

April 28, 2023 - Edition #586

*Sunrise over the now quiet Weirs Beach docks  
(Photo compliments of Jeremy Noyes Fine Art Photography)*



## Automated Curbside Solid Waste Begins Monday May 1, 2023!

After many months of planning, automated curbside solid waste collection will begin next week on Monday, May 1st!

(Recycling will begin the following week, on May 8)

Please refer to our "Curbside Container Placement Guide" to learn how to properly place your containers for automated pickup.

## 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).



This information will be included in the Laconia Daily Sun as a full-page ad in both the Friday and Saturday edition (April 28 and 29). Also, please click on the image above to see a full-sized version of the ad.

As always, we appreciate your help and support as we move forward to implement this new process. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to call the Department of Public Works at 603-528-6379.

Last 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 (right).





# Library Programs Week of May 1-6



LACONIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Sensory Storytime

Monday, May 1  
10am  
Newborns-age 6

Monday's are for messy play at Sensory Storytime! Join us at 10am for songs, stories, and sensory bin play followed by a process art activity. This program is suited for six-year-old and younger children in the Selig Storytime Room.

Create beautiful tie-dye flowers with coffee filters, markers and spray bottles at Sensory Storytime.

## SENSORY CRAFT



MONDAY, MAY 1 AGES 0-6

## Toddler Time

Wednesday, May 3  
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.

## Preschool Pals

Thursday, May 4  
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.

Create the cutest caterpillar with your finger prints at Toddler Time and Preschool Pals.

## storytime craft



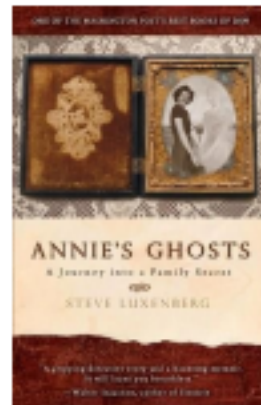
Wednesday, May 3 ages 0-3  
Thursday, May 4 ages 3-6

## Evening Non-Fiction Book Group: "Annie's Ghosts: A Journey Into a Family Secret" by Steve Luxenberg

Thursday, May 4  
6pm

Steve Luxenberg's mother always told people she was an only child. It was a fact that he'd grown up with, along with the information that some of his relatives were Holocaust survivors. However, when his mother was dying, she casually mentioned that she had had a sister she'd barely known, who early in life had been put into a mental institution. Annie would spend the rest of her life shut away in a mental institution, while the family erased any hints that she had ever existed. Through interviews and investigative journalism, Luxenberg teases out her story from the web of shame and half-truths that had hidden it.

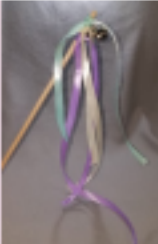
Sign-up for the book group is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org) to register; held in the Auditorium.



## Drop-In Teen and Family Craft: Ribbon Wands

Saturday, May 6  
10am-12pm  
Ages kids through teen

Make a wand with colorful ribbons and bells! For kids through teens in the Storytime Room.



## Summer Reading 2023 All Together Now!

Summer will be here before we know it, and we are gearing up for a great season! This year's nationwide Summer Reading theme is "All Together Now," and we can't wait to have you join us for some truly exciting events! In addition to our weekly interactive Storytimes, we'll make amazing crafts, offer special programs, and as always we'll invite performers that will awe and inspire kids of all ages. And of course, there will be lots of READING! Keep track of the books you're reading all summer and come into the Library for prizes! You can even help us decorate the Children's Room as you read. Get ready for a summer of fun at Laconia Public Library!

## 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.



<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

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

Sign-up for our monthly email newsletter



Visit our website  
for all our Library  
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!



## 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**

Additional programs, series, and registration details

**prescottfarm.org**

**Prescott Farm**  
Environmental Education Center

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

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



## Homegrown Wellness: Delicious Dandelions

This Vitamin A powerhouse is not just nutritious; it's also delicious! Learn how to gather and make dandelion leaf tea, sautéed dandelion greens, and kid-friendly, dandelion flower fritters.

**Saturday, May 6; 10 am-12 pm**

### Speaker Series:

#### Bee Basics for Non-Beekeepers

New England contains over 200 native species of bees, yet in the early 1600s, the European honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) was first imported to North America. This talk will focus on what makes the European honey bee unique and the receiver of all the fame and glory while also highlighting some of our native pollinators' crucial role in our ecosystems.

**Saturday, May 6; 1-3 pm**



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## 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*



LAKES  
REGION  
SYMPHONY  
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  
and more...

Chris  
Mega

Madison  
MacNeill



Tickets \$10 / \$25  
www.LRSO.org

sponsored by





## Community Holocaust Remembrance Program

### Restoring Faith in Humanity

Remember and ensure  
that such a tragedy never happens again

"There may be times when we  
are powerless to prevent  
injustice, but there must never be  
a time when we fail to protest."

-Elie Wiesel

**Saturday, May 6th**

**4:00 to 6:00 pm**

**The Congregational Church of Laconia  
18 Veterans Square**

Special Presentation by

**BONNIE ABRAMS**

Award winning singer-songwriter

**"VOICE OF THE SECOND GENERATION"**

A program that tells the stories of her Holocaust survivor parents through music.

Presented by Temple B'nai Israel in collaboration with  
the Laconia Human Relations Committee

## 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 Operating 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**

**LACONIACHIEFS.COM**



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.

### *The Secret Garden comes alive on the Colonial Stage!*

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's 2023 Colonial Series continues  
May 5-7 with the musical The Secret Garden. Featuring a cast of 26  
talented actors and directed by Bryan Halperin, The Secret Garden is  
sure to be a family favorite.

The musical centers on Mary Lennox (played by Maci Johnson), an 11  
year old who had been living in India with her parents until they died,  
leaving her orphaned and homeless. She is sent back to England to the  
Yorkshire manor of her Uncle Archibald (Fran Page), a recluse dealing  
with his own grief from his beloved wife's death. It is in the gardens  
where Mary makes friends, discovers nature, and a secret garden which  
she brings back to life, much as she brings those mourning around her  
back to life. Filled with beautiful songs and taking inspiration from the

miracles of nature, The Secret Garden will delight audiences of all ages.

Powerhouse's 2023 Colonial Series is generously sponsored by The Platinum Group, Grappone Mazda, and  
Bank of New Hampshire. The Secret Garden is sponsored by Dow Realty Group and Lavalley Middleton  
Building Supply.

Tickets are on sale now via [powerhousenh.org](http://powerhousenh.org) or [coloniallaconia.com](http://coloniallaconia.com). The 2023 Powerhouse season is  
generously sponsored by The Home Beautiful. Powerhouse is a program of the Belknap Mill and the resident  
theatre company of the Colonial Theatre. Information about the Mill and all the 2023 productions can be  
found at [belknapmill.org](http://belknapmill.org).





## The Whole Brain Child

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

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

### Hybrid Series

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm

Beginning May 3, 2023

Participants can choose to attend in person at our office at 719 North Main St. Laconia  
**OR**  
virtually via Zoom

Register at

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

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



The Linden  
Foundation





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Weekly on Tuesday's at 3:15 -4pm  
You don't have to walk alone if you are  
impacted by cancer

## RIVER WALK

Lakes Region Cancer Support Team  
1 Mill Plaza, Laconia  
(between City Hall & Belknap Mill)  
Call to register (603) 387-6775 or  
Email: [program@LRCSupportTeam.org](mailto:program@LRCSupportTeam.org)  
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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)

# Art Therapy Workshops

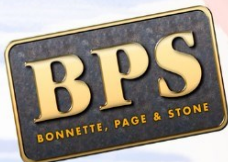
*Veterans, First Responders, Active Military  
& their Families*

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

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



Frances Nutter-Upham  
Art Therapist



The City  
Manager  
presented  
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 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.



# 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 [lrmhc.org](http://lrmhc.org).

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

# FESTIVAL ON THE HILL

campus tours  
carnival games  
fair food  
climbing wall  
contests & prizes

Music by the:  
**eric grant band**



LAKE  
REGION  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE



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

**SATURDAY, MAY 6th • 12-4pm**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
HELP US KICK OFF LAKES REGION MENTAL HEALTH CENTER'S  
MENTAL HEALTH ART AUCTION

**MENTAL HEALTH ALL-STARS  
PAINT  
ALONG  
-WITH LARRY FRATES**

**THURSDAY MAY 4TH**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

BELKNAP MARKETPLACE, 96 DANIEL WEBSTER HWY, BELMONT

\$50 registration fee



**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!



This is not a school sponsored event





# 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).





## 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.

#### **Sergei Novikov - *May 1st at 6:30 p.m.***

Pianist Sergei Novikov is a much respected musician performing solo concerts in the same Classical Concert series as the conductor of Boston Pops, Keith Lockhart and even receiving official recognition from the Queen Mother of England.

This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **Pontine Theater - Dearly Earned - *May 3rd at 6:30 p.m.***

Dearly Earned explores the lives and experiences of 19th century textile mill workers, with a special emphasis on Portsmouth's own Sagamore Mill and Portsmouth Steam Factory. This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **Rasa String Quartet - *May 7th at 3:00 p.m.***

This Boston-based Rasa String Quartet finds their niche exploring the musical space where classical and folk traditions intersect and influence one another. This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **Toni Lynn Washington and Fiends - *May 8th at 6:30 p.m.***

Toni Lynn Washington was still in her teens when she started singing with the Hopeton Johnson Jazz Quartet at Louie's Lounge in Roxbury and soon thereafter other blues and jazz clubs around the country. She has gone on to have a notable musical career performing in multiple groups and recording albums. This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **John Shelley - Man on The Hill - *May 10th at 6:30 p.m.***

"Man on the Hill" is a fable-opus-rock-opera: a musical work that tells a story through narration and song. The main character is an old man sitting in his living room reflecting back on his life. This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **The Sweetbloods - *May 11th at 2:00 p.m.***

The Sweetbloods are an acoustic duo based in Meredith, NH. They specialize in blending tight vocal arrangements with tasteful guitar accompaniment. This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **Gordon Belsher & Cynthia MacLeod - *May 13th at 6:00 p.m.***

Cynthia MacLeod, one of Prince Edward Island's finest ambassadors of traditional music, carves a distinct style of fiddling. Her counterpart, Gordon Belsher has been performing in Canada and around the world for more than 40 years.

He is a fixture of the PEI music scene. This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **James Montgomery, Bob McCarthy, and Billie Martin - *May 15th at 6:30 p.m.***

Join us for a wonderful evening of music entertainment with Guitarist Bob McCarthy, Bassist Billie Martin and Blues Harp Legend James Montgomery. This event will be held at the Woodside.

#### **Lakes Region String Quartet - *May 21st at 3:00 p.m.***

Violinists Margaret Bruziak Hopkins and Muriel Orcutt alongside viola player Sally Wituszynski and cellist Kari Jukka-Pekka Vainio (or JP), bring us the sweet sounds of the strings. This event will be held at Woodside.

#### **The Honey Bees - *May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.***

What's that Buzz you're hearing? It's the sweet sounds of the Honey Bees! Equal parts 30's era Jazz, Western Swing, Folk-Rock and oddball Americana, the Bees mix it all up with flair, fun and a hint of mischief. This event will be held at the Woodside.

**taylorcommunity.org**

**A Nonprofit Since 1907**

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

Community Action Program  
Belknap-Merrimack Counties

*cooking up* **The Laconia Senior Center is A NEW COMMERCIAL KITCHEN**

Your donation will help us provide meals and activities for our community's seniors.

Scan the QR code below or visit [capbm.org](http://capbm.org) to donate.



**Ways to donate:**

1. Online at [capbm.org](http://capbm.org)
2. Mail a check made out to: CAPBM (put in the Memo-Laconia Kitchen) mail to: PO Box 1016 Concord, NH 03302
3. Drop off a check at the center entrance is: 184 Beacon Street West Laconia – see the Center Manager-Debbie Haskell 603-524-768917

# 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

## **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 ...

South Main and Court streets in Laconia are seen, early in the city's Urban Renewal Program. By early May 1969, part of Sunrise Towers — from which this photo appears to have been taken — had reached the 7th-story level. At left on South Main Street is the former Cantin Chevrolet garage and salesroom (and first location of DeNauw's Fish Market). The Harriman Block (Gaudet's and later Page & Wheeler's market) is at the corner. The former South Main Market (later Western Auto and, still later, Winnisquam Printing, among others) is seen at right. The roof of 'Baldi's Corner' (now part of Stewart Park) is glimpsed in the lower right corner. (Wyatt Collection, Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

The Harriman Block was razed in early June 1970 and the nearby wooden buildings, shortly before or after. The South Main Market Building was one of only three buildings within the Urban Renewal project area that escaped the wrecking ball — the others being the Belknap and Busiel mills — but it was demolished in 2009 to make way for a Walgreens Pharmacy. A Telephone Company Business Office replaced the Harriman Block in August 1971. The Telephone Co. relocated to Prescott Hill in early January 1982 and Melcher & Prescott Insurance relocated to the Telephone Co. building in 2010, later extensively remodeling the exterior. (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 **May 8, 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 2023-12 - RELATIVE TO  
ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$82,500 FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY  
GRANT PROGRAM FOR CYBERSECURITY  
EQUIPMENT**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



SCOTT BRADLEE'S POSTMODERN JUKEBOX

*FALL 2023*

*LIVE IN*

**THE PAST LANE**

*TOUR*

SCOTT BRADLEE'S  
POSTMODERN JUKEBOX

**DECEMBER 7, 2023**

LACONIA, NH | COLONIAL THEATRE

PMJtour.com



**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**


**Curbside  
recycling  
will be  
picked up  
the week of  
May 8!**





LACONIA SENIOR CENTER 524-7689

## MAY 2023 ACTIVITIES MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1</b> VNA Foot Care 9-1 PM by appt  <b>Manicure by Brenda 11-12:30 PM</b>	<b>2</b> Activity Mtg 10:AM <b>Fathers Day Craft discussion</b>	<b>3</b> Bingo 10-12PM	<b>4</b> Surprise Activity 10-11 AM Chicken Corn Chowder Small Garden Salad Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup	<b>5</b> Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>
<b>8</b> Coffee Social 10-11	<b>9</b> <b>Scrapbooking 10-12:PM</b>	<b>10</b> Bingo 10-12:PM	<b>11</b> <b>Knitting /Crochet 10:AM</b>  Pulled Pork & Onion, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Small garden Salad, Fresh Fruit Cup	<b>12</b> Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>
<b>15</b> Surprise Activity 10-11 AM <b>Mothers Day Celebration!</b> Stuffed Chicken w/Supreme Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes Vegetable, Small Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cup.	<b>16</b> Knitting Sewing 10-12:PM  <b>Cafe' Coffee 9:00 AM</b> <b>BP Clinic with Advance Directives 10:30 AM</b>	<b>17</b> Bingo 10-12:PM	<b>18</b> <b>Hearing Clinic 10:15 AM</b>  <b>Weather permitting:</b> <b>Walk to the water</b>	<b>19</b> Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>
<b>22</b> Surprise Activity 10-12 PM	<b>23</b> <b>Scrapbooking 10-12:PM</b>  <b>Foot Care by Maddy by appt 9-12:PM</b>	<b>24</b> Bingo 10-12:PM	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Day BBQ</b> BBQ Chicken Thighs Potato & Egg Salad Coleslaw Cucumber Salad fruit Cup /Cookie	<b>26</b> Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>Center Closed</b>	<b>30</b> Knitting Sewing 10-12:PM	<b>31</b> Bingo 10-12:PM	<b>6/1</b>	<b>6/2</b> Game Morning of Choice: Scrabble, Bingo, Cribbage, Cards  <b>Movie 12:30-2:30PM w/Snack &amp; drink</b>



Are you feeling the love from Mother Nature with all this rain? Just think of how beautiful it will be in May. Remember May 1<sup>st</sup> is May Day.

Did you know May Day is a European festival of ancient origins marking the beginning of Summer usually celebrated on May 1, around halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice. Festivities may also be held the night before, known as May Eve. [Wikipedia](#)

**Some Traditions for May Day:** Light a bonfire, May flowers, Maypole dancing, Beltane Celebrations, Dancing and Making flower crowns. And it is typically celebrated by hanging a basket of flowers or sweets on your neighbor's door, usually anonymously. If you're caught leaving a May Basket, tradition says you have to exchange a Kiss!

I want to welcome a couple of new drivers to our team; Deb Verard, our downtown route, John McCaskill, the Meredith route and Sue St. Germain, the Gilford route. They love their job and have repeatedly stated "what a pleasure to do this kind of work." We are proud to have them on board. If you are looking to do a part time job - Mother's hours, fill in extra income, or even just to do something satisfying to support those less fortunate, then come see me and we will get you started. We are looking for another driver.

Last week was an exciting adventure at the Pleasant Street School and the kids were amazing. The comments were smart, funny and more than welcomed. Well-behaved boys and girls! Thank you, Pleasant Street, for lifting our spirits and warming our hearts.

As always, the gang enjoyed Bingo, cribbage, and putting puzzles together. Crafts were enjoyed with decorating the Center for spring, and morning social gatherings are always full of laughter and surprises of all kinds. Wishing a speedy recovery for our friend Carol. Carol is always with a smile and such a pleasure with her presents.

Upcoming activities for next week are: VNA Foot Care by appointment, Manicure by Brenda (appointment required), Activities committee meeting, Father's Day Craft discussion, and on Friday Game Day! Then rounding up the week with a movie and snacks.

Did you know blue jeans were officially invented in May of 1873 after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the pants on May 20<sup>th</sup>? The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents love and success. The zodiac signs for May are Taurus (April 20 to May 20) and Gemini (May 21- June 20). What is the best thing about May? Beautiful Things: de Gour nay - Named after the Greek goddess Maia. The month of May brings warmer temps, blooming flowers, and the fresh beginnings of summer. From the May Day celebration of Cinco De Mayo and Memorial Day. Enjoy your week and get out to smell the fresh air.

As always, **Debbie Haskell**  
 Laconia Senior Center Resource Manager  
 603-524-7689

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.





# Hello SPRING

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STREAMING  
ORIGINAL PLAYS

  
The **Secret  
Garden**

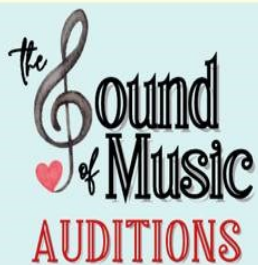
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MAY 20

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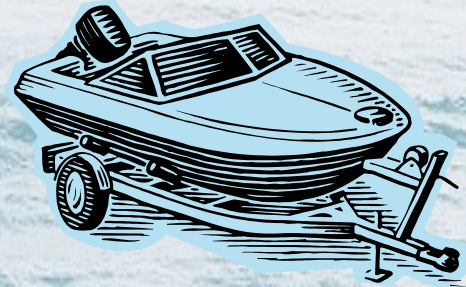
OPEN AUDITIONS

POWERHOUSE THEATRE  
COLLABORATIVE HAPPENINGS

## News

From the City  
Clerk's Office

**It's Not Too Early to Get Your  
2023 Boat Registration!**

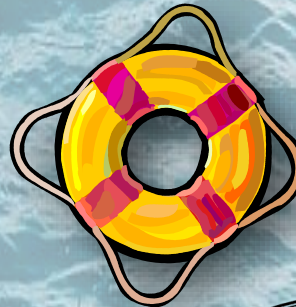


Did you know you can process your boat registration at the same time as you conduct other business at City Hall?

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)

## BELKNAP MILL 'S ARTS IN THE PARK Summer Concert Series



**Friday, May 26th**  
Newmont Military Band



**Friday, June 2nd**  
Carter Mountain Brass Band



**Friday, June 16th**  
Alex Tuohey



**June 30th**  
Catfish Howl



**July 14**  
Clandestine



**July 28th**  
Mr. Aaron Band



**August 11th**  
The Ferns Family Band



**August 25**  
Freese Brothers Big Band



**September 8th**  
ROCKIN DADDIOS  
SOCK HOP &  
CLASSIC CAR SHOW



**LAKES**  
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**We Care Proudly Presents**

The National Award-winning Recording Artist

*Michelle Brooks-Thompson*

Starring in a Tribute to the Iconic Female Voices  
*Aretha Whitney Celine Tina*  
*and more!*



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



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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



**Granite  
VNA**



## Lakes Region Memory Cafe

**Laconia Public  
Library**

**695 North Main St.**

**Second Thursday  
of Each Month**

**1:30 - 3 p.m.**

The Memory Cafe is  
a joyful and creative  
social experience  
for people with  
memory loss and  
their caregivers to  
gather with others in a  
positive and engaging  
environment.

**Generously supported by:**



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**For more information, call (603) 224-4093,  
ext. 85815 or visit [www.granitevna.org](http://www.granitevna.org).**

This program is offered at no charge.  
Registration is not required.

**Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro**

**(603) 224-4093 | (800) 924-8620**

**[www.granitevna.org](http://www.granitevna.org)**

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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, religion,  
disability, age, genetic information, marital status, source of payment, or the  
absence of advance directives.





**Lakes Region  
Cancer Support Team**

**ART FOR RELAXATION with Larry Frates**  
1:30-3pm  
Register online at [LRCsupportTeam.org](https://LRCsupportTeam.org)  
or call (603) 387-6775

Mindful art exercises that acts as a catalyst to support relaxation and help clear your mind, among peers impacted by cancer

# 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.





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

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LACONIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY

## 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/>



## Quilt Workshop with Kathie Beltz

The Belknap Mill Quilters' Guild is pleased to announce Kathie Beltz's workshop which will take place on Friday, May 12th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Belknap Mill's 3rd Floor in Laconia.

The workshop will be "Around the Pond", one of Kathie's own designs, featuring two different sizes of Migrating Geese. The finished wall hanging will be 30.5" by 30". Once you have created the left- and right-hand units of geese, piecing the units into strips goes quickly, and your geese will be flying around your quilt in no time! (Skill level: Intermediate/Advanced quilters)



The *Quilter's Magic Wand* is recommended for this class and will be available for purchase from the instructor during class, or is available at many quilt shops. The fee for the workshop will be \$43.00.

**Please click the blue link below to register** for this workshop. Registration is not complete until you send your check to BMQG, P.O. Box 6174, Laconia, NH 03247

<https://forms.gle/66mBwvWMsx3SqNYc6>



## Nurturing Skills for Families

# Positive Discipline Practices & Techniques

A 6-week Zoom Series beginning May 4, 2023

Daytime and Evening Classes Available!

Thursdays 10:00-11:30am OR 6:30-8:00pm

**\*HYBRID COURSE\***

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



This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on discipline which is based on respect, empowerment, caring and cooperation. Learn the power of nonviolent discipline practices and techniques.



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

This six-week series is open to anyone...

parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, extended family, professionals supporting families, etc.

All are welcome!

To register go to [www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/) or email [tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org)



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# City of Laconia

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Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



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

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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

Your  
mental  
health  
matters.



Medicare  
.gov

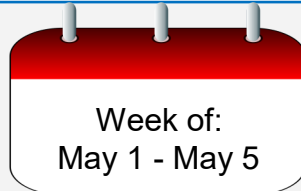
Mental health is key for your overall well-being, so it's important to talk with your doctor if you're feeling stressed, anxious or depressed.

Medicare covers depression screenings and other mental health services:

[https://  
go.medicare.gov/3ZLV971](https://go.medicare.gov/3ZLV971)



## 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:**

### **Planning Board**

May 3, 2023, 6:30 pm

### **Agenda**

### **Special Events Review Commission**

May 3, 2023, 12:00 noon

### **Agenda**

### **Conservation Commission**

May 4, 2023, 6:00 pm



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