

April 1, 2022 - Edition #535

*Robbie Mills Field from above....it won't be long!
(photo compliments of YipShip Productions)*

2022 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of May 2 - May 6, and May 16 - May 20 the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves during these two weeks 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.

Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription, please call the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.



It's that time of year again....

Don't forget to use our Bulky Item Pickup service! For just \$6 per item you can have bulky items eligible for collection picked up curbside on your regular trash day (metal items are picked up on a pre-arranged pickup date).

Bulky item stickers can be purchased (\$6/item) at the City Clerk's office or at our Public Works Department. Call 603-528-6379 with questions or to arrange a pickup day for metal items.



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Preschool Storytimes!
April 6, 2022, 10 - 11 am.
April 7, 2022, 10 - 11 am.

Join Jamie for fun stories, songs, activities, and crafts each week. For kids birth - age 6, in the Selig Storytime Room.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

NEWBORN - 6
FRIDAY, APRIL 8 & 22



Music & Movement
April 8, 2022,
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Are you ready to get moving?? In this program geared toward the younger crowd, we'll use music, instruments, and some fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out! Best suited for newborns to age 6, in the Auditorium.



FRIDAY, APRIL 8 | 2:30-4:30PM

COURTNEY PARSONS HEIDI SMITH

Coloring through Laconia's History
April 8, 2022,
2:30 - 4:30 PM

All ages are invited to join us in the Auditorium to learn about local places while enjoying time with the whole family or just by yourself. We will have sample coloring

pages, and materials will be available for use. The author (Heidi Smith) and illustrator (Courtney Parsons) will have books available for signing and purchase. The proceeds will go directly to support the Laconia Historical Society!

Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla

April 6, 2022,
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Come to the Volpe room to have your basic computer and electronic device questions



Family Craft: Plant Friends, Part 1

April 5, 2022, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Bring home your very own plant friend! In part one of this two-week program, we'll paint terra cotta pots for our baby plants! When you come back next week, it will be dry and

ready for a new plant! Best for children ages 3-12, in the Selig Storytime Room.

New Phone Extension #s

The City has upgraded the phone systems, and the Library now has new extension numbers!

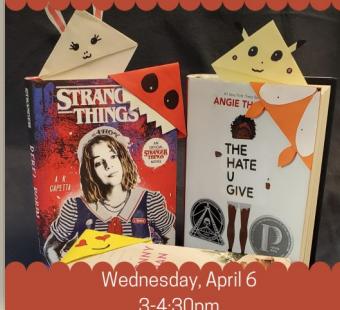
Library Phone Number: (603) 524-4775

EXT NAME

- 600 Circulation Desk
- 602 Children's Room Desk
- 603 Children's Librarian
- 604 Director
- 605 Administrative Assistant
- 606 Reference and Programming
- 607 ILL and Outreach
- 608 Workroom (Volunteers, Teens & Librarians)



Teen Craft: Cute Corner Bookmarks



Teen Craft: Cute Corner Bookmarks

April 6, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Create cute corner bookmarks to celebrate Library Week! For ages 9-18 in the Auditorium.



Storytime Craft

This week's Storytime is all about the alphabet! Join us as we sing, read stories and make this fun Z-shaped zebra!



Our new Library market is now open for business! Learn the food groups, cut some fruit and veggies, and shop for play food (or books to check out!) with our shopping cart!

COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

Laconia City Manager Search Process Begins

After nearly eleven years as the Laconia City Manager, Scott Myers will be leaving his position with the City to pursue other opportunities. Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI), a New Hampshire company with a great deal of experience in conducting searches of this nature, has now begun their work to help us find our new City Manager.

As part of the search process MRI will be holding two Listening Sessions for the public to attend and provide input on what they would like to see in the next City Manager, along with what they see as short and long-term challenges for Laconia.

The two Listening Sessions will be held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium in the Laconia Public Library on Thursday, April 7, 2022. The first session will be at 2:00 pm and the second will be at 7:00 pm.

For those who cannot attend the sessions in person, we invite you to provide your comments via email at the following e-mail address: laconiacmsearch@mrigov.com. Please include the word "Laconia" in the subject line of your email. For questions of a general nature, please call the City Manager's Office at (603) 527-1270.

*We hope you can join us to offer your comments
and input on this important subject!*

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Friday, April 22nd from 12:00-2:00pm

(While supplies last)

**Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Road Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals. This is a drive thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.



Recycling Collection

***Curbside recycling
will be picked up
the week of
April 11!***



***Please note that glass
may now be put in with
your recycling.***



Create a Pollinator Garden at the Laconia Public Library

Belknap County Teen Service-Learning Experience

In this service-learning experience, youth aged 12 and older will work together to learn about pollinator gardens and build a pollinator garden at the Laconia Public Library. Youth will work to certify the garden as a true pollinator garden. There will be additional gardening and craft activities. This project will be led by the Belknap County 4-H Youth Leadership Team and is generously sponsored by Jim Morgan and the Laconia Public Library.

EVENT DATES:

- Virtual Information Night: March 21, 2022 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm (On Zoom)
- Gardening at the Laconia Public Library: April 7, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Gardening at the Laconia Public Library: May 5, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Gardening at the Laconia Public Library: May 19, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Gardening at the Laconia Public Library: May 31, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Register

If you are a current 4-Her, register through your 4HOnline account. Register for the event named: "Belknap Teen Pollinator Garden". If you are NOT a current 4-Her, contact Karen at (603) 651-3104 or email Karen.deighan@unh.edu to sign-up. Open to youth 12-18 years old. Cost: FREE



March 21, 2022

April 7, 2022

May 5, 2022

May 19, 2022

May 31, 2022

Laconia Public Library
695 N Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246

Contact Us

Karen Deighan
603-651-3104
karen.deighan@unh.edu

For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, prior to the event please contact:

Karen Deighan
603-651-3104

Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to make accommodations.



Extension

Easter Egg Hunt 2:00pm Sat, April 9th @ LEAVITT PARK



A **HUGE** egg hunt with 2000 eggs filled with Toys & Candy

With two age groups: under 5 & 6+

Rain or Shine!
Dress Appropriately

Cookie Decorating and Games
inside from 1pm to 3pm!

Bring your own Basket!



With a Special Guest
Appearance from the Easter
Bunny!

Brought to you by Laconia Parks & Recreation and the Leavitt Park Association.

Call 603-524-5046 if you have questions!



Interested in learning more about incorporating herbs into new or existing gardens and/or containers? Come join the Opechee Garden Club, as Sarah Marcoux, presents a better understanding about the propagation and growing habits of available herbs, as well as

some which are harder to find. An overview of environmental conditions necessary to grow herbs will also be addressed. The use of culinary herbs is included in the presentation.

Sarah Marcoux says that she and her husband Dan have encouraged their four children ages 14 to 21 "to give back to the community and cultivate a lifestyle of service to others." Both are longtime, homeschooling parents. Sarah, and her then 18-year old son, Joseph, became Master Gardeners in fall 2016. They have been volunteering for the Free Seeds for Education program since late summer 2018. They helped collect and sort seeds, address envelopes, and package orders. The Free Seeds group sent out 515 orders of 10 seed packets each in 2021, working from home, due to the pandemic. In recent years, the mother-son team also built a pollinator garden at Southwick Elementary School in Northfield where the Marcoux's live, and have worked at local farmer's markets staffing an Ask A Master Gardener table.

The presentation will take place during Opechee Garden Club's monthly meeting on April 5, 2022 at 1PM. Meetings are held at the Gilford Community Church, Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH. The public is invited to attend.

Living Well with Chronic Pain



Workshop Details

- 6 consecutive dates with each session building upon the session before
- Zoom virtual course
- NH residents only at this time

Dates and Times

Morning Workshop

- Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:30 PM
- Dates: April 20, 27 and May 4, 11, 18 & 25

Afternoon Workshop

- Fridays 1:30 - 4:00 PM
- Dates: April 1, 8 15, 22, 29 and May 6

Evening Workshop

- Thursdays 5:30 - 8:00 PM
- Dates: March 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5

This workshop is funded by a SAMHSA Rural Opioid Technical Assistant grant (H79TI083274) awarded to UNH Cooperative Extension.

Are you ready to put life back into your life?

Chronic pain can be difficult to live with. If you or someone you care for are experiencing chronic pain, this workshop can help!

In this workshop, you will learn ways to manage symptoms and meet health goals. Create a weekly action plan to help you meet your goals so that you can do the things in life YOU want to do!

Gain the confidence and real-life skills needed for living a full, active and fulfilling life with chronic pain.

In this workshop, participants will:

- Discover problem-solving strategies to deal with fatigue, pain, frustration, isolation and poor sleep
- Uncover physical activities for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, endurance
- Learn how to pace activity and when to rest
- Discover the importance of good nutrition in pain management
- Improve communication with your family, friends and health professionals
- Understand appropriate use of medications and how to evaluate new treatments
- Benefit from the support and encouragement from others also living with chronic pain

Learn More

extension.unh.edu/tags/chronic-disease-self-management



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Extension



You Are
Invited

OPEN HOUSE

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK

**SATURDAY
APRIL 9, 2022
11 AM - 1 PM**

50 COMMUNICATIONS DRIVE, LACONIA



- MEET THE 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATORS
- SEE HOW 9-1-1 CALLS ARE PROCESSED
- TOUR THE INCIDENT COMMAND VEHICLE



Medal Of Honor Recipient, Staff Sergeant Ryan Pitts



Ryan M. Pitts is a former US Army soldier and the ninth living recipient of the Medal of Honor from the War in Afghanistan.

He will speak on his experiences of service and Recovery.

This presentation will be open to all!

Please reserve this hour in your calendar to join us.



Rescheduled!

April 7th, 12pm & 3pm, Virtually

External Attendees, please RSVP to Michelle.King5@va.gov to gain access to login information



April is National Volunteer Month!

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of the volunteers in our community and thank them for their help in making Laconia the best it can be!

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

That's why we're rallying volunteers, fire departments and partners to Sound the Alarm, where it's safe to do so.

Together, we're installing **FREE** smoke alarms in your community. Request a smoke alarm installation today!



Where: Laconia, New Hampshire

When: May 7, 2022

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Learn more at Redcross.org/endhomefiresNNE
or call 800-464-6692
NHEpreparedness@redcross.org



Laconia Parks & Recreation's



Registration open for Laconia residents only from April 1st to June 1st.

OPECHEE DAY CAMP

June 27th through August 19th
Opechee Park House
Monday - Friday

Residents ~ \$105 per week
Nonresidents ~ \$145 per week
Sibling Discount ~ less \$20 per week
Field trips an additional fee.

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

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

Weekly enrollment



Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting - April 6, 2022

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, April 6th, from 2 to 4 pm at the **Meredith Library**, 91 Main St. The meeting is open to the public, and those who prefer to attend remotely are invited to do so by contacting LRPC prior to the meeting at jbighinatti@lakesrpc.org and a link to the online meeting will be provided.

Amy Landers, Executive Director of the Lakes Region Tourism Association, will discuss marketing efforts that include promoting the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway. The Lakes Region Planning Commission staff will continue its updates on the Lakes Region 2022 Bicycling and Walking Plan and other regional transportation plans. The LRPC TAC encourages members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input.

For additional information, please contact the LRPC at 603-279-5339.

News

From the City Clerk's Office

It's Not Too Early to Get Your 2022 Boat Registration!



Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

It's easy and convenient! Just bring in your photo identification and prior year's registration (if you have it) and we can get the paperwork out of the way so you will be ready to put your boat in the water!

No waiting for your registration to be mailed back to you! Get it done early and conveniently at the City Clerk's Office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Please make checks payable to
City of Laconia**

In accordance with RSA 270-E:5, II (c) an additional \$5 will be collected for each registration processed as an authorized agent .



Questions?
Please call the City Clerk's office at 603-527-1265.



LACONIA'S LIFEGUARDS HAVE STRONG RESUMES



LIFEGUARDING DEMONSTRATES:

- PROFESSIONALISM
- INITIATIVE
- RESPONSIBILITY
- EXPERIENCE WITHIN A TEAM
- STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- LEADERSHIP
- CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE
- EXPERIENCE IN HIGH PRESSURE ENVIRONMENTS



CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC TO LEARN MORE

603-524-5046

PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



FIND TOOLS, TIPS, AND RESOURCES AT
WWW.CHILDWELFARE.GOV/PREVENTIONMONTH



Streetcar Company Presents *THE WIZARD of OZ*

"We're off to see the Wizard..."

By L. Frank Baum

With Music & Lyrics by
Harold Arlen &
E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by
Herbert Stothart

Dance & Vocal Arrangements
by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the
Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture
owned by Turner Entertainment Co. &
distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

April 8th at 7pm
April 9th at 7pm
April 10th at 2pm

Laconia High School Auditorium

Tickets available online at streetcarcompany.com or at the door
\$15/adults \$12/Seniors and kids

THE WIZARD OF OZ is presented by arrangement with TAMS-WITMARK
TAMS-WITMARK LLC 229 WEST 28TH STREET 11TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10001
212 564-4000 (P) 212-268-1245 (F)
www.tamswitmark.com
Musical recording provided by The MT PItt I.C. www.themtpit.com



*Need some
fresh air and
exercise?*

Spring is here! Get out of the house with your family and enjoy some time on the WOW Trail!

Gates are open from dawn until dusk.

Questions?

You can access the WOW Trail's website [here](#) and also keep up to date on their [Facebook](#) page.

Electronic Waste Collection Day



Fundraising event to benefit:

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, April 9**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot
9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Items we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	De-humidifier	\$10
CPU / PC Tower	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	CRT Monitor (<50lbs)	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	CRT Monitor (>50lbs)	tbd*
PC LCD Monitor	\$5	TV < 13"	\$5
Camcorder	\$5	TV < 25"	\$20
VCR	\$5	TV > 25"	\$30
Audio Visual Equip.	\$5	Very Large TV	tbd*
Speaker	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Printer	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Copier, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Freezer	\$20
UPS System	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
Humidifier	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Car batteries	\$5	Teflon pan	\$1
Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories	\$5	(Free if recycling something else)	

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

*The item will be weighed on site and the price determined.

Items we CANNOT accept:

Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as fluorescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, smoke detectors, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

“Don’t Throw It Out, Recycle It!”

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions

CONSUMER ALERT WARNING ABOUT MEDICARE CARD SCAM

There have been recent reports of scammers impersonating New Hampshire Division of Emergency Services and Communications ("DESC") employees in order to obtain sensitive personal information from New Hampshire residents.

NH residents reported receiving calls from the direct line of one of DESC's data control clerk's with a caller ID showing "NHEGCY." The caller asked the residents to verify their Medicare and Social Security numbers, telling the residents that the information was needed in order to issue a new Medicare card.

One resident was called 4 times over a few days. Each caller was different, although each spoke with a Russian or Eastern European accent and in each case chatter was audible in the background of the call. Each time, the phone number that appeared on the resident's caller ID was different, with the caller ID showing "NH Bureau of ECGY" on one of the calls. The callers asked for the resident each time by first name.

- ↳ You should not answer phone calls from numbers that you do not recognize;
- ↳ You should never give personal information over the phone; and
- ↳ You should confirm the legitimacy of any person claiming to be a representative of a state agency by contacting the particular state agency through its official contact email or phone number. A listing of every state agency and links to each agency's website and contact information can be found at <https://www.nh.gov/government/agencies.htm>.

If you or a loved one has lost money or property as a result of a phishing scam, please call your local police department and the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Hotline at (603) 271-3641. In addition, anyone with knowledge that a vulnerable adult has been scammed or financially exploited should also contact the New Hampshire Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, at 1-800-949-0470.



Laconia Senior Center #524-7689

APRIL 2022 ACTIVITIES

EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Bingo (10-12) Mac & Cheese with Ham (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*
4 Foot Clinic (9-1) *By Appointment Manicures by Brenda (11-1:30) *By Appointment	5 Activities Meeting (10-11) Sewing (11-12)	6 Bingo (10-12) Popcorn & Movie @ 12:00	7 Board Games & Card Games (10-12) Knitting (10-12)	8 Bingo (10-12) Arts & Crafts Table (11-1)
11 Board Games & Card Games (10-12) Coffee Social (11-12)	12 Sewing (10-12) Arts & Crafts Table (11-1)	13 Walking Group (10-11) Bingo (10-12)	14 Senior Comp. Meeting (10-12) Easter Ham Dinner (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	15 Bingo (10-12) Ice Cream Social @ 12:00
18 Knitting (10-12) Coffee Social (11-12)	19 BP Clinic @ 10:30 Comedy @ 11 am Chicken Casserole (11:30-12:30) RSVP	20 Bingo (10-12) Friendship Group Meeting (1:30-3:00)	21 Hearing Clinic @ 10:15 Meditation (10-11)	22 Bingo (10-12) Arts & Crafts Table (11-1)
25 Meditation (10-11) Coffee Social (11-12)	26 Sewing (10-12) Popcorn & Movie @ 12:00	27 Walking Group (10-11) Bingo (10-12)	28 Turkey & Wild Rice Soup (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	29 Bingo (10-12) Ice Cream Social @ 12:00

Our yesterdays

Our sincere thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past.....



THEN ...

The Laconia Housing & Redevelopment Authority had requested authorization, 50 years ago this week, to purchase and demolish the Laconia Savings Bank building (three-story structure nearest river, lower left), the last of the pre-Urban Renewal buildings still standing on the Downtown Mall in 1972. The bank had moved to new quarters on Pleasant Street in November 1971. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Today, the Municipal Parking Garage occupies the east side of Main Street, from the former Mill Street south to the intersection of Beacon Streets West and East. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)

OPECHEE DAY CAMP COUNSELORS

your job is to

BE OUTSIDE HAVE FUN BE A ROLE MODEL

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC
603-524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

HISTORIC DISTRICT

Members of the Historic District Commission were on foot meeting and greeting downtown businesses February 8th -17th. The purpose was to inform the public about the Historic District Commission and the possible expansion of the downtown area following a study completed by Historic Preservation Consultant, Mae Williams. The Heritage Commission engaged the expertise of Ms. Williams to evaluate the historical and cultural significance of structures in the area. The study can be accessed on the City of Laconia website, under the Heritage Commission.

If you are downtown building or business owner that was not visited in February, we are sorry to have missed you. The members of the Commission are available by reaching out to the Planning office (603-527-1293) or by attending a meeting. The Historic District Commission meets the last Tuesday of each month, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:30pm, and welcomes the community to attend.

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

Saturday, April 2

Music Magic
PreK with Adult
10-11 am

Signs of the Season:
Spring
Multigenerational
10-12 pm

Sugar on Snow
Multigenerational
1-2 pm
Registration & FMI
prescottfarm.org

here for more information!'."/>

New Hampshire
FISH AND GAME
Connecting you to life outdoors

Guardian of the state's fish, wildlife, and marine resources.

Discover WILD New Hampshire Day!

Bring the family to NH Fish and Game Department's biggest community event of the year!

Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire.
Click [here](#) for more information!



Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

Awards Total \$497,045

Sixty-two area nonprofits receive funding

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (GLRCA) is proud to announce that it has distributed grants totaling \$472,045 to 62 area nonprofit organizations. To see where the funds were distributed, please click [here](#).

Grants will be used by local nonprofit organizations to fund wide-ranging programs that support children and their families.

These programs address needs that are vital to the well-being of children in our communities, including food and housing insecurity and related emergency assistance; afterschool programs, recreation, education and the arts; childcare and related family resources; and healthcare, including victim outreach and support and preventative health and wellness training.

Jaimie Sousa, GLRCA Board Chair, said she is proud of the 2021 Auction results. "The pandemic years have been difficult for so many people in the Lakes Region. The GLRCA Distribution Committee found that the request for assistance was greater than ever, particularly for basic needs that so many of us take for granted—food, shelter, clothing, safety," Sousa said. She added, "Each year we ask our community to come together and help their friends and neighbors. We weren't sure what to expect during the pandemic, but the generous people of the Lakes Region didn't let us down. Thank you again to everyone who played their part to raise funds that make a direct impact in the lives of local children."

Due to the continued COVID-19 health and safety measures, there was no check distribution ceremony in 2021. Instead, each nonprofit organization received personalized award letters informing them of their grant amount.

The next round of GLRCA grant applications will be due by October 15.

For more information about the GLRCA application and funding process, visit www.childrensauction.com/applyforfunding

"Many thanks to the hundreds of community members, sponsors and local businesses who donated and bid on items, volunteered their time and effort and participated in various fundraising activities, including those who took part in the 2021 Community Challenge," Sousa said. "We couldn't have done it without you. You are all #ChildrensAuctionChampions!"

In the past 40 years, the Auction has distributed \$7.5 million to nonprofit organizations in the community. "We are thrilled about that," Sousa said.

Learn more about the Auction at www.childrensauction.com, or follow the Children's Auction on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the auction and its many fundraising events, including the 2021 Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the auction, an impressive \$7.5 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.com.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

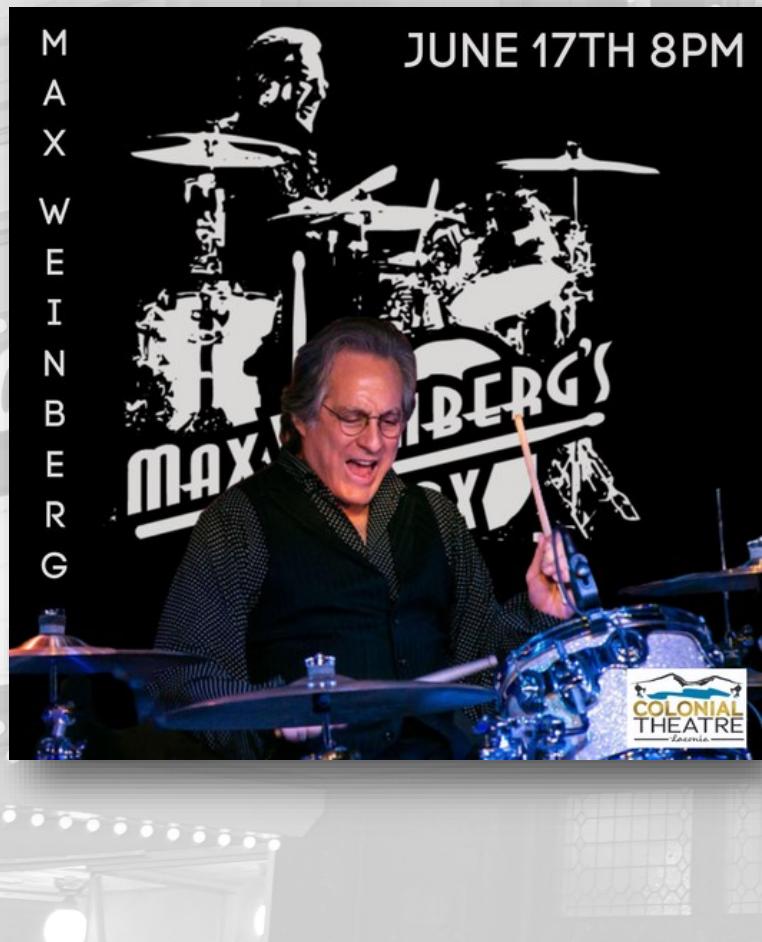
The Colonial Theatre
is proudly managed by

SPECTACLE *live*

Visit the Colonial Theatre's website at

www.coloniallaconia.com for more information on these and upcoming performances.

Tickets can be purchased on the Colonial's [website](#), or by calling 1-800-657-8774.





Designing Art Quilts from Your Photographs Lecture and Workshop



The Belknap Mill Quilters' Guild will host a live and virtual lecture at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. "Designing Art Quilts from Your Photographs" will be presented by NH Fiber Artist and Art Quilter, Michele O'Neil Kincaid. From the artist: "I love using photos of nature and scenery to create one-of-a-kind art quilts! Come see how I begin, from inspiration to the completed piece. I will walk you through the process of using a photo, creating your design, enlarging an image, and building your art quilt. There is a short slide show and in person quilts to inspire and study."

On Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 10 am to 4 pm, Ms. Kincaid will lead an in-person workshop where participants will design their own Poppies quilt. The workshop will include machine applique, free form machine piecing for the background, free motion machine quilting and hand beading. Participants choose the colors, red, orange, yellow, purple etc. and make them POP!

The Guild is offering the lecture and workshop to the public at the Belknap Mill in Laconia. Non-Guild members may register for the lecture at info@bmqg.org and indicate if you will attend in person or on Zoom. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

The fee for the workshop for non-members is \$37 and there may be an optional kit fee TBD. To register for this fun workshop, click this link and fill in the form. Your registration is complete once you send your check to: BMQG, P.O. Box 6174, Laconia, NH, 03247. Click the following link for the registration form: <https://forms.gle/nTL94VuTK3n32q8n6>

The Guild is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Council on the Arts
and the National Endowment for the Arts.



New Hampshire
State Council on the Arts



**LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
988 UNION AVENUE
(603) 524-0901**

HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE



As part of our continued effort to maintain drinking water quality,
Laconia Water Department will be flushing hydrants

April 11th through April 22nd

While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful.

Simply run the cold water until it clears.

There could also be some fluctuation in pressure for a short period of time.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Public Works Department



Mark your calendar!

Free Dump Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th.

(Businesses cannot dispose of their solid waste for free on that day.)

Public Works highly recommends businesses do not come to the Transfer Station on May 7th as it will be very busy.

Residents needing assistance with unloading will need to bring help with them. We expect a large turnout for this popular event, so be prepared to be patient as there is likely to be a longer wait time than normal.

To help minimize wait times, the City recommends that residents use the following schedule when coming to the Transfer Station on May 7th.

Time	First letter of last name
7 to 9 am	A through and including G
9 to 11 am	H through and including N
11 am to 1 pm	O through and including Z

Public Works will turn away any resident who arrives later than 1 pm, so please be sure to be at the Transfer Station before that time.

Residents who do not have dump stickers must have some form of documentation that shows they are a Laconia resident.

Items we will accept are appliances, water heaters, furniture, beds, plumbing fixtures, bagged leaves, demolition lumber, auto tires (limit 6 tires per customer). Items we will not accept are auto tail pipes, mufflers, radiators, engines, batteries or hazardous waste, paints or solvents.

Residents must still pay for disposing of electronics during free dump day.

Disposal of leaves and recycling for Laconia residents is free all year. Residents do not need a dump sticker or day pass to dispose of leaves or recycling, but must have documentation that shows they are a Laconia resident.

For more information or for questions about what is acceptable and what is not, please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.

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Monday through Friday
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SENIOR RESOURCES

Can't find your Medicare card?



Did you misplace your Medicare card? No worries!

Just log into your online Medicare account (or create an account) to see your Medicare Number and/or print out a copy of your Medicare card anytime.

City Meetings

Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's [website](#). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. All meetings are open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH, unless otherwise noted:

Planning Board

April 5, 2022, 6:30 pm

Agenda

Licensing/Special Events

April 6, 2022, 12:00 noon

Licensing Board Agenda

Special Events Agenda

Conservation Commission

April 6, 2022, 6:00 pm

Water Commission

April 7, 2022, 8:00 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 - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician Taylor Daigle	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
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
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

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