

# Welcome to Laconia Links!



January 9, 2026 - Edition # 718

The Inaugural event for the 2026/2027 Mayor and City Councilors was held on January 5. See pg. 18 for more photos!

## 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)



**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of January 12**

**Kiwanis® Club of Laconia, NH** 4th Annual



**FREE THROW**  
**COMPETITION**  
**& NEW! JUMPING HIGH COMPETITION**

**FREE TO ALL LAKES REGION BOYS & GIRLS**

**SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 25th**

**Laconia Middle School**  
**150 McGrath St, Laconia, NH**

(SNOW DATE: Sunday February 1st)

Registration is at 11:45am  
Warm Up at 11:45pm  
Competition begins at 12:30pm

Walk-ins are welcome!

Register here 

**Pre-Register:**  
Text- 603-630-5531  
[kiwanishoop@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanishoop@gmail.com)

Register early for a free gift (while supplies last)

**FREE PIZZA for the competitor & their family**

Boys & Girls Age Brackets

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

Benefits Lou Athanas Basketball League, Gilford

**IRWIN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP**  
TOYOTA FORD LINCOLN HONDA HYUNDAI

**FUNSPOT**

**THRIFT SHOP**  
603.279.1410

**Live & Local! Mix 99.1 FM**  
TODAY'S HIT MUSIC



# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**MON 1/12** Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6. **KID**

**MON 1/12** Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only. **ADULT**

**TUE 1/13** Washi Tape Notebooks @3pm - ages 10-18. **TEEN**

**TUE 1/13** Kids Create: Air-Dry Clay @6pm - Best for ages 6-11. **KID**

**WED 1/14** Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3. **KID**

**WED 1/14** Mystery Book Club @4pm - 'Wish You Were Here' **ADULT**

**WED 1/14** Sketchbook Society @6pm - Best for ages 6-11. **KID**

**THU 1/15** Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3-6. **KID**

**THU 1/15** The Housing Choice Voucher Program @6pm **ADULT**

**FRI 1/16** Move & Groove @10am - Best for ages 6 and under. **KID**

**FRI 1/16** Puzzle Races @1pm - For hobby puzzle enthusiasts! **ADULT**

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto: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 **Cross Reading Room Closed**

LACONIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY

# SUNDAY SERIES 18 JANUARY

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

61-65 WATER STREET, LACONIA



**A unique program experience beyond LHMS's regular offerings, giving our community new ways to connect with the history of Laconia.**



## Laconia Historical & Museum Society

**Sunday, January 18th, 11am-1p**

We're excited to introduce the Sunday Series, a new monthly program held on the third Sunday of each month at The Archives, the LHMS Museum.

Designed to complement our regular offerings, the Sunday Series features special programming and events with a rotating focus—ranging from family-friendly experiences to adult and specialty programs throughout the year.

The inaugural Sunday Series will be family-focused, pairing hands-on creativity with the opening of our newest exhibit, Winter in Laconia. We invite families to explore local history, spark imagination, and enjoy a seasonal celebration together.

The first Sunday Series will be family-focused and will feature Winter Scene: A Community Mural, an interactive exhibit where children can create a winter-themed craft and add it to a growing mural inspired by winter in Laconia.

## Please Join Us



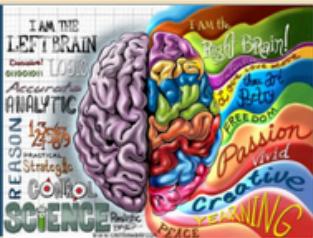
**Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's application for the 2026 – 2027 academic year is now available on their website!**

LRSF will conduct an application informational session on Tuesday, January 13th, from 4:30pm – 6:00pm at the BNH Operations Center in Gilford, for graduating seniors and other Lakes Region students who will be attending higher education this coming fall. The session will cover the scholarship application as well as additional required documents needed to complete the application packet.

Space is limited, registration is required.

To register for the informational session, or to find the application and instructions, visit [lrscholarship.org](http://lrscholarship.org)

A BOOK STUDY OF  
**THE WHOLE  
BRAIN CHILD**  
BY: DANIEL SIEGEL, MD &  
TINA PAYNE BRYSON, PhD



6 Week  
Hybrid  
Series  
Tuesdays  
6:30-8pm

Starts  
Jan 13, 2026  
  
Participants  
can choose to  
attend in  
person at our  
office  
719 N. Main St.  
Laconia, NH  
OR Virtually via  
Zoom

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.

To Register go to: [www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)  
or use the QR Code:



For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6:00pm and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration, space is limited.



The Linden Foundation

# CAREER EXPOSITION

## Health Science and Human Services



[Register »](#)

# February 2026 Regional Virtual Job Fairs

**LAKES REGION**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**  
**11AM - 1PM**

employers and job seekers must register to attend  
<https://jobfairs.nh.gov>

click or  
scan to  
register!



Lakes Region

# **ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS**

## **FOR PARENTS OF TEENS AND 'TWEENS'**

6-Week Series begins Jan 13, 2026  
Class meets Tuesdays from 6-8pm

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide training & support for families experiencing the dynamic changes of teenage development and to help parents & other caregivers prepare teens and preteens to survive & thrive in today's society.

### **TOPICS COVERED:**

- Methods of respectful discipline
- Skills for clear, honest communication
- Concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior
- How to be an encouraging parent



Register at: [www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)  
or use the QR Code: 

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



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## LAKES REGION SLED DOG CLUB

The Lakes Region Sled Dog Derby is scheduled to be held February 13-16, 2026! Don't miss their auction to raise funds for the 97<sup>th</sup> World Championship race. The auction will be held on January 24, 2026, hosted by the Laconia Country Club. Click the photo (left) for more details!

## Sand is available!



**Did you know that Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works?**

There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five-gallon pails (or the equivalent).

Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

Questions? Please call (603) 528-6379.



### Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permit has been issued as follows:

H. Hathaway Drilling & Blasting: This permit is valid until January 19, 2026 for drilling and blasting at 55 Eastman Shore Road South, Laconia, NH.

Questions? Contact H. Hathaway Drilling and Blasting at 603-867-2256.

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

### When Seconds Count...



**Which would you rather have to protect your home?**

We need your help!

If you're able, please shovel out the fire hydrants close to your home or business. In a fire seconds count! Remember to clear a 3 foot perimeter round the hydrant, especially towards the street. Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work.

A common question that is asked is why do I need to clear the hydrant, won't the fire department clear the hydrant? The answer is yes, they will as soon as they can. However the fire department still has to respond to emergency calls. The City of Laconia has over 600 hydrants to clear and we could really use your help!

**The life you save could be your own!**

# Exploring Forgetfulness As We Age



**Friday, January 23, 2026**  
**1 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Sanbornton Public Library**  
Meeting Room  
27 Meeting House Hill Road, Sanbornton

All of us have probably experienced occasional episodes of forgetfulness, however, there are differences between typical age-related forgetfulness and dementia-related illness. Learn how to keep your brain and your memory in shape with Granite VNA Community Health Educator, Brooke Noonan.

No registration required. For more information, please call 603-224-4093, ext. 85664



Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro  
603-224-4093 | 800-924-8620 • [granitevna.org](http://granitevna.org)

## ADVENTURE AWAITS AT BOLDUC PARK!

SIGN UP FOR CROSS COUNTRY SKI LESSONS TODAY.  
ADULT AND YOUTH LESSON AVAILABLE!



SIGN-UP FORMS  
AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.BOLDUCPARK.ORG](http://WWW.BOLDUCPARK.ORG)

BOLDUC PARK  
282 GILFORD AVE  
GILFORD, NH  
(603) 524- 1370



## 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.

For additional information, please call  
Franklin VNA & Hospice at 603-934-3454  
or email [info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

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

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

Franklin VNA & Hospice



## KNIT SOCKS CLASS

The first 3 Saturdays of January & February

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Belknap Mill

This class teaches knitters with basic skills how to make socks from cuff to toe. You'll learn key techniques including knitting in the round, magic loop, heel turns, measuring for fit, and shaping toes. Perfect for those tackling their first pair of socks, the course provides step-by-step guidance to build confidence and finish custom-fit socks!



\*registration required\*



Where Art and History Come to Life!

# LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, January 15th, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

The Zoom invite link to join is on our website at:

[www.laconiahousing.org/board-info](http://www.laconiahousing.org/board-info)  
Questions? Please call us at: 603-524-2112

**LRCS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
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**Please Note:** In the event that Laconia Schools cancel or delay opening due to weather, playgroups will not be held.

**Giggles + Grins and Happy Sounds**

Lakes Region Community Services Family Resource Center  
719 North Main Street Laconia, NH 03246  
603-524-8811

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

**January 2026**

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 	2 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snowflakes	3
4	5	6 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Winter Tree	7 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	8 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snow Globes	9 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Winter Scene	10
11	12	13 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Owls	14 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	15 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Polar Bears	16 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Penguins	17
18	19 	20 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Boots	21 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	22 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Hats	23 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Mittens	24
25	26	27 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snowmen	28 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	29 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Winter Windsocks	30 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Cocoa Mugs	31 

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.



The work on the gazebo at Leavitt Park is complete - stop by and take a look!



Do you drive kids under 13 years old?

Whether they are in a car seat, booster seat, or using a seat belt, the safest place for all children under 13 is in the back seat.

As a parent or caregiver, it's your job to make sure your children are in the right car seat for their ages and sizes.

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

**Building Bridges** is a trauma-informed caregiver support group for families with young children.

A safe space where parents can:

- ⊕ Build connections with other parents
- ⊕ Learn new coping strategies to manage parental stress
- ⊕ Reflect on their parenting
- ⊕ And expand knowledge on how trauma may impact children

**Building Bridges**  
A CPP-BASED PARENTING GROUP

A group for strengthening parent-child relationships

For parents/caregivers with children ages birth to 6 years

Wednesdays  
January 14-April 1, 2026

6:30-8:00 pm

LRCS Family Resource Center  
719 North Main St.  
Laconia, NH 03246

This series will be held in person only. Dinner will be served at 6pm.

Childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration. Space is limited.

To register, click the link or use the QR code:  
[www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)





**5K  
RUN & WALK**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

STARTS: 9AM  
PAUL SMITH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FRANKLIN  
more info

[granitevna.org/5k](#)

## MAPLE SUGAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DIRECTLY SUPPORT PRESCOTT FARM'S  
MISSION OF EDUCATION BY ASSISTING  
EDUCATORS AND SUGAR HOUSE LEADS  
DURING THE TAP INTO MAPLE PROGRAMS.

**FEBRUARY 17 & 18 | 10 AM - 12 PM**

**MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10 AM - 2 PM**



**MORE INFORMATION AT [PRESCOTTFARM.ORG](http://PRESCOTTFARM.ORG)**

# Living with Grief Support Group



**First Congregational Church**

115 S. Main St., Wolfeboro

**Six Wednesdays  
Starting January 14, 2026  
1:30 - 3 p.m.**

This weekly group session for adults offers a safe, caring space to share and learn alongside others whose lives and hearts have been broken open by loss. Together we discuss ways of coping with our grief and the challenges of making our way in a changed world. We welcome people who have suffered the loss of someone close, whether in their family of origin, family of choice, or friendship circle.

Registration is required. To register, please call 603-410-9519 or visit [granitevna.org](http://granitevna.org)

 **Granite  
VNA**

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## 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*



Noella Gagne Maheux, 101 years young, is the proud recipient of the City's Centennial Cane.

On hand to present Noella with the cane were Laconia Historical and Museum Society Board members Pam Clark and Warren Huse, along with Ann Dearborn Kalligian, who started the tradition in 1993 with her late husband Bob Dearborn. Congratulations Noella!

RENEW YOUR ANNUAL  
**HIKE SAFE CARD**

- Supports Fish and Game Search and Rescue preparedness
- Cardholders who act responsibly are not liable to repay the costs of a rescue

 [WildNH.com/safe](http://WildNH.com/safe)



# Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 12:00-2:00**

(while supplies last)

**Lakes Region Community College**  
**379 Belmont Road, Laconia**

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

This event is open to all. No proof of residency or income needed.

This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

**Sponsored by**  
caring neighbors.



## Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect. No vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*



## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD WANTED

Another holiday season has gone by and many of you may be wondering what to do with your cardboard boxes. The City has a cardboard box collection point at 257 Messer Street that is open 24 hours a day seven days a week.

So gather up all of those corrugated cardboard boxes you're sure to have accumulated during the holidays ....flatten them down, pile them up and bring them to the cardboard collection bin to be compacted and recycled. Cardboard brought to the Messer St. collection point versus being placed at the curb saves the City money in solid waste/recycling tax dollars. Any property owner or business in Laconia can use the Messer Street cardboard collection point.

Cardboard recycling is clean and easy. Corrugated cardboard only please! No cereal, soda/beer or shoe boxes, and no bubble wrap or air pillows.

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

# Powerful Tools for Caregivers



**ONLINE**  
**Six Wednesday Sessions**  
**January 14 - February 18**  
**2 - 3:30 p.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.

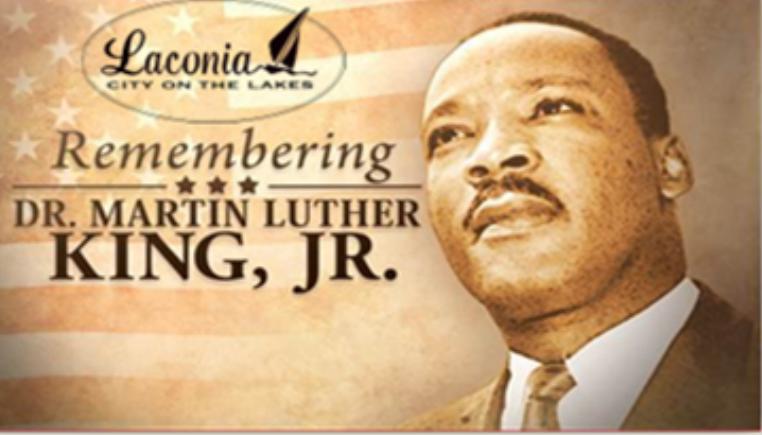
**Register by January 5th by calling  
603-224-4093, ext. 85664, visit  
[granitevna.org/calendar](http://granitevna.org/calendar), or scan QR code.**



*Please let us know when  
registering if you would  
like technical assistance  
setting up before online  
sessions begin.*

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VNA**

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***City Hall will be closed in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on  
Monday, January 19, 2026***

Celebrating the Life of  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

With narrated scripts and music  
by local choirs and Kimayo

Sunday Jan. 18, 2026

At the Congregational Church of Laconia

Doors open at 1:30pm Program starts at 2pm  
LIGHT DINNER TO FOLLOW AFTER THE PROGRAM



**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## Laconia Residents.... It's time to register your dog!

Per RSA 466:1 all dogs residing in the City of Laconia must be registered with the license number issued imprinted, as well as a paper license.

The tag issued must be worn on the dog's collar at all times.

Please remember that a valid rabies certificate and proof of inoculation (if applicable) are required to register.

For a complete list of statutes pertaining to licensing your dog, please visit the [Chapter 466 Dogs and Cats page.](#)

All dogs need to be registered by April 30th of each year.



We are happy to help register your dog in person here in City Hall or you can use our on-line registration. Just click the image (left). When processing your registration online, please be sure to add the two or three digit prefix (25 - or VET-.)

For the comfort and safety of all, we ask that you leave your dog at home when you come into City Hall to conduct business.

Although we love seeing your four-legged family members, we would like to encourage you to be conscious of others.

As always, certified service animals are welcome.

### Fees:

1st dog for owner 65+: \$ 2.00  
Civil fine for failure to  
register by April 30: \$25.00  
Late charge per month  
as of June 1: \$ 1.00

Replacement tag: \$ 1.50  
Spay/neutered dog: \$ 6.50  
Unaltered dog: \$ 9.00  
Mailing fee: \$ 1.00





# LACONIA SENIOR CENTER

(603) 524-7689



## 2026 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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<b>*Activities are subject to change*</b>  <b>*Suggested Donation \$3 per meal*</b>	<b>February Prize Calendars on SALE! 28 Chances to WIN! \$5 per calendar</b>		<b>Closed for Holiday</b>  <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena  10- Games & Puzzles
5	6	7	8	9
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30 —Word Games	10 - Activities Meeting 10:30 —Positivity Day! 11:30 – Meatballs in Tomato Pesto	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—Cream of Curry Chicken & Veggie Soup	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
12	13	14	15	16
10—Adult Coloring 10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles	10:30 —Show & Tell 11:30 –Italian Sausage, Beets in Blue Cheese over Pasta	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30—Pulled Pork w/ Apple BBQ	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10:30—DIY Painting
19	20	21	22	23
<b>Closed for Holiday</b>  	10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles 11:30—Chicken, Broccoli & Rice Casserole	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 —Wear your PJs or Comfy Clothes! 11:30—Shepherd's Pie	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles
26	27	28	29	30
9—Chair Yoga Video 10—Movie & Snack  	11:30—Sweet & Sour Meatballs 12:00—Ice Cream Social	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 —Make Cards for Rehab Friends 11:30—White Lasagna w/Chicken & Veggies	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole



### CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **January 12, 2026** 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:

**THE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR THE BELKNAP HOUSE EMERGENCY REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE SEWER LINE SERVICING THE BUILDING**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR UP TO \$100,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR BELKNAP HOUSE EMERGENCY REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF THE SEWER LINE SERVICING THE BUILDING.**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

## Laconia Historical & Museum Society – Presentation: History of the Laconia State School

A presentation by Lily Lescarbeau on the History of the Laconia State School will be presented on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Laconia Public Library.

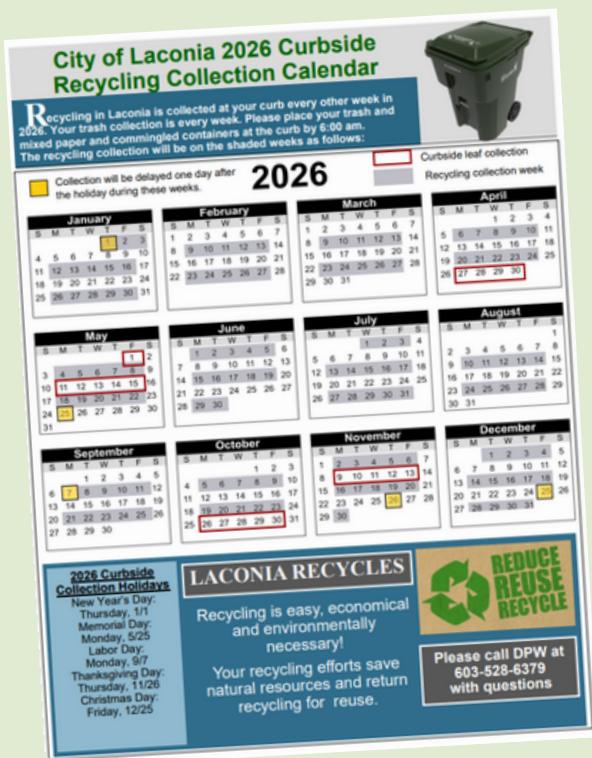
A lifelong resident of Laconia, Lily attended Laconia High School and is currently studying history and legal studies at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. A self-proclaimed history enthusiast, she earned a Diploma of Distinction for her project on Laconia High School's history during its 100th anniversary in her senior year.



Lily was the first recipient of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's Warren D. Huse Honorary Membership in 2024 and has since been an active member of the Society's Collections Team. During her senior year, she has spent countless hours studying and understanding the history of the Laconia State School.

The Laconia State School was opened in 1901, consisting of a dorm for the children and the superintendent's house. Over the years until the School's eventual closure in 1991, many buildings were built and torn down. The current property has sixteen buildings as well as numerous outbuildings used for the farm. There have been 8 superintendents over the 90 years the State School was active; Benjamin Ward Baker was superintendent for 35 years of that 90. The State School has a very rich history that while not showcased much and not well documented, is very important to share.

This program is free and open to the community as part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's 'Our Yesterdays 2026 Presentation Series.' For additional information about this program or to learn more about LHMS and upcoming events, please visit [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com) or LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.



**The new 2026 Curbside/  
Recycling Collection Calendar  
is now available!**

**Click on the calendar image (left)  
for a full-sized version,  
or pick up a copy at the  
Department of Public Works  
or the City Clerk's Office.**



# Living Well with Diabetes

## DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



University of  
New Hampshire  
Extension



**Gain the confidence and real-life skills needed  
for living a full healthy life with diabetes!**

If you or someone you care for has diabetes this workshop is for you! Learn techniques to deal with the symptoms of diabetes, such as fatigue, pain, hyper- and hypoglycemia, stress, and emotional problems such as depression, anger, fear, and frustration.

**Topics include:**

- Exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance
- How to use glucose monitoring to make daily decisions and manage sick days
- Healthy eating with diabetes
- Appropriate use of medication
- Working effectively with health care providers
- Recommended tests for prevention or delay of complications
- Proper foot care
- Action-planning, problem-solving, decision-making

The DSMP program has been approved as part of recognized Diabetes Education Programs by the American Diabetes Association and the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists.



**REGISTER**

<https://bit.ly/4pU2bEU>

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**Workshop Dates**

**Wednesdays 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**  
**January 14, 21, 28 & February**  
**4, 11, 18**

**FREE virtual workshop**

**Workshop information:**

- A series of 6 weekly sessions
- Each 2½ hour session builds on the previous week
- Full participation in the 6 weeks is highly encouraged

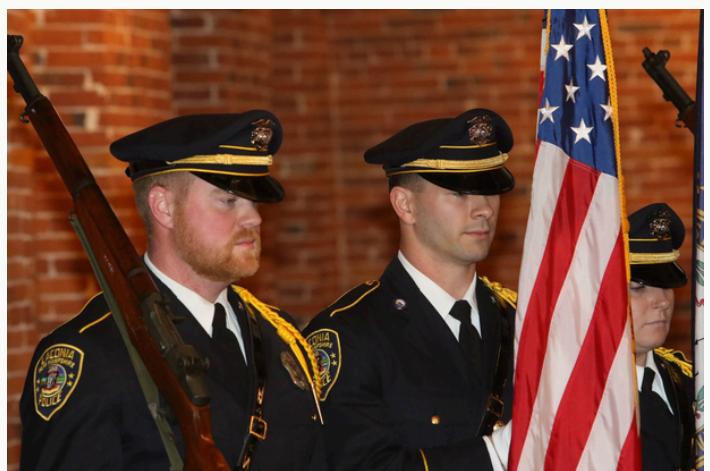
**Contact Us**

Melissa Lee  
[melissa.lee@unh.edu](mailto:melissa.lee@unh.edu)  
(603) 255-3716

If you need an accommodation to participate in our programming, please contact Melissa Lee, [melissa.lee@unh.edu](mailto:melissa.lee@unh.edu) and 603-255-3716 prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to meet your needs, including language access services if requested, which will be provided free of charge.



Our thanks to Gary Geoffroy for sharing these great photos of the Inauguration!



To watch a video of the event, please click [here](#)!

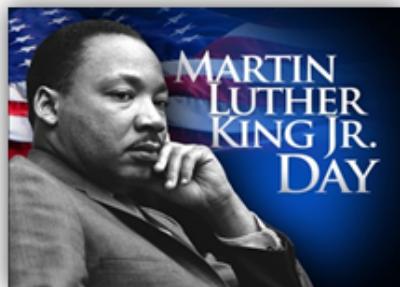
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Steve Loughlin, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle".

To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, click [here](#).



## Public Works Department

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is  
Monday, January 19th**

### *Notice to Residents on Curbside Collection Routes*

There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on January 19th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Collections for the entire week will be on their regular schedule.

For questions or additional information, please call Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.

In-Person

# Caregiver Connection



**A Caregiver Support Group**



**Tilly Market Cafe  
at the Belknap Marketplace**  
96 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont  
**January 21, 2026**  
**9:30 - 11 a.m.**

Join us and connect with other family caregivers, while enjoying an opportunity to unwind and have discussions rich in empathy and resources.

No registration required. For more information, please call 603-224-4093, ext. 85664



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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...

**In 1926 — 100 years ago this week — Laconia Motors Inc. was 'rapidly transforming the former carbarns on Union Avenue into a structure which when completed will be one of the finest motor salesrooms and completely appointed garages in this vicinity ... The firm has acquired the Ford and Lincoln agency, and is equipping itself to do a large business,' The Citizen reported. (Laconia Public Library)**

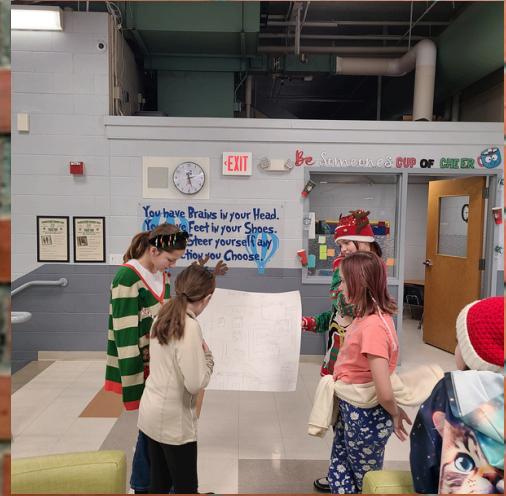


## ...AND NOW

**The Laconia Street Railway had ceased trolley operations in 1925. The building, at 370 Union Ave., occupied by the Davison Garage, was destroyed by fire, Dec. 3, 1931, and was replaced by a brick structure that was home to Moody Motors in the 1950s, Pittsfield Shoe Co. in the late 1960s, later to Decorative Interiors — and which is currently occupied by the Salvation Army Thrift Store (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



## OFFICE OF EXTENDED LEARNING



A group of students at Woodland Heights school participate in an academic support and enrichment program. This is a grant funded program. In this program students do activities covering Literacy and Math as well as learning about setting goals and practicing their communication skills. In this photo the group is presenting the stories they created.



The students at Pleasant Street School in Project Extra participate in several team building activities during their time in the after school program.



Students in the Project Extra theater club performed for their families before the holiday break.



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CITY HALL HOURS:  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
**(603) 527-1270**

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



*January is a great time for a fresh start. Try creating a healthy eating plan to help you make better choices throughout the year! Seasonal produce, like squash, kale, and carrots, can help you meet your nutrition goals even when it's cold outside. Learn more about balancing your plate:*  
<https://go.medicare.gov/3Y7eNMF>

## Upcoming Meetings

### Week of January 12 - 16

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 Airport Appointive Agency

January 12, 2026, 6:30 pm

#### Agenda

#### Laconia City Council

January 12, 2026, 7:00 pm

#### Agenda

#### Trustees of the Trust Fund

January 12, 2026, 2:00 pm

#### Agenda

#### Heritage Commission

January 14, 2026, 4:00 pm

#### Agenda



## City of Laconia Telephone Directory



Airport.....	<a href="tel:603-524-5003">603-524-5003</a>
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1268">603-527-1268</a>
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1265">603-527-1265</a>
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1270">603-527-1270</a>
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
Code Enforcement.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1293">603-527-1293</a>
Codes Director - Joe Gray	
Conservation.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1264">603-527-1264</a>
Conservation Technician - Grey Draper	
Economic Development &....	<a href="tel:603-527-1270">603-527-1270</a>
Housing - Director - Joia Hughes	
Finance.....	<a href="tel:603-524-3877">603-524-3877</a>
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing.....	<a href="tel:603-528-6331">603-528-6331</a>
Licensing - Hilary Young	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)..	<a href="tel:603-524-6881">603-524-6881</a>
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert	
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)....	<a href="tel:603-366-2229">603-366-2229</a>
Library.....	<a href="tel:603-524-4775">603-524-4775</a>
Library Director - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation.....	<a href="tel:603-524-5046">603-524-5046</a>
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel.....	<a href="tel:603-524-3877">603-524-3877</a>
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Zoning.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1264">603-527-1264</a>
Planning & Zoning Director - Rob Mora	
Police (Administration).....	<a href="tel:603-524-5257">603-524-5257</a>
Police (Crime Line).....	<a href="tel:603-524-1717">603-524-1717</a>
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office)... <a href="tel:603-528-6379">603-528-6379</a>	
Public Work-Transfer Station. <a href="tel:603-528-5822">603-528-5822</a>	
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1269">603-527-1269</a>
Tax Collector - Katie Gargano	
Water.....	<a href="tel:603-524-0901">603-524-0901</a>
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1267">603-527-1267</a>
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

#### City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Mike Bordes.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1270">603-527-1270</a>
Jon A. Hildreth (Ward 1).....	<a href="tel:603-387-9900">603-387-9900</a>
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	<a href="tel:603-524-3605">603-524-3605</a>
Robert Soucy (Ward 2).....	<a href="tel:603-524-7054">603-524-7054</a>
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3).....	<a href="tel:603-803-3425">603-803-3425</a>
Steven Bogert (Ward 5).....	<a href="tel:603-528-0613">603-528-0613</a>
Mike Conant (Ward 6) .....	<a href="tel:603-527-1270">603-527-1270</a>
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