



Welcome to Laconia Links!



January 30, 2026 - Edition # 721

Lake Opechee from Opechee Park - overlooking a fresh blanket of snow! Photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin

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



Click Here For More Info

NEW ENGLAND POND HOCKEY CLASSIC
GAME SCHEDULE IS LIVE
www.PondHockeyClassic.com

The 17th Annual New England Pond Hockey Classic is this weekend, January 30 through February 1 on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith.

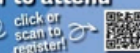
Come and watch over 275 teams competing in 500+ games across 26 rinks!

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of February 9th

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>



UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 2/2

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.

KID

MON 2/2

Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only.

ADULT

MON 2/2

Yarn & Thread @5pm - Fiber Artist Meet Up!

ADULT

TUE 2/3

Death Café @10am - Refreshments and discussion.

ADULT

TUE 2/3

Diamond Art Snowflake Magnets @3pm - Ages 10-18.

TEEN

TUE 2/3

Lego Club @3:30pm - Best for ages 6-11.

KID

WED 2/4

Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.

KID

THU 2/5

Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3-6.

KID

THU 2/5

Nonfiction Book Group @6pm - 'The Secret Life of Groceries'

ADULT

FRI 2/6

Homeschool Meet-Up @1pm

KID

MON 2/9

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.

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



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**



Presented by teens from
Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative

It is somebody's
birthday, but nobody
seems to know
whose!

Pooh's Birthday Surprise

by Jaydie Halperin

Your
favorite
characters
from the
100 more
wood plan
the party
and figure
out who
it's for.



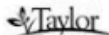
WHERE: Belknap Mill **WHEN:** February 27th
2pm

The perfect event for February break

Season Sponsors



Series Sponsors



Show Sponsors



1st Annual Lake Winnisquam Ice-Out Contest!
Join the WWN 1st Annual Ice-Out Contest and test your springtime prediction skills! Whether you're a lifelong lake resident, avid ice fisherman, local business, or just want to wager a guess, it's a fun and easy way to support the Winnisquam watershed while taking part in friendly competition!
Entries accepted through February 21st! You must be 18 years or older to participate. One guess for \$10 or three guesses for \$20. Each guess helps fund monitoring, education, and stewardship efforts that protect the lake we all love. For complete details and the submission form please go to:
winnisquamwatershed.org.



MEMORIAL FIELD SLEDDING HILL, LACONIA

FEB 20 | **HOT CHOCOLATE** | **6-8 PM**
WILL BE AVAILABLE

Dress warm, bring a sled, and get ready to have a great time at the Memorial Field Sledding Hill!

Event is free and open to all.

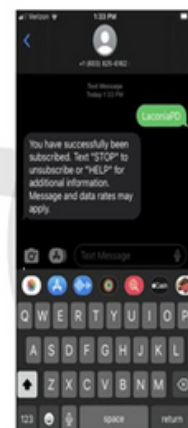


**STAY UP
TO DATE**
with the Laconia Police
Department

**COMMUNITY
UPDATES
TEXTED
DIRECTLY TO
YOU**

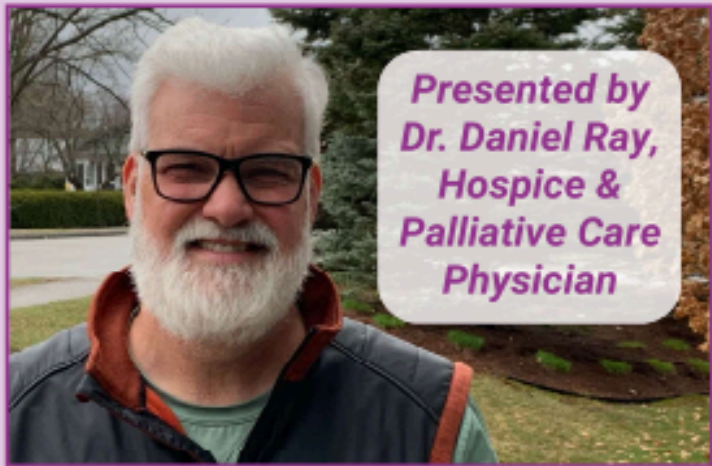
- Road Closures
- Community Events
- Department Highlights
- And More!

TEXT "LACONIAPD"
to (603) 825-6162



Honoring Life's Final Journey:

A Conversation on End-of-Life



*Presented by
Dr. Daniel Ray,
Hospice &
Palliative Care
Physician*

**Tuesday, February 10, 6 p.m.
Moultonborough Public Library**

Program Room, 4 Holland St., Moultonborough

Explore the deeply personal aspects of end-of-life care with Granite VNA Hospice Medical Director **Daniel Ray, MD**, who will share helpful insights on hospice services, advance care planning, and the emotional journey end-of-life presents for individuals and families.

**Register with the Moultonborough
Public Library by calling
603-476-8895 or at
moultonboroughlibrary.org.**

(SNOW DATE: Wednesday, February 11, at 6 p.m.)



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



Run



Walk



Roll



May 31st, 2026

Race: 8:30am

Kids Fun Run: 8:00am

**Mark Your
Calendar**



Tanger.
TILTON



www.lrmhc.org
to register or sponsor



In recognition of Mental Health Awareness
Month, proceeds will benefit
Lakes Region Mental Health Center



LACONIA VFW POST 1670

**MEAT
RAFFLE**

HOSTED BY THE POST AND AUXILIARY

\$25 PRE-BUY

**FEB
13**

**143 COURT ST
LACONIA
NH**

**6:00
PM**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND A
CHANCE TO WIN A MEAT PACKAGE.

THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8PM
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



FEBRUARY 2025 ACTIVITIES



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10—Puzzles & Games | 10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30 – Creamy Tarragon Chicken | 10-12 Prize Bingo | Caption Call - Free Presentation @ 10:30 11:30 – Chicken Provencal & Rice | 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 9:30—Coffee Social 10—Do It Yourself Birdseed Ornament Making | 603 Legal—Scams & ID Theft @ 10:30 11:30 – Veg. Mushroom & Barley Soup | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo | 10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic 10:30—Presentation by Franklin VNA 11:30—BBQ Chicken | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 11:30— VALENTINE'S PIZZA PARTY ♥ |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Closed for Holiday  | 10—Adult Coloring 11:30 –American Chop Suey | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo | 9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30— Italian Wedding Soup | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 10—Movie & Snack  | 10:30—Card Games 11:30— Chicken & Sausage Gumbo | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo | 10:30-Ping Pong & Corn Hole 11:30— Chicken & Sweet Potato Chili | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games |
| Activities are subject to change* | | | | |
| *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal | | | | |



Safety reminder: Anyone exercising, walking or skiing on a City road during periods of limited visibility (including snow storms) should wear light colored clothing with reflective material and a blinking light.

Also, you should be walking, running or skiing against traffic so that you can see vehicles coming towards you. Depending on wind speed and direction, drivers may have limited visibility and may not see you.

Walking against traffic gives you the ability to react quickly to approaching traffic if they are unable to see you.



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

Kiwanis CLUB OF LACONIA, NH **4th Annual**

FREE THROW COMPETITION

& NEW! JUMPING HIGH COMPETITION

FREE TO ALL LAKES REGION BOYS & GIRLS

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 1st

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!

Pre-Register:
 Text- 603-630-5531
 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

Register here →



Key Club Laconia High School

BNH Bank of New Hampshire

IRWIN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

GUNSPOT

GATOR

South End PIZZA

Live & Local! Mix 94.1

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, MOVEMENT, AND MAGIC!

VALENTINE'S BALFOLK DANCE

BALFOLK DANCE

ALL DANCES ARE TAUGHT! BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED. COME JOIN THE FUN AND LEARN TO DANCE, OR JUST SIT AND ENJOY THE MUSICIANS PLAYING TRADITIONAL BALFOLK MUSIC WHILE WATCHING THE DANCES. REFRESHMENTS SERVED!

FEBRUARY 15TH
4-6PM

FEATURING
 NOELLE BEAUDIN, PIANO
 SHELBY TREVOR, VIOLIN

WITH BACKING MUSICIANS ON TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENTS!

\$10 AT THE DOOR/\$5 FOR CHILDREN - ALL AGES WELCOME
 508-439-9240 OR
 UUSLFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA
 172 PLEASANT ST. LACONIA / WWW.UULACONIA.ORG



SOUL OF THE SWAMP TOUR

TAB BENOIT



WITH THE COLD STARES

JULY 2 | LACONIA, NH
THE COLONIAL THEATRE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

coloniallaconia.com

SPECTACLE Live

COLONIAL THEATRE

MVSB

Give blood.

Help save lives.

American Red Cross

Meredith Community Blood Drive:
Sponsored by Granite VNA
 January 30, 2026 12 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Granite VNA 780 N Main St, Laconia NH

SHORTAGE



Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant. See rcblood.org/heart

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org
 Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



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!

CLIMATECAFÉ®

A Climate Café is a welcoming, informal community space for conversation about climate and the environment.

A Climate Café is locally-focused, non-partisan, and requires no membership or commitment.

A Climate Café may generate friendships and engagement.

Join the first ever Climate Café in New Hampshire!

When/Where?

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 5:30-6:30 pm

@

Commune-à-Tea, 653 Main Street, Laconia

Featured Organization:

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center – Reforestation Project

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center



Citizens' Climate Lobby



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **February 9, 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:

TERMINATION OF THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LACONIA AND THE TOWN OF GILFORD GOVERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKES BUSINESS PARK

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **February 9, 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:

RESOLUTION 2026-02 – A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,100.00 AND APPROPRIATE \$57,100.00 TO THE ADMINISTRATION NON-DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT FOR THE NHDES HERBICIDE TREATMENT AND EXOTIC AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

Streetlights on City Roads that are not working



The City has approximately 1,500 streetlights on Eversource electric poles. Most of these poles are wood. Some are tall bare metal aluminum poles. Most of the latter poles are in the downtown area of the City.

Additionally, we have approximately 100 streetlights on decorative black poles that are owned by the City.

If a streetlight on an Eversource pole is not working, please call (603-528-6379) or e-mail Public Works (publicworks@laconianh.gov). You can also report it to Eversource by using their website [here](#).

If a streetlight on a black decorative pole is not working, please call or e-mail Public Works (publicworks@laconianh.gov). We appreciate your help!

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

FEBRUARY HOMESCHOOL SERIES

FEB 6 - Winter Woods Explorers

\$15/child with accompanying adult
10 am - 12 pm



FEB 13 - Snowshoeing for Kids

\$15/child with accompanying adult
10 am - 12 pm

FEB 20 - Homemade Winter Soups

\$25/child with accompanying adult
10 am - 12 pm



Ages: Recommended 6-14, siblings of children outside of this age range are welcome to attend. Anyone 3 years or older at the time of the program must be registered.

More information on February-April Programs at prescottfarm.org

Education Freedom Account payments accepted



ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS

Notify Me allows you to subscribe to an unlimited number of email lists.

The City of Laconia's website offers an easy way to find out about important notices and items affecting residents in our community. Visit our website at www.laconianh.gov and scroll down until you see the image above.

Click on the image and it will bring you to the Alerts & Notifications section on our website.

You can choose which items you wish to have e-mailed or texted to you... everything from weather related closings, trash pickup delays, City job opportunities, agendas as they are posted on our website, and much more!

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at (603) 527-1270 or email NBrown@laconianh.gov

EXTREME COLD

NEIGHBOR CHECK

Ready. 

CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS IN AN EMERGENCY

For more tips visit
www.ready.gov



VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS

February 3 at 5:30 p.m.

February 18 at 12 p.m.

Join CASA staff and an active volunteer to learn more about the impact you can make on a child's future as a volunteer advocate.




CASA of NH's convenient virtual info sessions make it easy to learn about volunteering for CASA and helping a NH child in need. Join us for a virtual info session next month to learn more about how you can make a life-changing difference for a child in need. Register today:
www.casanh.org/infosessions



Save the Date

LHMS Annual Meeting 2026

Celebrate our accomplishments, recognize the people behind them and share what's ahead in the new year!

 **Tuesday, February 17, 2026 8:00AM**

THE ARCHIVES

AT THE LACONIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY

OPEN HOURS

SATURDAYS
9:00AM - 12:00PM

97TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLED DOG DERBY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

7:00 PM Starting Order DRAW LIVE on Facebook

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

10:00 AM Six-Dog Classic

1:00 PM Unlimited Class - World Championship Day 1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

10:00 AM Six-Dog Classic

12:00 PM Three Dog Junior

1:30 PM Unlimited Class - World Championship Day 2

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

10:00 AM Six-Dog Classic

12:00 PM Three-Dog Junior

12:40 PM One-Dog Dash!

1:30 PM Unlimited Class - World Championship Day 3

4:00 PM Raffle + Awards Ceremony @ Start/Finish Line!



START/FINISH LINE OPECHEE STATE FOREST
OLD N. MAIN ST. & PARADE RD. LACONIA, NH
SPECTATOR PARKING - ACROSS STREET START/FINISH

SPONSORED BY:



FOOD VENDOR + MERCHANDISE ON SITE! WWW.LRSDC.ORG



Keep snow and ice 5 feet away from fire hydrants.

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.



Winter can affect mood and energy for many people and that's more common than you might think. The good news: support is three digits away. Call or text 988 anytime to connect with someone who's ready to listen; confidential and no cost to you.



**JOIN US SATURDAY NIGHT
JANUARY 31ST.
WITH DJ LARRY FOR
KARAOKE,,MUSIC AND DANCE.
6PM**

For all Veterans and guests
Got the winter blues?
Come to the VFW POST 1670
143 Court Street Laconia N.H
And warm up with us in the Canteen
Feel free to bring a snack
or dish.
Donations welcome.



FREE TAX PREPARATION

EASY. FREE. TAX HELP YOU CAN TRUST.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a **FREE** tax preparation program designed for low-to-moderate income households with an income of **\$69,000 or less**, prepared by *IRS certified volunteers*.

Call 211 or Visit NHTaxHelp.org to make an appointment

Laconia VITA - By Appointment

Tuesdays: 5 pm to 8 pm

Saturdays: 9 am to 1 pm



2.1.1

Get Connected. Get Help.™
An Initiative of Granite United Way



In partnership with



A Matter of Balance Virtual Translation

Virtual (Zoom)
**Optional Program Introduction/
Tech Assist on Wednesday,
February 4, 2026 1-1:30 p.m.**

**A Matter of Balance Sessions
(8 weeks) Thursdays,
February 5 - March 26
1 - 3 p.m.**

Don't let the fear of falling limit your activities.
"A Matter of Balance" classes provide the tools needed to gain confidence and learn simple fall prevention strategies.

Please note that a computer, laptop, or mobile device with a camera and microphone are required to participate. Technical instruction is available to participate in this group.

To register, call 603-224-4093, ext. 85664, visit granitevna.org/calendar, or scan QR code. Registration deadline is January 26, 2026.



You're as young as you feel!



Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby

Save the Date
February 7-8, 2026

[Click Here For More Info](#)



LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES
Engage. Empower. Inspire.

SHARED FAMILY LIVING

More than a place to live.

Shared Family Living Home Providers
open their hearts and homes long-term to a person with a disability. They provide a room, meals, and care depending on an individual's needs and abilities.

What You Can Expect As A Shared Family Living Home Provider:

- Work From Home for Ideal Work/Life Balance
- 24-Hour On-Call System
- Rewarding Career
- Comprehensive Training
- Collaborative Support Team

Providers are paid a tax-exempt stipend based on the level of assistance required by the individual.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PROVIDER



603.524.8811
sflrecruitment@lrccs.org



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

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

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

Franklin VNA & Hospice



LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION

Memorial Park and Opechee Park Skating Rinks are now open!

Bundle up and get outside with your family to have some fun!

Questions? Please call Parks & Rec at (603) 524-5046.

DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE



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.



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 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 30 each year.

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 4/30: | \$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 |



The Café Déjà Vu Team
Invites you to join us for

Weekly
**CRIBBAGE
TOURNAMENTS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

7PM

SEPT 3, 2025 - MAY 27, 2026

Bring your friends!

\$10.00pp - Compete in 5 one-on-one games

Also some \$1.00 side pots for High Hand and Flush in the Kitty
AND 25¢ for 19 hand and 50¢ for a skunk

At Laconia VFW on Court St

Come one week, ten weeks or all of them



The home of
"Flower"

Cash Prizes for total high scores
(Prizes awarded based on number of entries)

Friendly Games
No muggins/cut throat
For more info call (603) 998-1418

**February is
American Heart Month**



*This year marks the 62nd consecutive
American Heart Month!*

*President Lyndon B. Johnson first issued
an American Heart Month proclamation in
1964 and since then, U.S. presidents have
annually declared February as American
Heart Month.*

*Please visit the American Heart
Association's [website](#) for helpful information.*



ARE YOU A KINSHIP CAREGIVER?

When relatives like grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings or close family friends are raising a child because the parents can not, that is Kinship Care.

Kinship care is becoming increasingly common. Help us learn how best to connect you with support and services including opportunities to connect with other kinship caregivers.

Please take a moment to take this brief survey to help us determine the best dates, times and topics for supportive groups to be held.

Survey will be open through February 15, 2026

To access the survey:

- Scan the QR Code
- Click this link: <https://forms.gle/eAZr8RvtHNZTZRB47>
- Or call Trish Tousignant at 603-528-0391





**CLEAR THE SNOW
BEFORE
YOU GO**

After the recent snowstorm, the Laconia Police Department is reminding drivers to clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before heading out. ❄️

Snow left on your roof, hood, windows, or lights can blow off at road speeds, creating a sudden whiteout for other drivers and putting everyone at risk.

A few extra minutes in the driveway can prevent a crash on the road. Thank you for doing your part to obey Jessica's Law and keep Laconia's roads safe.



FUNds 4 Paws.org
**SAVING ANIMALS
TRIATHLON**
AT FUNSPOT

Get ready for action at the 2026 Saving Animals Indoor Triathlon at Funspot! Gather your pals, pets, and excitement, and pencil in this must-not-miss event!

This year's event is on
Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Register Now!

In-Person Caregiver Connection



A Caregiver Support Group



Tilly Market Cafe
at the Belknap Marketplace

96 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont

February 18, 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**



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

18th Annual



- 📅 Saturday March 7th 2026
- 🕒 Doors open at 9:30 am
Play starts at 11:00 am
(Pay \$35.00 after 10:30 am)
- 👤 Winni Bar & Billiards

REGISTER TODAY!

Register at:
www.robbiemills.org

For more information contact:
Kamini Caswell at 603-225-3710 or
kcaswell@nhyouth.org

30.00 PP Donation includes:

Time to practice, Lunch & entry for door prizes

Sponsor a player: If you can't play, Pay for a player that can't afford it!



TROPHIES | CASH PRIZES | FOOD
RAFFLES | 50/50 | LIVE AUCTION

Pre-Pay by February 24th and receive a free T-Shirt
Double Elimination - BCA Rules apply



Title Sponsor.....\$1,500

1 AVAILABLE

- Logo/Name onto event banners displayed at high-visibility areas.
- Logo/Name featured on all advertising materials (both print and digital) related to the event.
- Large Logo/Name on the back of event t-shirts.
- Logo/Name on (2) 12" x 18" signs positioned on pool tables
- Public recognition at the event as the Title Sponsor, announced during key moments.
- Acknowledgment during the awards ceremony

Website Sponsor.....\$1,000

1 AVAILABLE

- Logo/Name on the event registration website.
- Name displayed on (2) 12" x 18" signs on pool tables.
- Recognition in pre-event marketing.
- Public recognition at the event as the Website Sponsor.
- Acknowledgment during the awards ceremony.

Prize Sponsor.....\$500

4 AVAILABLE

- Logo/Name on event signage.
- Logo/Name featured on the sleeve of event t-shirts.
- Name displayed on (2) 12" x 18" signs on pool tables.
- Recognition in pre-event marketing.
- Public recognition at the event.
- Acknowledgment during the awards ceremony.

T-Shirt Sponsor.....\$200

10 AVAILABLE

- Logo/Name prominently on event signage.
- Logo/Name featured on back of the event t-shirts.
- Name displayed on a 12" x 18" sign at the event
- Public recognition at the event.

Tourney Chart Sponsor.....\$100

3 AVAILABLE

- Logo/Name displayed on this sign above the tournament chart.
- Name featured on event signage.
- Public recognition at the event.

Table Sponsor.....\$50

10 AVAILABLE

- Name prominently displayed on event signage.
- Name featured on two 12" x 18" signs on pool tables.
- Public recognition at the event.

Player Sponsor.....\$30

- Name displayed on event signage.
- Public recognition at the event.
- Sponsorship includes covering a player's registration fee, allowing a player to participate in the tournament.

PROPERTY TAXES TOO HIGH? LET'S TALK.

**COMMUNITY FORUM + Q&A SESSION
ON PROPERTY TAXES + SCHOOL FUNDING.**

**FEBRUARY 19TH 6:00PM
LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL**

LED BY A GROUP OF CONCERNED CITIZENS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NH SCHOOL FUNDING FAIRNESS PROJECT, SCHOOL FUNDING ATTORNEYS + ABLE NH, MODERATED BY FORMER NH ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL MCLAUGHLIN

SIGN UP: FAIRFUNDINGNH.ORG/EVENTS



The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation celebrates its 70th year since being established by a group of eight civic minded community groups in 1956 who awarded 17 recipients a total of \$2,650.00. Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation acts as a clearinghouse for donor funds, using one application which is screened by the Board of Directors. Many of the students receive a combination of scholarship awards. The Trustees, Administrative Directors, staff and volunteers are dedicated to carrying out the mission : “the promotion and encouragement of scholarships and opportunities for higher education among residents of the Lakes Region...”. Through 2025, LRSF has awarded a total of \$10,956,663.00 to 6,270 recipients from 654 donors.

At the Annual Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, which was held on January 21st. Jessica Beane, Andrea Besegai, Leisa D’Amour and Teresa Mahoney Mullen were welcomed as new Board Trustees. Jessica is active in the community and is a Banking Office Manager at the Gilford Lakeshore office of BNH. She volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul and has been on the board of Hands Across The Table. Andrea is a math and science teacher in the Laconia School District for the past 24 years. Leisa is the Schools Director for Special Olympics New Hampshire working with communities to strengthen student leadership through Unified sports bringing students of all abilities together. She was a 4th grade teacher in the Belmont School District for 14 years and also served as the secretary for the Cpl. Scott G. Dimond Scholarship Fund. Teresa is a partner in Minkow and Mahoney Mullen. P.A. providing legal services. Her concentration is family law, guardianships, mediation, estate planning and probate.

The board also thanked retiring Board Trustees Gayle Price, James Carroll, Phil Bonafide for having reached their maximum term limits and Kathy Gilman for her years of service to LRSF. Gayle, James, Phil and Kathy have been valued members of the team, sharing their knowledge, time, and expertise over the years. Both Gayle and James served roles on the Executive Committee. Gayle was Board Vice President in 2023 & 2024 and most recently served as Board President in 2025 & 2026. James dedicated the past five years as Board Secretary.

Scholarship Applications for the 2026 – 2027 Academic School Year are now being accepted and are available on the Foundation’s website at: www.lrscholarship.org . The deadline for applications is April 1, 2026.



Executive Director, Chris Guilmett and Director Karen Switzer (far right), thanked retiring Trustees, for their 34 (cumulative) years of dedicated service to LRSF! (l to r) Phil Bonafide, Gayle Price (outgoing President), Jim Carroll (outgoing Secretary), Kathy Gilman, Chris, and Karen.



Chris Guilmett and Karen Switzer welcomed new LRSF Trustees at the Annual Board meeting. (left to right) Chris Guilmett, Executive Director, Andrea Besegai, Jessica Beane, Leisa D’Amour, Teresa Mahoney Mullen, and Karen Switzer, Director.



BUILDING BRIDGES

A CPP-BASED PARENTING GROUP

A group for strengthening parent-child relationships



Open to all parents/caregivers



Wednesday Evenings
Beginning March 4, 2026

New
start
date!



6:30-8:00pm

NOW BEING OFFERED AS A 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 who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6pm and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration.



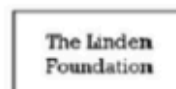
Building Bridges is a trauma- informed caregiver support group.

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

To register, click the link or use the QR code:

www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/



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 ...

Lakeport Passenger Station, at right, is seen in a 1961 photo, with the Freight Depot at left. Both were built in early 1900. After the passenger station was closed in 1953, it was purchased by the city of Laconia in 1958 and later occupied by the Civil Defense Office and then by the Community Action Committee for a time in the late 1960s. Facing demolition in July 1986, it was dismantled and moved across Elm Street, where it remained until 1992, when the components were placed in storage at the Laconia Airport. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Nine years after being moved to the Laconia Airport in Gilford, the remains of the passenger station were set to be destroyed, 25 years ago this week, in 2001. (See 'Time runs out' on facing page.) The Freight Depot is still there, but the Passenger Station site is now used for storage of boats. (Jeremy Hart/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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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!



Winter and ice go hand-in-hand but falls on ice don't have to! Despite the abundance of ice in NH and the fall hazard it presents, there are things you can do to prepare and reduce the risk of falling in the winter.

Click on the image (above) to check out five tips for reducing winter falls risks provided by the National Council on Aging.



Week of February 2 - 6

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](http://www.laconianh.gov). 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.

Water Commission
February 2, 2026, 5:30 pm
Agenda

Planning Board
February 3, 2026, 6:30 pm
Agenda

Public Works Subcommittee
February 2, 2026, 3:00 pm
Agenda

Special Events Review Committee
February 4, 2026, 12:00 noon
Agenda

Appointments Subcommittee
February 5, 2026, 6:00 pm



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

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Mike Conant (Ward 6). [603-527-1270](tel:603-527-1270)
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