



July 5, 2024 - Edition #645

The Mount Washington at sunrise
Photo compliments of Ann-Marie Shpeley Photography

SCAM ALERT!

Fraudulent Donation Scam

It has once again come to the attention of the Laconia Fire Department that several Laconia residents have received donation requests over the telephone from someone pretending to be affiliated with the Fire Department.

These calls consistently target senior citizens with the standard request for credit card or banking account information. The Laconia Fire Department does not conduct fundraisers or donation requests over the telephone. Anyone requesting a donation over the telephone is not associated with the department. Please contact the Laconia Police Department at 603-524-5252 if you have been contacted for a telephone donation request.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Laconia Fire Chief Tim Joubert at 603-524-6881.

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.



Did you spot something unusual or suspicious? Stay aware, trust your instincts, and report the suspicious activity to your local law enforcement or 911.



IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING



MON 7/8

Sensory Storytime
(babies-6)
@10am

TUE 7/9

Tech Help @10am
Adult Craft @1pm
Treasure Chest Craft
(ages 6-11) @2pm
Squirt Gun Painting
(ages 9-18) @2pm

WED 7/10

Summer Story
Adventures
(babies-6)
@10am
Tech Help @2pm
Mystery Book Club
@4pm

THU 7/11

Birding for
Beginners at
Leavitt Park
Kids @10am
Adults @11am

Nonfiction Book
Group @6pm

FRI 7/12

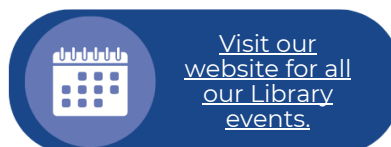
Move & Groove
(babies-5)
@10am

SAT 7/13

Windchime Craft
(ages 6-11)
@10am

For descriptions and more, visit our online calendar!

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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!



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-12 pm

Tractor Tour: Life in the Fields

Climb up and relax on our tractor-pulled wagon ride, as you embark on a guided, natural history tour of our meadows. Watch for hawks and songbirds soaring overhead. Learn how animals such as deer, bears, songbirds, and turkeys depend on our open fields for food and shelter.

July

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Saturday, 10 am-12 pm

Foraging and Cooking Wild Herbs

Explore the beauty and magic of wild plants through inspiring stories, fun games, delicious recipes, and amazing first aid remedies.

July

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2024



Saturday, 10 am-12 pm

Beginner Soap Making

Learn how to safely make your very own soap. We will cover the basics of the soapmaking process and the equipment required to make more at home. Each participant will take home about 10 bars of seasonally scented soap to enjoy.

July

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2024

Additional programs, series, and registration details

prescottfarm.org

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



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-12:30 pm

Family Fun Baking with Chef Allen

Share your passion for baking and nature with your favorite kitchen helper. In this special class, you and your little baker will create beautiful sugar cookies and mini cupcakes with candied edible flowers! Join Chef Allen for hands-on practice shaping, baking, decorating, and having fun!

July

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Saturday, 1-3 pm

First Aid Trail Plants

What plant cures the pain of a bee sting? Prevents an itchy, poison ivy rash? Stops bleeding from a cut? Wander the fields and learn identification and uses of wild first aid plants such as plantain, jewelweed, and yarrow.

July

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2024



Saturday 7-8:30 pm (Must Preregister)

Fireflies Light Up the Sky

The firework shows may be ending, but nature provides its very own light show. Join us for this special evening program where we will explore the cool qualities of these critters. As dusk approaches and we conclude the program, stay for a few minutes to observe the fireflies as they emerge.

July

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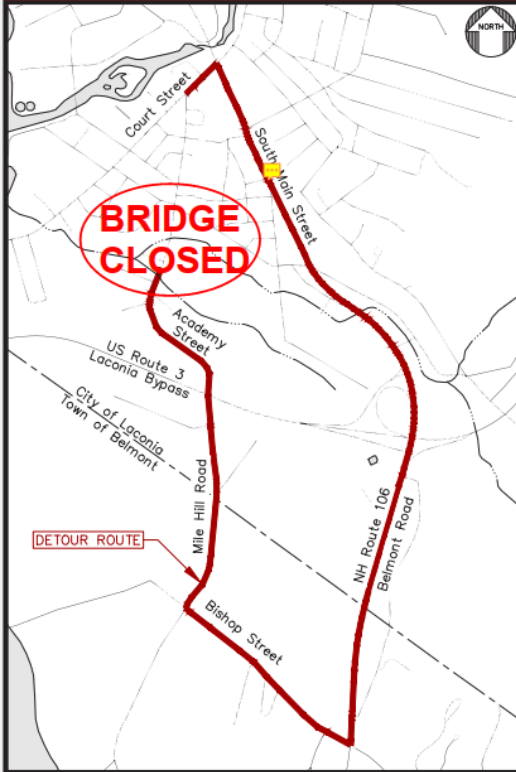
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ACADEMY STREET DETOUR ROUTE



ATTENTION – BRIDGE CLOSURE ACADEMY STREET BRIDGE OVER DURKEE BROOK, LACONIA, NH

The City of Laconia is announcing the planned closure of the Academy Street Bridge over Durkee Brook.

The Bridge Replacement Project was originally to be closed from June 24th through August 30th.

The Academy Street bridge will now be closed for vehicular traffic from July 8th through August 30th. There will, however, be access for pedestrian crossing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out directly to Nate Guerette, Assistant Public Works Director at (603) 528-6379 ext. 406.

*Thank you for your
cooperation!*



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 **July 8, 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:

**RESOLUTION 2024-10 RELATIVE TO
DECLARING PRESCOTT AND PAUGUS
AVENUES AS EMERGENCY LANES UNTIL
JUNE 1, 2025**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING
BONDS AND NOTES OF THE CITY IN
THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION FIVE
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FUND
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LACONIA AIRPORT**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**REQUEST FROM EPIC SEAPLANE TO LEASE
DOCK/SHORE SPACE AT OR AROUND CITY
OWNED WEIRS DOCKS AND WEIRS BEACH**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



VFW SUMMER

MEAT RAFFLE

JULY 12

STARTS AT 6PM

HOSTED BY POST 1670
AUXILIARY

PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT POST &
AUXILIARY

KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN

143 COURT ST
LACONIA
603-524-9725

Requests for Proposals

The Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority (LHRA) seeks proposals from qualified applicants (owners/developers and/or project sponsors) to receive Project Based Vouchers (PBV). Projects may request up to a twenty (20) year Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) PBV Contract with LHRA. Up to 60 vouchers are available through this RFP process.

The LHRA will accept proposals which preserve the affordable housing needs of very low-income (incomes at or below 50% of the median income as published by HUD) elderly persons, with a preference for sites that provide supportive services to elderly families. **Proposals will only be accepted for existing units. Priority will be given to high-ranking projects in accordance with the review and ranking criteria.**

The RFP can be obtained by going to the website at <https://www.laconiahousing.org/>.

Inquiries and communications regarding the RFP must be submitted to Laconia Housing Authority addressed to Catherine Bowler at cbowler@laconiahousing.org no later than five (5) business days prior to the due date of proposals, which is August 1, 2024.

Completed applications are due no later than 2:00 PM on August 1, 2024. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in this RFP.

7.27.24



TINA J & NUFF SAID BAND

Classic Rock, Oldies, 80's, Blues &
Country Old & New

Ticket
\$10

Entry at 6pm
At Laconia VFW Post 1670
Open to the Public



**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

**Curbside
recycling
will be
picked
up the
week of
July 15!**



Laconia Historical & Museum Society Railway Day

*A memorable train excursion along the shoreline of Lake Winnepesaukee
while celebrating National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!*

August 4th | 10:30 AM-1:30 PM \$40 Adult/ \$35 Child 4-12yrs
Laconia Passenger Station | Downtown Laconia, NH



Information & tickets at laconiahistory.com

What's new at the Belknap Mill?



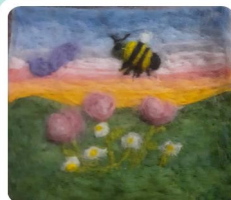
YARN DYEING WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 13th
10:00am-1:00pm

Learn how to dye wool yarn using
food coloring.
Fun for ages 12+
Yarn can be used in upcoming
workshops.

No experience necessary.
Materials included.

\$20



NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 13th
10:00am-1:00pm

Create beautiful designs made
with wool. You will leave the class
with a finished project and a
knowledge of needle felting.

Materials will be provided.
No experience necessary.

\$50



WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 31st
1:00pm-3:00pm

A watercolor on canvas workshop
with Stephanie McQuade is a fun
experience for anyone looking to
explore the unique combination of
watercolors and canvas.

No experience necessary.
Materials included or bring your
favorite brushes and watercolors.

\$50



BEGINNER CROCHET

Saturdays
August 3, 10, 17
2:00pm-3:30pm

Learn the basic stitches to crochet
several types and sizes of granny
squares as well as how to turn
them into a one of a kind purse,
tote bag, coaster, wallet, etc.

All levels of experience welcome!
Materials included.

\$50

Register at: belknapmill.org/classes

LRSF Board and Staff

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Laura Larson, Treasurer
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603-527-3533
scholarship@lrscholarship.org
www.lrscholarship.org

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Gilford NH 03249
Our benefactors since 1999



2024 Mid-Year Newsletter

July



A huge "Thank You" goes out to the generosity of over 650 donors, not including the thousands who have contributed to specific memorial funds or special fundraisers as well as all those who have volunteered and/or who have been instrumental in making this great accomplishment a reality. Gathered to commemorate this milestone are a representation of board members and 2024 recipients, along with: holding the \$811,600 check for this year's scholarship awards are: (l) Paulette Loughlin, Advisory Director and (r) Gayle Price, LRSF Board President, and holding the \$10 Million Dollar check in total awarded since 1956 are: (l) Karen Switzer, Executive Director and (r) Chris Guilmett, Assistant Director.

The following note from a 2024 Scholarship Recipient sums up our heartfelt thanks to all of our donors.

"I can't begin to express how grateful I am for your generous donation during this incredibly tough time. This support has lifted such a heavy weight off my shoulders and allows me to concentrate on my studies and dreams without constantly worrying about finances. Your kindness doesn't just change my life—it impacts so many other students who are in similar situations. Your generosity opens up opportunities we never thought possible and gives us hope and encouragement to keep pushing forward. I hope you truly understand what a difference you're making in our lives. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, "
Meadow Fraser

A Message of thanks from our Executive Director



Scholarship Season – our favorite time of year at the Foundation! This year we celebrate, honor & thank the 300 donors for the record-breaking year of awarding to 343 recipients, a total of \$811,600! Since 1956, we have awarded 10 Million Dollars in scholarships to Lakes Region students.

WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!

On behalf of our LRSF Board and Staff - Thank you to everyone who has donated, volunteered and/or have been instrumental in this great accomplishment!

Karen M. Switzer, Executive Director



You're Invited!

Storytelling and Free Book Giveaway!

Brought to you by the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), Got Literacy Laconia, and the Laconia Public Library

When: Wednesday, July 17th @ 2:00pm

Where: Laconia Public Library

- Join CLiF for a **FUN** and **INTERACTIVE** storytelling program for both children and parents.
- Every child in attendance will get to choose **TWO NEW BOOKS** to take home and keep!
- There will be **HUNDREDS** of books to choose from with **MANY POPULAR TITLES**.



The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) brings stories and books to Laconia through a Summer Readers' Grant awarded to Got Literacy Laconia and the Laconia Public Library.



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

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

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

LADIES OF THE LAKE
1st Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

DEN BRAE GOLF COURSE
SHOT GUN START: 2PM
REGISTRATION: \$75 PER PERSON,
\$300 FOUR PERSON TEAM
Registration fee includes: 9 holes of golf, cart,
delicious buffet dinner, lots of games and prizes.

HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$100
DINNER ONLY \$25

All proceeds benefit The Greater
Lakes Region Children's Auction

Register via QR code or at
www.ladiesofthelakenh.com



Registration open through entire summer session!

Ages 18+

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER, VISIT
WWW.POWERHOUSENH.ORG/POWER-CHORDS



Smith Track and Field Closing for Fireworks and Renovations

The Laconia Parks & Recreation Department would like to make the public aware that both the Smith Track and Field at Opechee Park will be closed beginning Saturday, July 6th for the City's fireworks display. It will remain closed, however, through the first week of August. This extended closure is due to the much-anticipated renovations of the track.

The contractor will be removing the current red rubber layer on top of the pavement and replacing it with a fresh layer. They will color it the same Sachem Red and it will be lined as it is currently.

We are sorry for the inconvenience of the closure, but the area will be better once reopened.

For any questions regarding this closure, please call our office at 603-524-5046.



BELKNAP MILL 'S ARTS IN THE PARK *Summer Concert Series*

**FRIDAY, JULY 12TH
BOSTON ROVERS
6PM-8PM
ROTARY PARK**

Founding Sponsor Laconia Putnam Fund



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 ...

The Simoneau & Son Memorial Home, established by Alfred W. Simoneau was located at 139 Church St., Laconia, from 1908 until acquired by the Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home in 2009, at which time the structure was demolished to make way for a CVS Pharmacy. Simoneau also built the adjoining Busy Corner Variety store (off-photo at left) in 1913, which he enlarged in 1920. (Laconia City Directory, 1954)



... AND NOW

Later owners of the funeral home were Michael G. Vincent and then Norm Paquette Jr. CVS opened its new pharmacy (at right) in 2009 on the site of several buildings to the right (west) of the former funeral home, and the site of the funeral home became part of the adjoining CVS parking lot. The Busy Corner store was demolished in April 2016 and replaced by a small garden plot, off-photo at left. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



2024 SUMMER WEIRS BEACH FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

2024 SCHEDULE

SCHEDULED REGULAR SHOWS AT WEIRS BEACH

Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:30 PM
Sponsorship Available

Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:30 PM
Sponsorship Available

Saturday, August 17, 2024 9:30 PM
Sponsored by TIKI HUT BOATS of NH and HALF MOON ENTERPRISES

All regular shows are 16-18 minute displays, shot from a barge

RAINDATES*

Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 9:30PM

Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 9:30PM

Sunday, September 1, 2024, at 9:30PM

These dates are tentative, and will only occur if a previous show is cancelled.

*Rain date announcements will be posted on the [Weirs Action Committee Facebook page](#). When the weather is questionable for a show date, please check our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information about whether the show will be held, rescheduled, or cancelled.

www.facebook.com/WeirsBeach.WAC

See you there!

KIDS IN THE PARK JULY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES Impact Theatre	2	3 YOGA Cassie's Yoga & Mindfulness	4	5 RADIO Lakes Media	6 FAMILY CRAFT DAY
7	8 RETURN TO OZ Impact Theatre	9	10 CRAFTS Conservation Commission	11	12 DANCE Dancing Feet Studio	13
14	15 NEVERLAND Impact Theatre	16	17 ICE CREAM Belknap Mill	18	19 KARATE Sachem Health	20 FAMILY CRAFT DAY
21	22 HANSEL & GRETEL Impact Theatre	23	24 HIKING SAFETY Lakes Region Search & Rescue	25	26 TBD Belknap Mill	27
28	29 LOST IN WONDERLAND Impact Theatre	30	31 SAFETY VEHICLES Laconia Police & Fire Depts			



Free and open to families!
10am-11am
at the Belknap Mill



www.belknapmill.org

2024 Opechee Boat Parade



Saturday, July 6, 2024, 6:00 PM

On Saturday, July 6, 2024, decorate your watercraft in red, white, and blue, pile in the kids, pack some noise makers and refreshments, and join us for a ceremonial lap around the lake in honor of our country's 248th birthday!

Meet up at the slalom course ready to proceed at six. We'll make a slow lap around the shore with horns and whistles to the cheers of the clamorous hordes. If you can't join us on the water, please at least be part of the cheering throng!

Please pass the word to neighbors and friends!!!



TALENT SHOW RECRUITMENT

LACONIA YOUTH ALLIANCE'S ANNUAL PARTY IN
THE PARK

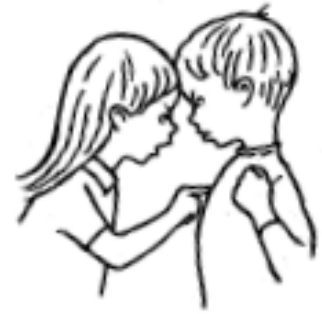
PEOPLE 18 & UNDER MAY APPLY

**SUNDAY, AUG. 25
12 PM TO 3 PM**

TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARTY IN THE PARK TALENT SHOW, EMAIL CHELSEA AT CBONOLLO@PPHNH.ORG OR SEND US A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK!



**Can't We All Just Get
Along?!**



**A Book Study of “Siblings Without Rivalry”
by Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish**

For many parents, sibling rivalry can be one of the biggest and most continuous challenges we face. Learn more about what leads brothers & sisters to interact in the ways that they do and how, without realizing it, we sometimes feed into it. Get tips for empowering children to change their relationships for the better.

**Wednesday
evenings
from 6:30-8:00pm
7-Week series
begins July 10,
2024**

HYBRID COURSE

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

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 regis-

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



The Linden
Foundation

July 2024

Opportunities for parents and care givers to network with others for free, while enjoying their children's safe play. For children birth to age 5.



**Giggles & Grins
and
Happy Sounds**

Lakes Region
Community Services
Family Resource Center
719 North Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246
603-524-8811



Giggles + Grins is a
Peanut-free area.
Thank you.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	 9:30am FRC Patriotic Parade	2  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Fireworks	3  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Tardif Park, Crescent St. Laconia	5  9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Tardif Park, Crescent St. Laconia	6
7	8	9  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Ants	10  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	11  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Butterflies	12  9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Tardif Park, Crescent St. Laconia	13
14	15	16  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Bumble Bees	17  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	18  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Caterpillars	19  9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Tardif Park, Crescent St. Laconia	20
21	22	23  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Glitter Paint Lady Bugs	24  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	25  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Dragonflies	26  9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Tardif Park, Crescent St.	27
28	29	30  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Insect Headbands	31  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement			

LRCs is proud to be a smoke-free, substance-free campus. Thank you for helping to keep our building and grounds a safe & healthy environment for all.

**PULL OVER TO
THE RIGHT →
FOR EMERGENCY
VEHICLES**



New Hampshire State Troopers have noticed an increase in motorists pulling over to the left when being approached by emergency vehicles with flashing lights.

New Hampshire State Police reminds all motorists to make every effort to pull to the right-hand side of the road.

Thank you!



With the recent Cyanobacteria warnings on Lake Winnepesaukee, and alerts on our own Lake Winnisquam, many people are wondering what is causing them, what their impact is, and what can be done to prevent them.

What are cyanobacteria?

Cyanobacteria are microscopic organisms that are naturally present in most freshwater lakes and ponds and are an essential component of the aquatic ecosystem. Under certain conditions though they can grow rapidly and generate visible “blooms”. Blooms can look like scum, streaks, mats or spilled paint on the surface of the water and in the water column and are typically green, blue-green, yellow or brown in color. Some can produce toxins that can be harmful to people, pets, and wildlife. Not all cyanobacteria blooms produce toxins but there is no way of knowing just by looking at them, so your best bet is to treat all blooms as harmful and avoid contact.



Source: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

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What should you do if you see a potential cyanobacteria bloom?

If you see anything on the lake or shoreline that you suspect might be a cyanobacteria bloom please take photos and [report it to the NHDES](#) as soon as possible with the time and location it was observed. It is useful if you [let the WWN know](#) too, so that we can coordinate sampling. Most importantly, don't wade or swim in or drink the water. If anyone, including pets or livestock, comes in contact with a bloom or scum they should rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible.

What's the difference between a cyanobacteria warning and an alert?

If NHDES determines that the cyanobacteria cell density in a bloom exceeds the recreational health threshold of 70,000 cells/mL they will issue a lake-wide **warning**, as that is the level at which toxins may be present at a concentration that threatens public health. When a warning is issued NHDES advises lake users to avoid all contact with the water and keep pets and livestock out as well. Lakes are resampled weekly until the bloom subsides and the warning removed. **Alerts** are issued 1) based on a photo submitted before NHDES can analyze a sample and a bloom that may be a health risk is evident; 2) when the cyanobacteria cell density is approaching but does not yet exceed 70,000 cells/mL; or 3) if a bloom is reported, but conditions may have changed. **Alerts** are intended to serve as statements to be on the watch for a potential cyanobacteria bloom and lake users are advised to avoid contact with bloom material and to keep pets and livestock out of the water. An alert may develop into a warning but otherwise remain active for a week. Resampling only occurs if further bloom reports are submitted.

Why are cyanobacteria blooms on the rise, and what can be done about it?

Cyanobacteria blooms are becoming more common in our lakes due to increased nutrient input (primarily phosphorus), warming water temperatures and changing rain patterns. The best method for decreasing the likelihood of a cyanobacteria bloom is to reduce nutrient pollution into the lake. Stormwater and erosion from the land surfaces within the watershed are a primary source of nutrients to Lake Winnisquam. Fertilizers, shoreline and beach erosion, buffer clearing and poorly maintained septic systems can also contribute nutrients.

The Lake Winnisquam Watershed Based Plan that the WWN completed in 2022 identified specific sources of nutrient-laden runoff throughout the watershed and outlines a number of measures that should be undertaken to reduce phosphorus input to our lake. The WWN is currently working to address several of the top priority projects identified in the plan through a \$125k grant to design and construct stormwater treatment practices at three locations around the lake and we aim to implement additional projects in the future.

Here's what you can do to help:

Take a free [LakeSmart self assessment](#) and learn what you can do on your own property. You'll get lots of personalized tips on how you can better protect lake health.

Properly maintain your household septic system and pick up after your pets.

Maintain a buffer of natural vegetation on the water edge to filter water before it enters the waterbody.

Be aware of the [Shoreland Protection Act](#) and its restrictions on the use of fertilizers along the shoreline. No fertilizer, except limestone, may be used within 25 feet of the reference line (shoreline).

[Support the Winnisquam Watershed Network](#) and our work to implement the Winnisquam Watershed Management Plan. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do so as well.

City of Laconia

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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.

Acting F.A.S.T. is Key to Stroke Survival



FACE

Does one side of
the face droop
when smiling?



ARMS

Does one arm drift
downward when both
arms are raised?



SPEECH

Is speech slurred or
strange when repeating
a simple phrase?



TIME

If you see any
of these signs, call
9-1-1 right away.

A stroke is just as dangerous as a heart attack, and it's vital to know the signs to respond swiftly. Strokes are the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and the top cause of serious adult disability. While the risk of stroke

increases with age, remember that a stroke can occur at any age. The good news is that most strokes are preventable! Learn more [here!](#)



City Meetings

Week of:
July 8 - July 12

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

Public Safety Committee

July 8, 2024, 5:30 pm

Agenda

Airport Appointive Agency

July 8, 2024, 6:45 pm

Agenda

City Council

July 8, 2024, 7:00 pm

Agenda

Human Relations Committee

July 8, 2024, 3:30 pm

Water Commission

July 9, 2024, 5:30 pm

Agenda

Government Operations & Ordinances Committee

July 10, 2024, 3:30 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

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