



December 3, 2021 - Edition #520

*See more photos of this year's Holiday Parade on page 17!
(Photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



City of Laconia Residential Excess Trash Sticker Program



Laconia families living in single family, duplex and triplex homes that receive the City's curbside collection service are currently allowed to place two 30-gallon trash cans at the curb for collection.

In response to residents' concerns and acknowledging

that there are times (such as the holidays) when more than two trash cans may be needed, the City Council approved the Residential Excess Trash Sticker Program which became effective in December of last year.

Under this program, families living in single family, duplex and triplex homes can place more trash cans out for collection for a small fee. Excess trash stickers can be purchased and are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East, and at the Public Works Department, 27 Bisson Avenue. Stickers are not sold individually but can be purchased at a cost of \$15 for five stickers.

Stickers must be placed across the area between the top of the trash can and the lid, or on the top bag if your trash can does not have a lid.

This program is only available for single family, duplex and triplex homes; it does not apply to apartment complexes, condominium associations with over three units, or businesses.

Please remember that the City's collection contractor will still not collect bagged trash that is on the ground or trash bags that are stacked above the rim of a trash container.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379 with any questions or concerns.

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.





Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla

Come to the Volpe Room on Wednesdays, 2-3:30 pm to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian..

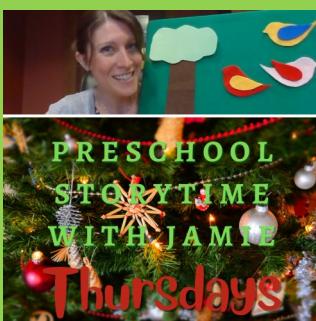


Saturday Drop-In Craft:
Paper Snowflakes - Dec. 4,
10am-2pm.

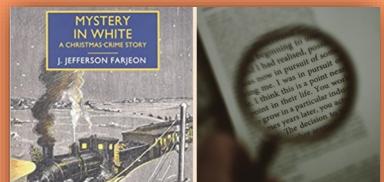
Cut festive snowflake designs in glittery holiday paper! All materials provided, just drop-in to the Teen Room for this fun Saturday program for youth of all ages.



Preschool Storytime with Gail - Dec. 8, 10 - 11 AM - Selig Storytime Room
Join us in the Storytime Room for some great books, songs, & fingerplays with your friends. Simple crafts at the end. For children birth through age 6 with a parent/caregiver.



Preschool Storytime with Jamie, Dec. 9, 10 - 11 AM - Selig Storytime Room
Join Jamie Thursdays in the Selig Storytime Room for new stories and activities each week. For children birth through age 6.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, December 8
4pm

Mystery Book Club: "Mystery in White" - Dec. 8, 4 - 5 PM Welcome back! Have yourself a very grisly holiday with Mystery Book Club. Join us for an afternoon discussion of "Mystery in White" by Joseph Jefferson Farjeon. On Christmas Eve, a heavy snowfall brings a train to a halt near the village of Hemmersby. Several passengers take shelter in a deserted country house, where the fire has been lit and the table laid for tea but no one is at home. Sign-up is required, as capacity is limited to 28 people. Books are available at the Front Desk.



Old Fashioned Herbal Holidays: Heartfelt Homemade Herbal Crafts for Gift Giving

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
6:30PM

Do you miss the true spirit of the winter holidays? Bring back the meaning of the heartfelt gift by creating simple yet elegant herbal gifts people will love! Join Master Herbalist Melissa Morrison of Dragonfly Botanicals to learn how to make herbal spa items to pamper, tasty herbal treats, and even a gift for your feathered friends. Come share the fun & warmth of the holidays and take home herbal gift samples for yourself! Space is limited, so please sign up in advance by calling (603) 524-4775 ext. 12, or emailing info@laconialibrary.org.

Old Fashioned Herbal Holidays: Heartfelt Homemade Herbal Crafts for Gift Giving
December 9, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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simple yet elegant herbal gifts people will love! Join Master Herbalist Melissa Morrison of Dragonfly Botanicals to learn how to make herbal spa items to pamper, tasty herbal treats, and even a gift for your feathered friends. Come share the fun & warmth of the holidays and take home herbal gift samples for yourself! Space is limited, so please sign up in advance by calling (603) 524-4775 ext. 12, or emailing info@laconialibrary.org.

**FAMILY CRAFT
HOLIDAY
ORNAMENTS**
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
3PM



**Family Craft: Holiday
Ornaments - Dec. 7,
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

Join us as we ring in the holiday with this fun and simple craft. For kids birth-12 years with a parent/caregiver in the Selig Storytime Room.

**Sign up to receive the
Library's newsletter!
Just click the link below:
[https://
www.laconianh.gov/803/
Newsletter-Sign-Up](https://www.laconianh.gov/803/Newsletter-Sign-Up)**



**Please move your
portable basketball
hoops!**

Winter is fast approaching and Public Works and NHDOT are preparing the public streets and sidewalks for snow plowing. One item that our residents can help with is moving their portable basketball hoops that are on or near the roads and sidewalks so they will not be hit by plow trucks and tractors. The hoops can damage the snow removal equipment, or the equipment can damage the hoops themselves. Please immediately move portable basketball hoops at least 5 feet back from the edge of roads or sidewalks as the weight of the snow coming off from the plows can knock portable basketball hoops over, damaging them and anything that may be in their path.

Thank you for your assistance.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Please join us for a Public Information Meeting on the rehabilitation of the City's Downtown Parking Garage on December 8, 2021 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Belknap Mill

Agenda:

7 to 7:30 pm: The City and its consultants will review preliminary rehabilitation plans to include the proposed improvements to the exterior of the garage.

7:30 to 8:30 pm: Public input on the improvements that the City's residents and business owners would like to see included in the project. We hope to see you there!



***Curbside recycling will be
picked up the week
of December 6!***





PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. We will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to the general public in our community.

If you have questions regarding any of the Public Hearings 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 **December 13, 2021**, during the regular Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber relative to:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235, ZONING, TO UPDATE SECTION 41:A ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk



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TO APPROVE THE REDISTRICTING MAP

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk



Click [here](#) for details

Save the date
40th year Auction celebration!

December 7th - 10th, 2021 ~ Live from 10AM-7PM
at Tanger Outlets Tilton
120 Laconia Rd, Suite 201, Tilton, NH

Visit us in person during the Auction or tune into the magic
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Stream: laconiadailysun.com and childrensauction.com
FB: facebook.com/childrensauction
Listen: Lakes 101.5 FM

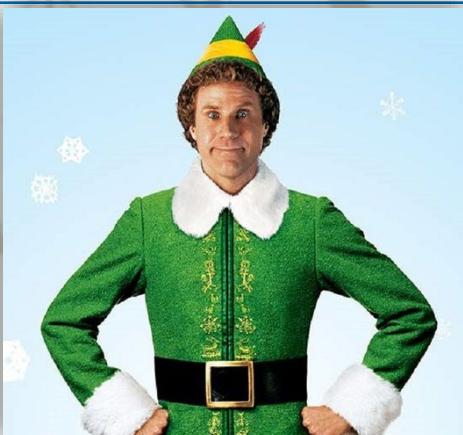

Lights. Camera. Auction!



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER 603-524-7689

DECEMBER 2021 ACTIVITIES

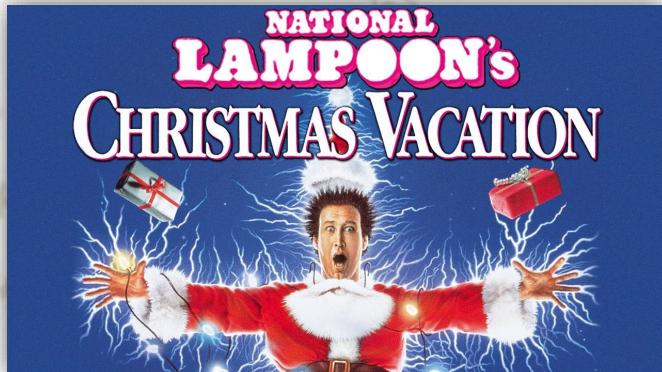
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Bingo (10-12)	2 Arts & Crafts (11-12)	3 Bingo (10-12) MOW Christmas Workshop (11-12)
6 Foot Clinic (9-1) *By Appointment*	7 Activities Meeting (10-11) MOW Christmas Workshop & Decorate (11-12)	8 Bingo (10-12) Chair Exercises (12:30-1:30)	9 Senior Companions Meeting (10-12) Vegetable Soup & Turkey Wrap (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* Decoration Day	10 Bingo (10-12)
13 Coffee Social (10-11) Puzzles/Games (11-12)	14 SPECIAL TRIP: Christmas Tree Shop (8:30-1) *MUST SIGN UP!	15 Bingo (10-12)	16 Hearing Clinic @ 10:15 Holiday Pot Roast Dinner & Party (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* *Special Music/Carols*	17 Bingo (10-12)
20 Elder Financial Abuse Seminar @ 10:30 (Hosted by: Franklin Savings Bank)	21 BP Clinic @ 10:30 Beef Stew (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* Staff Party @ 1 PM	22 Bingo (10-12) Chair Exercises (12:30-1:30)	23 Coffee Social (10-11)	24 CLOSED: Christmas Eve 
27 Coffee Social (10-11) Puzzles/Games (11-12)	28 Meditation (11-12)	29 Bingo (10-12)	30 Book Club (11-12)	31 CLOSED: New Year's Eve 



CHRISTMAS AT THE COLONIAL!

ELF and NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION
Friday, December 3rd

[BUY TICKETS](#)



We are bringing movies back to the Colonial Theatre once again. The Colonial Theatre of Laconia is proud to present Christmas at the Colonial on Friday, December 3rd!

We will be showing Elf (at 6:00 pm) and National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (at 8:30 pm).



LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Benjamin Greene, Conductor

Holiday Concerts

featuring vocalist Michael Gallagan

Friday December 10, 7pm - Colonial Theatre, Laconia
 Saturday December 11, 7pm - Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith
 Sunday December 12, 3pm - Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith

Tickets \$10 - \$30 at www.LRSO.org

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34th Annual Debra Bieniarz Award

This award is presented annually by the Laconia City Council to a resident of the City based on his/her outstanding service to the youth of the community. This award was established 34 years ago in memory of Police Officer Debra Bieniarz who served the City and its youth with devotion, dedication and distinction.

Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 10, 2021. Please send nominations to the City Manager's Office, City of Laconia, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Nominations may also be e-mailed to NBrown@laconianh.gov. There is no nomination form to fill out, just use your own words as to what makes your nominee special to our community and its younger generation, and why they should be considered for this year's award. Please call (603) 527-1270 if you have any questions.



Children are welcome to visit the Belknap Mill Monday through Friday from 9am - 5pm and Saturday from 9am - 3pm to write their letters at a specially designed Santa Letter Writing station in the lobby or drop off their already written letters in Santa's mailbox. The deadline to drop off a letter to Santa is December 13th at 5pm.

Kim Smith, Santa's designated Volunteer Elf for Laconia, will pick up the letters and send them straight to Santa so that he can respond before Christmas. Once the letters have been responded to, Kim will donate the original letters to Macy's Believe Program, which donates \$1.00 to Make-A-Wish for every letter they receive.

To ensure all children who write to Santa receive a response, the child's name and address must be attached to their letter and dropped off with a pre-stamped envelope. Kim Smith is volunteering her time for this project and is looking forward to giving back to the Laconia community!



Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle".

To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, click [here](#). Don't miss the tribute to late Mayor Ed Engler in this issue.

Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).

AN ILLUSTRATED TOUR

Color Your Way Through Laconia's History



Laconia Historical & Museum Society is excited to announce the publication of a very unique book on the history of Laconia!

Illustrator, Courtney Parsons, Author, Heidi Smith and Publisher, Cathy Waldron, of Give A Salute! Publishing, on behalf of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society have collaborated on a historical coloring book of significant structures and areas both still standing and some only still with us in photos. Warren Huse, Laconia Historian and LHMS Board Member, assisted to ensure that all information was factual and correct.

An Illustrated Tour, Color Your Way Through Laconia's History is engaging and educational for everyone!

Meet Courtney and Heidi on Saturday, December 11th at the Belknap Mill's Meet the Author event and learn about a community exhibit that will involve and engage the Laconia community! The price of the book is \$19.95 and will be available for purchase at the Meet the Author event. The book will be available for purchase at the Belknap Mill and the Laconia Antique in downtown Laconia following the event.

Proceeds benefit the Laconia Historical & Museum Society programming for the Laconia and Lakes Region community. For more information contact LHMS at 603.527.1278 or via email at lhmslpl@metrocast.net.

Follow the Laconia Historical & Museum Society on Facebook and Instagram for all programming information.



All proceeds from Cycle Mania support the Children's Auction Appearance by Mad Dog Mike



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Time: 12/7 9AM - 9PM

Donation: Minimum \$20/hour (feel free to register for multiple hours and bring your friends!)

Location: Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club

Great music and encouragement!
Register for your bike seat at
www.ChildrensAuction.com

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MARCH 11, 2022
7:00 PM

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COMMUNITY
CHALLENGE

GREATER LAKES REGION
CHILDREN'S
AUCTION



Saturday, December 4th

25% of sales will be donated to the
Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

Café Déjà Vu

311 Court Street, Laconia, NH
603-524-7773



The Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, in partnership with the Laconia Gilford Lions Club, is having a PROTEIN food drive on December 4th for the Community Action Program (CAP).

Items needed are tuna (small cans), soups, beans, stew, corn, carrots and rice (small bags). Pop top cans are preferable.

Items NOT needed are cereals, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, pasta and green beans.

Our Social Justice members and Lions Club members will be out front of our little white Church at 127 Pleasant Street from 11 until 1 on Saturday, December 4th accepting your contributions. Please make certain the donations have not expired.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF LACONIA

CELEBRATE LACONIA
Lights Festival

**HOLIDAY
PARADE**

sunday
november
28th, 2021
4 : 30 p m



details at: www.celebratelaconia.org

Did you miss the Holiday
parade?

No problem....just click
[here](#) for a video courtesy of
Lakes Region Public Access TV.



Please help us collect auction items for the Children's Auction. All donations of new items, exciting experiences, and gift certificates are needed!

2021 Collection Sites:

Aubuchon Hardware, 880 Central St, Franklin
 Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive N, Laconia
 Edward Jones, 164 NH Route 25, #1A, Meredith
 Gilford Tennis & Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore, Gilford
 Grevior Furniture, 440 Central St, Franklin
 Hiller Orthodontics, 394 Union Ave, Laconia
 Hiller Orthodontics, 15 Town West Rd, Plymouth
 Independence Financial Advisors, 402 Central St, Franklin
 Irwin Marine, 958 Union Ave, Laconia
 Irwin Marine, 396 Main St, Alton Bay
 Lee's Candy Kitchen, MillFalls Marketplace, Meredith
 Lee's Candy Kitchen, 91 Main Street, Plymouth
 Meredith Insurance Agency, 2 Lakes St, Meredith
 Meredith Village Savings Bank, All branches
 North Water Marine, 18 Endicott St, Weirs Beach
 The Wellness Complex, 827 N Main St, Laconia
 The Xavier Group, 66 NH Route 25, Meredith

www.ChildrensAuction.com

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Craft Yourself a
 Wonderful Saturday with us!



Saturday, December 4

Needle-Felted Ornaments
 (10 am-noon)

Stocking Stuffers
 (1-3 pm)

Preregistration Strongly Recommended

For more information:

prescottfarm.org

**EILEEN IVERS:
A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS**
DECEMBER 11 AT 8:00 PM

COLONIAL THEATRE
Laconia

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
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**Recovering Together Café:
 Recovery is a Gift!**

Monday December 6, 2021 @ 7 PM to 8:30 PM via Zoom

- Discussions with family, friends, and individuals in recovery
- Share ideas about staying in recovery together
- Build vitality and strength together
- The heart of our mission is connection



Please Contact

Yolanda DaRocha

603-286-4255

Email: Ydarocha@gta-frc.org



Registration is required

Please register at the following

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEVf--orzlGdXoZYsRo3ot0I_mJfSx0RiZ



Opechee Garden Club is pleased to announce Members of 2021/2022 Executive Board. The Board, led by President Hollis Thompson, will focus on meeting the club's mission by providing scholarships through the Lakes Region Scholarship Program, donations to non-profit organizations such as Loon Preservation and Squam Lake Natural Science Center, and the installation and maintenance of Civic Gardens. To ensure that sufficient funds are available to support these efforts, the Board and Members are already planning the next Garden tour. "Tea in the Garden" will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

Pictured seated from left to right: Judy Robertson, Treasurer; Maureen Bastille, Program Director; Hollis Thompson, President; Carmel Lancia, Correspondence Secretary. Standing from left to right: Theresa Mahoney, Publicity; Ginnie Johnson, Recording Secretary, Linda Belcher, Community Gardens and Esther Kratochvil, Hospitality, Absent: Helen Murphy, Past President; Marnie Schultz, Hospitality; Ginny West, Auditor; Audris Clark, Parliamentarian and Joan Stephenson, Photography.

For more information about the Opechee Garden Club, please visit us on [Facebook](#) or on our [website](#). If you are interested in joining the Opechee Garden Club, please send an email to: Opecheegardebclub2012@gmail.com.

BECOME A SUPER BIDDER!

NEVER MISS AN ITEM YOU'VE BEEN WAITING ON!

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- BID ON FUTURE ITEMS BEFORE THEY OPEN
- SUBMIT YOUR MAX BID
- SEE HOW MANY BIDDERS ARE COMPETING
- ENJOY EXPEDITED VIP CHECK-OUT AND PICK-UP
- BE PROUD THAT YOU SUPPORT THE AUCTION

www.ChildrensAuction.com

Socks the Elf has arrived at the Belknap Mill!

Please be sure to follow the Mill on social media for all of SOCKS' fun adventures!!

[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

News From the City Clerk's Office



2022 Transfer Station Stickers

2022 Transfer Station stickers are now available for sale at the City Clerk's Office. Transfer Station stickers are \$20 each; a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle must be presented at the time of purchase for the vehicle the sticker will be put on.

Questions? Call the Clerk's Office, 527-1265.



The Kellerhaus traditional chocolate recipe can now be enjoyed in a chocolate bar specially designed for the Belknap Mill! The Mill's logo is imprinted on this full-size milk chocolate candy bar. A perfect treat this holiday or any day! Bars are \$5 each and all proceeds from the sale of this "historical" treat support Belknap Mill's programming.

HOMEMADE COOKIES

• IN A GIFT BOX • FOR THE HOLIDAYS •

SAT. DEC 11 • SUN. DEC 12
12pm - 3pm

PRE ORDER & PICK UP
UUSL CHURCH
172 PLEASANT ST
LACONIA, NH

TO ORDER, CALL or EMAIL
603-445-4451
uuslfundraising@gmail.com

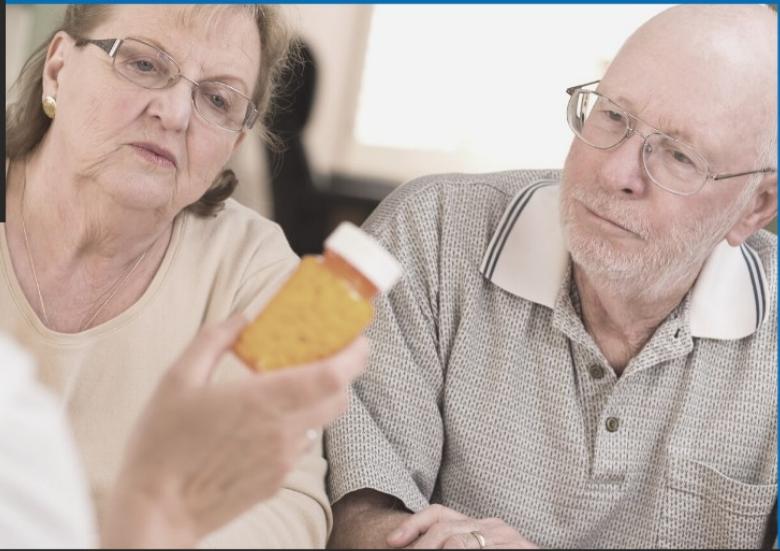
Payment upon pickup. Nut and gluten free available on request

1 dz. \$12 - 2 dz. \$20

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG FRAUD



Report potential pharmacy fraud or prescription drug abuse, errors, or abuse if:

You see on your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or
Explanation of Benefits (EOB) charges for:

- Prescriptions (including refills) that were never picked up, delivered, or even prescribed
- Prescriptions that were prescribed by a health care provider you have never seen
- Prescription amounts beyond the quantity you were prescribed
- Prescriptions that are different (often more expensive) than the one you were originally prescribed

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LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT METER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Meters are changed periodically to comply with the Public Utilities Commission's Rules and Regulations, the American Water Works Association and in accordance with the Laconia Water Works' Tariff.

The Water Department has an annual program that replaces meters

and **there is no cost to the property owner**. Our goal is to change out 600 meters over the winter months.



The Water Department will contact those property owners whose water meters are to be changed. We are in the process of sending letters and making phone calls to schedule appointments. This process takes approximately 20-30 minutes. For your convenience Saturday morning appointments may be available.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (603) 524-0901.



Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Tuesday, Dec. 21st from 12:00-2:00

(while supplies last)

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

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.

No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:



Reminder from the Department of Public Works!

Fall curbside leaf pickup is over!

The last week for property owners to have their bagged leaves collected at the curbside was the week of November 15th.

All residents must now bring their bagged leaves to the Transfer Station for disposal.

Residents do not need a dump or day pass to dispose of leaves, but you must have some form of identification that shows you are a resident of Laconia. A utility bill or tax bill are acceptable forms of identification.



PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/23/21!

Property tax bills were mailed on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

They are due on December 23, 2021.

Please note that there are many options for payment of your property taxes! It is not necessary to drop your property tax payment off in person. As shown on your tax bill, you can mail in your tax payment (or drop it off in the drop box slot on the Belknap Mill side of City Hall) and we will send you a stamped receipt. Please include a portion of your bill with your payment to ensure proper credit when paying by mail or dropping it off in the drop box. The drop box is checked every morning and you will be given credit on the morning your payment is retrieved.

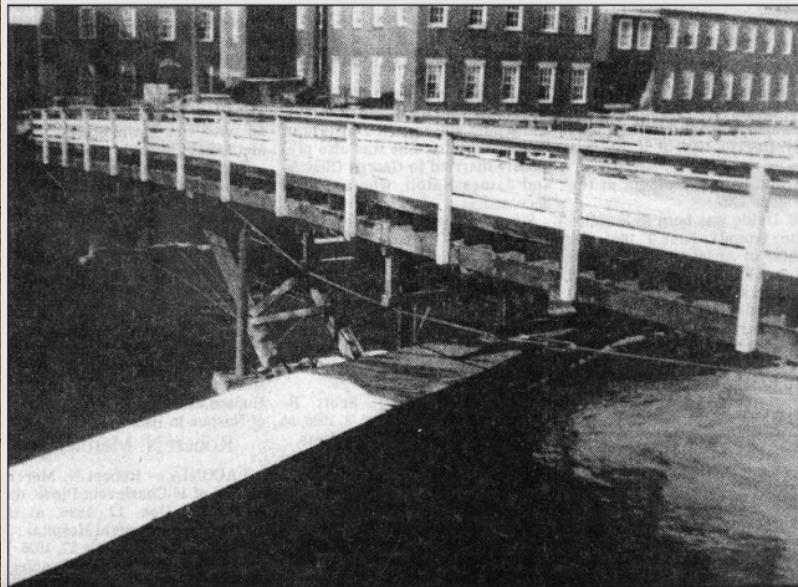
You can also pay your bill online, or by calling (855) 906-0411. Convenience fees are added to all credit card and telephone payments.

Payments will continue to be accepted at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours which are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Questions? Call the Tax Office at 527-1269

Our yesterdays

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



THEN ...

The Mill Street Bridge over the Winnipesaukee River in Laconia is seen here in a photo from a 1954 engineering study. The vehicular bridge had been closed to all but foot traffic since 1949. In foreground, the flume which ran from the Avery Dam (just upriver but obscured by the bridge) down the southeast side of the river is seen. The flume, which provided water power to at least five mills on that side of the river, had been repaired and was about to be placed back in operation, 125 years ago. (Laconia Public Works Department Photo)



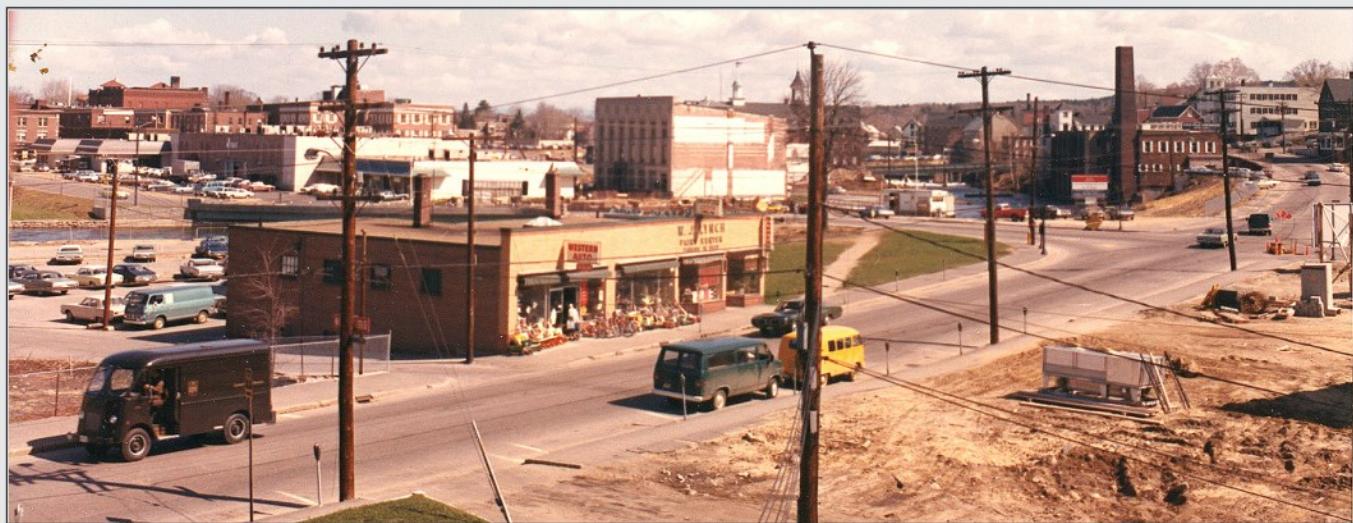
... AND NOW

A footbridge which opened, Nov 13, 1958. replaced the vehicular Mill Street span. The flume was removed in September 1972, although a portion of it may still remain under the 1922 Pitman Hosiery Co. brick building (off-photo, left) at 84 Union Ave. — last of the five mills once provided water power, below the dam, on the south side of the river. The up-river extension of the Busiel Mill (at right in the earlier photo), along with its counting house facing Mill Street (at left in earlier photo), were removed in 1970-1971. The Belknap Mill is seen at left. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Since there was no newsletter last week, please see the next page for an additional edition of "Our Yesterdays"....

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This was Laconia's Urban Renewal area, 50 years ago, as seen from Court Street, with the former South Main Market Building (then occupied by Western Auto and Lynch Paints) in foreground. In distance at center, the Laconia Savings and Peoples National bank building is still in place, but old buildings between it and Mill Street have been razed, while new buildings have been completed on the west side of Main Street. (Laconia Public Library)



...AND NOW

The South Main Market Building was the only retail building retained within the Urban Renewal Area and was last occupied by Winnisquam Printing before being torn down in January 2009, to make way for a Walgreens Drug Store (seen here at left). The 'Lower Bank' Building was demolished in late November 1972 and the site became part of the Municipal Parking Garage, part of which is glimpsed to the right of the Landmark Inn, both of which opened in 1974. Meanwhile, Peoples National had relocated to new quarters at the Mill and Main street corner in September 1971 and Laconia Savings Bank to its new building on Pleasant Street in November 1971. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

The Snow is Here!



Winter Closing List

- Taking down Tennis Nets
- Closing the following

Gates for the Winter:

Weirs

Bond

Robbie Mills

Smith Track at Opechee



**Wishing you a Hanukkah
full of beauty and light.**



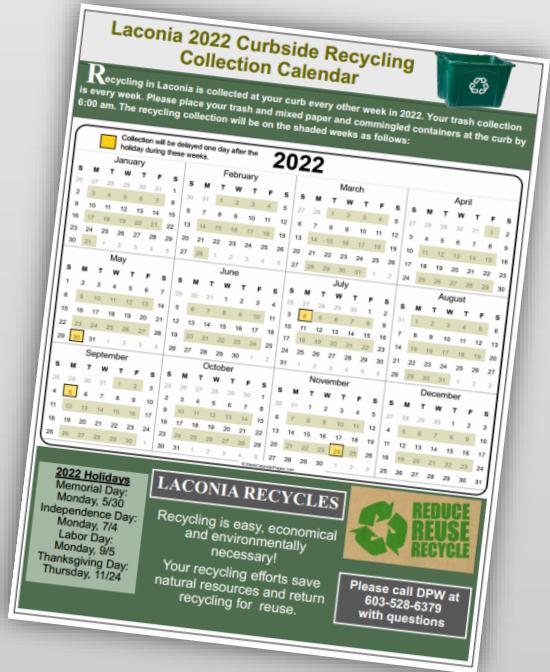
Department of Public Works

The Laconia 2022 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is now available!

Click on the image (below) to view a full-sized version of the calendar.

Printed copies are available for pickup at Laconia City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East, or at the Public Works Department (27 Bisson Avenue).

Questions?
Please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.



Coming in the New Year!

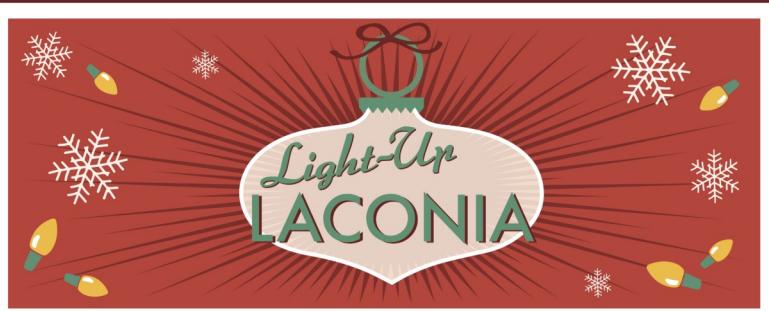
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returns to the Belknap Mill!**

**Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
(doors open at 6:30 pm):**
January 13 and 27
February 3 and 17
March 10 and 24

Holiday Parade 2021



Our sincere thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin for these photos!



A HOLIDAY DECORATING TRADITION

It's time to share your Holiday spirit!

The Light-Up Laconia Holiday Decorating Competition promotes holiday and community spirit through a friendly decorating competition for residences and local businesses. Your friends and neighbors have been busy decking their halls, doors, rooftops, yards, and more to share their Holiday spirit with the community.

Judging and public voting is underway and prizes will be awarded in multiple categories. Members of the community are invited to take part in selecting the Community Choice recipients and vote for their favorite holiday home and business. Each participant will have an official Light-Up Laconia outdoor sign posted to identify them as part of the competition. Online public voting will be open until December 17, 2021 with one vote per person.

Here is the link to the interactive map of all participants:

[https://viewer.mapme.com/
lightuplaconiadecorationcontest2021](https://viewer.mapme.com/lightuplaconiadecorationcontest2021)

Community Choice Award Voting Residential Homes:

<https://linkto.run/p/W7M66UBI>

Community Choice Award Voting Businesses:

<https://linkto.run/p/REPR2JDD>



Do you have a little artist in the family? The Celebrate Laconia Lights Festival Coloring contest sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank allows children 4-12 to share their holiday spirit. Click [here](#) for the coloring contest entry form. Click [here](#) for the coloring contest page.

PICK UP: The coloring page is also available at any of the following locations; Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford Office, Wayfarer (downtown or Lakeport), Kellerhaus, Laconia Public Library, and the Belknap Mill WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

DROP OFF: Contest entries can be dropped off anytime before Friday 12/10 at 4:00 PM at Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford Office, Wayfarer (downtown or Lakeport), Kellerhaus, Weirs Beach, Laconia Public Library or the Belknap Mill. You can also email it to us at Connect@CelebrateLaconia.org ONLY 1 ENTRY PER ARTIST

VOTE FOR ("LIKE") YOUR FAVORITE: Celebrate Laconia will post all entries on their [Facebook Page](#) from Monday 12/13 – Sunday 12/19. We will create a Photo Gallery on our Facebook Page for each of the 4 age categories. All eligible entries will be added to the galleries anonymously. "Like" your favorite in each category. Each "Like" equals 1 Vote. The entry with the most "Likes" in each age category will win a prize. A 5th prize will be awarded to one entry selected at random from all eligible entries.

WINNERS will be announced on Tuesday 12/21 on the Celebrate Laconia Facebook and Instagram Pages as well as on the [CelebrateLaconia.org](#) website.

Five prizes will be awarded (one prize in each age category):

4-6 years

7-8 years

9-10 years

11-12 years

1 randomly drawn from all entries received

Prizes, valued at \$25 each, may include art supplies and gift certificates.



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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.

HOW DOES YOUR PLAN STACK UP?



You have until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage. If you're happy with your current Medicare plan, and it's still being offered in 2022, you're all set. But if you're thinking about enrolling in a new plan, now's the time to act:

<https://go.cms.gov/3pioTbT>
#MedicareOE



City Meetings



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

Planning Board

December 7, 2021, 6:30 pm

Agenda

Technical Review Committee

December 8, 2021, 10:00 am

Police Commission

December 8, 2021, 3:30 pm

Heritage Commission

December 8, 2021, 5:00 pm

Water Commission

December 9, 2021, 8:00 am

117 Stark St., Water Treatment Facility Conference Room

Agenda



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below must be preceded by 603)

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumol	
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 - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1)	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

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