

# Local town clerks issue reminder to license dogs

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REGION — According to state law, April is the month when all dogs in New Hampshire must

be licensed and show proof of a current rabies vaccination, and town clerks throughout the state are urging pet own-

ers to be timely in their annual legal obligation to do so.

Licensing is required by April 30 for all dogs

four-months-old or older and can be done at town hall offices in each community. Male dogs have a \$9 licensing fee,

although the cost is only \$6.50 if they have been neutered. Females are \$9, \$6.50 if spayed, and puppies up to the age of seven-months are \$6.50. Many towns also offer senior discounts of just \$2 for the first dog being licensed, and there are special "kennel rates" for those with multiple dogs.

Under New Hampshire RSA 466:13, anyone who fails to license their dog by June 1 may be charged with a fine of \$25, while additional late fees of \$1 per month can also be incurred.

"The really important thing is to remember to bring proof of a rabies vaccination when you stop in to license your dog. We can't license them without one," said Alexandria Town Clerk Fran Skiffington.

To help pet owners comply with the public safety factor of rabies vaccinations, special clinics are being held in the coming weeks with affordable rates.

The Tilton-Northfield Pet Expo, which offered annual vaccination clinics in the past, has been canceled this year, but both the Town of Danbury and the Hebron Fire Department will host a clinic for cats and dogs in their communities from 1-2 p.m. on

April 8. Micro-chipping will also be available in Hebron for an additional \$45 per pet. Then, on Tuesday, April 18, the Alexandria Fire Department has another clinic scheduled from 6-7 p.m.. Each of these clinics are open to the public with vaccination fees varying from \$10-15.

Finally, the New Hampshire Humane Society will hold a Spring rabies clinic at their shelter, on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cats will be seen from 9-10 a.m., and dogs from 10 a.m. until noon. Vaccines will be \$15 each (cash only) and micro-chipping services will also be available for an additional \$25. The Humane Society is located at 1305 Meredith Center Road in Laconia.

With proof of a prior rabies vaccination on hand at the time of the clinic, pets will receive a three-year vaccine at each of the locations listed. Without that certificate of proof, they will be offered a one-year booster vaccine.

Those who have lost or re-homed their canine companion in the past year are asked to contact their local town clerk as soon as possible to have their name removed from the list of current pet owners.

## Sailing School announces partnership with local communities

REGION — It is an unfortunate fact that, in an area called "the Lakes Region," many youngsters have little to no opportunity to enjoy our Lakes. The Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, which has run a popular sailing camp since 1988, is working hard to address that reality by making it possible for local parks and recreation programs to add sailing to their after-school offerings.

Through this new partnership, students in Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, and Meredith may enroll through their local park and recreation departments in after-school classes that will

be taught by the sailing school's certified instructors at their Sailing Center on Smith Cove in Gilford. Amy Tripp, the school's executive director says "This will allow kids who would otherwise not have the opportunity, to experience the joy and challenge of sailing. In that spirit, we will work with the communities to provide financial assistance where needed."

This program is open to students age 11 and older. It will run for five afternoons, from 4 to 7 p.m. on May 22, 24, 29, 31 and June 5. At the Dave Adams Memorial Sailing Center, 25 Davis Rd., in Gilford. Tuition will be

\$99 per student.

Al Posnack, a long-time volunteer with the program, emphasizes that this program is about a lot more than learning to operate sailboats.

"It's about developing self-confidence, teamwork, problem-solving, concentration, and more," Posnack says. "Sailing helps youngsters develop skills that will last them a lifetime."

The Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association (LWSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promote and support participation in the sport of sailing. Scholarships are available to those who need financial assis-

tance, and inquiries may be directed in confidence your local recreation department. The school has a staff of nationally certified instructors, and a fleet of 38 sailboats. The LWSA receives community support in the form of monetary donations, donations of sailboats and motorboats, volunteer services and generous help from many local merchants.

Questions about this program may be directed to your town's recreation department.

Laconia: [www.cityoflaconia.org](http://www.cityoflaconia.org), 524-5046

Gilford: [www.gilford-nh.org](http://www.gilford-nh.org), 527-4700

Belmont - [www.belmont-nh.org](http://www.belmont-nh.org), 267-1865

## Sheriff Mike Moyer to address Belknap County Republicans

BELMONT — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) has announced that their next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Top of the Town Restaurant, 88 Ladd Hill Rd. in Belmont.

This month's guest speaker will be newly elected (November 2016) Belknap County Sheriff Mike Moyer. Sheriff Moyer will talk about his impressions of run-

ning the county Sheriff's Department and his plans for the Department. Also, with the opioid crisis at the forefront of the news for the past year, Sheriff Moyer will provide an update on the steps being taken to stem this problem in Belknap County.

The Committee will also provide an update about this year's Belknap County Cruise on the M/S Mount Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee scheduled for

Friday, June 2. And, as is usually done, the Belknap County House Delegation, State Senators, and County Commissioners will be asked to provide an update about the status of many bills and issues that are being addressed this term.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. Per their usual meeting format, if you're interested in having dinner (at your option) and/

or wish to socialize before the meeting, plan to arrive as early as 5 p.m.

The Committee thanks its members for their past food pantry donations and wishes to remind them to continue to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting.

For more information, please check the Committee's Web site at [www.BelknapCountyGOP.org](http://www.BelknapCountyGOP.org) or send an email to [alan.glassman@gmail.com](mailto:alan.glassman@gmail.com).

## Road work resumes on Route 106 Project includes rehabilitation of three bridges

BELMONT — The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces work is resuming on the rehabilitation of New Hampshire Route 106 in Belmont and Laconia, and a section of the Laconia Bypass.

Initial work will focus on the rehabilitation of two bridges, the NH 106 bridge over the Laconia Bypass and Laconia

Bypass bridge over NH Route 107.

Two-way traffic will be maintained by using lane shifts. Motorists will encounter travel lanes shifted with re-aligned striping, temporary concrete barrier, and traffic control barrels or cones. Message boards, flaggers, and uniformed officers will also be used periodically to assist motorists

through the work areas.

Due to the required shifting of lanes on the Laconia Bypass, the on-ramp traffic will now encounter a stop sign at the end of the ramp. This will provide ramp traffic the opportunity to more safely enter the Laconia Bypass within the shifted lane configuration.

This project includes pavement rehabilitation on five miles of NH

Route 106 in Belmont and Laconia, as well as 8/10's of a mile on the Laconia Bypass, and the rehabilitation of three bridges.

Busby Construction, of Atkinson is the contractor for the \$7.2 million project, which has a final completion date of Oct. 27.

## Nominations for Good Citizen Awards due Friday

BELMONT — Each spring, the Old Home Day Committee invites the public to nominate a graduating senior at Belmont High School as this year's Belmont Good Citizen. The nominee must be a resident of the Town of Belmont and someone that displays good citizenship qualities through academic, civic, volunteer, and personal achievement.

Nominations must be received by Friday, April 7, and may be emailed to [\[montnh.org\]\(http://montnh.org\). The public is also invited to share in the successes of the nominated seniors at the Good Citizen Award Reception scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House on Sargent Street in Belmont. If you have any questions, please call Gretta Olson-Wilder at 998-3525 or use the enclosed email address. Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge the youth of our community.](mailto:events@bel-</a></p>
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