



# 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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



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



Click Here For More Info

NEW ENGLAND POND HOCKEY CLASSIC  
GAME SCHEDULE IS LIVE  
[www.PondHockeyClassic.com](http://www.PondHockeyClassic.com)

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Pond Hockey Classic is this weekend, January 30 through February 1 on Lake Winnipesaukee in Meredith.

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

## 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!

# 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](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**

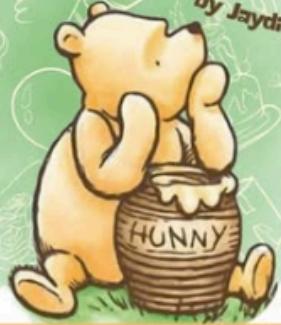
Presented by teens from  
Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative

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

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

## Pooh's Birthday Surprise

by Jaydie Halperin



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](http://winnisquamwatershed.org).



PARKS & RECREATION

# SLEDDING PARTY

MEMORIAL FIELD SLEDDING HILL, LACONIA

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

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

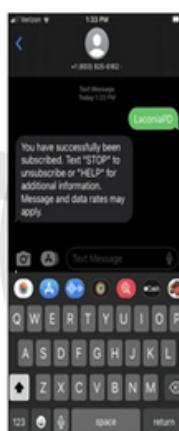
with the Laconia Police  
Department

COMMUNITY  
UPDATES  
TEXTED  
DIRECTLY TO  
YOU

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

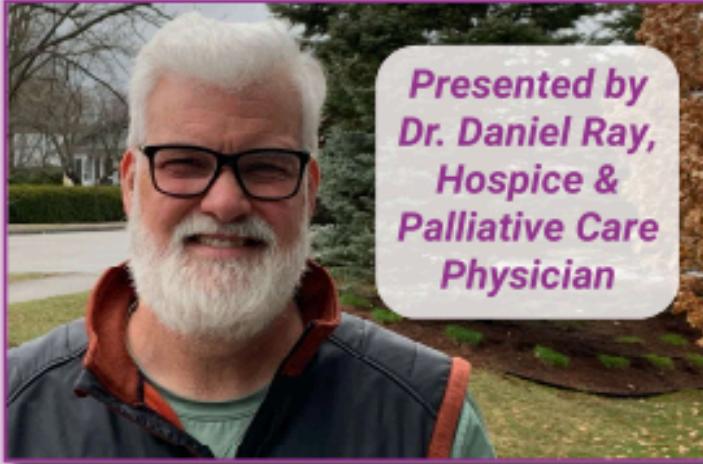
TEXT "LACONIAPD"

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](http://moultonboroughlibrary.org).

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



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



Run

Walk

Roll

**May 31st, 2026**

Race: 8:30am  
Kids Fun Run: 8:00am

**Mark Your Calendar**



**Tanger**  
TILTON



[www.lrmhc.org](http://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**



## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

### FEBRUARY 2025 ACTIVITIES

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



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



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!

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

**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

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

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

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**Franklin VNA & Hospice**

**5K**  
**RUN & WALK**

**STARTS: 9AM**  
**PAUL SMITH**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**FRANKLIN**  
**more info**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

**QR code**

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

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**

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:NBrown@laconianh.gov)

# EXTREME COLD

## NEIGHBOR CHECK

Ready.

CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS IN AN EMERGENCY

For more tips visit  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



## 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**



## 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](http://www.casanh.org/infosessions)

## 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**

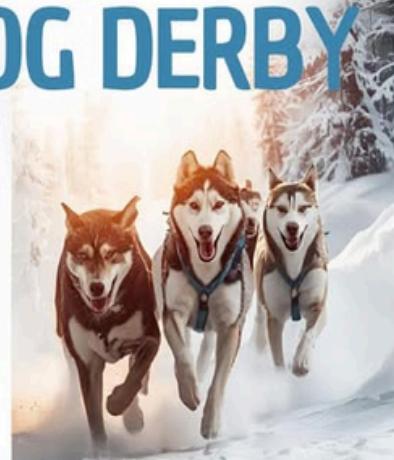
10:00 AM Six-Dog Classic

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!

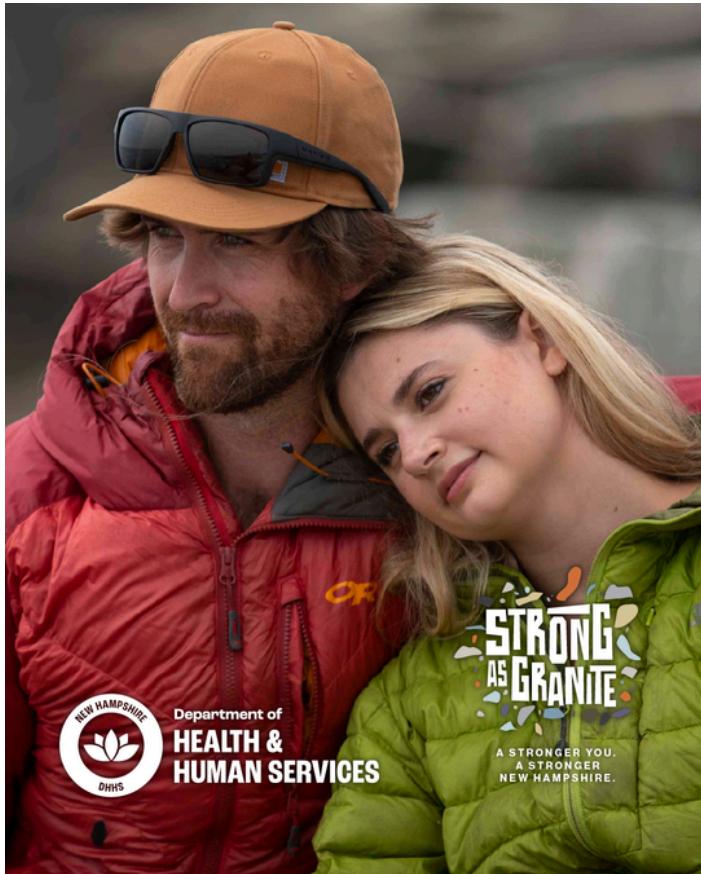
[WWW.LRSDC.ORG](http://WWW.LRSDC.ORG)





## 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](http://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.<sup>™</sup>  
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](http://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](#)



## 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@lrcs.org](mailto:sflrecruitment@lrcs.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](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

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

**Franklin VNA & Hospice**



### 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



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](http://granitevna.org)

18th Annual



■ Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.robbiemills.org)

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

10 AVAILABLE

- Logo/Name on two 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

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.

Tournament Chart Sponsor ..... \$100

3 AVAILABLE

- Logo/Name displayed on the 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.

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.

Player Sponsor ..... \$30

1 AVAILABLE

- 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 MC LAUGHLIN

SIGN UP: [FAIRFUNDINGNH.ORG/EVENTS](http://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](http://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



Open to all parents/caregivers



Wednesday Evenings  
Beginning March 4, 2026



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.

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



**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/](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/)



Granite United Way



# 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.

## Upcoming Meetings

### 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](#). 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

## 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>	
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	

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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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