



December 20, 2024 - Edition #667

*Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



### **Join us for our annual 603 United Soiree!**

Escape the cold and join us for a night of dancing, hors d'oeuvres, & drinks, at one of the finest venues in the Lakes Region – the Lakeport Opera House!

The 603 Soirée is a night to kick off the New Year, mingle, and raise awareness and funds for 603 United.

The night will begin at 6pm, with Teebz Music Entertainment, heavy Hors d 'Oeuvres from Fratello's and late night pizza from South End. Specialty cocktails, beer/wine (cash bar) and auction items will be for sale.

Bring your friends, family, dress up or dress down and come dance the night away!

P.S.... Tickets will go fast! To purchase your tickets now, please visit our website [here](#).

### **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).





LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

12.23 2024-1.4 2025

# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**MON 12/23**

**Sensory Storytime @10am** - Best for newborns to age 6.

**KID**

**TUE 12/24**

**Library Closing Early @3pm** - Christmas Eve

**MULTI**

**WED 12/25**

**Library Closed** - Christmas Day

**MULTI**

**SAT 12/28**

**Coding Toys @10am** - Best for ages 4-8. Learn coding skills!

**KID**

**MON 12/30**

**Sensory Storytime @10am** - Best for newborns to age 6.

**KID**

**TUE 12/31**

**Library Closing Early @3pm** - New Year's Eve

**MULTI**

**WED 1/1**

**Library Closed** - New Year's Day

**MULTI**

**THU 1/2**

**Interactive Collage Exhibit by Andrew Hillman** - Through January

**MULTI**

**THU 1/2**

**Preschool Pals @10am** - Best for ages 3 -6.

**KID**

**FRI 1/3**

**Move & Groove @10am** - Best for ages 6 and under.

**KID**

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!



<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!

 **Prescott Farm**  
Environmental Education Center 

### UPCOMING Community Connection Programs

 **Nature Writing in Winter**  
Saturday 10 am-12 pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members  
This personal nature writing essay is the place where the living world and our experience of it meets on the page. In this winter writing workshop, participants will learn how to put words and sentences together and structure experience in nature into a narrative. Start by spending time outdoors in silence: walking Prescott Farm's trails, noticing and naming your senses to take in the world around you. You will then back inside for hot tea, conversation, and writing prompts. With a collection of small center wonders from the natural world, and our experiences of the season, practice weaving together nature writing and memoir, and work to outline the beginnings of a short, lyrical essay.

 **Tracking NH Wildlife**  
Saturday 2-4 pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members  
Not all New Hampshire animals hibernate or migrate. There are lots of native animals who live in NH year round! Join us to learn how they survive and practice reading their tracks to know what they're up to. Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

 **Introduction to Home Cheesemaking**  
Saturday 10 am-1 pm \$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members  
This hands-on workshop will cover the basics of how to make simple, delicious cheese in your own kitchen. We will cover equipment, supplies, and basic techniques used to make most types of cheese. Each participant will take part in making a batch of fresh mozzarella, ricotta, and paneer which will be made from start to finish in the class. Participants will take home instructions and a set of ingredients (minus the milk) to make a batch or two at home.

**Additional programs, series, and registration details**  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

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

**Jan 4 2025**

 **Prescott Farm**  
Environmental Education Center 

### UPCOMING Community Connection Programs

 **Winter Guided Hike**  
Saturday 10 am-12 pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members  
Join a naturalist for a fun hike around the trails at Prescott Farm. We'll enjoy the sights and sounds of nature, stop to check for signs of animals, and appreciate the winter foliage.

 **Tap Into Maple**  
Dec 28 2024  
February & March 2025  
\$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members  
Join us February & March to experience an old-fashioned New England tradition — making maple syrup! From tapping a tree to tasting delicious maple syrup, you will participate hands-on in every step of the syrup making process.

 **Beginner Soapmaking**  
Jan 4 2025  
Saturday 10 am-12 pm \$40 (Non-Members); \$25 for Members  
Learn how to safely make your very own soap. We will cover the basics of the soapmaking process and the equipment required to make more at home. Each participant will take home about 10 bars of seasonally scented soap to enjoy.

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**Jan 4 2025**





**American Red Cross**

**Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition**

*Give Blood*

## Weirs Community Park Blood Drive

Thursday, Dec. 26th  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Weirs Community Center  
25 Lucerne Ave, (Same Building as Weirs Fire Department) Weirs Beach, NH

- Drop In or Schedule your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org using <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html> donation-time or download the Blood Donor App.
- Invite your spouse or significant other. Share the love as you share the lifesaving gift of blood together.
- Invite a friend to our drive. Donating blood is always more fun with a friend, so bring one along or in place of your donation

Each donation can help save up to three lives, so by meeting our goal, we can touch so many lives in our community and around the country.

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### Give Something that Means Something®

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App  
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## Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works.

There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five-gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

Questions? Please call (603) 528-6379.

## Bank of New Hampshire Provides \$20,000 Grant to Support Business Façade Improvements in Partnership with Belknap Economic Development Council

Click on the photo below to read all about how Belknap Economic Development Council and Bank of New Hampshire plan to provide additional resources and technical assistance to help local businesses strengthen their operations.



Pictured l to r: Michael Seymour, BNH Exec. VP, Chief Retail Banking and Marketing Officer; Jennifer Anderson, Belknap EDC Board Director; Allison Ambrose, Belknap EDC Board Chair; Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC Executive Director; Amanda Dudek, Belknap EDC Program Coordinator; Alexandra Pelletier, Belknap EDC Director & BNH Vice President, Retail Banking Administration Officer; Julie Fenn, BNH Marketing & Digital Media Specialist

## Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect. No vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

**Each year City of Laconia employees and Board/Commission members are honored for their years of service at the City's annual employee and Board/Commission Christmas Luncheon. This year's luncheon was held on December 19th honoring the following employees and Board/Commission members:**

**5 Years:**

Jason Metivier  
Matt Mansur  
Hilary Young  
Craig Townsend  
Jonathan Mecurio  
Artie O'Connell  
Glenn Smith  
Mary Ellen Prescott  
Jim Rice  
Lynne Creteau  
Lois Kessin  
Ryan Cardella

Water Department  
Parks & Recreation  
Clerk's Office  
Public Works Dept.  
Police Department  
Finance Department  
Finance Department  
Fire Department  
Board of Assessors  
Board of Assessors  
Heritage Commission  
Weirs TIF

**10 Years:**

Wendy Brulotte  
Adam Boynton  
Jay Pitts  
Austin Schilling  
Tyler Babineau  
Charlie St. Clair

Water Department  
Water Department  
Parks & Recreation  
Police Department  
Police Department  
Downtown TIF

**15 Years:**

Deborah Williams

Conservation Comm.

**20 Years:**

Phil Sylvia  
James Culpon  
Robert Sedgley, Jr.  
Timothy Brunelle  
Benjamin Black  
Lindsey Allen

Public Works Dept.  
Public Works Dept.  
Police Department  
Police Department  
Police Department  
Personnel Dept.

**25 Years:**

Amy Lovisek  
Steven Orton  
Michael Finogle

Parks & Recreation  
Police Department  
Police Department

**35 Years:**

Gary Hubbard  
Robert Durfee

Police Department  
Bldg. Code Bd. of Appeals

**40 Years:**

Steven Smith

Public Works Dept.

***Our sincere thanks to all!***



The Belknap Mill is celebrating its 201st year!  
Join us for an unforgettable New Year's Eve!  
Mix and mingle in your holiday cocktail attire,  
Enjoy speakeasy vibes, libations, music and dancing!

OPEN BAR WITH LAKE LIBATIONS  
LIQUOR BY TAMWORTH DISTILLING  
GRAZING TABLES BY TWELVE 31



Purchase tickets at [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)  
\$20 per couple | many table sponsorships  
8 pm - Midnight

*The Belknap Mill Society is a nonprofit whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill in Laconia, NH as a unique historic gathering place.*

*Gratuity and donations always appreciated*



# Department of Public Works

## CHRISTMAS WEEK

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON  
CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES...  
PICK UP DELAY DURING  
CHRISTMAS WEEK!**

Christmas Day is on Wednesday, December 25th. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day.

Wednesday's collection will be on Thursday, and each remaining day's collection during Christmas Week will be delayed by one day.

Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th, but open for its normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) the rest of the week.

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Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, but open for its normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) the rest of the week. Questions? Call (603) 528-6379.

## Name a Plow Contest - Your Vote Counts!

The survey is now open, and we need YOUR help to choose the top three names for the State's snowplows!

We've received some fantastic entries, and now it's time for you to cast your vote. Head over to the survey and pick your favorite three names from the list.

Let's give our snowplows some cool names for this winter!

Vote now and be a part of the fun!

<https://forms.office.com/g/Px4hL1gvDi>





## Helping Hands for the Lakes Region

Website (under development): [HHLRNH.org](http://HHLRNH.org)

FB Page [www.facebook.com/groups/2611445905792257/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2611445905792257/)

Previously known as **Helping Hands - Senior Support for Lakes Region**, this grass-roots organization has been offering Senior and Disabled Adult Services throughout Belknap County from the start of COVID shut-downs in March 2020. Fully volunteer based, we provide support, at no charge to recipients, including rides, errands, phone check-ins, light homecare and maintenance, food-household items, referrals and more, currently through HHLR FaceBook page. We also have a "closet" of available donated items: durable medical equipment for loan, and medical or personal hygiene supplies for free. If you have questions, suggestions, want to volunteer, or need assistance, please contact us on the FaceBook page, call (603) 273-5410, or send to new email [info@HHLRNH.org](mailto:info@HHLRNH.org). We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dependent on donations or fundraisers to provide services. To support our work, please consider purchasing a Fundraiser Calendar online by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> for a chance to win great prizes in Jan 2025! Special thanks go to the generous local businesses and individuals who donated our prizes.



# Fundraiser Calendar

## January 2025

|   |    |                                      |    |   |    |   |    |  |    |  |    |   |    |
|---|----|--------------------------------------|----|---|----|---|----|--|----|--|----|---|----|
| Common Man<br>\$25 GC   | 5  | Beans & Greens<br>\$20 GC            | 6  | Sacred Tree<br>Herbals<br>\$25 GC                             | 7  | The Vault<br>Hair Cut<br>Osborne's<br>Garden Center<br>\$40 GC        | 1  | arbonne<br>Gift Basket                                     | 2  | Pumpkin<br>\$20 GC   | 3  | Odru's Hair<br>Salon<br>\$50 GC           | 4  |
| Aroma Joe's<br>\$20 GC  |    | Thirty-One Tote<br>[\$640 value]     |    | Gifford Village<br>Store \$40 GC                              |    | Laconia Pet<br>Center<br>\$25 GC                                      | 8  | Aroma Joe's<br>\$20 GC                                     | 9  | Irwin Auto NH<br>State Inspection<br>[\$450 value]                                   |    | Whale's Tale<br>2 Passes<br>[\$300 value] |    |
| Sweet Home<br>Cleaning Services<br>2-Hour in-Home<br>Cleaning | 12 | The Breeze<br>\$25 GC                | 13 | E.M. Heath<br>Corp<br>\$50 GC                                 | 14 | Used 26<br>New<br>Boutique<br>\$25 GC                                 | 15 | Pytricks<br>\$25 GC  | 10 | Healing Lakes<br>Chiropractic<br>Exam &<br>Adjustment<br>[\$85 value]                | 11 | Fall Theme<br>Gift Basket                 |    |
| Salon Aroma<br>\$40 GC  | 19 | doTerra<br>Gift Basket               | 20 | Liberty Tax<br>Services<br>\$100 GC                           | 21 | Dunkin'<br>\$25 GC  | 16 | TBones &<br>Cactus Jack's<br>\$50 GC                       | 17 | Pizza Express<br>\$30 GC   |    |   |    |
| Reiki or Health<br>Coaching Session                           |    | Aroma Joe's<br>\$20 GC               |    | Craft Beer<br>Exchange<br>\$15 GC                             |    | The Playroom<br>Five 2-hour<br>Play Sessions<br>[\$80 value]          |    | Aroma<br>Joe's<br>\$20 GC                                  | 18 | Odru's Hair<br>Salon<br>\$50 GC  |    |   |    |
| Tribal Glow<br>Esthetics<br>\$100 GC                          | 26 | Inflatable<br>Kayak<br>[\$150 value] | 27 | Squam<br>Lakes<br>Science-Center<br>4 Passes<br>[\$100 value] | 28 | Miss Photo<br>Shoot<br>[\$75 value]                                   | 29 | Piche's<br>\$50 GC   | 23 | One Hour<br>Massage  | 24 | 3&7's York<br>& Co.<br>\$20 GC            | 25 |
| Laconia<br>Pet Center<br>Cat Gift Bag                         |    | Hammeld                              |    |   |    | Healing Lakes<br>Chiropractic<br>60-Minute<br>Massage<br>[\$85 value] |    | Irwin Auto<br>Full Recondition<br>Service<br>[\$250 value] | 30 | Laconia<br>Country<br>Club<br>Round of Golf for<br>4 People w/ Cart<br>[\$600 value] | 31 | Randy's Pit<br>Stop \$20 GC               |    |

Calendars are \$10 each or 3 for \$25!

In support of the Helping Hands for the Lakes Region (HHLR) mission, 100% of the funds raised will go directly back into local communities to assist our elderly and disabled adult neighbors!

To learn more about HHLR or to purchase raffle calendars, please visit our new website (it is still a work in progress!) at [www.HHLRNH.org](http://www.HHLRNH.org) or scan the QR code to the right for direct access to a secure payment option.

You may also contact us directly on Facebook for purchases.

A receipt can be provided upon request.

Every day throughout the month of January 2025, a name will be drawn to win the prize listed on that day. On days that two prizes are listed, two winners will be drawn. If you buy multiple calendars, you will be eligible to win multiple prizes!

Winners will be announced on our website and on our Facebook page. Additional info about the prizes and our donors is also available in both locations.

Prizes will be mailed, hand-delivered or available for pick-up at the end of each week.

*Thank you for your support and good luck!*





# OPEN HOUSE!

JAN. 16, 2025  
3:00-5:00 PM

- ✓ Take a Tour
- ✓ Talk to Admissions
- ✓ Register on the Spot

*Class starts 1/21*



LRCC.edu

# CLOTHING SHOP

NEW DESIGNS

ORDER  
DEADLINE  
JANUARY 12TH



## Shop Belknap Mill Museum Apparel at Our Pop-Up Shop!

Show your love for local history with Belknap Mill Museum apparel! Each purchase supports the Belknap Mill Museum and helps us continue preserving the rich history of our community.

Don't miss out on this fantastic sale—show your love and wear your history with pride! Deadline to order is January 12th.

Order Here: <https://belknapmillmuseum2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Hope Ministries - First United Methodist Church  
Wesley Way (off Rte. 11A) Gilford, NH

## FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30pm – DINNER AT 1:00pm

Ham dinner & all the extras!

Potatoes – Candied Carrots – Green Bean Casserole – Rolls  
Homemade Desserts

Reservations Are Required  
Call 524-3289 by Dec. 20th

Please leave your name & number of people eating.



**VOLUNTEERS** needed for serving and clean-up on the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Please call 603-455-9455 and leave your name and phone #.  
(*Volunteers must call in advance.*)



Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia  
presents

## A Celtic Christmas!

A lively, foot-stomping evening of Fiddle & Piano Christmas Music from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Galicia!

During intermission, take part in a Christmas Cookie Walk with boxes available to purchase.

December 22, 2024  
172 Pleasant Street  
Laconia, NH

Concert at 4:00pm  
\$25 tickets  
\$5 for kids

To reserve tickets call 603 848 2469 or email [uusl@myfairpoint.net](mailto:uusl@myfairpoint.net)





Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's annual fundraising event has a new twist this year!

While teams of two still "compete" by performing their favorite musical theatre songs, this year they can pull in a third person for one of their songs and attempt a trio!

Watch your favorite Duet or Tri-et compete on Saturday, January 25!



**LACONIA SENIOR CENTER**  
**(603) 524-7689**

### **DECEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES**

| Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6  |
| 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment<br>10-12 Decorate Center | 9—10 Decorate Center<br>10-11 Activities Meeting<br>11:30—Chicken Strips      | 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena<br>10-12 Prize Bingo<br>12:15—Decorate Cookies & Cookie Walk | 10:30 Ping Pong & Corn Hole<br>11:30—Beef Vegetable Barley Soup   | 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena<br>10—Puzzles & Games                   |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13   |
| 10—Coffee Social<br>10:30—Knit & Crochet                                    | UNH Ext: Snack Smart, Stretch Strong @ 10:30<br>11:30—Sweet & Sour Meatballs  | 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena<br>10-12 Prize Bingo   | 10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic<br>10:30—Healthy Living by Lakes Region VNA<br>11:30— American Chop Suey | 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena<br>10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong            |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20   |
| 10—Puzzles, Games, Ping Pong/Corn Hole                                      | Aging in Place by Granite VNA @ 10:15<br>11:30—Stuffed Pasta w/Marinara       | 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena<br>10-12 Prize Bingo   | 9:30—Crafts w/Mona<br>11:30— Holiday Meal: Braised Beef   | 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena<br>10—Puzzles & Games                   |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27   |
| 10—Coffee Social<br>10:30—Ornament Making                                   | 10—Yankee Swap *(\$10 or Less Gift)*<br>11:30— Meatballs in Marinara          | Closed for Holiday  | 10—Puzzles & Games<br>11:30— Sweet & Sour Chicken   | 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena<br>10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong            |
| 30  | 31  | 1   |   |  |
| 10—Movie & Snack  | 10:30—Corn Hole & Ping Pong<br>11:30— New Year's Lunch: Chicken Thighs Tagine | Closed for Holiday  |   | *Activities are subject to change*<br>*Suggested Donation \$3 per meal |



## SHARE YOUR VOICE TAKE OUR SURVEY

Your voice holds the power to shape a healthier water future.

### What's Covered:

Explore what you know about your tap water and help us understand what's important to you.

### Your Impact:

By taking the survey, you're contributing to wisdom that guides water quality efforts.

### Incentive:

Complete the survey for a chance to win one of twenty-five fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution even more rewarding.



SCAN ME

Scan the QR code  
to participate!



The Belknap Mill Museum  
wishes you a very  
Happy Holiday!

The museum will be closed:

Saturday, Dec. 21st -  
Wednesday, Jan. 1st

**Curbside  
recycling will  
be picked up  
the week of  
Dec. 30!**



## BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM

Where Art and History Come to Life!  
25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH



## WINTER HOURS

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Wednesday | 12pm-4pm |
| Thursday  | 12pm-4pm |
| Friday    | 12pm-4pm |
| Saturday  | 10am-4pm |





## 2025 Transfer Station Stickers and Beach Stickers

2025 Transfer Station stickers and beach stickers will both be available for sale at the City Clerk's Office starting December 16! Transfer Station stickers are \$25 each and are good for the calendar year.



Beach stickers are \$15 each, \$25 for two, and free for those who are over 65 or who have a handicap plate or placard. Please note that for both the Transfer Station stickers as well as the beach stickers, a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle must be presented at the time of purchase for the vehicle the sticker will be put on.

Questions?  
Please call the City Clerk's Office,  
603-527-1265



Lakes Region Mental Health Center

We will be closed on  
Tuesday, December 24th &  
Wednesday, December 25th  
in observance of the  
holiday.



HELP IS HERE WHEN YOU NEED IT.  
NH Rapid Response Access Point, 24/7 Crisis Support.  
Call or text 833-710-6477.

Please note that there will  
be no newsletter next  
week on  
December 27th.

In the meantime, we wish  
you all a wonderful  
Christmas!



# NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS!

Property tax bills were mailed on December 9, 2024 and are due January 10, 2025.

Questions about your assessed value should be directed to the Assessing Office at 603-527-1268. Questions about payments should be directed to the Tax Office at 603-527-1269.

Payment options are: In-person, at the City Clerk's office, the drop box on the side of City Hall, through the mail at PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247, over the phone at 1-855-906-0411 or online at [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)

Please note there is a fee of 3.25% for all credit/debit card transactions and a \$0.40 fee for all ACH transactions that are done online. There is a 2.99% fee for all credit/debit card transactions done at the counter in City Hall.



The Belknap Mill Quilter's Guild is offering a new half day Zoom workshop (so it is in the comfort of your own home/ sewing space!) titled "Super Easy Marbling on Fabric" by Canadian artist and quilt teacher Gunnel Hag, scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 12, 2025 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

This is not a quilting workshop per se, because we will actually be learning a new skill enabling us to create artful fabrics for use in our quilting. How many times have you searched your stash for just the right fabric to go with all the others? These fabrics can be easily made to match any colorway and will add a pop of originality! And what could be more fun than making your own one-of-a-kind fabric and using it in a quilt? And these beautiful fabrics make wonderful gifts, as well!

The tuition for non-members is \$39. Sign up is easy; just click on the blue link below and fill out the quick form. A supply list will be sent once you sign up, along with a confirmation that your seat is reserved. To register, click the blue link below:

<https://forms.gle/trnX5BZkXhnWj7rLA>

For any questions or to see the supply list prior to sign up, please email our Program Chair, Cheryl Goldenberg at: [twin2th29@gmail.com](mailto:twin2th29@gmail.com).

We look forward to meeting you!



## BUILDING ANALYST Spring 2025!

The **BA-Technician** is a 4-day Thursday/Friday course from 8am-4pm and prepares students for Building Performance Institute (BPI) entry-level BA-T certification. Students will learn how to evaluate residential buildings as energy systems.

**CRN: 25028**      **Course#: NCWK 904L**  
**Cost: \$850**      **Location: MAxT, Peterborough**  
**Dates: February 6, 7, 13, & 14 from 8am - 4pm**

\* Please register separately for the 4-hour Field Exam (CRN: 25029, Course#: NCWK 9005L, Cost: \$750, takes place off-campus in Nashua, NH during Feb. 18th - 28th)

The **BA-Professional** is a 3 1/2-day Thursday/Friday course from 8am-4pm and prepares students for the BPI BA-P certification. Students will analyze building energy assessment information to develop home energy performance work scopes.

**CRN: 25031**      **Course#: NCWK 906L**  
**Cost: \$750**      **Location: MAxT Peterborough**  
**Dates: March 6, 7, 13, & 14 from 8am - 4pm**

\* Please register separately for the 2-hour Written Exam (CRN: 25032, Course#: NCWK 9003L, Cost: \$350, takes place in the computer lab at LRCC on March 14th)

Any questions, please contact Andy Duncan at [aduncan@ccsnh.edu](mailto:aduncan@ccsnh.edu)

[LRCC.edu](http://LRCC.edu)



## BUILDING SCIENCE PRINCIPLES (BSP) Virtual Training

Start your career in energy efficiency with Building Science Principles (BSP). Learn fundamental concepts about building science and home energy performance, including insulation, air sealing, HVAC systems, and moisture dynamics.

Please register online using the below information.

**CRN: 24964**      **Course#: NCWK 908L**  
**Cost: \$500**      **Location: Virtual**  
**Dates: Four (4) Wednesday evenings virtually on January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 5-8:30pm**

\* Course includes: Electronic BPI BSP Reference Guide; a code to take the BPI-BSP certificate exam; exam review resources; and live virtual instruction via ZOOM

BSP certificate is a prerequisite for BPI Building Analyst energy auditor certification.

Any questions, please contact Andy Duncan at [aduncan@ccsnh.edu](mailto:aduncan@ccsnh.edu)

**Future Related Energy Workforce Development Opportunities:**

- Building Analyst Technician - February 6, 7, 13, 14 from 8am-4pm  
◦ CRN: 25028, Course: NCWK 904L, Cost: \$850
- BA-T Field Test - February 18-28, 2025  
◦ CRN: 25029, Course: NCWK 9005L, Cost: \$750
- Building Analyst Professional - March 6, 7, 13, 14 from 8am-4pm  
◦ CRN: 25031, Course: NCWK 906L, Cost: \$750
- BA-P Written Test - March 14, 2025  
◦ CRN: 25032, Course: NCWK 9003L, Cost: \$350

[LRCC.edu](http://LRCC.edu)



Lakes Region Community College is excited to share our upcoming Energy workforce trainings at Lakes Region Community College with you!

We only have **12 slots** available for each of these trainings, so *please register today!*

**Building Science Principles (BSP)** begins online starting on January 8th (CRN#: 24964)

**Building Analyst – Technician (BA-T)** starts on February 6th at MAxT Makerspace in Peterborough

Training: CRN#: 25028  
Field Test: CRN#: 25029

**Building Analyst Professional (BA-P)** starts on March 6th at MAxT Makerspace in Peterborough, NH

Training: CRN#: 25031  
Written Test: CRN#: 25032

Once you click on the hyperlink, you will be asked to create an account through our CCSNH system.

If you already have an account, please use this [link](#) to register. Once an account is created, you can complete the LRCC Workforce Development Training Registration form. Details about the course such as CRN and Course Numbers can be found below.

If a third-party is covering payment for the student, please make sure the authorized individual (usually Supervisor or HR Manager) is listed on this form, and the Finances/Billing box is checked! This can be found under the FERPA paragraph on the registration form.

See attached for more information about each of these trainings.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

## Bulk Trash Pickup

Metal bulky pickup will be Tuesday, Dec. 31 rather than Jan. 1 due to the New Years holiday.



**December 21, 2024**  
**FIRST DAY of Winter**

*Get outside with your family and enjoy the many fun winter activities the Lakes Region has to offer!*



### Advance Care Planning Walk-In Session

Friday, January 17, 2025  
1:00-3:00 PM

Franklin VNA & Hospice  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Registration is not required.  
This program is offered at no charge.

For more information,  
call (603) 934-3454 or  
email [info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

**Franklin VNA & Hospice**

A Franklin VNA & Hospice  
Social Worker/Notary  
Public will be available to:

- Discuss your end-of-life wishes and how to have the conversation with your loved ones about your decisions
- Review your Advanced Directives to make sure they reflect your decisions
- Assist with filling out your Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare and/or Living Will
- Provide information on resources or services that may benefit you or your family members.



## MAKE AN ORNAMENT

**DECEMBER 23**

**10:30 AM**

LACONIA SENIOR CENTER  
184 BEACON STREET WEST, LACONIA



# 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 ...

Walker Square, Laconia, is seen in holiday garb in the mid-1960s. 'Baldi's Corner' (the Laconia Fruit Co.) is glimpsed at left. Up Union Avenue, Dearborn's Diner and Corriveau Furniture are followed by the First Methodist Church, at the corner of Baldwin Street. Mobil sign advertises the Johnson (formerly Whittum) filling station, just off-photo at right. Walker Square was named, in 1917, for early Meredith Bridge lawyer and landowner, Lyman B. Walker. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

Stewart Park, at far left, was dedicated, Nov. 19, 1973. Sunrise Towers (at right) opened in May 1970. Southgate Terrace (in distance) opened in mid-1972. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



# WONDERFUL WELLNESS WRAP-UP

## DECEMBER 2024



**SURVEY**

### Self-Awareness:

A Wellness Survey was recently sent out to all employees of Laconia School District. The responses from over 260 staff and faculty members give a clear picture of how employees feel about their workplace, covering aspects like happiness, comfort, and confidence. With this information, the district can make more informed decisions about future wellness programs, which can directly impact the overall climate and culture of the schools.

The data can help identify areas where improvements are needed and where the district is already doing well. By using these findings, the district can create tailored initiatives and policies that enhance the work environment, promote employee well-being, and foster a positive and supportive atmosphere throughout all the buildings in the district.



### Adaptability:

Kindergarteners at Elm Street School had the opportunity to learn about one of December's Holidays, Hanukkah. Students learned to play dreidel, taste a latke and read stories about Hanukkah. Students were willing to learn a new game and try a new food even if they were nervous about it. A fun and educational day was had by all!

Wayfinder's Six Core Skills  for Academics and Life

# PURPOSE SELF-AWARENESS ADAPTABILITY EMPATHY COLLABORATION AGENCY

**Purpose**  
Your decisions and interactions with the world are guided by a deep connection to your values.

**Self-Awareness**  
You understand yourself on many levels and know how you function to what nourishes you.

**Adaptability**  
You are willing to try again when you make mistakes and are comfortable navigating uncomfortable situations with flexibility and openness.

**Empathy**  
You are in tune with the feelings and needs of others and willing to act for a common good.

**Collaboration**  
You are a relationship-builder who actively partners with others and facilitates belonging efforts across communities.

**Agency**  
You understand the value of your voice and seek opportunities to support and advance your communities.

# 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.**



If you're traveling for the holidays, how do you find a caregiver you can trust to look after your older family member?

Whether you need regular help or occasional respite care, hiring a qualified caregiver requires time,

planning and patience. Explore our step-by-step guide to finding someone who's the perfect fit for you and your care recipient. Click the above photo for more information from the National



## City Meetings

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:**

Week of:  
December 23 - 27

### City Council

December 23, 2024, 7:00 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                 |          |
| Economic Development &.....             | 527-1270 |
| Housing - Director - Joia Hughes        |          |
| Finance .....                           | 524-3877 |
| Finance Director - Glenn Smith          |          |
| Licensing .....                         | 528-6331 |
| Licensing - Hilary Young                |          |
| Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...        | 524-6881 |
| Fire Chief - Tim Joubert                |          |
| Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) .....        | 366-2229 |
| Library .....                           | 524-4775 |
| Library Director - Deann Hunter         |          |
| Parks & Recreation .....                | 524-5046 |
| Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek     |          |
| Personnel.....                          | 524-3877 |
| Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen |          |
| Planning & Zoning.....                  | 527-1264 |
| Planning & Zoning Director Rob Mora     |          |
| Police (Administration) .....           | 524-5257 |
| Police (Crime Line) .....               | 524-1717 |
| Police Chief - Matthew Canfield         |          |
| Public Works (Main Office).....         | 528-6379 |
| Public Works (Transfer Station)         | 528-5822 |
| Public Works Director - Wes Anderson    |          |
| Tax.....                                | 527-1269 |
| Tax Collector - Katie Gargano           |          |
| Water .....                             | 524-0901 |
| Superintendent - Ben Crawford           |          |
| Welfare.....                            | 527-1267 |
| Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond      |          |

### City Council Contact Info:

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

General Council E-mail:  
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