



Welcome to Laconia Links!

February 13, 2026 - Edition # 723

A view from the Boardwalk in Weirs Beach on a beautiful sunny day! (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



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of February 23rd



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

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WWW.LRSDC.ORG

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2.16-2.23 2026

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 2/16	Library Closed - President's Day.	MULTI
TUE 2/17	Drop-In Tech Help @10am	ADULT
TUE 2/17	Fiction Book Group @10am - 'Remarkably Bright Creatures'	ADULT
TUE 2/17	Lego Club @3:30pm - Best for ages 6-11.	KID
WED 2/18	Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.	KID
WED 2/18	Drop-In Tech Help @2pm	ADULT
WED 2/18	Cozy Coloring @3pm - Ages 10-18. Coloring and cocoa!	TEEN
THU 2/19	Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3-6.	KID
THU 2/19	Empowering Kids: Healthy Relationships @6pm	ADULT
SAT 2/21	Family Craft @10am - Fizzy Painting!	KID
MON 2/23	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 **Cross Reading Room Closed**



LAKES REGION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2026 LUCKY SCHOLARS WREATH RAFFLE



EACH WREATH HAS A TOTAL OF \$200 WORTH OF SCRATCH TICKETS!
TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH AND CAN BE PURCHASED ON OUR WEBSITE



Lucky Scholars Wreath Raffle
| website
www.lrscholarship.org

GOOD LUCK!

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT OUR
ANNUAL BENEFIT NIGHT
MARCH 3 @
FRATELLO'S LACONIA



A BRAND NEW CONCERT EXPERIENCE FROM THE CO-FOUNDER OF VOYAGE

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THE LOOK.
THE LEGACY.

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JOURNEY TRIBUTE™

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OPECHEE DAY CAMP

June 22nd - August 14th
OPECHEE PARK HOUSE
LACONIA, NH

Registration open for Laconia residents starting
March 1 and to nonresidents starting April 1

RESIDENTS: \$150 per week

NON RESIDENTS: \$190 per week

weekly
enrollment!

field trips an
additional fee

for more information, please email
parksandrec@laconianh.gov or call the
Community Center at (603) 524-5046



ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS

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

The City of Laconia's website includes an "Alerts & Notifications" section where information important to our residents is posted. In the case of the recent water main break on Court Street, alert messages were sent out to everyone who requested them. You can sign up to receive these alerts which 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 where 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

Mark your calendar and gather some friends! Help celebrate the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's 70th anniversary by attending LRSF's Annual Benefit Night at Fratello's Restaurant in Laconia, on Tuesday, March 3rd, from 4pm to closing, courtesy of the McDonough Family. Twenty-five percent of the food portion of every order will go directly to benefit the LRSF Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund – FOFOF, whether you're dining in or take out.

Executive Director, Chris Guilmett commented "Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is grateful for the continued support of the McDonough Family through this annual benefit night! It is a win-win for people in the area. Those who attend get a delicious meal in addition to helping out LRSF. All you need to do, when placing your order, is mention that you are there to support Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Since 1956, close to \$11 million dollars in scholarships have been awarded by the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, to Lakes Region students and residents who have gone on to further their education. We hope the many diners who have supported us in the past, as well as many new patrons, will join us for a festive evening of celebration at Fratello's!"

"Tickets for our first "Lucky Scholars" lottery scratch ticket wreath drawing will also be available for purchase.", added LRSF Director, Karen Switzer. Along with being able to purchase tickets for "Lucky Scholars" that evening, tickets can also be purchased ahead of time directly through Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's website at: www.lrscholarship.org. Stay current by following Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation on Facebook or Instagram.

Shown (right) are Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Executive Director, Chris Guilmett (left) and Director, Karen Switzer (right), check in with Chris McDonough (center) of Fratello's Restaurant in Laconia, regarding their upcoming Annual LRSF Benefit Night. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd from 4pm to closing.

A portion of all food (in house or take out) purchase will go to the Foundation, which this year, is celebrating its 70th Anniversary!



City Hall will be closed all day on Monday, February 16th for Presidents Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience!



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER

(603) 524-7689

2026 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9—Chair Yoga Video 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Cribbage/Puzzles	10 - Activities Meeting 11:30 – Turkey w/Harvest Vegetable & Wild Rice Stew	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Show & Tell 11:30—Sweet Heat BBQ Pork	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
9	10	11	12	13
9—Chair Yoga Video 10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles	10:30—Special Music: James Tremblay Band 11:30—Baked Mac & Cheese w/Ham & Peas	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—Valentine's Lunch & Raffle	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole & Fishing Game
16	17	18	19	20
Closed for Holiday 	11:30 –Mardi Gras Party – Chicken & Sausage Gumbo 12:00—Ice Cream	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30—Teriyaki Meatball w/Pineapple Rice	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
23	24	25	26	27
9—Chair Yoga Video 10—Movie & Snack 	10:30—When is it Time for Assisted Living?—Peabody Place 11:30—Hot Roast Beef	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Evolution of the Phone—Interactive Event (NH Telephone Museum) 11:30—Chicken & Eggplant Parmesan	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole & Fishing Game
PRIZE CALENDAR FUNDRAISER FOR ACTIVITIES @ LACONIA SENIOR CENTER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT		\$5 EACH NO LIMIT!! PURCHASE MORE THAN	PRIZE EVERY DAY! *28 WINNERS*	GRAND PRIZE ON VALENTINE'S DAY *LACONIA COUNTRY CLUB (GOLF & CART FOR 4)* *Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal*

St. André Bessette Parish Spring CONTRA Dance

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Traditional Contra, Waltz, and Square Dances!

No need to bring a partner... No need to know how!
The night will begin with a half-hour tutorial.

31 GILFORD AVE
LACONIA, NH
6PM-9PM

Tickets
\$10 Per Person
\$25 for Family of 4

TO BENEFIT THE
ST ANDRE BESETTE YOUTH MINISTRY

Baked Goods, Snacks and Beverages available to purchase

Live music!
Featuring caller
Don Heinold

For tickets and information, email Christa at sabyouthministry@gmail.com or call the parish office at 603-524-9609

BLOOD SHORTAGE

Blood donors needed now



Weirs Community Park Association Blood Drive

Friday February 20th
10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Weirs Community Park Hall
25 Lucerne Ave
Laconia, NH 03246

Blood Supplies are CRITICALLY LOW

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

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

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PARKS & RECREATION

SLEDDING PARTY

MEMORIAL FIELD SLEDDING HILL, LACONIA

**FEB
20** | HOT CHOCOLATE | **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.



APRIL 18TH

DISCOVER WILD NH DAY

PRESENTED BY:
 WILDLIFE HERITAGE FOUNDATION OF NH



NH F&G HQ



11 Hazen Dr
Concord, NH
03301

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

Discover Wild New Hampshire Day is back on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10 am to 3 pm at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord.

This free, family friendly outdoor festival celebrates 36 years of connecting people to New Hampshire's wildlife and outdoor traditions. Enjoy live animals, hands on activities like archery and casting, retriever dog demos, crafts, food trucks, and educational exhibits from across the state. Be sure to stop by

Forever Locked, a powerful educational exhibit highlighting New Hampshire moose and their role in our wild landscape.

Hosted by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and presented by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire.

*More Information:
[Click here](#)*

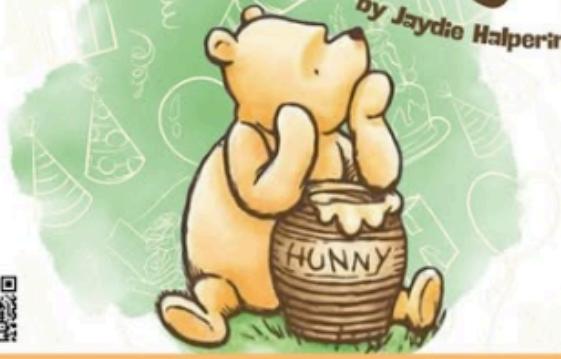
Presented by teens from
Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative

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

Pooh's Birthday Surprise

by Jaydie Halperin

Your
favorite
characters
from the
100 acre
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



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

5K RUN & WALK



SATURDAY,
APRIL 25

PAUL SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FRANKLIN, NH
RACE STARTS AT 9AM

REGISTRATION OPEN!



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!



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 23, 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:

ORDINANCE 2026-235-41, 70 – AMENDING CHAPTER 235, ZONING, RELATIVE TO ARTICLE VII, SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS, SECTION 235-41, RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY USES; AND ARTICLE XI, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SECTION 235-70, POWERS AND DUTIES OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REGARDING SHORT-TERM LODGING REGULATIONS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CAREER EXPOSITION

All Careers



Date and Time: Friday Mar 13, 2026

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT

Setup at 8:30am-9am / Career Expo 9am-Noon
Job Fair 11am-1pm

Location: Lakes Region Community College
CAT BUILDING, 379 Belmont Rd, Laconia NH

Contact Information

For more information, call the Chamber at
603-524-5531.

[Register »](#)

Let's work together to build bridges between your business and the talented individuals eager to contribute to your success. Be a part of Career Expo and make a difference in shaping the future! This is a collaborative event brought to you by the Lakes Region Community College, Lakes Region Chamber, ApprenticeshipNH and NH Employment Security bringing students from area middle schools, high schools, technical centers as well as the college together to explore who our local employers are, what career paths they offer and stories to share.

Microphone icon Special Event Details:

This event will focus on ALL Careers - ALL Industries. Students will engage with our local employers in a expo setting, hear stories from up to four unique panels featuring LRCC students, educators and business leaders sharing their paths to today.

Microphone icon Program Overview:

Middle Schoolers 9am-11am
High Schools/CTE 10am-Noon
Public 11am-1pm

EMPLOYERS, register today to secure your spot in our March Career Expo. If you are interested in actively participate on the panel, please e-mail Karmen Gifford at kgifford@lakesregionchamber.org

EDUCATORS, if you would like to bring students to this event, interested in tours or have special interests, please email Steve Tucker at stucker@ccsnh.edu.

Together, let's make a positive impact on the future of the Lakes Region workforce.




A 5K Run/Walk/Roll to benefit
mental health services



 Sunday, May 31, 2026

 8am Kids Fun Run
8:30am Race Begins

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TILTON

 www.lrmhc.org



BE OUR GUEST AT THE ANNUAL MEETING 2026

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

17, February 2025

8:00 - 9:00 AM

61-65 Water Street, Laconia



For more information or to RSVP by February 12th:
website: laconiahistory.com
call: 603-527-1278

LACONIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY

SUNDAY SERIES

15 FEBRUARY

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

61-65 WATER STREET, LACONIA

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

Laconia's Historic
Scavenger
Hunt

Register Today!



ONLINE Caregiver Connection



**March 26, 2026
10 - 11 a.m.**

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

Registration is required.

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

To register, call 603-224-4093, ext. 85664 or visit granitevna.org/calendar.



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VNA**

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



Free Skiing/Riding Day for Veterans!

The Lakes Region Veterans Coalition and Gunstock Mountain Resort are partnering to offer free skiing/riding for Veterans at Gunstock on Monday, March 9th, 2026. This is offered at no cost to any participating Veterans!

The event includes lift passes, free equipment rental if needed and skiing or snowboarding instruction for veterans who have never skied or ridden before or need a refresher. It also includes a free lunch at the Barrel Bar & Grille at Gunstock.

The event will start with lunch at 11:30AM followed by skiing or riding in groups based on ability level. However, Veterans can arrive as early as 9AM to ski/ride on their own or with other Veterans until lunch.

Again, this event is free for participating Veterans! Spaces are limited and will be given out on a first come, first served basis but priority will go to Veterans who have not participated in this event in the past.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to info@lrvcnh.org no later than Monday, February 23rd, particularly if you need equipment, as this will make the process of getting the equipment on March 9th much quicker and easier.



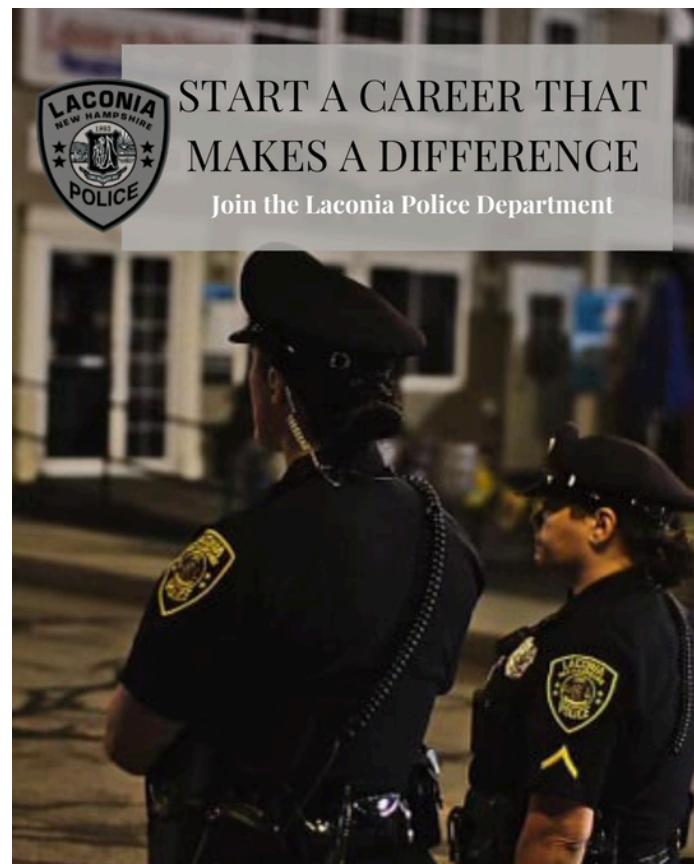
February is
**NATIONAL
CANCER
PREVENTION
MONTH**



Here's What to Know About Tax Scams



It's tax filing season. You can avoid falling for a tax scam. Know what to watch out for! Click on the image above for important information



**START A CAREER THAT
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Join the Laconia Police Department



Start a career where you can make a real impact every day. The Laconia Police Department offers opportunities to grow, serve, and specialize—whether your path leads to patrol, investigations, K-9, SRO, UAV, traffic, or more.

- ✓ Competitive pay & benefits
- ✓ Certified & entry-level applicants welcome
- ✓ Visit our website to apply

Questions? Reach out to our Recruitment Team at recruitment@laconiapdnh.gov

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



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PREVENT
Winter Storm
DAMAGE

SNOW LOAD SAFETY



NH STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Did you know that the weight of heavy snow piled on top of a roof can cause structural damage or collapse?

With this year's snowfall it is essential to monitor the snow depth on your roof.

Snow removal can be dangerous, so before you try to perform roof snow removal yourself, you should focus on safe snow removal techniques. A qualified individual should follow necessary protocols for safe snow removal to minimize risk of personal injury.

Review [FEMA's Snow Load Safety Guide](#) to learn more.

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



LACONIA VFW POST 1670

MEAT RAFFLE

HOSTED BY THE AUXILIARY

\$25 PRE-BUY
OR PLAY PER GAME

MARCH 13, 6PM

143 COURT ST

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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



THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8PM



NEW HAMPSHIRE WRITERS' PROJECT

Come. Write. Together.

Connect with fellow writers in a relaxed gathering at the Belknap Mill to share what you're working on, what you're reading, your submission goals, and whatever else inspires your creative journey!
Wednesday, February 18 - 6-7:30 pm
No registration required - free for all to attend!

Granite
VNA

Blood Drive



**Friday,
March 13
1 - 6 p.m.**

Granite VNA - Laconia

**780 North Main Street
Opechee Room**

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

PLEASE HELP & DONATE!

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 BELKNAP MILL PRESENTS FEATHER A NEST WORKSHOP

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Instructor Molly Harper

Create a cheerful spring bird and nest while learning basic handbuilding with air-dry clay. Explore simple techniques, then take your piece home to dry and finish. Bring natural items like twigs or feathers if you'd like!

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

10AM - 3PM



WORKSHOP FEE
\$95



belknapmill.org

MATERIALS FEE
\$15

paid separately



Patrol Officer Rouse and Patrol Officer Bassett had a great time representing the Laconia Police Department recently at the Lakes Region Community College Career Expo! Thank you to LRCC for hosting and to all the students who stopped by to say hello



Laconia Pumpkin Festival Logo Contest

🎨 Calling All Artists: We Need YOUR Vision for the Laconia Pumpkin Festival! 🎃

Do you have a creative spark and a love for our community?
The Laconia Pumpkin Festival Committee is looking for a fresh, original logo design
for our upcoming festival—and we want it to come from you!

**We're looking for a family-friendly design that puts pumpkins front and center.
Want to score some bonus points? Incorporate something that screams "Laconia!"**

🏆 The Prize

The winner will receive ultimate bragging rights and notoriety across the city, plus a
custom swag bag featuring a sweatshirt printed with your very own winning design!

📝 The Details

Main Text: Must include "Laconia Pumpkin Festival" in large, bold print.

Optional Text: You may include "NH Pumpkin Festival" if you wish.

Originality Matters: We want to see your hand-drawn or digitally created art.

No AI-generated materials, please!

Judging: Winners will be selected by both the public and the
Laconia Pumpkin Festival Committee.

📅 How to Enter

Deadline: Friday, February 27th at 4:00 PM.

Submit to: Email your entry to alovisek@laconianh.gov.

Under 18? We love young talent! Just make sure to include written authorization from a parent or
guardian with your submission.



www.LaconiaPumpkinFestival.com

Blue & You

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING GALA

Dress up. Dance. Give back.

Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring:

- ♦ Live DJ & dancing
- ♦ Hors d'oeuvres
- ♦ Community celebration for a great cause
- ♦ Silent auction
- ♦ Cash bar

 Saturday, MARCH 21st:

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Tickets: \$100 per person

Only 200 tickets available –
reserve yours early!

Tickets & Questions

Tami Horan – (603) 393-9410

Tony Horan – (603) 393-5534

Sheri Minor – (603) 393-5534

Venmo: @LaconiaPD_Union

(Please include attendee names with payment)



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on Monday, February 16th, Presidents Day.

Monday's collections (and collections the remainder of the week) will be on their normal schedules.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.

Join us at the Lakeport Opera House for an unforgettable Community Fundraising Gala. Dress up and dance the night away with our amazing DJ, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, grab a drink at the cash bar, and bid on incredible silent auction items all while supporting a great cause.

 Saturday, March 21 | 6:00–10:00pm

 \$100 per person

 Only 200 tickets available - reserve yours now!

All proceeds benefit the Laconia Police Officers Association, supporting the men and women who protect and serve our community and helping them give back through programs like sponsoring local sports teams, awarding college scholarships, supporting nonprofits and community organizations, assisting students with educational/recreational opportunities, and helping individuals and families in crisis.

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without violence and abuse

SERVICES

-  24-Hour Support Line
Office: 603-528-6511
Support Line: 1-866-841-6247
-  Emergency Shelter
-  Emergency Assistance
-  Court Advocacy
-  1 to 1 Peer Support
-  24-Hour Hospital Accompaniment
-  Systems Advocacy
-  Support Groups
-  Educational & Outreach Programs

PO Box 622 Laconia, NH 03247 | www.newbeginningsnh.org

ALL SERVICES ARE VOLUNTARY, FREE, AND CONFIDENTIAL

In-Person Caregiver Connection



A Caregiver Support Group



**Tilly Market Cafe
at the Belknap Marketplace**

96 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont

**March 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



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Learn about different types of microgreens and how to grow them using trays, soil, and seeds.

Participants will plant up to four varieties to take home, along with care instructions and next steps.

SATURDAY MARCH, 14TH 1-2:30PM



**WORKSHOP FEE
\$35**



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**Next year's Runaway
Pumpkin will be
Saturday, October 24,
the same weekend as
Pumpkinfest!**

**A community fundraising effort to benefit the WOW Trail
Save the Date - Registration Open Soon!**

 **FREE WEBINAR**



WHAT GRANITE STATE FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CHANGES TO MEDICAID

► **Wednesday, February 18**
7-8 pm
Zoom Webinar

 **REGISTER NOW!**



Join us for an important webinar to hear the latest information on Medicaid changes! – February 18th, 2026

You're invited to an important webinar, What Granite Staters Need to Know About Changes to Medicaid, on Wednesday, February 18, from 7-8 pm. With over 187,000 New Hampshire residents relying on Medicaid for their health care coverage, it's important to understand these developments and what they could mean for our state.

The event will include a discussion on the timing for the rollout of changes, including what's already in effect and what's still to come. Panelists will share perspectives on the impact to individuals, families, small businesses, and the greater community. This webinar is designed for anyone interested in health care access in our state – whether Medicaid affects you directly, someone you know, or you want to stay informed as a community member or health care professional.

We look forward to seeing you virtually!

Register Now!



Do you want to volunteer at the library?
If you are • 18 or older • Able to work independently,
with minimal direction • Able to commit on an
on-going basis (the average is 2-4 hours/week)
• this might be right for you!

Please note: we do not accept court-mandated,
community service, or diversion program volunteers.
We do not report to outside agencies.

<https://www.laconianh.gov/726/Volunteer-Information>



Online Auction Donations Needed!



*"I have found that among its other benefits,
giving liberates the soul of the giver."*

MAYA ANGELOU

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200 Court Street, Laconia NH 03246

BelknapHouse.org

Belknap House will be hosting our annual Online Auction Fundraiser from April 6-10. We anticipate over 100 unique gifts to auction off and the funds raised will help us fulfill our mission of providing children with safe shelter and empowering parents to become independent through comprehensive case management and educational programming. Our mission is to make a positive impact on the lives of families in need, and we are proud of the strides we have made in achieving this goal. To make this fundraiser as exciting and meaningful as we hope, we will need your help! Please consider supporting our event by donating gift certificates, merchandise or services to help us raise money to better serve the children and families in need at Belknap House. Your donation is tax deductible and we will provide you with a donation receipt that includes our Tax ID number. In order for your donation item to be included in our Annual Online Auction it must be received it by March 21st. You can drop off your donation at Belknap House (200 Court Street, Laconia, NH 03246). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Shawna at (603) 527-8097 or execdir@belknaphouse.org. Thank you in advance for considering our request and for supporting Belknap House and our mission!

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 . . .

The Casino Building Co. built this wooden factory building at Casino (now Normandin) Square 'on speculation' in 1896 and the Waverly Shoe Co. moved here in February 1897. However, the company left in late November 1899, citing unfavorable freight rates from the Boston & Maine Railroad. The building had been vacant for nearly two years when the Casino Building Co. announced it hoped to find a new tenant, 125 years ago this week. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

In 1903, George D. Mayo moved to the Waverly plant from Franklin, to begin the manufacture of knitting machines. In 1910, the Scott & Williams Co. of Philadelphia moved here and merged with Mayo. By 1912, Scott & Williams became the name of the firm, which built a wooden addition along Union Avenue as far as Strafford Street and, in 1929-1930 built the four-story cement and steel factory now home to Normandin Square Apartments on the Waverly site. The Union Avenue wooden ell was demolished in 2005 and tenants began moving into the new apartments in the renovated cement and steel factory building in mid-May 2006. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Mark your calendar for National Slam the Scam Day on Thursday, March 5!

Scammers pretending to be government officials are still targeting people for their money and personal information. Learn how to spot the signs of a scam so you can protect yourself and report suspicious activity. Visit <https://ow.ly/CmHw50YcpKb> for tips and resources.



Social Security



INTRODUCING THE CONTACT PERSON NOTIFICATION PROGRAM



Introducing the Contact Person Notification Program! A statewide public safety initiative that allows residents to voluntarily provide contact information of a legal guardian or other individuals who can assist law enforcement in communicating with persons with cognitive impairment or other disabilities.

Voluntarily submitting your loved one's information will give law enforcement additional knowledge on how best to interact with them and allow you, the caregiver, to be contacted directly and in a timely manner. To learn more about the program, how it works, and how you can sign up, call (603) 223-3872, email us at NCIC@dos.nh.gov, or visit: nhsp.dos.nh.gov.

THE BELKNAP MILL PRESENTS

LEAN INTO EDIBLE GARDENING

IN COLLABORATION WITH



BABY STEPS TO GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD

Learn how to add vegetables, herbs, flowers, and fruit to any garden.

Explore companion planting, edible flowers, and ornamental veggies.

WEDNESDAY APRIL, 8TH 6:30-8PM



CLASS FEE
\$20

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



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!



Good nutrition is important at every age. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides food and nutrition information to promote good health for older adults ages 60 and over. You can apply through your local community action agency. Learn more [here!](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Week of February 16 - 20

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.

Parks & Rec Commission
February 17, 2026, 6:00 pm
[Agenda](#)

Technical Review Committee
February 17, 2026, 10:00 am
[Agenda](#)

Water Commission
February 17, 2026, 5:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment
February 17, 2026, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)



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

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