



March 1, 2024 - Edition #627

*A winter day at Opechee Park
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



SERVICE DISRUPTION: LACONIA CITY FACILITIES MARCH 8TH – 9TH

Municipal services will be interrupted in the City of Laconia on March 8-9 as the City upgrades and consolidates its computer network. The project requires taking the network off-line. On these dates, most municipal services requiring

the use of a networked computer will be unavailable and telephones will not be operational. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Impacted departments include:

City Manager's Office
City Clerk/Tax Collection
Assessing
Planning

Code Enforcement
Parks
Library
Department of Public Works
Finance

Public Safety services provided by the Police and Fire departments will NOT be impacted. Also NOT impacted is the Transfer Station.

Please keep these dates in mind as you plan to use City services.

Thank you for your accommodations as we complete this important task.

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.



Daylight Savings Time
begins at 2:00 am on
Sunday, March 10th.

Don't forget to put your clocks
forward one hour before
you head to bed on
Saturday evening.

*Spring will be
here soon!*





Mon
3/4

Sensory Storytime @ 10am (babies-6)

Tue
3/5

**Tech Help @ 10am,
Teen Gaming Club @ 3:30pm (ages 12-18)**

Wed
3/6

**Toddler Time @ 10am (babies-3), Tech Help @ 2pm,
Talk About Death Won't Kill You: Session 1 @ 6pm**

Thurs
3/7

**Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6),
Fiber Arts Group @ 10am, Family Craft @ 3:30pm,
Nonfiction Book Group @ 6pm**

Fri
3/8

Sat
3/9

FOR DESCRIPTIONS AND MORE, VISIT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR!

<http://laconialibrary.org>
follow us: @laconialibrary
call: (603) 524-4775
text: (603) 556-4666
email: info@laconialibrary.org
[Sign-up for our monthly email newsletter](#)



Visit our
[website for all
our Library
events.](#)

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

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!

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

Tap Into Maple

**90 minute programs begin at the top of each hour
10 am-2 pm**

Experience a Northeast tradition that predates New England—making maple syrup! From tapping a tree to tasting delicious maple syrup, you will take an inside look into every step of the syrup making process. Our naturalists will help you identify maple trees, learn the parts of the tree and their functions, and how the maple sap is turned into syrup.



March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Embossed Paper Nature Prints

Creating embossed paper prints from natural objects: leaves, twigs, sticks, as well as original cutout shapes based on abstract or real natural subjects. You will receive all of the materials, hands-on instruction, the opportunity to operate the studio printing press, and, of course, create a series of your own original embossings ready to frame.



Additional programs, series, and registration details

Saturday March 2nd 1-3 pm

prescottfarm.org

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

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

16th Annual Robbie Mills Memorial



To Benefit: &



Saturday March 9th (Major Snow date March 10th)

At Winni Bar & Billiards
131 Lake St Unit 24, Gilford, NH

\$30.00 PP Donation includes: Practice, Lunch & entry for door prizes

Pre-Pay by February 25th and receive a free T-Shirt

Doors open @ 9:30am (Pay \$35.00 after 10:30)

Tournament starts Promptly at 11:00am

Double Elimination - BCA Rules apply

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

- 1 Trophies
- 2 Cash Prizes
- 3 Food
- 4 Raffles
- 5 50/50
- 6 Live Auction

Sponsored by



For information and to Pre-Register
Contact Tony Felch 603-998-1418
or ynotynot@peoplepc.com

Annual Robbie Mills Memorial Tournament

To Benefit: &



Aug. 2, 1998: Robert J. "Robbie" Mills, 14, died, the victim of murder in connection with the theft of his bicycle. Hundreds of mourners attended calling hours for the youth, Aug. 7, as an "angry and bewildered community" searched for closure. Mills had been a student at Memorial Middle School "where he was going to enter the eighth grade in September. He was active in sports and loved NASCAR racing and the outdoors. He had been employed at Bonanza Steak House and had purchased his bicycle with his own money.

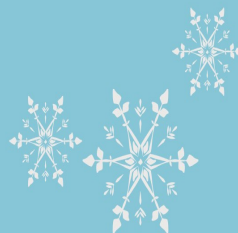
In Robbie's memory we work together to provide funding for the Boys & Girls Club and the Children's Auction. We also support the Robbie Mills Sports Complex so that the youth have a place for sports as well as an opportunity for after school programs. These are things that Robbie felt we should have. By making these things a reality it brings something positive out of a tragedy.



BELKNAP MILL

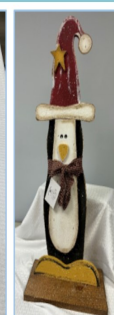
FAMILY CRAFT DAY

SATURDAY
MARCH 16TH
10AM-1PM
DROP IN



Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation
Winter Blues Raffle

- Full size handmade exquisite quilt
- "Pink Peony" Table Runner
- Framed Loran Percy prints
- 32" holiday penguin
- Assorted Gift Cards/Certificates
- Update list of items can be found on the Winter Blues page of our website



Raffle tickets 3 for \$10.00
Purchase online or
send a check:
LRSF
PO Box 7312
Gilford NH 03247-7312

Scan here to
purchase online



Winter Blues Raffle | website
www.lrscholarship.org

Live Raffle Drawing - LRSF - Fratello's Benefit Night
March 6, 2024

Need not be present to win!

stay up to date by checking out our website
at: lrscholarship.org
or follow us on Facebook or Instagram



Nurturing Skills for Families

Positive Discipline Practices & Techniques

A 6-week Zoom Series beginning March 7, 2024

Daytime and Evening Classes Available!

Thursdays 10:00-11:30am OR 6:30-8:00pm

HYBRID COURSE

Participants can choose to attend in person at our office at 719 North Main St. Laconia, NH
OR virtually via Zoom



This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on discipline which is based on respect, empowerment, caring and cooperation. Learn the power of nonviolent discipline practices and techniques.



For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6:00pm and on-site childcare *may be available* if reserved at the time of registration.

This six-week series is open to anyone...

parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, extended family, professionals supporting families, etc.

All are welcome!

To register go to www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/ or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org



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Foundation

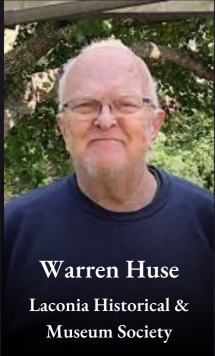


Ask the Historian

For more information visit laconiahistory.com

Get your burning questions about Laconia's history answered by our local historical experts!

**Special appearances by or support from other local historical experts may occur.*



Warren Huse
Laconia Historical & Museum Society



Ginger Ryan
Lakeport Freight House Museum



Robert Ames
Webmaster
WeirsBeach.com

Submit your inquiries via Facebook on the LHMS page or email your question to lhmslpl@metrocast.net with subject line *My Burning Question* until July 1st.

All responses to the questions will be recorded by Alan MacRae and will be broadcasted on the Society's social media channels and other platforms, starting August 2024.

The Laconia Historical & Museum Society invites the Laconia community to submit their most burning questions about the people, places, and events that have shaped Laconia's story. LHMS is bringing together three experienced historians of Laconia history for a year-long program, *Ask the Historian* to answer these questions.

Warren Huse, Ginger Ryan, and Robert Ames will accept questions through June 2024. Community members can submit inquiries via Facebook on the LHMS page or email questions to lhmslpl@metrocast.net with the subject line *My Burning Question* until July 1st. All questions are welcome, and more than one question is encouraged!

All responses to the questions will be recorded by Alan MacRae and will be published on the Society's social media channels and other platforms, starting August 2024. If you have any inquiries regarding this program or other LHMS activities, please contact the Society through lhmslpl@metrocast.net or call 603-527-1278.



Picture of a Sharp-shinned Hawk near Lake Winnisquam recently.
(Photo compliments of Scott Myers)



Gilford Community Church to Host Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Gilford Community Church at 19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford is hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Friday, March 16, 2024, at 6pm.

A traditional dinner with all the fixings, including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions, turnips, and Irish Soda Bread. Carrot cake and Irish coffee for dessert.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased through Tuesday, March 12th at the GCC administrative offices at 19 Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford. For those with questions, please call (603) 524-6057.



Please see the Public Hearing Notice below 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 **March 25, 2024** 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:

A POTENTIAL PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF LACONIA OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 601 MAIN STREET, LACONIA, NH


Katie Gargano, City Clerk

PLEASE JOIN US!

Fratello's is donating 25% of orders placed to support Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Operating Fund when you mention us!

eat in or order take out- mention lakes region scholarship foundation
Live raffle drawing will be held early evening!
You do not need to be present to win.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024
4PM - CLOSE
FRATELLO'S LACONIA**



Fratello's Laconia - 603-528-2022
Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation - 603-527-3533



NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LONG HISTORY WITH SPRING WATERS AND FIZZY DRINKS - THE LAKES REGION AND BEYOND

From 1825, over 30,000 US bottlers sold "fizzy" soft drinks. They produced 16,000 brands, many now only remembered by collectors. The 19th century saw the rise of non-alcoholic beverages, and New Hampshire was part of the market explosion.

Dennis will explore the roots of the bottling industry in the Granite State, focusing on Laconia and the Lakes Region. Learn about brands like Cott and Lafayette Beverages. Hear about today's industry and NH's oldest bottler, in operation since 1863!

Free and open to the community.


TUESDAY


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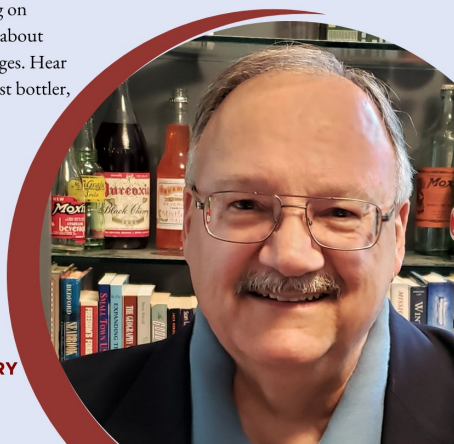
 AT 6:00PM

 LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY



 603-527-1278

 www.laconiahistory.com



Dennis Sasseville
Presenter

 LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Benjamin Greene, Conductor



SYMPHONY CONCERT

"THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM"

March 16, 2024 - 7:00pm
Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Rt. 25, Meredith
Tickets www.LRSO.org \$25 Adult / \$10 Student

COPLAND - Lincoln Portrait
GRANT STILL - Afro-American Symphony
BERLIOZ - Roman Carnival Overture
HAYDN - Trumpet Concerto in E flat major



featuring
Adam Gallant

Sponsored by the Robert T. Smith Family Trust

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



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 (22- or VET-.)

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 April 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



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 loss, depreciation or business use of home
- Complicated 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 joint, both spouses must be present
- Government issued photo identification for you and your spouse (if married)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and/or dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and/or 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 day care 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 at Laconia Senior Center

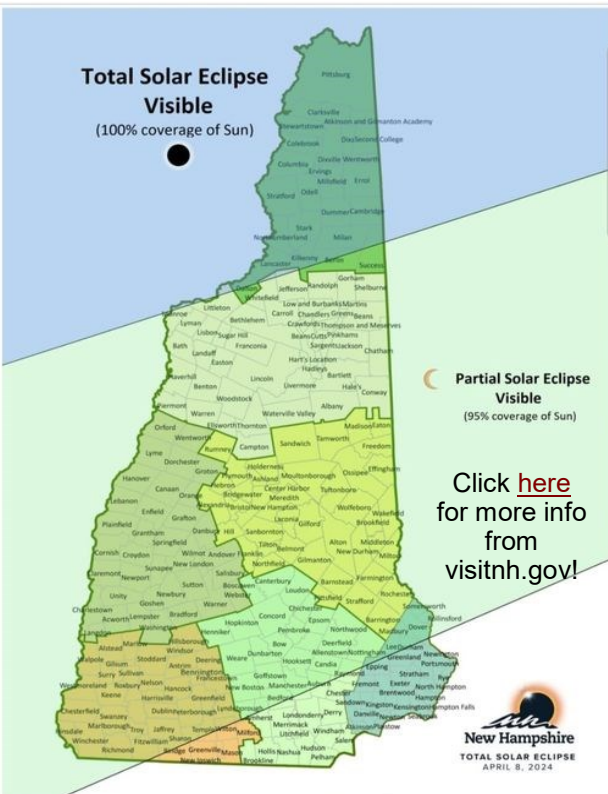
Location: Parking and entrance on Left Side of Beacon Street West beyond Water Street

Days: Tuesdays, 5-8 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm, January 30 to April 13, 2024

Hours: Make appointment by calling 211 or online at NHTAXHELP.ORG only (Do Not Contact Senior Center)



**Total Solar Eclipse
Visible**
(100% coverage of Sun)



**Partial Solar Eclipse
Visible**
(95% coverage of Sun)

Click [here](https://www.visitnh.gov/)
for more info
from
[visitnh.gov!](https://www.visitnh.gov/)



NHSolarEclipse.com photo

On April 8, 2024, New Hampshire will be one of only 13 states to experience totality of the **Great North American Solar Eclipse**.



Now in the Gallery



March 1 through March 24

Spring is Here!

Join Us for

Artist Reception

March 10 from 2 to 4 pm

Lakes Region Art Gallery in the Tanger Outlets

120 Laconia Rd, Tilton, New Hampshire

T: 603-998-0029 www.lraanh.org



Discover the magic of Telling Tails, NH Humane Society's unique reading to pets program designed to foster youth literacy and promote pet socialization! Tailored for all ages, Telling Tails offers self-guided appointment-only sessions where participants can cozy up with a book and a furry friend.

Visit www.nhhumane.org/programs to find out how you can join us!



Plastics Recycling and Community Action Program Food Drive Saturday, March 16th

The Universalist Unitarian Society of Laconia, together with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, is collecting clean soft plastics and food items in front of the church at 172 Pleasant Street in Laconia from 11am until 1pm on Saturday, March 16..

To help our neighbors and our environment, please bring the clean soft plastics you've been saving for proper repurposing as well as the following needed items for CAP: easy-open pop-top canned soups, fruit, small jars of mayonnaise, jellies and jams, cereal and small personal-sized toothpastes, shampoos, moisturizers, mouthwash, razors and toothbrushes.

We are grateful for your continuing enthusiasm to remove plastics from landfills and in support of our efforts to help one another!



Laconia Senior Center 603-524-7689

MARCH 2024 ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Calendar subject to change* * See other side for menu options*				1 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
4 <u>10-11:00am-Foot and Blood pressure Clinic – Granite VNA *By Appointment*</u> <u>10-12:00pm– Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm– Board Games</u>	5 <u>9-10:00am– TED Talk - "How Societies can grow old better"</u> <u>10-12:00- Bingo</u> <u>1:00pm– Walking Group</u>	6 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10-12:00pm– tabletop ping pong</u> <u>10:00am– Movie</u>	7 <u>10-11:00am-Pictionary Game</u> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u>	8 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
11 <u>10-12:00pm– Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm– Board Games</u>	12 <u>10-11:00am– Volunteer opportunities with NH Humane Society and pet visit w/Paige</u> <u>No Bingo today</u> <u>1:00pm– Walking</u>	13 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:00 am– Movie</u> <u>10-12:00-indoor volley ball</u>	14 <u>10:30-11:30– education by Franklin VNA followed by blood pressure clinic</u> <u>11:00am-Trivia</u> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u>	15 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
18 <u>10-12:00pm– Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm– Board Games</u>	19 <u>10-12:00pm– Bingo</u> <u>1:00pm– Walking Group</u>	20 <u>9-12:00pm– <i>Wellness Fair with Partnership for Public Health</i></u>	21 <u>10-11:00am– Hawks and Owls with Squam Lake Science Center</u> <u>10:00am– Artfully Aging Zoom Art class</u> <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u>	22 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>
25 <u>10:00am– Affordable Hearing *by appointment only*</u> <u>10-12:00pm– Corn Hole</u> <u>9-12:00pm– Board</u>	26 <u>10-12:00–Bingo</u> <u>1:00pm– Walking Group</u>	27 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10-11:00am– activities committee meeting</u> <u>10:00am– Movie</u>	28 <u>11:30am-Congregate meal</u> <u>12:30pm– March birthday celebration</u>	29 <u>9-9:45 am- Strength and Balance with Jena</u> <u>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</u>



Shown are students from Concord Christian Academy's recent visit to the Belknap Mill for *A Day in the Life of a Mill Worker Field Trip*.

Second graders learned about the many jobs at the Mill, how socks were made, and how the river once generated electricity to run the Mill. After punching their timecards, they put on an apron and got to work. At the end, each student was given a dime for a day's pay-- the rate back in 1918!

Pictured (left): Belknap Mill Volunteer, Kathy Anderson, as Mr. Morin, with second graders from Concord Christian Academy.



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 . . .

Sled dog races, Feb. 10-12, 1930, were captured in Bank Square, Laconia, by the Lane Studio. Building at left was the Perley Block, at the corner of Hanover Street, across from the Unitarian Church. Laconia National and City Savings banks occupied the next building, built in 1888-1889. (The New England Telephone sign marked the business office and switchboards, upstairs in the bank building.) The Lake City Shoe Store, in the wooden building at right, was one of a series of restaurants and other retail establishments located there over the years. (Photo courtesy of Charlie St. Clair)



. . . AND NOW

Sled dog races were canceled, in 2024, due to lack of snow. The Perley Block was torn down in 1950 to make way for a Landau department store (later, J.J. Newberry, Bloom's and currently the Laconia Antique Center.) The church burned in 1938 and was replaced by a First National grocery store (later by a series of banks — today Citizens Bank — as well as a drug store and wig cellar.) The 1888-1889 bank building is still there, behind a 1957 Colonial brick facade, which also saw an addition to the banks, replacing the wooden shoe store and other structures. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



BELKNAP MILL FAMILY CRAFT DAY

**SATURDAY
MARCH 2ND
10AM-1PM
DROP IN**



Gilford Community Church to Host Next Gals' Night Out

On Friday, March 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm the Gilford Community Church (GCC) at 19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford, NH will host Gals' Night Out with a brand-new presentation from Sheryl Faye as she portrays "Her Majesty", Queen Elizabeth II, alongside a delicious dinner catered by Ellie Murphy.

Tickets for Gals' Night Out are \$25 and may be purchased through Tuesday, March 5th at the GCC administrative offices at 19 Potter Hill Road in Gilford. For those with questions, please call (603) 524-6057.

Future Gals' Night Out events include The Powerchords, who will sing Broadway hits, on Friday, May 17, 2024.



CITY OF LACONIA BOARD & COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following Boards and Commissions have **current vacancies**:

Board of Assessors: 1 alternate position

Building Code Board of Appeals: 1 registered architect position

Conservation Commission: 1 alternate position

***Downtown TIF District Advisory Board:** 3 regular positions

Heritage Commission: 2 alternate positions

***Lakeport TIF District Advisory Board:** 1 regular position

Library Board of Trustees: 1 regular position, 2 alternate positions

Planning Board: 2 regular positions, 1 alternate position

Putnam Fund: 1 regular position

***Weirs TIF District Advisory Board:** 1 regular position

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 4 alternate positions

Historic District Commission: 2 regular positions, 2 alternate positions

** Members of the TIF District Advisory Boards shown must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts)*

If you are interested in applying for a position on one of our Boards or Commissions, please contact the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 (or by e-mail at Nbrown@laconianh.gov) for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at www.laconianh.gov. A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our website. Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board.

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 6, 2024.

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

**LAKES REGION
STUDENTS ATTENDING
HIGHER EDUCATION
2024-2025**

**APPLICATION ON OUR
WEBSITE**

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

**OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO AWARDING
SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOU!**

UPDATED EARLY BIRD RAFFLE QUALIFICATION FOR 2024!
The "Early Bird" bonus award raffle will include the names of the first 30 completed qualified application packets (with proof of FAFSA submission) that we receive by email!

QUESTIONS??

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

**Karen Switzer
Executive Director**

**Chris Guilmett
Assistant Director**



Applicants | Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
www.lrscholarship.org

“In Laconia Schools...”

Dear Laconia School District Staff and Families.

There is great excitement in our schools as students engage in spirit week and other activities across the district. For more information and great pictures of our students having fun, please check out the social media pages of our schools. I want to share some highlights of some great things happening in our schools:

Craig Kozens Receives National Recognition

Craig Kozens, the Dean of Students and Athletic Director at Laconia High School, was recognized by the National Interscholastic Administrators Association (NIAAA) as a Certified Athletic Administrator in a press release by the NIAAA on February 9. Mr. Kozens “has demonstrated the highest knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration...Craig Kozens is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators to attain this level of professionalism.” Here is “Coach Kozens,” pictured in his earlier days when he was the LHS Football coach, a position he held for 20 years. He has served as the Athletic Director / Dean of Students for over a decade.



LHS's Unified National Champions Banner

Last spring, Laconia High School was identified as a **Special Olympics Unified Champion School** based on having an inclusive school climate and exuding collaboration, engagement and respect for all members of the student body and staff. LHS is only the 8th school in New Hampshire to receive this distinction. On Thursday, as a Unified Champion School, LHS was awarded a Unified National Champions banner of recognition for demonstrating commitment to inclusion after having met 10 national standards of excellence. These standards were developed by a national panel of leaders from the Special Olympics and the education community. The presentation was preceded by Winter Carnival games and followed by a unified basketball game in a gym filled with Sachem Pride and school spirit. Below is a picture of Principal Lisa Hinds and Assistant Principal Michael Boyle holding the banner with our unified coaches and athletes.



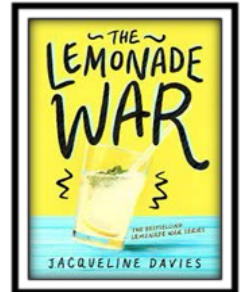
Winter Sports at LMS and LHS

Winter sports at the Laconia Middle School and Laconia High School are coming to a close.

- **82 Laconia Middle School student-athletes** (about 20 percent of the student body) participated in Boys and Girls Basketball A and B teams, cheerleading, and Unified Basketball. Some highlights include:
 - ◻ 26 of these students played on the Boys and Girls B basketball teams, which were brought back to the school this year.
 - ◻ The **Girls A Basketball** team finished with a strong 15-2 record.
- Participation in **Laconia High School** winter sports was the highest it has been in 5 years, with **112 student athletes** (also about 20 percent of the student body) engaged in Basketball, Cheer, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track, Ski, Swim, and Unified Basketball. Some highlights include:
 - ◻ **Dustin Couture**, a Sophomore, qualified and participated in States for swimming. [The Laconia Sun did a great story on him recently.](#)
 - ◻ **Will Stafford**, a Freshmen, finished 11th in the giant slalom in the Boys' state championship race at Gunstock.
 - ◻ **Albert D'Almeida**, a Senior, represented LHS at the Indoor Track state championship.
 - ◻ **Keaton Beck**, a Senior who scored his 1000th point last month, also recorded his 1000th rebound later this season.
 - ◻ The **Girls Varsity Basketball team** finished with a 15-3 record and the **Boys Varsity Basketball team** finished with a 12-6 record. Both teams will host playoff games next week.
 - ◻ The **Cheer team** recently placed second in their cheer competition in Nashua and came in first in a competition last weekend. We believe this is the first time they have placed in a competition since 2013.

One District, One Book

The elementary schools are receiving feedback from families to determine which book will be read for the **"One District, One Book"** this month to decide what book will be read by students and families this spring. The choices were *Gooseberry Park* by Cynthia Ryland and *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davis. The winner: *The Lemonade War*! This is a great book meant to engage families and students in the joy of reading.



A Musical in the Spring at LMS

Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. is playing at the Laconia Middle School Multipurpose Room on Friday, May 24 at 5:30 PM. The 60-minute musical, designed for middle school-aged performers, is based on the 1994 Broadway production and Disney's 1991 animated feature film. The cast includes Laconia Middle School students led by Norm Gilbert, Director, Teagan Sault and Marc Didonato, Music Directors, and is supported through The Office of Extended Learning, The REAL Initiative.

In closing, we have a great staff who are impacting the lives of young people every day. We are honored to work with incredible students and their families. I wish all of you a wonderful and well-deserved Winter Break.

Sincerely,

Steve Tucker, Superintendent
Laconia School District

"The mission of the Laconia School District is to ensure success with every student, every day, in every way"

Vision Statement: Learning transfers to life beyond the Laconia School District experience so students have the confidence to lead, to follow, and to grow to be responsible citizens who own their future.


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 CLUB OF LACONIA, NH





FREE THROW COMPETITION

FREE TO ALL LAKES REGION BOYS & GIRLS

SATURDAY
MARCH 16th

9:00am till 12:30pm

Laconia Middle School
150 McGrath St, Laconia, NH

(SNOW DATE: Saturday March 23rd)

Registration is at 8:30am
Warm Up at 8:45am
Competition begins at 9:00am

Walk-ins are welcome!

Pre-Register:
Text- 603-630-5531
klwanishoop@gmail.com

**Register Early for a
FREE GIFT** (while supplies last)

Boys & Girls Age Brackets

- 7-9 years old
- 10-11 years old
- 12-13 years old

Benefits Lou Athanas Basketball League & Gilford Parks & Recreation Basketball League

Register here →

















NH Students Shine a Light on Mental Health

The Belknap Mill is proud to host the 2023 Magnify Voices Expressive Arts Contest traveling exhibit for the month of March. The exhibit demonstrates how the arts, which are a vital tool for education and communication, can also be significant in healing.

Please join us for a reception on Friday, March 8th, from 5-7pm. Lakes Region Mental Health will be passing out information about local resources in our community.

The NH Children's System of Care (CSoC) started the Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest in 2019 during Mental Health Awareness Month in May to highlight the inadequacies in the system that serves youth and families. CSOC was formed to improve the lives and behavioral health outcomes of children, youth and their families in New Hampshire. It is a coordinated and collaborative effort involving multiple entities across the state with leadership from the NH Department of Health and Human Services and the NH Department of Education. CSOC is comprised of over 50 organizations who work collaboratively to support children in the Granite State with mental health challenges. For more information visit www.NHCSoc.org

For information about taking part in the 2024 Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest, visit <https://nhcsoc.org/magnify-voices/>.

Join World-reknown violinist Aniko Geladze and pianist/hurdy-gurdy player Noelle Beaudin for an evening of foot-stomping Fiddle and Piano music from Ireland, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Scotland, Galicia, and Wales.



CELTIC SPRING CONCERT

Price \$20

Call or E-mail for tickets:

www.uulaconia.org
603 524 6488
uusl@myfairpoint.net

March 9th, 2024

4:30 pm

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Laconia**

172 Pleasant Street,
Laconia, New Hampshire

MARCH
IS
NATIONAL
KIDNEY
MONTH



March is
National
Kidney Month!

Did you know that kidney disease is often referred to as a "silent

disease," because there are no symptoms in its early stages?

Click [here](https://www.nih.gov/health-topics/kidney-disease) to read more about it provided by the National Institute of Health.



CITY OF LACONIA NOTICE

**SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT
RESTRICTIONS GO INTO EFFECT
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 6 AM**

**Effective Friday, March 1, 2024 at 6:00 am, trucks
whose gross weight exceeds 10 tons are
prohibited from using the following
streets in the City:**

Crockett Road, Daisy
Gardner Road & Leighton Ave N., Eastman &
Eastman Shore Roads.
Hillcrest Drive, Hilliard Road, Pickerel Pond Road,
Severance Road, Summit Ave, Woodvale Road &
Wentworth Cove Rd.

A map of posted City streets can be found on the City's
website [here](#).

Trucks over 10 tons may still use roads with seasonal weight limits when issued a permit by the City's
Department of Public Works. Permits are granted in two types of situations:

Blanket authorizations for:

Contractors providing City services such as solid waste and recycling collection.
Private emergency services such as cleaning sanitary sewer lines.
Heating fuel companies such as heating oil and propane.

Blanket authorizations cannot be used for any other use except that which is authorized on the permit.

One-time Permits are typically used for deliveries and collections such as:

Building supplies, construction equipment, household goods, furniture.
Roll-off solid waste containers.
Automobiles to dealerships.

More detailed information and permit forms may be found on the City of Laconia website [here](#).

Questions – Please call Laconia DPW Office at 603-528-6379.

Wellness Fair

Community Action Program's Laconia Senior Center will be
partnering with Partnership for Public Health to host a
Wellness Fair



- **When:** Wednesday, March 20th from 9am-12
- **Location:** Laconia Senior Center located at 184 Beacon Street West, Laconia NH 03246
- **Free event** to the public. Food from local vendors and prize raffles will be drawn.
- **vendors include:**





Lakes Region Community Emergency Response Team CERT Training

The Partnership for Public Health, Winnepesaukee Public Health Network is pleased to offer the Basic CERT training class. This class is open to all, 14 years old and older who are interested in learning skills that will assist them in the event of an emergency at home, the workplace or while recreating. No prior emergency training or background necessary.

We welcome all persons without exception regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, physical limitations, economic hardship or disabilities of any kind. ***Minors must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Laconia Adult
Education
Laconia High
School**

**Tuesday's
March 05, 2024
— May 07 2024**

**6:00 pm—
9:00 pm**

Register

Laconia Adult Education

<https://adultedlaconia.coursetorm.com/course/cert-training-community-emergency-response-team2?page=3#>

Questions:
John Beland, Emergency Preparedness and Response Director
Partnership for Public Health, Winnepesaukee Public Health Network
Email: jbeland@ppnh.org Phone: 603-707-5855

There is \$30. tuition charge for this program.

A limited amount of tuition scholarships are available: Call 603-707-5855 or email: jbeland@ppnh.org to apply.

The Basic CERT Training teaches you basic disaster response skills so you can safely help yourself and those around you when disaster strikes and when professional responders aren't available. Learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community.

What You Learn

- ♦ Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness
- ♦ Unit 2: CERT Organization
- ♦ Unit 3-4: Disaster Medical Operations
- ♦ Unit 5: Disaster Psychology
- ♦ Unit 6: Fire Safety and Utility Controls
- ♦ Unit 7: Light Search and Rescue Operations
- ♦ Unit 8: Terrorism and Hazardous Materials Safety
- ♦ Unit 9: Course Review and Disaster Simulation

**"THERE'S NO HARM
IN HOPING FOR THE
BEST AS LONG AS
YOU'RE PREPARED
FOR THE WORST."**

—Stephen King



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CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday
(603) 527-1270

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

Scammer:

"Are you sure you
have your new
Medicare card?
I need to verify the
number matches my
system."



If someone calls you and
asks to verify your
Medicare number for any
reason, hang up.

You will never need to
verify your Medicare
number. This is someone
attempting to get your
Medicare number or your
consent to use your
information for fraudulent
purposes.



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City Meetings

Week of:
March 4 - 8

Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's [website](http://www.laconianh.gov). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. **All meetings are open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, unless otherwise noted:**

Planning Board

March 5, 2024, 6:30 pm

Agenda

Police Commission

March 6, 2024, 2:00 pm

Agenda



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
Codes Director Joe Gray	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
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	
Planning & Zoning	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Director Rob Mora	
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
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3)	803-3425
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Steven Bogert (Ward 5)	528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:

citycouncil@laconianh.gov

Visit the City's website at:

www.laconianh.gov