps pay for Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Income limits are slightly higher in Hawaii and Alaska. States have flexibility in determining income and resource limits for aged, blind, or disabled individuals applying for Medicare Savings Programs. They can disregard or have less restrictive limits for income and resources for these groups. However, they can't be more restrictive, or have higher limits for these groups when determining eligibility. These programs are run by your state. [Contact your state](#) to apply.

SOURCE: For annual updates, visit [Medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/get-help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-programs](https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/get-help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-programs).

HISTORY HAPPENED HERE!

A Day to Discover the Stories of Laconia



Saturday, May 11th 9:45am-3:00pm

Explore the rich history of Laconia by trolley, by rail or by foot! Choose to try several experiences or indulge in one, and create a unique narrative of your own!



For more information and to register for a tour scan the QR code, visit laconiahistory.org or follow us on Facebook



WOLFEBORO TROLLEY COMPANY



History Happened Here! Discovery Day with Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Experience the rich history of Laconia like never before at History Happened Here! Discovery Day, on Saturday, May 11th from 9:45 am to 3:00 pm in downtown Laconia. History Happened Here! is the perfect opportunity to explore the city's intriguing past and learn about the stories that have shaped our community.

The Trolley Tour, an event highlight, returns this year with two 60-minute tours, exploring the neighborhoods of the south end of Laconia, Downtown, Union Ave., and Pleasant Street. Participants will travel to numerous noteworthy locations while an LHMS volunteer provides historical narration, revealing insightful glimpses into the city's past.

The Historic City Walk & Exhibit Tour takes you on a 1.5-mile, one-hour journey through Downtown's hidden treasures and unique stories. Led by a knowledgeable LHMS member, you'll learn about the people and events that built our city. And that's not all! This year, the Laconia Collections Exhibit and other special stops have been added to this tour, making it even more intriguing and informative.

A Railbike History Adventure is a new experience offered this year. Participants will learn about the history along the train tracks that run through Laconia and get a little exercise!

For those who want to learn it all, the Discovery Tour Bundle is perfect for you. This Trolley, Walking, and Railbike tour package gives you a comprehensive crash course in Laconia's history, with a discount!

To top off the event, Defiant Records & Craft Beer opens as "Folsom's Tavern," offering a discount on select cold beverages for participants. You may also encounter a Founding Father or two!

Mark your calendar and make a reservation now!

For more information about History Happened Here! Discovery Day, please visit laconiahistory.com or follow LHMS on Facebook/Instagram.

History Happened Here! Discovery Day is generously sponsored by Irwin Automotive Group, Union Ave., Laconia.



Laconia Senior Center 603-524-7689

APRIL 2024 ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 10-11:00am- Foot and Blood pressure Clinic – Granite VNA *By Appointment* 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 9-12:00pm- Board Games	2 9-10:00am- Bad Minton 10-12:00- Bingo 1:00pm- Walking Group	3 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10:00am- Men's only coffee hour	4 10-11:15am- Fraud Prevention with Meredith Village Savings Bank 11:30am- Congregate meal	5 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ
8 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 10:30-11:30 am- Activities committee meeting	9 9-10:00am- Bad Minton 10-12:00- Bingo 1:00pm- Walking Group	10 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10-11:00am- TED Talk- "How Societies can grow old better"	11 10-11:00am- Ernie Bolduc from Bolduc farm talk about honey and bees 11:30am-Congregate	12 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 11:00- cooking 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ
15 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 9-12:00pm- Board Games	16 9-10:00am- Bad Minton 10-12:00- Bingo 1:00pm- Walking Group	17 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10:00am- Walk to Wayfarer for coffee and goodies	18 10-11:00-Joel with Plan First-Financial advisor 10:30-11:30- Franklin VNA blood pressure clinic 11:30am-Congregate	19 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ
22 Earth Day- Wear green to celebrate 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 9-12:00pm- Board Games	23 9-10:00am- Bad Minton 10-12:00- Bingo 1:00pm- Walking Group	24 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10:00am- Book club and swap	25 10:00am- Bad Minton 11:30am-Congregate meal 12:30pm- April birthday celebration	26 9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ
29 10:00am- Affordable Hearing *by appointment only* 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 9-12:00pm- Board Games	30 9-10:00am- Bad Minton 10-12:00- Bingo 1:00pm- Walking Group			*Calendar is subject to change



Navigating Medicare



FACEBOOK LIVE

Partnership for Public Health FACEBOOK page

Come and join us on May 14, @ 10am, June 11th, @ 10:00am or July 9th@10am ,2024 at 10am on Facebook and bring your New to Medicare questions and/or any questions you may have regarding Medicare.

My name is Lori Raymond and I have been a Medicare Counselor since 2017 and am happy to be available to answer your questions. I look forward to assisting you.



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of April 22!

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 ...

Weirs Beach Water Slide, at entrance to Lakeside Avenue, was being demolished, 10 years ago this week. The water park featured four slides with a 75-foot drop, several waterfalls and a 110-foot tunnel passing through what was billed as the tallest man-made volcano in the world, marked by the remains of a crashed airplane protruding from its flank. The slides wrapped around an 18-hole miniature golf course that meandered through the water park. The attraction had opened in mid-June 1979. (Photo courtesy WeirsBeach.com)



...AND NOW

in the early 2000s, the slides hosted Rally Headquarters and also leased space to vendors during Motorcycle Week. Following demolition of the slides in 2014, the lot became the Boardwalk Bar & Grill In 2017. Endicott Street North is seen at left. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



10th Annual Lakes Region Interfaith National Day of Prayer Breakfast

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Safe Shelter Feeds the Soul

Keynote Speakers: Asheena Miller, Lead Street Outreach Housing Specialist for CAPBM, Inc. and Detective Steve Orton, Master Patrol Officer for Laconia Police Department

Program Topic: Hope in Education - Strategies for Supporting Our Unsheltered Neighbors

WHEN

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024
from 7:30am to 9:30am

WHERE

St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall
31 Gilford Ave, Laconia, NH

7:30am	♦ Buffet Breakfast Begins
8:15am	♦ Program Commences
9:30am	♦ Program Concludes

TICKETS ARE \$15 EACH

To purchase your tickets: please contact your faith community, Chris Ray by phone (603) 528-2920 / by email crayjr@gmail.com, or stop by St. Andre Bessette Parish Office at 277 Union Ave, Laconia.



Proceeds from the breakfast
will be donated to the
Community Action Program
of Belknap-Merrimack
Counties (CAPBM), Inc.

The National Day of Prayer enables us to recall and teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call to us to humbly come before God, seeking God's guidance and God's grace upon us as people.

Lakes Region Interfaith Prayer Breakfast was started as a means of bringing together people of different backgrounds and affiliations to celebrate the blessings of the year, and join in inclusive fellowship for the spiritual renewal of community, state and nation.



FREE

Full Course Hot Meal

Wednesdays

5 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hands Across The Table

St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall

31 Gilford Ave Laconia

PO Box 6553, Laconia, NH 03247
Email: handsacrosstt@gmail.com



LACONIA'S
SPRING
CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday
May 4, 2024
7am – 1 pm

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 TAILPIPS, 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.





AT FISH AND GAME HEADQUARTERS, CONCORD, N.H.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Winnipesaukee



Warriors

New Hampshire Special Olympics

1ST ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WITH THE WINNIPESAUKEE WARRIORS & THE FREDDIE PARTRIDGE BAND

April 20th, 2024 from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Come Dance the night away with The Freddie Partridge Band while raising money for our Amazing Athletes on our local Winnipesaukee Warriors Special Olympics of New Hampshire team!

Doors open & a catered Dinner Buffet starts at 6 – Freddie & the band will start rocking the house at 7!

Tickets are \$15 in advance (plus a processing fee of \$1.75) or \$20 at the door if the event is not sold out.
Scan the QR Code Below for tickets!

THANK YOU to our Platinum Sponsors for helping us put on this event:

Kara Financial, LLC
O'Connor Group brokered by eXp Realty, LLC
The Laconia Rod & Gun Club



Catered Buffet Dinner

Silent Auction Items

Tricky Tray Raffle Items

50/50 Raffle

Cash Bar

ALL Proceeds Benefit the Winnipesaukee Warriors

VFW LACONIA POST 1670

143 Court Street
Laconia, NH 03246

April 20, 2024
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

WALKING CHALLENGE

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2024

28.2 MILES



Not only does walking provide physical benefits, but it also helps your mental health! Walking regularly can help ease symptoms related to chronic mental health conditions like depression and anxiety. Some benefits of walking include better sleep, stress relief, and improved endurance, amongst others. Join LRMHC in walking 28.2 miles in the month of May as part of our Walking Challenge for Mental Health Awareness month. Follow this link to get started: <https://ow.ly/U5Gv50R5ZUU>



Concord Hospital's 2024 social event of the year!

THE BEE'S KNEES SOCIAL CLUB

Due to inclement weather, our event has been postponed to Wednesday, April 24. Be there or be square!



Scan QR Code or visit ch-trust.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.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Thousands of people are killed and hundreds of thousands more are seriously injured in distracted driving crashes each year. Free NSC resources will help you share the message and limit these risks to help us create safer roads for all.

Click [here](#) for more information from the National Safety Council.



LAKES CENTER
FOR THE ARTS



New Hampshire
State Council on the Arts

ART SUMMIT 2024

Building Creative Collaborations

brought to you by Lakes Center for the Arts & Lakes Region Community College

Supported by CDFA & NH Council on the Arts

A day of learning and networking

Lakes Region Community College
Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Adele Bauman, NH Council on the Arts

Morning & Afternoon Workshops to include:

- Building your career as an artist
- Practical guidelines for marketing your art
- Curating your work & exhibit presentation
- How to photograph your work
- How to get gallery representation
- How to price your work • How to protect your work
- Public art

Registration is limited and FREE!
Go to: www.lakescenterforarts.org





Soft Plastics Recycling and Community Action Program Food Drive Saturday, April 13th

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, April 13.

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! Thank you!

DANCE AND POT LUCK

THE MOST BAND

the MOST Rock n' Roll like you remember... and More

**PLAYING ROCK N ROLL LIKE YOU
REMEMBER AND MORE
POTLUCK @ 6 BAND @ 7
APRIL 13, 2024
FOOD | MUSIC |
DANCING | \$10 PP**

LACONIA VFW POST 1670
142 COURT ST



50TH ANNIVERSARY

Pemigewasset

CHORAL SOCIETY



Spring Concerts
2024

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



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

The Café Déjà Vu Team

Is Hosting Weekly CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS

Thru May 29, 2024

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At Laconia VFW on Court St.
Come whenever you want – one week, ten weeks or all of them

Bring your friends!

\$10.00pp - Play 5 games 1 on 1

Also some \$1.00 side pots for High Hand and Flush in the Kitty
And 25c for a 19 hand and 50c for a skunk

Cash Prizes for total high scores

(Prizes awarded based on number of entries)

Friendly Games – No muggins/cut throat

For more info call (603) 998-1418



You are invited!!

We are in the process of organizing and preparing for our 2024 Annual Meeting. Given the overwhelming success of last year's meeting, we have once again reserved the Winnipesaukee Ballroom at Mill Falls Church Landing in Meredith, New Hampshire for Monday, June 17, 2024 and invite you to mark your calendars. This year we are fortunate to have Laconia's Mayor Andrew Hosmer as our guest speaker who will be speaking on the topic of revitalization of the old Laconia State School property and regional impact.

At this time, we are also inviting you submit nominees for our three annual award categories: the Ayers-Cotton Environmental Service Award, the Award of Excellence, and the Community Service Award. Please see the link below for a Request for Nominations letter from our Executive Director Jeff Hayes describing each of these awards and qualifications for same. Also shown below are links to Nomination forms which are fillable PDFs and may be submitted electronically as shown on the form to execadmin@lakesrpc.nh.gov. Nomination forms may also be printed and mailed to LRPC Awards Committee, 103 Main Street, Suite 3, Meredith, NH 03253.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MAY 1, 2024. Unfortunately, the window for nominations is shorter than normal due to unforeseen circumstances and we apologize for the inconvenience. This deadline will enable the Awards Committee time to review and consider the nominees, as well as the necessary lead time to obtain the awards prior to the Annual Meeting. *Late submission may not be able to be considered.*

We look forward to your participation. Feel free to contact us with any questions at 603-279-5334.

[Request for Nominations](#)

[Award of Excellence Nomination Form](#)

[Community Service Nomination Form](#)

[Ayers-Cotton Environmental Service Award Nomination Form](#)



Calling all kids 15 and under...

Bring your fishing pole, hooks,
bobbers and worms to
Gunstock Ski Area Pond
for this **FREE** event!

8am to 1pm

BBQ Lunch Provided

Pre-registration held on April 13th from 1-4pm
Laconia Rod & Gun function hall

358 South Main Street, Laconia (located next to Vista)
(Please follow the signs to the back door)

Contact Lisa at 455-6563 if you are unable to register on 4/13/24

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.



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

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>

Ladies of the LAKE

Designer Bag BAZINGO

AT THE LACONIA VFW

Friday April 19

Doors open at 5pm - Games start at 630pm

Cash Bar and The Fantastic Full Circle Food Truck will be there

\$30 prebuy includes your cards to all games \$40 at the door

18 Designer Games!

Get your tickets here →

www.ladiesofthelakenh.com/shop

2024 SPONSORS

Kara Financial, LLC
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All proceeds go to The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

4th ANNUAL
GREATER LAKES REGION
CHILDREN'S AUCTION
2024 CHALLENGE

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



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



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below
must be preceded by 603)

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

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

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

Tips To BOOST Your Health as You Age



Everyone needs social connections to survive and thrive. But as people age, they often find themselves spending more time alone.

Learn some tips to stay connected provided by the National Institute on Aging by clicking on the image (left).



City Meetings



Week of:
April 15 - 19, 2024

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

April 15, 2024, 3:30 pm

Zoning Board of Adjustment

April 15, 2024, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Rec Commission

April 15, 2024, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

April 15, 2024, 5:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Board of Assessors

April 18, 2024, 5:30 pm