



October 6, 2023 - Edition #609

*A great photo of the Mount Washington on a beautiful early fall day
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



In 1992 the U.S. Congress proclaimed Customer Service Week a nationally recognized event, celebrated annually during the first full week in October. This is an opportunity for organizations, such as the City of Laconia, to recognize the importance of providing excellent customer service to each and every resident or visitor we serve.

The goal of all departments in the City is to provide friendly, efficient, courteous and knowledgeable assistance to the public. To that end, we have developed a [Customer Service Survey](#). We would appreciate your help in filling out the survey if you have had contact with one of our City departments or employees to let us know what we are doing right, or what may need improvement.

The survey is provided on our website [here](#) or printed versions can be requested from any of our City departments. Your feedback is appreciated to help us better serve you! If you have questions, please contact the City Manager's Office at (603) 527-1270, or email NBrown@laconianh.gov.

Thank you for your assistance!

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.



Fall Leaf Collection

Mark your calendars! This year's Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the weeks of October 30 - November 3, 2023 and November 13 - November 17, 2023. During each of the above weeks, the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves on your normal trash day. All leaves must be in paper compost bags.

Please note that the leaf collection will be done by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck. Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.



Library Programs Week of October 9-14



LA CONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Toddler Time

Wednesdays
10am
Best for newborns-age 3



Preschool Pals

Thursdays
10am
Best for ages 3-6



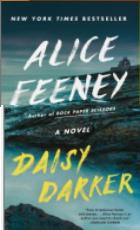
**LIBRARY
CLOSED**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Teen Gaming Club

Tuesday, October 10
3:30pm
Ages 12-18

Play Mario Kart on the big screen in the Auditorium! For ages 12-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



Mystery Book Club: "Daisy Darker" by Alice Feeney

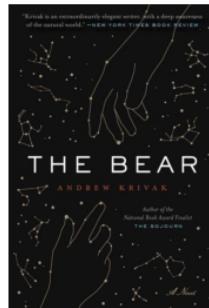
Wednesday, October 11
4pm
Adults

Sign-up for the book club is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: info@laconialibrary.org to register.

NEA Big Read Book Discussion: "The Bear" by Andrew Krivak

Wednesday, October 11
6-7:30pm
Adults

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, and is meant to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience. As part of the Big Read, a scholar-led book discussion, facilitated by Mohamed Defaa, will be held at the Laconia Library on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm to discuss Andrew Krivak's "The Bear". Set in a post-apocalyptic future, The Bear is a story of the last two people on earth—a father and daughter. The novel explores powerful themes about the importance of intergenerational storytelling, our complicated relationship with the environment, and how to prepare for an unknown future.



Copies of the book will be available at Laconia Library. Sign-up required. Call: (603) 524-4775 or email: info@laconialibrary.org to register.



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Tarot 101: Beyond Fortune-Telling

Thursday, October 12
5:30-7:30pm
Adults

This lecture-style program is for anyone who wants to learn more about tarot cards, using the Smith-Rider-Waite deck as a guide. The presentation will cover basic tarot theory, giving an overview of a 78-card tarot deck. We'll approach the tarot holistically, as a symbolic and archetypal language. Attendees are encouraged to bring a notebook and pen, and a favorite tarot deck (it's okay if you don't have one). This program isn't about "fortune-telling," psychic predictions, or pinning down "what the cards mean." This program will not include personalized readings or card interpretations from Kate, instead, it is about empowering you to explore new avenues of self-reflection!

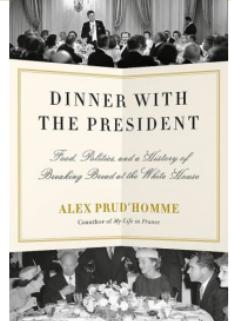


Kate Sheridan, a.k.a. The Laundress, is a tarot reader and astrologer who believes that fortunes are created rather than told. Her approach is therapeutic rather than predictive, and her work is deeply informed by Jungian psychology.

Held in the Library's auditorium, sign-up is not required.

Book Discussion with Alex Prud'homme, Author of "Dinner With The President"

Saturday, October 14
7pm
Lakeport Opera House
Adults



Join the Laconia Public Library, the Putnam Fund, and the Laconia Daily Sun at the Lakeport Opera House for a Book discussion with Alex Prud'homme, author of "Dinner with the President." The discussion includes a lecture with a PowerPoint presentation and Q&A session, followed by a cocktail reception/discussion in the bar area with a cash bar and dessert. Alex is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in The New York Times, The New Yorker, and other publications. He is the co-author of Julia Child's memoir, "My Life in France", and has authored or co-authored "The French Chef in America", "France is a Feast", "Born Hungry", "The Ripple Effect", "Hydrofracking", "The Cell Game", and "Forewarned". He lives with his family in Brooklyn, New York. "Dinner with the President" is described as a wonderfully entertaining, often surprising history of presidential taste, from the grim meals eaten by Washington and his starving troops at Valley Forge to Trump's fast-food burgers and Biden's ice cream—what they ate, why they ate it, and what it tells us about the state of the nation.

Hosted by the Laconia Daily Sun, co-sponsored by Laconia Public Library and the Putnam Fund.

Admission is free to the public. Tickets will be issued in advance and standbys will be allowed in as space allows on the evening of the event.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Goss Reading Room Closed



Visit our website for all our Library events.

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!

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

Eyes in the Sky: How Telescopes Work



How do telescopes show us far away objects? Join us in trying simple experiments figure out how reflecting and refracting telescopes work.

This program is for adults and older youth (age 12+)
10am-12 pm

Saturday October 7th

Nature Crafts: Creating Autumnal Nature Wreaths

Nature's autumn abundance will provide all the materials you will need for a decorative wreath. Use grape vines to form a base, and personalize your wreath with flowers, herbs, and other foraged, natural decorations.

1-3 pm



Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescottfarm.org

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Environmental Education Center

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*Seeing Your World
NATURALLY*

Creating Watercolors from Natural Elements

with
Larry Martin

Engage *Inspire* *Create*

Part 1: Sat, October 14 (10 - 11:30 am)

Part 2: Sat, October 21 (10-11:30 am)

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

Naturalist Led Walks: Big Tree Tour



Autumn in New Hampshire is all about trees and the colorful mix of fall foliage that abounds. Join us for an outdoor walk to some of Belknap County's "Champion Big Trees" as well as other huge, old trees and hear some fascinating fun facts about ecology, history, and how trees have adapted to New Hampshire's climate.

10am-12 pm

Saturday October 14th

Candlemaking: Floating Beeswax Votives

Add a touch of seasonal whimsy to your table with these floating candles made from all natural ingredients

1-3 pm



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City Hall Will Be Closed

On Monday, October 9th for Columbus Day



**Columbus Day is
Monday, October 9.**

NOTICE TO CURBSIDE RESIDENTS



There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on Monday, October 9, Columbus Day. Collections all week will be on their normal schedules. Questions? Please call DPW at (603) 528-6379.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRANSFER STATION
WILL BE OPEN ON COLUMBUS DAY, OCT. 9th.**



**Curbside
recycling
will be
picked
up the
week of
October 9!**



**Official Trick or Treat hours in Laconia are
Tuesday, October 31 from 5 to 8 pm!**



GET CREATIVE!!



4TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FIGURE CONTEST



OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15

Registration deadline extended to Oct. 9th

**Pumpkin Figures must include at least one pumpkin.
You must live in the Lakes Region area to participate.**

PRIZES AWARDED IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES:

**Best Overall | Cutest | Scariest | Best by a Child | Most Unique | Best Business
Best Non-Profit | Best School | Best Family or Group | Creative Use of Materials**

**RAFFLES - Fall Harvest Raffle & 'Cakes n' Sweets Calendar Raffle'
All details can be found on our website.**

Entry fees:

Individuals, small groups or Families	\$15
Non-profit organizations	\$25
Businesses	\$30
Schools	(contact the LRSF office)



Scan the
QR Code for more
information and
to register or
visit our website!

EMAIL: scholarship@lrscholarship.org or call 603.527-3533 • www.lrscholarship.org

Proceeds to support the LRSF Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund (FOFOF).

Community Vigil

The Laconia Human Relations Committee invites all concerned citizens and organizations to join us in a vigil of support for Temple B'nai Israel, its members and Jewish people everywhere in response to the despicable graffiti found on buildings at the State School.

The vigil will be held Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 1:00 pm at Opechee Park adjacent to the North Main Street parking lot.

Come and stand with us against all expressions of hate and intolerance and stand for the inclusion of all members of our community –

ALL ARE WELCOME IN LACONIA!"



LACONIA KIWANIS \$1,000 HOME HEATING FUEL RAFFLE

Drawing to be held on November 1, 2023 at 6 p.m via FaceBook Live Event

Fuel type is selected by the winner (Natural Gas, Propane, Oil, Pellets, etc.) and funds will be paid directly to the fuel company of the winner's choice!

ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!!

The mission of the Laconia Kiwanis Club is to empower our community to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children. Our vision is to have a positive influence in our community so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

We do this through service and by also by providing financial support to many local programs in the Lakes Region



For tickets scan image above or go to:
<https://laconiakiwanis.ticketleap.com/2023-fuel/>



**Free Dinner & Show
for Veterans**



The Lakes Region Veterans Coalition and Camp Resilience are partnering with the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative to offer dinner followed by seeing Captains Courageous - The Musical at the Colonial Theater in Laconia, NH. This is offered at no cost to any interested veteran!

Captains Courageous is an exciting musical based on the Rudyard Kipling novel and MGM classic movie starring Spencer Tracy. It is a classic coming-of-age story set in the forgotten world of the great New England sailing ships. The score is filled with rousing songs of the sea and adventure.



Dinner will start at 5:30PM on Friday, October 20th at VFW Post 1670 at 143 Court Street in Laconia. After dinner, we will transport the attendees via van to and from the Colonial Theater, also in Laconia, for the show.

Again, this event is free for any interested veteran!

If you are interested in attending, please contact us NLT Friday, October 13th at info@lrvcnh.org or call 603-520-3989.



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



Mark your calendar!
New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival
TWO Days October 27-28, 2023 Downtown Laconia



Laconia Historical & Museum Society



Exhibit Opening

Please join us for our 2023 fall exhibit

Our Local Veterans: The Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 14TH | 2023

12PM-4PM | LAKEPORT FREIGHT HOUSE MUSEUM



Laconia Historical & Museum Society – *Our Local Veterans: The Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf*

Laconia Historical & Museum Society will host an exhibit of military items and remembrances from October 14 to December 9 at the historic Lakeport Freight House Museum in Lakeport Square. The community is invited to the exhibition opening on Saturday, October 14th from 12pm-4pm. A full list of exhibit viewing dates and times can be found on the LHMS website and Facebook page. The exhibit is open and free to the community.

Our Local Veterans: The Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf will tell the story of Laconia's soldiers and heroes in a comprehensive and engaging way. Multiple wars from our nation's past will be represented, and a soldier from each conflict featured. This exhibit will display a variety

of documents, artifacts, and stories of Laconia veterans' military service. It will include uniforms, equipment, head gear and helmets, photos, books, military vehicle models, and much more.

The exhibit coordinator, Laconia native Ray Peavey, Jr., is a longtime member of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society and is a valued board member. He also serves at the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and was a volunteer mechanic at the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, NH for many years. He graduated from Laconia High School in 1984, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and earned an associate degree from NH Technical College. Senior Chief Petty Officer Peavey attended boot camp at Parris Island, SC, then went to Camp Pendleton, CA before his overseas duty.

For more information about this exhibit and presentation or to learn more about the Laconia Historical & Museum Society, its programs, memberships, and volunteer opportunities visit the LHMS website at www.laconiahistory.com or follow LHMS on Facebook.



4th ANNUAL FALL HARVEST RAFFLE

1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10!

Purchasing raffle tickets is a great way to support LRSF! Ticket sales end October 15th.

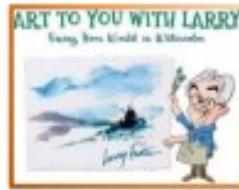
Prizes to include:

- Handmade Flannel Quilt 77" x 59" – handmade and donated by Marty Gorman
- Matted NH Foliage 20" x 16" (including matt) Painting by Larry Frates – donated by Larry Frates
- Handmade Pumpkin Patch Table Runner 13" x 32" – handmade and donated by Marcia Dionne
- Handcrafted 9" x 9" 3D Autumn Picture Art Shadow Box – handmade and donated by Stacey Jope
- Book by Larry Frates – donated by Larry Frates
- "Everything Pumpkin" basket with handmade pumpkin table runner – donated and made by LRSF Board Member Judy Ball
- Decorated Holiday Sled – approximately 60" – decorated and donated by Laurie Kimball Johnson

Various Gift Cards/Certificates including:

- 2 one day Midweek Gunstock Lift Tickets for the 2023/2024 Winter Season – donated by Gunstock
- \$50 Gift Certificate to E.M. Heath stores – donated by E.M. Heath
- \$25 Gift Certificate to Patrick's Pub & Eatery – donated by Patrick's Pub & Eatery
- \$25 Gift Card to Market Basket – donated by Market Basket
- Che Bella Beauty Salon Gift Certificate for one haircut – donated by Laura Waldron Hair Designer
- \$25 Gift Card to TBones/Cactus Jacks – donated by TBones/Cactus Jacks

Check out our website for up to date prize listings!



Scan the QR Code to register or to visit our website for more information.



THE JERSEY TENORS



Starring in their *ALL NEW* show

"Tribute to Hollywood"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

Showtime 7:30

Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium

A benefit concert for
Interlakes
Community
Caregivers



Presented by
LENDING A HAND TO
LAKES REGION NONPROFITS SINCE 2013



\$40 NO FEES and plenty
of FREE PARKING

Tickets available online or at select
retail locations:

- Cackleberries
- Innisfree Books
- Moultonborough Thrift Shop

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OR VISIT www.tbh.org

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OCTOBER 2023

	Monday 8a-5p	Tuesday 8a-5p	Wednesday 8a-5p	Thursday 8a-5p	Friday 8a-5p
IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Local Warmline: 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!	2 10a Cozy Fall Cooking Zoom 11a Laughing Group 12-2p St. Vincent Food Pantry Trip 2p Coping Skills	3 10a Sleep Hygiene 11a Healthy Relationships 12p Advocacy 1p Staying Present 2p Healthy Choices	4 10a- My Toolkit 11a- WOW Trail 1p- Setting Limits 2p- Self Advocacy	5 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Walk and Talk 12p Creative Writing 1p Journaling 2p Coping Skills 5-6:30 Recovery Group	6 10a Self Kindness 11a Walk and Talk 12p Emotion Meters 1p Socialization Skills 2p Music Trivia
Local Mental Health Agency: Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100	9 CLOSED / HOLIDAY COLUMBUS DAY 	10 10 a Walk & Talk 11a Self Kindness 12p Journaling 1-3p Arts & Crafts	11 10a- Positive Affirmations 11a- Self Kindness 12p- Ice Breakers Jenga 1p- Rock Painting 2p- Healthy Lifestyles	12 10a Conflict Resolution 11a Walk and Talk 12p Sleep Hygiene 1p Healthy Relationships 2p Creative Writing 5-6:30 Recovery Group	13 10a Positive Affirmations 11a Smoking Cessation 12-2p Walmart Shopping Trip 2p Sharing Recipes
Local Emergency Services: (603) 528-0305 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!	16 10a WOW Trail 11a Positive Thinking 12-2p St. Vincent Food Pantry Trip 2p Canvas Art	17 10a Advocacy 11a Journaling 12p Coping Skills 1p Mutuality 2p Pumpkins	18 10a Meditation 11a Connection 12p Staying Present 1-3p Movie & Popcorn	19 10a Meal Planning 11a Budgeting 12p Creative Writing 1p Walk & Talk 2p Coping Strategies 5-6:30 Recovery Group	20 10a Inner Healing 11a Emotional Well-being 12p Creative Writing 1-3p Donna Toomey Marketplace Navigator Info Session
IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP 	23 10a Coping Skills 11a Journaling 12p Poetry 1-3p-3:30 - Resume Class w/ Ryan Colby	24 10a Emotional Well-being 11a Creative Music Therapy 1-3 Arts & Crafts 3p Creative Writing	25 10a Advocacy 11a Creative Writing 12-2p FIELD TRIP  Moulton Farm Meredith 2p Chair Yoga	26 10a Mutuality 11a Staying Present 12p Music Trivia 1-2p Walk and Talk 5-6:30 Recovery Group	27 10a Budgeting 11a Creative Art 12-2p Walmart Shopping Trip 2p My Toolkit
	30 10a Stress Management 11a Crockpot Ideas 12-2p St. Vincent Food Pantry Trip	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 11-2 Halloween Party Music, Games and Prizes!!		This Month's Movie: Spies in Disguise Rated PG / Comedy Featuring Will Smith 	Contact: Miranda Lessard Program Director (603) 528-7742 email: miranda@onepeer.org www.onepeer.org
					Contact: Wayne Hilliard Peer Support Specialist (603) 528-7742 email: Wayne.h@onepeer.org www.onepeer.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Bruce & Valerie

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The Laconia Daily Sun presents
An Evening with Alexander Prud'homme
Author of "Dinner with the President"

Saturday, Oct. 14

7 pm

Lakeport Opera House

781 Union Ave. Laconia, NH

Enjoy an entertaining lecture
about the often surprising history
of presidential taste: what they
ate, why they ate it, and what
it tells us about the state of the
nation.

- Question & Answer session with the author
- Author signing (books for sale at Innisfree Bookshop in advance and at the event)
- Complimentary desserts & cash bar

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Admission is Free but Tickets are Required*

Pick up tickets at
The SUN office, 781 Union Ave., Laconia
*limit 2 tickets per person



“In Laconia Schools...”

Good Day, Laconia School District Community.

October 6, 2023

I hope you are having a fantastic fall! We are off to a great start to the 2023-24 school year. Here are a few exciting updates from our schools.

LHS Homecoming

LHS Homecoming Week has been filled with class competitions as well as spirit days. Homecoming is also the kickoff to the Centennial Celebration of the LHS building on the Union Avenue campus.

Principal Lisa Hinds has engaged her staff and the Laconia Historical and Museum Society in planning a variety of events and exhibitions to celebrate the rich history of our high school. **The Homecoming Parade begins today at 4:30.** This parade is a part of a rich Homecoming history and tradition that has drawn our community together for years. **There will be an Alumni Reception at LHS at approximately 5:15 that will include tours and a History of LHS Exhibit, followed by a variety of athletic competitions on Friday and Saturday.**

LHS Scoreboard Donation by the McCabe Family

The family of Coach Dave McCabe has generously donated funds to install a new scoreboard on the Jim Fitzgerald Field at the Bank of New Hampshire Stadium. Mr. McCabe was a teacher, coach, counselor, and trainer at LHS for three (3) decades. He was also the husband of Dr. Kathy McCabe, who has also served the district for years, is the father of Brian McCabe (LHS Class of 1986), and father-in-law to Brian's wife Loren. **There will be a dedication ceremony of this beautiful scoreboard before the football game tonight at 6:45 pm that includes the McCabe family and several of Coach McCabe's colleagues and friends.**



LHS ESSER Project

The LHS ESSER Project has been in the planning and preparation process for over a year. Next week, we will break ground with a dig in front of the school to install a new grease trap for our kitchen. The LHS Administration has a plan that will change the traffic flow for dropping off and picking up students. This project includes renovating the kitchen where food is prepared for school meals, adding ventilation, and privatizing the bathrooms.

Literacy

Based on the recommendations of a district Literacy Task Force last year, we have taken some important steps to improve the teaching and learning of literacy this year. Students are taking iReady assessments in both reading and math at elementary, middle, and high to measure their growth in these content areas. The data from these assessments allows teachers to target instruction to support student growth. Also, our elementary schools have launched Fundations and Wit and Wisdom. These reading programs will help our students build foundational reading and writing skills and develop content knowledge in subject areas such as Art, Social Studies, Literature, and Science with books that are engaging our elementary students.

Strategic Planning

The Laconia School Board discussed a draft of strategic planning goals for the School District last Tuesday. These goals were developed from feedback in a community forum last November. The work on these goals was done by goal area task forces, a community focus group, the Board's Strategic Planning Committee, and our staff. Thank you to all of the people who have helped us create this plan. The Board will consider a final draft of a Strategic Plan later this fall.

Thank you for your support of our students and our schools.

Sincerely,

Steve Tucker, Superintendent
Laconia School District

“The mission of the Laconia School District is to ensure success with every student, every day, in every way”

Vision Statement: Learning transfers to life beyond the Laconia School District experience so students have the confidence to lead, to follow, and to grow to be responsible citizens who own their future.

Belknap Mill Quilters Guild

Adele Scott will be presenting the following lecture to the Belknap Mill Quilt Guild on October 11, 2023, at 6:45 pm at the Belknap Mill in Laconia: Rulers Rule!

Do you have a drawer full of rulers that you do not know how to use? Are you tired of purchasing one ruler that will only do one job? This program will solve your problems. You'll learn which rulers can "multitask" and which ruler is the better option for a specific job. You'll also learn about notions that help rulers do their job easier.

The event includes a trunk show of specialty ruler sample quilts, as well as a hands-on workshop (Ruler Round Robin) to use those rulers sitting in your sewing room or try before you buy. Entrance is free for Guild members and \$5.00 for non-members.

Adele will also be presenting a workshop "On the Edge" on October 12, 2023, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Belknap Mill in Laconia. You will learn a number of ways to do borders and kits are available from Adele Scott for \$30 – so no need to do homework! There are still a few openings. The cost is \$46 for members and \$51 for non-members. Anyone interested in the workshop should contact Cheryl Goldenberg, program chair at Twin2th29@gmail.com.



LACONIA PUTNAM FUND
PRESENTS



THE ULTIMATE MICHAEL JACKSON EXPERIENCE

Starring Joby Rogers, the only tribute artist chosen by Michael Jackson as an official substitute, UMX celebrates the music and dance of the Legendary King of Pop. This multimedia theatrical experience takes audiences on a Visual and Musical Journey through the life of the greatest entertainer of all time. UMX is a very high energy production, dedicated to preserving the legacy and spirit of the Iconic Michael Jackson.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023, AT 7:00PM

— Colonial Theater, Downtown Laconia —

Tickets available at the Colonial Theater Box Office located at 609 Main Street, Laconia starting Wednesday, October 4, 10am till 2pm
Additional Box Office hours Tuesday - Fridays 10am till 2pm

Tickets available online at www.coloniallaconia.com starting Wednesday, October 4, 10am or by calling 1-800-657-8774

Free Admission - 2 ticket maximum per person
General Seating, First Come First Seated

All General Admission Tickets Holders are to be seated prior to 6:45 pm. Standby
Tickets are available the day of the show at 6:45 pm

Protecting Yourself from Marketing Violations

During Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (OEP), you will likely experience more marketing from private Medicare plans, like Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D plans. Companies try to reach consumers in various ways, like television commercials, radio ads, events, mailings, phone calls, and texts. The government has rules, though, to protect you from aggressive or misleading marketing. Knowing the rules can help you make the best choices for yourself during OEP.

Watch out for people who:

- Ask for your Medicare number, Social Security number, or bank information, especially before you decide to enroll. Someone can use this information to enroll you in a plan without your permission.
- Say they represent Medicare. Plans are never allowed to state they represent or are endorsed by Medicare or any other government agency. They cannot use the Medicare name or logo on their marketing materials in a way that implies this.
- Send you unsolicited text messages or phone calls.
- Pressure you to enroll in their plan. You can use the entire Open Enrollment Period to make your decisions. You will not receive extra benefits for signing up early.
- Offer you gifts to enroll in their plan. Gifts must be given to everyone at an event regardless of their enrollment choice, and cannot be worth more than \$15.

Report potential marketing violations to your Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) or State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Contact information for your local SMP and SHIP are on the last page of this document.

October 2023 Medicare Minute

Click on the image (left) to read the most current edition of the Medicare Minute!

BELKNAP MILL FAMILY CRAFT DAY

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7
10AM-1PM
DROP IN



Drop in between 10am and 1pm to make a pumpkin using sock material made here at the Mill.

for Veterans, First Responders and their families

Art Therapy Day

Saturday
October 14th, 2023
at the Belknap Historic Mill
Laconia

10:00 - 1:00

Thank you to our generous sponsors:



Come as
you are...
No
Pre-registration
Necessary

BELKNAP MILL

DROP IN TEXTILE DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

1PM-4PM

Calling all textile artists - The Belknap Mill is pleased to invite you to drop in on the second Tuesday of each month for a textile circle. Bring your spinning wheel, rug hook, or knitting projects and join us for creative

Winter Clothing

Drive

Donations can be dropped off at
Navigating Recovery of the Lakes Region
102 Court St. Laconia, NH
Sept. 25th - Oct. 26th

New or gently used
Coats|Scarves|Gloves|Hats|Boots|Sleeping bags|Blankets



The Runaway Pumpkin 10K and 5K Run/Walk is coming!

This is a community fundraiser for the WOW Trail that will be happening at Opechee Park on Saturday, October 28 as part of the New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival. Also, don't miss the Kids Run!

You must register by Thursday, October 26.

For details of the event and to register online please click [here](#).



MEDICARE **OPEN ENROLLMENT**

OCT. 15 – DEC. 7

*Open to lower
premiums,
extra benefits?*

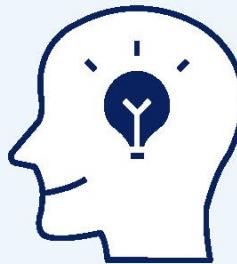
OPEN ENROLLMENT IS HERE.

This is your chance to look at all of your Medicare plan choices like prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans from private insurers.



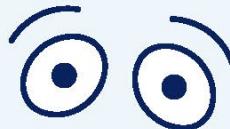
BE OPEN-MINDED.

Plans change every year; so can your health needs. Don't assume your current plan is still your best choice. Compare and see.



OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE POSSIBILITIES.

You could find better coverage, extra benefits or lower costs. It's worth taking a few minutes to explore your options.



OPEN YOUR LAPTOP.

Go to medicare.gov and use the Plan Finder and other tools to make comparing plans easier. Or, visit medicare.gov/contacts to find free help at your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).



WE'RE OPEN 24/7 AT 1-800-MEDICARE.

Prefer to talk it over? We're here to help.
TTY Users: **1-877-486-2048**



 Like Medicare? 'Like' us on Facebook.

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DEADLINE

JUST AHEAD

October 6, 2023, is the last day to change your political party affiliation prior to the presidential primary. The presidential primary date is TBD.

The Supervisor's of the Checklist will be meeting on Friday, October 6, 2023, from 7-7:30 PM at the Laconia City Clerk's Office. The purpose of this session is for making corrections/changes to the checklist. Registrations and changes will be accepted at this session. No political party changes will be accepted **after** this session until after the Presidential Primary which will be held in early 2024, the date is TBD.

Please click on the following link to see your current party affiliation:

[Voter Information \(nh.gov\)](https://voterinfo.nh.gov)

WARD 5

TOWN HALL

MEETING



Please plan to join us on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm at Tardif Park, 51 Crescent Street in Laconia for a Ward 5 Town Hall Meeting!

This is an opportunity to raise your concerns or ask questions in an informal setting. Your Ward 5 City Councilor, Steven Bogert will be present and looks forward to seeing you there!



[Patio Details Here](#)

Dear Friend of the Mill,

The Belknap Mill's Rod & Gail Dyer Powerhouse Patio has recently been completed. The Patio connects our Mill to Rotary Park, provides a new community gathering place, and is a tribute to the contribution of one man and his family. Rod Dyer has practiced law with the Wescott Law firm since 1964 and was Mayor of Laconia from 1968-1974. The Dyer family has been a dedicated part of this community and we couldn't be more pleased to honor that commitment by naming this patio after them.

This year the Belknap Mill celebrates its 200th anniversary. Since 1823, our building has stood at the river's edge, providing jobs, hosiery, and history. Today, the Mill is an important part of the downtown community, A museum, an art center, and the state's official meetinghouse. The Belknap Mill and its mission is poised to continue for another 200 years, but we need your help.

Now is the time to leave your mark on a piece of downtown Laconia and to support the Belknap Mill. Stone pavers of various sizes and prices are still available. If you would like to stop by and see the patio for yourself, we would love to have you. Contact Executive Director, Cheryl Avery 603-524-8813 or cheryl@belknapmill.org for more information.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Avery, Executive Director

2023 Lakes Region - Special Fall Date Household Hazardous Waste Collection

www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp

Got waste?
Bring it in!

Saturday, October 7

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

K.A. Brett School

881 Tamworth Rd (NH Rt. 113)

Tamworth



Keep Our Lakes Region Safe, Clean, and Beautiful!

Residents and residential taxpayers may bring up to 10 gallons or 50 pounds of household hazardous waste to our final regional collection of the year.

BRING THESE ITEMS IN.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS	YARD AND GARDEN
Art Supplies	Herbicides/Weed Killer
Cleaning Fluids	Pesticides
Drain Cleaner	Pool chemicals
Metal Polish	Coal Tar-based Driveway Sealer
GARAGE	WORKBENCH
Car Wax/Polish/Cleaners	Paint Stripper
Used Oil	Oil-based Paint
Antifreeze	Stains & Varnishes
Gasoline & Diesel Fuels	Spray Paint

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Latex/Acrylic Paint
- Fluorescent & CFL bulbs
- Thermostats, thermometers
- Batteries (of any type)
- Electronics
- Ammunition/Fireworks
- Radioactive Materials
- Fire Extinguishers
- Asbestos
- Propane Tanks
- Tires
- Smoke Detectors
- Household Trash

24 PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES

Alexandria • Andover • Belmont • Bridgewater • Bristol • Center Harbor • Effingham • Franklin • Freedom
• Gilford • Gilmanton • Hebron • Hill • Holderness • Laconia • Meredith • Moultonborough
• New Hampton • Ossipee • Sanbornton • Sandwich • Tamworth • Tilton • Tuftonboro



Questions? Call (603) 279-5341 or visit [lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp](http://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp)



Annual household hazardous waste collection events are organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission with financial support from participating communities and the NH Department of Environmental Services.



The annual program that collects household hazardous waste is changing the schedule beginning this fall. Previously the program had 8 collection sites over 2 days. The program for 2024 will still have 8 collection sites, however, the events will occur on 4 days which will be spread out over the course of the spring, summer, and fall. Laconia will continue to host a site, however, Public Works expects it will be in September instead of August. Gilford will continue to host a site in July. As a member of the program, Laconia residents can bring household hazardous waste to any of these events.

A household hazardous waste collection event is schedule for October 7th in Tamworth. Laconia residents can utilize this site to dispose of their household hazardous waste. Please review the information above for more details on times and what materials can be dropped off at the site.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community.

If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **October 10, 2023** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

ORDINANCE 2023-150-2, 150-3 – FIREWORKS – RESTRICTIONS ON DISPLAY OF PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter we

MENTORING TOGETHER



Laconia Middle School's program "Mentoring Together" is looking for Mentors to join us!

Mentoring Together is a wonderful opportunity to share your experiences, knowledge, and interests with others, and support your community by volunteering one hour per week.

Our mission is to provide each youth with a caring mentor who guides, listens, sympathizes, is a friend, and most importantly is reliable and true.

This is a weekly, one hour commitment from the Mentor and Mentee, to meet at LMS.

Mentors will be matched based on common interests and likes.

If this sounds like an opportunity for you, please reach out to Abigail Rivet at 603-524-4632 x2151 or arivet@laconiaschools.org



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FALL CRAFTS FAIR & FESTIVAL

CRAFTS, FOOD TRUCKS, AND FUN

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 2023

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

LACONIA LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION

LACONIA LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION BOOK CHALLENGE

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE
OCT. 15TH**



Deadline Nearing for Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Funding Application deadline is Oct. 15

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is accepting applications for funding until October 15. Details and an online application are available at childrensauction.org.

Local nonprofit organizations that provide support to local children and their families in need are encouraged to apply for funding if they:

- Hold tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and/or public agency status.
- Operate primarily in the Greater Lakes Region
- Have a proven history of providing value to the children of our local communities.

For more information on how to apply, the kinds of organizations that we fund and how you can help, please visit childrensauction.org.



SARAH BLACKER IN CONCERT



a benefit event for
Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Mark Your Calendar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

7:00 PM

Colonial Theatre - Laconia, NH

ABOUT SARAH BLACKER

Singer/songwriter, practicing Psychotherapist and Board-Certified Music Therapist. Visit lrmhc.org/sarah-blacker-bio to learn more!

Scan to purchase
your tickets today!



This concert will help to provide comprehensive mental health services and community education to residents of the 24 towns that they serve in Belknap and Southern Grafton counties.



ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER

FEATURING BEAN HOLE BEANS
ALSO ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, POTATOES,
CARROTS, ROLLS, PUMPKIN OR APPLE PIE

Saturday Oct. 21st

Settings at 5:00 and 6:30

First United Methodist Church
Rt. 11A Gilford (18 Wesley Way)
Near Rt. 3/11 Bypass

Adults \$16

Children 12 and under \$8

**For reservations call (603)524-3289
If office is closed, please leave a message**



Public Events at Taylor Community -Laconia, NH

All events listed are free and open to the public

Bank of New Hampshire Music Series

Thank you to the Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the 2023 Taylor Community Music Series.

John Paul McGee

October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

John Paul McGee is a masterful musician, dynamic preacher, producer, published author, and educator. Join us for this musical performance held at Woodside.

Perry Blue

October 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Perry Blue is an acoustic music duo featuring Jim Perry on guitar, keyboards and voice with Johnny Blue Horn on trumpet and voice. This event will be held at Woodside.

Vintage Vocal Quartet

October 15th at 3:00 p.m.

The Vintage Vocal Quartet brings the big band era to life by singing while swinging on the piano, guitar, bass and trumpet. This event will be held at Woodside.

Toni Lynn Washington & Friends

October 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Toni Lynn Washington is an exceptional American blues singer. Recipient of the Boston Blues Festival Lifetime Achievement Award, this talented artist has provided soulful, authentic blues and jazz for numerous private and public performances. This event will be held at Woodside.

Myanna

October 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

One of the hottest and most soulful saxophonists to be based in Massachusetts, Myanna plays music that mixes together jazz improvisation with funky rhythms, expressive playing and catchy tunes. This event will be held at Woodside.

Rachel Clemente Harp

October 29th at 3:00 p.m.

New England-based pedal and traditional Scottish harpist, Rachel Clemente and bagpiper Dan Houghton bring a mix of Scottish music. This performance held at the Woodside.

Catfish Howl Zydeco Band

October 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Catfish Howl Zydeco Band performs Blues, Rock, and Country Covers and Originals New Orleans Style. This event will be held at Woodside.

Other Events

Join us for more music and lectures.

All events listed are free and open to the public.

Lectures

Granite State Gallery and Artists through the Years

October 9th at 2:00 p.m.

New Hampshire has attracted and inspired artists since the colonial era. What is distinctive about the art made here? This program will consider works by itinerant and folk painters, landscape artists drawn to the state's scenic vistas, and modern artists that adopted bold styles to depict everyday life in the Granite State. This event will be held at Woodside.

Learn about Altrusa International

October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Learn more about Altrusa, an international non-profit organization making a real difference in Laconia, NH through community partnerships and local service projects. This event will be held at Woodside.

Laura Robertson, Audiologist - Audiology Specialists, LLC

October 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us as Dr. Robertson shares information on hearing aids. This event will be held at Woodside.

The Evolution of Jazz with Charlie Jennison

October 25th at 6:30 p.m.

In this multi-media presentation, jazz educator and performer Charlie Jennison presents some of the influential players, venues and organizations that contributed to the rich and diverse jazz scene in the Seacoast area. This event will be held at Woodside.

Zoom Lecture with Dr. Michael Cross - Forensics

October 30th at 11:30 a.m.

"Zoom" into one of Michael Cross' classes through the University of Utah. We will host a Group Zoom Session in the Woodside Theater.

Reminiscences with Ann Dearborn Kaligian

Laconia's First Female City Clerk

On September 28, 2023 Ann Dearborn Kaligian spoke to a standing-room only crowd in Council Chambers, reminiscing about her years as the City of Laconia's first female City Clerk. Below are a few photos and news clippings from that special evening...



Our thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin for the photos, and to Ann for sharing her memories with us.

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 ...

This Lakeport aerial from around 1965 shows the three manufacturing buildings of Scott & Williams Inc. on the shore of Lake Opechee, among a host of other landmarks, including the Halifax Mill at the right of Building 25 (the five-story structure at center); and the H.H. Wood Mill, off Bayside Court, at upper right. The Mount Belknap Hotel, Cushing Block, former First National Store and Lakeport Opera House are seen to the left of Elm and Clinton streets at bottom right of photo. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Much change has occurred in this part of Lakeport during the past half century. The Halifax Mill was razed in 1966 and Wood's Mill (by then 'Sweaterville') burned in 1968. Building 25 was demolished in 1991 and the Scott & Williams 'connector building' became the Opechee Inn and Spa in 2005. Two significant new buildings erected on Elm Street in the past few years are seen at center right. (Jon Decker/ The Laconia Daily Sun)



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER 524-7689

OCTOBER 2023 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Granite VNA 9-1pm Manicures By Brenda 11-11:30am	3 Activities Mtg 10-11am Fall Crafts 10-12pm	4 Bingo 10-12pm	5 Puzzle Challenge 10-11:15am <u>Lunch @ 11:30</u> Sweet & Sour Meatballs Rice, Vegetables	6 Bingo 10-12pm
9 No Deliveries 	10 Adult Coloring & Painting 10-12pm	11 Bingo 10-12pm	12 Kevin Keefe US Dept of Veteran's Affairs 10am <u>Lunch @ 11:30</u> Chicken Caesar Salad Senior Companion Meeting 12-2pm	13 Bingo 10-12pm
16 Breakfast Coffee Social 10-11:30am By Donation	17 Franklin VNA BBP Clinic 10:15am Peer Support Group 10-1:30pm	18 Bingo 10-12pm	19 Belknap Mill Quilters Guild Luncheon @11:30 Dijon Tarragon Chicken Salad Plate	20 Bingo 10-12pm
23 Walking/Rolling Exercise on Main St. 10-11:30am	24 Breakfast Coffee Social 10-11:30 By Donation	25 Bingo 10-12pm	26 Puzzle Challenge 10-11:15 am <u>Lunch @11:30</u> Pumpkin Soup w/ Apple Chicken Salad Sandwich	27 Bingo 10-12pm
30 Trick or Treat Party 10-12pm Costumes Optional	31 Halloween Movie Snacks 10-12:30pm 	Nov 1	Nov 2 FOOD ALLERGY NOTICE: Please be advised that our food may contain these ingredients: Milk, Eggs, Wheat, Soybean, Peanuts, Tree nuts, Fish and Shellfish	Nov 3

Presale ALERT

WARREN MILLER'S "ALL TIME"

December 28 & 29



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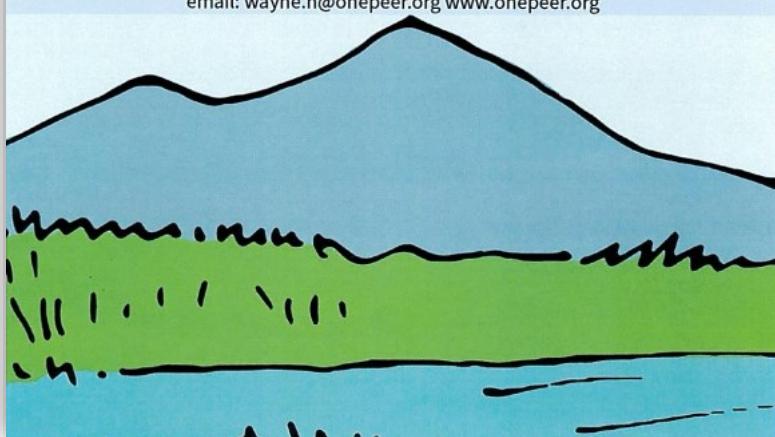


One Peer to Another

STRONGER TOGETHER
ADDICTION
RECOVERY GROUP

Every Thursday 5-6:30pm
Non-Clinical/ Non Judgemental

Contact: Wayne Hilliard, Peer Support Specialist @ (603) 528-7742
328 Union Ave Laconia, NH 03246
email: wayne.h@onepeer.org www.onepeer.org



WHAT'S NEW?

Laconia Water Works

Invoices Have A New

Look, That's What.

Each invoice will have a unique paperless billing code necessary to register on our Customer Service Cloud (CSC), accessed through the Water Department web page at <https://www.laconianh.gov/213/Water>.

If you would like to preregister, information is available by e-mailing water@laconianh.gov.



Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction to Host Halloween-Themed Boutique

All proceeds to benefit the Auction

For the first time, the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will host a Halloween Spooktacular Boo-tique, starting on Saturday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 55 Canal St. in Laconia.

The boutique will be held every Saturday in October from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be Halloween home decor and clothing donated from TJMaxx and HomeGoods for sale. All proceeds benefit the Auction.

For more information, contact Jennifer Kelley at Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org or call 603-527-0999.

Learn more about the Auction at ChildrensAuction.org.

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.



October is
Cyber
Security
Awareness
month



Learn what you can do to protect
yourself from identity theft at the
following Social Security
Administration website:
<http://ow.ly/4t5750G6nro>



City Meetings



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

Laconia Human Relations Committee

October 10, 2023, 3:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

City Council

October 10, 2023, 7:00 pm

Colonial Theatre Advisory Board

October 11, 2023, 2:00 pm

Heritage Commission

October 11, 2023, 5:00 pm

Capital Improvements Committee

October 12, 2023, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Joint meeting - Government

Operations & Ordinances Committee

Committee and Laconia Human

Relations Flag Committee

October 13, 2023, 4:00 pm

[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 - Katie Gargano	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Katherine Menici, Planning & Zoning Dir.	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert	
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Zoning	527-1264
Katherine Menici, Planning & Zoning Dir.	
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
Steven Bogert (Ward 5)	528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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