



# Welcome to Laconia Links!

February 21, 2025 - Edition #675

*A dusting of snow in the Weirs!*  
(Photo compliments of Ann-Marie Shpeley Photography)

## Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to help 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)



## We need your *input!!!*



**LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

## Laconia Sledding Party

**Friday, Feb 21st 6pm - 8pm**

**@ The Laconia Sledding Hill**

At the end of South Street

**Enjoy some Hot Chocolate  
and a Bonfire  
and Sledding!**



**Follow us on Facebook for updated info!**

The Laconia Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee is updating its 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan and needs your help!

The committee represents a variety of local interests and is focusing on the natural hazards that put Laconia at risk, as well as the development and prioritization of recommendations to protect the safety and well-being of City residents and visitors.

The committee is seeking your input; please use the QR Code or link below and take a few moments to complete the questions in this survey regarding hazard mitigation in Laconia.

[Survey Link](#)



# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 2/24	Sensory Storytime @ 10am - Best for newborns to age 6.	KID
MON 2/24	February Vacation Wildlife Encounters @ 1pm - @Leavitt Park	KID
TUE 2/25	Drop-In Tech Help @ 10am	ADULT
TUE 2/25	Wooden Spoon Carving Class @ 5:30pm - Teens & adults.	MULTI
WED 2/26	Drop-In Tech Help @ 2pm	ADULT
THU 2/27	Preschool Pals @ 10am - Best for ages 3 -6.	KID
FRI 2/28	Move & Groove @ 10am - Best for ages 6 and under.	KID
MON 3/3	Sensory Storytime @ 10am - Best for newborns to age 6.	KID
TUE 3/4	Drop-In Tech Help @ 10am	ADULT
TUE 3/4	Lego Club @ 3:30pm - best for ages 6-12.	KID

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org

Sign-up for our monthly email newsletter



Visit our website  
for all our  
Library events.

### Library Hours

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Goss Reading Room Closed



## UPCOMING Community Connection Programs

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Additional programs, series, and registration details  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

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



# Look what's happening at Prescott Farm this weekend!



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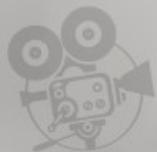
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March 8 2025

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## Silver Screen Social

### 1 Carat - \$2,500 Value!

Generously donated by Capitol Craftsmen Romance Jewelers

# Glitz & Glam Diamond Earring Raffle

Purchase a ticket for a chance to win a beautiful pair of diamond stud earrings while supporting the renovation of Concord Hospital Cardiovascular Institute's existing catheterization lab and the construction of a state-of-the-art new one.

Only 100 tickets will be sold. Winner announced at the Silver Screen Social on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

You do not need to be present to win.

EVERY TICKET HOLDER WILL RECEIVE A PAIR OF STERLING SILVER CUBIC ZIRCONIA STUDS.

(Excluding the lucky winner.)

Purchase your tickets today!



## Crochet Workshop

Saturday, March 1st

11am-1pm

Join us at the Belknap Mill for our Intro to Crochet Workshop!

This beginner's crochet workshop will teach you several crochet stitches and techniques. You will go home with a beautiful Whimsy Head Wrap!

Includes all of the supplies needed for you to create a beautiful work of fiber art. Ages 10 and up. No experience needed. Register for your seat [here!](#)



### Belknap Mill Museum

Where Art and History come to life!

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - 10:00 am to Noon

## REP. CHRIS PAPPAS OFFICE HOURS

Laconia City Hall  
2nd Floor, Meeting Room 200B  
45 Beacon St. E.  
Laconia, New Hampshire

CONGRESSMAN  
**CHRIS PAPPAS**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



A member of Congressman Chris Pappas's staff will be visiting Laconia to answer questions and provide information about federal resources and programs. Congressman Pappas's office can help constituents with federal issues, including Social Security, VA benefits, passports, IRS, and more.

For more information on these office hours, please email [Nbrown@laconianh.gov](mailto:Nbrown@laconianh.gov), or call 603-527-1270.

For general information from Congressman Pappas's office, please visit <https://pappas.house.gov> or call 603-285-4300.

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# Silver Screen Social

Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 5:30-8:30 PM

Pembroke Pines Country Club  
45A Whittemore Road, Pembroke, NH 03275

Join us for an **unforgettable cinematic journey** featuring classic films set in the roaring twenties, the flying forties, and the glamorous fifties. Celebrate the evening with glamour and style, dancing to live music by **The NH Jazz Orchestra**, sipping on **Bond-worthy beverages**, and enjoying spreads of **movie-themed culinary creations**.

Your participation in this unforgettable evening will **directly benefit the health and well-being of cardiac patients**. As you relive the magic of old Hollywood, you will be helping to support the renovation of Concord Hospital Cardiovascular Institute's existing catheterization lab and the construction of a state-of-the-art new one.



## EVENT SPONSORS:

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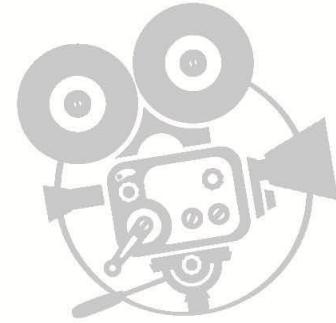
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## \$25,000 Matching Gift Challenge

Steve McManis, CH Trust Board Chair, and long-time supporter of Concord Hospital Health System, has generously committed a \$25,000 matching gift challenge to raise additional funds for the Concord Hospital Cardiovascular Institute.

Concord Hospital's CVI continues to improve access and growth throughout our system for more patients needing cardiac testing and procedures. Ongoing support is vital to the innovative development of treatment space, upgraded technology, and the addition of providers and staffing professionals. Please consider joining us by making a special gift through this matching challenge. **“”**

Steve McManis

## Silver Screen Social



SCAN FOR  
TICKETS & INFORMATION

Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:30-8:30 PM

Old Hollywood – Come dressed to impress!  
\$150 per person

### THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE:

GLITZ AND GLAM  
Diamond Earring Raffle  
(one carat total weight diamond studs)

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA  
Diamond Collection Wine Pull

SILENT AUCTION  
featuring five luxury & unique  
movie-themed collections

You do not have to be present to win  
but it is encouraged!



The New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is receiving reports of a text message scam in which recipients are asked to submit personal information.

The DMV has received multiple reports of text messages, appearing to be sent from an official State of New Hampshire email address, that informs recipients that their "profile information is incomplete" and asks them to update "NH DMV contact details" by clicking on a link. The link opens to a submission form on what appears to be an official DMV website, with the actual DMV logo. It then asks recipients to submit their driver's license or state identification number and their name.

"The New Hampshire DMV never asks for personal information by text message," said DMV Director John Marasco. "We urge all residents to remain vigilant for scams and encourage anyone who feels unsure about a communication from the DMV to contact our Customer Service line directly at (603) 227-4000."

Anyone who receives a text message claiming to be from the New Hampshire DMV should not submit any personal information and report the message to the Consumer Protection Hotline at the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office at 1(603) 271-3641 or DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of a scam or identity theft should also file a report with their local police department, review personal credit reports, and consider setting up fraud alerts or a credit freeze. Identity theft victims can also file a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://IdentityTheft.gov) or call 1(877) 438-4338.

# APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

LAKES REGION STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHER EDUCATION 2025-2026



## APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE

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

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

### EARLY BIRD RAFFLE FOR 2025!

Completed qualified application packets (with all required documents) received by March 1 will qualify to be entered into a special bonus award raffle! One winner will be chosen at random and will win a BONUS \$275 Scholarship Award.

### QUESTIONS??

Email - [scholarship@lrscholarship.org](mailto:scholarship@lrscholarship.org)  
Call - 603-527-3533

Chris Guilmott  
Executive Director

Karen Switzer  
Director



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February is  
**NATIONAL  
CANCER  
PREVENTION  
MONTH**



**This Weekend!!**

# 96TH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SLED DOG DERBY

FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23, 2025



LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
IN MEMORY OF  
TONY ROUX & DOUG BUTLER

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

START/FINISH LINE Opechee State Forest, Old N. Main St.

& Parade Rd. Laconia, NH

SPECTATOR PARKING – ACROSS STREET START/FINISH

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

7:00 PM – Starting Order Draw - Location TBD

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

10:00 AM – Six-Dog Classic

1:00 PM – Unlimited Class – World Championship Day 1

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

10:00 AM – Six-Dog Classic

12:00 noon – Three-Dog Junior

1:30 PM – Unlimited Class – World Championship Day 2

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

10:00 AM – Six-Dog Classic

12:00 noon – Three-Dog Junior

To be announced – One-Dog Junior

1:30 PM – Unlimited Class – World Championship Day 3

4:00 PM – Raffle & Awards Ceremony – Location TBD

Public Welcome!

RACE & EVENTS MANAGED BY THE  
LAKES REGION SLED DOG CLUB, INC.

AND SUPPORTED BY LACONIA / LAKES REGION CITIZENS  
AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED - FOR  
INFORMATION: CALL JIM LYMAN (603) 524-4314

Visit us at our website [www.lrscdc.org](http://www.lrscdc.org) for more information,  
entry forms and to view a list of our generous sponsors.



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Lakes Region Sled Dog Club  
LIVE UPDATES!



# 17th Annual Robbie Mills Memorial 8 BALL TOURNAMENT

To Benefit:  
  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
of the Lakes Region

&



SPONSORED BY:



Don't miss the 17th annual Robbie Mills 8-Ball Pool Tournament this March!

This event will benefit both the Boys and Girls Club and the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction!

Since its start in 2007, they have raised over \$107,000 and last year alone they raised over \$11,000!

Tickets are \$30 per person and includes practice, lunch, and entry to win door prizes. Doors open March 8th at 9:30 am at Winni Bar & Billiards.

Visit our blog for more information! <https://buff.ly/4jWugZZ>

They are looking for more sponsors, food and lunch, items for auction and raffles, and swag items for grab bags that will be provided to each player!

Registration: <https://buff.ly/40KpaHm>  
Sponsorship opportunities: <https://buff.ly/40MaNIQ>

*We hope to see you there!*



2025  
Discover  
**WILD**  
New Hampshire Day!

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**  
**SATURDAY - APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am-3pm**

AT THE  
N.H. FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT,  
11 HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, N.H.  
VISIT: [WILDNH.COM](http://WILDNH.COM)

Fun family day features live animals,  
big fish, hands-on activities,  
and exhibits by outdoor  
and environmental groups.

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

CELEBRATING 160 Years  
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# You're Invited...

## 2025 Belknap Mill Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 19  
5PM

The Belknap Mill Society invites you to the 2025 Annual Members Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend!

In accordance with the Belknap Mill Society Bylaws, the Annual Meeting serves the purpose of reviewing the affairs of the Society, electing members of the Board of Directors and Officers and transacting other business that may come before the meeting. An agenda for the meeting and voting proxy will be emailed to all members, and will also be posted to our website, [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org).

All current members are eligible to vote in person at the meeting or via proxy. If you wish to become a member of the Belknap Mill Society, please visit our [website](#) to view our membership levels, as well as the benefits of being a member. For members who would like to receive a hardcopy of the agenda and proxy, or for any general questions, please contact [jill@belknapmill.org](mailto:jill@belknapmill.org).

If you will be attending the Annual Meeting please RSVP [here!](#)



**Luck & Wishes CASINO NIGHT For a Cause**

**SATURDAY MARCH 8**

**DOORS OPEN AT 06:00PM**

**For tickets or more information contact:**

**Sunday Dearborn**  
**sunnygvipbags@hotmail.com**  
**603-440-8678**

**TICKETS:**

**\$100 PER PERSON**

**\$200 PER PERSON FOR VIP EXPERIENCE**

**TICKET PRICE INCLUDES \$2500 IN CHIPS**

**Highlights:**

**CASINO GAMES - PHOTO BOOTH - CASH MONEY MACHINE - CARICATURE ENTERTAINMENT - SILENT AUCTION - LIVE AUCTION - RAFFLE PRIZES - APPETIZERS & DESSERTS - CASH BAR - LIVE DJ**

**NO real money is used, casino chips can be exchanged for raffle tickets and prizes**



**PARTNERSHIP**

**Laconia Youth Alliance**

**LET'S GLOW SKATING**

**Admission, Skate Rentals, Food, Activities:**

**ALL FREE**

**8 March 2025**

**4:30pm-6:00pm**

**Merrill Fay Ice Arena, Laconia NH**

**ALL KIDS 12 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

# COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

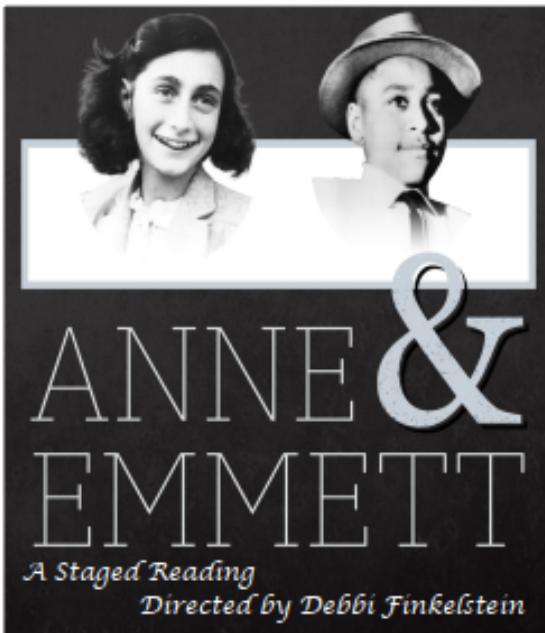
## CASTING CALL FOR “ANNE & EMMETT”

A One-Act Play By Janet Langhart Cohen

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Location: Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC, 18 Veteran's Square, Laconia

*Entrance to the audition space is under the bridge connecting the church and the Outreach Center. Signs will be posted.*



Anne & Emmett will be presented as a staged reading. It is an imaginary conversation between Anne Frank and Emmett Till, both victims of racial intolerance and hatred. Frank is the 13-year-old Jewish girl whose Diary provided a gripping perspective of the Holocaust. Till is the 14-year old African-American boy whose brutal murder in Mississippi sparked the Modern American Civil Rights Movement. The two teenagers meet in a town called Memory, a place that isolates them from the cruelty they experienced during their lives.

### Character Breakdown:

- Anne Frank (Young Jewish girl, age fifteen)
- Emmett Till (Young Black boy, age fourteen)
- Otto Frank (Anne's father, mid-forties businessman)
- Mamie Till (Emmett's mother, mid-thirties educator)
- J. W. Milam (One of Emmett's murderers, a white racist man, age 36)

**Performance Date—Thursday, April 24, 2025 5:30 pm**

Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC

**No need to register to audition—Drop in between 5-8 pm on March 11**

- Actors should prepare a 1-minute monologue from a published play and may be asked to read sides from “Anne & Emmett”.
- Rehearsal Schedule: Primarily on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings leading up to tech week. (Actors’ availability will be considered when creating the final schedule.)
- Tech Week: April 21st to 23rd in the evenings
- Can’t attend on March 11 and still want to audition? Scan or click the QR Code to complete the online audition form.



**Contact Information: Debbi Finkelstein, debbifinkelstein@gmail.com**

This Program is presented by Temple B'nai Israel, Laconia Congregational Church, UCC, and The Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia in collaboration with the Laconia Human Relations Committee

PREVENT  
Winter Storm  
DAMAGE

**SNOW LOAD SAFETY**

NH STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



Did you know that the weight of heavy snow piled on top of a roof can cause structural damage or collapse?

With this year's snowfall it is essential to monitor the snow depth on your roof.

Snow removal can be dangerous, so before you try to perform roof snow removal yourself, you should focus on safe snow removal techniques. A qualified individual should follow necessary protocols for safe snow removal to minimize risk of personal injury.

Review FEMA's Snow Load Safety Guide to learn more:

[https://www.fema.gov/.../2020-07/fema\\_snow\\_load\\_2014.pdf...](https://www.fema.gov/.../2020-07/fema_snow_load_2014.pdf...)

## Irish Brew tasting

Sip, Savor, and Support  
Laconia Historical & Museum Society!

15 March 2025

11:00AM - 1:00PM

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

603-527-1278



**DEFIANT**  
RECORDS AND CRAFT BEER

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BEVERAGES

Granite  
VNA

# Let's Address the Elephant in the Room!

## Walk-In Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26

10 a.m. - Noon

Granite VNA - Laconia  
780 North Main Street

Let Granite VNA help start the conversation about end-of-life wishes. We'll have a Social Worker/Notary Public available to support any adult, at any age or stage of health, through the advance care planning process.

This program is offered at no charge.



For more information,  
call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664  
or visit [www.granitevna.org/calendar](http://www.granitevna.org/calendar).



Registration for  
Laconia residents  
April 1  
Non-Residents  
May 1

Laconia Parks & Recreation's  
**Opechee Day Camp**

**June 23rd through August 15th**  
**Opechee Park House | Monday - Friday**

Residents ~ \$130 per week | Nonresidents ~ \$170 per week

Sibling Discount ~ less \$20 per week

Field trips an additional fee.

Contact Laconia  
Parks & Rec at  
603-524-5046 for  
more information!

**Weekly enrollment**

**Week Two Monday - Thursday (Friday off for July 4th).**  
**\$110 residents, \$140 non-residents**

**Free breakfast and lunch provided daily by CAP.**  
**Snacks are required.**

Youngest campers will need to have finished a year in Kindergarten to come to camp.  
Oldest campers will have just finished their 5th grade year



**THE  
Opera house  
LAKEPORT OPERA HOUSE**

# Taylor Swift inspired Dance Party

ALL AGES!!

**PHOTO BOOTH**  
**GLOW WANDS**  
**VIDEO VISUALS**

**Laconia students!**  
Use the code  
Student2025 to  
receive a discount  
(tickets are \$14/ea  
for Laconia  
students)

**DJ PLAYING MUSIC THROUGHOUT HER ERAS**

**Saturday, March 1 @ 7:30 PM**      **Lakeport Opera House**  
**Laconia NH**





**VETERANS**  
Join Your Brothers & Sisters for  
**FREE COFFEE & DONUTS**



**Every Friday 10am - Noon**  
Except Holidays

**NO RESERVATION REQUIRED**

Come by to visit with fellow Veterans!

314 South Main Street, Laconia  
(Rear Entrance)

Sponsored by Holy Spirit Disabled Veterans



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**Lakes Region 5K  
for Mental Health**

Run    ♦    Walk    ♦    Roll

**May 18th, 2025**  
Race: 8:30am  
Kids Fun Run: 8:00am

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 [www.lrmhc.org/nucar5K](http://www.lrmhc.org/nucar5K)  
to register or sponsor

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, proceeds will benefit Lakes Region Mental Health Center



The inaugural NUCAR Lakes Region 5K for Mental Health is part of our efforts to raise awareness during Mental Health Awareness Month this coming May.

We understand the significance of this cause to many across our local community and would be delighted if you'd join our list of sponsors.

Learn more about our sponsor levels and how to support:

<https://www.lrmhc.org/5k-sponsorship-details/>



## TREE, SHRUB, FLOWER, & LIVE TROUT SALE FUNDRAISER

**Order Deadline: March 8**

(orders received after the deadline will be filled while supplies last)

**Download information:**

[www.belknapccd.org](http://www.belknapccd.org) under Events and Fundraisers tab

<https://www.belknapccd.org/tree-shrub-sale>

Helps fund conservation projects in Belknap County through the  
Belknap County Conservation District!



Contact # (603) 527-5880 or

Email: [belknapconservation@gmail.com](mailto:belknapconservation@gmail.com)

***Curbside  
recycling will  
be picked up  
the week of  
Feb. 24!***



## Here's What to Know About Tax Scams



It's tax filing season. You can avoid falling for a tax scam. Know what to watch out for! Click on the image above for important information



**FUNds 4 Paws.org**  
**SAVING ANIMALS**  
**TRIATHLON**  
AT FUNSPOT

Get ready for action at the 2025 Saving Animals Indoor Triathlon at Funspot! Gather your pals, pets, and excitement, and pencil in this must-not-miss event! This year's event is on **Saturday, March 15, 20254.**

**Register Now!**



# 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

**Thursdays | 12:30pm - 1:30pm**

**April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8**

- 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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# FREE TAX PREPARATION

EASY. FREE. TAX HELP YOU CAN TRUST.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a **FREE** tax preparation program designed for low-to-moderate income households with an income of **\$67,000 or less**, prepared by *IRS certified volunteers*.

Call 211 or Visit [NHTaxHelp.org](http://NHTaxHelp.org) to make an appointment

[Laconia VITA - By Appointment](#)

Tuesdays: 5 pm to 8 pm

Saturdays: 9 am to 1 pm



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Get Connected. Get Help.™  
An Initiative of Granite United Way



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 Citizens™



**Today is National Caregivers Day!**

Celebrated each February, it is a time to recognize, honor and thank caregivers for their contributions to our families, friends, and communities.



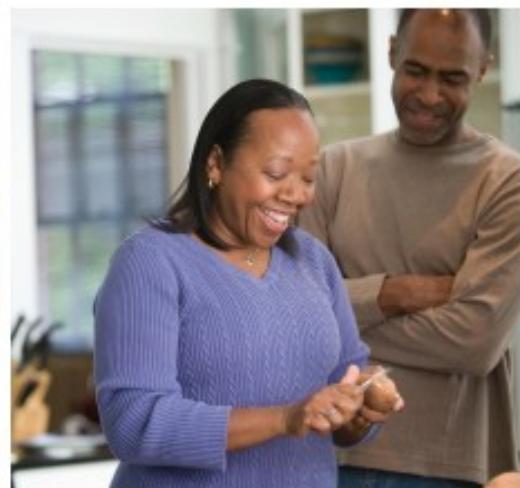


# Take Charge of Your Health!

LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS



University of  
New Hampshire  
Extension



## Are you ready to put *life* back into your life?

Gain the confidence and real-life skills needed for living a full, healthy life with chronic conditions!

If you or someone you care for has a chronic health condition such as diabetes, asthma, arthritis, COPD, depression, or hypertension this workshop is for you!

### In this program you'll:

- Discover problem-solving strategies to deal with fatigue, pain and frustration
- Uncover physical activities that work for you
- Understand appropriate use of medications and how to evaluate new treatments
- Discover how healthy eating can improve your condition
- Improve ways to talk with your family, friends and healthcare providers about your health
- Benefit from the support and encouragement from others also living with chronic health conditions



### REGISTER

[bit.ly/TakeChargeHealth2](http://bit.ly/TakeChargeHealth2)

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### Workshop Dates

Tuesdays 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
March 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8, 15

**This workshop is interactive and completely online.**

### Workshop Info

- Bring your lunch!
- This workshop series is free!
- A series of 6 weekly sessions
- For NH residents only at this time
- Each 2½ hour session builds on the previous week
- Full participation in the 6 weeks is highly encouraged

### Contact Us

Melissa Lee  
[melissa.lee@unh.edu](mailto:melissa.lee@unh.edu)  
(603)255-3716

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# PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 **February 24, 2025** 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 2025-04 – REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,587.76 TO IMPROVE THE CYBERSECURITY FOOTPRINT OF THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**RESOLUTION 2025-05 – ACCEPTANCE OF A 2025 NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (NHDES) EXOTIC AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL GRANT**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



## Knitting Chickens

3-week Series

Saturdays: March 8, 15, 22  
2-3:30pm

Register at [Belknapmill.org/classes](http://Belknapmill.org/classes)



## Belknap Mill Museum

*Where Art and History come to life!*

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246 | [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)

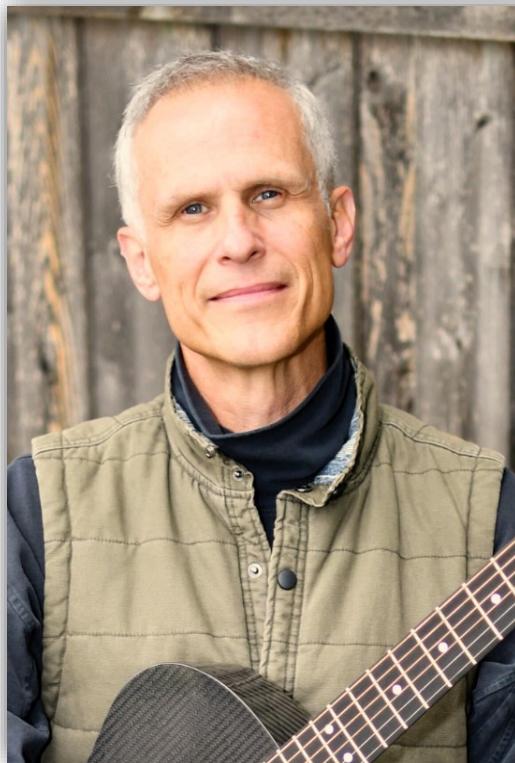
Knit these adorable, character-filled chickens!

No experience needed—these fun little chickens are easy to knit and guaranteed to make you smile. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced knitter, you'll enjoy the process.

The pattern includes options for both straight and circular needles. Once you're finished, you can give your creation a punny name like Sher-cluck Holmes, Egg-atha Christie, or Meryl Cheep, and more!

The workshop includes 3 one-and-a-half-hour classes. Instruction, tools and yarn provided.

Register [here!](#)



## PETER MAYER *in concert*

Saturday, March 15th  
6 PM

Gilford Community Church  
19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford

\$20 Per Ticket

Proceeds to benefit the  
"Church of Another Chance"



## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

### FEBRUARY 2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment	10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30 – Creamy Tarragon Chicken	10-12 Prize Bingo	Caption Call - Free Presentation @ 10:30 11:30 – Chicken Provencal & Rice	10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
10—Puzzles & Games				
10	11	12	13	14
9:30—Coffee Social	603 Legal—Scams & ID Theft @ 10:30	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic 10:30—Presentation by Franklin VNA 11:30—BBQ Chicken	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 11:30—VALENTINE'S PIZZA PARTY ❤️
10—Do It Yourself Birdseed Ornament Making	11:30 – Veg. Mushroom & Barley Soup	10-12 Prize Bingo		
17	18	19	20	21
<b>Closed for Holiday</b> 	10—Adult Coloring 11:30—American Chop Suey	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30— Italian Wedding Soup	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
24	25	26	27	28
10—Movie & Snack 	10:30—Card Games 11:30—Chicken & Sausage Gumbo	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Ping Pong & Corn Hole 11:30—Chicken & Sweet Potato Chili	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
<b>Activities are subject to change*</b> *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal				



## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER #524-7689 532 MAIN STREET, LACONIA ENTRANCE & PARKING @ 184 BEACON ST. WEST

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

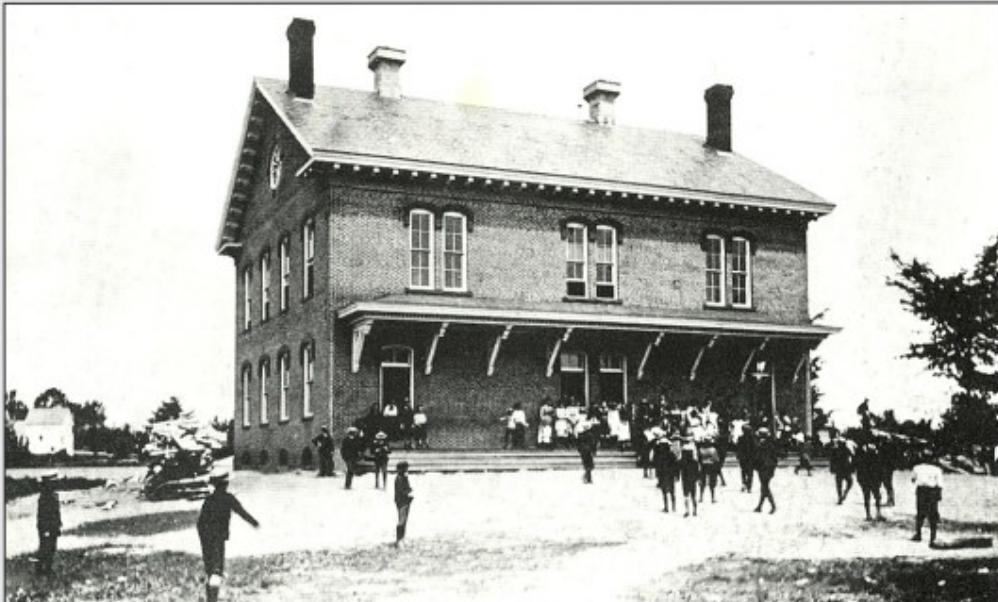
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PRIZE EVERY DAY!</b> *28 WINNERS*	GRAND PRIZE ON VALENTINE'S DAY *NASWA RESORT STAY*	<b>\$5 EACH NO LIMIT!!</b> PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE!		FUNDRAISER FOR ACTIVITIES @ LACONIA SENIOR CENTER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT		1 \$25 Amazon Gift Card 
2 \$25 Vista Foods Gift Card 	3 Plush Faux Fur Blanket	4 \$20 CASH & Jar of Honey 	5 AutoZone Car Shine Kit 	6 \$20 Gift Card Shooter's Tavern 	7 \$25 CASH	8 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 
9 \$25 Annie's Café Gift Card 	10 \$25 Hart's Turkey Farm 	11 Empire Beauty Bag (\$50 Value) 	12 \$20 Card Shooter's Tavern 	13 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 	14 Naswa Resort Stay 	15 \$20 CASH & Yankee Candle 
16 \$20 Sunflower Foods Card 	17 \$20 CASH & BBQ Sauce 	18 \$25 Card Prescott's Florist 	19 \$50 Shaw's Gift Card 	20 \$20 Gift Card Shooter's Tavern 	21 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 	22 \$20 CASH & Jar of Honey 
23 \$20 Gift Card Shooter's Tavern 	24 \$10 CASH & \$15 Apple Gift Card 	25 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 	26 \$25 CASH 	27 \$20 Sunflower Foods Card 	28 \$20 CASH & Yeti Mug 	

# 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 School Street (later renamed Harvard Street) School, Laconia, completed in early May 1869, is seen in the 1870s. Middle Street (later renamed Dartmouth Street) begins off-photo at far right, with its northern reaches glimpsed in distance at left. The brick school building was gutted by fire, Feb. 17, 1900 — 125 years ago this week. See this week's 'Our Yesterdays.' (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

A two-room addition to the building was put on in 1928, as seen from Dartmouth (formerly Middle) Street, at right. The former elementary school became the School Administration Building and office of the superintendent in August 1961. The first two houses in distance, at right, were the original School Street School, cut in half and relocated when the 1869 brick structure was built. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



As Laconia Schools head into February vacation week, both the high school and middle school are wrapping up this week with exciting Spirit Week Activities. Students and staff are showing their school pride with themed dress-up days, fun competitions, and plenty of enthusiasm. Spirit week kicked off with a cheer exposition Monday night at Laconia Middle School, featuring the LMS and LHS squads showing off their competition routines. Thursday, LHS teachers took on the challenge of dressing like a student. Sachem spirit week is a great way to build Community, celebrate the hard work of the semester, and head into break on a high note! Go Sachems!



*Nurturing Skills*

# DEVELOPING PERSONAL POWER & KEEPING KIDS SAFE



## HYBRID COURSE

Participants can choose to attend in person at 719 N Main St.,  
Laconia, NH OR Virtually via Zoom

7-week series begins March 6, 2025  
Daytime & evening classes available  
Thursdays 10:00-11:30am OR 6:30-8:00pm

REGISTER AT:

[WWW.LRCS.ORG/PARENTEDREGISTRATION](http://WWW.LRCS.ORG/PARENTEDREGISTRATION)

This Nurturing Skills module focuses on power struggles and positive ways to manage behavior.

Participants will examine choices that empower children and keep all members of the family safe and healthy while building children's self-esteem.

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



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# City of Laconia

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Laconia, NH 03246  
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CITY HALL HOURS:  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
(603) 527-1270

## 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 - Grey Draper	
Economic Development &.....	527-1270
Housing - Director - Joia Hughes	
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	

## Week of February 24 - 28

**Upcoming Meetings**

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

**Laconia City Council**  
February 24, 2025, 7:00 pm

### **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)

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