



Welcome to Laconia Links!

July 25, 2025 - Edition #696

Paugus Bay Sunset
(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



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of July 28th!



Laconia
CITY ON THE LAKES

Code Enforcement Department



The City of Laconia is excited to announce the availability of several key services through its new online portal, including building and electrical permits, Certificates of Occupancy, and Change of Ownership/Use applications. This initiative aims to streamline the application process, increase efficiency, and enhance convenience for residents and contractors within the community. The new online system offers 24/7 access to important applications, making it easier than ever to conduct business with the City.

Need help? Contact us at (603) 527-1293 or codeenforcement@laconianh.gov.

Click [here](#) to apply online!



National Parents' Day is an observance that honors and celebrates the vital role of parents, and those that have taken on the responsibilities of parenting, in nurturing, guiding, and shaping the lives of their children. Signed into law in 1994 by President Bill Clinton, this national observance recognizes and promotes responsible parenting and celebrates the contributions of parents to their families and communities as a whole.

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 7/28	Summer Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-5.	KID
TUE 7/29	Drop-In Tech Help @10am	ADULT
TUE 7/29	Summer Reading Family Craft @2pm - Create a puppet pal!	KID
WED 7/30	Summer Story Adventures! @10am - Best for ages 0-5.	KID
WED 7/30	Drop-In Tech Help @2pm	ADULT
WED 7/30	Teen Craft: Squishie Painting! @2pm	TEEN
WED 7/30	Adult Craft @6pm - Terrarium succulents!	ADULT
THU 7/31	Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals @2pm - at Leavitt Park!	KID
MON 8/4	Summer Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-5.	KID
TUE 8/5	Summer Reading Family Craft @2pm - Zen garden!	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

LAKE WINNISQUAM SUMMER SOCIAL

Hosted by the Winnisquam Watershed Network

Food | Silent Auction
Cash Bar | Music

AUGUST 2, 2025
6:30 - 9PM

Greenside Restaurant at Lochmere
Country Club
360 Laconia Road, Tilton



FREE ADMISSION, ALL ARE WELCOME!



All proceeds directly support
the Winnisquam Watershed
Network's efforts to keep Lake
Winnisquam clean & healthy



For additional details visit winnisquamwatershed.org



CONCERTS
ON CANAL
5PM - 9PM

celebrate
LACONIA
CANAL ST. LACONIA, NH

JUNE 20TH

JULY 18TH

AUGUST 15TH

JULY 5TH

AUGUST 1ST

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
ACTIVITIES
BEER



THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT . FOR DETAILS
CONCERNING WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLANS VIST



BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM

Where Art and History Come to Life!
25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH



Welcome Laconia Public Library!

We're excited to launch our new Library Membership Program, bringing Belknap Mill Museum passes directly to the community through local libraries!

This initiative furthers our mission to share the arts, history, and education of the Belknap Mill with families across the Lakes Region.

A big thank you to the Laconia Public Library for being the first to join the program!

Library cardholders can now check out a Belknap Mill Museum Pass, good for 2 free regular admissions during museum hours — making it easier than ever to explore local history. [Passes | Laconia, NH](#)

Email jill@belknapmill.org for details .

Lakes Region Rotary Car Show!



100% of the proceeds goes to local charitable organizations

Making Life Better in the Lakes Region for Children and Families in Need!

Join us Saturday, **July 26th**, at 70 North Endicott Street, Weirs Beach, NH from 10am-2pm. The Lakes

Region Rotary's Car show is the Club's major annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the Car Show support organizations that provide food, shelter, clothing, and other services to enable underprivileged children and families to become more self-sufficient.

The entrance fee for car owners is \$25 per car the day of the event. The spectator entrance fee is \$5.00 per person, under 12 yrs. is free.

In case of rain, there are no refunds for pre-registration as this is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club.

We are looking for businesses to sponsor this popular and important event. Your sponsorship will help significantly increase the impact in the community. If you would like to support this fundraiser, please download the [sponsorship packet](#) for more information.

Presenting Sponsor: **Douglas and Gloria Rumberger Foundation**



Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice



A blasting permit has been issued as follows:

- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until August 11, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 603-487-2840.

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



2025 SUMMER FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 2, 2025: 9:30 pm
Saturday, August 16, 2025: 9:30 pm
Sunday, August 31, 2025: 9:30 pm

See you there!

RAINDATE:

*Saturday, August 9, 2025:
9:30 pm

*This raindate is tentative
and will only occur if the
previous show is cancelled.*

*Rain date announce-
ments will be posted on the
Weirs Action Committee
Facebook page:*

2025 SUMMER NATURE TALKS

AT THE LOON CENTER

183 Lees Mill Rd, Moultonborough, NH

THURSDAYS @ 7PM



July 31 – Ancient Elephants; Woolly Mammoths of New England with Susie Spikol

Discover the long-lost lives of the woolly mammoths and mastodons that once roamed New England with Harris Center Naturalist and woolly mammoth lover Susie Spikol! Learn how to tell a mammoth from a mastodon, who these ancient relatives of modern-day elephants were, and what happened to them.



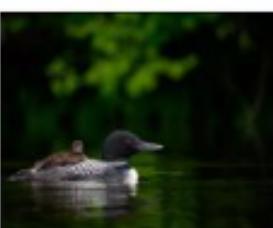
August 7 – Peregrine Falcon Recovery in New Hampshire with Chris Martin

Join us for a lively talk on these dramatic aerial predators with Chris Martin, NH Audubon's Senior Biologist. Chris will talk about the continued restoration efforts that enable these striking birds to thrive and survive in the wild, as well as his continuing collaboration with the NH Fish & Game Nongame Program focusing on recovering several of the state's endangered and threatened raptors.



August 14 – Animal Adaptations—Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

Join a Squam Lakes Natural Science Center naturalist for a lesson in animal adaptations. What do a turtle's shell, a skunk's stripes, and an owl's talons all have in common? They are all examples of adaptations that help the animal survive! Come meet some of our animal ambassadors and discover the adaptations that help them thrive in the wild places they live.



August 21 – The State of the Loon Report with Harry Vogel

LPC Senior Biologist/Executive Director, Harry Vogel, will present preliminary numbers and trends on New Hampshire's 2025 loon breeding season, including photos of loons and LPC volunteers and staff at work helping loons this summer. Harry and other LPC biologists will be on hand to answer any questions about loons and LPC's work to recover New Hampshire's threatened loon population.

Nature talks are **FREE** and open to the public!

Come and enjoy enlightening programs by experts in their fields of wildlife conservation.



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.

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin
2nd Tuesday of each month
1:30-3:30pm

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.
For more information or to register call (603) 934-3454

Franklin VNA & Hospice
www.FranklinVNA.org
(603)934-3454

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Joyful Christmas

DECEMBER 19

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SPECTACLE Live | COLONIAL THEATRE | MVS



**YOUR VOICE MATTERS:
SERVE ON A CITY BOARD
OR COMMISSION!**

Be a part of shaping the community you love. The City of Laconia is seeking dedicated volunteers to serve on our various City Boards and Commissions.

Following are current vacancies:

Board of Assessors:

1 alternate position

Building Code Board of Appeals:

1 registered architect position

Conservation Commission:

2 regular positions

2 alternate positions

Heritage Commission:

3 alternate positions

*Lakeport TIF District Adv. Board:

3 regular positions

Library Board of Trustees:

2 alternate positions

Planning Board:

1 regular position

3 alternate positions

Water Commission

1 regular position

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

1 regular position

3 alternate positions

If you think you would be interested in applying for a position on one of our Boards or Commissions, we can use your help!

Please contact the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 or by e-mail at chrown@laconianh.gov for further information. Applications are available on-line on our website at www.laconianh.gov. A brief description of the Boards and Commissions can also be found on our website.

Applicants must be residents of Laconia. Service on more than one Board or Commission is acceptable as long as it is a non-conflicting Board. The deadline for receipt of applications is July 25, 2025.

*Please note that members of a TIF District Advisory Board must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the District.

Octave

NOVEMBER 13
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SPECTACLE Live

COLONIAL THEATRE

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Parent Cafe: Kinship Caregivers

Have you stepped in to care for the child of a relative or close friend
who isn't able care for the child themselves?

Come together with other Kinship Caregivers to give and receive support.
Share your family's strengths and bond over common challenges.

August 5, 2025 ~ 6-8pm

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

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

Register at:

www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration
or use the QR Code:



**FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER**

Engage. Empower. Inspire.



Made possible with
funding from:



The Linden
Foundation

July 2025

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



Giggles & Grins and Happy Sounds

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



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Windsocks	2 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	3 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Red, White & Blue Collages	4 Happy 4th of July	5
6 9:30am FRC Patriotic Parade	7 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Fish	8 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Sharing Music & Movement	9 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	10 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Jellyfish	11 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	12
13	14	15 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Crabs	16 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	17 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Sand Art	18 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	Family Movie Night Friday 6pm @ the Family Resource Center
20	21	22 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Sea Turtles	23 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	24 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Mermaids	25 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	26
27	28	29 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Octopuses	30 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	31 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Starfish		2 Generation Family Support

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

BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM FIRST FRIDAYS

Featuring Live Music, Free Museum Admission
& Local Art Reception

Aug 1

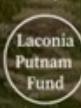
Katie Dobbins & Friends
Textile Art Exhibit by Pamela Bartlett

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:



Franklin VNA & Hospice
Grief Support Group

"The only way to get to the other
side is to go through the door."
- Helen Keller

Join us as we support each
other and discuss some of
the ways the loss of someone
significant can affect our
lives. The purpose of this
group is to provide
information about the grief
process; to share
experiences; and to alleviate
the feeling of isolation.

No registration required.
Come to one session, or come every
month!

Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group
Date: 3rd Tuesday of every month
Time: 2:30-4:00 pm
Location: 75 Chestnut St, Franklin

For additional information, please call
Franklin VNA & Hospice at 603-934-3454
or email info@franklinvna.org

Franklin
VNA & Hospice



Belknap Mill Quilters Guild 2025 Raffle Quilt

'Blue Smoke' 92" x 102"

Machine pieced by Lynn Poulin and Maureen Bird
Machine quilted by Michelle Plourde

Pattern by Wilmington Prints

Raffle drawing during BMQG Harvest of Quilts Show
at the Lakes Region Community College (LRCC)
September 20-21, 2025

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00



48th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW IN SEPTEMBER AT ITS NEW LOCATION- LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE (LRCC)

SAVE THE DATE! Members of the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild have been quilting up a storm in preparation for their 48th annual Harvest of Quilts Show scheduled for Saturday September 20th and Sunday September 21st at its **new location, the Lakes Region Community College (LRCC)**, 379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH.

The Guild will display more than 150 handmade quilts of all sizes, home decor, quilted clothing, and accessories. Styles range from traditional to modern, bed quilts, wall hangings, and embroidered works of art, and many original designs will be on display. Quilt show winners will be decided by the public's popular vote, ending at 5 pm on Saturday, with ribbons awarded on Sunday. Tickets for the Guild's 2025 raffle quilt "Blue Smoke" (pattern by Wilmington Prints) are being sold and will be available for purchase at the show.

Many vendors will be on hand with beautiful fabric, rulers, patterns, and other quilting supplies, along with the latest in sewing machine technology. Visit the vendors while enjoying the beautiful quilts.

They are: Ann's Fabrics & Crafts (Ossipee, NH); Bittersweet Fabric Shop (Boscawen, NH); Groovy Seam Rippers; Maple Leaf Stitchin Studio, LLC (Epsom, NH); Patches Quilt Loft and Embroidery (Manchester, NH); Sew There! Oilcloth Designs & More (Bradford, NH); and The Wandering Quilt Shop (Hallowell, ME).

The College's Countdown Cafe' will be open during the quilt show, offering a wide selection of sandwiches, salads, and snacks at very reasonable prices. For bargain hunters, the Guild's popular Attic Corner will once again be filled with gently used sewing notions and fabric-by-the-pound. The Quilted Treasures boutique will be selling beautifully handcrafted items made by Guild members and is a great place to start your holiday shopping.

As an 'opening act' to the quilt show, everyone is encouraged to enjoy the Mysterious Quilt Journey in downtown Laconia, featuring themed quilts displayed in dozens of businesses. From September 12 through September 21, take a journey downtown, and collect a Mysterious Quilt Journey quilt block from each participating merchant. Bring the blocks to the quilt show for a chance to win prizes (with paid adult admission).

The quilt show begins on Saturday September 20th, 10 am to 5 pm, and continues Sunday the 21st, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, and free for children under 12 with paid adult admission.

Please visit the Guild's website at www.bmqg.org for more information.

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 6:00PM



Award Winning Doo Wop & Vintage Rock 'N' Roll Group
Outdoor Amphitheater

Free Parking • Bring Lawn Chairs

If rain, the event will be moved indoors.

WEIRS COMMUNITY PARK - 49 Lucerne Ave, Laconia

Behind the Weirs Fire Department • 524-5046

Sponsored by: Weirs Community Park Association

Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction
Recognized as a Gold Winner in 2025
Best of the Lakes Event

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction was recognized as a Gold Winner in three categories at the 2025 Best of the Lakes event in June.

The nonprofit was named Best Place to Volunteer, Best Charity Event and Best Annual Event.

"This achievement reflects our commitment to serving the community," said Executive Director Jennifer Kelley. "We are grateful for the outpouring of ongoing support from the community."

The organization's silent auction during the Best of the Lakes event on June 25 raised \$1,715. "We owe a big thank you to the local businesses and organizations that generously donated items for the auction," Kelley said. "Your contributions made this event a great success. We also appreciate everyone who participated and engaged in bidding. Your involvement made a significant difference."

To learn more about the Children's Auction, visit ChildrensAuction.org.



SUMMER CAMP

Are you ready for an action-packed week during summer break? Join the Teen CERT Summer Camp, where you'll gain life-saving emergency response skills, teamwork experience, and leadership training—all while having FUN!

**\$35.00
per child**

**Ages
13-17**

Franklin Parks and Rec.

August 18th-22nd 8am-12pm



Click registration link below,
use QR Code,
or type this link into your browser:
<https://events.pphnh.org/events/event/26>
to register.

Register



For more info: jbeland@pphnh.org

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FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

www.pphnh.org

(603) 528-2145



From left to right, the auction supporters are Debbie Frawley-Drake, Jaron Jenkins, Paige Thompson, Jenn Kelley, Doug Morrissette, Jill Lieberman, Kelly Patz, Josh Ritson and Amy Daley.



Laconia Pumpkin Festival is happening Saturday, October 25 all across the downtown area of the City of Laconia!

Stay up to date on more information by following our Facebook page [here](#) and help us spread the word!

Are you interested in becoming a vendor at this year's Laconia Pumpkin Festival?

Vendor space is still available and 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



DUEL EVENT DAY Sept 6th

American Legion Post 1
849 N Main St, Laconia, NH 03246

Cornhole Tournament

Sign up- 10 am / Game starts @ 11

\$10pp – Draw Partners

Cash Prizes!!

-Food available for purchase-

Proceeds to help benefit Christmas for Schools

***Sponsored by: SAL

Veterans in need

Meat Bingo

From our Hearts to your Hands

Time: 3:00pm

\$25 per card for all games

-Light snacks will be available-

Proceeds to help benefit Veterans in Need

**Sponsored by: Ladies Auxiliary

There will be a bar outside available

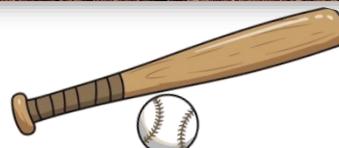
FRANKLIN VNA & HOSPICE FISHER CATS FUNDRAISER BASEBALL GAME
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025
FISHER CATS VS ERIE SEA WOLVES

TICKETS \$15
SECTION 114
GAME STARTS 6:35 PM

VISIT FRANKLINVNA.ORG OR CALL 603-934-3454 FOR TICKETS

DELTA DENTAL STADIUM MANCHESTER
SPACE POTATO NIGHT & FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME!

QR CODE



COMMUNITY CHAT

a brown bag lunch discussion

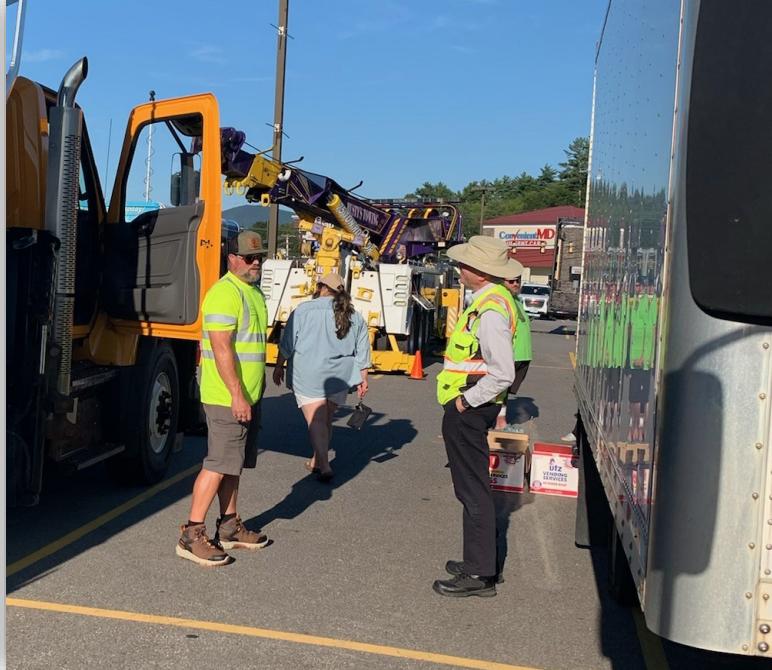
Bring your lunch and join us for an hour of open discussion on what's going on in Laconia!

The Belknap Mill - 1st Floor Gallery Room

**August 13th
12 Noon-1pm**

Joia Hughes

Economic and Housing Development Director
City of Laconia
603-527-1270 x105
JHughes@LaconiaNH.gov



Heavy Equipment Operator Mike Kelly and Laconia Public Works' Director Wes Anderson were at the Belknap Marketplace on 7/23 for the Lakes Region Community Service Family Resource Center's "Touch a Truck" event.

Granite VNA

Blood Drive



**Tuesday,
August 12
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Granite VNA - Laconia

**780 North Main Street
Opechee Room**

**Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
GRANITEVNA to schedule
an appointment.**

PLEASE HELP & DONATE!



**CITY OF LACONIA
2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OPEN POSITIONS -
THE FILING PERIOD WILL BEGIN AUGUST 6, 2025, AND END
AUGUST 15, 2025
At the City Clerk's Office, 45 Beacon St E, Laconia NH 03246**

The following positions will have openings.
The incumbent's name is listed next to the position.

MAYOR (2 Year Term)
ALL WARDS (Andrew J Hosmer)- Not Running

CITY COUNCIL - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Bruce Cheney)- Running for Mayor
WARD 2 (Robert Soucy)
WARD 3 (Eric Hoffman)
WARD 4 (Mark Haynes)
WARD 5 (Steven Bogert)
WARD 6 (Anthony Felch)

WARD MODERATOR - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (May Stewart)
WARD 2 (Leonard Miner)
WARD 3 (Candace Eastman)
WARD 4 (Carol Nordquist)
WARD 5 (Claire Hebert-Dow)
WARD 6 (Donald Basso)

WARD CLERK- All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Bobbi McGettigan)
WARD 2 (David Lavoie)
WARD 3 (Jane Laroche)
WARD 4 (Roxanne Arruda)
WARD 5 (Rosemarie Busby)
WARD 6 (Faye Nachbaur)- Not Running

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Marilyn Brown)
WARD 2 (Brenda Carey)
WARD 3 (Marjorie Wilkinson)
WARD 4 (Rebekka Morse)
WARD 5 (Amber Flanders)
WARD 6 (Lynda Brock)

Please note: You must be a registered voter to file for office. The last date for additions and corrections to the Checklist will be Aug. 5 at 6 pm at the City Clerk's Office.

SELECTMEN-

WARD 2 (2 positions 2- 6 yr terms) (Devin Scott)
WARD 3 (2 positions 6 yr, & 2 yr term)

WARD 4 (3 positions staggered terms 2 positions 6 yr, & 1 position 4 yr term) (Mark Haynes)
WARD 5 (3 positions staggered terms 2 positions 6 yr, & 1 position 4 yr term) All Vacant
WARD 6 (1 position 6 yr term) (Laura Ringer) – Not Running, Running for Ward Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD – (THREE YEAR TERM)

WARD 2 (Laura Dunn)
WARD 3 (Karin Salome)

POLICE COMMISSION – (FOUR YEAR TERM) 1 POSITION
ALL WARDS (Frank Mello Jr.)

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

ONLINE
Six Wednesday Morning Sessions
July 23 - August 27, 2025
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



This interactive workshop helps family caregivers learn the tools they need to help manage the difficulties in caregiving while considering their own well-being. Let us help fill your toolbox up with ways to:

- Reduce personal stress
- Change negative self-talk
- Communicate more effectively
- Handle different feelings
- Make challenging decisions

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664, visit granitevna.org/calendar, or scan QR code.



SCAN ME



www.granitevna.org
(603) 224-4093 | (800) 924-8620
Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro

Granite VNA complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate in services and access to treatment, appropriate care or employment in its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, sex (pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity), national origin, conscience, religion, disability, age, genetic information, marital status, source of payment, or the absence of advance directives.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Registration Required:

Call 603-934-3454

Or email

info@franklinvna.org

Located at 75 Chestnut Street, Franklin, NH

Fridays, August 15-September 19

2:00pm-3:30pm



2025-2026 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY Post 1670



"VFW made it possible for me to go to college."
- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

ELIGIBILITY

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 31, 2025

PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



bit.ly/3At39Dp



bit.ly/3YP90Nw

<https://scholarsapp.com>

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3-5-minute audio and written essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000



4th Annual Hospice Ball

Join us for an elegant event on:
Saturday November 1, 2025 from 5-10PM
At the Newfound Lake Inn 1030 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, N H

Tickets are \$75.00 and include a fabulous Dinner followed by Dancing, Music, Live & Silent Auctions, and a 50/50 Raffle

For Tickets Visit:
franklinvna.org/hospice-ball
or Call (603) 934-3454



Families Elderly Education Disadvantaged



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SAVE THE DATE



Sunday,
August
10th
10:15 AM

GRANITE STATE

•SCENIC RAILWAY•

Join LHMS and Granite State Scenic Railway for a memorable excursion along the shoreline of Lake Winnipesaukee. Train departs from Laconia!

LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

October 25th, 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



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



LHMS 2025 Railway Day
Sunday, August 10, 10:15 am - 1:30 pm
Tickets go on sale 7/21.
Limited seating is available.



*We look forward to seeing
you on the train!*

ONLINE Caregiver Connection



A Caregiver Support Group
Fourth Thursday of each month
10 - 11 a.m.

Caregiver Connection is an opportunity for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our staff professionals. We look forward to providing a safe space to connect with other caregivers facing similar challenges.

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664 or visit www.granitevna.org/onlineprograms.

Registration is required.
Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a link to the program.
Technical instruction is available to participate in the group.



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KIDS IN THE PARK
JULY 2025

BELKNAP MILL
1823-2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Free and open to families! 10am-11am at the Belknap Mill Museum www.belknapmill.org		1	2 DANCE Dancing Feet Studio	3	4 4th of July	5
6	7 Lost in Wonderland Impact Theatre	8	9 ART Adrianna Marie	10	11 KARATE Sachem Health	12
13	14 Little Red Riding Hood Impact Theatre	15	16 BUBBLES Belknap Mill	17	18 HIKING SAFETY Lakes Region Search & Rescue	19
20	21 Return to Oz Impact Theatre	22	23 RADIO Lakes Media	24	25 MMA/BOXING Lakes Region Vale Tudo	26
27	28 A Dragon's Ball Impact Theatre	29	30 SAFETY VEHICLES Laconia Police & Fire Depts	31	Sponsored by: ArborTech	



WHERE ART & HISTORY COME TO LIFE!



Belknap Mill Museum

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246
www.belknapmill.org



Needle Felted Gnome Workshop

The Belknap Mill Museum will host a Needle Felted Gnome Workshop on Saturday, August 9, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Participants will learn the art of needle felting while creating their own charming wool gnome. The \$40 workshop includes all materials and instruction, making it perfect for beginners and crafty friends alike. Space is limited.

Register at: www.belknapmill.org/classes



BELKNAP COUNTY FAIR

Where Memories Are Made & Fun Is A Tradition

It's Fair Season in NH!

Don't miss the Belknap County Fair!
This year's dates are August 2nd and 3rd.

Fun for the whole family!

Mark your calendars and click
[here](#) for more information and
a schedule of events.



Saturday, September 20

Please Join Us for a Day of FUN and FUNDraising to support cancer research through The Cure Starts Now!



Organize a boat with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or business. Race your boat for fun or bragging rights (we'll supply the boats, equipment, and rehearsal time). Teams from 5 states have already signed up.!!

See the details on our website: LaconiaRotary.org and contact us at LaconiaDBF@gmail.com.

Become an event sponsor and highlight your support of this important cause!

Location: NASWA Resort, 1086 Weirs Blvd., Laconia, NH

Event Sponsors:  Naswa Resort  Taylor Community

LACONIA POLICE
DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th 4:00PM-7:00PM

Smith Field
OPECHEE PARK | LACONIA, NH

ADMISSION AND ACTIVITES ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Come enjoy a true sense of our Laconia Community!
This evening will be filled with food, fun and entertainment!

MOTORCYCLE DEMONSTRATION

DRONE DEMONSTRATION

FREE COOKOUT

MILITARY BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER

RESOURCE FAIR, FACE PAINTING AND MUCH MORE!

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

For more information contact Detective Eric Adams, eadams@laconiapd.org

5 VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS for SUMMER DRIVING

Summer is in full swing!

Make sure you're ready for your next road trip with info provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [here](#).

Tuesday, July 29, 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, or call 603-527-1270. For general information from Congressman Pappas's office, please visit <https://pappas.house.gov> or call 603-285-4300.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965



FREE COMEDY HOUR

ALAN AMES STILL THINKS HE'S FUNNY

LACONIA SENIOR CENTER

(ENTRANCE @ 184 BEACON STREET WEST)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!!!! RETURN SHOW!!!

"Boston based comedian Alan Ames will present his show "Alan Ames Thinks He's Funny" which he performs at Senior Centers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and beyond!"

Resident Beach Stickers!

Resident beach stickers for Bond Beach or Weirs Beach are available. Two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time). No cost for handicapped residents or residents over 65.

Resident Beach Stickers may be purchased at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. Please be sure to bring a copy of your current registration for the vehicle you will be putting the sticker on. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265 with questions or for more information.





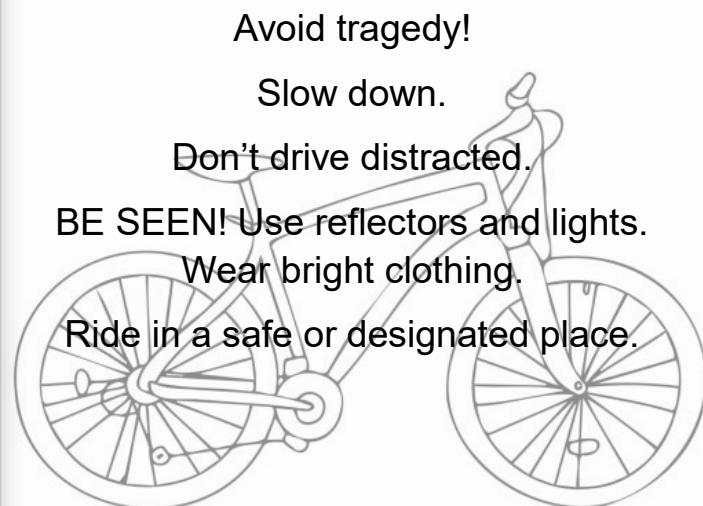
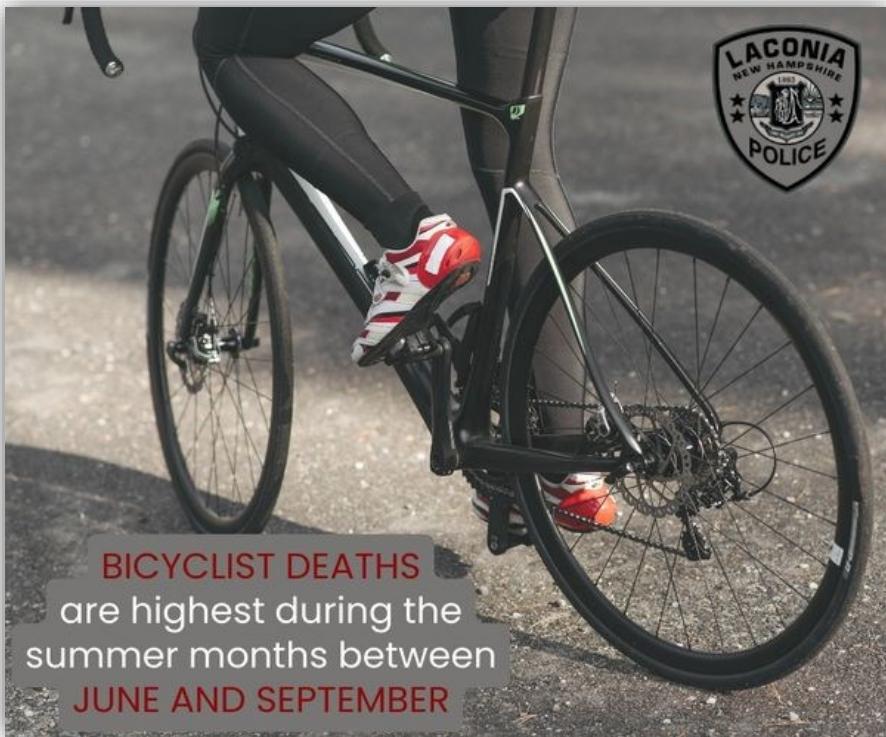
JULY

LACONIA SENIOR CENTER
(603) 524-7689



2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal	1 10 - Activities Meeting 10:45—Meals on Wheels Presentation by CAPBM 11:30 – Shepherd's Pie	2 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	3 11:30 – Burgers & Hot Dogs 12—Ice Cream Social	4 Closed for Holiday 
7 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 11—Walking Group	8 10:30—Hospice 101 by Lakes Region VNA LUAU PARTY @ 11:30 11:30 – Sweet & Sour Chicken	9 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10 10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap	11 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
14 10—Card Games 11—Walking Group	15 10:30—Housing & Homelessness by CAPBM 11:30 – Asian Chicken Salad w/Veg & Noodles	16 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	17 9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30 – Curry Cauliflower & Turkey Stew	18 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
21 10—Adult Coloring 11—Walking Group	22 11:30—Taco Pie 12—Strawberry Shortcake Dessert	23 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	24 10:30—Old Kitchen Band (Bring your Pots/Pans) 11:30—Chicken Waldorf Salad	25 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
28 10—Movie & Snack	29 11:30—Hot Turkey on Toast 12—Ice Cream Social	30 10-12 Prize Bingo	31 10:30—911 Cares by NH Dept. of Safety 11:30—Steak Sub w/ Peppers & Onions	THERE WILL BE NO Strength & Balance THIS WEEK!!



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 ...

In this detail from a 1949 aerial photo, the 'Old red Mill' (left) and an apartment house (center top) are seen, with Union Avenue at right. The Laconia Needle Co. building (originally, the W.D. Huse & Sons machine shop) is at lower right corner and the W.D. Huse & Co. Inc., paint and hardware store is at bottom, at the end of the old wooden Mill Street Bridge (which was replaced with the current steel footbridge in 1958. The Old Red Mill was at one time the factory of William Abel, knitting machine manufacturer, and later home, among others, to Tilton Hosiery, Sterling Engineering, Kinsman Organs and ultimately F.W. Webb. (Laconia Public Library)



... AND NOW

Construction had begun on the River's Edge apartments, in distance, 10 years ago this week, and were opened, Aug. 19, 2016. The brick office building, in front of the Old Red Mill, was demolished in 1970. The house at 142 Union Avenue (opposite High Street) was razed in 1981. W. D. Huse & Co. Inc. moved to 467 Main St. in 1953 and took the building down by 1955. F.W. Webb moved to the Lakes Industrial Park in 2005. The W.D. Huse & Sons factory, on the other side of Union Avenue, was occupied by the Laconia Needle Co. until 1962, when that firm moved to the O'Shea Industrial Park. Thereafter, the building was occupied by the Beauchaine Machine Co., then the Beau Division of Vernitron until 1988, when Vernitron moved to Gilford. In 2004, the structure was demolished and the Millview housing development was built. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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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	

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

SENIOR RESOURCES

Staying
Safe in
Hot
Weather



The summer heat can bring
its own set of problems when
it comes to older adults.

Learn how to recognize heat
related issues and find tips to
stay safe in the hot weather
by visiting the National
Institute on Aging's
website [here!](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Week of
July 28 - August 1

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:**

City Council
July 28, 2025, 7:00 pm

Appointments Subcommittee
July 31, 2025, 1:00 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

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