



April 29, 2022 - Edition #539

*Photo of the Little League Opening Day Parade!
(Photo courtesy of View From Above NH)*



Welcome Back to the NH Pumpkin Festival in 2022!

The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce invites local businesses and community members to gather with the Chamber and City of Laconia officials in a planning forum for the 2022 NH Pumpkin Festival.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre, 617 Main St. The Lakes Region Chamber will highlight the festival plans, outline the geographic footprint, propose street closures, confirm festival attractions, identify fundraising goals, seek volunteers and engage in positive discussions. This year's NH Pumpkin Festival will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, in downtown Laconia. Do your part to ensure that this awesome family friendly event continues here in Laconia!

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.



April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Ending distracted driving is everyone's responsibility. Please click the above image for more information provided by the National Safety Council



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Preschool Storytimes!

May 4, 2022, 10 - 11 am.
May 5, 2022, 10 - 11 am.

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



Teen Craft: May the Fourth Be With You!

May 4, 2022, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Celebrate with felt creatures For ages 9-18 in the auditorium.



Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla

May 4, 2022, 2 - 3:30 PM

Come to the Volpe room to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian!

Storytime Craft

This week we're celebrating our favorite moms and the people who are like mothers to us!

Come hear some mommy stories and make this sweet mama bear card for a mom you love!



Family Drop-In Mother's Day Card-Making

May 3, 2022, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Stop into the Children's Room any time from 1-5 pm to make a card for a special mom in your life!

We'll provide all the materials you'll need!
Best for ages 3-12.



Have you visited the fun new surprises in the Children's Room? We'd love to hear what you thought about them! Fill out our online form, or stop in to play and fill out one of our paper ones. <https://forms.gle/JCqHwqcYkHrNe41G9>



Music & Movement

May 6, 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Are you ready to get moving?? In this program geared toward the younger crowd, we'll use music, instruments, and some fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out! Best suited for newborns to age 6, in the auditorium.



Laconia Rotary



We are a proud supporter of the
Belknap Mill!

And that's just one of
the places you can
ride your new bike
after you win this
year's raffle!



For more information or to buy tickets visit
laconiarotary.org

LACONIA KIWANIS FAMILY SAFETY DAY

Learn to ride safely!



Saturday, May 14, 2022
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(rain or shine)

Laconia Middle School
Parking Lot
150 McGrath St., Laconia

All participants accompanied by a parent/guardian will receive
a Certified Helmet (\$30 value), Certification of Achievement, refreshments,
and a chance to win a new bike from MC Cycle & Sport

Sponsored by: the Kiwanis Club of Laconia
with helmets provided by the Laconia Police Department



Use your head
before you head down the road!

Laconia Chiefs

Lakes Region's only American Football & Cheer League Association
Open to Laconia, Belmont Tilton, Franklin, Meredith, Alton & Surrounding areas!

Register now at NHYFSC.org



- ◆ Flag & Tackle program
- ◆ All regular season games played in NH
- ◆ All players are provided with game jerseys, pants, helmet & pads
- ◆ All helmets are certified by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment to protect our players from concussions/ TBI Injuries.
- ◆ All coaches are CDC Concussion Certified
- ◆ Opportunity to play for the NH AYF All-Star Team

\$25
Registration Fee



- ◆ Sideline & Competitive cheer
- ◆ 4-5 NH competitions
- ◆ Chance to advance to AYC Regionals & National Competitions
- ◆ All coaches are CDC & YCADA Certified
- ◆ All athletes are provided with league competition uniforms
- ◆ Additional LOW COST uniform fees (Packages start at just \$85)
- ◆ Opportunity to continue season into Winter 2023! (Additional Winter team fees apply)

LYFCA is a non-profit, volunteer run organization. It is MANDATORY that each household must complete our yearly \$100 calendar raffle prior to participation in any game or competition.

To have continued success with our program ALL parents must complete a minimum of 2 volunteer time slots per season.



LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Benjamin Greene, conductor

BROADWAY Then and Now

Songs from
Waitress
Cabaret
Wicked
Guys and Dolls
Carole King the Musical
The Greatest Showman
Sweet Charity
... and many more



featuring
Ashley Meeken

Saturday May 14, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium - Meredith, NH

Sunday May 15, 2022 - 3:00 pm

Colonial Theatre - Laconia, NH

Sponsored by



TICKETS
\$20-30 Adults / \$10-15 Students
www.LRSO.org



NEW ENGLAND COFFEE FESTIVAL



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Opechee
GARDEN
CLUB

The Opechee Garden Club is pleased to invite the public to hear Janice Misler and Jeff Price, of Pedal Pushers, present information on extending the vegetable garden season on May 2, 2022 at 1PM.

Jeff will start with a short presentation on early pollinators. These are the first bees out of the hives each year. They are the ones that care for our gardens prior to the honey bees. Janice will provide information that will allow us to extend our vegetable season from March to December! Techniques that will be covered include rotation and row covers. Janice's background includes working with Small and Beginner Farmers of NH. This organization helps new and small farmers learn to raise and grow their own food and create a healthier lifestyle. In addition, Janice and her husband own Twilling Gate Farm in Gilmanton, NH. They follow organic practices and raise 90% of their own food.

The presentation will take place during Opechee Garden Club's monthly meeting on May 2, 2022 at 1PM. Meetings are held at the Gilford Community Church, Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH. The public is invited to attend.



Extension

CREATE A POLLINATOR GARDEN FOR TEENS

Part 1

Preparing the Garden

Thursday, May 5

6-7:30pm

Laconia Library Gardens Church Street Entrance

Youth aged 12 and up

Join us for part 1 of Creating a Pollinator Garden at the Laconia Public Library - Preparing the Garden. Held outside in the Laconia Library gardens, at the Church Street entrance, for youth ages 12 and up.

This event is a collaboration with the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program and will be led by the Belknap County 4-H Leadership Team. Youth aged 12 and up are invited to sign up through the library or with the UNH Cooperative Extension at karen.deighan@unh.edu.

Part 2

Planting the Garden

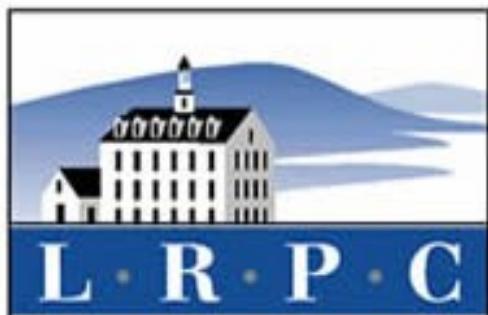
Thursday, May 19

6-7:30pm

Laconia Library Gardens Church Street Entrance

Youth aged 12 and up

Join us for part 2 of Creating a Pollinator Garden at the Laconia Public Library - Planting the Garden. Held outside in the Laconia Library gardens, at the Church Street entrance, for youth ages 12 and up.



Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2022

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, May 4, from 2 to 4 pm at the Meredith Public Library, 91 Main St, Meredith, NH.

The meeting is open to the public, and those who prefer to attend remotely are invited to do so by contacting LRPC prior to the meeting at sslack@lakesrpc.org and a link to the online meeting will be provided.

Leigh Levine, Planning and Development Manager of the New Hampshire Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration, will discuss many of the transportation grant funding opportunities included in the recently enacted \$1.2 trillion Federal Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act.

The LRPC TAC is made up of representatives of the 30 municipalities that are members of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation are welcome to provide input.

For additional information, please contact the LRPC at 603-279-8171.

Resident Beach Parking Stickers!

Resident beach parking stickers for your vehicle are available as of May 1st!

The beach parking stickers may be purchased at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall. Residents may purchase two stickers per household, \$15 each (or \$25 for two if purchased at the same time).

Please bring your vehicle registration with you at the time of purchase. There is no cost for residents 65+ and/or handicapped.

A beach parking sticker on your vehicle will allow you to access Bond Beach. It will also allow you to park at Endicott Rock parking lot at Weirs Beach for free, provided there is space available. (There is no free parking at this location during Motorcycle Week)

Questions? Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-527-1265.



Current Status of Laconia's Parks and Fields

Click [here](#) to access the Parks and Recreation's website to learn the current status and condition of Laconia's many parks and fields. Please call Laconia Parks & Recreation with questions or for more information.



LACONIA RESIDENTS: TIME IS RUNNING OUT! DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!

All Laconia dogs need to be registered by April 30th each year!

To renew **online**: www.laconianh.gov, Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing

By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, 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

Please call the City Clerk's Office at
603-527-1265 with any questions
or for additional information.



BOLDUC PARK GOLF COURSE IS OPEN AND LESSONS ARE OFFERED!

Bolduc Park's non-profit golf course and disc golf course are now open at 282 Gilford Avenue in Laconia. The 9 hole, par 3 golf course is an affordable option for golfers and a perfect course for youth and beginners or for more experienced golfers to work on their short game. Call 603-524-1370 for more information.

It's time to sign up for Golf Lessons! Youth Lessons will be held Tuesdays May 3, 10, 17 and June 7, 14, 21. Adult Lessons take place Thursdays

May 5, 12, 19 and June 9, 16, 23. Each three session series will be held 5:30 – 7:00 pm and costs \$100 for 3 lessons. Inquire about Youth Scholarships for lower income households.

Disc Golf at Bolduc Park is a fun alternative to traditional golf. It's easy to learn and a good family activity. Volunteers are needed for outside work and inside club house shifts. Call Bob at 603-387-4208 for more info on volunteering and how volunteers can qualify to play for free.



SOFT PLASTICS



On Saturday, April 30th the Laconia Gilford Lions Club is once again joining with the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, to collect CLEAN SOFT plastics.

Due to the AWESOME response from all of you in our greater Laconia community, our collection amounted to 317 pounds of plastic last month. Each and every one of you who stopped by is to be thanked. Special mention is to be given to our area retirement communities and LHS's Interact Club as well as St. Vincent De Paul, each of which collected and brought over substantial amounts of plastic items to be recycled..

We ARE collecting plastic grocery bags, vegetable bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, air packing bags, dry cleaning bags, wood pellet bags, ice bags, cereal box liners, and plastic films labeled with a #2 or #4 recycling symbol.

We no longer accept pet food bags.

<https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate#materials1> - This TREX website includes the specific accepted plastics we can take. What we collect is sent to TREX in Maine via the way stop at Hannaford's in Gilford to be repurposed and made into composite decking and outdoor furniture. The March collection was 80 pounds more than what you contributed in February!

EARTH DAY is today! Think about setting up a neighborhood collection box this week. We all want our Earth to smile. Our volunteers (masked) will be in front of the little white church at 127 Pleasant Street in Laconia from 11 am until 1 pm on April 30th.

NEW ENGLAND COFFEE FESTIVAL



*Art Walk
at Belknap Mill*

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Belknap Mill is seeking local artists to exhibit their work in an Art Walk on Saturday, May 21st 10am-4pm, during the [New England Coffee Festival](#).

Spaces are limited so any interested artisans should reach out to jill@belknapmill.org or visit <https://belknapmill.app.neoncrm.com/.../eventRegistration> to register!

Nurture Hope

An educational series for parents with children who have special needs and health challenges



on  **zoom**

When: Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm

8 week series begins May 4, 2022

To register, go to: www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration
or email: tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org

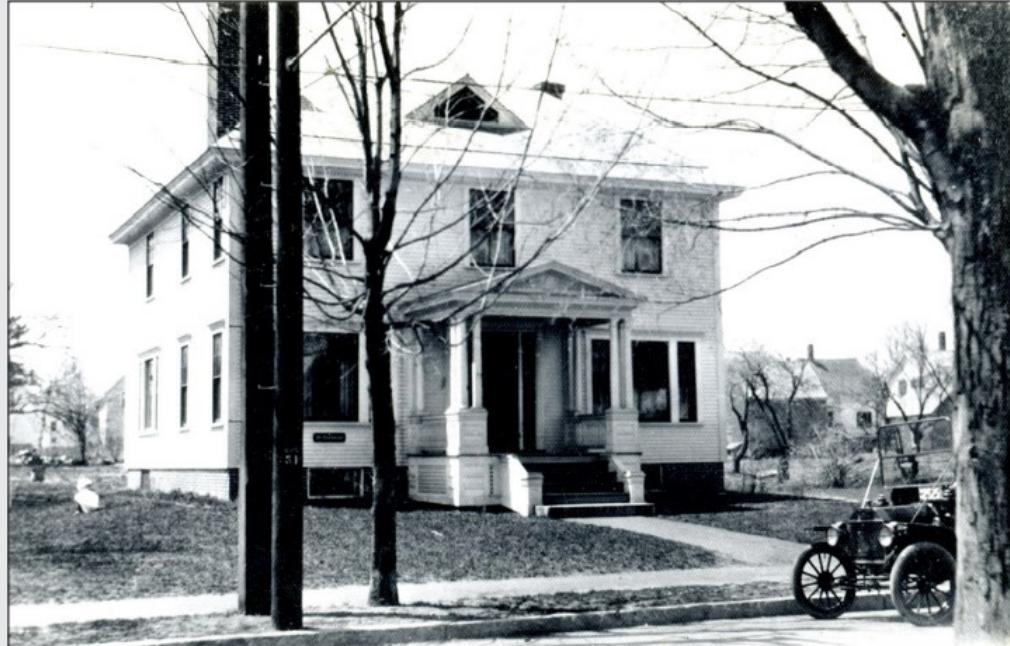
This program is designed to help families explore their hopes and fears, develop effective parenting skills, enhance communication, develop strategies for facing challenges and recognize opportunities for celebration.

Topics covered will include:

- Appropriate Parental Expectations
- Empathic Awareness of the Feelings & Needs of Children
- Effective Discipline Strategies
- Family Rules
- Effective Communication
- Stress and Coping Techniques for Parents & Children
- Personal Power & Independence

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 Dr. Alpha Haven Harriman, M.D., House at 778 North Main St., Laconia, is seen in 1914. Houses on Dartmouth Street are glimpsed in distance and Oak Street is off-photo at right. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

The house at 778 North Main St. was torn down by 1980 (after the death of Mrs. Harriman in 1972), to make way for construction, in 1980, of the brick building, at right, for Contractors Bonnette, Page & Stone (later occupied by Central NH VNA and Hospice). Back in the late 1950s, the Telephone Co. had built the brick structure at left (dedicated, Sept. 3, 1958) to house the equipment when the city 'went dial' in 1959. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)



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

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 **May 9, 2022** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber relative to:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV: REGULATIONS FOR PARKING METERS, CHAPTER 221, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

2022 Curbside Spring Leaf Pickup



During the weeks of May 2 - May 6, and May 16 - May 20 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.



Recycling Collection

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of May 9!



THEY GET TANGLED IN THE SORTING EQUIPMENT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

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

2022 Summer Concert Series

Founding Sponsor: Laconia Putnam Fund



Tall Granite Big Band | Friday, May 20th



Club Soda Band | Friday, June 3th



Steve Dennis | Friday, June 17th



James Montgomery Trio | Friday, July 1st



Michael Vincent Band | Friday, July 15th



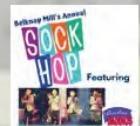
Martin and Kelly | Friday, July 29th



Grayson Ty | Friday, August 12th



Hickory Horned Devils | Friday, August 26th



**Sock Hop w/ Rockin Daddios
Friday, September 9th**



LAKES
FM 101.5
UN-ROCK & Relax



All Concerts are Free & Open to the Public

All concerts are scheduled to begin at **6pm**

Connect with us.

www.belknapmill.org | (603)524-8813 | Cathy@belknapmill.org



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The Colonial Theatre
is proudly managed by
SPECTACLE
Live



Enter the Haggis

July 15, 2022 8:00 PM

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.

WE ARE HIRING!

Event Staff

Food & Beverage
Staff

Cleaning Staff

Security Staff

Email: Nicole
nsouthworth@spectacelive.com



Graham Nash

July 20, 2022 7:30 PM



Bob Marley

July 29, 2022 8:00 PM

GREEN BERET WITH A MISSION CHALLENGE

SCAN TO REGISTER



THE ULTIMATE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND
TEAMWORK CHALLENGE LED BY U.S. ARMY
SPECIAL FORCES GREEN BERET SOLDIERS

AWARDS ★ TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGES ★ BBQ



2ND ANNUAL EVENT

JULY 15, 2022 • 0800 • BRISTOL, NH



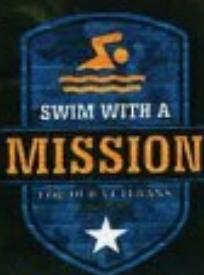
2 SKILL LEVELS ★ 5-12 PER TEAM

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



LEARN MORE AT: WWW.SWAM.ORG

THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO HELP VETERANS. INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING INCENTIVES INCLUDE A SWAM HAT, HOODED SWEATSHIRT, SIGNED GREEN BERET FLAG AND SPECIAL INVITE TO VIP EVENT.



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Saturday, April 30

Music Magic

PreK with Adult

10-11 am

Have fun making magical music! Join in on this engaging and fun class for kids and their grown-ups and move, groove and sing along with Miss Renee and her ukulele!



Registration & FMI
prescottfarm.org

Burning Permits Required!



Please note that all outside burning requires a written permit. Receiving a permit by phone is not allowed.

Outside burning permits can be obtained at the Laconia Central Fire Station on North Main Street, or the Weirs Fire Station on Lucerne Ave.

To receive a permit, you must be the property owner, or have a Non-Property Owner Authorization Form signed by the owner.

For a seasonal camp fire/cooking fire, you must have a 25 foot clearance from any structure or property line, and a 50 foot clearance is required for burning a brush pile. The permittee must also have a hose or other way to control and/or extinguish the fire. A full list of rules are available when the permit is received. Call the Fire Department at 603-524-6881 for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Laconia Parks & Recreation's



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.

Weekly enrollment

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

OPECHEE DAY CAMP COUNSELORS



your job is to



BE OUTSIDE

HAVE FUN

BE A ROLE MODEL

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR THIS SUMMER

CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC

603-524-5046

PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

Public Works Department



Mark your calendar!

Free Dump Day for Laconia residents is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th.

(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 7th 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 7th.

Time	First letter of last name
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.

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

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



the main food groups and other important nutrients recommended for older adults.

Making smart food choices is an important part of healthy aging. Understanding the different food groups can help you form a healthy eating pattern over time.

Just click on the image (left) to read information provided by the National Institute of Health about



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:](#)

Downtown TIF Advisory Group

May 3, 2022, 8:30 am

[Agenda](#)

Planning Board

May 3, 2022, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review

Committee/Licensing Board

May 4, 2022, 12:00 noon

[Special Events Agenda](#)

[Licensing Board Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

May 4, 2022, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

May 5, 2022, 8:00 am



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 - 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 - Hilary Young

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 - 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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