



# Welcome to Laconia Links!

May 2, 2025 - Edition #685

*A beautiful sunrise from the Weirs Beach docks  
(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)



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025 - 10am to 3 pm**  
**Rotary Park - Laconia**

Join us for a fun day of music, arts, crafts & cuisine celebrating our many cultures & heritage.



**Laconia Multicultural & Folk Festival**  
A Celebration of Music, Arts, Crafts and Cuisine  
in Downtown Laconia  
[www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org](http://www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org)

## Assessing

## Property Tax Credit Forms



DP-8 forms are now available in the Assessing Office in City Hall. Please feel free to stop by to pick up a form, or call the Assessing office at 603-527-1268. The deadline for filing the form is June 30. You can also fill out the form by clicking [here](#).

This form applies to Low/Moderate income homeowner's property tax credit. This program is offered by the State and refunds the State education tax portion of the tax rate to qualifying property owners. Please call the Assessing Office at 603-527-1268 with questions or for additional information.





# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**MON 5/5****Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.****KID****TUE 5/6****Drop-In Tech Help @10am****ADULT****TUE 5/6****Teen Craft @3:30pm - Foil Stained Glass!****TEEN****WED 5/7****Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.****KID****WED 5/7****Legal Research Basics with Westlaw @1pm****ADULT****WED 5/7****Drop-In Tech Help @2pm****ADULT****THU 5/8****Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3 -6.****KID****FRI 5/9****Move & Groove @10am - Best for ages 6 and under.****KID****WED 5/9****Puzzle Races! @1pm****ADULT****MON 5/12****Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.****KID**

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

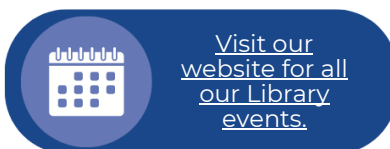
<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org

**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



# LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



## Save the Date!

Laconia Pumpkin Festival

October 25, 2025

Fun begins at 11am and ends with a bang at 8pm

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

## PAVING SCAM ALERT

If you feel you've been targeted or have concerns, please contact Laconia PD at (603) 524-5257.



## LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 17, 2025

7am – 1 pm

**FREE** - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON MEREDITH CENTER ROAD, LACONIA. RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.

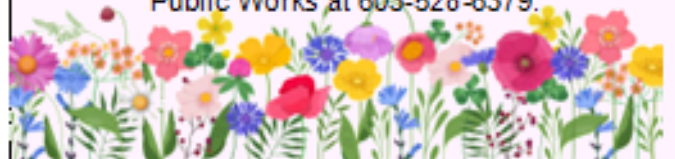
Proof of Residency Will Be Required.

To help minimize wait times, the City recommends that residents use the following schedule when coming to the Transfer Station:

TIME	FIRST LETTER OF LAST NAME
7 to 9 am	A through and including G
9 to 11 am	H through and including N
11am to 1pm	O through and including Z

ACCEPTABLE: APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS, FURNITURE, BEDS, PLUMBING FIXTURES, BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO TIRES (limit 6 tires per customer). **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** AUTO TAILPIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES, BATTERIES, HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR SOLVENTS.

Electronic waste will not be accepted free of charge at this event. E-Waste normal fees for disposal will apply. Questions? Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379.





# PUBLIC HEARINGS

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun.

In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community.

If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department.

Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



## CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **May 12, 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 2025-16 – ESTABLISHING PLANTATION AND COLONIAL ROADS AS EMERGENCY LANES UNDER RSA 231:59-A WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF OCTOBER 31, 2025 OR THE DATE OF THE BELKNAP SUPERIOR COURT'S DECISION ON CASE NUMBER 211-2024-CV-00054, JOY SABATO, ET AL V CITY OF LACONIA, WHICHEVER IS FIRST**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION



The Café Déjà Vu Team  
Invites you to join us for



### Weekly CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
7PM

SEPT 4, 2024 - MAY 28, 2025

## Bring your friends!

\$10.00pp - Compete in 5 one-on-one games

Also some \$1.00 side pots for High Hand and Flush in the Kitty  
AND 25¢ for 19 hand and 50¢ for a skunk

At Laconia VFW on Court St  
Come one week, ten weeks or all of them

Cash Prizes for total high scores  
(Prizes awarded based on number of entries)



The home of  
"Flower"

Friendly Games  
No muggins/cut throat  
For more info call (603) 998-1418



## 2025 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the week of May 12 - May 16 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves during this week 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.



COMING JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025!

## ADULT CO-ED OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

WHERE: LEAVITT PARK, LACONIA NH

WHEN: TUESDAY NIGHTS

START DATE: JUNE 3, 2025



LAKESREGIONLEAGUES.COM

Saturday, May 24, 2025

# Honky Tonk Chicks



SEE  
THE  
CHICKS!

## The Ultimate Country Music Party

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT



### VETERANS COUNT

easterseals.nh



Inter-Lakes High School Community Auditorium  
Showtime 7:30 pm

Event Sponsors

Tickets & More Info

Media Sponsors



PLATINUM GROUP  
— AT RE/MAX BAYSIDE —

TEMPLE WHITTAKER  
THE LAKES REGION  
BUSINESS DIRECTORY



## Mill Matters Newsletter

20  
MAY  
24



Kick off your weekend with Art, Music & History!

We've re-imagined our Arts in the Park series—and it all happens on May 2!

Explore the museum's galleries with us and discover the history of the mill.

Bring a chair or blanket and join us for community, creativity, and connection.

Tour the mill for free!

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Special thanks to our sponsors: Laconia Putnam Fund, Lakes Region Community College, Lakes 101.5 FM & 104.9 The Hawk.

603-524-8813 | BELKNAPMILL.ORG | INFO@BELKNAPMILL.ORG

## Mill Programs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SPINNING GROUP

Tuesdays weekly  
10 am - 12:00 pm

### ART & COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays weekly  
9 am - 11:00 am

### FAMILY CRAFT DAYS

Saturday, May 3 & 17  
11 am - 1 pm

### CENTRAL NH WRITERS' GROUP

Monday, May 12  
6 pm - 8 pm

### MINGLE CAFE

Saturday, May 31st  
10 am - 11:30 am

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, June 4  
6pm via Zoom



## Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permit has been issued to Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid from April 16, 2025 until May 16, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH.

A second blasting permit has been issued to Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit expires on May 22, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 319 Meredith Center Road.

Blasting can occur anytime Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Please see below for the horn codes:

- 3 long horns - 5 minutes until the blast
- 2 long horns - 2 minutes until the blast
- 1 long horn - All clear to proceed

Questions? Contact Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting at 603-487-2840.



# NOMINATIONS

## NOW OPEN

### **Robert A. Hamel Community Service Recognition Award**

In honor of the late Robert A. Hamel, a former Laconia City Councilor whose lifelong dedication to our City is evidenced by more than four decades of community service, we are proudly inviting nominations for the inaugural Robert A. Hamel Community Service Recognition Award.

This award recognizes a community member who embodies the spirit of service, leadership, and civic pride that Councilor Hamel exemplified throughout his life.

Nominees should be a City of Laconia resident (either part-time or full-time), and should demonstrate:

- Exceptional community involvement and volunteerism
- A consistent record of volunteer contribution to the community that has a lasting impact on our City and on the well-being of others

**Nomination deadline:** Monday, May 12, 2025

**Submit nominations to:** [nbrown@laconianh.gov](mailto:nbrown@laconianh.gov)

For questions, please contact the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270, or email [nbrown@laconianh.gov](mailto:nbrown@laconianh.gov)

Let's honor late Councilor Hamel's memory by recognizing those who continue his legacy of service.

**Please take a moment to nominate someone who makes a difference in our community!**



# FESTIVAL ON THE HILL

Returns to Lakes Region Community College  
with Cars, Careers & Campus Tours!

Thursday, May 8 | 4:00–7:00 PM | LRCC, Laconia, NH

Join us for an evening of exploration, excitement, and opportunity at Lakes Region Community College's Festival on the Hill. Whether you're a high school student, career changer, or curious community member, this free event offers something for everyone.

**Program Tours and Info Sessions: 4–6pm**

**George Dykstra Memorial Car Show: 5–7pm**  
Classic cruisers to modern hot rods!

Visitors will have the chance to:

- Tour LRCC's cutting-edge labs and classrooms
- Meet faculty from 40+ academic programs, including Automotive, Nursing, Culinary, Electrical, Liberal Arts, Fire Science and Social Work
- Chat with Admissions and Financial Aid to explore pathways into college
- Discover workforce-ready certificate programs and transfer options



**Want to show your car?** Contact Chelsea Barry at [cjbarry@ccsnh.edu](mailto:cjbarry@ccsnh.edu) to register. It's free, and prizes will be awarded!

Delicious food, family-friendly fun, and career-building conversations!



LRCC Campus | 379 Belmont Rd | [LRCC.edu](http://LRCC.edu)

# FREE MOVIE

@ Prescott Farm Education Center

Digital age's impact on youth decisions with vaping  
and other drugs

## SCREENAGERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE

May 9th

@ 5 PM

928 White Oaks Rd

Laconia, NH

\*Meeting in the Barn\*

don't forget a cozy blanket or a lawn chair



RSVP REQUIRED

Keeping our  
youth safe

in a changing world

Join us for a pre-screening nature  
walk at 4 PM

Pizza  
Making After  
Film

This event was made possible with funding from New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services



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Prescott Farm  
Environmental Education Center



Just a reminder from the Department of  
Public Works...

if you want to put tables, chairs, signs and  
other items on the City's sidewalks you must  
obtain a sidewalk encumbrance permit from  
Public Works and provide a certificate  
of insurance.

Please follow the restrictions on the permit  
to ensure that the pedestrians visiting your  
business can safely do so.

Questions? Please call the Department of  
Public Works at 603-528-6379.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**





# Nurturing Skills: Understanding Children's Growth & Development

**\*HYBRID COURSE\***

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

**6-week series beginning  
May 8, 2025**

**Daytime & Evening Classes Available!  
Thursdays 10-11:30am OR 6:30-8pm**

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on creating a nurturing environment that stimulates children's overall healthy development. Topics covered include brain development, developmental milestones, creating nurturing routines, and encouraging a growth mindset.

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

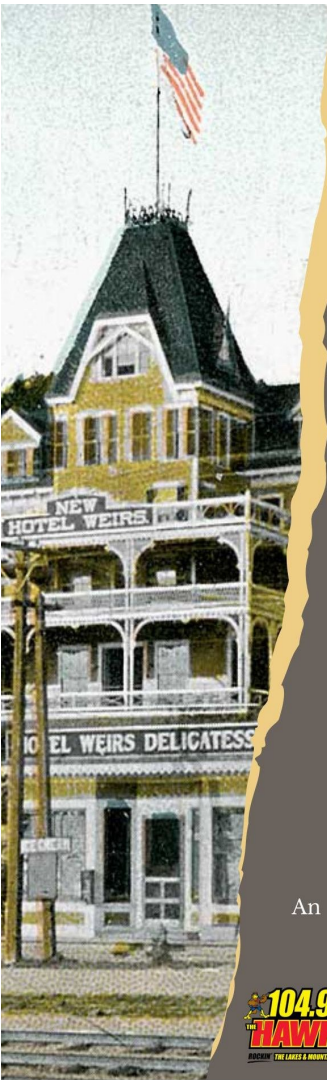
 **LRCS  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTER**  
*Engage. Empower. Inspire.*

Register at  
[www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)  
or email  
[tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org)



The Linden  
Foundation





## HISTORY HAPPENED HERE!

**SATURDAY MAY 31**  
**9:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

**Historic Downtown Walking Tour**  
9:00 AM | \$10.00pp

A guided tour sharing insights into the city's rich history and vibrant present.

**Laconia's Downtown Tasting Tour**  
11:00 AM | \$50.00pp

Engage all your senses while experiencing downtown Laconia through food and history.

**It's Not All About Laconia**  
**Trivia Challenge**  
3:00 PM | \$20.00/team of up to 4

Teams answer questions on a variety of topics, including Laconia history to test their knowledge and compete for points and prizes!

**New Horizons Band Community Concert**  
6:30 PM | Free

An evening of exceptional music. Experience the joy of a live performance in a unique setting and create a cherished summer memory.



**For tickets & information: [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com)**

**Tuesday, May 6, 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 1st 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.**

# EAST COAST WATERCROSS

**AT Laconia**  
CITY ON THE LAKE

## OPECHEE PARK!

**MAY 30TH TO JUNE 1ST**

**FREE TO SPECTATORS!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

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**JOIN US FOR A FUN WEEKEND OF JET SKI RACING!**



# ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION @ WYATT PARK 2025



The Department of Public Works has announced a two-day paving project in the City that is scheduled to start on Tuesday, May 6th.

This work consists of a 2" milling and paving project on South Main Street from Sunflower Natural Foods to 20 ft. south of Cottage Street.

Day 1 will be milling. Day 2 will be paving. Southerly traffic will be detoured from Union Avenue onto Academy Street exiting at Champlin Street.

On Monday, May 5th Public Works will post no parking signs on both sides of South Main Street.

Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at 603-528-6379.

## Christmas IN JULY CRUISE

6:30 pm July 10  
M/S Mount Washington

- Buffet Dinner
- Entertainment
- Dancing
- and More!

Each ticket purchased allows a child in need a FREE ticket aboard the Mount on August 6<sup>th</sup> for the Kids Cruise!



Join us on the M/S Mount Washington for a fun-filled evening on Lake Winnepesaukee to benefit the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction!

\$67 per adult, \$50 per child



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FITNESS**  
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GREATER LAKES REGION  
**CHILDREN'S  
AUCTION**



# Professional Municipal CLERKS WEEK

This week marks the 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks' Week

We are proud of each and every one of our City employees who work hard to provide our customers and our community with exceptional service.

May 4 - May 10, 2025 marks the dates of the 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks' Week, a time for reflection on the importance of the City Clerk's office in our City. Please join us in congratulating and thanking our City Clerk's Office staff for their professional and friendly service!

## KIDS' Fishing May 17, 2025 Derby

Hosted by Laconia Rod & Gun Club

Calling all kids 15 and under...

Bring your fishing pole, hooks,  
bobbers and worms to  
Gunstock Ski Area Pond  
for this FREE event!

8am to 1pm  
BBQ Lunch Provided

Pre registration held on April 6th from 10am-1pm  
Laconia Rod & Gun Function Hall  
358 South Main Street, Laconia (located next to Vista)  
(Please follow the signs to the back door)

Contact Lisa at 455-6563 if you are unable to register on 4/6/25

# BE THE BADGE



APPLY  
NOW

CITY OF LACONIA  
POLICE

POLICE

POLICE  
CITY OF LACONIA

**SALARY RANGE:**

**\$64,438.30-\$97,843.29**

\*Certified officers start higher based on qualifications & experience

**UP TO \$4,000 SIGN-ON BONUS**

**NATIONALLY ACCREDITED AGENCY**

## COMMUNITY CHAT

a brown bag lunch discussion

Bring your lunch and join us for an hour of open discussion on what's going on in Laconia!

**The Belknap Mill - 1st Floor Gallery Room**

**May 14th**

**12Noon-1pm**

Joia Hughes

Economic and Housing Development Director

City of Laconia

603-527-1270 x105

JHughes@LaconiaNH.gov



# Resident Beach Stickers!



**Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach and 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); 65+ and handicap - free.**

**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.**



May is Historic Preservation Month. What structures do you find valuable for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or their community significance?

The City of Laconia Heritage Commission would like to recognize anyone who owns an historic property in Laconia and has, or is in the process of, preserving the structure's history. The project maintains historic details. In this endeavor, the Heritage Commission would like anyone who knows of a person, a business or an organization who has made significant efforts to preserve historic buildings to nominate an individual, business, organization or a project for a preservation award to be presented at a City Council meeting at the end of May. The building must be more than 50 years old and add aesthetic value to its locality.

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You may pick up a nomination form from the Code Enforcement Office at Laconia City Hall or from the Heritage Commission webpage <https://www.laconianh.gov/410/Heritage-Commission>. To assist the Heritage Commission members in recognizing and thanking those who have contributed to the historic preservation of a building, please describe the renovations, some history and its cultural significance, and include, if possible, before and after photos. Nomination forms must be submitted by April 30, 2025.

What is the purpose of a Heritage Commission? In Laconia, the Heritage Commission was established to ensure the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, primarily man-made, that are valuable for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural built or cultural context in accordance with RSA 684:44-a. In the past the Heritage Commission has been involved in the attempts to preserve the Hathaway House, St. Joseph Church, the Belknap Mill, and employed Mae Williams, Architectural Historian & Preservation Consultant, to do a study of historical resources of Laconia's Downtown district which was published May 4, 2021. Please consider becoming a member of Laconia's Heritage Commission.





The City Manager presented an overview of the proposed 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget to the City Council at their meeting on April 28, 2025.

Individual departments will present their budgets on the following dates:

May 12, 6pm: School Department  
 May 20, 6pm: Water, Planning and Finance  
 May 27, 6pm: Fire and Parks and Recreation  
 June 2, 6pm: Library and Public Works  
 June 9, 6pm: Codes, Police and Administration

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



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

April 22nd - May 27th

Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
 75 Chestnut St, Franklin

*Five FREE small-group sessions provided in a supportive environment to discuss loss and identify coping skills that can aid in the grieving process.*

*You don't have to grieve alone.*

To Register call 603-934-3454  
 or email [cmurray@franklinvna.org](mailto:cmurray@franklinvna.org)

## Prescott Farm

### Environmental Education Center



Saturday 10 am - Noon

#### Painting with Paper Pulp

May  
**3**  
 2025

Creative Arts Consultant for Prescott Farm, Larry Frates, hosts Painting with Paper Pulp, a creative journey with upcycled paper. Participants will explore unique techniques to transform recycled pulp into vibrant works of art.



Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

#### Baking & Decorating Cupcakes

May  
**10**  
 2025

Chef Allen will lead this in-depth program in baking and decorating cupcakes! A perfect way to celebrate spring, this hands-on workshop will teach participants professional tips and techniques for creating beautifully decorated cupcakes.



Saturday 10 am - Noon

#### Frog Calls of Spring

May  
**10**  
 2025

Join us for an early evening forest hike to the wetland areas of Prescott Farm. We'll begin indoors to learn about the springtime habits of the frogs we are most likely to hear. Then, we'll hike out to our wetland areas to see if we can identify which frogs are at Prescott Farm.



Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

#### Intro. to Compass & Navigation

May  
**10**  
 2025

Discover how a compass works, and head outside to practice using this tool on a simple orienteering course. After getting comfortable with compass, explore the basics of using a compass in combination with a map.

**Additional Details and Registration at [PrescottFarm.org](http://PrescottFarm.org)**

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

## BARK MARKET EXPO



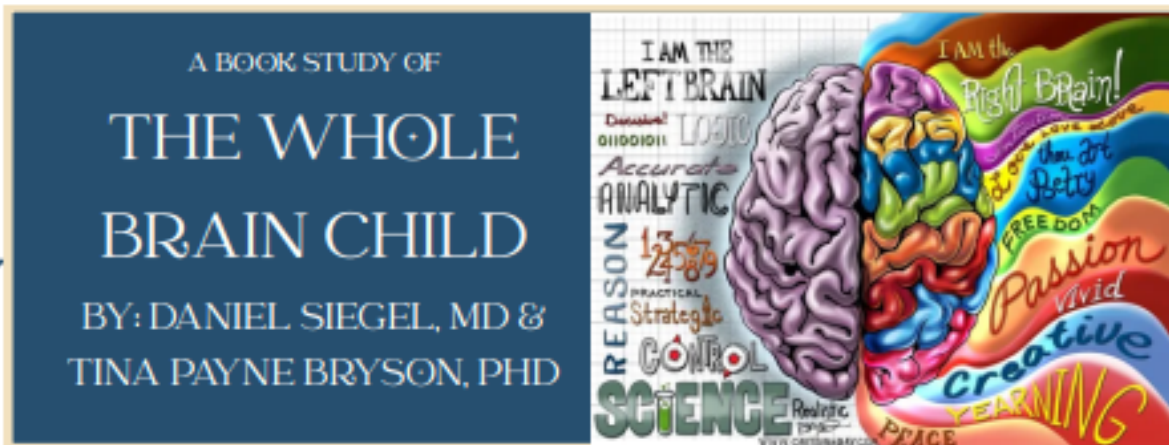
**JUNE 7 10 AM - 3 PM**

**CANINE CONNECTION • LACONIA**



**A dog-friendly indoor event for adults and children over 12**  
**Beat the heat and the rain for the best day of your dog's life!**





6 Week  
Hybrid  
Series  
Wednesdays  
6:30-8pm

Starts  
May 7, 2025

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

Based on the New York Times Bestseller by  
Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson,  
this class will cover twelve revolutionary  
strategies to nurture your child's  
developing mind.

Learn the science of how a child's brain is  
wired, how it matures and how you can apply  
this knowledge to everyday parenting.  
The Whole Brain Child will teach you how to  
cultivate healthy emotional and intellectual  
development so that your children can lead  
balanced, meaningful, and connected lives.

To Register go to:  
[www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)

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





*Presenting Benjamin Bousquet with the First Place award are Chris Guilmett (r) Executive Director of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and Marj Wilkinson (l) LRSF Board Trustee and Chair of the Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarship committee.*

## 2025 Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Winners Announced

The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation has announced the winners of the Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarships. The competition involved students from area high schools, all of whom are graduating seniors and are planning to major in art or an art-related field such as graphic arts, digital arts, architecture, and art education.

This is the twenty-third year that scholarships have been awarded with funds provided by the Annalee Thorndike Scholarship Fund. The competition is managed through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, to which Annalee Thorndike entrusted the funds for her endowment.

The students submit a blended portfolio that is comprised of five original works of art which can include: drawings, paintings, collage and print forms, photography, digital art forms and 3D works. They also provide a personal sketchbook and an artist statement. The artwork was on display at the Gilford Public Library for public viewing. This year's judges all have a background in art, Gerri Harvey, Tom Lynch, and Nancy Dirubbo. First place this year went to Benjamin Bousquet. Second place went to Hazel Dassori-Kaye. Third place was awarded to Awnya Johnson, from Laconia High School, and fourth place went to Katie Scadova. Benjamin, Hazel & Katie are all from Inter Lakes High School in Meredith. The awards will be applied toward their tuition in the fall.





# Light The Night Red

APRIL 27 - MAY 4, 2025

WE INVITE YOU TO LIGHT UP  
RED TO HONOR THE FALLEN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES



**Kiwanis**  
LACONIA



## Bike 'n' Board Safety Day

Saturday, May 17th 10:30a-12:30p

Laconia Skate Park Parking Lot

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

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



This is not a school sponsored event



## Let's Address the Elephant in the Room!

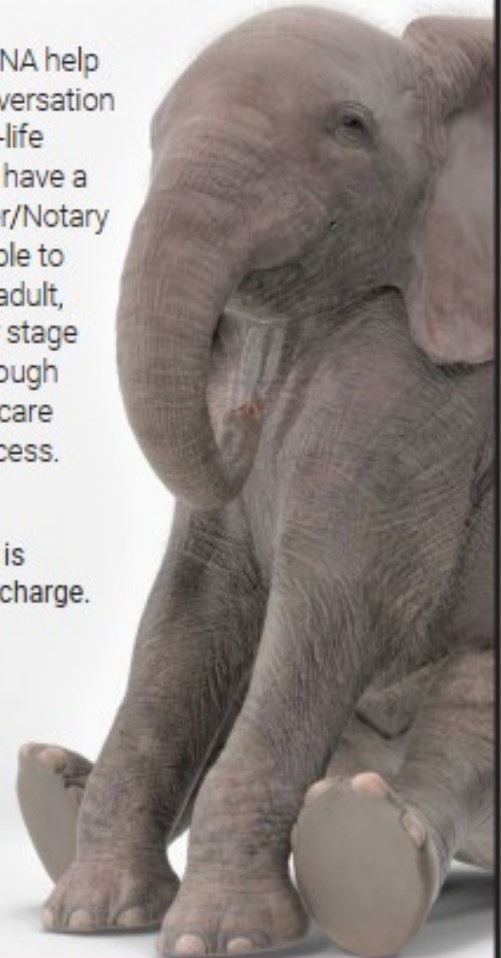
### Walk-In Wednesday

Wednesday, May 28  
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  
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This program is  
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For more information,  
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or visit [www.granitevna.org/calendar](http://www.granitevna.org/calendar).





## Belknap Mill's First Friday Series Kicks Off May 2 with Art, Music & History

The Belknap Mill invites the public to kick off the 2025 First Fridays season on Friday, May 2 with an evening filled with live music, vibrant art, and free museum access, all set in the heart of downtown Laconia at Rotary Park and the historic Belknap Mill Museum.

The event runs from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and is free and open to the public.

### Art Exhibit Opening:

The Belknap Mill's Riverside Gallery will feature the works of local artist Ignacio Cisneros, a local painter and sculptor whose work bridges the worlds of abstraction and realism. His powerful use of oil on canvas, sculpture, heavy paper, and acrylics invites viewers to explore the connection between art, culture, and consciousness.

### Live Music at 6 PM – Martin & Kelly at the Bandstand:

This rising country-pop duo has captivated audiences from New England to Nashville with rich harmonies, heartfelt songwriting, and standout performances. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show in Rotary Park.

### Free Museum Admission:

Step inside the Belknap Mill Museum and discover the story of the nation's oldest unaltered brick textile mill, while enjoying engaging exhibits and local history.

"First Fridays are all about celebrating art, music, and community in a way that's fun and accessible to everyone," said Katherine Switala, Vice Chair of the Belknap Mill Board of Directors. "It's a perfect way to gather with friends and family and support local creatives."

First Fridays are sponsored by The Laconia Putnam Fund, Lakes Region Community College, and media sponsors Lakes 101.5FM and 104.9 the Hawk.

### Location:

Belknap Mill Museum & Rotary Park, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Admission: FREE

### Belknap Mill Museum| First Fridays 2025 Schedule:

**May 2** – Martin & Kelly + Ignacio Cisneros (Abstract Art)

**June 6** – Freese Brothers Big Band + Grace Howe ("UnScripted")

**July 3** (Thursday!) – North River Band + Kathi Hopper ("Gardens")

**August 1** – Katie Dobbins + Pam Bartlett (Rug Hooking Showcase)

**September 5** – Rockin Daddios + Classic Cars, Sock Hop, BBQ & Root Beer Floats!





## 2025 VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT POST 1670



Hole Prizes



LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE  
89 Ladd Hill Road—Belmont  
Sunday May 18th, 2025

9-Hole, 2-Person Scramble

Shot-Gun Start - Two Flights - 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Cost is \$55 per player

(Includes Green Fees, Cart and Prizes)

### LUNCHEON/AWARDS TO FOLLOW AT THE VFW

143 Court Street—Laconia

Ham & Turkey provided Pot Luck Dishes Encouraged and Welcomed

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Not a Golfer and want to be a  
part of the fun. Volunteer!  
Help is always needed and wel-  
comed to make this a smooth  
running event.



**Sign Up TODAY**  
Space is limited so Sign-up to-  
day!  
Registration and payment due  
NLT April 1st.

To register your team or if you have questions contact:  
Brett at 603-387-4855 or Dee at 603-520-7850

## Love Our Earth Day

A Free Outdoor Community Event



Saturday, May 10th, 10 AM - 1 PM  
18 Veterans Square in Laconia

Celebrating the Lakes Region Environment

#### Participating Organizations:

Belknap Co Conservation District	Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance
Citizens' Climate Lobby	Lakes Region Conservation Trust
Congregational Church of Laconia	Loon Preservation Society
Laconia Conservation Commission	NH Lakes
Laconia Dept. of Public Works	NH Network Plastics Working Group
LSD Office of Extended Learning	Prescott Farms Env. Education Ctr.
Laconia HS Key Club	Squam Lakes Natural Science Center
Laconia/Gilford Lions Club	Unitarian Universalist Soc. of Laconia
Lake Opechee Protection Association	Winnisquam Watershed Network

#### Our Sponsors:



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Citizens' Climate Lobby



Congregational Church  
of Laconia



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF LACONIA, NH



**Laconia Gilford**  
Lions Club

# May 2025 Regional Virtual Job Fairs

## Lakes Region

Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 11am - 1pm

employers and  
job seekers must  
register to attend

<https://jobfairs.nh.gov>

click or  
scan to  
register!







**LACONIA SENIOR CENTER**  
(603) 524-7689



## 2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
<b>Activities are subject to change*</b> <b>*Suggested Donation</b>			10:30—Parkinson's Presentation by Downtown Gym 11:30 – Beef Barley Veggie Soup	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
5	6	7	8	9
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 11— Ice Cream Social	10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30 – Chicken Teriyaki	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30– Beef & Bean Chili	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10– Corn Hole
12	13	14	15	16
10—Adult Coloring 10:30—"Open Mic" for Jokes & Stories	10:30—Senior Employment by Operation ABLE 11:30 – Sweet & Sour Meatballs	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30– American Chop Suey	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10:30—Fashion Show
19	20	21	22	23
10—Movie & Snack 	10:30—Senior Nutrition by Hahn Health 11:30– Chicken, Broccoli & Rice	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Special Music by Dave Jenne 11:30– BBQ Chicken Strips	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10– Corn Hole
26	27	28	29	30
<b>Closed for Holiday</b> 	10:30—Laconia's History by Historical Society 11:30 –Memorial Day BBQ (Hamburgers)	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Presentation by Lakes Region Mental Health 11:30 – Chicken, Veggie & Wild Rice	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring

# Need help paying for groceries?

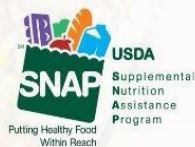
## SNAP can help!

Learn more & apply through NH DHHS:

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

Need help with your application?

Call the NH Food Bank:  
1-877-347-7627



**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of May 5th!**



**REUSE  
REDUCE  
RECYCLE**





Woodland Heights Project Extra held a Cookies & Canvas event last Thursday, April 24. Parents joined their students in a fun-filled afternoon of painting!





# 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 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.

## SHINING A LIGHT ON THE RUSSIAN COUNT

Jewel Fox is semi-retired from a career in project management and software support for media companies which began with a few years working at The Citizen in the late 90s. Prior to that she worked in many roles while raising her three children. Her favorite was as the Russian Editor for the language learning software company, Transparent Language, in Hollis, NH – the one job she held that related to her major in Russian from the University of Vermont.

Laconia's local lore includes the tale of "The Russian Count" in which a teenage boy runs away from his employer, Stephen Perley, and joins the crew of a merchant ship bound from Portland, Maine to Russia. But could it be true?

Before starting her intended writing project on the Perley family and the growth of Laconia, Jewels' curiosity demanded that she put this question to rest. The story is more fascinating and implausible than she ever could have imagined!



Jewel Fox  
Presenter

### WEDNESDAY

7 MAY 2025

AT 6:00PM

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY



603-527-1278

www.laconiahistory.com

## The Parenting Journey



Come join us in a unique parenting journey of self-discovery.

LRCS  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
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Engage. Empower. Inspire.

### 12-week Hybrid Series

Tuesdays, 6-8pm

Starts May 6, 2025

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

Within a supportive environment, caregivers will...

- Participate in a self-reflective and nurturing program
- Reflect back on childhood experiences to gain an understanding of how they may be impacting current parenting & life choices
- Learn to forgive ourselves and others and let go of things that may be barriers to reaching goals
- Set personal and family goals that will decrease stress and increase positive relationships at home
- Identify parenting as love, nurturing protection & teaching

#### \*Hybrid Course\*

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Register at: [www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)



For participants attending in person, dinner will be served during class and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration, space is limited.



## CELEBRATE NATIONAL NURSES WEEK MAY 6-12, 2025

# NURSES

# MANY ROLES

# One Goal





# 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...*

***Welcome back Warren!***



**THEN ...**

**The Salvation Army Thrift Shop, 77 New Salem Street, Laconia, is seen prior to being razed, last month — along with the large warehouse behind it and other smaller structures. Before the thrift shop, the building had been home to Redlon & Johnson and, before that, to J.J. Morin, wholesale plumbing and heating companies, for several decades. The building began life as the original 'Meredith Bridge' passenger station for the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad in 1848 — but located across and up the tracks, next to the Pleasant Street crossing. (Google Satellite Photo)**



**... AND NOW**

**This lot and the adjoining space to the west (left) at 97 New Salem St., formerly occupied by the Smith Lumber Co. and more recently by Don Morin and Culligan Central of New Hampshire, is scheduled for 44 new residential housing units. The 97 New Salem Street space was occupied briefly some years ago by Cliff Ernst's Bargain Hut in one of its numerous locations. (Daniel Sarch/ The Laconia Daily Sun)**





LAKES  
REGION  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA

BENJAMIN GREENE, CONDUCTOR



## HUSTLE BACK TO THE 70's WITH LRSO!



Featuring:  
Taylor O'Donnell  
&  
Adrian Sicam

Saturday May 10, Colonial Theatre, Laconia 7pm  
Sunday May 11, Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith 3pm

Hits from; Earth Wind and Fire, Chicago,  
Doobie Brothers, Carole King, Bee Gees,  
Billy Joel, Joni Mitchell, and more!

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

[WWW.LRSO.ORG](http://WWW.LRSO.ORG)

SPONSORED BY:



Gobo PRODUCTIONS

# ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

"MORE THAN  
A LIKENESS"  
BRIAN MAY - QUEEN

## AUGUST 27

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SPECTACLE Live COLONIAL THEATRE MYSB

THE CLASSIC  
TRICK

## OCTOBER 4

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SPECTACLE Live COLONIAL THEATRE MYSB

October 21, 2025

COLONIAL THEATRE  
Laconia

# Swan Lake

GRAND KJV. BALLET

ARTISTIC SPACE PRODUCTIONS

**F** Facial drooping  
**A** Arm weakness  
**S** Speech difficulties  
**T** Time to call emergency services

# May is Stroke Awareness Month

Learn more about the warning signs of stroke by visiting the American Stroke Association website [here](https://www.stroke.org). Learning F.A.S.T. can save lives!



# City of Laconia

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



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

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Monthly Supplemental  
Security Income (SSI)  
payments can help eligible  
adults meet basic needs like  
food, clothing, and shelter.

Learn more about SSI by  
clicking on the image (left).



Week of  
May 5 - May 9, 2025

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

### Water Commission

May 5, 2025, 5:30 pm

### Agenda

### Planning Board

May 6, 2025, 6:30 pm

### Agenda

### Laconia Putnam Fund

May 6, 2025, 9:00 am

### Special Events Review Committee

May 7, 2025, 12:00 noon

### Licensing Board

May 7, 2025, 12:00 noon

### Agenda

### Conservation Commission

May 7, 2025, 6:00 pm

### Agenda



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below  
must be preceded by 603)



Airport.....	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing.....	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager.....	527-1270
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Codes Director - Joe Gray	
Conservation.....	527-1264
Conservation Technician - 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	

### 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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