



Welcome to Laconia Links!



February 28, 2025 - Edition #676

A recent winter's view from Opechee Park
(Photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)

Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to help 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



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of March 10!



**Kiwaniis**
CLUB OF LACONIA, NH

FREE THROW COMPETITION

FREE TO ALL LAKES REGION BOYS & GIRLS

SATURDAY

MARCH 15th

9:00am till 12:30pm

Laconia Middle School
150 McGrath St, Laconia, NH
(SNOW DATE: Saturday March 22nd)

Registration is at 8:15am
Warm Up at 8:45am
Competition begins at 9:00am

Walk-ins are welcome!

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

Register Early for a FREE GIFT (while supplies last)
Boys & Girls Age Brackets

- 8-9 years old
- 10-11 years old
- 12-13 years old

Benefits Lou Athanas Basketball League, Gilford Parks & Recreation Basketball League & Franklin Odell Ice Skating Rink





Register here



LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

3.3-3.12 2025

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 3/3

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

KID

TUE 3/4

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT

TUE 3/4

Lego Club @3:30pm - best for ages 6-12.

KID

WED 3/5

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT

THU 3/6

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

KID

SAT 3/8

New England Irish Harp Orchestra Concert @1pm

ADULT

MON 3/10

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KID

TUE 3/11

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ADULT

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Teen Craft @3:30pm - Pastel Art!

TEEN

WED 3/12

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org



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**



Saturday 10 am-Noon \$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members
Snowshoe Yoga
Participants will be immersed in the peacefulness of nature as they practice yoga on snowshoes, which help keep yogis on top of the snow and provide a more stable base. Experience inner calm and a sense of wellness in nature with yoga poses, a guided walking meditation and this introduction to shinrin-yoku, or "forest bathing." All experience levels welcome and accommodated. Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

March 1 2025



Saturday \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members
90 minute programs begin at 10:00; 11:00; 12:00; 1:00; & 2:00.
Tap into Maple
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March 8 2025

Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescottfarm.org

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






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Friday 6-7:30pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members
Full Moon Snowshoe Hike
Explore Prescott Farm in a different and special way. Inspired by the weather and the dynamic calendar of the natural world, topics discussed on our moonlit walk will vary but may include: identifying constellations, habits of nocturnal animals, and testing your own night vision abilities. Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

March 14 2025



Saturday 10 am-Noon \$25 (Non-Members); \$10 for Members
Fruit Tree Pruning
Join UNH Extension Home Horticulture Educators for an in-person apple and pear tree pruning demonstration. We will cover topics such as tools and their proper maintenance, the basics of why to prune trees and shrubs, types of pruning cuts and when to use them, and safe pruning techniques for you and your plants. Bring a pair of pruners or loppers if you'd like to participate, and bring your questions! This will be mostly an outdoor event so please dress accordingly.

March 15 2025

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17th Annual Robbie Mills Memorial

8 BALL TOURNAMENT

To Benefit:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of the Lakes Region

&



SPONSORED BY:

March 8, 2025



Don't miss the 17th annual Robbie Mills 8-Ball Pool Tournament this March!

This event will benefit both the Boys and Girls Club and the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction!

Since its start in 2007, they have raised over \$107,000 and last year alone they raised over \$11,000!

Tickets are \$30 per person and includes practice, lunch, and entry to win door prizes. Doors open March 8th at 9:30 am at Winni Bar & Billiards.

Visit our blog for more information!

<https://buff.ly/4jWugZZ>

They are looking for more sponsors, food and lunch, items for auction and raffles, and swag items for grab bags that will be provided to each player!

Registration: <https://buff.ly/40KpaHm>

Sponsorship opportunities: <https://buff.ly/40MaNIQ>

We hope to see you there!



Sunday March 2 9am - Noon

Lily Pond, Lily Pond Rd. Gilford

FREE! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Everyone is Welcome!

Fishing gear and
bait available if
needed and
we drill the holes.



Every child gets a prize!

**Prizes and food afterward at the
Belknap County Sportsmen's Club
182 Lily Pond Rd.**

See More Details on Facebook

Irish Brew tasting

Sip, Savor, and Support
Laconia Historical & Museum Society!

15 March 2025
11:00AM - 1:00PM



HELP SAVE LACONIA'S HISTORY!





Presenting Sponsor:



Silver Screen Social

Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 5:30-8:30 PM

Pembroke Pines Country Club
45A Whittemore Road, Pembroke, NH 03275

Join us for an **unforgettable cinematic journey** featuring classic films set in the roaring twenties, the flying forties, and the glamorous fifties. Celebrate the evening with glamour and style, dancing to live music by **The NH Jazz Orchestra**, sipping on **Bond-worthy beverages**, and enjoying spreads of **movie-themed culinary creations**.

Your participation in this unforgettable evening will **directly benefit the health and well-being of cardiac patients**. As you relive the magic of old Hollywood, you will be helping to support the renovation of Concord Hospital Cardiovascular Institute's existing catheterization lab and the construction of a state-of-the-art new one.



EVENT SPONSORS:



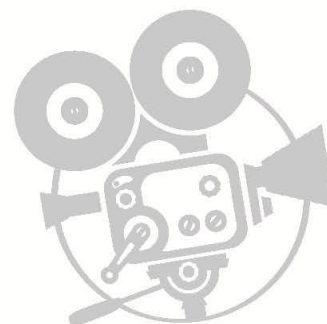
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Merrimack County Savings Bank • Stewart's Ambulance Foundation

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\$25,000 Matching Gift Challenge

Steve McManis, CH Trust Board Chair, and long-time supporter of Concord Hospital Health System, has generously committed a \$25,000 matching gift challenge to raise additional funds for the Concord Hospital Cardiovascular Institute.

“Concord Hospital's CVI continues to improve access and growth throughout our system for more patients needing cardiac testing and procedures. Ongoing support is vital to the innovative development of treatment space, upgraded technology, and the addition of providers and staffing professionals. Please consider joining us by making a special gift through this matching challenge.”

Steve McManis

Silver Screen Social



SCAN for
TICKETS & INFORMATION

Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:30-8:30 PM

Old Hollywood – Come dressed to impress!
\$150 per person

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE:

GLITZ AND GLAM
Diamond Earring Raffle
(one carat total weight diamond studs)

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA
Diamond Collection Wine Pull

SILENT AUCTION
featuring five luxury & unique
movie-themed collections

You do not have to be present to win
but it is encouraged!

COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

CASTING CALL FOR "ANNE & EMMETT"

A One-Act Play By Janet Langhart Cohen

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Location: Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC, 18 Veteran's Square, Laconia

Entrance to the audition space is under the bridge connecting the church and the Outreach Center. Signs will be posted.



ANNE & EMMETT

A Staged Reading
Directed by Debbi Finkelstein

Anne & Emmett will be presented as a staged reading. It is an imaginary conversation between Anne Frank and Emmett Till, both victims of racial intolerance and hatred. Frank is the 13-year-old Jewish girl whose Diary provided a gripping perspective of the Holocaust. Till is the 14-year old African-American boy whose brutal murder in Mississippi sparked the Modern American Civil Rights Movement. The two teenagers meet in a town called Memory, a place that isolates them from the cruelty they experienced during their lives.

Character Breakdown:

- Anne Frank (Young Jewish girl, age fifteen)
- Emmett Till (Young Black boy, age fourteen)
- Otto Frank (Anne's father, mid-forties businessman)
- Mamie Till (Emmett's mother, mid-thirties educator)
- J. W. Milam (One of Emmett's murderers, a white racist man, age 36)

Performance Date—Thursday, April 24, 2025 5:30 pm

Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC

No need to register to audition—Drop in between 5-8 pm on March 11

- Actors should prepare a 1-minute monologue from a published play and may be asked to read sides from "Anne & Emmett".
- Rehearsal Schedule: Primarily on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings leading up to tech week. (Actors' availability will be considered when creating the final schedule.)
- Tech Week: April 21st to 23rd in the evenings
- Can't attend on March 11 and still want to audition? Scan or click the QR Code to complete the online audition form.



Contact Information: Debbi Finkelstein, debbifinkelstein@gmail.com

This Program is presented by Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia Congregational Church, UCC, and The Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia in collaboration with the Laconia Human Relations Committee



THE Opera house
EST. 1882
LAKEPORT OPERA HOUSE

Taylor Swift

inspired

Dance Party

ALL AGES!!

PHOTO BOOTH
GLOW WANDS
VIDEO VISUALS

DJ PLAYING MUSIC THROUGHOUT HER ERAS

Saturday, March 1 @ 7:30 PM

Lakeport Opera House
Laconia NH

Laconia students!
Use the code **Student2025** to receive a discount (tickets are \$14/ea for Laconia students)





Photo: Fratello's staff (l to r) Alyssa, Charlize, Belona, Chef Jeremy, Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Executive Director Chris Guilmett, Fratello's Manager Danielle Carroll, and Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Director Karen Switzer

LAKES REGION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Join Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation on Tuesday, March 4th, from 4:00pm to close for the Annual LRSF Benefit Night at Fratello's Restaurant.

Whether dining in or taking out, when you place your order, let them know that you're supporting LRSF and Fratello's will donate 25% of the meal portion of your bill to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. The live drawing of LRSF's Winter Blues Raffle will also take place that evening.

Thank you!

CITY OF LACONIA



Effective Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 am, trucks whose gross weight exceeds 10 tons are prohibited from using all streets in the City except for State roads, the City's arterial routes and routes to industrial parks. Once the streets are posted, a map of posted City streets can be found on the City's website [here](#).

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

Blanket authorizations for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation!

WATCH FOR BLACK ICE

Black ice is difficult to see and makes roads very slippery, especially bridges and overpasses



**MARCH
IS
NATIONAL
KIDNEY
MONTH**



**March is
National
Kidney
Month!**

Did you know that kidney disease is often referred to as a "silent disease," because there are no symptoms in its early stages?

Click [here](#) to read more about it provided by the National Institute of Health.



Join the Belknap Mill Society's 2025 Membership Drive – Your Invitation to Make History Together!

March is Membership Month at the Belknap Mill, and we're thrilled to invite you to be part of something special! As we kick off our Membership Drive for 2025, our goal is to welcome 100 new members into the Belknap Mill Society. This is your chance to join an incredible community that celebrates the rich history of our region while helping shape an exciting future for the Belknap Mill!

Becoming a member of the Belknap Mill Society means more than just supporting a historic landmark—it means gaining access to exclusive benefits like discounts on classes, event venue

rentals, and free admission to the museum and art exhibits for you and a guest throughout the year. Whether you're exploring our exhibits or attending an event, you'll experience the vibrant culture that makes the Belknap Mill a cornerstone of our community.

Becoming a member is simple and fast—just visit our secure membership portal at www.belknapmill.org/membership to choose your membership level and explore all the incredible benefits that come with it. And with the option to Auto Renew, you'll never miss out on any of the exciting things to come.

The Belknap Mill Society thrives because of individuals like you—dedicated individuals who believe in preserving our rich history while supporting the future of the community. We can't wait to welcome you and share what we have planned this year!

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - 10:00 am to Noon

REP. CHRIS PAPPAS OFFICE HOURS

**Laconia City Hall
2nd Floor, Meeting Room 200B
45 Beacon St. E.
Laconia, New Hampshire**

CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS PAPPAS
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

A member of Congressman Chris Pappas's staff will be visiting Laconia to answer questions and provide information about federal resources and programs.

Congressman Pappas's office can help constituents with federal issues, including Social Security, VA benefits, passports, IRS, and more.

For more information on these office hours, please email Nbrown@laconianh.gov, or call 603-527-1270.

For general information from Congressman Pappas's office, please visit

**<https://pappas.house.gov>
or call 603-285-4300.**





A Book Study of

“The Explosive Child”

By Ross Greene, PhD

In his book, “The Explosive Child”, Dr. Ross Greene explains his research-based approach to addressing challenging behaviors, which is grounded in a collaborative and proactive problem-solving framework, giving children a voice and empowering them to be part of the solution rather than merely the recipient of a punishment. Don’t let the title of this book fool you...Dr. Greene’s techniques are effective with all children, whether they handle their frustration “explosively” or not.

HYBRID COURSE

Participants can choose to attend in person at our office
719 N. Main St. Laconia, NH
OR Virtually via Zoom

Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm
6-Week Series Begins
March 4, 2025

To register, go to
www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration

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



The Linden
Foundation



Lakes Region Mental Health Center

NOW AVAILABLE

OPEN ACCESS: WALK-IN INTAKES

Adults 18 and over

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

8:30am-11:00am

40 Beacon St. E Laconia



FEATURING:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- CIS
- Electrical
- Graphic Design
- Robotics

LRCC TECH EXPO!

MAR. 27
4:00-6:00 PM

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



LRCC.edu



Run



Walk



Roll



May 18th, 2025

Race: 8:30am

Kids Fun Run: 8:00am



Tanger
TILTON



www.lrmhc.org/nucar5K
to register or sponsor

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, proceeds will benefit
Lakes Region Mental Health Center



The inaugural NUCAR Lakes Region 5K for Mental Health is part of our efforts to raise awareness during Mental Health Awareness Month this coming May.

We understand the significance of this cause to many across our local community and would be delighted if you'd join our list of sponsors.

Learn more about our sponsor levels and how to support:

<https://www.lrmhc.org/5k-sponsorship-details/>

PETER MAYER

in concert

Saturday, March 15th
6 PM

Gilford Community Church
19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford

\$20 Per Ticket

Proceeds to benefit the
"Church of Another Chance"



Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Earns Platinum Seal of Transparency with Nonprofit Watchdog Candid

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction recently announced it has earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency with Candid, a nonprofit watchdog that provides comprehensive data and insights about the social sector.

Each year, Candid researches millions of nonprofits that spend trillions of dollars around the world to learn where that money comes from, where it goes and why it matters.

Its platinum seal indicates that the auction and its umbrella foundation share clear and important information with the public about goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements and progress indicators that highlight the difference the auction makes in the community.

Candid was formed in 2019 when GuideStar and Foundation Center merged. Candid combined GuideStar's tools on nonprofits and Foundation Center's tools on foundations, enhancing them with additional resources to offer more comprehensive, real-time information about the social sector.

To learn more, visit Candid's page on the auction at app.candid.org/profile/9490830.

The Children's Auction was also recently evaluated by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest charity evaluator, and earned a four-star rating, the highest possible assessment.

"We are very proud of this recognition because we, as an organization, work diligently to ensure proper use of the funds we raise and to communicate our mission and our efforts to support over 60 nonprofits around the region," said Jennifer Kelley, the auction's executive director. "I am thankful for our volunteers, our board members and those in the community who support our work."

For more information auction or to donate or volunteer, visit childrensauction.org or call 603-527-0999.



Belknap County Natural Resources Assessment – Local Work Group Meeting

PUBLIC WELCOME – FREE OF CHARGE – Light Refreshments Will Be Served



March 6, 2025 from 6 to 8:00 PM

RSVP by March 3 rd

Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH

Registration Link: www.belknapccd.org under the Events & Fundraising tab

Contact Email: belknapconservation@gmail.com or Cell#/Text 603-527-5880

Meeting Objective: Listen to organizations, agencies and citizens share their input on the following:

1. Perspectives on issues impacting environmental quality, agriculture and forestry in Belknap County.
2. Opinions on the priority of these issues.
3. Identification of specific sites of concern for these issues, if applicable.
4. Ideas on how to address these issues with actions and program opportunities, including identifying what organizations are already working on these issues.
5. Feedback on programming and assistance specifically from the District and NRCS that would be beneficial to Belknap County residents.

The resource concern categories to be highlighted are:

Wildlife – game and non-game abundance, biological diversity, wildlife exclusion, human-wildlife conflict
Forestry – forest management impacts, local forest products availability, forestry services/equipment/supplies availability, forestry education availability, current use
Soils – soil erosion, soil health, regenerative soil equipment/supplies availability, regenerative soil practice education availability
Water – flooding, stormwater, on-site water retention, water availability, water quality, water treatment, wetland conservation management

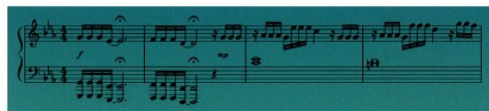
Air – air quality

Agriculture – farm viability, natural disaster planning/response, local food availability, local food quality, local food price, food processing availability, land preservation/conservation, farm equipment & supplies availability, farm succession planning, farm waste

Energy – energy efficiency, energy conservation, solar energy production, wind energy production, hydro energy production

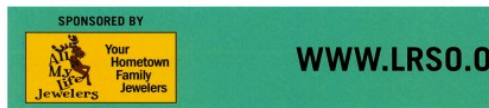


Saturday March 22, 7pm
Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith
\$10 Student - \$25 Adult
TICKETS: www.LRSO.org



VIENNA TO BERLIN:
A GERMANIC JOURNEY

BEETHOVEN - Symphony No. 5
STRAUSS - Die Fledermaus Overture
BRAHMS - Hungarian Dances #5 and #6
BRUCH - Romanze, Op. 85



Featuring:
Violist, Sally Wituszynski



Silver Screen Social

1 Carat - \$2,500 Value!

Generously donated by Capitol Craftsmen Romance Jewelers

Glitz & Glam Diamond Earring Raffle

Purchase a ticket for a chance to win a beautiful pair of diamond stud earrings while supporting the renovation of Concord Hospital Cardiovascular Institute's existing catheterization lab and the construction of a state-of-the-art new one.

Only 100 tickets will be sold. Winner announced at the
Silver Screen Social on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

You do not need to be present to win.

EVERY TICKET HOLDER WILL RECEIVE A PAIR OF STERLING SILVER CUBIC ZIRCONIA STUDS.
(Excluding the lucky winner.)

Purchase your tickets today!



LET'S GLOW SKATING

Admission, Skate Rentals, Food, Activities:

ALL FREE

8 March 2025

4:30pm-6:00pm

Merrill Fay Ice Arena, Laconia NH

ALL KIDS 12 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Luck & Wishes CASINO NIGHT

For a Cause

SATURDAY MARCH 8

DOORS OPEN AT 06:00PM

TICKETS:

\$100 PER PERSON

\$200 PER PERSON FOR VIP EXPERIENCE

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES \$2500 IN CHIPS

Try your luck at blackjack, roulette, craps & other gaming tables risk free!

Highlights:

CASINO GAMES - PHOTO BOOTH - CASH MONEY MACHINE - CARICATURE ENTERTAINMENT - SILENT AUCTION - LIVE AUCTION - RAFFLE PRIZES - APPETIZERS & DESSERTS - CASH BAR - LIVE DJ

NO real money is used, casino chips can be exchanged for raffle tickets and prizes

For tickets or more information contact:
Sunday Dearborn
sunnyvipbags@hotmail.com
603-440-8678

Nurturing Skills

DEVELOPING PERSONAL POWER & KEEPING KIDS SAFE



HYBRID COURSE

Participants can choose to attend in person at 719 N Main St.,
Laconia, NH OR Virtually via Zoom

7-week series begins March 6, 2025
Daytime & evening classes available
Thursdays 10:00-11:30am OR 6:30-8:00pm

REGISTER AT:

WWW.LRCS.ORG/PARENTEDREGISTRATION

This Nurturing Skills module focuses on power struggles and positive ways to manage behavior.

Participants will examine choices that empower children and keep all members of the family safe and healthy while building children's self-esteem.

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



The Linden
Foundation

LACONIA VFW POST 1670
143 COURT ST. LACONIA

P Saint PATRICK'S IRISH DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY
MARCH 15

\$20 PP
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

DINNER STARTS @ 6PM

RESERVATIONS/TICKET PURCHASE RECOMMENDED
CALL 603-524-9725 OR SEE THE BARTENDER

DOOR PRIZE FOR DINNER & DANCE TICKET PURCHASES

Featuring
5 SPEED

BAND STARTS @ 7 - 10PM

BAND ONLY TICKETS \$10 AT THE DOOR

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

LAKES REGION
STUDENTS ATTENDING
HIGHER EDUCATION
2025-2026



APPLICATION ON OUR
WEBSITE

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

OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO AWARDING
SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOU!

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE FOR 2025!

Completed qualified application packets (with all required documents) received by March 1 will qualify to be entered into a special bonus award raffle! One winner will be chosen at random and will win a BONUS \$275 Scholarship Award.

QUESTIONS??

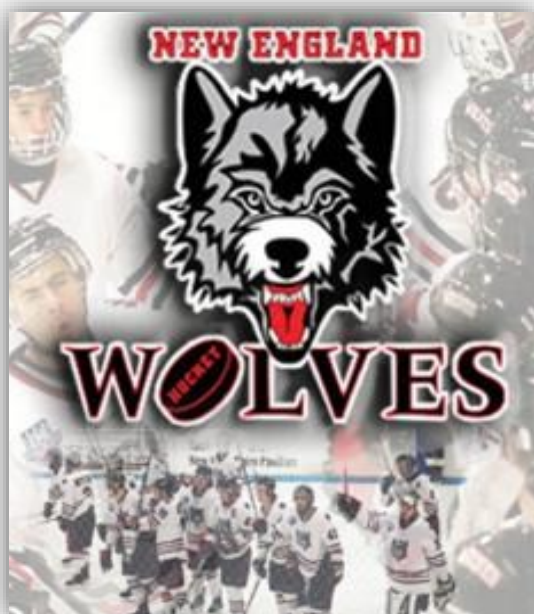
Email - scholarship@lrscholarship.org
Call - 603-527-3533

Chris Guilmett
Executive Director

Karen Switzer
Director



Applicants | Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
www.lrscholarship.org



Don't miss these New England
Wolves games coming soon!

Please join us at the Merrill Fay Arena,
468 Province Road, Laconia, NH.

Saturday, March 1, 7:00 pm:

EHL - Valley Jr. Warriors vs. New England Wolves

Monday, March 3, 1:45 pm:

EHL - NH Avalanche vs. New England Wolves

Sunday, March 2, 11:30 am:

EHLP - NH Avalanche vs. New England Wolves

Last regular season home game of the season!

We hope to see you there!



TREE, SHRUB, FLOWER, & LIVE TROUT SALE FUNDRAISER

Order Deadline: March 8

(orders received after the deadline will be filled while supplies last)

Download information:

www.belnapccd.org under Events and Fundraisers tab

<https://www.belnapccd.org/tree-shrub-sale>

Helps fund conservation projects in Belnap County through the Belnap County Conservation District!



Contact # (603) 527-5880 or


Email: belnapconservation@gmail.com



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER
(603) 524-7689



2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10—Paper Flower Craft	10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30 – Chicken & Sausage Gumbo	10-12 Prize Bingo	10—Coffee & Snack 11:30 – Swedish Meatball w/Onion	10—Puzzles & Games
10	11	12	13	14
10—Adult Coloring 10:30—Board & Card Games	10:30—Concord Hospital Services 11:30 – Turkey & Mashed Potato w/Gravy	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic 10:30—Presentation by Franklin VNA 11:30– Chicken Provencal	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10– Corn Hole
17	18	19	20	21
10—St. Patrick's Day Coffee Social & Crafts 	10:30—CAPBM Bus: "Talking Transportation" 11:30 –Chicken Veggie Pasta Soup	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30– Meatball w/ Tomato Pesto	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
24	25	26	27	28
10—Adult Coloring 10:30—Board & Card Games	10:30—LRVNA Healthy Hygiene Habits 11:30– Sweet & Sour Chicken	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30–Corn Hole 11:30– Pub Burger w/ Cheese	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10– Corn Hole
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10—Movie & Snack 				Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal

FREE TAX PREPARATION

EASY. FREE. TAX HELP YOU CAN TRUST.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a **FREE** tax preparation program designed for low-to-moderate income households with an income of **\$67,000 or less**, prepared by *IRS certified volunteers*.

Call 211 or Visit NHTaxHelp.org to make an appointment

Laconia VITA - By Appointment

Tuesdays: 5 pm to 8 pm

Saturdays: 9 am to 1 pm



Get Connected. Get Help.™
An Initiative of Granite United Way



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 **Citizens™**



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

SAFETY ON THE ICE

TIPS FOR WINTER ENTHUSIASTS



WILDNH.COM

Click on the image above to find information on how to stay safe on the State's lakes and ponds this winter!

Parenting Journey in Recovery



NAVIGATING RECOVERY
of THE LAKES REGION



Addiction is complicated and difficult to overcome.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday evenings
6:00-8:00 pm
14-Week Series
begins
March 5, 2025

HYBRID COURSE

Participants can choose to attend
in person at our office at
719 N. Main St. Laconia, NH
OR
Virtually, via Zoom

To register, go to:
www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration
or email: tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org

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



The Linden
Foundation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 24, 2025** 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:

REQUEST TO DECLARE A PORTION OF HAYES ROAD AN EMERGENCY LANE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **March 10, 2025** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

RESOLUTION 2025-06 – A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF ELECTRONIC BALLOT COUNTING DEVICES

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **March 10, 2025** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

RESOLUTION 2025-07 – REQUEST TO APPROVE USING DOWNTOWN TIF FUNDS FOR PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION

The Café Déjà Vu Team
Invites you to join us for

**Weekly
CRIBBAGE
TOURNAMENTS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
7PM

SEPT 4, 2024 - MAY 28, 2025

Bring your friends!

\$10.00pp - Compete in 5 one-on-one games

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

At Laconia VFW on Court St
Come one week, ten weeks or all of them

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



The home of
"Flower"

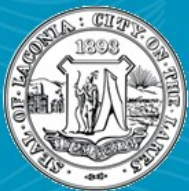


2025 Sledding Party



**Our thanks to everyone who
attended this year's
Sledding Party!**

We need your
input!!!



LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Laconia Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee is updating its 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan and needs your help! The committee represents a variety of local interests and is focusing on the natural hazards that put Laconia at risk, as well as the development and prioritization of recommendations to protect the safety and well-being of City residents and visitors.

The committee is seeking your input; please use the QR Code or link below and take a few moments to complete the questions in this survey regarding hazard mitigation in Laconia.



[Survey Link](#)



BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM

Where Art and History Come to Life!

Members: Free
Adults: \$10
Youth (12-17): \$5
Seniors (65+): \$5
Children under 12: Free

- Hands-on history exhibits.
- Audio Tour and City Walk
- Rotating art exhibits.
- Group tours and field trips.
- Family events and programs year round.
- A unique venue for your next meeting or special event.

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH
www.belknapmill.org



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 ...

J.P. Hinch operated a restaurant and cafe at 42 Elm St., Lakeport, in 1916, according to a city directory from that date. Apparently, ice cream was a specialty. It is assumed that it is Hinch who is shown standing in the doorway. One of the posters leaning up against the adjoining building advertises 'Moving Pictures, Lakeport Opera House.' (Photo courtesy of Kevin Murphy)



... AND NOW

The Hinch enterprise does not appear in city directories after 1916, so it was apparently of short duration. Hinch (1892-1921) was born in Quebec but became a naturalized citizen in 1914. He moved to St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1917, to join a brother in the insurance business and died in Malone, N.Y., in 1921. The restaurant space, seen here from 51 Elm St. is now part of that street, which was relocated, in 2003, to the south of its original location. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



The Office of Extended Learning at Laconia High School is preparing students with Industry Recognized Credentials.. As the first semester came to a close; 95 freshmen have completed the Time Management credential, 5 students completed the ServSafe Food Handler Credential and 3 students completed the Teamwork credential. As we begin semester 2, we have 3 students working on OSHA 10, 1 student working on her Lifeguard certification, 3 students working on the Communication credential and 53 students working on the Time Management Credential.

Three of the students who completed the ServeSafe Food Handler had their credentials shared with local businesses such as The Flip Side and Randy's Pit Stop where the students perform community work experience.

Opportunities every week to earn an INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL



OSHA 10 Certification

Why?

- If you're an entry-level worker, OSHA 10-Hour Outreach General & Healthcare Industry course is your orientation to occupational safety and health. As part of OSHA's Outreach Training program to raise awareness about the safety measures under OSHA 29 CFR 1910, this course will help teach you how to improve workplace safety.
- You'll learn OSHA's best practices for reducing accidents and injuries, including fall protection, emergency evacuation plans, and the use of personal protective equipment.
- You'll also learn about the major hazards you might encounter in general industry work and solutions for recognizing, controlling, and protecting against them. This includes flammable and combustible substances, chemical and electrical hazards, and fire prevention.
- Additionally, you should know what your employer's responsibility is for your safety, as well as the rights OSHA grants you as a worker. That's why you'll learn how to file a complaint if your workplace isn't living up to its safety obligations.
- It can give you an edge if applying for a summer job or year-round job.



ServSafe Food Handler Certification

Why?

- Would you like the opportunity to work with food or be more knowledgeable about food safety at home?
- The training reviews how to handle, prepare and serve food safely, as well as comply with local health ordinances.
- It will give you an edge if applying for a job where food could be served.
- If interested in the culinary/hospitality industry, it is a steppingstone to the ServSafe Manager credential.
- It can help you personally to ensure that you do not get sick over the food you cook.

Workplace Skills Certificates

Communication
Collaboration

Time Management
Team Work



City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
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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

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Avoid Medicare late enrollment penalties by making sure you sign up for coverage when you're eligible. Penalties go up the longer you wait and they're not a one-time late fee.

Learn more about penalties and how to avoid them: <https://go.medicare.gov/4kdbzBs>

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 - Grey Draper	
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:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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

Upcoming Meetings

Week of
March 3 - 7

Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's [website](http://www.laconianh.gov). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. **All meetings are open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, unless otherwise noted:**

Laconia Police Commission

March 5, 2025, 9:00 am

Agenda

Licensing Board

March 5, 2025, 12:00 noon

Agenda

Special Events Review Committee

March 5, 2025, 12:00 noon

Agenda

Planning Board

March 4, 2025, 6:30 pm

Agenda

