

April 21, 2023 - Edition #585

*A quiet day at the docks in Weirs Beach  
(photo compliments of Ann-Marie Shipeley Fine Art Photography)*



## Automated Curbside Solid Waste Collection is Coming May 1, 2023!

### Solid waste container delivery information

The City's contractor started delivering trash and recycling containers on April 17 to properties on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday collection routes. Please note that the contractor will also be delivering containers on Saturday April 22.

The contractor has not yet provided a schedule for when they anticipate starting deliveries to properties on the Thursday and Friday collection routes, but stay tuned for that information!

The lids on the new recycling containers tend to warp during shipment. They will return to their shape and seal tightly in about a week. Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379 with any questions you may have.

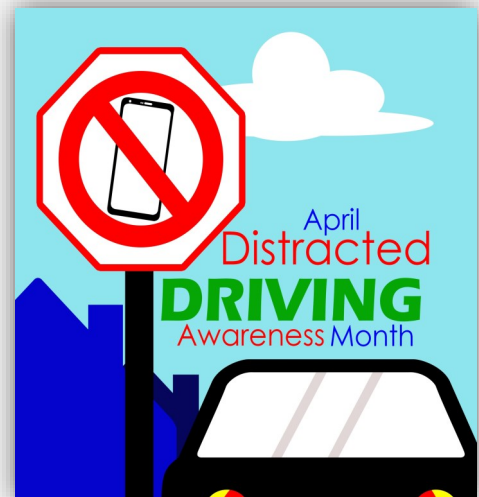


Earlier this week we sent out a Special Edition Newsletter to our email subscribers. This "Guide to Automated Trash Collection" consolidates a great deal of information we thought our readers might find helpful as we start our new trash and recycling collection process.

In case you missed it, just click on the image (left). Please feel free to share this information with your friends and neighbors who might not have received it. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).





# Library Programs Week of April 24-29



LACONIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Spring vacation week!

### Sensory Storytime

Monday, April 24  
10am  
Newborns-age 6

Sensory Storytime has moved to Monday mornings at 10am! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room for songs, stories, and sensory play followed by an engaging art experience. This program is suited for newborns to children 6 years of age with no sign-up required.



MONDAY, APRIL 24, 10AM  
NEWBORNS - AGE 6

Natural materials and contact paper make for sticky collages with less mess at the week's Sensory Storytime.

### Toddler Time

Wednesday, April 26  
10am  
Newborns-age 3

Toddler Time is a fun-filled hour geared toward newborns and toddlers. We'll sing songs, move our bodies, read stories and do a craft each week! Younger or older siblings are always welcome too! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room Wednesdays at 10am.



Wed. April 26, newborns - age 3  
Thurs. April 27, ages 3-6

### Preschool Pals

Thursday, April 27  
10am  
Best for ages 3-6

Preschool Pals is geared toward Preschool aged kiddos (3-6 years old). Join Jamie for singing, dancing, and crafting, and of course, we'll be reading some great books! Younger or older siblings are always welcome too! Join us in the Selig Storytime Room Thursdays at 10am.

Come plant a rainbow with us this week in Toddler Time (Wednesday at 10 am) or Preschool Pals (Thursday at 10 am)! We'll be reading fun stories about seeds and flowers, and you'll get to plant your very own flowers or vegetables.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesdays @ 10am  
Wednesdays @ 2pm

Drop in during our hour of technical help and have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian. Held most Tuesdays at 10am and most Wednesdays at 2pm, in the Volpe Room; check our event calendar to confirm dates.



### Board Games Day!

Monday, April 24  
2-4pm  
Best for ages 3-12

National Board Game Day is in April, and we're celebrating during school vacation week! Stop by the Selig Storytime Room from 2-4 pm and find the perfect board game to play with your family or friends (and maybe even a librarian or two)! Best for ages 3-12.



### Lego Club

Tuesday, April 25  
11am  
Best for ages 5-12

Join us for an hour of creative fun in the Selig Storytime Room! We'll provide the Lego bricks... all you need to bring is your imagination! Best for ages 5-12. Note: This Lego Club will be held at a special time for school vacation week.



### Tinker Time: Window Gardens

Thursday, April 27  
2:30pm  
Best for ages 5-12

Get a jump on spring gardening at Window Garden Tinker Time. This month we will be inspired by books about gardens of all sizes as we decorate containers and plant seeds. This program is best suited for children ages 5-12 and their caregivers. No sign-up required, join us in the Selig Storytime room at 2:30!



### Family Drop-In Craft: Spring Seed Bombs

Saturday, April 29  
10am-noon  
Best for families with children

Create some Flower Power in this family drop-in craft in the Selig Storytime room. We will be using scrap paper and flower seeds to create seed bombs, perfect to add some extra oomph to your garden. Sign-up is not required for this program meant for families with children.



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events.](#)

### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Goss Reading Room Closed



Learn something new, enjoy the outdoors, and expand your wellness options with us!



### Forest Trail Games for Kids and Adults

Can't convince your kids to go outside much less on a hike with you? Experience the many ways you can make time in nature with your kids fun through immersive games!

**Saturday, April 22; 1-3 pm**

Additional programs, series, and registration details

[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

**Prescott Farm**  
Environmental Education Center

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

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### Workshop on the Farm: Making Bee Hotels

Be a pollinator and wildflower hero by building a cozy home for solitary, mason bees that you can take home. In the spring, watch for female mason bees laying eggs in your hotel.

**Saturday, April 29; 10 am-12 pm**

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# PLAY & LIVE TICK SAFE

**APRIL 22, 2023**

**10:00AM-12:00PM**

Featuring hands-on learning, interactive activities, and fun/informative take away materials.

Join representatives from **Tick Free NH**, **NH Healthcare Workers for Climate Action**, and the **NH Nurses Association** to learn simple and effective steps and tools to reduce risk of bites and illness.



*Interactive Activities  
All Ages Welcome  
Attendance is FREE*

**Prescott Farm**  
Environmental Education Center

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928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, 03246



*The City Manager will present an overview of the proposed 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget to the City Council at their meeting on April 24, 2023.*

Individual departments will present their budgets on the following dates:

May 8, 6pm: School Department  
May 15, 7pm: Planning/Code and Fire  
May 22, 6pm: Water and Library  
June 5, 7pm: Public Works and Police  
June 12, 6pm: Parks/Recreation/Facilities, Finance 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!



## Public Events at Taylor Community - Laconia, NH

*\*All events listed are free and open to the public\**

### **Bank of New Hampshire Music Series**

Thank you to the Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the 2023 Taylor Community Music Series.

**Wangari Fahari** - *April 10th at 6:30 p.m.*

Best known for her modern African soundscapes, Wangari performs alongside African drummer Remi Kabaka, bass player Wadada Khufu and guitarist Paul Thibeault Wangari to create an unique blend of music. Join us for this musical event held at Woodside.

**Myanna** - *April 17th at 6:30*

Come see one of the hottest and most soulful saxophonists to be based in Massachusetts with her funky rhythms and expressive jazz playing. This event will be held at Woodside.

**Portsmouth Brass Quintet** - *April 23th at 3:00*

This ensemble was founded by Adam Gallant in the fall of 2016 and is dedicated to performing serious brass chamber music at the highest level. This event will be held at Woodside.

**Cheryl Arena** - *April 24th at 6:30 p.m.*

Cheryl sizzles with excitement as she mesmerizes audiences with her sultry blues voice and powerhouse energy. Join us for this performance held at Woodside.

### **Lectures**

**Kurk Dorsey - Russia, the United States and the War in Ukraine** - *April 5th at 6:30*

In this illustrated talk, Kurk Dorsey will delve into the sources of the dispute between Russia on one hand and Ukraine and its allies on the other. This event will be held at Woodside.

**The Wyeths - Jane Oneail** - *April 20th at 2:00 p.m.*

Jan will help us to explore the style of painting and illustration in the early 1900's established by N.C. Wyeth and his children, Andrew Wyeth, and his grandson Jamie Wyeth. This event will be held at Woodside.

**Dan and Uma Szczesney - NH Rocks that Rock Part II** - *April 22th at 2:00 p.m.*

Join us as Dan and Uma share their new book, "NH Rocks that Rock", an adventure guide to twenty five famous boulders of the Granite State. This event will be held at Woodside.

**WMUR's Hayley LaPoint** - *April 26th at 6:30 p.m.*

Stop by to meet Hayley as she explains the forecasting process. This event will be held at Woodside.

**Rogue Space Systems Corporation** - *April 27th at 2:00 p.m.*

Join us as founder Jeromy Grimmitt shares information about Rogue Space Systems and their orbital robotics. This event will be held at Woodside.

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For more information on  
Taylor Community please  
call us at 603-524-5600



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## NH VETERANS' ASSOCIATION TOUR



**SUNDAY, MAY 21ST 1:00PM**

From its establishment following the Civil War to today, as the oldest continuous veterans' association in the United States, learn the unique and interesting history of the NH Veterans' Association and how they utilize this campus today.

This event is free and open to the community.  
For more information contact Fred Merrill at [fredx@metrocast.net](mailto:fredx@metrocast.net)

208 Lakeside Ave, Laconia

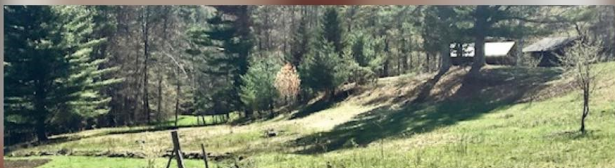
603 568-5183

<https://nhva.site/>



## Join the Belknap Mill Artist In Residence Outdoor SKETCHING GROUP

We will visit a variety of  
Lakes Region locations each week



**Call 603 387-3687 to Register**



### BOLDUC PARK GOLF COURSE IS OPEN - GOLF LESSONS BEGIN SOON!

Bolduc Park's 9 hole golf course is now open daily at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line. Bolduc Park offers an affordable opportunity to play golf for a donation of \$10 for 9 holes. Play Disc Golf for a \$6 donation. All proceeds go to maintain the courses for the general public's use. Carts, golf clubs and discs for disc golf are available to rent.

Now is the time to sign up for golf lessons offered in 3 week sessions for \$100. Golf clubs are provided. Play free all week during lessons. Full scholarships are available for income qualified youth. Youth lessons are 5:30pm-7pm on Tuesdays, May 9, 16, 23 and another session June 6, 13, 20. Adult lessons are 5:30pm-7pm on Thursdays, May 11, 18, 25 and another session June 8, 15, 22.

Bolduc Park receives funding from The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction which makes it possible to offer free golf lessons and free access to the golf and disc golf courses and cross country ski trails for income qualified youth.

Send an email to [golf@bolducpark.com](mailto:golf@bolducpark.com) to inquire about these opportunities for children and teens. Call 603-524-1370 for general information about Bolduc Park.





Click [here](#) for more information!

# LAKE CITY STEEPLECHASE 5K+

In a throwback to the original Steeplechase held in 18th century Ireland run, walk or skip along the WOW Trail from the United Baptist Church in Lakeport to St. Joseph Church in downtown Laconia, while maneuvering around, thru, over or under obstacles along the way!

**Saturday, \$25/pp or  
May 20th \$40/family**

Starting Line - United Baptist Church of Lakeport 10:00AM

**Obstacles | History | Refreshments | Prizes**

For more information or to register visit [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com)



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Proceeds benefit LHMS, St. Joseph Church Preservation Society and United Baptist Church of Lakeport

# LACONIA CHIEFS FOOTBALL & CHEER

Open to Laconia, Belmont, Gilford, Tilton, Franklin, Meredith, Alton & Surrounding areas

## FOOTBALL AGES 5-12

Flag & Tackle Program

All regular season games played in NH

All helmets are certified by the National Operation Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment to protect our players from concussions/TBI

Opportunity to advance to the AYF Regional & AYF National Championships and on the AYF All-Star Team

All Coaches CDC Certified

## CHEER AGES 5-16

Sideline & Competition cheer

4-5 NH Competitions

Opportunity to advance to the AYF Regional & AYF National Championships

Tryout for the NHYFSC Elite Team

Additional low-cost uniform fees. (team depending \$75-\$125)

All coaches are CDC & YCADA certified

**REGISTER NOW**

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LYFCA is a non-profit, volunteer run organization. It is MANDATORY that each athlete complete our annual \$100 fundraiser prior to participation in any game or competition.

To have continued success with our program, all families must contribute a minimum of 2 volunteer time slots per registered athlete.



Getting Medicare right



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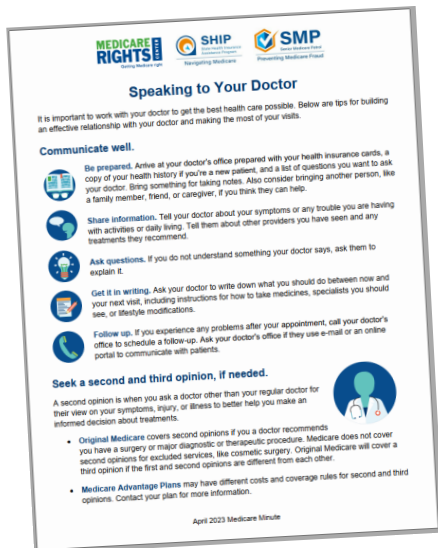
Navigating Medicare



**SMP**

Senior Medicare Patrol

Preventing Medicare Fraud



Please click on the image (left) to read the April 2023 information provided by "Medicare Minute".

It contains important information about speaking to your doctor, what to do if your doctor doesn't think your care will be covered, how to identify billing errors and much more!

Questions? Please contact Lori Raymond, the local Medicare Counselor at Service Link Resource Center, 603-707-5871, or [lraymond@ppnhn.org](mailto:lraymond@ppnhn.org)



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**Full Course Hot Meal**

**Wednesdays**

**5 pm**

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**Hands Across The Table**

**St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall**

**31 Gilford Ave Laconia**

PO Box 6553, Laconia, NH 03247  
Email: [handsacrosstt@gmail.com](mailto:handsacrosstt@gmail.com)



# Public Works Department



## *Mark your calendar!*

Free Dump Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

(Please note that 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 13th 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 13th.

<u>Time</u>	<u>First letter of last name</u>
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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## Art Therapy Workshops

*Veterans, First Responders, Active Military  
& their Families*

2nd Saturday of the Month  
10am-1pm at the Belknap Mill

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



Frances Nutter-Upham  
Art Therapist



# FESTIVAL ON THE HILL

campus tours  
carnival games  
fair food  
climbing wall  
contests & prizes

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**eric grant band**



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[LRCC.edu/festival](http://LRCC.edu/festival)

**SATURDAY, MAY 6th • 12-4pm**



**Kiwanis  
LACONIA**



## Bike 'n' Board Safety Day

Saturday, May 13th 9:30a-12:30p  
Opechee Park & Laconia Skateboard Park  
North Main Street, Laconia

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

Helmet Fitting, Bike Registration, First Aid Tips for Riders, Bike & Board  
Inspections, BIG Games, Skill & Practice Stations, Ebike Demonstrations,  
raffle and more!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE LAKES REGION



This is not a school sponsored event



**ONE PEER TO ANOTHER**

**April Showers  
Bring May Flowers**

**CONCORD**

**Concord One Peer to Another  
Events April**

April 7 9:00 pickup Shopping Sign up  
April 11 St Paul Food Pantry Sign up  
April 14 9:00 pickup Shopping Sign up  
April 19 Nutrition w/ Alyssa 1:00  
April 23rd St Paul Food Pantry Sign up  
**Educational Event**  
**April 26 Homeford Trip \$30.00 CIP card**  
April 25 St Paul Food Pantry Sign up

**LACONIA**

**Laconia One Peer to Another  
Events in April:**

April 7 - Shopping Trip!  
Walmart, Dollar Store, Harbor Freight, Home Goods, etc.  
10am - 2pm (Please sign up by 4:30)  
April 10 - Happy Easter!  
April 12 - Field Trip to Funspot Arcade 11:30am - 2pm  
Bring your own \$ and pack a lunch  
April 19 - Nutrition with Alyssa at 1:00pm  
Chair Yoga - 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24  
Rock Painting - 4/3 & 4/11  
WOW Trail Walk Days - 4/14, 4/20, 4/24, 4/26, 4/28

Click the image (left) to  
read the current edition  
of "One Peer to Another"  
newsletter!

**APRIL 2023**



**ONE PEER TO ANOTHER**  
**328 Union Ave Laconia, NH**

<b>Monday</b> 8:30am-4:30pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am-4:30pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am-4:30pm	<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am-4:30pm	<b>Friday</b> 8:30am-4:30pm
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				<p><b>Contact:</b> <b>Program Director</b> <b>Miranda</b> <b>603-528-7742</b> <b>328 Union Ave</b> <b>Laconia NH 03246</b> <a href="mailto:miranda@onepeer.org">miranda@onepeer.org</a></p>



# Opechee GARDEN CLUB

Opechee Garden Club is pleased to announce that Educator and Naturalist, Jean Stafinak, will provide information on growing orchids on May 1, 2023 at 1:00 pm. The presentation will take place at the Gilford Community Church, Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

Jean is an Educator and Naturalist, whose passion is for species orchids, and the habitats to which they have adapted throughout the world. She enjoys traveling, photographing orchids and other plants and animals in nature, and becoming friends with people from near and far.

North American travels have ranged from the polar Arctic tundra in Canada, to California and the Olympic Peninsula; from New England and the Maritimes, from Arizona to the Florida swamps including extremely rare ghost orchids. She has also spent several trips and many months in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and New Zealand, giving talks, judging, and spending time with other orchid enthusiasts.



Conservation of native orchids means conservation of native habitats, a theme which permeates her talks. She continues to serve as Conservation & Education Chair for the New Hampshire Orchid Society, an accredited American Orchid Society judge, a member of the AOS Species Identification Task Force, on the Board of Orchid Digest, and participates in many annual Native Orchid Conference symposiums and field trips. She also enjoys being a member of the Manchester Garden Club!

Jean invites members and guests to bring their own orchids to show and share, especially if they have specific culture questions or the plants are in need of some TLC.

Attendees will have the opportunity to win one of Jean's plants.

To learn more about the Opechee Garden Club, please visit our website <https://www.opecheegardenclub.com> or our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Opecheegardenclub>

If you are interested in joining the Opechee Garden Club, please send an email to:  
[Opecheegardebclub2012@gmail.com](mailto:Opecheegardebclub2012@gmail.com).





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ORCHESTRA

# "Gershwin Blue"

May 13, 7pm & May 14, 3pm  
Inter-Lakes Auditorium - Rt. 25 - Meredith, NH

## Rhapsody in Blue and timeless Gershwin-era Classics

Cole Porter Medley  
S' Wonderful  
Embraceable You  
But Not For Me  
Summertime  
Chattanooga Choo Choo  
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## BEACH STAFF WANTED!

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for info

Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail  
[PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV](mailto:PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE Pumpkin Festival

LACONIA, NH  
USA



**TWO DAYS!**

**October 27-  
28, 2023  
Downtown  
Laconia!**

**Mark your calendars to  
join the fun!**

**Friday, October 27 - 4 - 8 pm  
Saturday, October 28 -  
11 am-8 pm**

**Check the Pumpkin Festival  
website for more info!**

**OPECHEE DAY CAMP  
COUNSELORS**

*your job is to*

**BE OUTSIDE**

**BE A ROLE MODEL**

**HAVE FUN**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER  
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC  
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[PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV](mailto:PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV)



## SOFT PLASTICS



**Don't miss the  
next Soft Plas-  
tics  
Collection  
event on Earth  
Day, April 22!**

Our communities  
are working pur-  
posefully and  
consistently in

turning over to the Green Sanctuary members of the Universalist Unitarian Society of Laconia and the Laconia-Gilford LIONS Club the clean SOFT plastics accumulating in our households. We want our landfills, neighborhoods and lakes free of plastic-pollution. This continuing effort is keeping our lakes' waters and inhabitants healthy, reducing the size of our landfills and our city and villages cleaner and trash-free. The collection is sent to be repurposed into useful composite furniture and decking.

Come by the little white church at 172 Pleasant Street on Saturday, April 22nd between 11 and 1:00. We look forward to seeing you in celebration of Earth Day. Any inquiries please check our [Facebook](#) page or our [website](#).

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



The City Manager has posted new updates to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

*We hope you find  
these reports helpful  
and informative!*

For more information  
please contact the  
City Mgr's office at  
527-1270, or email  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)

## LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!

It's time to register your dogs for 2023! To renew **online**:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov), Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing  
By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247,  
please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's Office at  
(603) 527-1265.



**All dogs are to be  
registered by April 30<sup>th</sup>  
of each year.**

### RABIES CLINICS!!

Be sure to check the City Clerk's  
website [here](#) for information regarding  
upcoming Rabies Clinics in our area.



# 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 ...

Gas pumps at the corner of Church and Beacon streets, Laconia, are seen in the 1950s, with the rooming house known as 'The Beacon' — earlier known as the 'Dr. Easton House' and, at one time used as a convent and school for St. Joseph Parish — in the background. Part of the roof of the 'Gov. Busiel House' is glimpsed in the upper left corner and part of a brick commercial block on Canal Street is visible at far right. The Laconia Tavern is off-photo at right. (Laconia Public Library)



## ... AND NOW

The Gov. Busiel House was torn down in September 1956, and The Beacon, in December 1956. A new Amoco gas station was built on the former Laconia Tavern Hotel parking lot in 1971 — later changing to Exxon and then Citgo — but was torn down when a landscaped parking lot, for The Tavern and the Tavern Mini Mall, replaced the gas station. Flyspace of the Colonial Theater is seen beyond the Canal Street buildings at left. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)





## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

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 **April 24, 2023** 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 2023-11 – REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR A LACONIA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

THE LACONIA PUTNAM FUND

presents:

## PEI KITCHEN PARTY



**CYNTHIA MACLEOD & GORDON BELSHER**

**An Authentic, Lively, Foot Stomping Good Time  
Experience Atlantic Canada's Vibrant Traditional Music**



**THE TARA LITTLE DANCE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

**Young Students Irish Dancing Celtic Hard Shoe  
and Soft Shoe Dancing**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023  
6:00 pm at Woodside Building  
at the Laconia Taylor Community  
227 Ledges Drive - Laconia**

**Free Admission - First Come, First Seated - No Tickets Required**

**Like us on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/LaconiaPutnamFund>



**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**

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





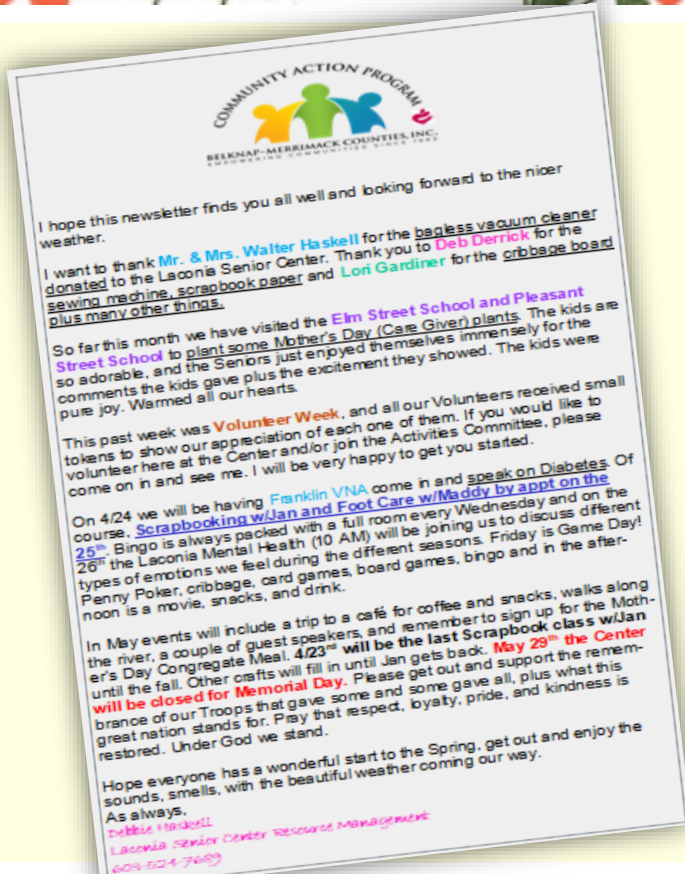


LACONIA SENIOR CENTER 524-7689

## APRIL 2023 ACTIVITIES MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>3</b> <b>VNA Foot Care 9-1 PM</b> <b>by appt</b>  <b>Manicure by Brenda</b> <b>11-12:30 PM</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Activity Mtg 10:AM</b>  <b>NH State Commission on Aging 11:AM</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Bingo 10-12PM</b>  <b>Craft Bonnet making 10:AM—12:PM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Easter Bonnet Parade</b>  <b>Easter Dinner: Baked Ham Steaks w/Pineapple Sweet Potatoes, Veggies, Fruit Cup, Dinner roll</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards</b>  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Coffee Social 10-11</b>  <b>Ernie Bolduc: Topic Bees 10-12: PM</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Elm Street Planting Trip 10-</b>  <b>Scrapbooking 10-12:PM</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Bingo 10-12:PM</b>  <b>Craft 10: - 12:PM</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Knitting /Crochet 10:AM</b>  <b>Steak &amp; Cheese Sub w/ Peppers, Onions and Mushroom, chips. Fruit Cup/Peach Cobbler</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards</b>  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Pleasant Street Planting Trip 10-</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Knitting Sewing 10-12:PM</b> <b>BP Clinic 10:30 AM</b> <b>Peer Support Group 1:PM—2:30 PM</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Bingo 10-12:PM</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Hearing Clinic 10:15 AM</b> <b>Cilantro Lime Grilled Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Fruit Cup/ Pineapple upside down cup</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards</b>  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Diabetic Talk Franklin VNA 10-11 AM</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Scrapbooking 10-12:PM</b>  <b>Foot Care by Maddy by appt 9-12:PM</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Bingo 10-12:PM</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Mental Health 10:AM</b>  <b>Southwestern Chicken chili w/cheese &amp; Sour Cream, Veggies, Tortilla Chips, Fruit Chips</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards</b>  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>

Please click on the image (left) to read this week's Laconia Senior Center Newsletter!



Community Action Program's Meals on Wheels is looking for a driver to join their team!

Please click on the image (right) for more information.





# Laconia

## Water Department



Water line replacement work continues on Summer Street. Please seek an alternate route during this construction. We appreciate your continued cooperation during this time.



## Mental Health Art Auction

To support Lakes Region Mental Health Center

**THEME:** Celebrating Mental Health and Diversity Through the Arts

May  
2023

Belknap  
Marketplace



### Artists Wanted

Help support LRMHC during Mental Health Awareness Month by submitting your work for our art auction.

### Auction Info

30% Tax Deductible Donation to LRMHC will be made upon sale of artwork. Pieces valued over \$500 will be posted exclusively on our Bidding for Good platform.

### Submissions

**TELL YOUR STORY!**  
Submit photo(s) of your work along with a one paragraph artist statement via email.

### About LRMHC

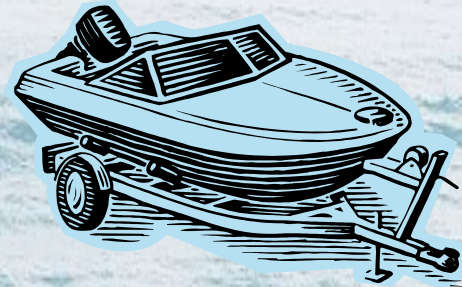
LRMHC is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization designated by the State of NH as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties in NH. Learn more at [lrnhc.org](http://lrnhc.org).

For more info, email [mhendrick@lrnhc.org](mailto:mhendrick@lrnhc.org) or call 603-524-1100 x219

# News

From the City  
Clerk's Office

**It's Not Too Early to Get Your  
2023 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.**







# THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

*are looking for help this summer!*



## SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE STAFF

- STARTING at \$15.00/HR. UP TO 40 HRS/week
- WORK OUTSIDE in the beautiful City On The Lakes!

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for info

Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail  
[PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV](mailto:PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV)



# Get Involved in Saving Animals

There are so many ways that you can help!

### DOG FOR A DAY

BE A PAL FOR A DAY TO A SHELTER PUP  
EMAIL [lis@nhhumane.org](mailto:lis@nhhumane.org)



### ADOPTION PROGRAM

SAVING LIVES AND FINDING LOVE  
[nhhumane.org/adopt/browse-pets](http://nhhumane.org/adopt/browse-pets)



### DOG TRAINING

WELL TRAINED PUP = HAPPY FAMILY  
In partnership with INSPIRE K9  
EMAIL [inspire@nhhumane.org](mailto:inspire@nhhumane.org)



ADOPT.VOLUNTEER.DONATE



[NHHumane.org](http://NHHumane.org) • 603.524.3252 • 1305 Meredith Center Rd, Laconia, NH



# ROCK STEADY BOXING LAKES REGION

Rock Steady Boxing Open House to honor our  
Fighters during Parkinson's Awareness Month!  
Come see your Fighter show their STUFF!

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Come as we gather to dedicate our new home.....

## **THE BIG BLUE BOX**

125 Water Street, Laconia, NH 03246 right next door  
to The Downtown Gym

For more information, please contact us at  
[downtowngymlaconiarsb@gmail.com](mailto:downtowngymlaconiarsb@gmail.com)

or call us at  
603-581-9392



## **SOUTHERN DINNER AND KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY!**

May 6, 2023 from 5-8 pm

Beane Conference Center 35 Blueberry Lane, Laconia

*Participate in a UUSL horse race*  
*Watch the Derby live!*  
*"Horse d'oeuvres grazing"*  
*Full Southern Chicken Dinner*

### **Take a chance on amazing Raffle Baskets**

*Prizes awarded for ladies & gentlemen's hats.*  
*So, giddy-up!*

**Call the church 603-524-6488 to reserve  
your \$25 ticket. Sold out the last two  
years!! Order now!**

*Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia*



# 2023 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup

During the weeks of May 1 - May 5, and May 15 - May 19 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.





# City of Laconia

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



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



## 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
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 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	
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

General Council E-mail:

[citycouncil@laconianh.gov](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

Visit the City's website at:  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



What would a bit of  
extra money each  
month mean for you?  
The National Council  
on Aging urges you to  
visit "[Benefits  
CheckUp](#)" to see  
how you can save  
money on food,  
utilities and more.

Learning more about each program just takes a moment,  
but the results could be life-changing!



## 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, unless otherwise noted:**

### Government Operations & Ordinances Subcommittee

April 24, 2023, 6:00 pm

#### Agenda

### City Council

April 24, 2023, 7:00 pm

#### Agenda

### Laconia Putnam Fund

April 25, 2023, 9:00 am

#### Agenda

### Historic District Commission

April 25, 2023, 6:30 pm

### Weirs TIF District Advisory Board

April 27, 2023, 2:00 pm

#### Agenda