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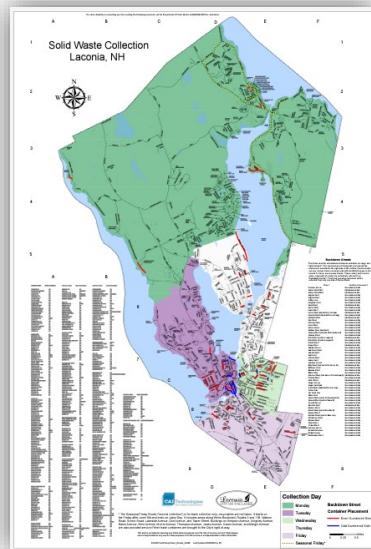
Thanks to Laconia Parks and Recreation and the Leavitt Park Association for another successful Easter Egg Hunt!



Automated Curbside Solid Waste Collection is Coming May 1, 2023!

The City's curbside collection service converts from manual to automated collection on May 1st. The collection arm is on the right side of the truck. Residents on dead-end streets without a cul-de-sac, and one-way and narrow roads must place their solid waste containers on only one side of these streets.

When the collection truck is on a dead-end public street without a cul-de-sac it cannot turn around. The truck has to back down these streets to collect solid waste. The contractor on one-way streets can only collect solid waste on the right side of the truck. Also, some streets are so narrow the truck can only drive one way on the street.



Beginning May 1st, if you live on one of the streets which will require the contractor to back down your street or drive only one-way, please place your solid waste containers on the side of the road as noted on the map. A full sized version of the map is accessible by clicking on the image (left).

As always, if you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to the Department of Public Works at 603-528-6379.

Thank you for your patience as we get ready to begin this new process!

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 (603) 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.



Library Programs

Week of April 17-22



LA CONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sensory Storytime
Monday, April 17
10am
Newborns-age 6

Sensory Storytime has moved to Monday mornings at 10am! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room for songs, stories, and sensory play followed by an engaging art experience. This program is suited for newborns to children 6 years of age with no sign-up required.

This week, create shiny, sticky paintings with corn syrup water colors at Sensory Storytime.



MONDAY, APRIL 17, 10AM

NEWBORNS - AGE 6

Toddler Time
Wednesday, April 19
10am
Newborns-age 3

Toddler Time is a fun-filled hour geared toward newborns and toddlers. We'll sing songs, move our bodies, read stories and do a craft each week! Younger or older siblings are always welcome too! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room Wednesdays at 10am.



Wed. April 19, newborns - age 3

Thurs. April 20, ages 3-6

Preschool Pals
Thursday, April 20
10am
Best for ages 3-6

Preschool Pals is geared toward Preschool aged kiddos (3-6 years old). Join Jamie for singing, dancing, and crafting, and of course, we'll be reading some great books! Younger or older siblings are always welcome too! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room Thursdays at 10am.

This week, Spring is TREE-riffic! We love seeing blossoms appear on trees, so this week we'll read stories about our leafy friends, and paint this beautiful spring tree! Join us for Toddler Time on Wednesday at 10 am or Preschool Pals on Thursday at 10 am!

Drop-In Tech Help
Tuesdays @ 10am
Wednesdays @ 2pm



Drop in during our hour of technical help and have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian. Held most Tuesdays at 10am and most Wednesdays at 2pm, in the Volpe Room; check our event calendar to confirm dates.

<http://laconialibrary.org>

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call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org

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Adult Art Day/Night:

Printmaking

Tuesday, April 18

1-3pm

or

Wednesday, April 19

5:30-7:30pm



This month, join us at our adult art lessons where we will be learning about negative space and reversal images by creating rubber block prints. Everyone will be able to create one rubber design using simple designs and carving tools.

Join the fun in the Auditorium! Sign-up is required as space and supplies are limited to 12 adults for this art lesson. Call, email, or text the Library to reserve your spot. Phone: 524-4775, Text: 556-4666, Email: info@laconialibrary.org. Let's get creative!

Teen Art with Highlighters

Tuesday, April 18

3:30pm

Ages 9-18



Make a masterpiece with multi-colored highlighters. For ages 9-18 in the Auditorium.

Move & Groove

Friday, April 21

10am

Best for newborns-age 6

Let's get moving! In this program geared toward the younger crowd, we'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, and other fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out! Best suited for newborns to age 6, in the Auditorium.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Goss Reading Room Closed



Visit our
website for all
our Library
events.

Learn something new, enjoy the outdoors, and expand your wellness options with us!



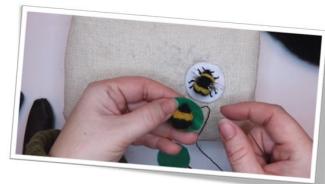
Beginning Birding: Spring Songbirds

The hills and valleys are alive with music!
Join us to learn about and identify the many native songbirds of Prescott Farm.
Saturday, April 15; 10 am-12 pm

Fiber Arts: Needle Felted Pollinators

Join us for a beginner needle felt class. We'll learn the basics of needle felting in three dimensions and each participant will take home a felted New Hampshire pollinator.

Saturday, April 15; 1-3 pm



Additional programs, series, and registration details

prescottfarm.org

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH • (603) 366-5695 • info@prescottfarm.org

PLAY & LIVE TICK SAFE

APRIL 22, 2023
10:00AM-12:00PM

Featuring hands-on learning, interactive activities, and fun/informative take away materials.

Join representatives from **Tick Free NH**, **NH Healthcare Workers for Climate Action**, and the **NH Nurses Association** to learn simple and effective steps and tools to reduce risk of bites and illness.

SCAN

to register



Interactive Activities
All Ages Welcome
Attendance is FREE

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928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, 03246



Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

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**FLEDGLINGS SUMMER
NATURE-BASED
PRESCHOOL**

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- Develop social skills, fine and gross motor skills, reading and writing readiness, and other foundational learning to students

Brand New Summer Sessions

160 ACRES OF FIELDS, FORESTS & GARDENS

928 WHITE OAKS RD. LACONIA, NH

www.PrescottFarm.org
info@prescottfarm.org



Click [here](#) for more information!

LAKE CITY STEEPLECHASE 5K+

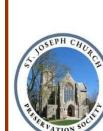
In a throwback to the original Steeplechase held in 18th century Ireland run, walk or skip along the WOW Trail from the United Baptist Church in Lakeport to St. Joseph Church in downtown Laconia, while maneuvering around, thru, over or under obstacles along the way!

**Saturday, \$25/pp or
May 20th \$40/family**

Starting Line - United Baptist Church of Lakeport 10:00AM

Obstacles | History | Refreshments | Prizes

For more information or to register visit laconiahistory.com



**Studio
151**



Proceeds benefit LHMS, St. Joseph Church Preservation Society and United Baptist Church of Lakeport



Public Events at Taylor Community - Laconia, NH

All events listed are free and open to the public

Bank of New Hampshire Music Series

Thank you to the Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the 2023 Taylor Community Music Series.

Wangari Fahari - *April 10th at 6:30 p.m.*

Best known for her modern African soundscapes, Wangari performs alongside African drummer Remi Kabaka, bass player Wadada Khufu and guitarist Paul Thibeault Wangari to create an unique blend of music. Join us for this musical event held at Woodside.

Myanna - *April 17th at 6:30*

Come see one of the hottest and most soulful saxophonists to be based in Massachusetts with her funky rhythms and expressive jazz playing. This event will be held at Woodside.

Portsmouth Brass Quintet - *April 23th at 3:00*

This ensemble was founded by Adam Gallant in the fall of 2016 and is dedicated to performing serious brass chamber music at the highest level. This event will be held at Woodside.

Cheryl Arena - *April 24th at 6:30 p.m.*

Cheryl sizzles with excitement as she mesmerizes audiences with her sultry blues voice and powerhouse energy. Join us for this performance held at Woodside.

Lectures

Kurk Dorsey - Russia, the United States and the War in Ukraine- *April 5th at 6:30*

In this illustrated talk, Kurk Dorsey will delve into the sources of the dispute between Russia on one hand and Ukraine and its allies on the other. This event will be held at Woodside.

The Wyeths - Jane Oneail - *April 20th at 2:00 p.m.*

Jan will help us to explore the style of painting and illustration in the early 1900's established by N.C. Wyeth and his children, Andrew Wyeth, and his grandson Jamie Wyeth. This event will be held at Woodside.

Dan and Uma Szczesney - NH Rocks that Rock Part II - *April 22th at 2:00 p.m.*

Join us as Dan and Uma share their new book, "NH Rocks that Rock", an adventure guide to twenty five famous boulders of the Granite State. This event will be held at Woodside.

WMUR's Hayley LaPoint - *April 26th at 6:30 p.m.*

Stop by to meet Hayley as she explains the forecasting process. This event will be held at Woodside.

Rogue Space Systems Corporation - *April 27th at 2:00 p.m.*

Join us as founder Jeremy Grimmel shares information about Rogue Space Systems and their orbital robotics. This event will be held at Woodside.



Kids Love Pickleball!

The Laconia Kiwanis Club recently donated new pickleball equipment to each of the Laconia School District elementary schools, supporting their initiative to promote pickleball for Laconia youth.

Pickleball is a fast growing racquet sport that young and old alike can play - a great sport to promote with the youth at Elm Street, Pleasant Street and Woodland Heights Elementary Schools.

Mitzi Tucker, PE Teacher at Elm Street School is the contact person for this program. Mitzi said "Thank you to Kiwanis for the generous donation of pickleball equipment. We are excited to introduce the game to both staff and students at all three elementary schools. We are hoping to bring the staff together for a tournament in late May."

Laconia Kiwanis is all about supporting and promoting youth programs and youth needs in the Lakes Region - supporting Little League, Boys & Girls Club and running youth focused programs and events: Kiwanis Kares (3rd grade reading program), Youth Free Throw Contest (held in March), and Bike & Board Safety Day this coming May.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to **improving the world one child and one community at a time**.



BOLDUC PARK GOLF COURSE IS OPEN - GOLF LESSONS BEGIN SOON!

Bolduc Park's 9 hole golf course is now open daily at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line. Bolduc Park offers an affordable opportunity to play golf for a donation of \$10 for 9 holes. Play Disc Golf for a \$6 donation. All proceeds go to maintain the courses for the general public's use. Carts, golf clubs and discs for disc golf are available to rent.

Now is the time to sign up for golf lessons offered in 3 week sessions for \$100. Golf clubs are provided. Play free all week during lessons. Full scholarships are available for income qualified youth. Youth lessons are 5:30pm-7pm on Tuesdays, May 9, 16, 23 and another session June 6, 13, 20. Adult lessons are 5:30pm-7pm on Thursdays, May 11, 18, 25 and another session June 8, 15, 22.

Bolduc Park receives funding from The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction which makes it possible to offer free golf lessons and free access to the golf and disc golf courses and cross country ski trails for income qualified youth.

Send an email to golf@bolducpark.com to inquire about these opportunities for children and teens. Call 603-524-1370 for general information about Bolduc Park

Resident Beach Stickers!



Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach are now available at the City Clerk or Tax Collector offices! Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time). You must bring your vehicle registration with you. No cost for residents 65+ and/or handicapped.

A beach pass will allow you to use Bond Beach (the City's resident and taxpayer-only beach), and to park at Weirs Beach parking lot for free, provided there is space available.
(There is no free parking during Motorcycle Week)

Questions? Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265.

Mental Health Art Auction

To support Lakes Region Mental Health Center

THEME: Celebrating Mental Health and Diversity Through the Arts

May
2023

Belknap
Marketplace



Artists Wanted

Help support LRMHC during Mental Health Awareness Month by submitting your work for our art auction.

Auction Info

30% Tax Deductible Donation to LRMHC will be made upon sale of artwork. Pieces valued over \$500 will be posted exclusively on our Bidding for Good platform.

Submissions

TELL YOUR STORY!
Submit photo(s) of your work along with a one paragraph artist statement via email.

About LRMHC

LRMHC is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization designated by the State of NH as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties in NH. Learn more at lrmhc.org.

For more info, email mhendrick@lrmhc.org or call 603-524-1100 x219



FREE

Full Course Hot Meal

Wednesdays

5 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hands Across The Table

St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall

31 Gilford Ave Laconia

PO Box 6553, Laconia, NH 03247
Email: handsacrosstt@gmail.com

Public Works Department



Mark your calendar!

Free Dump Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

(Please note that 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 13th as it will be very busy.

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 13th.

<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 (603) 528-6379.

SOFT PLASTICS



Don't miss the next Soft Plastics Collection event on Earth Day, April 22!

Our communities are working purposefully and consistently in turning over to the Green Sanctuary members of the Universalist Unitarian Society of Laconia and the Laconia-Gilford LIONS Club the clean SOFT plastics accumulating in our households. We want our landfills, neighborhoods and lakes free of plastic-pollution. This continuing effort is keeping our lakes' waters and inhabitants healthy, reducing the size of our landfills and our city and villages cleaner and trash-free. The collection is sent to be repurposed into useful composite furniture and decking.

Come by the little white church at 172 Pleasant Street on Saturday, April 22nd between 11 and 1:00. We look forward to seeing you in celebration of Earth Day. Any inquiries please check our [Facebook](#) page or our [website](#).

OPECHEE DAY CAMP COUNSELORS

your job is to

BE OUTSIDE **HAVE FUN**

BE A ROLE MODEL

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC
603-524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

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PARKS & RECREATION

BEACH STAFF WANTED!

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for info
Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

ONE PEER TO ANOTHER



CONCORD

LACONIA

Concord One Peer to Another Events April

- April 7 9:00 pickup Shopping Sign up
- April 11 St Paul Food Pantry Sign up
- April 14 9:00 pickup Shopping Sign up
- April 14 Movie and Popcorn 1:00 Start
- April 19 Nutrition w/Alyssa 1:00
- April 23rd St Paul Food Pantry Sign up
- Educational Event
- April 26 Hanover Trip \$10.00 Gift card
- April 25 St Paul Food Pantry Sign up

Laconia One Peer to Another Events in April:

- April 7 - Shopping Trip!
- Walmart, Dollar Store, Harbor Freight, Home Goods, etc.
- 10am - 2pm (Please sign up by 4-5)
- April 10 - Happy Easter!
- April 12 - Field Trip to Funspot Arcade 11:30am - 2pm
- Bring your own \$8 and pack a lunch
- April 19 - Nutrition with Alyssa at 1:00pm
- Chair Yoga - 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24
- Rock Painting - 4/3 & 4/11
- WOW Trail Walk Days - 4/14, 4/20, 4/24, 4/26, 4/28

Click the image (left) to read the current edition of "One Peer to Another" newsletter!

APRIL 2023



ONE PEER TO ANOTHER
328 Union Ave Laconia, NH

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm	Tuesday 8:30am-4:30pm	Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm	Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm	Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
9am Open Discussion 10am Painting Rocks 11am Laugh Therapy 1pm Music Therapy 2pm Peer Discussion 3pm Chair Yoga	3 9am Check-In 10am Budgeting Meals 11am Healthy Recipes 1pm Ice Breaker Games 2pm Arts & Crafts 3pm Mindful Breathing	4 9am Check-In 10am Gratitude 11am Walk & Talk 1pm Self-Reflection 2pm Mutuality 3pm Deep Breathing	5 9am Check-In 10am Self Reflection 11am Wants & Needs 1pm Healthy Relationships 2pm Open Discussion 3pm Music Therapy	6 7 Shopping Trip! Walmart, Dollar Store, Harbor Freight, Home Goods, etc. 10am - 2pm (Please sign up by 4-5)
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				Contact: Program Director Miranda 603-528-7742 328 Union Ave Laconia NH 03246 miranda@onepeer.org



4-H Plants and Pollinators Free Garden Program

In this 4-H Plants and Pollinators Garden Program, youth will plant, sustain, and harvest a Three Sisters Garden (squash, pole beans, and corn) and learn about pollinators from experts. Families will be encouraged to "Plant a Row for Belknap County" and donate extra produce to those in need.

Free Garden Kit pick up will be at the first class on May 4th! For ages 5 and Up. Everyone must pre-register for the program.

Meetings: Thursdays (5/4, 6/1, 6/29 and 7/20) at the Belknap County Fairgrounds from 6pm to 7:30pm

Register in 4-H Online!

If you are not in 4-H, register by contacting Karen at Karen.Deighan@unh.edu or (603) 527-5475



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4 DECADES - 5 GRAMMYS - OSCAR - GOLDEN GLOBE - 5 TOP 10 SINGLES
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40TH
ANNIVERSARY
TOUR



06.21.23
THE COLONIAL THEATRE

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DISCOVER Wild NEW HAMPSHIRE DAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH - 10am-3pm

Brought to you by the
New Hampshire
Fish and Game Dept.

Sponsored by the
Wildlife Heritage
Foundation of N.H.

ADMISSION IS FREE!



Did you know that you can sign up to receive Alerts on City related matters on your cell phone and/or via e-mail?

From time to time we post alerts on the City's website relating to matters of importance to our community. You can easily sign up to receive these alerts and stay up to date on things such as weather emergency alerts, closing of City facilities, trash pickup delays, etc.

Just click [here](#) to get started!

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270.

The City of Laconia is converting from manual to automated curbside trash collection on May 1, 2023! (The first week of automated recycling collection is May 8).

As Laconia residents and property owners, you likely have many questions about this new method for having your trash and recycling collected. We are here to answer any questions you may have to help guide us all through this transition.

There is a great deal of detailed information available on the City's website page specific to automated trash and recycling collection. This page can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

On our website you will find information on delivery of the containers, size of the containers, how many containers a single family residence, multi-unit residence or business are allowed, and much more. There is even a video showing how automated collection works and information on where to place your containers for pickup.

As with any significant change, there will be questions as we go forward. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us to make this process as easy as possible.

We encourage you to call the Department of Public Works at 603-528-6379 with questions and concerns.



The City Manager will present an overview of the proposed 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget to the City Council at their meeting on April 24, 2023.

Individual departments will present their budgets on the following dates:

May 8, 6pm: School Department
May 15, 7pm: Planning/Code and Fire
May 22, 6pm: Water and Library
June 5, 7pm: Public Works and Police
June 12, 6pm: Parks/Recreation/Facilities, Finance and Administration

All meetings are open to the public and we encourage and appreciate your questions and comments. Meetings are held in City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc Council Chamber. We hope to see you there!

YOUR GUIDE TO AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION





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LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!

It's time to register your dogs for 2023! To renew **online**: www.laconianh.gov, Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing
By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265.



It's spring, and Parks and Recreation staff are busy getting the City's parks and fields ready for everyone to enjoy. To check on the current status of our parks and fields, please check our website on the [Parks and Rec Field Status page](#) or keep up-date on our [Facebook page](#).

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact our Parks and Rec office at 603-524-5046.



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

RABIES CLINICS!!

Be sure to check the City Clerk's website [here](#) for information regarding upcoming Rabies Clinics in our area.

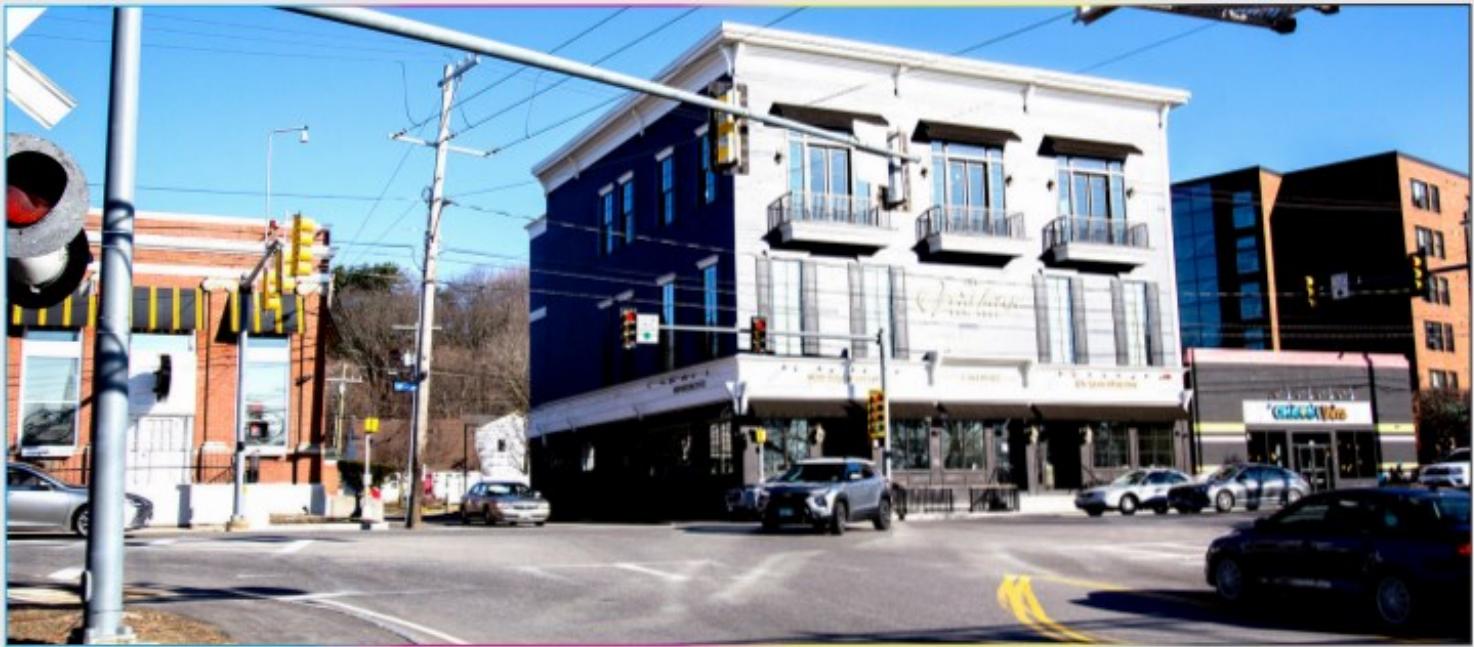
Our yesterdays

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 ...

Webster ('Lakeport') Square is seen about 100 years ago, with a trolley car of the Laconia Street Railway headed toward downtown Laconia. Lakeport National Bank Building (extreme left), was built in 1917, the Opera House in 1881, following a fire that destroyed a previous building on the site. The two-story Osgood Block burned in January 1939. The three-story Cushing Block and Mount Belknap Hotel (glimpsed at extreme right) were razed in 1975. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

The bank building has been Fratello's Ristorante Italiano since 1992. The Opera House Block underwent renovation in 2020, with The Laconia Daily Sun and Wayfarer Coffee as new tenants. The Osgood Block was replaced in 1940 by a First National Store — later home to Henry Rogers' Five Cents to a Dollar Store; after that, a consignment shop, and now Chaos and Kindness. Lake Village Apartments opened in May 1983. Trolleys ended their service in October 1925. (Jon Decker/ The Laconia Daily Sun)



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has 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 **April 24, 2023** 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 2023-11 – REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR A LACONIA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, April 20th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

www.laconiahousing.org/board-info

Questions? Please call us at: 603-524-2112





APRIL 2023 ACTIVITIES MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 VNA Foot Care 9-1 PM by appt Manicure by Brenda 11-12:30 PM	4 Activity Mtg 10:AM NH State Commission on Aging 11:AM	5 Bingo 10-12PM Craft Bonnet making 10:AM—12:PM	6 Easter Bonnet Parade Easter Dinner: Baked Ham Steaks w/Pineapple Sweet Potatoes, Veggies, Fruit Cup, Dinner roll	7 Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack & drink
10 Coffee Social 10-11 Ernie Bolduc: Topic Bees 10-12: PM	11 Elm Street Planting Trip 10- Scrapbooking 10-12:PM	12 Bingo 10-12:PM Craft 10: - 12:PM	13 Knitting /Crochet 10:AM Steak & Cheese Sub w/ Peppers, Onions and Mushroom, chips. Fruit Cup/Peach Cobbler	14 Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack & drink
17 Pleasant Street Planting Trip 10-	18 Knitting Sewing 10-12:PM BP Clinic 10:30 AM Peer Support Group 1:PM—2:30 PM	19 Bingo 10-12:PM	20 Hearing Clinic 10:15 AM Cilantro Lime Grilled Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Fruit Cup/ Pineapple upside down cup	21 Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack & drink
24 Diabetic Talk Franklin VNA 10-11 AM	25 Scrapbooking 10- 12:PM Foot Care by Maddy by appt 9-12:PM	26 Bingo 10-12:PM	27 Mental Health 10:AM Southwestern Chicken chili w/cheese & Sour Cream, Veggies, Tortilla Chips, Fruit Chips	28 Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack & drink



Laconia Senior Center
Newsletter
Your Resource for Healthy Aging



May Day

Laconia Senior Center

May Day is celebrated on May 1st every year. It has a long history of different events and festivities worldwide, most with the purpose of welcoming a change of season. In the 19th century, May Day became an International Workers' Day, growing out of the labor movement for workers' rights and an eight-hour workday in the United States. May Day 2021 was celebrated on Saturday, May 1, 2021. In some regions, May Day is a festival of ancient origins marking the beginning of summer, with traditions such as gathering wildflowers, weaving floral garlands, crowning a May Queen, and setting up a Maypole. In the United States and Canada, a similar observance called Labor Day occurs on the first Monday of September.

This month we will be working on a Memorial craft. Please come join us and to find out when call the center first thing as well as dates.

Visit the VNA Foot Care, get those feet ready for the sandals weather. Manicures with Brenda both by appointment. Bingo Wednesday and Friday 10-12. We have games for all Penny Poker, Scrabble, Cribbage, card games, movies on Friday afternoons with snacks and drinks. Time for the walk down by the water and aiming to have some ice tea. Congregate meals are on Thursdays this month, except for Mother's Day meal which is on May 15th. Make sure you RSVP so we have enough.

This is your Center and we are here to please. Newsletters are updated weekly in the <https://www.laconiasenior.org/>

As always,
Brenda 603-524-7689
Laconia Senior Center Resource Manager
603-524-7689

Takeout Option!!!!
We are still offering meal options at the center in takeout form on Mondays & Thursdays.
A \$12 donation is suggested for each meal.
For more information or to sign up please call:
The Laconia Senior Center at 524-7689

18th Section - Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. 445-5001

Please click on the image (left) to read this week's Laconia Senior Center Newsletter!

Community Action Program's Meals on Wheels is looking for a driver to join their team!

Please click on the image (right) for more information.





IRS Certified Volunteers Providing FREE TAX PREPARATION

IRS VITA/TCE return preparation sites are operated by certified volunteers. Site operating hours and services offered may be limited. In addition, by law, some sites provide priority services to seniors. Please be advised that you may not be immediately served. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Will Prepare

- Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2)
- Interest Income (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV)
- State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G)
- Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G)
- IRA Distributions (Form 1099-R)
- Pension Income (Forms 1099-R, RRB-1099-R, CSA-1099)
- Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099, RRB-1099)
- Simple Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B) *limited*
- Sale of Home (Form 1099-S) *limited*

- Prior Year and Amended Returns
- Self-Employed Income (Form 1099-MISC, Form 1099-NEC and Form 1099-K) *limited*
- Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G)
- Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C) *limited*
- Health Savings Accounts (Form 1099-SA) *limited*
- Itemized Deductions *limited*
- Education Credits (Form 1098-T)
- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Health Insurance Statements (Forms 1095-A, B or C)

Will Not Prepare

- Schedule C with net loss, depreciation or business use of home
- Complex Schedule D, Capital Gains and Losses
- Form SS-5 (request for Social Security Number)
- Form 8606 (non-deductible IRA)
- Form 8814 (child taxed at parent's tax rate)
- Form SS-8 (determination of worker status for purposes of federal employment taxes and income tax withholding)
- Parts 4 & 5 of Form 8962 (Allocation of Policy Amounts, Alternative Calculation for Year of Marriage)

- Form W-7 (application for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN))
- Returns with casualty/disaster losses



Please see a professional preparer for assistance with complicated returns.

What to Bring

- For married filing jointly, both spouses must be present
- Original photo identification such as driver's license, school, employer, military, or state id for you and your spouse (if married)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- A copy of last year's tax return
- All Forms W-2 and 1099

- Forms 1095-A, B or C (ACA Statements)
- Information for other income
- Information for all deductions (including charitable contributions)/credits
- Total paid to daycare provider and their tax ID number
- For direct deposit of refund, proof of account and bank's routing number
- For prior year returns, copies of income transcripts from IRS (and state, if applicable)

Site Name: LAKES REGION VITA

Location: 184 Beacon St West Laconia (Laconia Senior Center)

Days: Tuesdays 5 - 8pm and Saturdays 9am - 1pm. 1/31/23 through 4/18/23

CALL 211 TO MAKE APPT OR ONLINE NHTAXHELP.ORG. Make sure to choose VITA

DO NOT CALL THE SENIOR CENTER!!!!



IRS e-file is fast, more accurate, secure, and simple.

LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing is seeking a candidate to fill an open position on its five member Board.

Laconia Housing Board's continuing goal is to provide comprehensive housing and support services to enhance a better way of life for the whole community.

A prospective board member candidate who is interested:

- Must be a City of Laconia resident.
- Have interest in addressing low-income housing issues.
- Attend one meeting a month - 3rd Thursday - 12 noon

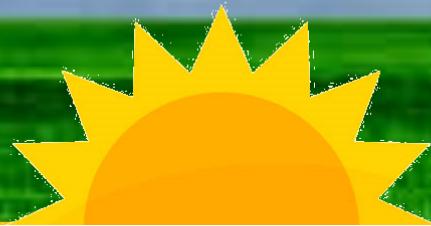
To complement the current board member's background; we are looking for a person who has experience in one or more of the following fields; city involvement, support service, healthcare administration or social service.

For more information please visit our website www.laconiahousing.org or email Executive Director Tom Cochran at tom@laconiahousing.org

Winter Parking Ban

**It's a sure sign of spring!
The Winter Parking Ban is
now lifted!**

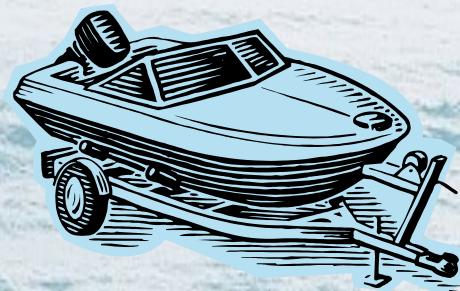
**Thank you for your
cooperation this past winter
in allowing our Public
Works crews to more easily
plow the streets and
keep us all safe.**



News

From the City Clerk's Office

It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2023 Boat Registration!



Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Please make checks payable to
City of Laconia**.
In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an
additional \$5 will be collected for each
registration processed as an
authorized agent.



**Questions?
Please call the City
Clerk's office at
603-527-1265.**





THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

are looking for help this summer!



SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE STAFF

- STARTING at \$15.00/HR. UP TO 40 HRS/week
- WORK OUTSIDE in the beautiful City On The Lakes!

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for info
Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

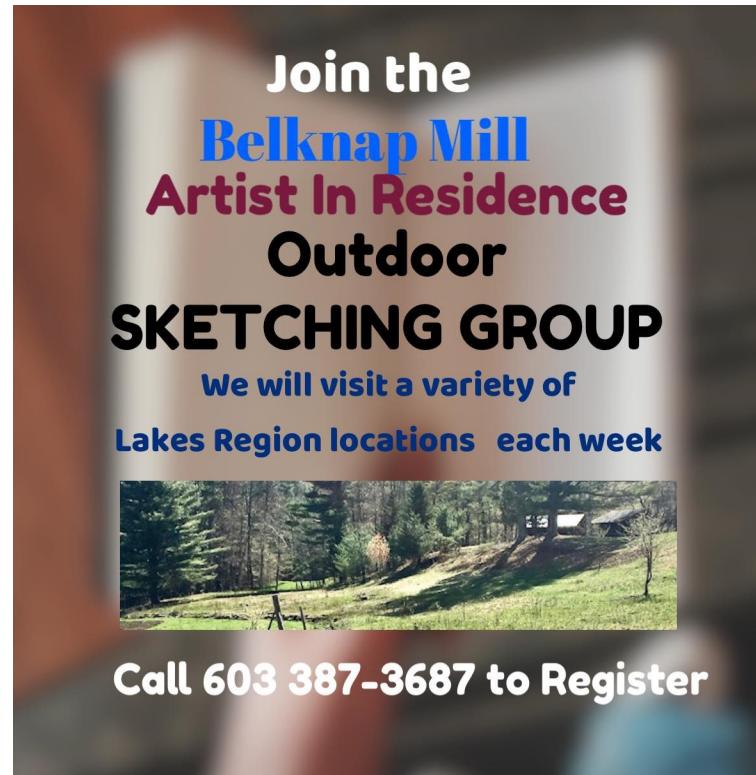


JOIN THE BELKNAP MILL'S ART WALK DURING NEW ENGLAND COFFEE FESTIVAL
MAY 20TH 9AM-3PM

INTERESTED ARTISTS
Jill@belknapmill.org

2023 ART WALK

BELKNAP MILL 1823-2023



Join the Belknap Mill Artist In Residence Outdoor SKETCHING GROUP
We will visit a variety of Lakes Region locations each week

Call 603 387-3687 to Register



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.](#)

Writers' Night Out

MEET AND MINGLE

(FREE) MEET-UP FOR LOCAL WRITERS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY NHWP

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

6:00PM

BELKNAP MILL

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BELKNAP MILL 1823-2023

2023 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of May 1 - May 5, and May 15 - May 19 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 603-528-6379.





News from the Public Works Dept.

CITY OF LACONIA - NOTICE: SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT WILL BE LIFTED AT 6 AM, APRIL 17 ON THE STREETS BELOW:

Crockett Road
Eastman Road
Daisy Gardner Road
Hillcrest Road
Leighton Avenue North
Severance Road
Windemere Heights

The weight restrictions on the streets listed above will end effective at 6:00 am on April 17, 2023. Please call the Public Works Department at (603) 528-6379 for more detailed information.

Community Holocaust Remembrance Program

Restoring Faith in Humanity

Remember and ensure
that such a tragedy never happens again

**"There may be times when we
are powerless to prevent
injustice, but there must never be
a time when we fail to protest."**

-Elie Wiesel

Saturday, May 6th

4:00 to 6:00 pm

**The Congregational Church of Laconia
18 Veterans Square**

Special Presentation by

BONNIE ABRAMS

Award winning singer-songwriter

"VOICE OF THE SECOND GENERATION"

A program that tells the stories of her Holocaust survivor parents through music.

Presented by Temple B'nai Israel in collaboration with
the Laconia Human Relations Committee

Made with PosterMyWall.com

ROCK STEADY BOXING LAKES REGION

Rock Steady Boxing Open House to honor our
Fighters during Parkinson's Awareness Month!
Come see your Fighter show their STUFF!

**Saturday, April 29, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Come as we gather to dedicate our new home.....

THE BIG BLUE BOX

125 Water Street, Laconia, NH 03246 right next door
to The Downtown Gym

For more information, please contact us at
downtowngymlaconiarb@gmail.com

or call us at

603-581-9392



Matthew J. Canfield
Chief of Police

LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Media Press Release

"A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency"



126 New Salem Street Laconia, New Hampshire 03246-3402

FULL-SCALE TRAINING EXERCISE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

The Laconia Police Department will be conducting a full-scale active shooter training exercise in conjunction with NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management on Saturday, **APRIL 15, 2023**. The training exercise will be located at the **PLEASANT STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** located at 350 Pleasant Street and will run from 7:00 am through 2:00 pm.

Multiple law enforcement partners will be participating as well as members of the Laconia Fire Department EMS. Residents and visitors may see a significant increase in police presence during this time.

Northbound traffic on Pleasant will be detoured at the intersection of Oak Street. Southbound traffic on Pleasant will be re-routed at the intersection of Audrey Lane. Folsom Street will be closed at the intersection with Pleasant Street. Tremont Street will be closed at the intersection of North Main Street. Dartmouth Street will be closed at Tremont Street.

Electronic sign boards and traffic barricades will be used to clearly define this temporary traffic pattern.

The Laconia Police Department recognizes the inconvenience to our residents who live in this area and will make every effort to accommodate them during this time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in order to make this very important training event happen.

Members of the public can direct questions to the Laconia Police Department at (603) 524-5257. Members of the media can direct questions directly to Chief Matt Canfield at (603) 524-5257 Ext 324.

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
(603) 527-1270

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



my Social Security

Produced at U.S. taxpayer expense

Did your spring cleaning get a little too intense and now you can't find your proof of benefits?

You can use your personal "My Social Security Account to request a Benefit

Verification Letter. Read more about it by clicking the above image!



City Meetings



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:](#)

Trustees of the Trust Funds

April 17, 2023, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks and Rec Commission

April 17, 2023, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

April 17, 2023, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Police Commission

April 19, 2023, 3:00 pm

Board of Assessors

April 20, 2023, 5:30 pm



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below must be preceded by 603)

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician Taylor Daigle	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert	
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
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 - Katie Gargano	
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:
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