

May 10, 2024 - Edition #637

Photo of a beautiful male purple finch  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)

**You say you'd never let  
them out of your sight,  
but never happens.**



Prevent Hot  
Car Deaths  
**STOP. LOOK. LOCK.**



ad **NHTSA**

Did you know that a child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's? When a child is left in a vehicle, that child's temperature can rise quickly, and the situation can become very dangerous.

Always lock your car when you aren't using it. If you see a child alone in a locked car, call 911 immediately. A child in distress should be removed from the vehicle as quickly as possible and rapidly cooled. Also, please be mindful of your pets!

## 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).



## LIGHT UP GREEN!

For Mental Health Awareness Month

**Laconia City Hall is proud  
to help in the effort to raise  
awareness for those who have a  
mental health condition and their  
loved ones.**







**MON 5/13**

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

**TUE 5/14**

**Drop-In Tech Help**  
**@10am**

**Monthly Adult Craft**  
**@1pm**

**Teen Manga & Anime**  
**Club @3:30pm**  
**(ages 12-18)**

**WED 5/15**

**Toddler Time**  
**@10am (babies-3)**

**Drop-In**  
**Tech Help @2pm**

**THU 5/16**

**Fiber Arts Group**  
**@10am**

**Preschool Pals**  
**@10am (ages 3-6)**

**FRI 5/17**

**Guided Imagery**  
**Meditation &**  
**Journaling**  
**@11am**

**SAT 5/18**

**Family Craft:**  
**Paint A Bug!**  
**@10am**  
**(ages 5-11)**

**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!



## Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

### UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-12:30 pm

#### Buttercream Floral Cupcakes with Chef Allen

Spring has sprung and flowers abound! In this cupcake decorating class you will learn the basics of buttercream flower piping, how to use a petal tip, flower nail, and tips and tricks to make your flowers the prettiest bouquet!

May

25

2024

**SAVE THE DATE**



Saturday, 10 am-3 pm

#### 14th Annual Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is our most popular community event of the year, drawing over 500 people of all ages to our property for a day of fun on the farm. Admission to the public is free!

Sept

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2024



Saturday, 12-1pm

#### Discovery Tour

Discovery Tours are a one-hour, **free** overview of all that Prescott Farm has to offer. You will see and hear how our team expands participants' understanding and appreciation of the natural world through a variety of programs promoting education, social connections, and wellness.

June

15

2024

Additional programs, series, and registration details

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

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH (603) 366-5695 [info@prescottfarm.org](mailto:info@prescottfarm.org)

## Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

### UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-1 pm

#### Card Weaving

Card or tablet weaving is a way to weave decorative strips of cloth without a loom. Participants will learn to read a card weaving pattern, set up their weaving, and begin weaving. All supplies will be provided, though participants wanting specific colors are welcome to bring their own yarn (contact us for what yarn types will work best).

May

18

2024



Saturday, 1-3 pm

#### Foraging and Cooking Wild Dandelions

This Vitamin A powerhouse is not just nutritious; it's also delicious! Learn how to gather and make dandelion leaf tea, sautéed dandelion greens, and kid-friendly, dandelion flower fritters.

May

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Wednesday, 5-6pm

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DOWNTOWN GYM &  
TRAINING CENTER PRESENTS...

# Spring Fling!

Friday, May 31st | 7-10pm  
Dancing, Nibbles & Cash Bar  
at the Conference Center  
on Blueberry Lane  
\$25 admission

All proceeds benefit the  
Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

**DWN  
TWN** THE DOWNTOWN GYM  
TRAINING CENTER  
WHERE YOU TRAIN FOR LIFE!

Scan the QR code to the right to register  
[DOWNTOWNGYMLACONIA.COM](http://DOWNTOWNGYMLACONIA.COM)  
603-581-9392 | 171 FAIR ST. LACONIA NH



## — DAVID CLARK'S — ALL ABOUT JOEL

BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE  
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM, MEREDITH



LIVE PERFORMANCE AT 7:30 PM

BENEFIT FOR

THE LAKES REGION FOOD PANTRY

Lakes Region Food Pantry Event Sponsors

Mondovi  
Dental



TICKETS JUST

\$40

[TBINH.ORG](http://TBINH.ORG)

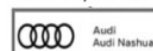


OR IN PERSON AT

\*Innisfree Booksellers  
Meredith & Laconia  
\*Cackleberries Garden Shop  
Meredith  
\*The Thrift Shop  
Moultonborough



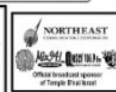
Event Sponsors



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FAMILY DENTAL



TEMPLE BROTHERS  
THE LAKES REGION  
BUSINESS DIRECTORY



CAN'T ATTEND?

You can still support  
the Lakes Region Food Pantry.  
Donate tickets to First Responders.  
Visit [tbinh.org](http://tbinh.org)

## Christmas IN JULY CRUISE

6:30 pm July 11  
M/S Mount Washington

- Buffet Dinner
- Entertainment
- and More!

LAKES  
FM 101.5



GREATER LAKES REGION  
CHILDREN'S  
AUCTION

Join us on the M/S Mount Washington  
for a fun-filled evening on Lake  
Winnepesaukee this summer,  
July 11th at 6:30pm.

Proceeds to benefit the Greater  
Lakes Region Children's Auction!

For details or to purchase your ticket  
visit <https://bit.ly/3HhRAQ4>





# WALKING CHALLENGE

MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS MONTH  
MAY 2024

28.2 MILES



Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Not only does walking provide physical benefits, but it also helps your mental health!

Walking regularly can help ease symptoms related to chronic mental health conditions like depression and anxiety.

Some benefits of walking include better sleep, stress relief, and improved endurance, amongst others.

Join LRMHC in walking 28.2 miles in the month of May as part of our Walking Challenge for Mental Health Awareness month.

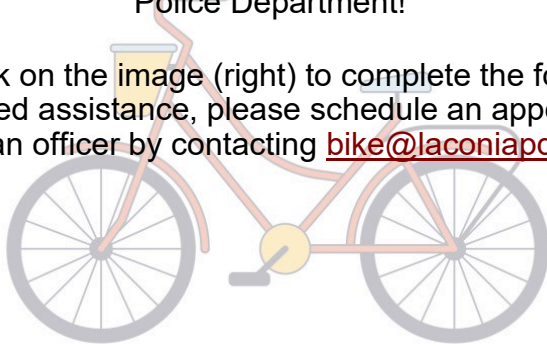
Follow this link to get started:

<https://ow.ly/U5Gv50R5ZUU>

## DID YOU KNOW?

You can register your bicycle with the Laconia Police Department!

Just click on the image (right) to complete the form and if you need assistance, please schedule an appointment with an officer by contacting [bike@laconiapd.org](mailto:bike@laconiapd.org).



## Register your bicycle!



*The City Manager presented an overview of the proposed 2024/2025 Fiscal Year budget to the City Council at their meeting on April 22, 2024.*

Individual departments will present their budgets as follows:

May 13, 6pm: School Department  
May 20, 6pm: Parks & Rec and Library  
May 28, 6pm: Water, Planning and Code  
June 3, 6pm: Police, Public Works and Fire  
June 10, 6pm: Finance and Administration

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

Government

Budget





# 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](mailto:handsacrosstt@gmail.com)

## PUBLIC INPUT SESSION



City of Laconia

Public Input Session

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - 6:00 PM  
Laconia City Hall, Laconia, NH

The City of Laconia is proceeding with the project involving the Centenary Avenue Bridge.

As part of the regulated process for this federally funded project, the City is hosting a Public Input Session. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 PM** in Council Chambers at Laconia City Hall, located at 45 Beacon Street E in Laconia, New Hampshire.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a general overview of the Centenary Avenue Bridge, summarize the findings from the September 15, 2023 charrette, and receive input from the general public before the City begins the design process. Your attendance would be appreciated and feedback is encouraged.

VOTE FOR  
COLONIAL THEATRE - LACONIA

FOR BEST LIVE THEATER VENUE

Voting for Union Leader's Readers' Choice is open!  
Vote for Colonial Theatre - Laconia for Best Live Theater Venue to show your support! Voting through May 21.  
Vote [here!](#)



UNION LEADER  
Readers' Choice

2024



**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of May 20!**





## **KINSHIP CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

**THIS VIRTUAL MEETING IS  
HELD VIA ZOOM**

**THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH,  
12PM-1PM**

Parenting is tough; parenting a second time can be even harder. This group aims to bring grandparents and other relative caregivers together to celebrate successes, mourn losses, problem solve for the hard times, and give support to one another. We hope you can join us to hear from other kinship caregivers and learn more about resources and opportunities that are available in your community.

This program is sponsored by the Family Resource Center of Central NH

For more information, please contact:

Amanda Lewis, BA  
(603) 581-1573 [amanda.lewis@lrccs.org](mailto:amanda.lewis@lrccs.org)

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

**ARE YOU RAISING  
A GRANDCHILD,  
NIECE OR  
NEPHEW, OR  
OTHER RELATIVE?**

**ARE YOU  
INTERESTED IN  
LEARNING ABOUT  
RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE IN  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO CONNECT WITH  
OTHER RELATIVE  
CAREGIVERS IN  
YOUR AREA?**

**DO YOU NEED  
SUPPORT?**

**YOU ARE NOT  
ALONE.**




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 LACONIA



# Bike 'n' Board Safety Day

Saturday, May 18th 10:30a-12:30p  
Laconia Skate Park Parking Lot

A community safety event providing opportunities for bicyclists & boarders to practice and develop skills.

Helmet Fitting, Bike Registration, First Aid Tips for Riders,  
Bike & Board Inspections, Skill & Practice Stations, raffle and more!






This is not a school sponsored event


 Lakes Region Mental Health Center

## Annual Art Auction

Show your support for  
Mental Health Awareness Month

View the art in person inside participating businesses listed on our website or attend the Open House.

Ready to make your bid? Scan the QR code next to the item or visit [BiddingForGood.com/LRMHC](https://BiddingForGood.com/LRMHC)


**May 1-31 Auction**  
**Thursday, May 23rd**  
 6:00-8:00 pm



Open House Art Reception  
Lakes Region Mental Health  
40 Beacon St. E

**BID NOW!**  





 603-524-1100
  [lrhmc.org](https://lrhmc.org)
 40 Beacon St. E. Laconia, NH  
81 Highland St. Plymouth, NH

# 2024 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the week of May 13 - May 17 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves 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.



## Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry




### Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-2:00

*(while supplies last)*

### Lakes Region Community College

379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.  
*No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.*

Sponsored by  
 caring neighbors.

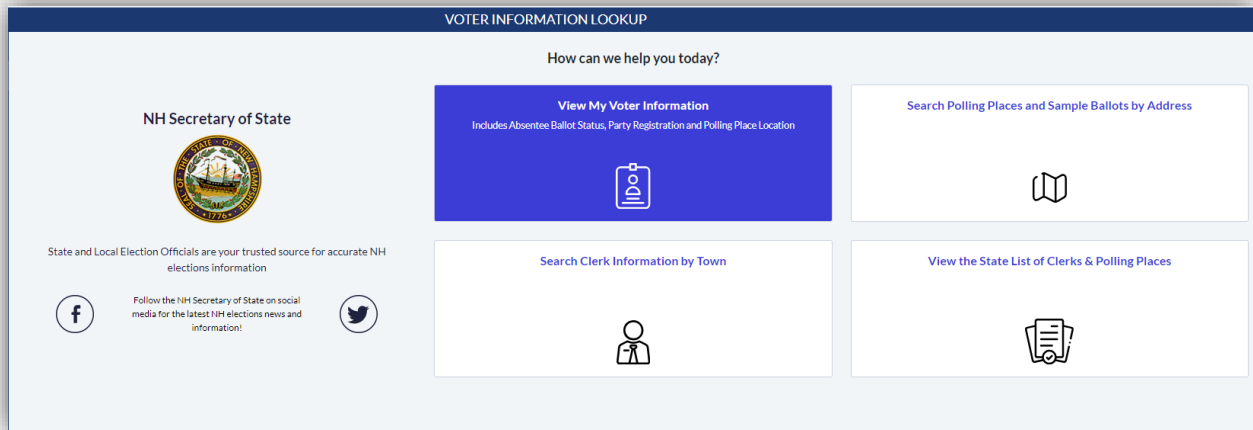




## Election News

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PARTY AFFILIATION IS? To check, please visit:

<https://app.sos.nh.gov/viphome>



If you wish to change your Party Affiliation, please come to the Laconia City Clerk's Office during regular business hours with your Photo ID. No Party Changes can be made after June 4, 2024, until after the State Primary on September 11, 2024

June 5-14, 2024 State Filing Period

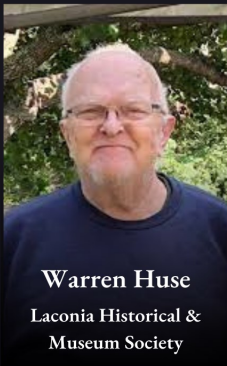


## Ask the Historian

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](http://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.





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

## MAY 2024 ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>*Calendar is subject to change</b></p> <p><b>*See other side for Thursday's Congregate meal menu</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u></p> <p>10:00am- Men's only coffee hour</p>	<p><b>2</b> <u>Wear your Kentucky derby hat day!</u> 10-11:15am: Fraud prevention with Meredith Village Savings Bank 11:30am- Congregate</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u></p> <p>10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</p>
<p><b>6</b> 10-11:00am-Foot and Blood pressure Clinic - Granite VNA *By Appointment* 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 1:00pm- Walking Group</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9-10:00am- Ping Pong 9:30-11:30am- Bingo 11:45 Congregate</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u></p> <p>10-11:00am- Activities committee meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30-10:30am- <u>Mother's Day Brunch</u> 11:30am-Congregate meal</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u> 11:00- cooking 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</p>
<p><b>13</b> 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 9-12:00pm- Board Games 1:00pm- Walking Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9-10:00am- Ping Pong 9:30-11:30am- Bingo 11:45 Congregate</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u> 11am-12:00-National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day- bring your favorite recipe to share</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:30-11:30- <u>Franklin VNA blood pressure clinic</u> 10:00- Strategic Caring Solutions Talk 11:30am-Congregate meal</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u> 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</p>
<p><b>20</b> 10-12:00pm- Corn Hole 9-12:00pm- Board Games 1:00pm- Walking Group</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9-10:00am- Ping Pong 9:30-11:30am- Bingo 11:45 Congregate</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u> 10:00am- Artfully Aging Art class with Partnership for Public Health</p>	<p><b>23</b> 10:00am- Book club and swap 11:30am-Congregate meal</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u> 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</p>
<p><b>27</b>  <b>The center is closed for the holiday.</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 9-10:00am- Ping Pong 9:30-11:30am- Bingo 11:45 Congregate</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u> 10am-12:00- Corn hole games</p>	<p><b>30</b> 11:30am-Congregate meal 12:30pm- May birthday celebration</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9-9:45 am- <u>Strength and Balance with Jena</u> 10:45-11:15am: Chair Yoga with Russ</p>

**TIME FOR LUNCH**

Click [here](#) for our Thursday Lunch Menu Offerings. Every Thursday at 11:30 am!



## 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). Please bring your vehicle registration with you.

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.



# 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 ...

This was what a part of Union Avenue in Lakeport looked like, in late September 1925. House in background is on Mechanic Street. House glimpsed at right is at 603 Union Ave. The large sandpile occupied space between Union Avenue and Mechanic Street and was removed in late 1944 to be used as fill off Strafford Street, in what is now the Bisson Avenue section, and at several other sites. At time of photo, several large billboards lined Union Avenue, off-photo at left. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

The sandpile had been removed in 1944, in anticipation of Cantin Chevrolet's 1947 move, after World War II, from 426 South Main St., to this location. The Dr. Clarence Rowe House at 603 Union Ave., in the earlier photo, would have been located at the north (left) corner of Mechanic Street and Union Avenue, now part of the Irwin Chevrolet dealership display lot. The Rowe House was moved back on the lot in 1955, to become the Baker Nursing Home and was demolished in 2013. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



# Mental Health Awareness Month



## May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Join us in celebrating the importance of mental and behavioral health all May long. Mental health is a key component of individual and family strength and resilience. For more information about mental health resources, visit [naminh.org](http://naminh.org).

For help navigating your community's mental health resources, Family Resource Center staff are a good place to start; visit <https://www/lrcs.org/> to see how LRCS can support you!

## HISTORY HAPPENED HERE!



A Day to Discover the Stories of Laconia

**Saturday, May 11th 9:45am-3:00pm**

Explore the rich history of Laconia by trolley, by rail or by foot! Choose to try several experiences or indulge in one, and create a unique narrative of your own!



For more information and to register for a tour scan the QR code, visit [laconiahistory.org](http://laconiahistory.org) or follow us on Facebook



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MAY PROGRAM SPONSOR

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UN-ROCK & Relax



## Temporary / Seasonal Positions



**The City of Laconia Parks & Recreation Department is seeking Seasonal employees for the 2024 season.**

**Beach Caretakers (\$15.00/hr)** - Ensure beach safety and cleanliness throughout the Beach Season. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Day Camp Counselors (\$15.00/hr)** - Directly supervise campers at Opeechee Day Camp. Must be at least 18 years old.

**Parks Maintenance (\$15.00/hr)** - Assist in parks landscaping and upkeep throughout the city. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Lifeguards (\$15.00/hr)** - Ensure beach safety and cleanliness throughout the Beach Season. Must be at least 16 years of age.

If you are interested in joining our team, please call 603-524-5046 or e-mail [parcs@laconianh.gov](mailto:parcs@laconianh.gov) for an application.

EOE/ADA





LAKES  
REGION  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA

Benjamin Greene, Conductor



*Sinatra*

My Way  
The Good Life  
Nice 'n' Easy  
Summer Wind  
I've Got You Under My Skin  
and many more!

feat. **MICHAEL GALLAGAN**

Sponsored by



Sat. May 18, 7pm  
Colonial Theatre, Laconia  
Sun. May 19, 3pm  
Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith

Tix: [www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org)  
\$10 - \$30



## Soft Plastics Recycling Saturday, June 22nd

The Universalist Unitarian Society of Laconia, together with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, is collecting clean soft plastics in front of the church at

172 Pleasant Street in Laconia from 11am until 1pm on Saturday, June 22 (NOT May 18 as originally planned).

To help our neighbors and our environment, please bring the clean soft plastics you've been saving for proper repurposing.

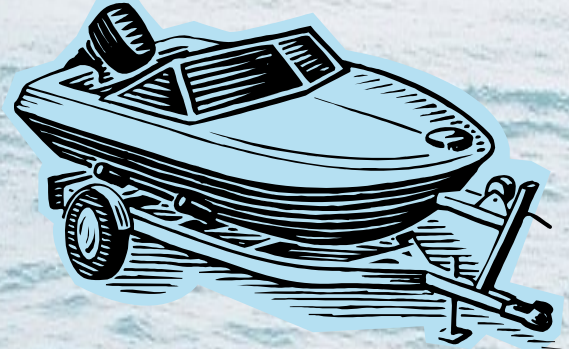
We are grateful for your continuing enthusiasm to remove plastics from landfills and in support of our efforts to help one another!

*thank you*

# News

From the City  
Clerk's Office

## It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2024 Boat Registration!



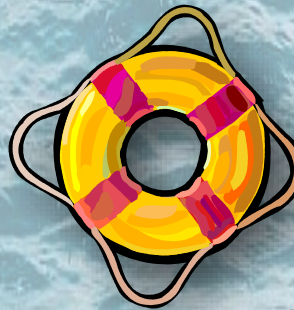
Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

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.**





**Steve Tucker, Superintendent of Schools**  
**Laconia School District**  
39 Harvard Street  
Laconia NH 03246  
[www.sau30.org](http://www.sau30.org)



## FOR RELEASE - May 10, 2024

On April 16th, the Laconia School Board recognized Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb) for its \$10,000 donation to the Laconia All Elementary Schools Playground Fundraising Campaign. MVSb was represented by Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, the Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing & Experience Officer at MVSb, and Elizabeth Brothers, a Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer at the bank. Both of these individuals are alumni of the Laconia school system and have been contributing to our community in many ways for years.



From left to right: Steve Tucker, Superintendent of Schools; Laura Dunn, School Board Member and Playground Committee Member; Jennifer Anderson, School Board Chair; Elizabeth Brothers, MVSb Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer; Michaela Champlin, Principal Woodland Heights Elementary School and Playground Committee Member; Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, MVSb Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing & Experience Officer

MVSb has been serving the essential banking needs of people, businesses, nonprofits and municipalities for 157 years. As a mutual savings bank, MVSb has no stock-holders but rather operates for the benefit of its customers, employees and community. Since its founding, one thing has always remained true: caring is at the heart of everything MVSb does. By building and nurturing relationships, MVSb believes that we can cultivate a community where we all thrive. Branch offices

are located throughout the Lakes Region, extending east to the seacoast, north to the White Mountains and now, the newest location in Exeter currently under construction.

It is worth noting that MVSb was a major donor of the 2013 Huot - Bank of New Hampshire - LHS Science wing renovation. The bank donated \$100,000 to what is now called the Meredith Village Savings Bank Culinary Arts Center at the Huot Career and Technical Center.

Thank you, MVSb, for your generous contribution to our playgrounds!

**FOR RELEASE May 10, 2024 ~ Laconia School District**



Seeking

# VOLUNTEERS

Hi!

**Laconia High School**

LHS is looking for community members willing to engage in conversations with high schoolers about community.

**When**

May 23rd & 24th

8:00-8:30

9:15-9:45

1:15-1:45

**What**

Be interviewed by a small group of 9th graders for about 30 minutes. Share life experiences with each other.

Email [sdea@laconiaschools.org](mailto:sdea@laconiaschools.org)

# LIGHT UP GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Light Up Green is part of Mental Health America's Mental Health Month campaign, in which they ask buildings and structures across the U.S. to light up green, the color for mental health awareness, throughout May.

**JOIN THE LAKES REGION MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA IN LIGHTING UP GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS THIS MAY!**

CONTACT [DEVELOPMENT@LRMHC.ORG](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@LRMHC.ORG) OR CALL 603-524-1100 EXT 219 TO GET INVOLVED!

One in five people will experience a mental health condition in a given year, and 50% of people in their lifetime. Mental health affects us all, and awareness benefits us all.

## Join us at the Belknap Mill!

**BELKNAP MILL**

**FUN WITH FIBER ART FOR TEENS + TWEENS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH**

**10AM-1PM**

**AGES 10+**

**BELKNAP MILL FIBER ARTS CIRCLE**

Bring your projects!

25 Beacon Street East

**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 1PM-4PM**

**4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 10AM-1PM**

**BELKNAP MILL'S ARTS IN THE PARK**

*Summer Concert Series*

**FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**THE FERNS BAND**

**6PM-8PM**

**ROTARY PARK**

Founding Sponsor Laconia Putnam Fund

**BELKNAP MILL FAMILY CRAFT DAY**

**SATURDAY MAY 18TH**

**10AM-1PM**

**DROP IN**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES**





## GET INVOLVED WITH ELECTIONS YOUR WARD NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

Current Openings for the upcoming Elections:  
**Supervisor of the Checklist: (Register New Voters)**

Ward 2

**Selectmen: (Assist Moderator, Count Ballots)**

Ward 2

Ward 5

**Ballot Clerks: (Check in Voters, Hand out Ballots)**

Ward 2

Ward 5

Please contact the City Clerk as soon as possible for more information about these positions. Call the City Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265 or email [cityclerk@laconianh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@laconianh.gov). Must be a registered voter and a resident of the Ward.

Ward 2 votes at the in the Gym at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall at 31 Gilford Ave.

Ward 5 votes at the in the Gym at Woodland Heights Elementary School 225 Winter St.

### **2024 Election Dates & Polling Hours:**

New Hampshire State Primary Election September 10, 2024, 7am-7pm

New Hampshire State General Election November 5, 2024, 7am-7pm





# Teens as Teachers Training:

## *Pollinators: The Movers and Shakers of the World*

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

**6:00-7:00 pm**

**Gilford Community Church,  
13 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH**

Teenagers ages 13 and up are invited to join us for a unique leadership and career exploration opportunity. Working alongside community experts, you will be trained to teach lessons on pollination to younger counterparts and take charge to execute the full learning experience. Whether your SPARK is STEM, cooking, building, gardening, etc. there will be something for you!

To learn more, contact Karen Deighan,  
[karen.deighan@unh.edu](mailto:karen.deighan@unh.edu), 603-527-5475.



Scan the QR code  
to register or  
visit:

[https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_00Vd5IX2g43v0zA](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_00Vd5IX2g43v0zA)

Youth who participate in this experience will be eligible for a \$500 scholarship to UNH.

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# City of Laconia

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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.



As people age, they may go through many changes - death of loved ones, retirement, stressful life events, or medical problems. It's normal to feel uneasy, stressed or sad about these changes.

But depression is different, and not a normal part of aging. Find information about older adults and mental health provided by the National Institute of Mental Health by clicking on the picture above.



## City Meetings

Week of:  
May 13 - May 17

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:**

### Trustees of the Trust Funds

May 13, 2024, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Laconia Human Relations Committee

May 13, 2024, 3:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Laconia City Council - Budget Meeting (School Budget)

May 13, 2024, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Laconia City Council

May 13, 2024, 7:00 pm

### Laconia Putnam Fund

May 14, 2024, 10:00 am

### Police Commission

May 15, 2024, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

### Board of Assessors

May 16, 2024, 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
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)