



Welcome to Laconia Links!



June 27, 2025 - Edition #693

Don't miss Laconia's Independence Day Celebration and Parade on Friday, July 4! More info on page 16...

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 June 30th!



LACONIA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL



Saturday, September 20

Please Join Us for a Day of FUN and FUNdraising to support **The Cure Starts Now!**



Organize a boat with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or business. Race your boat for fun or bragging rights (we'll supply the boats, equipment, and rehearsal time)! Raise funds for **The Cure Starts Now** to support cancer research!

Get an Early-Bird discount by registering your team before 7/2/2025.

Become an event sponsor and highlight your support of this important cause!

Location: NASWA Resort
1086 Weirs Blvd., Laconia, NH

Event Sponsors:



www.LaconiaRotary.org

LaconiaDBF@gmail.com

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 6/30

Summer Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-5.

KID



LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY - SUMMER READING 2025

SUMMER
READING

SUMMER READING IS HERE! Fun from June 30 to August 8!

MULTI

TUE 7/1

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT

TUE 7/1

Summer Reading Family Craft @2pm - Level up library bag!

KID

WED 7/2

Summer Story Adventures! @10am - Best for ages 0-5.

KID

WED 7/2

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT

THU 7/3

All-Ages Tie Dye @2pm - Summer Reading Kick-Off!

MULTI

FRI 7/4

Library Closed - Independence Day

MULTI

MON 7/7

Summer Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-5.

KID

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org



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

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

July 9th

12Noon-1pm

Joia Hughes

Economic and Housing Development Director

City of Laconia

603-527-1270 x105

JHughes@LaconiaNH.gov



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive

Granite VNA

Opechee Room

780 N Main St.

Laconia, NH 03246

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Come give blood July 15-31 for a Fandango Movie Ticket by email (up to \$15 ticket price and fees). You can use it to see a summer blockbuster on us!

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GRANITEVNA to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Heat Exhaustion

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness

Thirst

Heavy Sweating

Nausea

Weakness



Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

Heat Stroke

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Confusion

Dizziness

Becomes Unconscious

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

Lakes Region Rotary Car Show!



100% of the proceeds goes to local charitable organizations

Making Life Better in the Lakes Region for Children and Families in Need!

Join us Saturday, **July 26th**, at 70 North Endicott Street, Weirs Beach, NH from 10am-2pm. The Lakes Region Rotary's Car show is the Club's major annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the Car Show support organizations that provide food, shelter, clothing, and other services to enable underprivileged children and families to become more self-sufficient.

The entrance fee for car owners is \$25 per car the day of the event. The spectator entrance fee is \$5.00 per person, under 12 yrs. is free.

In case of rain, there are no refunds for pre-registration as this is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club.

We are looking for businesses to sponsor this popular and important event. Your sponsorship will help significantly increase the impact in the community. If you would like to support this fundraiser, please download the [sponsorship packet](#) for more information.

Presenting Sponsor: [**Douglas and Gloria Rumberger Foundation**](#)

Support a Great Cause + ENTER TO

WIN

HARLEYS FOR HOSPICE

Granite VNA

A NEW HARLEY-DAVIDSON FLFB - FAT BOY
(Or \$24,000 cash)*

\$20 per ticket | Only 4000 tickets available

Net proceeds to benefit Granite VNA Hospice

*see ticket site for raffle rules

Get Tickets

LACONIA HARLEY-DAVIDSON

MOTOR CYCLES

239 DANIEL WEBSTER HWY, MEREDITH, NH 03253 | LACONIAHARLEY.COM | 603.279.4526

Get Tickets

QR Code



2025 SUMMER FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

See you there!

Independence Day Show:
Thursday, July 3, 2025: 10:00 pm

Saturday, July 19, 2025: 9:30 pm
Saturday, August 2, 2025: 9:30 pm
Saturday, August 16, 2025: 9:30 pm
Sunday, August 31, 2025: 9:30 pm

RAINDATES:

*Saturday, July 26, 2025: 9:30 pm
*Saturday, August 9, 2025: 9:30 pm

These dates are tentative and will only occur if a previous show is cancelled. Rain date announcements will be posted on the Weirs Action Committee Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WeirsBeach.WAC

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

ONLINE
Six Wednesday Morning Sessions
July 23 - August 27, 2025
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



This interactive workshop helps family caregivers learn the tools they need to help manage the difficulties in caregiving while considering their own well-being. Let us help fill your toolbox up with ways to:

- Reduce personal stress
- Change negative self-talk
- Communicate more effectively
- Handle different feelings
- Make challenging decisions

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664, visit granitevna.org/calendar, or scan QR code.



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www.granitevna.org
(603) 224-4093 | (800) 924-8620
Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro



July is Parks and Recreation month!

Parks aren't just for kids....make 2025 the year to spend more time outside and enjoy all of the City's park facilities, beaches and recreational opportunities.

There's something for everyone!

Parks and recreation can help improve lives - from health and wellness to nature and community spirit.

Contact Laconia's Parks and Rec office at 603-524-5046 for information about our facilities and programs, and have a great summer!



Belknap Mill Launches 6th Season of Kids in the Park

Beginning Wednesday, July 2, the Belknap Mill will kick off its 6th year of Kids in the Park, a beloved summer series offering fun, educational, and family-friendly activities every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the month of July. All events begin at 10:00 AM and are free to attend, taking place in Rotary Park or inside the historic Belknap Mill Museum, depending on weather.

Karate in the Park with Sachem Health and Wellness

The full calendar of events for Kids in the Park can be found at www.belknapmill.org.

The series brings together local organizations and artists to engage children in creative and active play. Mondays feature the return of North Country Center for the Arts' IMPACT Theatre, with 45-minute live fairy tale performances held on the 3rd floor of the Mill. These interactive shows are designed specifically for young audiences and are a highlight of the weekly schedule.

Wednesdays and Fridays in Rotary Park include hands-on programs and special guests throughout the month. Children will have the opportunity to dance and move with Miss Katie from Dancing Feet Studio, make a commercial for the radio with Heather Bishop and Lakes Media, and explore hiking safety with Lakes Region Search and Rescue and NH Fish & Game. Laconia Police and Fire Departments will be on hand (as emergency schedules allow) to showcase their vehicles and talk about safety with curious young visitors. In addition, karate will be led by Sachem's Health & Wellness.

New to the series this summer is Lakes Region Vale Tudo, bringing exciting demonstrations and beginner-friendly instruction in boxing and mixed martial arts—adding a fun and energetic new twist to the lineup.

Whether you're a returning family or a first-time visitor, this summer's program promises engaging experiences for children of all ages. "Kids in the Park has become one of our favorite summer traditions," said Jill Desruisseaux, Associate Director at the Belknap Mill. "It's all about creating joyful, enriching experiences for families while connecting them to our community's history, creativity, and resources. Every year we see new faces and returning families, and we're thrilled to welcome them back for another summer of fun."

Kids in the Park is proudly sponsored by Arbortech. Their support helps us bring free, enriching programs to families all summer long!

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve the historic Belknap Mill as a unique gathering place and to celebrate the Lakes Region's cultural heritage through the arts, education, and civic engagement.

. See the full summer fun line up at: Belknapmill.org

Fireworks Safety



FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



Methodist Church Plans Rummage Sale and Flea Market



Hope Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Gilford continues their tradition of an annual giant Rummage Sale on June 27th and 28th from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Shoppers will find large quantities of men's, women's and children's clothing at very low prices as well as housewares, tools, shoes, books and home decor. This is one of the most extensive sales of its kind in the region and is located at the church, which is just off the Rt.3/11 bypass (Rt. 11A exit) at 18 Wesley Way in Gilford. All proceeds benefit the church and its missions. For information or to donate, call the church at 603-524-3289.

Assessing

Property Tax Credit Forms

DP-8 forms are now available in the Assessing Office in City Hall. Please feel free to stop by to pick up a form, or call the Assessing office at 603-527-1268.

The deadline for filing the form is June 30. You can also fill out the form by clicking [here](#).

This form applies to Low/Moderate income homeowner's property tax credit. This program is offered by the State and refunds the State education tax portion of the tax rate to qualifying property owners.

Please call the Assessing Office at 603-527-1268 with questions or for additional information.



PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED MAY 23

Property tax bills were mailed on May 23rd. They are due on July 1st.

Payments are accepted [on-line](#), by mail or at the counter in City Hall during our normal business hours which are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. For your convenience there is also a drop slot located on the side door of City Hall.

We can accept credit cards for payments at the counter and online.... Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. Convenience fees apply to all credit card and on-line transactions.

Please call the Tax Office at 603-527-1269 if you have any questions.



**CONCERTS
ON CANAL**

5PM - 9PM

JUNE 20TH **JULY 18TH** **AUGUST 15TH**

JULY 5TH **AUGUST 1ST**

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
ACTIVITIES
BEER

LaCONIA ROTARY

SUMMER FRIDAYS ON ...

CANAL ST. LACONIA, NH

DEFIANT
RECORDS AND CRAFT BEER

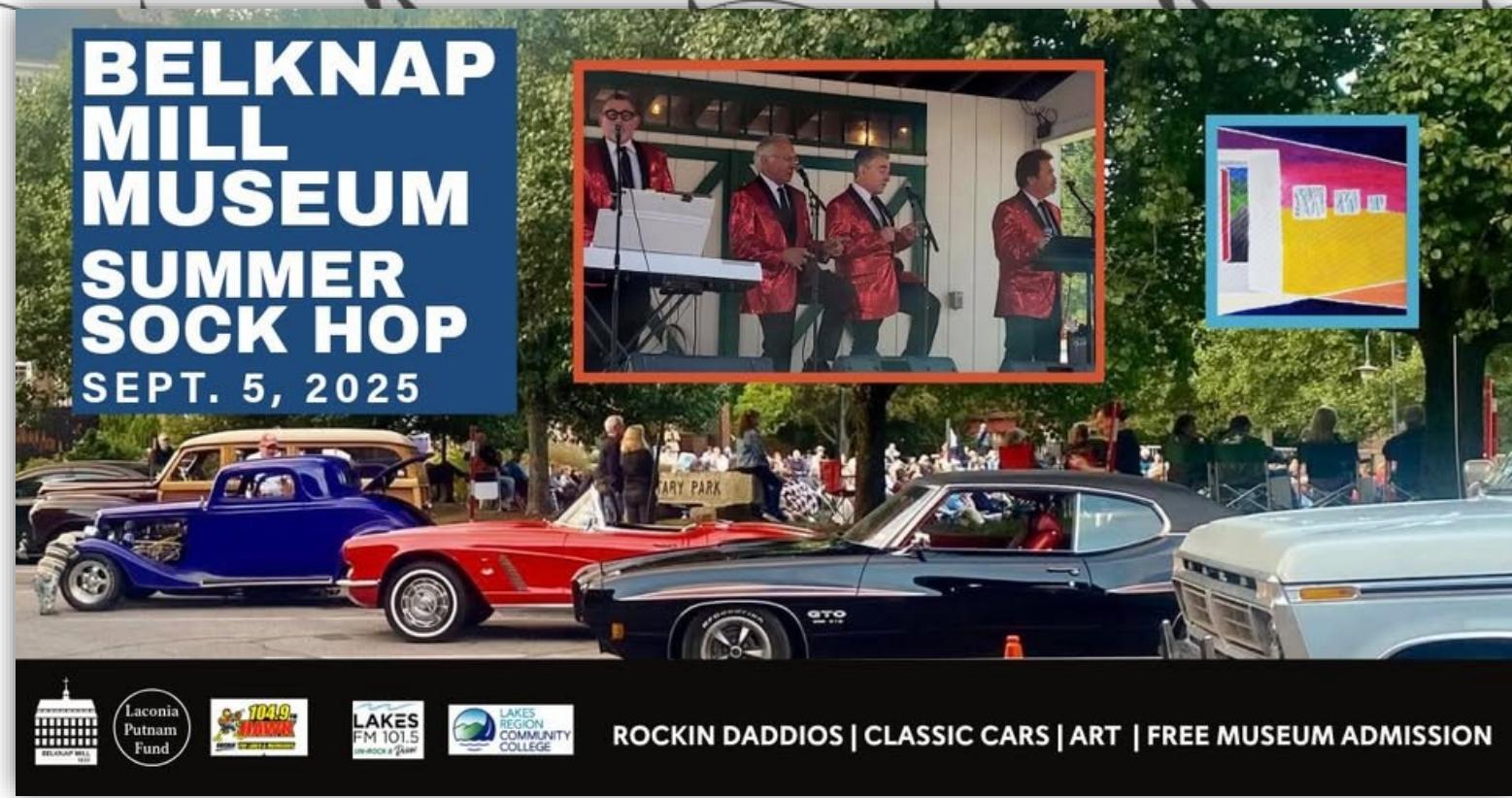
NH VINTAGE VINYL

THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT. FOR DETAILS CONCERNING WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLANS VIST

CANAL STREET BLOCK PARTY

facebook

QR code



BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM SUMMER SOCK HOP

SEPT. 5, 2025

ROCKIN DADDIOS | CLASSIC CARS | ART | FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION

LaCONIA Putnam Fund

104.9 THE DAWN

LAKES FM 101.5

LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A JOURNEY THROUGH RAIL SERVICE IN THE LAKES REGION .

Frank Judge's passion for railroading began while watching his grandfather's steam engine-driven commuter train arrive at the station in the early 1950s. He became captivated by the railroad during an April 1976 tourist excursion from Laconia to Lincoln.

Frank has since purchased, restored, and operated a wooden 1914 Bangor & Aroostook Railroad caboose on the Wolfeboro Railroad until he relocated to Memphis in 1980 for his career. After returning to New Hampshire in 1986 and acquiring another caboose, his passion for railroading continued to grow.

The Laconia Passenger Station has been a key part of our community's history, serving as a vital transportation hub. Frank will highlight the historical timeline of rail service in Laconia and the evolution of the passenger station.

Free and open to the community.

THURSDAY

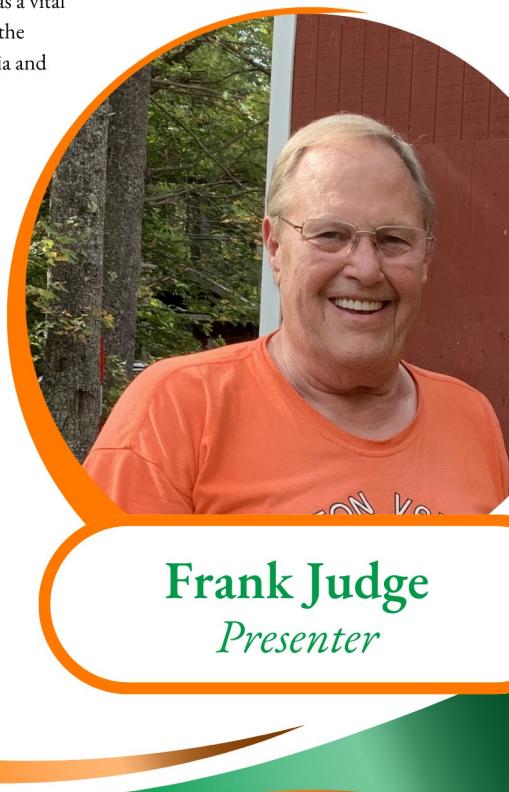
 10 JULY 2025

 AT 5:30PM

 GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



 603-527-1278
 www.laconiahistory.com



Frank Judge
Presenter

Laconia Historical & Museum Society – A Journey Through Rail Service in the Lakes Region

A presentation on the evolution of rail service in the Lakes Region, including the Laconia stations, will be held on Thursday, July 10th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gilford Public Library. This free program is open to the community and is part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's 'Our Yesterdays 2025 Presentation Series.'

The Laconia Passenger Station has played a significant role in our community, historically serving as a vital hub for transportation and the movement of goods. The completion of the Lake Shore Railroad in 1890 connected Alton to Laconia and linked with the Boston, Concord, and Montreal lines. This development opened up routes to the Seacoast, Boston, and Montreal, transforming Laconia into a railroad crossroads. However, what was missing was a grand structure to symbolize its importance. Plans were quickly set in motion to replace the original station with "the best structure of the kind," as noted in the Illustrated Laconian in 1899.

The presentation will trace the historical timeline from the railroad's inception and the construction of the passenger station in the mid-to-late 1800s to present-day operations.

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For additional information about this program, or to learn more about LHMS and upcoming events, please visit laconiahistory.com or LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.

Laconia's beaches will officially
be open on Saturday, June 28!

For more information, please
call the Laconia Parks and
Recreation Department at
603-524-5046.



**City Hall Will Be Closed
Friday, July 4, 2024**

**HAPPY
FOURTH of JULY**

INDEPENDENCE DAY



**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON
CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES**

July 4th is on a Friday; there will be no
curbside pickup on that day.
Friday's curbside collection route will
be delayed one day and picked up on
Saturday. Questions? Please call
603-528-6379.

**ONLINE
Caregiver Connection**



A Caregiver Support Group
Fourth Thursday of each month
10 - 11 a.m.

Caregiver Connection is an opportunity for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our staff professionals. We look forward to providing a safe space to connect with other caregivers facing similar challenges.

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664 or visit www.granitevna.org/onlineprograms.

Registration is required.
Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a link to the program.
Technical instruction is available to participate in the group.



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Laconia Historical & Museum Society Receives \$10,000 Grant from New Hampshire Preservation Alliance & The 1772 Foundation

A \$10,000 grant has been awarded to LHMS to support the Society's first project of their "Legacy of Laconia Heritage Preservation Campaign," a new initiative dedicated to making the needed repairs and upgrades to protect and preserve the society's collections.

The N.H. Preservation Alliance, in partnership with The 1772 Foundation, awarded grants totaling \$125,000 to seventeen private non-profit organizations in New Hampshire to assist in preserving their historic structures. "This year, The 1772 Foundation's investment in New Hampshire is protecting and revitalizing seventeen historic buildings, positively impacting communities by bringing needed capital investment to important community landmarks," said Beverly Thomas, deputy director of the Preservation Alliance.

The initial project for LHMS, pertaining to the "Protect the Collections" phase, aims to replace the deteriorated and leaking roof of the late 19th-century building located in downtown Laconia. This necessity is urgent, as the rental space contributes to operational expenses, and the society's archival collections are housed on the premises. "Replacing the roof will significantly contribute to protecting and preserving the story of Laconia, ensuring that we, along with future generations, can continue to learn about the people, places, and events that have shaped our city. We are incredibly excited and grateful to The 1772 Foundation and the NH Preservation Alliance for the opportunity and support," said Tara Shore, President, Laconia Historical & Museum Society.

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance strengthens communities and stimulates local economies by encouraging the protection and revival of historic buildings and places. For more information, visit nhpreservation.org. To learn more about the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's Legacy of Laconia Heritage Preservation Campaign, the projects associated with it, and how you can help protect, preserve, and save Laconia's story, visit laconiahistory.com



THE 1772 FOUNDATION

101ST ANNUAL
LEAVITT PARK
CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH • 3-6 PM
LEAVITT PARK • 334 ELM STREET, LAKEPORT
WE'LL MOVE INDOORS IF IT RAINS!

CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH FUN FOR ALL AGES:
GAMES • DUNK TANK • FACE PAINTING
FOOD • RAFFLES • BINGO & MORE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
WANT TO HELP OR BECOME A MEMBER?
CALL (603) 998-1418 FOR MORE INFO

LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

October 25th, 2025

20,000+ Attendees and Thousands of Pumpkins
34 foot tall Pumpkin Tower, Games, Parades
100+ Food and Craft Vendors
Beer Tent and Live Music

Sponsorship Opportunities

Pumpkin Type	Cost	Description
Great Pumpkin	\$10,000	Radio, print and social media; vendor space and banner display
Jack O'Lantern	\$5,000	Print and social media; vendor space and banner display
Pumpkin Patch	\$2,500	All press releases, social media, vendor space and banner display
Sugar Pumpkin	\$1,000	All press releases, social media, vendor space
Pumpkin Seed	\$500	Social media, vendor space

For more information, please contact
Joi Hughes at the City of Laconia
603-527-1270

Laconia CITY ON THE LAKES

LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

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 **July 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:

PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR UP TO \$500,000 IN CDBG PUBLIC FACILITY FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LACONIA SENIOR CENTER, 184 BEACON ST, LACONIA, NH

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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PROGRESS OF THE LAKES REGION COMMUNITY DEVELOPER'S CDBG IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE MILLVIEW APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 115-117 UNION AVE, 20 & 28 LOCUST ST AND 5 JAMESON ST; IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE NEW ROOFING, SIDING AND POSSIBLE BOILERS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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PROGRESS OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH'S IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT 11 ACADEMY SQUARE, IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE ADA ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, ENERGY, SAFETY, SECURITY AND PRIVACY ITEMS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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PROGRESS OF CDBG FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAYGROUND AT THE BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB OF CENTRAL NH'S LAKES REGION EARLY LEARNING CENTER, 22 STRAFFORD ST.

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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PRESENTATION OF THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FROM THE RECENTLY COMPLETED COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, BELKNAP-MERRIMACK (CAPBM) CDBG PLANNING STUDY GRANT THAT FINANCED THE PRE-DEVELOPMENT COSTS OF THE SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2025-25 RELATIVE TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LACONIA CITY CHARTER TO AMEND ARTICLE II, ELECTIONS AND ELECTION OFFICERS, SECTIONS 2:02, 2:03, 2:06 AND 3:05

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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THE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR THE MERRIMACK-BELKNAP COMMUNITY ACTION SENIOR CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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UPDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



Save the Date!

Laconia Pumpkin Festival

October 25, 2025

Fun begins at 11am and ends with a bang at 8pm

www.LaconiaPumpkinFestival.com

Follow our Facebook page [here](#) to help spread the word!

Are you interested in becoming a vendor at this year's Laconia Pumpkin Festival? We'd love to talk with you! Just call Nancy Brown at the Laconia City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270, or email pumpkifest@laconianh.gov



Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

Blasting permits have been issued as follows:

- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until July 13, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 603-487-2840.

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



Did you know that in July of 1984 President Ronald Reagan signed a Resolution designating July as "National Ice Cream Month" and the third Sunday of the month as "National Ice Cream Day"?

So do your part and visit some of our many ice cream shops in the Lakes Region!

Parent Cafe: Strengthening Sibling Relationships

Come together to support one another in navigating the complicated dynamics of raising siblings.



 **JULY 8, 2025**
6:00-8:00pm

HYBRID Series

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

OR

virtually via Zoom.

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

Register at:
www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration
or use the QR Code:




**FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER**
Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Made possible
with funding from:



NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
LADD BEQUEST



The Linden
Foundation

city of Laconia's Independence Day Celebration & Parade!



Laconia's 2025 Independence Day Parade is coming soon, and will kick off the activities for the 4th of July in Laconia! The parade route will begin at the Laconia High School to Church Street to North Main Street and end at Opechee Park. We are looking for participants! Bands, businesses, groups, individuals, neighborhood kids on bikes, etc.

The application to participate in the parade can be found at:

www.laconianh.gov/1073/Fourth-of-July-Celebration.

Following the parade will be music and festivities at Opechee Park brought to you by Laconia Parks & Recreation.

For more information, contact Tony at ynotynot@peoplepc.com or 603-998-1418.

We hope to see you there!

Let's make this a great parade!



SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Personal growth from sushi making to Excel, to kids baking camps and photography!

Check out our 25+ offerings at: LRCC.edu



Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Questions? Please call DPW at 603-528-6379.



Belknap Mill Seeks Art Submissions for PumpkinFest-Themed October Exhibit

The Belknap Mill is excited to announce an open call for artists to participate in a special PumpkinFest-themed art exhibit this October. This exhibit invites artists to reflect on and celebrate the spirit of Pumpkin Festivals past, as well as the timeless charm of all things pumpkin. From festive street scenes and glowing jack-o'-lanterns to autumn harvests and pumpkin towers, the exhibit will showcase creative interpretations that are spooky, nostalgic, bold, whimsical—and everything in between.

Artists of all backgrounds and mediums are invited to submit work. There is no fee to participate. Artists interested should send images and details of their work to Jill at jill@belknapmill.org for consideration by September 1, 2025.

The City of Laconia's Pumpkin Festival will take place on Saturday, October 25, bringing thousands of visitors to downtown—many of whom will visit the Belknap Mill Museum to view the exhibit.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for artists to gain exposure during one of the city's busiest and most festive weekends," says Jill Desruisseaux, Associate Director at the Belknap Mill Museum. "We can't wait to see how our community interprets PumpkinFest through art. Artists are encouraged to invite friends, family, and art lovers to visit the museum throughout October—and especially during the Pumpkin Festival weekend. Help us make the Mill come alive with color, creativity, and community spirit!"

Located in downtown Laconia, the Belknap Mill is the oldest unaltered brick textile mill in the United States. Now preserved as a museum and cultural center, the Mill offers visitors a unique experience through exhibits on industrial history, rotating art shows, educational activities, and engaging community events. With a mission to celebrate the Lakes Region's rich cultural heritage, the Belknap Mill fosters learning, creativity, and civic connection for all ages.

Tuesday, July 2, 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.

Newsletter

Please note that there will be no newsletter next week. In the meantime, have a wonderful and safe 4th of July!

2025 Opechee Boat Parade



Friday, July 4, 2025, 6:00 PM

On Friday, July 4, 2024, decorate your watercraft in red, white, and blue, pile in the kids, pack some noise makers and refreshments, and join us for a ceremonial lap around the lake in honor of our country's 248th birthday!

Meet up at the slalom course, ready to proceed at six. We'll make a slow lap around the shore with horns and whistles to the cheers of the clamorous hordes. If you can't join us on the water, please at least be part of the cheering throng!

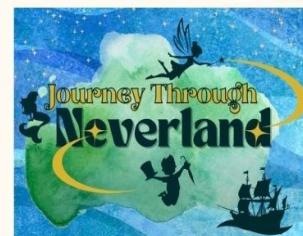
Please pass the word to neighbors and friends!!!

(PS - If the fireworks are postponed due to inclement weather, the parade will also be delayed until the day of the fireworks.)

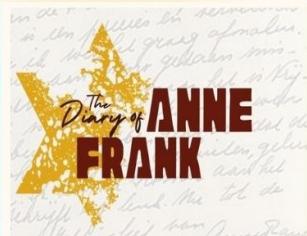


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Savor the Flavors of the 28th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival

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Get ready for a taste of tradition! The 28th annual New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival, a popular summer event in the Lakes Region and a vital fundraiser for Temple B'nai Israel (TBI), is back to delight your taste buds. From authentic homemade Jewish food prepared with love and care by TBI members to premium deli selections, this festival offers a delicious array of treats you won't want to miss. Indulge in homemade favorites like savory brisket, comforting matzah ball soup, crispy latkes, flaky knishes, sweet rugelach, and much more. Stock up on the best quality corned beef, pastrami, and tongue directly sourced from Evan's Deli (Marlborough, MA). Place orders online at <https://tbinh.org> from June 8th through July 6th. Convenient curbside, drive-through pickup will be available by appointment on July 18th and 19th.

Just in from Food Festival Cooking Chair, Susan Needleman, "We are so excited to be offering a new Dinner Pack this year, an addition to our wildly successful Lunch Pack." Susan continued, "While the Lunch Pack is perfect for on-the-go summer adventures, the Dinner Pack is a complete, frozen meal perfect for holiday gatherings or busy weeknights."

The New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival began as a simple rummage sale in 1997 with the enticing aroma of knockwurst sizzling on a grill that blossomed into a favorite Lakes Region tradition. Today this festival stands as a testament to community, tradition, and exceptional homemade food.

Over the years there have been many changes to Temple B'nai Israel's Jewish Food Festival, but the consistent component has always been the focus on the food. Almost every item sold is made by TBI members, working in teams, pouring their hearts (and countless hours of chopping, slicing, rolling, and frying) into creating these culinary delights, all while schmoozing (sharing stories and laughter) in the temple kitchen. Their unwavering commitment to quality ensures every bite is a taste of authentic tradition and sincere care. Their focus is clear: if the food isn't exceptional, the mission isn't complete.

The 2025 menu is available on the TBI website – [www.tbinh.org](https://tbinh.org).

Orders can be placed beginning on Sunday, June 8th continuing through Sunday July 6th. But, for the best selection, don't wait as quantities are limited and likely to sell out early.

Once it's gone, it's gone until next year!



JULY

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2025 ACTIVITIES



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal	1 10 - Activities Meeting 10:45—Meals on Wheels Presentation by CAPBM 11:30 – Shepherd's Pie	2 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	3 11:30 – Burgers & Hot Dogs 12 – Ice Cream Social	4 <i>Closed for Holiday</i> 
7 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 11—Walking Group	8 10:30—Hospice 101 by Lakes Region VNA LUAU PARTY @ 11:30 11:30 – Sweet & Sour Chicken	9 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10 10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap	11 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
14 10—Card Games 11—Walking Group	15 10:30—Housing & Homelessness by CAPBM 11:30—Asian Chicken Salad w/Veg & Noodles	16 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	17 9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30 – Curry Cauliflower & Turkey Stew	18 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
21 10—Adult Coloring 11—Walking Group	22 11:30—Taco Pie 12—Strawberry Shortcake Dessert	23 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	24 10:30—Old Kitchen Band (Bring your Pots/Pans) 11:30— Chicken Waldorf Salad	25 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
28 10—Movie & Snack	29 11:30— Hot Turkey on Toast 12— Ice Cream Social	30 10-12 Prize Bingo	31 10:30—911 Cares by NH Dept. of Safety 11:30— Steak Sub w/ Peppers & Onions	THERE WILL BE NO Strength & Balance THIS WEEK!!

KIDS IN THE PARK

Wednesday, July 30 at 10am

SAFETY VEHICLES

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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 ...

Main Street, Laconia, is seen, June 24, 1900 — 125 years ago this week. The conflagration damaged the Mallard, Mitchell and Burleigh blocks, at center, but they were rebuilt and continued in service until another fire, Oct. 30, 1928, destroyed them, once and for all. The space was then occupied by a new, two-story brick Keller-Bean Block, which stood on the site until 1970, when it was demolished during the city's Urban Renewal Program. Also see '125 Years Ago' on opposite page. Those who have copies of 'Laconia' in the Arcadia 'Images of America' series (published in 1995) may wish to note the correct date of the fire pictured (p. 55). (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Following demolition of the Keller-Bean Block, the city's Municipal Parking Garage was erected on a site spanning the distance from Mill Street to the Winnipesaukee River. (Site of the 1900 fire would be approximately to the left of the street light with flag.) Stores on the lower level of the garage began to open, 50 years ago, one of the longer-lasting businesses being Keller's on the Mall — later known as the Soda Shoppe — around the corner at left, which eventually succumbed, a couple of years ago. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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Monday through Friday
(603) 527-1270

CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below
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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	
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Upcoming Meetings

Week of
June 30 - July 4

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:**

Planning Board

July 1, 2025, 6:30 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
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