



Welcome to Laconia Links!



July 18, 2025 - Edition #695

The Belknap County Fair is August 2 - 3!
Please see page five for details.

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 July 28th!**



FIRE DANGER: LITHIUM BATTERIES

**NEVER place Lithium-ion
batteries in your garbage or
recycling containers!**



Effective July 1, 2025, rechargeable lithium-ion batteries are prohibited from disposal in New Hampshire's landfills and incinerators. Lithium-ion batteries are used in a wide variety of consumer products, including: Automotive vehicles; electric bikes and scooters; lawncare equipment; portable electronics such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, cameras, wireless headphones, speakers, toothbrushes and other rechargeable devices; cordless power tools; toys and vape devices.

Any battery that is rechargeable, is recyclable.

Many New Hampshire businesses, like Staples, Best Buy or BatteriesPlus, offer collection boxes for recycling rechargeable batteries. To find a drop-off site nearest to you, contact Public Works at 603-528-6379, check the Call2Recycle.org, website or check the website of one of the retail locations mentioned above. Laconia Public Works also collects rechargeable batteries during its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection is limited to Laconia residents only.

For more information visit NH's Department of Environmental Services website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/news-and-media/blog/new-rechargeable-battery-disposal-ban-take-effect>

Thank you for your cooperation!

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 7/21	Summer Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-5.	KID
TUE 7/22	Drop-In Tech Help @10am	ADULT
TUE 7/22	Summer Reading Family Craft @2pm - STEM LED nightlights!	KID
WED 7/23	Summer Story Adventures! @10am - Best for ages 0-5.	KID
WED 7/23	Drop-In Tech Help @2pm	ADULT
WED 7/23	Teen Craft: Glow Slime! @2pm	TEEN
THU 7/24	NH Audubon 'Scales, Scutes, and Skins' at Leavitt Park @1pm	KID
THU 7/24	The Mystery of Owls @6pm - with speaker Joe Callahan.	ADULT
FRI 7/25	Move & Groove @10am - Best for ages 6 and under.	KID
SAT 7/26	Tiny Canvas Sharpie Art @10am - Youth all ages!	MULTI

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org



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



TICKETS
\$ 15
SECTION 114
GAME STARTS
6:35 PM

FRANKLIN VNA & HOSPICE
FISHER CATS FUNDRAISER
BASEBALL GAME
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025
FISHER CATS VS ERIE SEA WOLVES

DELTA DENTAL
STADIUM
MANCHESTER
SPACE POTATO
NIGHT &
FIREWORKS AFTER
THE GAME!

VISIT FRANKLINVNA.ORG OR CALL 603-934-3454 FOR TICKETS



DECEMBER 23

coloniallaconia.com

SPECTACLE
Live



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
August 13th
12 Noon-1pm

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

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965



FREE COMEDY HOUR
ALAN AMES STILL THINKS HE'S FUNNY
LACONIA SENIOR CENTER
(ENTRANCE @ 184 BEACON STREET WEST)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!!!! RETURN SHOW!!!

"Boston based comedian Alan Ames will present his show "Alan Ames Thinks He's Funny" which he performs at Senior Centers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and beyond!"

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!

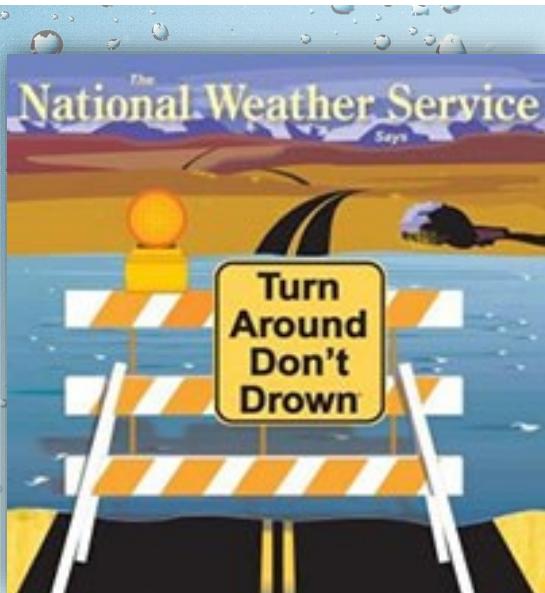
Join us Saturday, **July 26th**, at 70 North Endicott Street, Weirs Beach, NH from 10am-2pm. The Lakes Region Rotary's Car show is the Club's major annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the Car Show support organizations that provide food, shelter, clothing, and other services to enable underprivileged children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



The Lakes Region can experience some severe storms in the summer.

The National Weather Service's "Turn around Don't Drown" campaign is designed to protect motorists.

To protect yourself and your family please follow the recommendations and advice included in the [National Weather Service's pamphlet](#).



2025 SUMMER FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

See you there!

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

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



It's Fair Season in NH!

Don't miss the Belknap County Fair!
This year's dates are August 2nd and 3rd.

Fun for the whole family!

Mark your calendars and click [here](#) for more information and a schedule of events.



LAKE WINNISQUAM SUMMER SOCIAL

Hosted by the Winnisquam Watershed Network

Food | Silent Auction
Cash Bar | Music

**AUGUST 2, 2025
6:30 – 9PM**

Greenside Restaurant at Lochmere Country Club
360 Laconia Road, Tilton

FREE ADMISSION, ALL ARE WELCOME!

 All proceeds directly support the Winnisquam Watershed Network's efforts to keep Lake Winnisquam clean & healthy

 For additional details visit winnisquamwatershed.org



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:

2 regular positions

2 alternate positions

Heritage Commission:

3 alternate positions

*Lakeport TIF District Adv. Board:

3 regular positions

Library Board of Trustees:

2 alternate positions

Planning Board:

1 regular position

3 alternate positions

Water Commission

1 regular position

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

1 regular position

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 phbrown@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 July 25, 2025.

*Please note that members of a TIF District Advisory Board must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the District.

Lori McKenna

SEPTEMBER 20
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SPECTACLE
Live

COLONIAL
THEATRE

MVS



Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This group will provide support, education, and an opportunity to exchange ideas among caregivers of those suffering with dementia. A caregiver is anyone who provides regular care for a relative, a partner, or a friend. For many it is a labor of love, but it can also be physically and emotionally demanding. It is important to keep a balance between caring for another individual while caring for oneself.

Franklin VNA & Hospice

75 Chestnut St, Franklin

2nd Tuesday of each month

1:30-3:30pm

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.
For more information or to register call (603) 934-3454

Franklin 
VNA & Hospice
www.FranklinVNA.org
(603)934-3454

A Proclamation was presented to Lakes Region Community Services at the 7/14 City Council meeting in honor of their 50th Anniversary. To read the Proclamation, please click [here](#).





Laconia Pumpkin Festival is happening Saturday, October 25 all across the downtown area of the City of Laconia! Stay up to date on more information by following our Facebook page [here](#) and help us spread the word!

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



July 2025

Opportunities for parents and care givers to network with others for free, while enjoying their children's safe play. For children birth to age 5.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Windsocks	2 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	3 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Red, White & Blue Collages	Happy 4th of July	5
6 9:30am FRC Patriotic Parade	7 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Fish	8 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Sharing Music & Movement	9 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Jellyfish	10 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	11 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	12
13	14	15 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Crabs	16 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	17 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Sand Art	18 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	Family Movie Night Friday 6pm @ the Family Resource Center
Lakes Region Community Services Family Resource Center 719 North Main Street Laconia, NH 03246 603-524-8811	20	21 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Sea Turtles	22 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	23 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Mermaids	24 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	25 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia
Giggles + Grins and Happy Sounds	27	28 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Octopuses	29 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	30 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Starfish	31 9-11AM Giggles & Grins	2 Generation Family Support



Giggles + Grins is a Peanut-free area. Thank you.

LRCS is proud to be a smoke-free, substance-free campus. Thank you for helping to keep our building and grounds a safe & healthy environment for all.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Registration Required:

Call 603-934-3454

Or email

info@franklinvna.org

Located at 75 Chestnut Street, Franklin, NH

Fridays, August 15-September 19

2:00pm-3:30pm



Saturday, September 20

Please Join Us for a Day of FUN and FUNdraising to support cancer research through 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). Teams from 5 states have already signed up.!!

See the details on our website: LaconiaRotary.org and contact us at LaconiaDBF@gmail.com.

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

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

Event Sponsors:  



Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permits has been issued as follows:

- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until August 11, 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

BE THE BADGE



APPLY NOW

SALARY RANGE: \$64,438.30-\$97,843.29
*Certified officers start higher based on qualifications & experience

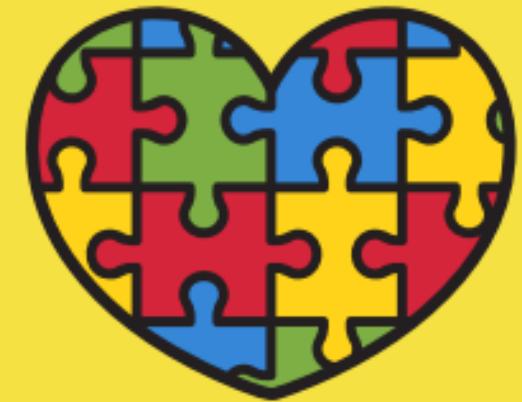
UP TO \$4,000 SIGN-ON BONUS

NATIONALLY ACCREDITED AGENCY





PARENT CAFE: TOGETHER ON THE SPECTRUM



Come together to support and talk with other parents & caregivers who have children with Autism

JULY 29, 2025 6-8PM

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:



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The Linden
Foundation

LRCS
**FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER**

Engage. Empower. Inspire.

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

Underwriting by:



SCAN ME



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



www.granitevna.org

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

Granite VNA complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate in services and access to treatment, appropriate care or employment in its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, sex (pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity), national origin, conscience, religion, disability, age, genetic information, marital status, source of payment, or the absence of advance directives.

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 6:00PM

The Bel Airs



**Award Winning Doo Wop & Vintage Rock 'N' Roll Group
Outdoor Amphitheater**

Free Parking • Bring Lawn Chairs

If rain, the event will be moved indoors.

WEIRS COMMUNITY PARK - 49 Lucerne Ave, Laconia

Behind the Weirs Fire Department • 524-5046

Sponsored by: Weirs Community Park Association

NH Boaters and anglers should ensure boats, trailers, ropes, and fishing gear are free of potentially invasive species.

Protect our waterways by cleaning, draining, and drying all equipment.

Learn more at:

stopaquatic hitchhikers.org

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS - STOP INVASIVE SPECIES



New Hampshire
**FISH AND GAME
DEPARTMENT**

KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

HEAT EXHAUSTION

OR

HEAT STROKE

Faint or dizzy  Throbbing headache

Excessive sweating  No sweating

 Cool, pale, clammy skin  Body temperature above 103°

Nausea or vomiting  Nausea or vomiting

Rapid, weak pulse  Rapid, strong pulse

Muscle cramps  May lose consciousness 

- Get to a cooler, air conditioned place
- Drink water if fully conscious
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

CALL 9-1-1

- Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives



SAVE THE DATE



Sunday,
August
10th

10:15 AM

GRANITE STATE
•SCENIC RAILWAY•

Join LHMS and Granite State Scenic Railway for a memorable excursion along the shoreline of Lake Winnipesaukee. Train departs from Laconia!

ARE YOU
FRUSTRATED WITH
THE RESULTS YOU
ARE NOT GETTING?



Join the
Women's Wellness
Collective
Popup Event

JULY 24, 2025



Luxe By Lauren

Lauren Barr is a registered nurse who specializes in medicated weight loss treatments. Lauren offers GLP-1 through her aesthetic medicine business.



Savor Nutrition

Kate is a certified holistic nutrition & wellness coach specializing in all stages of menopause, providing 1:1 and group coaching. She helps women lose stubborn weight and rebalance their hormones so they can reclaim their energy, confidence and sense of self.



The Downtown Gym & Training

Janine brings health and fitness together through her nursing background and passion for fitness. You will find personalized fitness and a comfortable non-judgmental place for your health journey at the Downtown Gym.



Atunements

Pam Seed, M.A. is a vibrational sound healer, reiki master/teacher and akashic record clearer specializing in mindfulness and healing practices.



Thursday July 24th

5:30pm

The Downtown Gym

171 Fair Street, Laconia

RSVP required by July 21st,
please click or scan QR code
above

603-581-9392

LHMS 2025 Railway Day

Sunday, August 10, 10:15 am - 1:30 pm

Tickets go on sale 7/21.
Limited seating is available.



We look forward to seeing
you on the train!



**CITY OF LACONIA
2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OPEN POSITIONS -
THE FILING PERIOD WILL BEGIN AUGUST 6, 2025, AND END
AUGUST 15, 2025
At the City Clerk's Office, 45 Beacon St E, Laconia NH 03246**

The following positions will have openings.
The incumbent's name is listed next to the position.

MAYOR (2 Year Term)
ALL WARDS (Andrew J Hosmer)- Not Running

CITY COUNCIL - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Bruce Cheney)- Running for Mayor
WARD 2 (Robert Soucy)
WARD 3 (Eric Hoffman)
WARD 4 (Mark Haynes)
WARD 5 (Steven Bogert)
WARD 6 (Anthony Felch)

WARD MODERATOR - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (May Stewart)
WARD 2 (Leonard Miner)
WARD 3 (Candace Eastman)
WARD 4 (Carol Nordquist)
WARD 5 (Claire Hebert-Dow)
WARD 6 (Donald Basso)

WARD CLERK- All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Bobbi McGettigan)
WARD 2 (David Lavoie)
WARD 3 (Jane Laroche)
WARD 4 (Roxanne Arruda)
WARD 5 (Rosemarie Busby)
WARD 6 (Faye Nachbaur)- Not Running

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Marilyn Brown)
WARD 2 (Brenda Carey)
WARD 3 (Marjorie Wilkinson)
WARD 4 (Rebekka Morse)
WARD 5 (Amber Flanders)
WARD 6 (Lynda Brock)

Please note: You must be a registered voter to file for office. The last date for additions and corrections to the Checklist will be Aug. 5 at 6 pm at the City Clerk's Office.

SELECTMEN-

WARD 2 (2 positions 2- 6 yr terms) (Devin Scott)
WARD 3 (2 positions 6 yr, & 2 yr term)

WARD 4 (3 positions staggered terms 2 positions 6 yr, & 1 position 4 yr term) (Mark Haynes)
WARD 5 (3 positions staggered terms 2 positions 6 yr, & 1 position 4 yr term) All Vacant
WARD 6 (1 position 6 yr term) (Laura Ringer) – Not Running, Running for Ward Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD – (THREE YEAR TERM)

WARD 2 (Laura Dunn)
WARD 3 (Karin Salome)

POLICE COMMISSION – (FOUR YEAR TERM) 1 POSITION
ALL WARDS (Frank Mello Jr.)



Summer Tip #1



Be aware of your medication's side effects!

Some medications may cause drowsiness, increased sensitivity to sunlight, or other reactions.

When traveling, be especially cautious—time zone changes can affect your dosing schedule, and exposure to different climates may intensify certain side effects.

Always read the label and consult your healthcare provider with any concerns.

Lakes Region Mental Health Center



Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group

For those who have experienced the death of someone significant

"The only way to get to the other side is to go through the door."
- Helen Keller

Join us as we support each other and discuss some of the ways the loss of someone significant can affect our lives. The purpose of this group is to provide information about the grief process; to share experiences; and to alleviate the feeling of isolation.

No registration required.
Come to one session, or come every month!

Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group
Date: 3rd Tuesday of every month
Time: 2:30-4:00 pm
Location: 75 Chestnut St, Franklin

For additional information, please call
Franklin VNA & Hospice at 603-934-3454
or email info@franklinvna.org

Franklin
VNA & Hospice



A Book Study of *The Empowered Child*

How to Help Your Child Cope, Communicate, & Conquer Bullying

four-week series starts
July 30, 2025



6:30-8:00 pm

Whether your child is the victim of cyberbullying, verbal bullying, relational bullying, or physical bullying, this book will give you a framework to create a safe support system for your child to find true self-confidence, thrive in school, and know that you were there to provide love and support all the way through.

HYBRID Series

Participants can choose to attend in person
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:



Made possible with funding from:



**The Linden
Foundation**



**United
Way**
Granite United Way

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
LAKES REGION**



KIDS IN THE PARK

JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Lost in Wonderland Impact Theatre		ART Adrianna Marie		KARATE Sachem Health	
13	14 Little Red Riding Hood Impact Theatre	15	16 BUBBLES Belknap Mill	17	18 HIKING SAFETY Lakes Region Search & Rescue	19
20	21 Return to OZ Impact Theatre	22	23 RADIO Lakes Media	24	25 MMA/ BOXING Lakes Region Vale Tudo	26
27	28 A Dragon's Ball Impact Theatre	29	30 SAFETY VEHICLES Laconia Police & Fire Depts	31	Sponsored by: ArborTech	

Be sure to drive down Elm Street and take a look at the new gazebo at Leavitt Park!





You're Invited!

Storytelling and Free Book Giveaway!

Brought to you by the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), Got Literacy Laconia, and the Laconia Public Library

When: Monday, July 21st @ 2:00pm
Where: Laconia Public Library

- Join CLiF for a **FUN** and **INTERACTIVE** storytelling program for both children and parents.
- Every child in attendance will get to choose **TWO NEW BOOKS** to take home and keep!
- There will be **HUNDREDS** of books to choose from with **MANY POPULAR TITLES**.



The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) brings stories and books to Laconia through a Summer Readers' Grant awarded to Got Literacy Laconia and the Laconia Public Library.

LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th 4:00PM-7:00PM
Smith Field
 OPECHEE PARK | LACONIA, NH

ADMISSION AND ACTIVITIES ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Come enjoy a true sense of our Laconia Community!
 This evening will be filled with food, fun and entertainment!

MOTORCYCLE DEMONSTRATION
 DRONE DEMONSTRATION
 FREE COOKOUT
 MILITARY BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER
 RESOURCE FAIR, FACE PAINTING AND MUCH MORE!

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

For more information contact Detective Eric Adams, eadams@laconiapd.org



2025-2026 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Post 1670



"VFW made it possible for me to go to college."
 - Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

ELIGIBILITY

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 31, 2025

PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



bit.ly/3At39Dp



bit.ly/3YP90Nw

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000

Scholar's App SCHOLAR'S APP VERIFIED

<https://scholarsapp.com>

LACONIA ROTARY
 SUMMER FRIDAYS ON ...
CONCERTS ON CANAL
 5PM - 9PM

JUNE 20TH **JULY 18TH** **AUGUST 15TH**
JULY 5TH **AUGUST 1ST**

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
ACTIVITIES
BEER

NH VINTAGE VINYL

DEFANT RECORDS AND CRAFT BEER

CANAL STREET BLOCK PARTY

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



CANAL STREET BLOCK PARTY



EBENEZER SMITH, MEREDITH'S PRIME MOVER: BIOGRAPHY OF A FOUNDING FATHER

Rudy Van Veghten was born and raised in Manchester, Vermont. He began his career as a journalist at the Meredith News in 1973, spending most of that time as editor.

After leaving Meredith in 2001, Rudy worked in publications and website management at his alma mater, Northeastern University in Boston, until moving back to Meredith following his retirement in 2020.

Van Veghten is the author of five books on Meredith history. The most recent, "Ebenezer Smith, Meredith's Prime Mover: Biography of a Founding Father," delves deep into the life and times of the one individual who championed the cause of settling the township that today encompasses Meredith, Laconia, and Center Harbor Village.

WEDNESDAY

 19 AUGUST 2025

 AT 6:00PM

 LEAVITT PARK HOUSE



 603-527-1278

 www.laconiahistory.com



Rudy Van Veghten
Presenter

BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM FIRST FRIDAYS

*Featuring Live Music, Free Museum Admission
& Local Art Reception*

Aug 1

Katie Dobbins & Friends
Textile Art Exhibit by Pamela Bartlett

Sept 5

**End of Summer Sock Hop featuring the
Rockin' Daddios Band**
Classic Cars
Root Beer Float Fundraiser
Contemporary Art by Marcia Santore

BELKNAPMILL.ORG

Sponsored by:



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

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
Joia Hughes at the City of Laconia
603-527-1270

Laconia
CITY ON THE LAKES



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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Tuesday, July 22, 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.

Franklin
VNA & Hospice

4th Annual Hospice Ball

Join us for an elegant event on:
Saturday November 1, 2025 from 5-10PM
At the Newfound Lake Inn 1030 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, N H

Tickets are \$75.00 and include a fabulous Dinner followed by Dancing, Music, Live & Silent Auctions, and a 50/50 Raffle

For Tickets Visit:

franklinvna.org/hospice-ball

or Call (603) 934-3454



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Resident Beach Stickers!

Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach are available. Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time). No cost for handicapped residents or residents over 65.

Resident Beach Stickers may be purchased at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. Please be sure to bring a copy of your current registration for the vehicle you will be putting the sticker on. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265 with questions or for more information.





JULY

LACONIA SENIOR CENTER
(603) 524-7689

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
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!!

Sun Safety

What you wear can protect you

Hats to protect the face, ears and neck

Sunglasses to protect the eyes. Look for youth-sized sunglasses with at least 99% UV protection



Summer Safety Tips for Kids

Choose cool, comfortable clothing that covers the body for additional protection



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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...

At Weirs Beach, the Gandy Dancer Saloon (seen here at right of Howard Johnson's) held a grand opening, July 17, 1975 — 50 years ago this week. The former Steam Village railroad station had been moved from Gilford. Proprietors were Skip and Carol McLean, who also owned and operated the Howard Johnson's and Saloonkeeper was Craig Farrington. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



...AND NOW

The Weirs Beach Family Restaurant, which later included the Gandy Dancer Saloon and Howard Johnson's Restaurant, was destroyed in a fire, Oct. 7, 1984.) Later restaurants, in the building up the hill from the Gandy Dancer, were the Weirs Beach Lobster Pound, Faro Italian Grille, 70 North Kitchen and Market and, currently, The Alamo Texas BBQ & Tequila Bar. The Gateway parking lot, at left, occupies the former Howard Johnson and Gandy Dancer space. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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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

Exercise Healthy Habits



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

July is National Blueberry Month - a great time to fill your plate with blueberries, other fruits, and veggies! Healthy eating is always in season.

Check out more tips for healthy eating [here](#) provided by the Centers for Disease Control Prevention.

Week of July 21 - July 25

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**

Laconia Human Relations Committee - Homelessness Subcommittee

July 20, 2025, 4:00 pm.

[Agenda](#)

Trustees of the Trust Fund

July 21, 2025, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

July 21, 2025, 5:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Rec Commission

July 21, 2025, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

July 21, 2025, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Downtown TIF District Advisory Board

July 23, 2025, 9:00 am

[Agenda](#)

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

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