

February 25, 2022 - Edition #530

A photo of Laconia Public Library

Pothole Season is Here!



The City of Laconia, like most New England communities, is now experiencing one of the earliest and worst pothole seasons in years. Massive changes in temperature and large amounts of snowfall result in water seeping beneath the road then freezing and expanding.

This puts great stress on the roads and creates perfect pothole conditions.

Our Department of Public Works is out every day with a minimum of two crews (and sometimes a third crew) working to repair potholes on our streets and posting pothole signs to warn drivers. Please use caution and pay close attention to the condition of the streets. We appreciate your patience as we continue our efforts to make the streets safer and easier to travel. Questions and concerns can be directed to the DPW office at (603) 528-6379.

Welcome to *Laconia Links!*

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



CURBSIDE RECYCLING & TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGE



Are you wondering why your trash and recycling did not get picked up today? Due to the predicted snow there will be no curbside pickup on Friday. Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday, February 26. If you are on our Friday route, please do not leave your trash cans out on Friday. This will allow the plow drivers to more easily keep our streets and sidewalks safe.

Also, please note that the Transfer Station will be closed all day on Friday, February 25. The Brush Dump will be closed on both Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26.

Thank you for your cooperation, and please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379 with questions or for more information.



Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla
March 2, 2022,
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Come to the Volpe room to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian!



Preschool Storytimes!

March 2, 2022, 10 - 11 am.
March 3, 2022, 10 - 11 am.

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



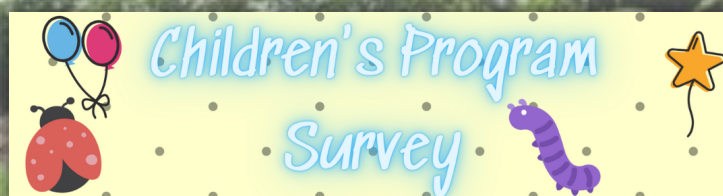
Family Craft: Pompom Pigs
March 1, 2022,
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

March 1st is National Pig Day, and we're celebrating by making adorable pompom pig friends! Come make one of your own! This program includes a small amount of sewing and hot glue, and is aimed at ages 5 and up. In the Selig Storytime room.



Teen & Tween Craft:
Mardi Gras Masks
March 1, 2022,
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Decorate a Mardi Gras mask with feathers and glitter!
For teens and tweens ages 9-19, in the Auditorium.



**OUR CHILDREN'S ROOM WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM PARENTS ABOUT WHAT THEY
WANT TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO!**

Fill out this online form
<https://forms.gle/qy17zsMsBcVTbWHm9>

or stop by the children's room
for a copy of the survey





CITY OF LACONIA - NOTICE SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Effective at 6:00 am on Monday, March 7, 2022, trucks whose gross weight exceeds 10 tons are prohibited from using all streets in the City except for State roads, the City's arterial routes and routes to industrial parks. A map of posted City streets can be found [here](#).

Trucks over 10 tons may still use roads with seasonal weight limits when issued a permit by the City's Department of Public Works. Permits are granted in two types of situations as shown below:

Blanket authorizations for:

- Contractors providing City services such as solid waste and recycling collection
- Private emergency services such as cleaning sanitary sewer lines
- Heating fuel companies such as heating oil and propane

Blanket authorizations cannot be used for any other use except that authorized on the permit.

One-Time permits are typically used for deliveries and collections such as:

- Building supplies, construction equipment, household goods, furniture
- Roll-off solid waste containers
- Automobiles to dealerships



Please call the Public Works Department at (603) 528-6379 for more detailed information.



Recycling Collection

***Curbside recycling will
be picked up the week
of February 28!***



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



**SUNDAY
FEB. 27TH, 2022
2-4P**

**BELKNAP MILL
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PRESENTED BY: JOHN MCARTHUR OF NH MUSIC COLLECTIVE AND BELKNAP MILL



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PERFORMERS**

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has 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 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 **February 28, 2022** during the regular Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber relative to:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE CHAPTER 161, LICENSING, TO UPDATE SECTIONS 161-11.A AND 161.19 RELATED TO CHANGES IN LICENSING FEES FOR LACONIA MOTOR-CYCLE WEEK

Stacy Anders, Acting City Clerk

DADDY LONG LEGS

This weekend at the Belknap Mill!

A HEARTWARMING MUSICAL IN A UNIQUE SETTING

At the turn of the 20th century, a mysterious benefactor sends Jerusha, an orphan, to college. She's seen him only in silhouette, and dubs him Daddy Long Legs. His terms are simple. They'll never meet, but she must write him one letter a month and let him know about her life outside of the orphanage.

Come fall in love with the characters and the beautiful score of this musical staged in a unique setting at the Belknap Mill. Tickets available at the door or online up to 24 hours prior to show time.

PROGRESSIVE



This year's Laconia Motorcycle Week is June 11 - 19!

Property owners planning to have vendors, parking, music, a campground, tents, etc. must apply to the Special Events Review Committee for approval. The Committee meets once a month and applications are currently being accepted. The final deadline for application for 2022 Motorcycle Week is April 22, 2022 for the May 4, 2022 Special Events meeting.

Contact the Planning Department now at (603) 527-1264 for questions and other related information.

You can get the [application](#) on our website on the Special Events page or in the Planning Office in Laconia City Hall.

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Saturday, February 26

Young Yogis

For ages 3-8 with an adult
10-10:45 am

Snowshoe Yoga

Adults
10:30-12:30 pm

Homemade Soaps:

Making Colorful Soaps

Adults
12:30-2:30 pm

Registration & FMI
prescottfarm.org



LOOKING FOR OUTDOOR SCHOOL VACATION FUN?

Come to Bolduc Park for Winter Disc Golf or Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing for an affordable \$5 donation.

Call (603) 524-1370 to check on ski trail conditions at Bolduc Park located at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line. Disc Golf is always open and is a fun family activity, even for first time players.

Thanks to a grant from the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, Bolduc Park can offer a limited number of free admissions and equipment use to qualifying families. Call (603) 630-5650 for more information on this program. Scholarships for youth golf lessons will also be available this spring. A firewood fundraiser sale is ongoing.

Volunteers are always welcome to join in planning activities and operating the non-profit Bolduc Park. Call Bob at (603) 387-4208 to hear about the benefits of volunteering.



LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Benjamin Greene, Conductor



SYMPHONY CONCERT

March 19, 2022 - 7:00pm

Inter-Lakes Auditorium - Rt. 25, Meredith, NH

BERLIOZ
Rakoczy March

DEBUSSY
Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun

TEDESCO
Guitar Concerto in D Major
David Newsam, Guitar

BEETHOVEN
Symphony No. 6



featured guitarist
David Newsam

TICKETS
\$25 Adult / \$10 Student
Available Online at www.LRSO.org
or by phone 800-514-3849

Sponsored By the Robert T. Smith Family Trust

A Winter Concert Series

BELKNAP MILL PRESENTS:

BELL & BRICK *A Jazz & Classical Month*



March 10, 2022
Heather Pierson Duo

March 24, 2022
Ziggy and Miles Johnston



Event Details

Tickets: \$10
Doors Open: 6:30p
Concert: 7-8p



A Live Concert Series at The Belknap Mill in Collaboration with NH Music Collective



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Original Medicare
WILL cover over-the-
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<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2022/03/220301-clia-coverage-free-over-the-counter-covid-19-tests-through-medicare>



Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
Winter Blues Raffle



- Full size handmade exquisite quilt
- Nubble Lighthouse Canvas Print
- Quilted Table Runner
- \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- \$25 Mastercard Gift Card
- \$25 Sanitary Dry Cleaners Gift Card
- Additional items may be added

Raffle tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

Purchase online

or

send a check:

LRSF

PO Box 7312

Gilford NH 03247-7312

Live Raffle Drawing - LRSF - Fratello's Benefit Night

March 9, 2022

Need not be present to win!

Purchase raffle tickets online - link is on
our website: lrscholarship.org



Scan here to
purchase online



Winter Blues Raffle
Tickets, Wed, Mar 9, 2022
at...
www.eventbrite.com

**CITY MANAGER'S
OFFICE**



The following updates have now been posted 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!

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at (603) 527-1270.

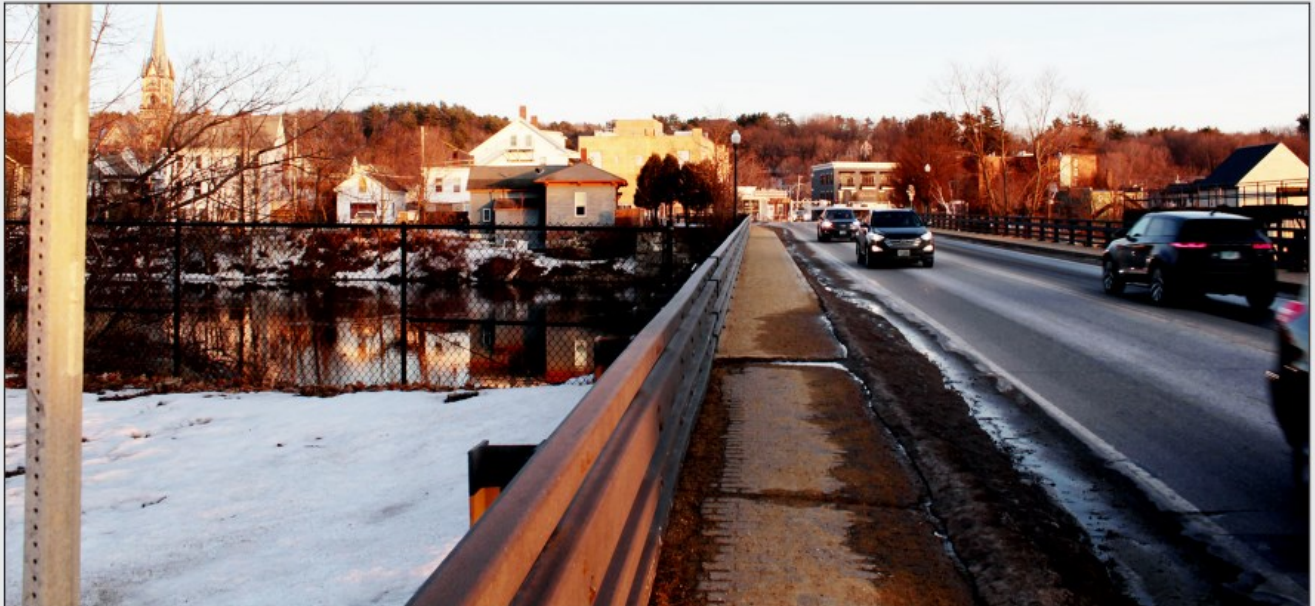
Our yesterdays

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 ...

Elm Street Bridge, Lakeport, built in 1870 (but later replaced in 1914 by a concrete span), is seen from Franklin (later, McGrath) Square (off-photo at near left) in the late 1890s or early 1900s. Building at left was a grocery store. Across the bridge, at left, the Lake Company Building is seen, with the 1884 Brawn Block behind it. (The Lake Company controlled the Winnepesaukee River watershed, from 1831 through a later succession of owners, until the state took ownership of the Lakeport Dam in 1958.) In the distance, houses on Union Avenue are glimpsed. Building at right, on far side of bridge, was a tenement house. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

A new bridge was built, to the right of the older ones, in 2003. The Brawn Block and buildings beyond it have been razed during the past year for new construction (seen here in yellow). In the distance, the Lakeport National Bank Building (now Fratello's) was built in 1917, replacing houses seen in the earlier view. To the right of the 1882 Opera House, the Lake Village Apartments, opened in 1983, are glimpsed. The former grocery store at left in the earlier view was torn down many years ago. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Children's Auction Receives \$30,000 Award from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

Funds to be received over three years; in 2022, grant money will be spent on technology upgrades

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction has received a \$30,000, three-year grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF). The funds—\$10,000 each year for three years—will help the organization upgrade its technology and increase its ability to raise more funds for kids in need.

"We are so thrilled," said Children's Auction Executive Director Jennifer Kelley, noting this year's allotment will be used for an IT upgrade. "The improvements will allow us to invest in technology and equipment that will deliver a better auction experience as well as allow us to create an online grant process that is more streamlined for our nonprofits."

Kelley added, "We are very grateful to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and its donors for its generosity and for selecting the Auction as a grant recipient. It's our mission to help further the work of area nonprofits that support children and families, and this gift will make it easier for us to raise funds while streamlining the grant application process for more than 70 nonprofits."

The award was made possible by gifts from the Annalee Davis Thorndike Fund, Rogers Family Trust Fund and the Thomas S. Gale Fund.

For more information on the Auction, please visit ChildrensAuction.com.



FREE TAX PREP BY AARP!

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO GET TAX HELP!
ALL AGES WELCOME!

WHERE: LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (532 MAIN STREET,
LACONIA, NH: PARKING AND ENTRANCE ON OPPOSITE SIDE @
184 BEACON STREET WEST)

CALL: 603-524-7689 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Short Term Lodging Ordinance Reminder

Please remember that anyone renting their home in Laconia for a period of 14 days or less per rental period **MUST** file for a Short-Term Lodging Permit. This includes homes rented on sites such as Airbnb and VRBO; through local rental agencies; or rented independently.

Please contact the Zoning Office at 603-527-1264 or via email at zoning@laconianh.gov for more information or to apply for a Short-Term Lodging Permit.

Website Link:

<https://www.laconianh.gov/881/Short-Term-Rentals>

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- All Accessories**
 - Purses / Bags
 - Ties, Scarfs & Hats
- All Shoes**
 - Sneakers
 - Dress Shoes
 - Heels
 - Flats
 - Sandals
 - Flip Flops
- All Clothing**
 - Men's Clothing
 - Women's Clothing
 - Children's Clothing
 - Vintage Clothing
 - Coats / Jackets
 - Winter Gear
- Sheets | Towels**

All items must be dry, contain no odor or mold. Items DO NOT need to be in wearable condition.

Recycle Your Clothes at the Transfer Station!

Did you know that 85% of all clothing, shoes and textiles in New Hampshire goes to a landfill?

A clothes recycling container is now available at the Laconia Transfer Station in the area with the single stream recycling containers.

The organization accepting the material, Apparel Impact, works with clothing graders, and 85% of what they collect is reused. The other 15% of what they collect is in bad enough condition that it needs to be recycled for other purposes.

Apparel Impact also provides over 3,000 people in New Hampshire with free clothing through their community outreaches and partnerships with school districts and Easter Seals.

All items do not need to be clean, but they do need to be dry and free from mold.

Items that can be recycled include:

Purses/Bags
Ties, Scarfs and Hats.
Sneakers
Any type of dress shoes
Sandals

Flip Flops
Clothing
Coats/jackets
Sheets & towels

Please help the City reduce its solid waste disposal costs by recycling your clothing not throwing it in the trash!

WAYFARER PRESENTS

NEW ENGLAND COFFEE FESTIVAL

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APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

LAKES REGION STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHER EDUCATION 2022-2023

APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE

Applicants | Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation (lrscholarship.org)

OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOU!

NEW in 2022

Completed qualified application packets (with all required documents) received by March 1, 2022 will qualify to be entered into a special bonus award raffle! One winner will be chosen at random and will win a BONUS \$275 Scholarship Award.

QUESTIONS??

Email - scholarship@lrscholarship
Call - 603-527-3533

Karen Switzer
Executive Director

Chris Guilmett
Assistant Director

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

VITA United Way

AN INITIATIVE OF GRANITE UNITED WAY

A FREE tax preparation program designed for low-to-moderate income households with an income of up to \$57,000.

Visit NHTaxHelp.org or call 211 to connect with an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer.
Toll-free outside of NH: 1-866-444-4211

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CASH Coalition of New Hampshire

United Way
Granite United Way

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Get Connected. Get Help.™
An Initiative of Granite United Way

VITA is a free tax preparation program for low-to-moderate income individuals and families with a household income of up to \$57,000. Go to NHTaxhelp.org or call 2-1-1 to connect with an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer.



Visit the Colonial Theatre's website at www.coloniallaconia.com for more information on these and upcoming performances.

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



Bruce in the USA

October 7, 2022 8:00 pm

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Colonial Theatre is proudly managed by

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PLEASE JOIN US!

Fratello's is donating 25% of orders placed to support Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Operating Fund when you mention us!

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Live raffle drawing will be held early evening!
You do not need to be present to win.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022
4PM - CLOSE
FRATELLO'S LACONIA**



Fratello's Laconia - 603-528-2022
Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation - 603-527-3533



Laconia Parks & Recreation's



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

OPECHEE DAY CAMP

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

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

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

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

Weekly enrollment

LED Lighting

LED Lighting for private parking lots, private roads, and other outdoor applications

In 2017 the City converted all of its streetlights on Eversource electric poles from high pressure sodium and metal halide to LEDs. The savings in electricity enabled the City to cut its electric bill for the City's streetlights in half.

In 2021 the Public Utilities Commission approved an Eversource outdoor LED lights rate for businesses and residences. LED lights cost less to operate than the high-pressure sodium and metal halide lights, which are still common in private parking lots and private developments in the City.

Condominium Associations, Homeowner's Associations with private roads and others should talk to their account manager at Eversource to determine if converting your outdoor lights to LEDs would be cost effective.

The electric rates for the various types of streetlights can be found at the following website.

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Tariffs/Eversource-PSNH-Electric-Tariff.pdf>

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

Beginning January 1, 2022, you can register your dogs for the 2022 year.

To renew **online**: 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



***All dogs are to be
registered by April
30th each year.***

Please call the Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265 with any questions you may have.

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
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
Acting City Clerk - Stacy Anders	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician Taylor Daigle	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - 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 Baumel	
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	

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

People at Risk for Foodborne Illnesses: Older Adults

Did you know that older adults have a higher risk for serious health issues due to foodborne illnesses? Click the image (left) for more information from FoodSafety.gov on how to make safer food choices for yourself and those you love.



City Meetings

Week of:
Feb. 28 - March 4

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](http://www.laconianh.gov). 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:**

City Council

February 28, 2022, 7:00 pm

Agenda

Planning Board

March 1, 2022, 6:30 pm

Agenda

Special Events Review Committee

March 2, 2022, 12:00 noon

Agenda

Conservation Commission

March 2, 2022, 6:00 pm

Agenda

Water Commission

March 3, 2022, 8:00 am
117 Stark St., Water Treatment
Plant Conference Room

Agenda



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

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov