



March 15, 2024 - Edition #629

*An overhead view of downtown Laconia  
(photo compliments of View From Above)*

## IT'S POTHOLE SEASON!



**Drive carefully!**

Winter is ending and  
Spring is upon us!  
The City's roads are  
experiencing the annual  
transition when gravel  
roads become soft,  
potholes are plentiful and  
the roads heave due to the  
freeze thaw cycle.

## 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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).



The groundwater table is high. This causes water to seep out of the ground on hillsides making gravel road surfaces muddy.

Dirt roads that were solid when you left in the morning will be soft and slippery when you return. Drive carefully! Dirt roads will rut, and the roads will become muddier as the dirt absorbs more water from rain and runoff. Keeping your wheels out of ruts will help ensure your safety. Public Works monitors dirt roads and adds gravel to the worst spots to ensure the roads remain passable.

The freeze thaw cycle during this time of year generates potholes daily. Most potholes are located on old roads that have cracks or joints in them from road or utility work. If you are on a road with these conditions and you see standing water, it is likely that there is a pothole in the water. If it is safe to do so, adjust your position in the lane to avoid the pothole. Public Works has crews out daily filling potholes, but during this period they can appear faster than we can fill them.

Heaves are caused when the water content in soil under the road increases and the soil expands as it is frozen, lifting the road surface. You will also find this condition on older roads that have cracks in the road. When driving on these roads slow down and exercise caution. Public Works posts frost heave signs on roads when the crews find them or when they are reported. There may be areas and times when roads or sections of roads do not have signs posted. As the ground thaws, these heaves will settle.

As we move from winter further into spring the challenges associated with muddy roads, potholes and frost heaves will lessen. Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379 with questions or concerns.





**LACONIA**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MARCH 18-23**

Mon  
3/18

**Sensory Storytime @ 10am (babies-6)**

Tue  
3/19

**Tech Help @ 10am,  
Fantastic Fiction Book Group @ 10am**

Wed  
3/20

**Toddler Time @ 10am (babies-3), Tech Help @ 2pm,  
Teen Art Club @ 3:30pm**

Thurs  
3/21

**Preschool Pals @ 10am (ages 3-6),  
Fiber Arts Group @ 10am, Becoming Wolf @ 6pm**

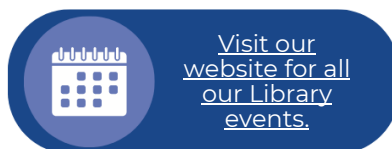
Fri  
3/22

Sat  
3/23

**Family Craft @ 10am**

**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](mailto: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!





## TAP INTO MAPLE TOURS

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.

 **Saturdays**  
March 9th, 16th, 23rd

**\$15 Nonmembers**  
**Free Members**

**All Ages**

**Join Now**

**90 MINUTE PROGRAMS BEGIN AT THE TOP OF EACH HOUR 10 AM-2 PM**

 [www.prescottfarm.org](http://www.prescottfarm.org)

 603-366-5695

 928 White Oaks Rd. Laconia



## WOMEN'S DAY OF RELAXATION AND RENEWAL

Join us for a day of relaxation and renewal, celebrating the power of womanhood at every stage of life! Our event features inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, and insightful conversations. Explore practices like reiki, mindfulness meditation, card readings, yoga, and herbal medicine, all designed to nurture and empower you. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, rejuvenate, and embrace your inner wisdom!

### May 11th, 2024

**9 AM to 3 PM**  
7:30-8:30 Pre-Registration Yoga

**@ Prescott Farm,  
Laconia NH**

**\$75/per person**

We invite women of all  
ages to attend!

#### With Speakers:



**SARAH WOODS KENDER**  
Owner and Clinical Herbalist at Sacred  
Tree Herbs, Reiki Master & Medium



**LESLEY MARDEN**  
Psychic Medium, Angel Card  
Reader, Reiki Master and Author



**GINA MCGUIRE**  
Holistic Board-Certified Nurse, Reiki  
Master and Founder of 'The Bod Squad'



**CLARE PERSSON**  
OT/L, Reiki & Mindfulness Meditation  
Practitioner and Teacher

CONTACT PRESCOTT FARM FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS AT (603) 366 - 5695





## Urgent Updates

Regarding the 2024 Laconia Little League Season

### Registration Deadlines

Registration is open and closes 3/24/24 for Majors/Minors and 4/10/24 for TBall/Coach Pitch >> <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/410651>

*Note: Players must be registered to participate in evaluations. On-site registration will be available.*

### Evaluations

Evaluations For Minors Players (League Age 7 and 8)

3/17 @ 9am-10am and 3/24 @ 9am-10am (Laconia Middle School Gym)

*Note: All players league age 7 and 8 must attend at least one evaluation to be considered for a Minor's team.*

Evaluations For Majors Players (League Age 9-12)

3/17 @ 10am-11:30am and 3/24 @ 10am-11:30am (Laconia Middle School Gym)

*Note: If not already on a Major's team, player must attend at least one evaluation to be placed on a Major's team. ALL players league age 9 or above must attend at least one evaluation, even if you wish to remain in Minors.*

### Meet and Greet

Meet and Greet (Mandatory for all players and coaches)

Wednesday 4/10 @ 6pm-7pm (Laconia Middle School Gym)

Purpose: To meet your coaches, your teammates and to pick up mandatory fundraising calendars

More information is available on the Laconia Little League website [here](#).

## American Red Cross CPR/AED Class @ The Downtown Gym!



Saturday, March 23rd, 2024:  
10:30am-12:00pm

### Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED

Participants will be trained how to recognize emergencies, contact EMS, demonstrate how to check a responsive or unresponsive victim, how to care for an adult with a breathing/choking emergency and care for them if in cardiac arrest. 2 hours e-learning on your own time. 1.5 hours of skill time at Downtown Gym. 2 year certification.

Price: \$70.00 payable the day of class (cash, check or Venmo)

Please pre- register with Anna by March 18th, 2024:

[aswanson@pbhha.org](mailto:aswanson@pbhha.org)



# Wellness Fair

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

Wellness Fair



Partnership for  
Public Health

- **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:



# HAPPY St. Patrick's Day





## 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!



## Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am Sat, March 30th @ LEAVITT PARK



A HUGE egg hunt with 3000 eggs filled with Toys & Candy

Rain or Shine!  
Dress Appropriately

Cookie Decorating and  
Games inside from  
10:00am to 11:30am!

Bring your own Basket!



With a Special Guest  
Appearance from the Easter  
Bunny!

Brought to you by Laconia Parks & Recreation and the Leavitt Park Community Club.

Call 603-524-5046 if you have questions!





The Church Street bridge repair project starts March 11th.

The Church Street bridge was built in 1980 and is over 43 years old. The bridge needs some work to recondition it for the next 20 years of its life.

The project will repair the bridge's expansion joint that is on its east side and the area where the sidewalk and road surface meets. The work includes:

- Replacement of the expansion joint. Over the years the joint has corroded, and it is no longer capable of retaining the gasket that prevents stormwater and salt from getting onto the metal bearings. These bearings allow the bridge to expand and contract.
- Removal of the granite curb on the downstream side of the bridge and repairs to the sidewalk. The joint between the granite curb and the deck allows saltwater to get into the deck, corroding the steel, and weakening the concrete. The contractor will remove 3 feet of sidewalk measured from the curb for the full length of the bridge. This is to enable the contractor to repair the deck and the sidewalk.

On Monday March 11th the contractor will block the parking spaces on the downstream side of the bridge to remove the curbing and to remove the sidewalk. Both travel lanes will be open this week.

On March 18th, the contractor will block the downstream side of the bridge to begin the process of removing and repairing the deck and the joint. Traffic will be two way alternating and the contractor will be using the temporary traffic signals with the countdown timers similar to the ones used on the Messer Street bridge last year. The sidewalk on the upstream side of the bridge will remain open during the work.

If you have any questions please call Public Works at 603-528-6379. Thank you for your patience!



Thanks to the talent of a wonderful volunteer, Kathi Caldwell-Hopper, the Belknap Mill has started a monthly blog: **A Supreme Effort: Saving the Belknap Mill.**

The early 1970s was a perilous time for the old mill buildings on Beacon Street in downtown Laconia. The buildings were no longer used, and the rooms were empty and dusty. If you were to walk through the structures, you might imagine hearing the ghostly call of one former mill worker to another or the noise of the textile machines.

Read the full story [here!](#)





## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community. If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



### CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **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



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**RESOLUTION 2024-07, ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM A CHARITABLE TRUST (BRUNGARDT GRANTOR CHARITABLE LEAD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIREARMS RANGE FOR THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**REQUEST FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOAT MUSEUM TO LEASE DOCK SPACE AT THE CITY OWNED WEIRS DOCKS**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



## CITY OF LACONIA NOTICE

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



## BELKNAP MILL FAMILY CRAFT DAY

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 16TH  
10AM-1PM  
DROP IN**





# Walk With Ease<sup>SM</sup>

**Walk With Ease**, a free program of the Arthritis Foundation, is for anyone looking to begin or increase their movement or physical activity.

Over the course of 6 weeks, you'll be provided with interactive lesson videos, a free guidebook, weekly virtual meetings and resources to help guide your self-directed walking program.

**This program is proven to:**

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

## Virtual Meeting Sessions

Tuesdays | 12:30pm - 1:30pm

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7

- Go at your own pace
- Use any device - this program can be done from anywhere!
- New classes starting monthly

## Contact Us!

Kate Bruchacova

603-397-3205 | [Kate.bruchacova@unh.edu](mailto:Kate.bruchacova@unh.edu)

If you need an accommodation to participate in our programming, please contact Rebecca Betts, [rebecca.betts@unh.edu](mailto:rebecca.betts@unh.edu) and 603-679-9447 prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to meet your needs, including language access services if requested, which will be provided free of charge.



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## New Hampshire Humane Society's 4th Annual Compassion Golf Tournament!

Get ready to tee off for a cause at the beautiful Laconia Country Club on Monday, May 6th, 2024. Grab your tickets today at [nhhumane.org/events](http://nhhumane.org/events)

Here's what you need to know:

Registration starts at 11:30 am with a shotgun start at 1 pm. Stick around after the tournament for a post-event reception. Your participation and support directly impact our mission of advocating for animals and finding them loving homes. Join us on the green and help us save even more lives!



WE'RE **SHAMROCKIN'** THIS BAG



**shaws**

This March, make your community feel lucky by purchasing a Give Back Bag. Throughout the month, each reusable \$3.00 Give Back Bag purchased at our selected Shaw's will send our organization a \$1 donation.

[shaws.2givelocal.com](http://shaws.2givelocal.com)  
GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS  
Reusable Bag Program

Benefiting Organization:

**Lakes Region  
Santa Fund**

At This Shaw's Location:

**Belmont**



# BELKNAP HOUSE ONLINE AUCTION

Proudly Sponsored By:




**March 12-16, 2024**  
Bidding ends at 6pm on the 16th!

Join us to support our families,  
all while supporting local  
businesses and artisans!

*It's For the Kids*

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION

*Sponsored by the Café Déjà Vu Team*

# EGG My Yard!

How would you like to wake up to a yard filled with candy & toy stuffed eggs?

We will come out after 8PM the night before Easter.  
We will scatter (not hide) the eggs in your yard.  
(Laconia, Meredith, Belmont, Gilford area!)

**22 EGGS - \$20**

**45 EGGS - \$40**

**70 EGGS - \$60**

**95 EGGS - \$80**

**120 EGGS - \$100**

**CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL TODAY!**

We have a limited supply so order early!  
March 27th deadline



(603) 998-1418 or [ynotynot@peoplepc.com](mailto:ynotynot@peoplepc.com)

I will send you the registration form with instructions.

We will recycle the empty eggs if you bring them to Café Déjà vu after





# 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)







# Belknap Mill Quilters Guild

## Deborah Boschert's Lecture: "All About Art Quilt Collages"- April 13, 2024, 4 pm

Deborah Boschert is an artist, author and teacher who creates art quilts with layers of fabric, paint and stitching. The details in her quilts reflect her experiences and feelings about places she has lived and things she has done. Her award winning quilts have been exhibited at quilt shows and art galleries throughout the United States and internationally.

Deborah will share her most recent art quilts and talk about developing her own personal style. She will show numerous of examples of her favorite techniques, materials and themes. She will also tell stories about exciting collaborations, surprising discoveries and finding inspiration in unexpected places.

The lecture will take place at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St, E in Laconia. The Guild is pleased to offer this lecture to the public. Non-guild members may register for the lecture at [info@bmqq.org](mailto:info@bmqq.org) and indicate whether you will attend virtually or in person. The cost is \$5.00 per person.



## Pemigewasset CHORAL SOCIETY

50TH ANNIVERSARY



### 100 Voices, One Goal — to Spread the Joy of Choral Music!

SATURDAY • MAY 4 • 7:30 PM • COLONIAL THEATRE • LACONIA  
SUNDAY • MAY 5 • 3:00 PM • SILVER CENTER • PLYMOUTH

ADMISSION BY DONATION

*Our Laconia concert is presented by the Laconia Putnam Fund*



Join us for Concord Hospital's 2024 social event of the year where theme dress is encouraged and guests will be taken back to the roaring twenties which will include tasting rooms and big band music with dancing.



## THE BEE'S KNEES SOCIAL CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024  
6:30-9:30PM

CHURCH LANDING

281 D.W. HIGHWAY, MEREDITH, NH

1920'S GLAM OR COCKTAIL ATTIRE



Scan QR Code or visit [chtrust.org](http://chtrust.org) for more info and to purchase tickets

GRAB YOUR CLOSEST DAMES AND FELLAS  
AND DON'T BE A PILL AND MISS GETTING ALL  
DOLLED UP AS THIS SHINDIG WILL BE HOPPIN'!



Proceeds will support the Concord Hospital health system with maternity care and prenatal & postnatal OB/GYN patient care.





**Laconia Senior Center 603-524-7689**

# MARCH 2024 ACTIVITIES

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



The Belknap Mill's Community Weaving Project's first scarf is now complete and on display.

Stop in to see photos of everyone who helped create it.

You can visit Tuesday through Friday afternoons from 1-4pm to try your hand at weaving, as we begin the second scarf.

Fun for all ages!

March is...

# RED CROSS MONTH

Learn more [here!](#)





# 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 ...

D.K. Marsh Livery Stable and adjoining Marsh House, next to original (1894) Masonic Temple Building are seen on Main Street, Laconia, in the early 1900s. Canal Street is just off-photo at extreme right in photo below — after livery stable was rebuilt as an automotive garage following the Masonic Temple fire of Dec. 6, 1902. (Laconia Public Library)



## ... AND NOW

Benjamin Piscopo had begun excavation for his New Piscopo Block, 100 years ago this week. where, according to The Laconia Democrat, 'it is understood a new brick block is to be erected ... an important move toward improving the appearance of Main street,' Construction of the brickwork began in June, with stores moving into the new block in late October 1924. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS

# Rockin' DADDIOS



**Friday, April 5, 2024 - 7:00 pm**

**Laconia Colonial Theater**

With Opening Guest Act:

**SAZERAC SWING**

Tickets available at the Colonial Theater Box Office 609 Main Street Laconia  
Starting Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 10:00 am till 2:00 pm.

Tickets available online at [www.coloniallaconia.com](http://www.coloniallaconia.com)  
Starting Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 10:00am or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Free Admission - 2 ticket maximum Per Person - General Seating  
First Come first Seated  
All General Admission Ticket Holders are to be seated prior to 6:45 pm.

**FREE Standby Tickets are available the day of the show at 6:45 pm.**

Like us on Facebook   
<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>

## LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next  
Board Meeting on Thursday,  
March 21st, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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

[www.laconiahousing.org/board-info](http://www.laconiahousing.org/board-info)

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

MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH



### Laconia Historical & Museum Society

Protecting, Preserving and  
Sharing the story of Laconia.



As an LHMS member, you are a key player in safeguarding the city's priceless collections and narratives. Your support empowers LHMS to take necessary actions to *protect* the archives, artifacts, and other historical possessions that are vital in preserving the city's cultural heritage.



By joining LHMS, you will help *preserve* the stories and memories of our community's past, ensuring that they are passed down to future generations. Your support honors and celebrates our history while investing in the future of our community.



Our community's pride and legacy are embodied in the story of Laconia, and we must continue to celebrate and preserve our city's culture, heritage, and traditions for future generations. Becoming a member of LHMS is a great way to ensure that Laconia's story is *shared* and celebrated for years to come.

**Become a member today!**

[www.laconiahistory.com](http://www.laconiahistory.com)



### Exhibit Reception

You are cordially invited to a reception at the Laconia Public Library for the exhibit 100 Years of Laconia High School History curated by Lily Lescarbeau. The reception will be held in the Laconia Public Library Rotunda on the upper level at **5:00 pm on Monday, March 25, 2024**. Lily is a Laconia High School student who recently completed a research project documenting 100 years of

Laconia High School history and an exhibit of Laconia High School memorabilia. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate Lily's research and exhibit, both of which make her eligible for a Diploma of Distinction at Laconia High School.

Light refreshments will be served, no RSVP required.



## The Concord-Laconia Connector connects the Lakes Region to southern NH CAT Launches New Commuter Bus Route – the Concord-Laconia Connector

Have you heard? Concord Area Transit started running the Concord-Laconia Connector intercity commuter bus route last month. This service is offered fare-free connecting Concord to Franklin, Tilton, and Laconia.


The Concord-Laconia Connector (CLC) has 15 bus stops along the route, including major employment, medical and retail destinations such as Merchant's Way, Merrimack County Complex (Nursing Home and County Corrections), Franklin Industrial Park, J. Jill Distribution Center, Tanger Outlet, Belknap Mall, Concord Hospital-Laconia, and downtown Laconia.

The bus makes four round trips per day with the first leaving downtown Concord at 5:45 AM arriving at Concord Hospital-Laconia at 7:26 AM and the Church St parking lot downtown Laconia at 7:31am.

A complete schedule for the route can be found at [ConcordAreaTransit.com](http://ConcordAreaTransit.com) or in the new CAT Riders Guide (or click on the image (left)).

Terri Paige, Transportation Director for Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack which operates CAT, says "We are very excited about this new route. It gives residents of these communities access to thousands of jobs, while also providing a way for residents to travel to medical appointments and other services outside their home community. And since it is fare free, it will give them a much-needed break from the cost of driving".

Those using the CLC connects to the existing CAT routes via the Penacook Route in Penacook. The routes are timed for a quick, easy transfer at the Penacook Family Physicians bus stop.




**Transit System Map  
Bus Schedules  
Rider Guide**

FREE public transportation in Concord, New Hampshire, and surrounding communities.

Where will you go today?

Includes the new Concord-Laconia Connector

Effective November 2023



603-225-1989  
[concordareatransit.com](http://concordareatransit.com)

### About Concord Area Transit

Since 1989, Concord Area Transit (CAT) has served Concord area residents and visitors as the public transportation service with regular fixed-route bus service and specialized services for seniors and ADA complementary paratransit service. It provides bus service throughout Concord and surrounding points, including Penacook, Concord Hospital, Downtown, Memorial Field, Fort Eddy Road Plaza, NHTI and Concord Heights. Buses operate Monday through Friday, 6am-6:30pm. No ticket or cash is needed as all services are fare-free. For a complete schedule or more information, contact CAT at (603) 225-1989 or visit [Concordareatransit.com](http://Concordareatransit.com).

### About CAPBMCI

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (CAPBMCI, CAPBM, CAP-BM, BMCAP) is a New Hampshire based 501(c)(3) private, nonprofit organization. The agency was established in 1965 under the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 with the primary mission of working with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist them in their efforts to become or remain financially and socially independent. The agency sponsors and manages seventy-three (73) programs designed to meet the needs of children, families, single parents, and the elderly.







## 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](http://www.lraanh.org)

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



**Step Ahead**  
Home Visiting  
Program

The Step Ahead Program assists families with children under the age of 21 by offering individualized supports and services that help to empower and strengthen families to control their own future, achieve their goals, and create a support network.

For more information on this program, please click on the image (left).



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

## Reminder

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED  
APPLICATIONS IS **APRIL 1**

**APPLY NOW**

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



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# JIMMY & THE JESTERS

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**MARCH 29TH**  
BAND PLAYS 7 TO 10 PM  
**\$10 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR**  
POTLUCK WELCOME  
AT 6 PM

Franklin  
VNA & Hospice

1st Annual

# 5K RUN & WALK

SATURDAY

**APRIL 27, 2024 AT 9AM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL RYAN HOWE

**603-934-3454**

[rhowe@franklinvna.org](mailto:rhowe@franklinvna.org)

Start/Finish at Paul Smith  
Elementary School  
41 Daniel Webster Dr.  
Franklin, NH  
9am

Franklin  
VNA & Hospice

**REGISTRATION \$35 PER PERSON**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Franklin/FranklinVNAandHospice5kRunWalk>

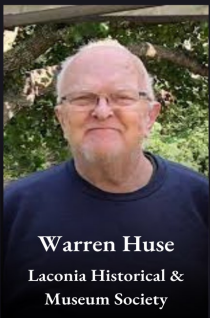


## Ask the Historian

For more information visit [laconiahistory.com](http://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](mailto: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 Hues, 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](mailto: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](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net) or call 603-527-1278.





## First Time Homebuyer Seminar

Looking to Buy a home?

This seminar introduces the key steps of buying a home and teaches you how to build your team of home buying professionals to guide you through each step!

What's Included:

- **"Realizing the American Dream":** A complete manual detailing how to buy your home.
- **One-on-One Counseling:** A certified counselor will assess your situation and help develop a road map to purchase your home.
- **Credit Report:** Included at your one-on-one counseling appointment.
- **Pizza Lunch:** Included at this class.



Accessible alternatives and interpreters available upon request.

**Pre-Registration  
is required!**

**\$69 Class Fee**

**Up to two attendees  
per household**

**Location:**

Lakes Region  
Community  
Developers  
193 Court St.  
Laconia, NH. 03246

**Date:**

Saturday  
April 13, 2024  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m

**Questions?**

Tanya Hannigan  
866-701-9097

[thannigan@hometeamnh.org](mailto:thannigan@hometeamnh.org)

**Register Now!**

[www.HOMEdteamnh.org](http://www.HOMEdteamnh.org)

**866-701-9097**





# Need help paying for groceries?

SNAP can help!

Learn more & apply  
through NH DHHS:

[dhhs.nh.gov/snap](http://dhhs.nh.gov/snap)

Need help with your application?  
Call the NH Food Bank:  
1-877-347-7627



**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**

**Curbside  
recycling  
will be picked  
up the week of  
March 25!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2024 - 10am to 3 pm**

**Rotary Park - Laconia**

Join us for the music, arts, crafts and cuisine of our diverse community  
from our earliest days to recently arrived New Americans.



## **Laconia Multicultural Festival**

**A Celebration of Music, Arts, Crafts and Cuisine  
in Downtown Laconia**

[www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org](http://www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org)



# City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall  
45 Beacon St. East  
Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto: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.



March is National Nutrition Month!  
Creating healthy meal plans at home can help you save money and feel your best at any age. And meal planning is easier than you might think!

Click on the image (above) to read five tips for seniors to help inspire you to start creating nourishing, tasty meals in your own kitchen (provided by the National Council on Aging).



## City Meetings

Week of:  
March 18 - 22

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:**

### Water Commission

March 18, 2024, 5:30 pm

#### [Agenda](#)

### Parks & Rec Commission

March 18, 2024, 6:00 pm

#### [Agenda](#)

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

March 18, 2024, 6:30 pm

#### [Agenda](#)

### Appointments Subcommittee

March 20, 2024, 2:00 pm

#### [Agenda](#)

### Human Relations Committee

March 20, 2024, 4:00 pm

### Board of Assessors

March 21, 2024, 5:00 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
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](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)