



Welcome to Laconia Links!

March 14, 2025 - Edition #678

*A little bit of leftover snow and some fog in Weirs Beach.
Photo compliments of Ann-Marie Shpeley Photography*

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



IT'S POTHOLE SEASON!



Drive carefully!

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

The groundwater table is high. This causes water to seep out of the ground on hillsides making gravel road surfaces muddy. Dirt roads that were solid when you left in the morning will be soft and slippery when you return. Drive carefully! Dirt roads will rut, and the roads will become muddier as the dirt absorbs more water from rain and runoff. Keeping your wheels out of ruts will help ensure your safety. Public Works monitors dirt roads and adds gravel to the worst spots to ensure the roads remain passable.

The freeze thaw cycle during this time of year generates potholes daily. Most potholes are located on old roads that have cracks or joints in them from road or utility work. If you are on a road with these conditions and you see standing water, it is likely that there is a pothole in the water. If it is safe to do so, adjust your position in the lane to avoid the pothole. Public Works has crews out daily filling potholes, but during this period they can appear faster than we can fill them.

Heaves are caused when the water content in soil under the road increases and the soil expands as it is frozen, lifting the road surface. You will also find this condition on older roads that have cracks in the road. When driving on these roads slow down and exercise caution. Public Works posts frost heave signs on roads when the crews find them or when they are reported. There may be areas and times when roads or sections of roads do not have signs posted. As the ground thaws, these heaves will settle.

As we move from winter further into spring the challenges associated with muddy roads, potholes and frost heaves will lessen.

Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379 with questions or concerns.

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 3/17	Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.	KID
TUE 3/18	Drop-In Tech Help @10am	ADULT
TUE 3/18	Fiction Book Group @10am - 'Best of Friends'	ADULT
WED 3/19	Drop-In Tech Help @2pm	ADULT
THU 3/20	Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3 -6.	KID
SAT 3/22	Tuesdays With Morrie @1pm - Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative	MULTI
MON 3/24	Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.	KID
TUE 3/25	Drop-In Tech Help @10am	ADULT
TUE 3/25	Teen Craft @3:30pm - Night Sky Glow Painting!	TEEN
WED 3/26	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

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

Full Moon Snowshoe Hike
Friday 6-7:30pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members
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.

Fruit Tree Pruning
Saturday 10 am-Noon \$25 (Non-Members); \$10 for Members
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.

Tap into Maple
Saturday \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members
90 minute programs begin at 10:00; 11:00; 12:00; 1:00; & 2:00.
Experience a Northeast tradition that predates New England—making maple syrup! From tapping a tree to tasting delicious maple syrup, you will take an inside look into every step of the syrup making process. Our naturalists will help you identify maple trees, learn the parts of the tree and their functions, and how the maple sap is turned into syrup.

Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescottfarm.org

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



Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

UPCOMING Community Connection Programs

What Birds Can I Expect Here?
Thursday 5:30-7pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members
UNH professor Matthew Tarr will be presenting a video on local birds and their vocalizations. The video will introduce you to the most common habitat types encountered in New Hampshire, the bird species associated with each habitat, and how to identify some of the most common bird species you are likely to encounter. Question and answer to follow the 30 minute video presentation.

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Maple Sugar Bush Management
Saturday 1-4pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members
Join UNH Extension Forest Resource Specialists Lindsay Watkins and Steve Roberge to learn how to manage maple sugar bushes large and small. Learn management strategies that will keep your sugar bush producing sap for many years to come while also benefit local wildlife. Dress for walking outdoors as we walk into Prescott Farm's sugar bush. Snowshoes or micro spikes will be provided.

Additional programs, series, and registration details
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SPRING Clean Up Day

LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 17, 2025

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 TAILPIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES, BATTERIES, HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR SOLVENTS.

Electronic waste will not be accepted free of charge at this event. E-Waste normal fees for disposal will apply. Questions? Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379.



Mingle Cafe

"Trust is a product of vulnerability that grows over time and requires work, attention and full engagement" ~ Brene Brown

This Month's Discussion: What are the building blocks of a good community and why do they matter?

WHEN: SATURDAY
MARCH 29TH

Where: Belknap Mill
25 Beacon St. East

Time: 10 am - 11:30 am

Join us for an informal conversation with others at small tables

Sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee with funding from the New Hampshire Endowment For Health

Coffee & donuts provided





CELEBRATE 9 YEARS OF FITNESS WITH US

FREE EVENT

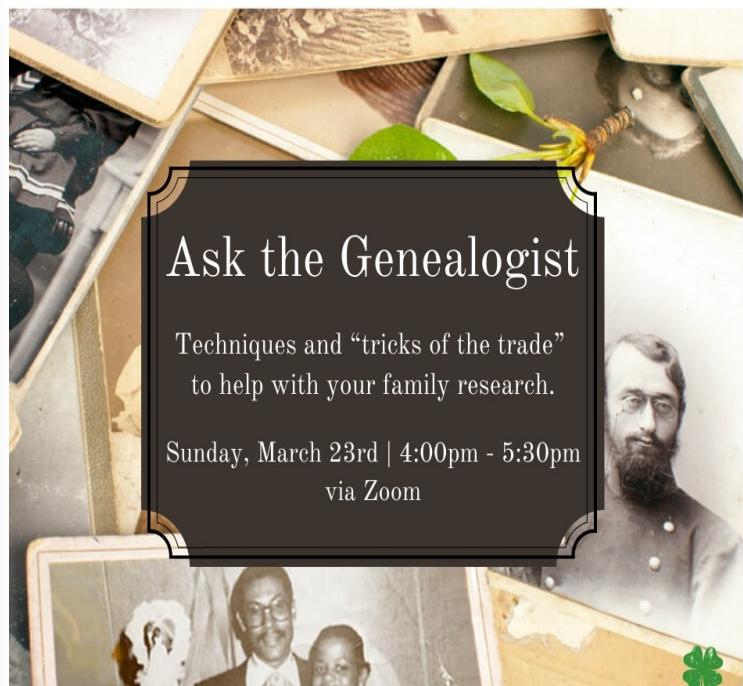
Saturday, April 12th | 8am-1pm

Classes, live music, snacks, and a chance to shop!
Come support local small businesses!



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INFO@DOWNTOWNGYMLACONIA.COM
603-581-9392 | 171 FAIR ST. LACONIA NH



Ask the Genealogist

Techniques and “tricks of the trade”
to help with your family research.

Sunday, March 23rd | 4:00pm - 5:30pm
via Zoom

Our dedicated team of skilled genealogists at Laconia Historical and Museum Society will share techniques and ‘tricks of the trade’ to help you research and document your family tree, providing resources and insightful tips to enrich your journey into your heritage. Register at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/ask-the-genealogist>

News from the Public Works Dept.

CITY OF LACONIA - NOTICE: SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Effective at 6:00 am on Monday, March 10, 2025, 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. A map of posted City streets can be found [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 as shown below:

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 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.

Electronic Waste Collection Day



Fundraising event to benefit:

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, April 12**

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

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

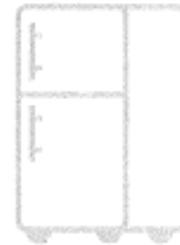


Items we are accepting:

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

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

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



Items we CANNOT accept:

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

“Don’t Throw It Out, Recycle It!”

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions

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"



LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

BENJAMIN GREENE, CONDUCTOR

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



WWW.LRSO.ORG



Save the Date!

Upcoming Mobile Food Pantry



Friday, April 11, 12:00pm-2:00pm

First-come, first-served. While supplies last.

Lakes Region Community College 379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH

The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of food to distribute to families and individuals.

No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive-thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors



Did you know?

Spending just 20 minutes in nature can :

- Lower stress, improve mood &
- Boost your immune system!



When was the last time you unplugged and got outside?

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

Tuesday, March 18, 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.

NH Maple Weekend is March 15-16! See pg. 3 for details on Prescott Farm's "Tap Into Maple" events, or visit the NH Maple Producer's [website](#)!



New Hampshire
Maple Producers
Association, Inc.

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

LAKES REGION
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

LRCC.edu

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
Day

DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER!

REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 1ST

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
WE NEED
COACHES
NO COACHING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

League Ages 4-12*

- LACONIA
- GILFORD
- SANBORNTON
- BELMONT
- MEREDITH

* League Age is based on the child's actual age on August 31, 2025.

FOUR DIVISIONS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS!
T-Ball • Coach Pitch • Minors • Majors

LACONIA
★ LITTLE LEAGUE ★

The clock is ticking - Laconia Little League registration closes on April 1st! Don't wait until the last inning to sign up - secure your child's spot today before it's too late!

Deadline: April 1st – No late sign-ups!
Register now <https://www.laconiall.org/>

Lakes Region

Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 11am - 1pm

employers and
job seekers must
register to attend

<https://jobfairs.nh.gov>

click or
scan to
register!



MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH



Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Protecting, Preserving and Sharing
the story of Laconia.



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



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



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

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

CELEBRATE LACONIA'S IRISH HERITAGE WITH US IN 2025

www.laconiahistory.com





ADMISSION IS FREE!
SATURDAY - APRIL 19th
10am-3pm

AT THE
N.H. FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT,
11 HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, N.H.
VISIT: WILDNH.COM

Fun family day features live animals,
big fish, hands-on activities,
and exhibits by outdoor
and environmental groups.

Brought to you by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.



CONCORD HOSPITAL
Your Regional Health System
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Trust

Presenting Sponsor:
Medical Staff

Silver Screen Social

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

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

Click [here](#) for more
information!



Introduction to Colorwork: Knit Stitch Beanie

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19
2pm-3:30pm



Belknap Mill Museum
Where Art and History come to life!
25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246
www.belknapmill.org

If you've ever wanted to try colorwork knitting, but it felt a little overwhelming, this class is for you.

In this 3 week class you will learn how to add a new color, maintain proper tension for your "floats" (the strands that carryover in the back) and the different methods of holding your yarn while doing colorwork. The pattern offers baby through adult sizes.

You will need a pair of size 7 and a pair of size 8 16" circular needles for this class.

Includes yarn, pattern and instructions.

Register [here](#)!



Plastics Recycling and Community Action Program Food Drive Saturday, March 22nd

We are Back!! The Green Sanctuary members of The Universalist Unitarian Society of Laconia, together with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club members, will be out in front of our little white church at 172 Pleasant Street Laconia from 11am until 1pm on Saturday, March 22nd.

You may bring clean soft plastics and # 6 clean styrofoam for collection. We cannot accept hard plastic containers. Examples are bread, vegetable bags, news paper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, pellet bags, grocery bags, plastic wrap, postal mailers, bubble wrap, clean liners from inside cereal boxes, wrapping from the inside of, for instance, graham cracker boxes. (If the plastic when crinkled makes a sound, we cannot accept it. An example is fresh grape bags). Help keep these toxic items out of our environment. They will be properly repurposed into decking and furniture.

We will be collecting pop-top canned food items, cereal, peanut butter and GRANOLA BARS for our local Community Action Plan (CAP)

We look forward to seeing you there!



You're Invited...

2025 Belknap Mill Annual Meeting
Wednesday, March 19
5PM

The Belknap Mill Society invites you to the 2025 Annual Members Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend! Enjoy a museum tour and experience Monochrome: Painting in Black and White by Ian Kabat. In accordance with the Belknap Mill Society Bylaws, the Annual Meeting serves the purpose of reviewing the affairs of the Society, electing members of the Board of Directors and Officers and transacting other business that may come before the meeting. An agenda for the meeting and voting proxy is posted to our website, www.belknapmill.org. Please RSVP [here](#).

Irish Brew tasting

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

15 March 2025

11:00AM - 1:00PM



HELP SAVE LACONIA'S HISTORY!



DEFENT
RECORDS AND CRAFT BEER

AMOSKEAG
BEVERAGES

Thursday, March 20th!



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	10-11 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				<p>Activities are subject to change*</p> <p>*Suggested Donation \$3 per meal</p>

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



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YOUR VOICE MATTERS: SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION!

Be a part of shaping the community you love.

The City of Laconia is seeking dedicated volunteers to serve on our various City Boards and Commissions.

Following are current vacancies:

Board of Assessors: 1 alternate position

Building Code Board of Appeals: 1 registered architect position

Conservation Commission: 1 regular position, 2 alternate positions

Heritage Commission: 3 alternate positions

Lakeport TIF District Adv. Board: 2 regular positions

Library Board of Trustees: 2 alternate positions

Planning Board: 3 alternate positions

Trustees of the Trust Fund: 1 regular position

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3 alternate positions

If you think you would be interested in applying for a position on one of our Boards or Commissions, we can use your help!

Please contact the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 (or by e-mail at Nbrown@laconianh.gov) for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at www.laconianh.gov. A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our website.

Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board.

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 21, 2025.

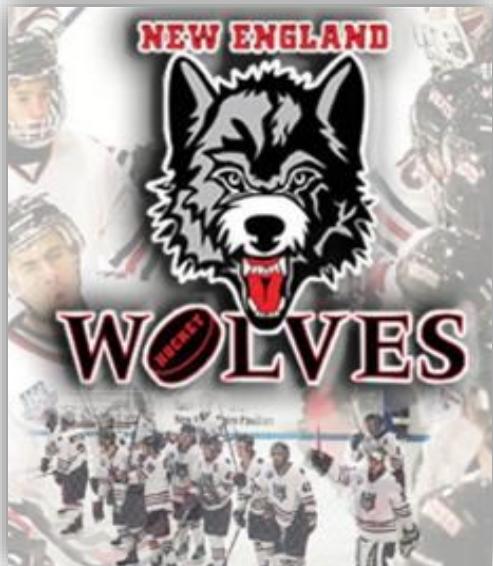
LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, March 20th, 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



It's Playoff Time for the Eastern Hockey League! Don't miss these New England Wolves games coming soon!

EHL First Round (2 out of 3 games):

Tuesday, March 18, 1:45 pm - Merrill Fay Arena:
Vermont Lumberjacks vs. New England Wolves

Tuesday, March 19 - Leddy Park, Burlington, Vermont:
Vermont Lumberjacks vs. New England Wolves

Friday, March 21 - Merrill Fay Arena - Game 3 if necessary
Vermont Lumberjacks vs. New England Wolves

EHLP: At press time due to their record the Wolves have a bye but will play later.
Check with Merrill Fay Arena or Scoring Concepts for details and schedule.

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

LAKES REGION STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHER EDUCATION 2025-2026

APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE

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





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CLUB OF LACONIA, NH

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Annual

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!

Register here



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





Developing a Measuring Eye and Other Fundamentals of Realistic Portrait Drawing

Saturday, March 22nd



Belknap Mill Museum

Where Art and History come to life!

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

www.belknapmill.org

Participants of portrait drawing, including the structure of the head, spatial relationships, and achieving accurate proportions. Through the use of pencil and charcoal, students will gain valuable insights into value changes and the subtleties of capturing character in a portrait. Whether you're a beginner or an intermediate artist, Jaylene's expert tips will help you enhance your drawing skills and bring your portraits to life.

Don't miss out on this chance to improve your artistic technique with a respected artist and educator. The workshop is open to both beginners and those with some experience looking to take their portrait drawing to the next level.

Jaylene's work is represented by The Galleries at 30 Main in Meredith, NH, and you can follow her on Instagram at [@Jaylenek.bengtson](https://www.instagram.com/@Jaylenek.bengtson).

Portrait Drawing Workshop with Jaylene Bengtson at the Belknap Mill Museum

Join us for a unique opportunity to learn from Jaylene Bengtson, a retired art educator and accomplished full-time artist, at our upcoming workshop, "Developing a Measuring Eye and Other Fundamentals of Realistic Portrait Drawing," on March 22 at 11 AM.

To register visit, www.belknapmill.org/classes.

Jaylene brings years of experience as an art educator, having taught students of all ages, from youth to adults. She now creates art full-time in her home studio, working in a variety of mediums—from landscapes and portraits to abstract and three-dimensional pieces. With a Doctorate focused on therapeutic art, Jaylene is passionate about using art as a tool for emotional healing and wellness.

In this workshop, participants will learn the key fundamentals of portrait drawing, including the structure of the head, spatial relationships, and achieving accurate proportions. Through the use of pencil and charcoal, students will gain valuable insights into value changes and the subtleties of capturing character in a portrait. Whether you're a beginner or an intermediate artist, Jaylene's expert tips will help you enhance your drawing skills and bring your portraits to life.



**POWERHOUSE
THEATRE
COLLABORATIVE**

Tuesdays with Morrie

By Jeffrey Hatcher and Mitch Albom

March 22-23

Sat @ 1:00pm | Laconia Public Library

Sun @ 3pm | Taylor Community

Free Event

Reserve a spot for this free event

A staged reading of the play based on the best selling novel, Mitch Albom's autobiographical visit to his dying former professor becomes a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life. "A touching, life-affirming, deeply emotional drama with a generous dose of humor." —New York Daily News.

*Reservations are recommended (space is limited) but not required

AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH
CELTIC THUNDER

CELEBRATE THEIR GREATEST SONGS
AND ALONG THE WAY A REUNION WITH OLD FRIENDS



SEPTEMBER 18

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WWW.CELTICTHUNDER.COM



Feelin' Fine! Barbershop Quartet Concert

Sunday March 23rd at 3:00 pm



Tickets for \$25 per person may be purchased at the door or reserved by calling 603-848-2469 or emailing uusl@myfairpoint.net.

Enjoy beautiful harmonies of favorite songs and join in the fun of a rousing sing-along. Intermission with refreshments.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia
172 Pleasant Street, Laconia, NH

SAVE THE DATE



**50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

WITH SPECIAL GUEST,
FORMER PRO SNOWBOARDER,
KEVIN PEARCE

AWARDS CEREMONY

JULY 17, 2025

GUNSTOCK MOUNTAIN RESORT
LIGHT APPETIZERS AND CASH BAR
DOORS OPEN AT 4:30

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 **April 14, 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:

ORDINANCE 2025-221-41, TIME LIMITS AND FEES, ADJUSTMENT OF THE PARKING TIME LIMIT RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW FOR A ONE HOUR EXTENSION PERIOD USING A PAY BY APP SYSTEM FOR CITY METERED PARKING ON LAKESIDE AVE, AND SETTING THE FEE FOR THAT ONE HOUR EXTENSION PERIOD AT \$3.00 PER HOUR

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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REQUEST FOR TAX RELIEF PER RSA 79-E FROM THE OWNERS OF 622-634 MAIN STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PEMACO BUILDING

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

hosted by @coffeequeenbeca

NEW HAMPSHIRE Book Swap

Saturday
March 22nd
11 am - 1 pm

located at:
Commune à Tea
Herbal Shoppe & Cafe
653 Main St, Suite #1
Laconia, NH
03246

bring your books
invite your friends
book bringers
get 10% off
any purchase!



Sponsored by the
Café Déjà Vu Pub Mania Team



EGG My Yard!

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

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

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

CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL TODAY!

We have a limited supply so order early!

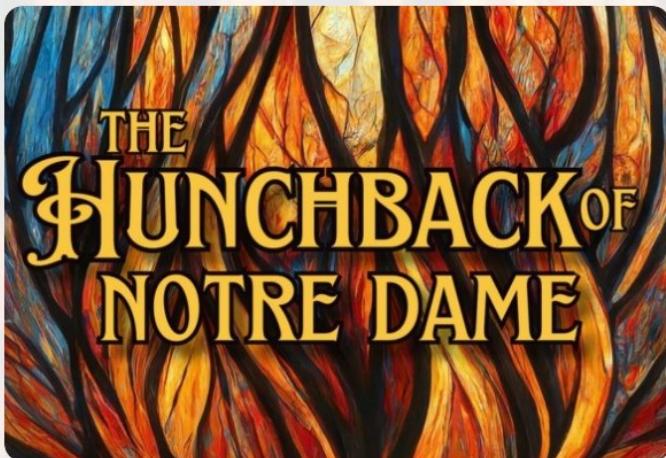
April 15th deadline



(603) 998-1418 or ynotynot@peoplepc.com

We can send you a registration form or stop by Café Déjà Vu

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



**POWERHOUSE
THEATRE**
COLLABORATIVE

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Book by Peter Parnell, Music by Alan Menken,

Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Based on the Victor Hugo novel with songs from the Disney film

May 2-4, 2025

THE COLONIAL THEATRE, LACONIA

Fri & Sat @ 7:30, Sun @ 2:00

\$18-\$24

[Reserve a spot for this free event](#)

Disney's epic musical based on Victor Hugo's classic novel comes to life on the Colonial stage! A lushly scored retelling of a tale of love, acceptance and what it means to be a hero. This production is inspired by the 2019 Notre Dame tragic fire and its triumphant reopening.



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



Just days away from St. Patrick's Day!
Remember a spectacular celebration starts
with planning for a safe ride home.
Buzzed driving is just as dangerous as
drunk driving. Stay smart and stay safe!

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 ...

'Baldi's Corner' — otherwise known as the Laconia Fruit Co. — at right, occupied the corner of Union Avenue and Main Street for a number of years prior to the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s. Across the street, at left, the Tilton Block was home to the Oscar A. Lougee department store; and other buildings, dating from the late 19th century, are seen beyond the Main Street Bridge, where the two-story building at left was actually built over the river. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Stewart Park, at right, was dedicated, Nov. 19, 1973, to the memory of Paul Stewart, a member of the Laconia Housing & Redevelopment Authority from 1965 to 1973 and chairman, at the time of his death. The Best Western Plus Landmark Inn opened as a Ramada Inn, in 1974. New buildings on both sides of Main Street were built during Urban Renewal. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's application deadline of April 1, 2025 for the 2025 – 2026 Academic Year is fast approaching!

Graduates of Laconia High School, Gilford High School, and Belmont High School in New Hampshire, as well as Winnisquam Regional High School, Prospect Mountain High School and Interlakes High School, along with home schooled and private school students, who reside in Belknap County are eligible to apply.

Adult learners that are looking to either continue or further their education and are legal residents of Laconia, Gilford, or Belmont, New Hampshire are encouraged to apply.

Since being established in 1956 through 2024, the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation has awarded over 10 million dollars to more than 6,270 recipients from over 650 donor funds. In 2024 alone, \$811,600.00 was awarded to 343 local students (including adult learners) going on to secondary education.

The application and instructions can be found on the "Applicants" page of the Foundation's website at: www.lrscholarship.org



Laconia Public Works Department's very own Mike Kelly will be participating in a Punch 4 Parkinson's event to raise money to help combat Parkinson's Disease. An estimated 1 million people in the US and over 10 million worldwide live with the disease.

The event will be held on April 3 at the Royale Boston Night Club in Boston, MA. Doors open at 6 pm and the event starts at 7 pm. Mike will be challenging Chris Fabiano from the Revere Public Works Department.

To support Mike at this event and raise money for Parkinson's please click [here](#).

Donations by cash or check can also be dropped off at the Laconia Public Works office at 27 Bisson Avenue.



Michael Kelly
@Michael-Kelly-1476



venmo

If you would like to use Venmo, please use the QR code (left).

Mike boxes out of BattleZone Boxing in Gilford, NH with Coach and Owner Jared Marshall.



City of Laconia

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Laconia, NH 03246
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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 - 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	

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



If you're struggling with lack of sleep, you're not alone! Here are some smart sleep habits to try: Keep a steady sleep schedule, have the right mattress, avoid heavy meals right before bed, keep napping to a minimum, wind down before turning in, and avoid screens right before bed.

For more tips from the National Council on Aging,
please click the image above!

Upcoming Meetings

Week of March 17 - 21

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:**

Parks and Rec Commission

March 17, 2025, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Technical Review Committee

March 18, 2025, 10:00 am

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

March 17, 2025, 5:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Bd. of Adjustment

March 17, 2025, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

March 19, 2025, 6:00 pm

Board of Assessors

March 20, 2025, 5:30 pm

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

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