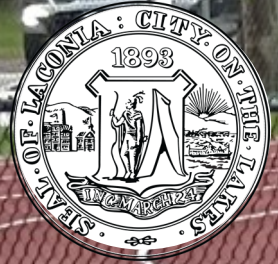




# Welcome to Laconia Links!

SPEED  
LIMIT  
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Station  
#2

May 23, 2025 - Edition #688

The Kiwanis Bike 'n Board Safety Day was held on Saturday, May 17. See page 8 for more photos.  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)

## 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)



## FIRE DANGER: LITHIUM BATTERIES

**NEVER place Lithium-ion  
batteries in your garbage or  
recycling containers!**

On Saturday, May 17 Public Works' crew members opening the Laconia Transfer Station saw smoke coming from one of the buildings. The load in a truck that hauls trash to the landfill was on fire. The truck was in the loading tunnel in the commercial customer building. Fire Department personnel responded and stopped the fire from spreading. The load had to be dumped on the floor as it continued to smolder. After it was extinguished, the source was determined to be a vape device that was between two mattresses.

The Governor signed a law that effective July 1, 2025, stating that rechargeable lithium-ion batteries will be prohibited from disposal in New Hampshire's landfills and incinerators. Lithium-ion batteries are used in a wide variety of consumer products, including: Automotive vehicles; electric bikes and scooters; lawncare equipment; portable electronics such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, cameras, wireless headphones, speakers, toothbrushes and other rechargeable devices; cordless power tools; toys and vape devices.

You do not have to wait for July 1st to recycle batteries. Any battery that is rechargeable, is recyclable.

Many New Hampshire businesses, like Staples, Best Buy or BatteriesPlus, offer collection boxes for recycling rechargeable batteries. To find a drop-off site nearest to you, contact Public Works at 603-528-6379, check the [Call2Recycle.org](http://Call2Recycle.org), website or check the website of one of the retail locations mentioned above. Laconia Public Works also collects rechargeable batteries during its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection is limited to Laconia residents only.

For more information visit NH's Department of Environmental Services website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/news-and-media/blog/new-rechargeable-battery-disposal-ban-take-effect>

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

5.26-6.3 2025

# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 5/26

Library Closed - Memorial Day

MULTI

TUE 5/27

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT

WED 5/28

Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.

KID

WED 5/28

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT

THU 5/29

Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3 -6.

KID

EXHIBIT

The Art of James Belcher - In the Library Rotunda June 2-Sept 9!

MULTI

MON 6/2

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.

KID

TUE 6/3

Death Café @10am - Discussion & refreshments.

ADULT

TUE 6/3

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT

TUE 6/3

Lego Club @3:30pm - best for ages 6-12.

KID

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

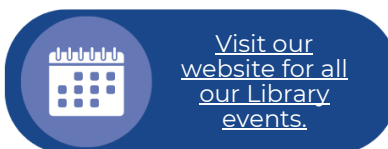
<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto: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





## **PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN WEIRS BEACH BEGINS MAY 24!**

Beginning Saturday, May 24, 2025 vehicles parking in the public parking spaces on Lakeside Avenue and in the Endicott Rock Park parking lot must pay to use the parking spaces. Parking in this area is “pay by space”. Please ensure that you know your parking space number as the parking kiosks will ask for that information.

The parking fee on Lakeside Avenue is \$2/hour and \$2.50/hour in the Endicott Rock Park parking lot. (Parking stickers are available for purchase by Laconia residents for Endicott Rock Park beach parking lot and Bond Beach. Please call the City Clerk’s office at 603-527-1265 for more Information and details.

## **Your Insights Matter**

Take the  
brain health  
survey today.



Department of  
**HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES**



New Hampshire, we need your voice! Help us shape a brighter future for brain health in our community. Take our survey and contribute to a campaign focused on healthy brain aging, early dementia screening, and reducing stigma. Your insights matter! Everyone who completes the survey will have the chance to enter to win one of five \$25 Amazon Gift Cards.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHMay2025>

# **NOW HIRING**

## **Regional Animal Control Officer**

Send your resume to:  
Captain Allan Graton  
[agraton@laconiapdnh.gov](mailto:agraton@laconiapdnh.gov)



## **Now Hiring: Regional Animal Control Officer**

The Laconia Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for a full-time Animal Control Officer position! This unique role serves the City of Laconia, as well as the towns of Gilford and Belmont.

- ◆ Salary: \$21.56–\$27.31/hour
- ◆ Includes a comprehensive benefit package
- ◆ This position includes 28 hours per week conducting animal control duties, with 12 hours per week devoted to parking enforcement in Laconia. The position requires routine work in the enforcement of State statutes, City ordinances, and rules and regulations regarding the care and control of domestic animals.
- ◆ Applicants shall possess a high school diploma or GED, valid New Hampshire driver’s license and be in good physical condition and able to lift up to 50 lbs.

Submit your resume to: Captain Allan Graton  
[agraton@laconiapdnh.gov](mailto:agraton@laconiapdnh.gov)

Resumes accepted until the position is filled.

Join our team and make a difference in your community!

## Squam Lakes Science Center



Where will you go today?

### Laconia Senior Center

**BUS TRIP TO: SQUAM LAKES SCIENCE  
CENTER in Holderness, NH**

**Please call to SIGN UP: (603) 524-7689**

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-1:00pm)**

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!**

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY CALLING MID-STATE  
TRANSIT NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 6/23/25!**

**CALL TO REGISTER: 603-225-1989**



Learn more about safe hiking in New Hampshire and where to get your Hike Safe Card by clicking [here](#).

**FREE Family-Friendly Event!**

Powerhouse Theatre  
Presents:

# play festival

2025

Come watch the world-premieres of 15 short plays written by community members as you walk the beautiful grounds of Prescott Farm

Prescott Farm  
Environmental Education Center

May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Plays Begin at 1 PM  
[www.powerhousenh.org/playfestival25](http://www.powerhousenh.org/playfestival25)



### Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

Blasting permits have been issued as follows:

- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until June 16, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 603-487-2840.
- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until May 22, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 319 Meredith Center Road. Questions? Contact 603-487-2840.
- Maine Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until June 14, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 41 Yachtsman's Ridge, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 800-370-0299.

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





In accordance with Article V of the Laconia City Charter and other applicable laws, notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing on the proposed City of Laconia and School Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to be held during the City Council meeting of 7:00 pm on June 9, 2025.

<b>City General Expenses</b>		<b>School Expenses</b>	
Adminstration	\$3,410,433	General	\$44,276,978
Assessing	\$317,835	Fed/State Projects	\$5,491,204
Code Enforcement	\$224,979	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,768,182</b>
Conservation Comm	\$4,600		
Finance	\$7,223,404	<b>School Revenues</b>	
Fire	\$7,129,155	From State	\$14,717,548
Library	\$1,043,001	From Federal	\$5,915,807
Planning	\$420,793	Other Non-Tax	\$1,987,827
Police	\$10,352,742	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,621,182</b>
Public Works	\$3,006,345		
Solid Waste	\$3,840,177	<b>Net School</b>	<b>\$27,147,000</b>
City Clerk	\$291,659		
Elections	\$74,500	<b>State Assessment</b>	<b>\$5,245,323</b>
Parks, Rec. & Facilities	\$1,504,560	<b>County Tax</b>	<b>\$4,493,689</b>
Welfare	\$232,461		
<b>Total City - General</b>	<b>\$39,076,643</b>	<b>Est. Raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$61,540,204</b>
<b>City General - Revenues</b>		<b>Other Funds</b>	
Taxes Other than Prop.	\$280,000	<b>Anticipated Grants</b>	<b>\$77,650</b>
Intergovernmental	\$2,055,250	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Licenses & Permits	\$4,483,000	Operating	\$6,609,019
Charges for Services	\$3,364,800	Capital	\$0
Interest	\$1,300,000	<b>Water Fund</b>	
Parking	\$307,000	Operating	\$3,275,875
PILOT	\$454,000	Capital	\$747,000
Misc.	\$1,863,400	<b>Internal Service Fund</b>	<b>\$1,911,080</b>
	<b>\$14,107,450</b>	<b>Motorcycle Week</b>	<b>\$173,000</b>
<b>Total City Non-Tax Revenues</b>		<b>Ambulance EMS</b>	<b>\$1,449,722</b>
Use of Fund Balance	\$965,000	<b>Downtown TIF</b>	<b>\$360,472</b>
Overlay - Abatements	\$120,000	<b>Lakeport TIF</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
War Service Credits	\$530,000	<b>Weirs TIF</b>	<b>\$208,800</b>
<b>Net City</b>	<b>\$24,654,192</b>		

# BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM FIRST FRIDAYS

Featuring Live Music, Free Museum Admission & Local Art Reception

**June 6** Freese Brothers Big Band  
Mixed Media Exhibit by Grace Howe  
NEW Museum Space opening on 4th floor

**July 3\*** North River Band  
Watercolor Exhibit by Kathi Caldwell-Hopper

**Aug 1** Katie Dobbins & Friends  
Textile Art Exhibit by Pamela Bartlett

**Sept 5** End of Summer Sock Hop featuring the  
Rockin' Daddios Band  
Classic Cars  
Root Beer Float Fundraiser  
Contemporary Art by Marcia Santore

**BELKNAPMILL.ORG**

Sponsored by:



Laconia  
Putnam  
Fund



SUMMERTIME  
LIFE SAVERS  
APPRECIATED!

## WMUR Statewide Blood Drive

Donations of all blood types are needed to ensure a stable blood supply throughout the summer. Join us and make a difference!

**Friday, June 6 | 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Elks Lodge #1831**  
42 Bethlehem Road, Littleton, NH 03561

**Faraday Function Center**  
48 Airport Road, Concord, NH 03301

**Divine Mercy Parish**  
12 Church Street, Peterborough, NH 03458

**Portsmouth Hospital - Charles L. Thayer Building**  
100 Eileen Dondero Foley Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801

**Manchester NH Community - Quirk Kia**  
1300 S Porter Street, Manchester, NH 03103

**Weirs Community Park Association**  
Weirs Community Center - Function Hall  
25 Lucerne Ave., Laconia, NH 03246

**North Conway Community Center (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**  
78 Norcross Circle, North Conway, NH 03860

Come to give June 1-30 and we'll say thanks with a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card\*\* by email. PLUS, you'll automatically be entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards!^

**Schedule your appointment today!**

RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | Blood Donor App | Sponsor Code: **WMUR**



\*\*Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/gp-legal. \*NO PURCHASE OR DONATION NECESSARY. For complete Official Rules and terms and conditions of this Giveaway see RedCrossBlood.org/June. © The American National Red Cross | 2025-06-05/06 | 200101-22/06



**This Year's  
Laconia  
Motorcycle Week  
is June 14 -  
June 22!**

**Don't miss the fun!**

**Check out Laconia  
Motorcycle Week  
Association's website for  
additional information!**

☘ "It's Not Just About Laconia"

# TRIVIA CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY | MAY 31 | 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Prepare to tackle a range of questions  
as you vie for points, prizes, and bragging rights.

**\$5/pp | \$20/per team up to 4**



**OFF THE RAILS  
RESTAURANT & BAR**



**LACONIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY**



# 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 27, 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 2025-18 – ESTABLISHING  
PRESCOTT AVENUE AND PAUGUS AVENUE  
AS EMERGENCY LANES UNDER RSA 231:59-  
A**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



## Mingle Cafe

*"Trust is a product of vulnerability that grows over time and requires work, attention and full engagement" ~ Brene Brown*

**This Month's Discussion:**  
**Why are friendships important?**

**WHEN: SATURDAY  
MAY 31**

**Where: Belknap Mill  
25 Beacon St. East**

**Time: 10 am - 11:30 am**

**Join us for an informal  
conversation with others at  
small tables**

Sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee with funding from the New Hampshire Endowment For Health

**Coffee & donuts provided**



## DID YOU KNOW

In 1855, Laconia was incorporated as a town from lands at Meredith Bridge, Lakeport, Weirs and from a part of Gilmanton. At the first legal town meeting, the town voted James S Hoit, Hugh Blaisdell, Augustus Doe, Horatio N Burnham and John C. Davis as constables. These constables were citizens elected by the community to enforce laws and serve warrants, but little else is know about them.





# Bike 'n' Board Safety Day



**Kiwanis**  
LACONIA



The Kiwanis "Bike 'n' Board Safety Day" was held on May 17th at Opechee Park & the Laconia Skateboard Park. Thank you to all of the event's sponsors and to everyone who volunteered their time and attended! And our thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin for providing these photos!



## DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

This group will provide support, education, and an opportunity to exchange ideas among caregivers of those suffering with dementia.

A caregiver is anyone who provides regular care for a relative, a partner, or a friend. For many it is a labor of love, but it can also be physically and emotionally demanding. It is important to keep a balance between caring for another individual while caring for oneself.

**FIRST MEETING WILL OCCUR ON  
JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 1:30-3:30PM**

Franklin   
VNA & Hospice

Sign-up  
preferred,  
drop-ins  
welcome

Light  
refreshments  
available

Recurring  
every 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday of  
the month

Call or email  
Franklin VNA  
for further  
information

FRANKLIN VNA &  
HOSPICE  
75 Chestnut  
Street  
Franklin NH,  
03253  
603-934-3454  
[info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

## Storm Hiking Safety

**Prepare for the  
unexpected!**

**Monitor alerts, warnings  
and weather changes  
on your device**

ReadyNH.gov  
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



Storms are expected over  
the holiday weekend.

Monitor weather before, during and  
after hikes for safe travel.

Visit [ReadyNH.gov](https://ReadyNH.gov) for more information.



## Crochet Earrings or Keychain Workshop

Saturday, June 14  
11am-1pm



### Belknap Mill Museum

*Where Art and History come to life!*

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

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

Ready to take your crochet skills  
to a creative new level?

Join us for this colorful and engaging workshop where you'll create your own crocheted rainbow earrings or keychains — perfect for gifting or adding a playful touch to your style!

Designed for those who already know how to crochet, this class will guide you through shaping techniques, color changes, and finishing methods to create small, sturdy, and eye-catching accessories.

Choose to make a pair of lightweight earrings or a fun keychain — or time permitting, both! All materials are included, and you'll leave with a finished piece, and the inspiration to keep creating!

Date & Time: Sat. June 14

Cost: \$25

Prerequisite: Must be comfortable with single crochet stitches

For more information contact the Belknap Mill at [info@belknapmill.org](mailto:info@belknapmill.org)

Office of Extended Learning at LMS

PRODUCTION OF



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book  
**DENNIS KELLY**

Music & Lyrics  
**TIM MINCHIN**

FRIDAY  
**MAY 30**  
1:30 PM

FRIDAY  
**MAY 30**  
5:00 PM

Directed and Choreographed by **Norm Gilbert** | Choreographed by **Tiffany Nye**  
Musical Director **Teagan Sault** | Assistant Director **Samantha Bond**

For tickets and info email  
[ngilbert@laconiaschools.org](mailto:ngilbert@laconiaschools.org)

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (mtishows.com).

## MAY IS LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH!



### REMOVE THE TICK PROMPTLY AND PROPERLY:

Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to your skin's surface as possible.

### CLEAN THE BITE AREA:

After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.



### DISPOSE OF THE TICK SAFELY:

Save the tick in a sealed bag with a damp cotton ball or blade of grass, along with the date and location of the bite, to show your doctor if you develop symptoms later.

### MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS:

It's crucial to watch for symptoms of Lyme disease for up to 30 days. The risk of Lyme disease transmission is generally low if a tick has been attached for less than 24-36 hours.



**PARTNERSHIP**  
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

★ ★ ★  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
— REMEMBER AND HONOR —



Although there will not be a Memorial Day Parade this year, please plan to join us at Veteran's Square on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 11:00 am for a brief ceremony to honor all military personnel who have lost their lives while serving our country.



**Laconia City Hall Will Be Closed  
On Monday, May 26, 2025 in  
observance of Memorial Day.**

*We apologize for any  
inconvenience this may cause.*





*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 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!

Please click [here](#) to view the preliminary budget on our website.

3RD ANNUAL  
**GOLF**  
INVITATIONAL

★ **16 JUNE - 1:00 PM** ★  
607 Elm St. Laconia, NH 03246  
Laconia Country Club

**DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW**  
(TWO YEARS IN A ROW WE'VE SOLD OUT)

Join us for a day of golf at the Laconia Country Club followed by Dinner and our Live Auction (We've completely sold out the last two years, snag your spot before it's too late!)

Here are the invitational details:

- Foursome - \$750
- Single Golfer Reg. - \$200
- 18 Hole Scramble
- Registration Starts at 12pm
- Shotgun Start 1pm
- Dinner at 6pm
- Auction at 7pm

How to Register:

Click this link: <https://birdease.com/603UGI>

**Saturday, May 24, 2025**

# Honky Tonk Chicks



**SEE THE CHICKS!**

## The Ultimate Country Music Party

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

# VETERANS COUNT

easterseals.nh

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

**Event Sponsors**







**Tickets & More Info**  
[www.tbinh.org](http://www.tbinh.org)



**Media Sponsors**




new beginnings  
without violence and abuse

# THIRD ANNUAL CHARITY Golf Tournament

Proceeds support our work to end domestic and sexual violence.

To register, scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.newbeginningsnh.org/golf](http://www.newbeginningsnh.org/golf)

For more information, please contact  
Shauna Foster at  
[shauna@newbeginningsnh.org](mailto:shauna@newbeginningsnh.org)

SCAN HERE!

Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
Registration: 8:00AM  
Modified Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM

Lochmere Country Club  
360 Laconia Rd Suite 1, Tilton,  
NH 03276




**Tuesday, May 27, 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.







# BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM

*Where Art and History Come to Life!*

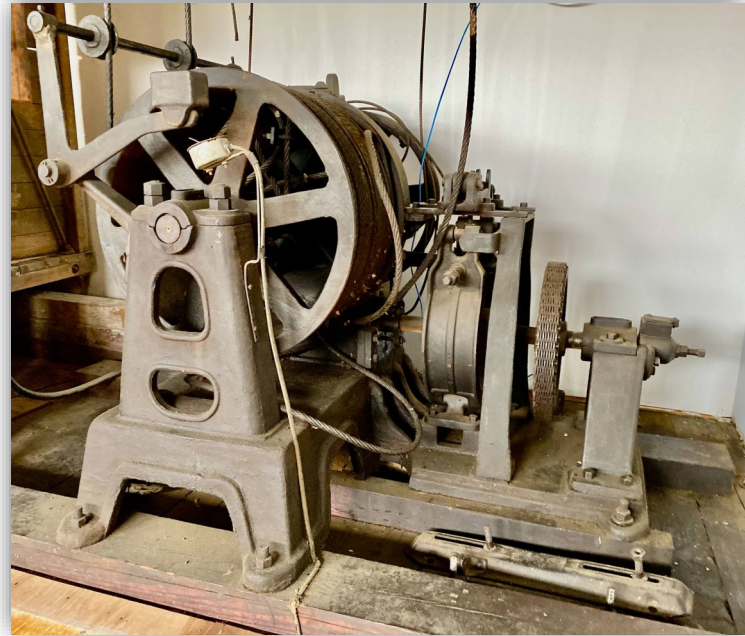
**Belknap Mill to Unveil  
New Exhibit:  
“Threads of  
Innovation” Opening  
Friday, June 6**

The Belknap Mill, the oldest unaltered brick textile mill in the United States, is proud to announce the opening of its newest permanent exhibit, “Threads of Innovation,” debuting to the public on Friday, June 6, 2025.

This thoughtfully curated exhibit explores the Belknap Mill’s pivotal role as a leader in early industrial efficiency and innovation.

At its center is the c.1890s freight elevator, a key technological advancement that allowed seamless movement of materials between floors.

This innovation supported a vertically integrated production process, allowing raw cotton to be transformed into finished cloth entirely under one roof.



“Threads of Innovation” offers a hands-on and immersive experience that highlights the Mill’s groundbreaking approach to organization and manufacturing — a model that helped shape the structure of modern industry.

“The Belknap Mill is not only a symbol of Laconia’s industrial heritage but also of the ingenuity and adaptation that defined early American manufacturing,” said Dr. Katherine Switala-Elmhurst, Vice Chair of the Board at the Belknap Mill. “This new exhibit brings that legacy to life in a powerful and accessible way.”

To mark the exhibit’s opening and celebrate summer, the Belknap Mill will also host a free outdoor concert as part of its First Friday festivities. Enjoy the swinging sounds of the Freese Brothers Big Band performing live jazz and swing in Rotary Riverside Park at 6:00 PM. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax by the Winnepesaukee River for a fun and festive evening!

*Thread of Innovation will be available to all visitors during regular museum hours: Wednesday–Thursday from 12–4 PM and Friday– Saturdays from 10–4 PM. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and free for children under 12 and Mill members.*

Visitors are also encouraged to explore the Mill’s featured art exhibition in the Riverside Art Gallery: “Unscripted” by Grace Howe, throughout June.

For more information, please visit [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org) or follow the Belknap Mill on Facebook and Instagram for updates.



RESTAURANTS



Find Food Network's Top Places to Eat

## The Best Fair Food in All 50 States

Congratulations to our very own Laconia Village Bakery and Laconia Pumpkin Festival for making the Food Network list!

## New Hampshire - Pumpkin Donut

For over a decade, Laconia, New Hampshire, has been home to an annual pumpkin festival and family-friendly gathering for thousands of eager attendees. The [Laconia Pumpkin Festival](#) celebrates pumpkins in all its glorious forms, including crafts from over 70 vendors, displays from various non-profits and a 34-foot-tall pumpkin tower that holds an estimated 2,000 pumpkins. There are plenty of pumpkin treats to sample too, such as pumpkin whoopie pies, pumpkin truffles and pumpkin donuts. For a perennially popular taste of pumpkin donuts, head to Laconia Village Bakery, a community staple that's been around since 1993. Here you'll find tender glazed pumpkin donuts and pumpkin donuts with cinnamon sugar — cover your bases and get one of each!



### MEMORIAL DAY Solid Waste Collection Delay NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Memorial Day is celebrated Monday, May 26th. There will be a **ONE-DAY DELAY** in curbside collection of trash and recycling during the week of Memorial Day. Monday's collections will be on Tuesday; all other days' collections will be moved ahead by one day.

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

Please note that the Transfer Station will also be closed on Monday, May 26th.



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

PLEASE COME ENJOY DINNER AS WE CELEBRATE  
BLACK CULTURE AND COMMUNITY  
ALL AGES WELCOME

THURSDAY, JUNE 19  
4:30-6:30 PM

92 Millbridge Road, Center Sandwich, NH

RSVP HERE:



<https://tinyurl.com/y775w34w>

Co-hosted by [Camp Hale](#) and [Lakes Mountains DEI](#)







## 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)

Follow our Facebook page [here](#) to help spread the word!

Are you interested in becoming a vendor at this year's Laconia Pumpkin Festival? We'd love to talk with you! Just call Nancy Brown at the Laconia City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270, or email [pumpkinfest@laconianh.gov](mailto:pumpkinfest@laconianh.gov)



## LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

20,000+ Attendees and Thousands of Pumpkins

34 foot tall Pumpkin Tower, Games, Parades

100+ Food and Craft Vendors

Beer Tent and Live Music

### Sponsorship Opportunities

**Great Pumpkin**  
\$10,000  
Radio, print and social media: vendor space and banner display

**Jack O'Lantern**  
\$5,000  
Print and social media: vendor space and banner display

**Pumpkin Patch**  
\$2,500  
All press releases, social media, vendor space and banner display

**Sugar Pumpkin**  
\$1,000  
All press releases, social media, vendor space

**Pumpkin Seed**  
\$500  
Social media, vendor space

For more information, please contact  
Joia Hughes at the City of Laconia  
603-527-1270

**Laconia**  
CITY ON THE LAKES



*It's time to plant your pumpkin seeds - you'll have pumpkins just in time for this year's Pumpkin Festival!*

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.



## LOCAL HAZARD



## MITIGATION PLAN

The Laconia Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee is updating its 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The committee will represent a variety of local interests and voices. The committee's focus is on the natural hazards that put Laconia at risk, as well as the development and prioritization of recommendations that protect the safety and well-being of City residents and visitors. The committee is seeking your input; please take a few minutes to complete the questions in this survey regarding hazard mitigation in Laconia.

The survey is currently open through the end of May. So please take a moment to respond to the survey and spread the word and the links below.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the planning process!

Link: [Laconia Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey](#)







# Let's Address the Elephant in the Room!

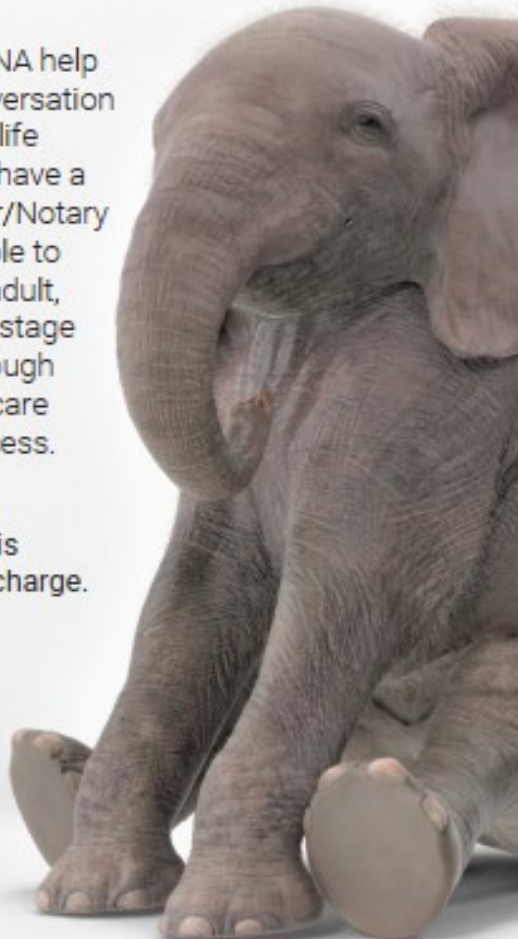
## Walk-In Wednesday

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 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).

## 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



*Curbside recycling  
will be picked up  
the week  
of June 2nd!*





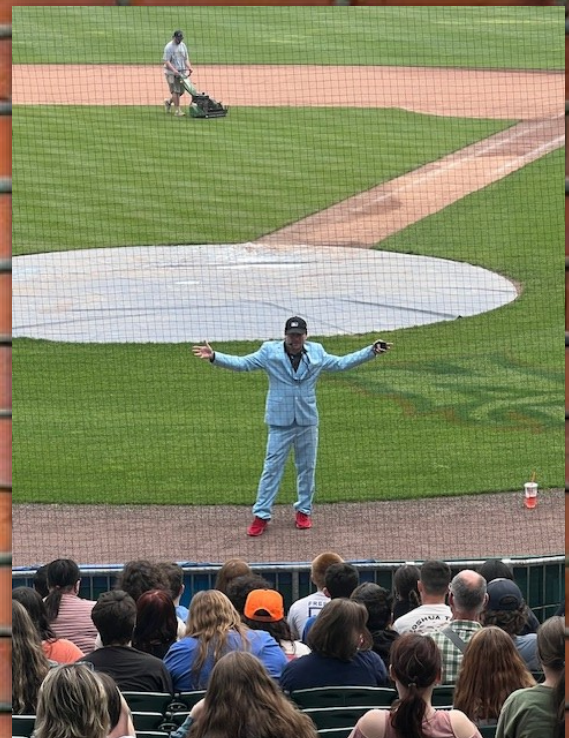


Laconia Middle School Robotics Club students attended the First Ever NH State Middle School Science and Engineering Fair on May 22, 2025. This was held in Concord's NHTI. The fair was an inspiring and enjoyable experience which sparked some future engineering initiatives for the club in the future.



Last Friday, LMS grade 6 students attended Hospitality Day at the NH Fishercat's Stadium in Manchester, NH.

Students got a first hand look at all of the career opportunities throughout the stadium.







## **VOLUNTEER AT BOLDUC PARK AND PLAY GOLF AND DISC GOLF FOR FREE**

Visit Bolduc Park this Saturday, May 17 anytime between 11am and 2pm and learn what Bolduc Park has to offer those who volunteer at the Park!

Located at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/ Gilford Town Line, Bolduc Park has a 9 hole, par 3 golf course, a wooded 9 hole disc golf course and wintertime groomed cross country ski trails.

A non-profit, volunteer run organization, Bolduc Park Association can offer these sports to the public at a very affordable rate. Better yet, those who volunteer at the park 4 hours a week can play golf, disc golf or cross country ski all season for free. Bolduc Park has a supply of golf clubs and discs if you don't have your own.

Volunteers are needed for customer service in the clubhouse or for those who like to be outdoors, the grounds crew can always use more help with maintenance of the courses. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

If you can't stop by the Park in person you can leave a message at 603-524-1370 or send an email to [info@bolducpark.org](mailto:info@bolducpark.org).

## **GOLF LESSONS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS AT BOLDUC PARK**

A series of 3 weekly small group golf lessons are offered at Bolduc Park for beginner golfers.

Youth Lessons for ages 8 – 13 are at 5:30 pm Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19. Adult Lessons are at 5:30 pm May 14, 21, 28 with a second session running June 3, 10, 17. The cost is \$100 for the 3 lessons but youth from families with financial need will receive full scholarships for lessons.

Play anytime for free during the weeks of the lessons.

To sign up for lessons stop by Bolduc Park or call 603-524-1370 or send an email to [info@bolducpark.org](mailto:info@bolducpark.org).

Private lessons are also available.

Bolduc Park Association aims to introduce the love of golf and disc golf to young people in our Lakes Region. There will be a Youth Golf League at the park on Thursday evenings in July. Youth under 18 who would like to try out golf or disc golf but have limited finances can take advantage of our programs to make these sports accessible to all youth.


Please phone 603-524-1370 or email [info@bolducpark.org](mailto:info@bolducpark.org) for more info.



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



## 2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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<b>Activities are subject to change*</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
<b>*Suggested Donation</b>				
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



## Home Sweet ADU

June 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5:30pm

### City of Laconia Public Library

Have you thought of adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit to your home?

Don't know where to start?

Come to this workshop to find out and ask your questions!



Hosted by the City of Laconia and Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Ask the City's Planning Department Questions  
Find out about Financing Opportunities

**For more information**  
**Contact Joia Hughes,**  
**City of Laconia**  
**603-527-1270**





# 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 . . .**

**Union Avenue at Baldwin Street (right) is seen during Laconia's Urban Renewal Program, in late March 1971, when the Garneau — formerly Belisle — Apartments (left) were being demolished and the Baldwin Cape (center) would be next, along with Hayward's Country Store (off-photo at left). Grove Street at that time, ran from Avery Street to Union Avenue, just to the left of the Garneau Apartments. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



**. . . AND NOW**

**Today, this stretch of Union Avenue is occupied by Southgate Terrace, completed in mid-1972. In both photos, Sunrise Towers — completed in May 1970 — is off-photo at right. Since Urban Renewal, a shortened Grove Street no longer connects with Union Avenue, having been truncated by Southgate. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



# City of Laconia

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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!



Find  
yourself  
a walking  
partner

Medicare  
.gov

Becoming physically  
active is one of the  
best things you can  
do for your health.

Visit the National  
Institute on Aging's  
[website](#) to find  
information and tips  
on how older adults  
can get started  
with exercise.



Week of  
May 26 - May 30

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 - Budget Presentations

May 27, 2025—6:00 pm

### Laconia City Council - Regular Meeting

May 27, 2025—7:00 pm

### Downtown TIF District Advisory Board

May 28, 2025 —9:00 am

### 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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