



Laconia Links



March 26, 2021 - Edition #481

Don't miss this year's Easter Egg Hunt! Details on page 4....



**This year's Laconia
Motorcycle Week is
June 12 – 20!**

Property owners planning to have vendors (limited this year), parking, campground, tents, etc. must have their applications submitted by May 21 for the June 2 Special Events meeting. This is the LAST meeting prior to the event. Please contact the Planning Dept. now at 527-1264 for questions and other related information.

You can get the application on the City's website on the [Special Events page](#) or in the Planning Office in City Hall.

Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to 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 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.



APRIL IS
National
Distracted Driving
Awareness
MONTH



**Ending Distracted Driving
is Everyone's
Responsibility!**

Did you know that on a normal day there are more than 700 people injured in crashes due to distracted driving? Do your part today and everyday to help keep our roadways and residents safer.



LA CONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



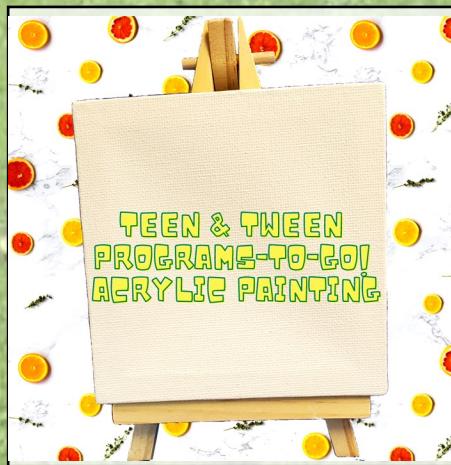
Teen & Tween Programs to Go! Tissue Paper Painting
April 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021

Create a multi-colored masterpiece complete with wax relief design! For teens and tweens aged 9-19.



**Adult Takeaway Craft:
Save the Bees!**
April 1 - April 30, 2021

Save the bees! There are TWO crafts to make this month: create a cute bee watering place, and plant some bee-friendly flowers. All materials provided, although supplies are limited, so please reserve a kit. (flowerpot in the kit will be larger than the one pictured). Call, email or text the Library to reserve yours while they last! Phone 524-4775, Text 556-4666 or email info@laconialibrary.org



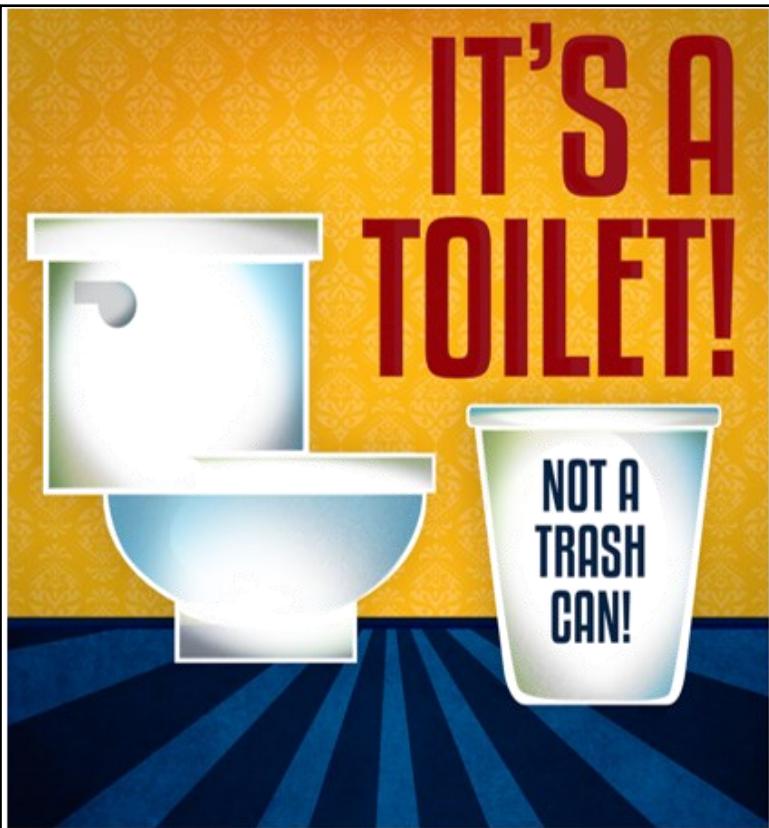
**Teen & Tween
Programs-to-Go!
March 1- 31, 2021:
"Acrylic Painting"**

Paint a mini-masterpiece on this travel-sized canvas complete with a mini easel. The kit also includes a paintbrush and a selection of acrylic paints. For teens and tweens ages 9-19; sign-up is required.

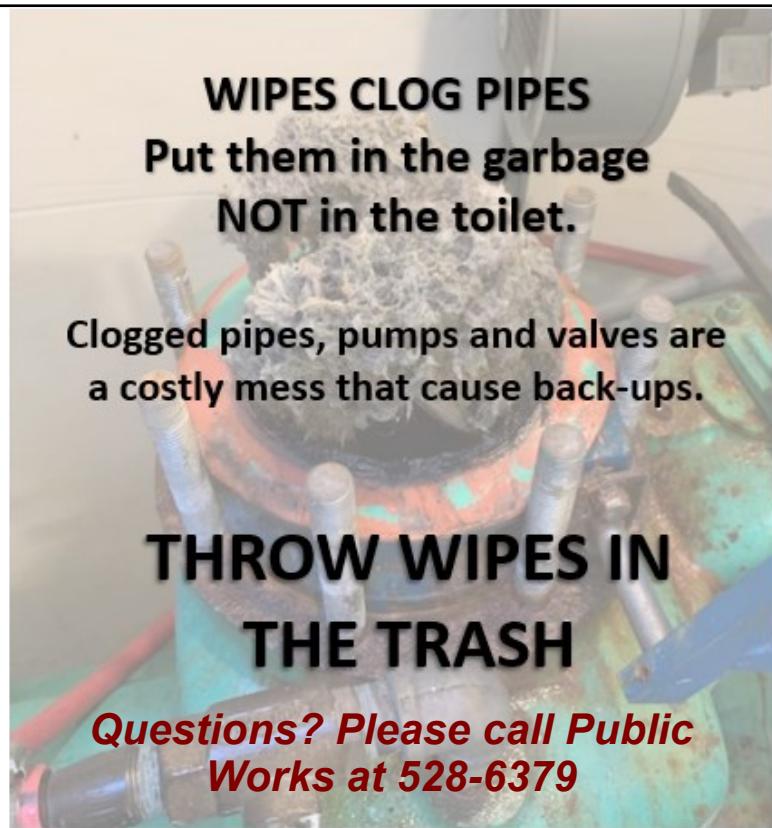


**brainfuse
HelpNow**

The Library is excited to announce the launch of Brainfuse - an on-demand, any-time, anywhere eLearning for children and adult learners. Go to [page 8](#) of this newsletter to learn all about it!



www.mwra.com/03sewer/html/toiletnottrashcan.html



Easter Egg Hunt Sat, March 27th CALL TO REGISTER FOR TIME

@ Opechee Park

Groups on both the
Cove and the Point



**Contact P+R to Register
for a time slot!**

**Small Groups will go at
designated times!**

**Masks & Social Distancing
Required**

**Rain or Shine!
Dress Appropriately**

Bring your own Basket!

Free of charge!!



Contact Laconia Parks and Rec at 524-5046 or e-mail
Parks@LaconiaNH.gov to **REGISTER!**



**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
988 UNION AVENUE
(603) 524-0901**

HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE



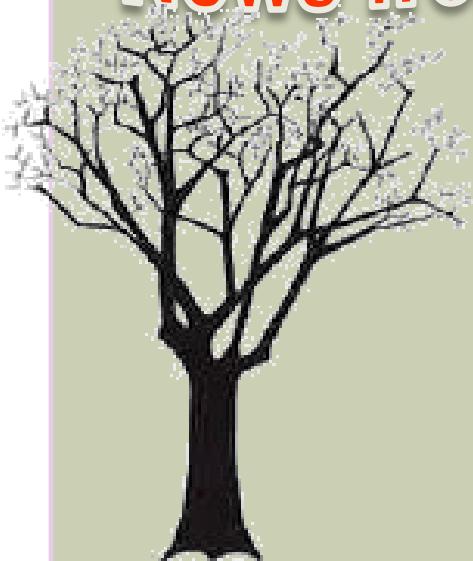
As part of our continued effort to maintain drinking water quality, Laconia Water Department will be flushing hydrants

April 5th through April 16th

While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful.
Simply run the cold water until it clears.

There could also be some fluctuation in pressure for a short period of time.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

News from the Public Works Dept.



The Hilliard Road Brush Dump is located at 325 Hilliard Road (366-4855). As of April 2nd the facility will now be open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 am to 3 pm.

Materials accepted are as follows:

- Clean wood (not painted, stained or pressure treated)
- Branches of trees (no larger than 3" in diameter/3' in length)

Leaves are not accepted at the brush dump.

Residents who want to use this facility must have a Laconia dump sticker or day pass. Dump stickers and day passes are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East in Laconia from 8:30-4:30, Monday-Friday. Questions? Call DPW at 528-6379 or the Clerk's Office at 527-1265.

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

LAKES REGION
STUDENTS ATTENDING
HIGHER EDUCATION
2021-2022

APPLICATION ON OUR
WEBSITE

[Applicants | Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
\(lrscholarship.org\)](http://lrscholarship.org)

OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO AWARDING
SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOU!

QUESTIONS??

Email - scholarship@lrscholarship.org
Call - 603-527-3533

Karen Switzer
Executive Director

Amanda Dudek
Assistant Director

Paulette Loughlin
Advisory Director



The City Clerk's Office needs your help! We are looking for a Moderator for Ward 2 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. This is a paid position.

You must be a resident of Ward 2.

If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.



Thank you!



PARKS & RECREATION

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm on ZOOM!

Find the Link on our Facebook Page

Questions? Call the Laconia Parks and Rec Department at 524-5046 for details.



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

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

Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).



Get A Personalized
Easter Card from the
Easter Bunny!!!



Personalized Easter Cards from the Easter Bunny!

Do you know someone who would like a virtual Easter message from the Easter Bunny? Laconia Parks and Rec is working with the Easter Bunny to create Personalized Easter Cards for Laconia residents of all ages! To sign up yourself or a loved one, e-mail the Easter Bunny at our Laconia Parks & Rec e-mail address:

EasterBunny@LaconiaNH.gov

News from the Public Works Dept.



Free Dump Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. (Businesses cannot dispose of their solid waste for free on that day.) Public Works highly recommends businesses do not come to the Transfer Station on May 15 as it will be very busy.

Due to the social distancing requirements, City and Waste Management employees will not be able to assist residents in unloading their trash.

Residents needing assistance with unloading will need to bring help with them. We expect a large turnout for this popular event, so be prepared to be patient as there is likely to be a longer wait time than normal.

To help minimize wait times, the City recommends that residents use the following schedule when coming to the Transfer Station on May 15:

<u>Time</u>	<u>First letter of last name</u>
7 to 9 am	A through and including G
9 to 11 am	H through and including N
11 am to 1 pm	O through and including Z

Public Works will turn away any resident who arrives later than 1 pm, so please be sure to be at the Transfer Station before that time.

Residents who do not have dump stickers must have some form of documentation that shows they are a Laconia resident.

Items we will accept are appliances, water heaters, furniture, beds, plumbing fixtures, bagged leaves, demolition lumber, auto tires (limit 6 tires per customer). Items we will not accept are auto tail pipes, mufflers, radiators, engines, batteries or hazardous waste, paints or solvents.

Residents must still pay for disposing of electronics during free dump day.

Disposal of leaves and recycling for Laconia residents is free all year. Residents do not need a dump sticker or day pass to dispose of leaves or recycling, but must have documentation that shows they are a Laconia resident.

For more information or for questions about what is acceptable and what is not, please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.

Sponsored by:



A new year has begun!

Why not remind a service member that you are here for them

The Lakes Region Veterans Coalition (LRVC) would like to offer anyone who has ever served in the military a chance to virtually connect with a fellow service member by providing each person a free coffee!

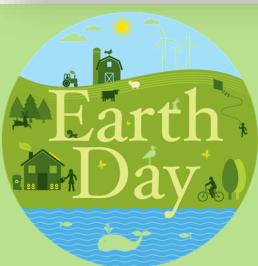
Just register yourself and another participant and a \$5 gift card for a coffee shop will be either mailed or e-mailed (based on your preference) to both participants. After you receive your gift card, we just ask that you connect with the other person and have a conversation.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

ONLINE: lrvcnh.org/coffee

BY E-MAIL: info@lrvcnh.org

BY PHONE: 978-219-4003



"Send a gift to our Earth": Earth Day is celebrated World-wide on April 22nd.

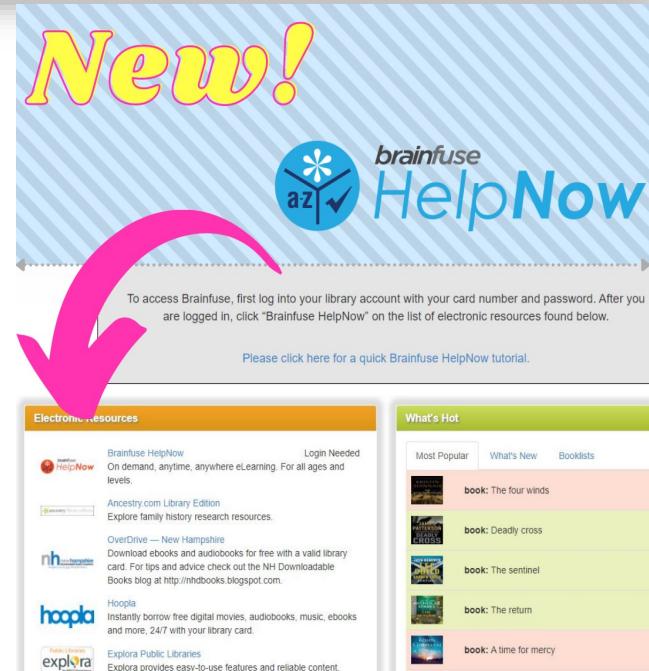
On Saturday, April 17th members of the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, in partnership with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, are collecting recyclable plastic from 12 noon until 4:00 pm in front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant Street.

We can all help this recycling activity now by starting to save soft plastics and not throw them into the trash. We ARE collecting clean plastic bags and wrappers, plastic grocery bags, pet food bags, vegetable bags (potatoes, carrots, celery, rice, etc.), bubble-wrap, air packing bags, bread bags, wraps from around 6-pack cans of juice and dry-cleaning bags. We ARE NOT collecting hard plastic, for example rigid containers.

Why is this important? Plastic bags that are not recycled end up in landfills or in the sea contaminating our drinking water with microplastics and dangerous chemicals. Plastics also are burned releasing toxins into our atmosphere..

Thanks to you, our greater Laconia community, this past November we collected just shy of 200 lbs. of soft plastics which were sent to a manufacturer of composite decking and outdoor furniture in Maine to be repurposed. Every bit helps. Let's surpass our previous number of collected pounds of plastic!

Collection will follow COVID-Safe practices: Collectors will be wearing masks and socially distanced. Drop offs need to be done by "mask wearers."



The image shows a screenshot of the Brainfuse HelpNow website. At the top, there is a large yellow "New!" banner. Below it, the Brainfuse logo (a stylized flower inside a blue circle) and the text "brainfuse HelpNow". A pink arrow points from the text "Please click here for a quick Brainfuse HelpNow tutorial." to the "HelpNow" link in the navigation bar. The page is divided into sections: "Electron...resources" (listing Brainfuse HelpNow, Ancestry.com Library Edition, OverDrive, hoopla, and Explora), "What's Hot" (listing "The four winds", "Deadly cross", "The sentinel", "The return", and "A time for mercy"), and "Most Popular", "What's New", and "Booklists".

Click the image above to read all about the new eLearning tool for children and adults offered by the Laconia Public Library!

"Brainfuse" is available to all Laconia Library patrons on any computer or mobile device with internet connection. For more information, please call the Library at 524-4775, Ext. 12, email at info@laconialibrary.org, or text 556-4666.



CONFIDENCE GROWS HERE



Ready, Set, Grow a Pizza Garden

Start Date: April 10

In person (* with virtual option)

Garden Clinics:

May 20, June 17, & July 15

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Please note at the in-person meeting, everyone will need to wear masks and practice social distancing. A complete protocol will be emailed to you upon registration. If you are not comfortable meeting in person, you may attend all sessions virtually.

Description: In this fun hands-on gardening program youth will learn about seed germination, healthy eating, growing herbs, and how to make a self-watering planter. Supplies can be picked up on April 10th. Location will be announced.

There are 10 spots open for Laconia youth ages 5 and up to receive FREE supplies. You do not have to be in 4-H to participate.

Cost: Free



[LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP:](#)

Please contact Karen Deighan at
603-651-3014, or email:
karen.deighan@unh.edu

Registration is required for planning purposes.

By participating in this program, your child is eligible for a \$5,000.00 scholarship to University of New Hampshire.

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 ...

An unpaved Lakeside Avenue at The Weirs is seen in the mid- to late-1890s, looking toward Weirs Channel, where the original Music Hall (dating from 1886) can just barely be glimpsed in distance, left of center, behind the trees. The 1893 Passenger Station, with its long canopy is at left, next to the water tower (for the steam locomotives), and several freight cars are on the main line. Some sort of procession is marching down the hill toward the Veterans Association buildings, built in the 1880s. Tracks for the Laconia Street Railway's trolleys would not be laid on Lakeside Avenue until 1899. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



...AND NOW

Following a 1924 fire which consumed 13 buildings in the Tower Street area, considerable redevelopment has occurred. The 1893 passenger station burned, Dec. 22, 1939, along with the Steamer Mount Washington and was replaced by an art deco structure with a bandstand on the roof. That station was razed and replaced in 1987 by today's Winnipesaukee Flagship Corp. (Mount Washington Cruises) Building. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



SUNRISE TOWERS | THE TAVERN INN APARTS. | SUNRISE HOUSE

Immediate Availability!

Sunrise House - 423 South Main Street - Laconia, NH 03246

For more information call

Kim Smith

603-737-2228

kim@laconiahousing.org

At **Sunrise Residential Living**, we believe that family is more than just relatives. That's why we don't just treat our residents and their loved ones like family - they are our family. Our **Choices for Independence (CFI)** program focuses on each resident's personal needs and preferences. We provide holistic, dependable, and individualized care that helps them live with purpose. And we do it all with compassion, kindness, and above all else, love.

Laconia Housing's Home Health Agency provides services under the Medicaid **Choices for Independence (CFI)**, a Medicaid-funded program that provides a wide range of services that enable eligible adults to remain living in their own homes and communities. Individuals participating in the CFI Program at Sunrise Residential Living must meet certain age, financial and clinical eligibility requirements.

Program highlights include:

- Subsidized Rent
- Personal Care provided by Licensed Nursing Assistants
- Skilled Nursing Services
- Medication Management
- Emergency Lifeline Services
- Medical Transportation Coordination
- Housekeeping and Laundry Services
- Recreational Activities
- Resident Service Coordination

Additional services:

- Optional Meal Program - Co-pay required

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Open Living Space



Spacious Bedrooms



Wheel Chair Accessible Bathrooms

CALL NOW TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION!

Immediate Availability - 3 vacant One Bedroom Subsidized Units

Heat, Hot water, Air Conditioning and Electricity Included.

Phone, cable and internet is tenant responsibility.

In order to qualify:

- Applicant's must be 62 years of age or older
- Currently receiving benefits through the Choices for Independence Program
- Income limits less than \$17,950 for 1 person, and \$20,500 for 2 person household



Optional Meal Program



Home Health Aid Services



Grocery Shopping

Laconia Housing's Home Health Agency
25 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246



2021 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of May 3 - May 7, and May 17 - May 21 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves during these two weeks on your normal trash day. All materials must be placed in paper compost bags.

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck.

Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at 528-6379.



Disposing of Corrugated Cardboard

The City's corrugated cardboard compactor is located at 257 Messer Street and is open 24 hrs. a day/7 days a week. Corrugated cardboard must be broken down and put into the enclosure next to the compactor. Any form of clean corrugated cardboard is acceptable. ***We do not accept pizza boxes and paperboard such as cereal boxes or shoe boxes.*** Please remove all loose plastic from the cardboard such as bubble wrap, air pillows, etc. Please do not stack boxes outside of the fence area. ***Thank you for your cooperation!***

2021 Holidays

New Year's Day:
Friday, 1/1

Memorial Day:
Monday, 5/31

Labor Day:
Monday, 9/6

Thanksgiving Day:
Thursday, Nov. 25

LACONIA RECYCLES

Recycling is easy, economical
and environmentally
necessary!

Your recycling efforts save
natural resources and return
recycling for reuse.



Please call DPW at
603-528-6379
with questions

Colonial Theatre Updates...



*Our thanks to City
Councilor Robert Hamel
for providing
these photos!*

Also be sure to check
the Colonial Theatre's
Facebook page [here](#) for
renovation updates!



Walk With EaseSM



Use any device! Program can be done anytime from anywhere!

The Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease program is designed for people to increase physical activity at their own pace.

Over the course of 6 weeks, you will be provided with interactive lesson videos, weekly Zoom meetings, and other resources to help guide your self-directed walking program.

For every Zoom session you attend, you will be entered into a weekly raffle!

Date: Tuesdays April 6, 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11. For Belknap County Residents.

Time: 10.30-11.30 am. For weekly support. (Not mandatory).

Place: Check in sessions weekly from your home via Zoom.

To sign up: Brenda Carey
brenda.carey@unh.edu
Call or text 603-630-8303

Qualifying participants will receive a **FREE guidebook** to help keep you on track. This program is proven to:

- Reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis
- Increase balance, strength and walking pace
- Improve overall health



PARKS & RECREATION

THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

are looking for help this summer!



SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STAFF WANTED

- STARTING at \$13.00/HR. UP TO 40 HRS/week
- SHIFTS begin as soon as April 5th!
- WORK OUTSIDE in the beautiful City On The Lakes!
- LANDSCAPING EXPERIENCE PREFERRED
- MUST BE 18+ w/ VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
- CALL 524-5046 or EMAIL Parks@LaconiaNH.gov to apply!



To help with Isaiah 61 Cafe's mission of alleviating homelessness and assisting those who are enduring homelessness in Laconia, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia's Social Justice Committee members, along with members of the Laconia-Gilford Lions, are holding a food collection on Saturday, March 27th from 10 am until 1 pm.

Items needed are pop-top easy open canned goods such as juices and fruits, granola and protein bars, sugar and coffee. ***Please note that expired canned goods cannot be accepted.***

Our volunteers will be out in front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant Street to accept your kind donations..

Please note that the church remains closed at this time due to Covid-19. If you plan to drop off items for this Collection drive, please wear a mask, maintain physical distancing, and if you have traveled out of state, have been around someone who is COVID-19 positive or suspected Covid-19 infected, then please stay home.

ISAIAH
61Café



LAKES
REGION
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE



Spring to Action Express Admissions Event to be held at Lakes Region Community College April 7

Becoming a student at Lakes Region Community College has never been easier than a one-day **Spring to Action** Express Admissions event on Wednesday, April 7 from 4pm to 7pm. Prospective students can complete the entire process of applying to LRCC, applying for financial aid and scholarships, and registering for classes.

Students who bring a copy of their high school transcript or equivalency certificate will be accepted on the spot and can register immediately for the

Summer Term, which begins Monday, May 17. Members of LRCC's OneStop office will be available to help students through the entire process. Scholarships will be available for new and returning students.

"We're pleased to offer the *Spring to Action* event as a convenient way for prospective students to complete the process of admission to the college," said Barbara Wilson, Admissions Recruiter. "With one visit to the College, students are able to complete most or all of the enrollment process steps with ease and meet face-to-face with our friendly faculty and staff."

Students who pre-register can access a guided tour of their program areas and campus housing. The event is free and all those interested are encouraged to attend. Due to safety protocols, space is limited, and pre-registration is encouraged. Those interested can pre-register at www.lrcc.edu or call Lakes Region Community College at (603) 366-5210.

Lakes Region Community College offers many associate degree and certificate programs, including Business, Accounting, Culinary Arts, Hotel and Restaurant Operations, Electrical, Automotive, Nursing, Graphic Design, Advanced Manufacturing, and Fire Science, just to name a few. In addition, LRCC provides a strong background in Liberal Arts for students who choose to do their first two years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university for a baccalaureate degree. Business and industry training programs are also available. Lakes Region Community College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and serves over 1,200 students annually. LRCC is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 366-5210.



Stand tall, talk small, play ball.

*It's time to start thinking about
baseball!*

Players can register on-line at
www.laconiall.org or in person
at tryouts.

Click [here](#) for information on
registration, this year's schedule
and dates and times for
tryouts.

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday

PRACTICE HEALTHY AGING



Be physically active

<https://www.nia.nih.gov>

NIH National Institute on Aging

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

Most people tend to focus on one type of exercise or activity. However, research has shown that it's important to get all four types of exercise: endurance, strength, balance, and flexibility.

Learn about the four types of exercises and how they can benefit you: <https://go.usa.gov/xse69>



City Meetings

Week of:
March 29 -
April 2

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.

Historic District Commission
March 31, 2021, 6:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Putnam Fund
April 2, 2021, 2:00 pm



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Tech. - Ashley Ruprecht	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumol	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office).....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) 528-5822	
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax.....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1)	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov