



# Welcome to Laconia Links!



April 25, 2025 - Edition #684

*Lining up for this year's Easter Egg Hunt!  
(more photos on page 15)*

## 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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



**It's a sure sign of spring!  
The Winter Parking Ban has now been lifted.**

Thank you for your cooperation this past winter to allow our Public Works crews

to more easily plow the streets and keep us all safe.



**DEA NATIONAL Rx  
TAKEBACK**

**LACONIA  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
POLICE**

**Saturday  
April 26, 2025  
10AM - 2PM**

**Laconia Police Department  
126 New Salem St.  
Laconia, NH 03246**

Swing by the Laconia Police Department this Saturday to safely and anonymously dispose of your unused or expired medications — without even getting out of your car!

This free service is part of the DEA's Drug Take Back Initiative, helping keep our community safe by reducing the risk of prescription drug misuse and protecting our environment.

Where: Laconia Police Department (Drive-Thru Service)

When: Saturday, April 26 - 10am – 2pm

Cost: FREE & Anonymous

Learn more at: [dea.gov/takebackday](http://dea.gov/takebackday)

# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**EXHIBIT****LHS & LMS Student Art!** - In the Library Rotunda until **June 2!****MULTI****MON 4/28****Sensory Storytime @10am** - Best for newborns to age 6.**KID****TUE 4/29****Drop-In Tech Help @10am****ADULT****TUE 4/29****Teen Craft @3:30pm** - Tiny Canvas Sharpie Art!**TEEN****WED 4/30****Toddler Time @10am** - Best for ages 0-3.**KID****WED 4/30****Drop-In Tech Help @2pm****ADULT****THU 5/1****Preschool Pals @10am** - Best for ages 3 -6.**KID****MON 5/5****Sensory Storytime @10am** - Best for newborns to age 6.**KID****TUE 5/6****Drop-In Tech Help @10am****ADULT****TUE 5/6****Teen Craft @3:30pm** - Foil Stained Glass!**TEEN**

## 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

## UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday 10 am - Noon

### Beginner Soapmaking

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.

April  
**26**  
2025



Saturday 10 am - Noon

### Painting with Paper Pulp

Creative Arts Consultant for Prescott Farm, Larry Frates, hosts Painting with Paper Pulp, a creative journey with upcycled paper. Participants will explore unique techniques to transform recycled pulp into vibrant works of art.

May  
**3**  
2025



Additional programs, series, and registration details

[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

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

**Saturday, May 10**

Frog Calls of Spring

10 am - Noon



Intro. to Compass Navigation

1 - 3 pm



Saturday 10 am - Noon

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**May  
3**  
2025



Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

### Baking & Decorating Cupcakes

Chef Allen will lead this in-depth program in baking and decorating cupcakes! A perfect way to celebrate spring, this hands-on workshop will teach participants professional tips and techniques for creating beautifully decorated cupcakes.

**May  
10**  
2025



Saturday 10 am - Noon

### Frog Calls of Spring

Join us for an early evening forest hike to the wetland areas of Prescott Farm. We'll begin indoors to learn about the springtime habits of the frogs we are most likely to hear. Then, we'll hike out to our wetland areas to see if we can identify which frogs are at Prescott Farm.

**May  
10**  
2025



Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

### Intro. to Compass & Navigation

Discover how a compass works, and head outside to practice using this tool on a simple orienteering course. After getting comfortable with compass, explore the basics of using a compass in combination with a map.

**May  
10**  
2025

Additional Details and Registration at [PrescottFarm.org](http://PrescottFarm.org)

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

## LIGHT UP GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Light Up Green is part of Mental Health America's Mental Health Month campaign, in which they ask buildings and structures across the U.S. to light up green, the color for mental health awareness, throughout May.

JOIN THE LAKES  
REGION MENTAL  
HEALTH CENTER  
AND MENTAL  
HEALTH AMERICA IN  
LIGHTING UP GREEN  
FOR MENTAL  
HEALTH AWARENESS  
THIS MAY!



CONTACT [DEVELOPMENT@LRMH.org](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@LRMH.org)  
OR CALL 603-524-1000 EXT 219 TO GET INVOLVED!

One in five people will experience a mental health condition in a given year, and 50% of people in their lifetime. Mental health affects us all, and awareness benefits us all.

## FRANKLIN VNA AND HOSPICE

# 5K RUN/WALK

Paul Smith Elementary School  
41 Daniel Webster Dr.  
Franklin, NH

**APRIL 26, 2025**

9:00am START  
10:15am AWARDS



Registration  
\$35.00 Adult  
\$25.00 Child



Sign up at:

<https://franklinvna.org/fundraisers/>  
Or Contact Ryan Howe (603)934-3454 / [rhowe@franklinvna.org](mailto:rhowe@franklinvna.org)



# 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.

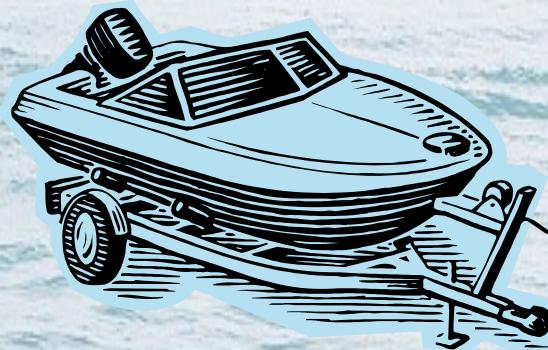
Electronic waste will not be accepted free of charge at this event. E-Waste normal fees for disposal will apply. Questions? Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379.



# News

From the City Clerk's Office

**It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2025 Boat Registration!**



Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

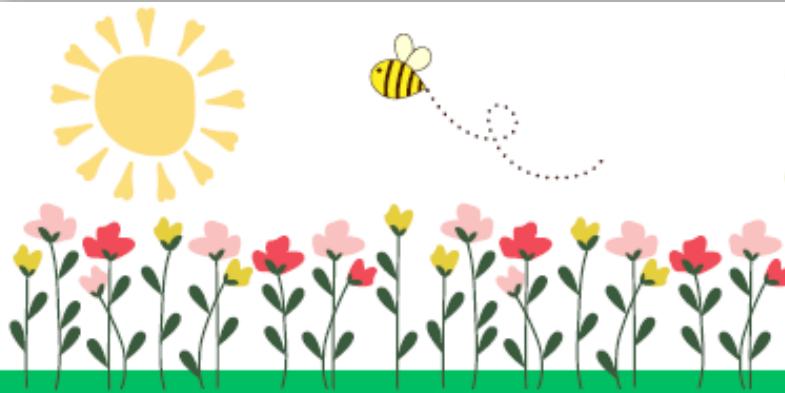
\*\*Please make checks payable to  
City of Laconia\*\*.

In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .



Questions?  
Please call the City Clerk's office at 603-527-1265.





# Parent Education~ Spring 2025

All spring parent education classes will be offered in a “hybrid” format. Participants can choose to attend in person at our office at 719 North Main St. Laconia, NH or virtually via Zoom.

## Parenting Journey\*

**May 6-July 22, 2025. Class meets Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm (12 weeks)**

This curriculum is designed for parents who want to learn more about themselves, their relationships, and the resources they need to effectively parent their children. In a warm and nurturing environment, parents are supported and encouraged to care for themselves and each other, while participating in a series of experiential exercises.

For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6pm.

## Book Study of “The Whole Brain Child”\*

**May 7-June 11, 2025. Class meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm (6 weeks)**

Based on the New York Times Bestseller by Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson, this class will cover twelve revolutionary strategies to nurture your child’s developing mind. Learn the science of how a child’s brain is wired, how it matures and how you can apply this knowledge to everyday parenting. The Whole Brain Child will teach you how to cultivate healthy emotional and intellectual development so that your children can lead balanced, meaningful, and connected lives.

For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6pm.

## Understanding Children’s Growth & Development—A Nurturing Skills Module\*

**May 8-June 12, 2024. Daytime and Evening Sessions Available!**

**Thursdays 10:00-11:30am —OR— Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm (6 weeks)**

This Nurturing Skills module focuses on creating a nurturing environment that stimulates children’s overall healthy development. Topics covered include brain development, developmental milestones, creating nurturing routines, and encouraging a growth mindset.

For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6pm.

**For all classes, register at [www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/)  
Questions? Email [tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org)**

**\*On-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration.\***



Just a reminder from the Department of Public Works...

if you want to put tables, chairs, signs and other items on the City's sidewalks you must obtain a [sidewalk encumbrance permit](#) from Public Works and provide a certificate of insurance.

Please follow the restrictions on the permit to ensure that the pedestrians visiting your business can safely do so.

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

## FESTIVAL ON THE HILL

Returns to Lakes Region Community College  
with Cars, Careers & Campus Tours!

**Thursday, May 8 | 4:00–7:00 PM | LRCC, Laconia, NH**

Join us for an evening of exploration, excitement, and opportunity at Lakes Region Community College's Festival on the Hill. Whether you're a high school student, career changer, or curious community member, this free event offers something for everyone.

**Program Tours and Info Sessions: 4-6pm**

**George Dykstra Memorial Car Show: 5-7pm**

**Classic cruisers to modern hot rods!**

Visitors will have the chance to:

- Tour LRCC's cutting-edge labs and classrooms
- Meet faculty from 40+ academic programs, including Automotive, Nursing, Culinary, Electrical, Liberal Arts, Fire Science and Social Work
- Chat with Admissions and Financial Aid to explore pathways into college
- Discover workforce-ready certificate programs and transfer options



**Want to show your car?** Contact Chelsea Barry at [cjbarry@ccsnh.edu](mailto:cjbarry@ccsnh.edu) to register  
It's free, and prizes will be awarded!

Delicious food, family-friendly fun, and career-building conversations!



LRCC Campus | 379 Belmont Rd | [LRCC.edu](http://LRCC.edu)



**Curbside  
recycling  
will be  
picked up  
the week  
of May  
5th!**



**May is  
NATIONAL MILITARY  
APPRECIATION MONTH**



**THANKYOU MILITARY**  
for serving our country and  
protecting our freedoms.



# HELP SAVE A LIFE.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.



American  
Red Cross

**Wednesday, April 30th, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by Weirs Community Park Association  
Weirs Community Center Function Hall  
25 Lucerne Ave., Weirs Beach, NH  
(Same Building as Weirs Fire Department)

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 800-733-2767. Drop-Ins welcome too.



## BOLDUC PARK IS OPEN FOR GOLF SIGN UP FOR LESSONS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Bolduc Park's 9 hole golf course is now open at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line. There is a 9 hole disc golf course open too. Carts, golf clubs and discs are available for rental.

Bolduc Park is a great course for advanced golfers wishing to work on their short game and it is an ideal course for beginning golfers.

Do you have a child aged 8 to 13 who'd like to try out golf? Golf is a great option for kids who may prefer an individual sport in a non-competitive setting.

Now is the time for Adults and Youth to sign up for Bolduc Park's three week golf lesson sessions. Adult lessons will be held Tuesdays at 5:30pm. Session 1 runs May 6, 13, 20. A second session for beginners runs June 3, 10, 17. Youth lessons will be held at 5:30pm on Thursdays. Session 1 is May 8, 15, 22. Session 2 is June 5, 12, 19.

Each 3 week session costs \$100 which also comes with the privilege of unlimited free play during the 3 weeks of lessons. There are full scholarships available for a limited number of youth age 8 – 13. Email [info@bolducpark.org](mailto:info@bolducpark.org) to ask for information on Youth Lesson scholarships and Adult and Youth lessons.

Go to our website at [bolducpark.org](http://bolducpark.org) or call 603-524-1370 for more info about all the activities at Bolduc Park.

**The Office of Extended Learning and LHS Present**  
**FAMILY, FOOD & FUN**

**Cooking Class CINCO de MAYO** **100% FREE**

**LIMITED SPACE**

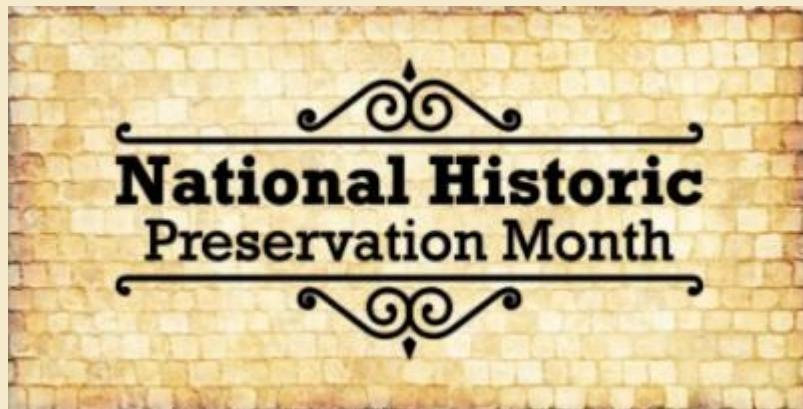
**FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED – 2 PEOPLE PER STATION**

**Class Schedule**  
**MAY 5, 2025**  
**@ 5:30 PM**  
**LHS CAFETERIA**  
Taught by LSD Food Director Mike Llavina

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT KERRI HOWE – 603-832-5274

QR Code to Register

**CINCO DE MAYO**



May is Historic Preservation Month. What structures do you find valuable for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or their community significance?

The City of Laconia Heritage Commission would like to recognize anyone who owns an historic property in Laconia and has, or is in the process of, preserving the structure's history. The project maintains historic details. In this endeavor, the Heritage Commission would like anyone who knows of a person, a business or an organization

who has made significant efforts to preserve historic buildings to nominate an individual, business, organization or a project for a preservation award to be presented at a City Council meeting at the end of May. The building must be more than 50 years old and add aesthetic value to its locality.

You may pick up a nomination form from the Code Enforcement Office at Laconia City Hall or from the Heritage Commission webpage <https://www.laconianh.gov/410/Heritage-Commission>. To assist the Heritage Commission members in recognizing and thanking those who have contributed to the historic preservation of a building, please describe the renovations, some history and its cultural significance, and include, if possible, before and after photos.

Nomination forms must be submitted by April 30, 2025.

What is the purpose of a Heritage Commission? In Laconia, the Heritage Commission was established to ensure the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, primarily man-made, that are valuable for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural built or cultural context in accordance with RSA 684:44-a. In the past the Heritage Commission has been involved in the attempts to preserve the Hathaway House, St. Joseph Church, the Belknap Mill, and employed Mae Williams, Architectural Historian & Preservation Consultant, to do a study of historical resources of Laconia's Downtown district which was published May 4, 2021. Please consider becoming a member of Laconia's Heritage Commission.

The logo for Laconia Parks & Recreation features a green circular emblem with a stylized tree and the word "LACONIA" above it. Below the emblem, the words "PARKS & RECREATION" are written in a serif font.

**OPECHEE DAY CAMP**  
is looking for  
**SUMMER COUNSELORS**

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for info  
Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail  
[PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV](mailto:PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV)



Dear Laconia,  
Our dedicated local historian, Warren Huse, is taking a well-deserved break.

He misses his work and expresses his gratitude to our community for its interest and support. Warren shares the story of Laconia through his weekly articles, "Our Yesterdays" and "Then and Now." These articles illustrate and document the rich history of our great city.

Stay tuned for Warren's return to the keyboard, where he will continue to share Laconia's story!

~ LHMS Board of Directors

## SOFT PLASTICS

**POSTPONED**  
DUE TO WEATHER



Because of the predicted rainy weather for the weekend, our plastics and Styrofoam collection scheduled for Saturday, April 26 has been postponed to a future Saturday.

Please check back here and at the [UUSL Facebook page](#) for the next date of the collection.

Needed items may be brought directly to CAP at 522 Main Street Laconia, M-F, 8:30 - 4:30.!

## COMMUNITY CHAT

a brown bag lunch discussion

Bring your lunch and join us for an hour of open discussion on what's going on in Laconia!

**The Belknap Mill - 1st Floor Gallery Room**  
**May 14th**  
**12 Noon-1pm**

Joia Hughes  
Economic and Housing Development Director  
City of Laconia  
603-527-1270 x105  
JHughes@LaconiaNH.gov

## Bike 'n' Board Safety Day

Saturday, May 17th 10:30a-12:30p

Laconia Skate Park Parking Lot

A community safety event providing safe opportunities for bicyclists & boarders to practice and develop skills.

Helmet Fitting, Bike Registration, First Aid Tips for Riders, Bike & Board Inspections, Skill & Practice Stations, Caricatures for Participants, raffle and more!



This is not a school sponsored event

## 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  
APRIL 26**

**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**



**Calling all kids 15 and under...**  
Bring your fishing pole, hooks,  
bobbers and worms to  
Gunstock Ski Area Pond  
for this **FREE** event!

**8am to 1pm**  
**BBQ Lunch Provided**

Pre registration held on April 6th from 10am-1pm  
Laconia Rod & Gun Function Hall  
358 South Main Street, Laconia (located next to Vista)  
(Please follow the signs to the back door)

Contact Lisa at 455-6563 if you are unable to register on 4/6/25

## 2025 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of April 28 - May 2, and May 12 - May 16 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves during these two weeks on your normal trash day. All materials must be placed in paper compost bags.

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck. Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at 603-528-6379.



POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE  
**THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME**  
Book by Peter Pastore, Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz Based on the Victor Hugo novel with songs from the Disney film

**MAY 2-4** FRI & SAT 7:30  
SUN 2:00 \$18-24

COLONIAL THEATRE | LACONIA  
POWERHOUSENH.ORG

A LUSHLY SCORED RETELLING OF VICTOR HUGO'S EPIC STORY OF LOVE, ACCEPTANCE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HERO. AUDIENCES WILL BE SWEPT AWAY BY THE MAGIC OF THIS TRULY UNFORGETTABLE MUSICAL WITH A CAST OF 70+.



This year's  
Laconia  
Pumpkin  
Festival is  
October 25,  
2025!

You won't want to miss this fun family event.

Did you miss the press conference held earlier this week? Our thanks to Lakes Region Public Access for filming the event. You can watch the entire video by clicking [here!](#)





# LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

BENJAMIN GREENE, CONDUCTOR

## HUSTLE BACK TO THE 70'S WITH LRSO!



Featuring:  
Taylor O'Donnell  
&  
Adrian Sicam

Saturday May 10, Colonial Theatre, Laconia 7pm  
Sunday May 11, Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith 3pm

**Hits from; Earth Wind and Fire, Chicago,  
Doobie Brothers, Carole King, Bee Gees,  
Billy Joel, Joni Mitchell, and more!**

**TICKETS: \$10 - \$30 [www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org)**

[WWW.LRSO.ORG](http://www.LRSO.org)



SPONSORED BY:  
**TBNH**  
Bank of New Hampshire



## Love Our Earth Day

A Free Outdoor Community Event



Saturday, May 10th, 10 AM - 1 PM  
18 Veterans Square in Laconia

### Celebrating the Lakes Region Environment

#### Participating Organizations:

Belknap Co Conservation District  
Citizens' Climate Lobby  
Congregational Church of Laconia  
Laconia Conservation Commission  
Laconia Dept. of Public Works  
LSD Office of Extended Learning  
Laconia HS Key Club  
Laconia/Gilford Lions Club  
Lake Opechee Protection Association  
Lake Winnipesaukee Alliance  
Lakes Region Conservation Trust  
Loon Preservation Society  
NH Lakes  
NH Network Plastics Working Group  
Prescott Farms Env. Education Ctr.  
Squam Lakes Natural Science Center  
Unitarian Universalist Soc. of Laconia  
Winnisquam Watershed Network

#### Our Sponsors:



**WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PARKS**

**TO JOIN THE PARKS & REC TEAM FOR THE SUMMER,  
call 603-524-5046 or e-mail [PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV](mailto:PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV)**

# All Laconia dogs need to be registered by April 30th each year!

To renew **online**: [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov), Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing - Please note that when processing your dog tag online, you will need to add the two or three digit prefix (for example 24- or VET-)   
By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register by 4/30	\$25.00
Replacement tag	\$1.50

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265 with any questions or for additional information.



## 2025 VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT POST 1670



### Hole Prizes

#### LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE

89 Ladd Hill Road—Belmont  
Sunday May 18th, 2025

#### 9-Hole, 2-Person Scramble

Shot-Gun Start - Two Flights - 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Cost is \$55 per player

(Includes Green Fees, Cart and Prizes)

#### LUNCHEON/AWARDS TO FOLLOW AT THE VFW

143 Court Street—Laconia

Ham & Turkey provided Pot Luck Dishes Encouraged and Welcomed  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
Not a Golfer and want to be a part of the fun. Volunteer!  
Help is always needed and welcomed to make this a smooth running event.  
Space is limited so Sign-up today!  
Registration and payment due NLT April 1st.



To register your team or if you have questions contact:  
Brett at 603-387-4855 or Dee at 603-520-7850

## Saturday, May 24, 2025

# Honky Tonk Chicks

SEE  
THE  
CHICKS!

## The Ultimate Country Music Party



NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT

easterseals.nh

### Inter-Lakes High School Community Auditorium

Showtime 7:30 pm

#### Event Sponsors



Tickets & More Info  
[www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org)



PLATINUM GROUP  
AT RE/MAX BAYSIDE



#### Media Sponsors



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Franklin  
VNA & Hospice

# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

April 22nd - May 27th

Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Five FREE small-group sessions provided in a supportive environment to discuss loss and identify coping skills that can aid in the grieving process.

You don't have to grieve alone.

To Register call 603-984-3454  
or email [cmurray@franklinvna.org](mailto:cmurray@franklinvna.org)

# SAVE THE DATE

## HISTORY HAPPENED HERE

Discover Laconia's history through a walking tour, a culinary experience, a trivia challenge, and a musical performance!



SATURDAY  
5.31.25



11th Annual Lakes Region Interfaith National Day of Prayer Breakfast

## Navigating Physical Challenges

Keynote Speaker: Janine Page, Proprietor  
Downtown Gym, 171 Fair Street, Laconia NH 03246

Program Topic: Delaying Parkinson's Debilitating Effects With "Rock Steady Boxing"

### WHEN

Thursday, May 1st, 2025  
from 7:30am to 9:30am

### WHERE

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

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

Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to provide scholarships for individuals with Parkinson to participate in Rock Steady Boxing.

### TICKET INFO: \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door

Please contact your faith community to purchase tickets, stop by St. Andre Bessette Parish Office at 277 Union Ave in Laconia, OR contact Chris Ray at [603-528-2920](tel:603-528-2920) or email at [crayr@gmail.com](mailto:crayr@gmail.com).



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

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

# MEAT BINGO

The American Legion Post 1 in Laconia is hosting a meat bingo on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 1:00 pm called "Raising the Flag" to raise proceeds for a new Veterans Pavilion that will be built to serve veterans and their families for outdoor activities.

**Please plan to join us!!**

# Easter Egg Hunt 2025



*Our thanks to Laconia's Parks & Recreation Department!*



## Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice



A blasting permit has been issued to Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid from April 16, 2025 until May 16, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH.

A second blasting permit has been issued to Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit expires on May 22, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 319 Meredith Center Road.

Blasting can occur anytime Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Please see below for the horn codes:  
3 long horns - 5 minutes until the blast  
2 long horns - 2 minutes until the blast  
1 long horn - All clear to proceed

Questions should be directed to Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting at 603-487-2840.



## **Belknap Mill's First Friday Series Kicks Off May 2 with Art, Music & History**

The Belknap Mill invites the public to kick off the 2025 First Fridays season on Friday, May 2 with an evening filled with live music, vibrant art, and free museum access, all set in the heart of downtown Laconia at Rotary Park and the historic Belknap Mill Museum.

The event runs from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and is free and open to the public.

### **Art Exhibit Opening:**

The Belknap Mill's Riverside Gallery will feature the works of local artist Ignacio Cisneros, a local painter and sculptor whose work bridges the worlds of abstraction and realism. His powerful use of oil on canvas, sculpture, heavy paper, and acrylics invites viewers to explore the connection between art, culture, and consciousness.

### **Live Music at 6 PM – Martin & Kelly at the Bandstand:**

This rising country-pop duo has captivated audiences from New England to Nashville with rich harmonies, heartfelt songwriting, and standout performances. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show in Rotary Park.

### **Free Museum Admission:**

Step inside the Belknap Mill Museum and discover the story of the nation's oldest unaltered brick textile mill, while enjoying engaging exhibits and local history.

"First Fridays are all about celebrating art, music, and community in a way that's fun and accessible to everyone," said Katherine Switala, Vice Chair of the Belknap Mill Board of Directors. "It's a perfect way to gather with friends and family and support local creatives."

First Fridays are sponsored by The Laconia Putnam Fund, Lakes Region Community College, and media sponsors Lakes 101.5FM and 104.9 the Hawk.

### **Location:**

Belknap Mill Museum & Rotary Park, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Admission: FREE

### **Belknap Mill Museum| First Fridays 2025 Schedule:**

**May 2 – Martin & Kelly + Ignacio Cisneros (Abstract Art)**

**June 6 – Freese Brothers Big Band + Grace Howe ("UnScripted")**

**July 3 (Thursday!) – North River Band + Kathi Hopper ("Gardens")**

**August 1 – Katie Dobbins + Pam Bartlett (Rug Hooking Showcase)**

**September 5 – Rockin Daddios + Classic Cars, Sock Hop, BBQ & Root Beer Floats!**



# BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM

*Where Art and History Come to Life!*



## Join us for a purr-fectly fun knitting workshop!

No experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm to learn how to knit these adorable little cat loaf creations.

This three-class series (1.5 hours each) is perfect for all ages and skill levels. We'll show you how to knit simple flat pieces that are seamed up to form a cute, curled-up cat loaf shape.

## Yarn Dyeing Workshop Saturday, May 10 11am-1pm

Get creative and add some color to your yarn in this fun, hands-on 2-hour workshop! Learn how to dye wool yarn using food coloring, and leave with your own vibrant, one-of-a-kind creations. This workshop is perfect for beginners—no prior experience is needed! Plus, your beautifully dyed yarn can be used in future Belknap Mill workshops, giving you endless crafting possibilities.



## Beginner Crochet 4-Part Series Saturdays May 17 & 31, June 14 & 28 11am-12:30pm

Bailey will guide you through a fun and beginner-friendly 4-part crochet journey!

Class 1 & 2: Get started with basic stitches and essential crochet techniques.

Class 3 & 4: Put your skills to work and learn how to crochet granny squares and transform them into a unique and fun day bag. Materials provided.



For more information contact the Belknap Mill at (603) 524-8813 or email [info@belknapmill.org](mailto:info@belknapmill.org)



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



## 2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Activities are subject to change*</b>  <b>*Suggested Donation</b>			<b>10:30—Parkinson's Presentation by Downtown Gym</b> <b>11:30 – Beef Barley Veggie Soup</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10—Puzzles &amp; Games</b>
<b>5</b>  <b>10—Foot &amp; BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment</b> <b>11—Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>10-11 Activities Meeting</b> <b>11:30 – Chicken Teriyaki</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic &amp; Presentation</b> <b>11:30— Beef &amp; Bean Chili</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10— Corn Hole</b>
<b>12</b>  <b>10—Adult Coloring</b> <b>10:30—"Open Mic" for Jokes &amp; Stories</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>10:30—Senior Employment by Operation ABLE</b> <b>11:30 – Sweet &amp; Sour Meatballs</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>9:30—Crafts w/Mona</b> <b>11:30— American Chop Suey</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10:30—Fashion Show</b>
<b>19</b>  <b>10—Movie &amp; Snack</b> 	<b>20</b>  <b>10:30—Senior Nutrition by Hahn Health</b> <b>11:30— Chicken, Broccoli &amp; Rice</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>10:30—Special Music by Dave Jenne</b> <b>11:30— BBQ Chicken Strips</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10— Corn Hole</b>
<b>26</b>  <b>Closed for Holiday</b> 	<b>27</b>  <b>10:30—Laconia's History by Historical Society</b> <b>11:30 —Memorial Day BBQ (Hamburgers)</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>10:30—Presentation by Lakes Region Mental Health</b> <b>11:30 – Chicken, Veggie &amp; Wild Rice</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b> <b>10—Adult Coloring</b>

**Tuesday, April 29, 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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto: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.**





## Laconia Students Attend NH Forest Career Day

On April 17, students from Laconia High School and Laconia Middle School attended the NH Forest Career Day at Bear Brook State Park. Students learned about various careers such as Logging, Sawmills, NH Fish & Game, Forest Fire Management, CDL and Civil Engineers. Students were able to gain hands-on experience. Some of the students expressed that the experience had confirmed their future career paths.



On April 11 & 12, LHS students; Melody Goyette, Dulce Tuquer Fernandez and Remy Bassett attended the YMCA's Youth and Government program held in Concord at the NH State House. This program is a nationwide civic engagement initiative that empowers high school students to learn about and participate in the democratic process. It provides students with a hands-on experience in government, encouraging them to develop critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills.

One of our students served on the House Judicial committee discussing submitted legislation, another served as a Lobbyist and the third was part of the Press Corps. With over 200 New Hampshire students attending, this was not only an opportunity to see democracy in action, but also to meet other students from our state. Governor Kelly Ayotte welcomed the group and there were visits throughout the weekend from other NH legislative members. Advisors Maggie Roberts and Karen Abraham are looking forward to working with this group next year and hoping to increase the number of LHS students that attend.



# 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 **April 28, 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 2025-235-15 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235, ZONING, ARTICLE III DISTRICTS; ZONING MAP, § 235-15, OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND ATTACHMENT 1, TABLE OF ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**RESOLUTION 2025-14 – ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF A FLAGPOLE FROM BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



## CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **April 28, 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 2025-11 – REQUEST RELEASE OF PARKING KIOSK RESERVE FUNDS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL UPGRADE KITS**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



**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**



**The home of  
"Flower"**

**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**



## MOVE OVER!

**It's the law**



**WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET HOME SAFELY.**

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER WHEN DRIVING  
THROUGH CONSTRUCTION ZONES.**



## REAL ID takes effect May 7, 2025.

Effective May 7, a federally compliant Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card, or a Passport will be required to board an airplane for domestic flights or enter a secure federal facility.



**REAL ID  
COMPLIANT**



# 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	

## 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](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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

Your  
mental  
health  
matters.



Mental health is key for your overall well-being, so it's important to talk with your doctor if you're feeling stressed, anxious or depressed.

Medicare covers depression screenings and other mental health services. Learn more:

<https://go.medicare.gov/3ZLV97I>

## Week of April 28 - May 2

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

**Laconia City Council**  
April 28, 2025, 7:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

**Lakes Business Park**  
April 28, 2025, 3:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

**Robert Hamel Community  
Service Recognition  
Award Committee**  
April 30, 2025, 1:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

**Laconia City Council  
Appointments Subcommittee**  
April 30, 2025, 3:00 pm

