



November 17, 2023 - Edition #614

*The magic of Christmas Village will be here soon!
(see details below....)*



Cookies Needed for Christmas Village!

**A request to all of our talented bakers out there....
Christmas Village needs your help! We are looking for
a total of 300 dozen cookies to be passed out to our
visitors at this year's Christmas Village.**

**So let's get baking and help contribute to the magic
of Christmas Village. Cookies can be dropped off at the
Parks and Rec Community Center (306 Union Avenue)
on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (November 29,
November 30 or December 1) from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
Your help is greatly appreciated! Questions?
Please call Parks and Rec at 603-524-5046**

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.



Christmas Village!

November 30, December 1, 2 & 3
Thursday & Friday 6:00 ~ 8:00pm
Saturday & Sunday 2:00 ~ 5:00pm
FREE with donations accepted &
appreciated. Come see Santa, Mrs. Claus
and all their friends from the North
Pole. Pictures available for \$3.00.
Laconia Community Center
306 Union Avenue





LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

WEEK OF

November 20-24

Mon 11/20	Sensory Storytime @ 10am, VIRTUAL: An Evening with Bestselling Authors Tess Gerritsen & Paul Doiron @ 7pm
Tue 11/21	Tech Help @ 10am, Fantastic Fiction @ 10am, Teen Art Club @ 3:30pm, Kids Graphic Novels Club @ 5:30pm
Wed 11/22	Toddler Time @ 10am, Tech Help @ 2pm, Closing @ 3pm
Thurs 11/23	Closed for Thanksgiving
Fri 11/24	Open regular hours, 9am-5pm

For descriptions, age suggestions, and more, visit our online calendar!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary
call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org

[Sign-up for our monthly email newsletter](#)



Visit our
website for all
our Library
events.

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

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!

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

Candlemaking: Hand-Dipped Tapers

Light your holiday table with your own hand-dipped taper candles – As elegant as they are festive!

10am-12 pm
Saturday, November 18th

Nature Crafts: Nature Ornaments

Interested in the natural beauty of the season? Join us as we craft beautiful ornaments using nature's bounty.

10am-12 pm Additional programs, series, and registration details
Saturday, November 25th prescottfarm.org



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH • (603) 366-5695 • info@prescottfarm.org



Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

Holiday Workshop for Kids!

AGES 6-12
COST: \$30 (NON-MEMBERS)
\$15 FOR MEMBERS

Saturday, December 9
1-3 pm



Let your children learn the joy of gift giving with this unique opportunity to make nature-inspired gifts for the adults in their lives. This is a drop-off program (adults must sign children in and out) so the hardest part for grown-ups will be waiting to open the gift. No Peeking!

To find out more and register:
prescottfarm.org or call 603-366-5695





CORRUGATED CARDBOARD WANTED!!

Gather all of those corrugated cardboard boxes you're sure to accumulate this holiday season...flatten them down, pile them up and bring them to the bin behind the City garage at 257 Messer St. to be compacted and recycled!

Cardboard recycling is clean and easy. Corrugated cardboard only please! No cereal, soda/beer or shoe boxes, and no bubble wrap or air pillows. Please help us save solid waste/recycling tax dollars by dropping off your cardboard.

Cardboard recycling is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Questions? Please call DPW at 603-528-6379.

**Presale
ALERT**

→ **ALMOST QUEEN
A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN
March 23**

**On Sale
FRIDAY**

BECOME A SPECTACLE LIVE MEMBER TODAY
COLONIALLACONIA.COM



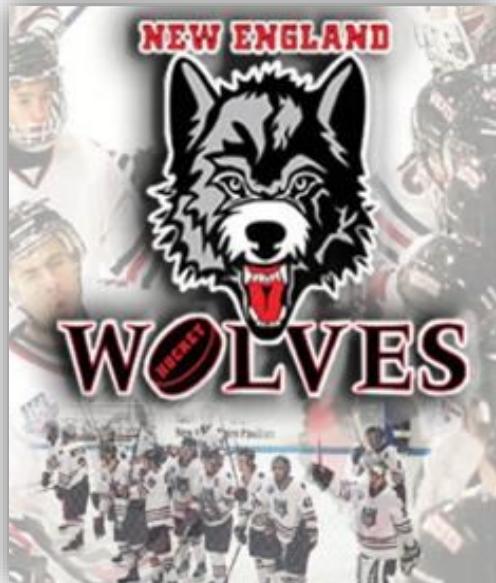
November 2023

ONE PEER TO ANOTHER

328 Union Ave. Laconia, NH 03246 (603) 528-7742



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 10a Monthly Member Meeting 11a My Toolkit 12p WOW Trail 1p Setting Limits 2p Self Advocacy	2 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Emotional Well-Being 12p Moving Towards 1p Creative Writing 2p Coping Skills 5:30 Recovery Group	3 10a Self Kindness 11a Healthy Relationships 12p Positive Affirmations 1p Socialization Skills 2p Music Trivia
6 10a Monday Mindfulness 11a Healthy Meal Planning 12-2 Staff Meeting 2p Positive Affirmations	7 10 a Walk & Talk 11a Self Kindness 12p Journaling 1p Healthy Relationships 2p All About Music	8 10a Positive Affirmations 11a Self Kindness 12-2p FIELD TRIP/Basketball Meredith Community Center 2p Ice Breakers Jenga	9 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Emotional Well-Being 12p Moving Towards 1p Creative Writing 2p Coping Skills 5:30 Recovery Group	10 CLOSED/HOLIDAY Veteran's Day
13 10a Monday Mindfulness 11a Crockpot Ideas 12-2p St.Vincent Pantry Trip	14 10 a Walk & Talk 11a Self Kindness 12p Journaling 1p Healthy Relationships 2p All About Music	15 10a Meditation 11a Healthy Meals 12p Staying Present 1-2p Caitlin Howard/Wellsense 2p Job Applications	16 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Emotional Well-Being 12p Moving Towards 1p Creative Writing 2p Coping Skills 5:30 Recovery Group	17 10a Inner Healing 11a Emotional Well-being 12p Sleep Hygiene 1p Socialization Skills 2p Coping Skills
20 10a Monday Mindfulness 11a Healthy Meal Planning 12-2 Staff Meeting 2p Positive Affirmations	21 10a Walk & Talk 11a Self Kindness 12p Journaling 1p Healthy Relationships 2p All About Music	22 10a Advocacy 11a Creative Writing 12p Healthy Living 1-3p Movie & Popcorn	23 CLOSED/HOLIDAY HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 CLOSED/HOLIDAY HAPPY THANKSGIVING
27 10a Monday Mindfulness 11a Crockpot Ideas 12-2p Walmart	28 10a Walk & Talk 11a Self Kindness 12p Journaling 1p Healthy Relationships 2p All About Music	29 10a Mutuality 11a Self Kindness 12p Healthy Relationships 1p Music Trivia 2p Personal Boundaries 5:30 Recovery Group	30 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Emotional Well-Being 12p Moving Towards 1p Creative Writing 2p Coping Skills	



Don't miss these New England Wolves games coming soon!

Please join us at the Merrill Fay Arena,
468 Province Road, Laconia, NH...

Saturday, Nov. 18, 4:15 pm - Railers vs. New England Wolves

Monday, Nov. 20, 11:30 am - Bridgewater Bandits vs. New England Wolves Premier

Monday, Nov. 20, 2:30 pm - Bridgewater Bandits vs. New England Wolves EHL

We hope to see you there!



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter 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 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 **November 27, 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:

RESOLUTION 2023-32 - REQUEST TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A NH ENDOWMENT FOR HEALTH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR THE LACONIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF LACONIA JOINING THE COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **November 27, 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:

RESOLUTION 2023-30 - RELATIVE TO APPROVAL OF BONDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TWO REPLACEMENT AMBULANCES

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works. There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five gallon pails (or the equivalent).

Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

Questions? Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379.

Thanks and have a safe winter!

A Celtic Christmas

Fiddle and Piano music from Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Scotland, Ireland, Galicia, and Wales.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia

4:00pm
December 2nd, 2023

Join World-renown violinist Aniko Geladze and pianist / hurdy-gurdy player Noelle Beaudin for a **foot stomping** evening of **lively** Christmas Fiddle and Piano music in the Celtic Tradition - Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Scotland, Ireland, Galician and Welsh tunes.

Enjoy Christmas music the way it used to be - uplifting and celebratory!

At intermission choose from hundreds of homemade cookies at the Christmas Cookie Walk

Tickets are \$20 at the door Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia
172 Pleasant Street, Laconia NH
Call (603) 524-6488 to order tickets



BLOOMIN' 4 GOOD PROGRAM

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation has been selected as the beneficiary of the Gilford Hannaford Supermarket's Bloomin' 4 Good Program through the month of November.

Hannaford Supermarket's Bloomin' 4 Good Program will be supporting the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation by donating a portion of sales of every Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold at their Gilford store!

This is the perfect time of year to liven up your inside with a beautiful Fall bouquet!

Shown above (l to r) Cassandra Hamilton, Assistant Customer Service Manager Hannaford Gilford, and Chris Guilmett, Assistant Director Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation



City Curbside Solid Waste Collection during the winter for residents and businesses with curbside collection

Where and how to place your solid waste containers during the winter to ensure the containers can be emptied

Treat your solid waste containers as a mailbox! What happens if you do not dig out your mailbox after a snowstorm? The Post Office does not deliver mail!

For solid waste collection if you put your solid waste containers behind snowbanks, they cannot be emptied.

For rural area residences and businesses without sidewalks -

Place your containers in your driveway near the edge of the road, or dig out an area in the snowbank to create an opening in which to place your containers. Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers. The depth of the opening only has to be deep enough to provide 1 foot of clearance from the back of the container.

For residents and businesses in areas of the City with sidewalks -

Place your containers in your driveway near the edge of the road.

If you do not have a driveway or the driveway is too small and:

Where the sidewalk is against the curb at the edge of the road, dig an opening through the snow bank out to the street in which to place your containers.

Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers.

If there is a grass or gravel area between the sidewalk and the edge of the road:

Place the containers in your driveway near the edge of the road, or dig out an area in the snowbank to place your containers.

Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers. The depth of the opening only has to be deep enough to provide 1 foot of clearance from the back of the container.

Please do not place your containers out for collection before 7 pm the night before your scheduled collection day, and bring them back to the residence or business at the end of the collection day. Do not leave your containers on the sidewalk so that pedestrians can use the sidewalk. If collection is canceled due to a major snowstorm, please bring the containers back onto your property so that the City's plow crews can keep the streets and sidewalks open for your use.

Will the contractor collect containers during a snowstorm? The contractor will provide curbside solid waste collection service during a minor to moderate snowstorm.

The contractor and Public Works consider canceling collection services when forecasters are predicting blizzard or near blizzard conditions. If the contractor decides to cancel collection due to the forecast, the City will post the cancelation notice on the City's [website](#) in the banner section on the top of the City's home page. For those residents who have signed up to receive City alerts, you will receive an e-mail informing you that solid waste will not be collected and the collection schedule for the remainder of the week. If you are not yet signed up to receive alerts and wish to do so, please sign up [here](#).

Solid waste collection and snow plowing -

Public Works leaders and crews will adjust their plowing procedures during minor to moderate storms to minimize the impact of plowing on scheduled curbside collection. Please help the City by following the recommendations in this notice. Call Public Works at 603-528-6379 with questions or for more details.

WINTER PARKING BAN

Winter parking ban began Nov. 1st



As of November 1st, vehicles and trailers cannot be parked on a public street from midnight to 6:30 am. This ban allows Public Works crews to plow snow piles back against the curb and clear snow from the streets when there is little traffic on the street. Vehicles parked on a public street during this time may be ticketed or towed at the discretion of the Chief of Police or the Public Works Director. The fine for parking on a public street during these hours is \$25.00.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Hilliard Road Brush Dump

From November 1st to March 31st, the City of Laconia Hilliard Rd. Brush Dump, located at 325 Hilliard Road will be open for winter hours!

It will be open every Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, unless it is snowing. If there is a snowstorm, this facility will be closed as all Public Works personnel are involved with snow removal. Residents using this facility must have a Laconia dump sticker or a day pass.

We accept clean wood only (not painted, stained or pressure treated). Wood and tree branches must be no longer than 3 feet with a diameter of 3 inches or less. Leaves are not accepted at the Brush Dump.

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



Public Works Department

THANKSGIVING Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Delay

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 23rd.

There will be A ONE (1) DAY DELAY in curbside collection of trash as follows:

Thursday collections will be on Friday
Friday collections will be on Saturday

Any questions, please call DPW
@ (603) 528-6379

Please also note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but will be open on Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25.

Holiday Concerts
2023



*The Pemigewasset
Choral Society
Music from the Heart*

Admission
by Donation

Celebrating 50 Years of Singing!

LIGHT BEYOND DARKNESS

100 Voices, One Goal — To Spread the Joy of Choral Music!

William Gunn — Music Director | Laura Belanger — Accompanist

THURSDAY
DEC. 7 • 7:30 PM
Gilford
Community Church
GILFORD

FRIDAY
DEC. 8 • 7:30 PM
Moultonborough
Academy
MOULTONBOROUGH

SUNDAY
DEC. 10 • 3:00 PM
PSU
Silver Center
PLYMOUTH

Plymouth State
UNIVERSITY

PemiChoral.org

SILVER
CENTER FOR THE ARTS



LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Benjamin Greene, Conductor

Christmas Belles

Carols and Holiday Classics by
Streisand, Garland, The Carpenters, Reeves...

Saturday December 9, 7pm

Colonial Theatre, Laconia

Sunday December 10, 3pm

Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith



Celebrate the Season
at the Symphony

with special guest
vocalist Sheree Owens

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

Sponsored by



The Light-Up Laconia Holiday Decorating Competition promotes holiday and community spirit through a friendly decorating competition for residences and local businesses. Citizens are encouraged to decorate their homes, showcase their holiday cheer and outshine their neighbors. Local businesses are also encouraged to be creative and decorate for the season - decking their doors, rooftops and the like. Vote online for your favorite participating residence and business location between December 4, 2023 and December 24, 2023 to choose a winner. Winners will be announced December 28th.

Sign up here before December 2nd: <https://www.celebratelaconia.org/light-up-laconia>

Thank you to our presenting sponsor Melcher & Prescott. Thanks to BNH, FSB, NSL and the Hawk 104.9 for their sponsorships for the Celebrate Laconia Lights Festival.



*City Hall will be closed on
November 23 and 24
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

HAPPY



Public Works Department



Parking on the sidewalk is illegal

**An important reminder...
Please keep sidewalks clear of
obstructions for use by pedestrians!**

The City of Laconia prohibits parking on the sidewalks or parking in such a manner that a portion of the sidewalk is blocked. There are no exceptions during the Winter parking ban period which is in effect until May 1st.

Property owners and renters need to ensure their vehicles do not block the sidewalk and are not parked on the road from midnight to 6:30 am. Cars improperly parked will be ticketed or towed to ensure that Public Works snow removal crews can clear City streets and sidewalks. Thank you for your cooperation!

Christmas Fair



**November 18
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Holiday Décor* Gift Baskets* Jewelry* Candy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Cookies, Breads, Pies* Silent Auction* Books* Vendors – many new!
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First United Methodist Church
18 Wesley Way, Gilford NH
(Route 11A after the Bypass)
603 524- 3289





Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Ready to Launch 2023 Event

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will open its 2023 auction at the Belknap Marketplace on Tuesday, Dec. 5 through Friday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All are invited to come to the event and experience the magic in person.

A family night will be offered on Thursday, Dec 7, from 5:30-7 p.m. Come meet the Grinch, have your child's picture taken with Santa, and build a toy in Santa's workshop. Children can also decorate a holiday cookie.

The auction will be streamed live at ChildrensAuction.org, LaconiaDailySun.com and Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction. Watch live on Lakes Region Public Access TV Channel 25, or listen on Lakes FM 101.5. Viewers can bid online at ChildrensAuction.org, starting on Black Friday, Nov 24. Bidders who create an account at ChildrensAuction.org, can bid early on high-value items. New this year, **any bidder can also put a maximum bid on any items that will close during the week of the auction.**

Donations for the auction are being accepted at over 30 business locations until Dec. 1. A complete list of collection sites can be found at childrensauction.org.

If you'd like to become a sponsor, view options at childrensauction.org/sponsorship, email Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org or call 603-527-0999.

Learn more about the Auction at ChildrensAuction.org



Santa with Jennifer Kelley, Executive Director of the Children's Auction



2023 Assessed Values Now available

In accordance with the State of New Hampshire law RSA 75:8-a, the City of Laconia has completed an update of value of all real property as of April 1, 2023. This assessment is based on fair market value using market data from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. This allows municipalities to assess properties accurately, fairly, and at true value.

Please do not use the current tax rate to calculate your taxes. Doing so will result in an inaccurate tax liability. The Department of Revenue Administration will adjust the tax rate prior to billing.

Individual assessments can be viewed by property location in a report of new value updates that can be found at www.laconianh.gov, top of the page, click ALERT.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at 45 Beacon St. E. in Laconia, by calling 603-527-1268, or emailing assessing@laconianh.gov.



City on the Lakes

Celebrate Laconia

Holiday Parade!

Saturday, November 25

The Holiday Parade will kick-off the Celebrate Laconia Lights Festival and holiday season for the City of Laconia.

The Holiday Parade will take place on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 5:00pm. We will have food trucks, music and activities from 12pm-8pm. Come join us and share your holiday spirit. Following the parade the trees will be lit for the [City on the Lakes Holiday Walk](#) to be enjoyed for the season.

This years parade will be a traditional marching parade with floats, bands, walkers, and cars. The parade will begin promptly at 5:00pm from the Laconia High School. The parade will proceed down Union Ave and turn onto Church Street, head down Main Street, and end in Stewart Park for the Annual tree lighting. Click [here](#) to view the Holiday Parade route. We will not do the driving portion through Lakeport this year.



You can view the parade from anywhere along the route and stay safe with your family and friends. Please refer to the [parade route](#) to help you find a good place to watch. Join us from the comfort of your living room! The parade will also be broadcast live with our favorite holiday emcee, Pat Kelly - courtesy of the wonderful folks at [Lakes Region Public Access](#)! The live broadcast can be streamed or watch it locally on Breezeliner channel 25. If you have signed up for the parade, you will receive an email about what to do on parade day.



We look forward to seeing you all on November 25, 2023!! Happy Holidays!!!

***It's going to be
a great day!!***



IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE HOLIDAY PARADE!!!

This year's Holiday Parade is happening on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 5 pm.

Calling all floats, bands, walkers, cars, trucks and more! Sign up today to be in the Celebrate Laconia Holiday Parade.

Registration is FREE, but for a small fee you can also enter the float contest to win prizes! You do not have to sign up for the float contest to have a float in the parade.

Check out the details on our [website](#).

Thank you to our sponsors: Bank of NH, Franklin Savings Bank and Melcher & Prescott.

Please note that due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no newsletter next week. We apologize for any inconvenience and wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of November 20!

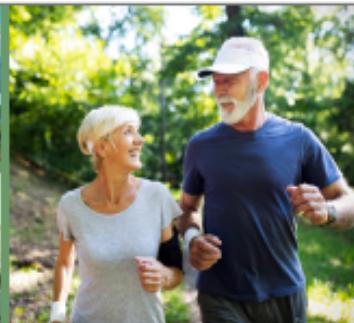
Please see the information on page 8 regarding a delay in trash and recycling pickup during Thanksgiving week.



Small Business Saturday is November 25th!

Shop our local businesses owned by your friends and neighbors and support the local economy. Discover the unique businesses in our community that make Laconia special!





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.

Jeremy Harman

November 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Massachusetts-based cellist, composer and songwriter Jeremy Harman is always exploring shifting musical terrain. Join us for this musical performance held at Woodside.

Carter Mountain Brass Band

November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

The Carter Mountain Brass Band, under the direction of Debbi Gibson, presents "How Low Can You Go?", a concert featuring the low brass section. This event will be held at Woodside.

Portsmouth Brass Quintet

November 12th at 3:00 p.m.

The Portsmouth Brass Quintet was founded by Adam Gallant in the fall of 2016 and is dedicated to performing serious brass chamber music at the highest level. This event will be held at Woodside.

Freese Brothers Big Band Combo

November 13th at 6:30 p.m.

The Freese Brothers Big Band Combo offers classic sounds from the Duke, the King, the Count, the Chairman of the Board and the Sentimental Gentleman of Swing. This event will be held at Woodside.

Gary Hodges Palm Court Trio

November 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Gary Hodges is a founding member of the Artful Noise string quartet, the Kelsh Trio, and the NH Klaviertrio. This event will be held at Woodside.

Doghouse Allstars

November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the return of the Doghouse Allstars and what promises to be an exceptional performance. This performance held at the Woodside.

Country Blues Duo

November 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this all-acoustic performance which will be held at Woodside.

Now's The Time

November 29th at 6:30 p.m.

This talented group performs American Standards, Soul and Blues with piano, guitar, bass and two vocalists. This performance 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

Rebecca Rule - That Reminds Me of a Story

November 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. This event will be held at Woodside.

Stroke Education - Recognize Symptoms and Take Action

November 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Know how to react. Be prepared to recognize STROKE and take immediate action. This event will be held at Woodside.

Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

November 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. This event will be held at Woodside.

Kennedy, Castro, and Khrushchev too! The United States and Cuba in the age of the Missile Crisis

November 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

On the 60th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, historian Kurk Dorsey will examine his most consequential decisions—his policies toward Fidel Castro's Cuba. This event will be held at Woodside.

ZOOM AUTHOR LECTURE

- Bipolar General - My Forever War with Mental Illness

November 29th at 2:00 p.m.

This presentation will be held via Group Zoom in our Woodside Theater beginning at 2:00 p.m.



Laconia Senior Center 524-7689

DECEMBER 2023 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 9-11:00am-Foot and Blood pressure Clinic -Granite VNA *By Appointment* 11:00-12-Balloon bash with pool noodles	5 10-10:30- Fitness for Seniors- chair exercises 10:45- Book club swap and chat	6 10-12:00- Bingo 2:00-6:00pm-Belknap Mill Quilters "Pop up" sale	7 9:30am- Affordable Hearing- "by appointment" 10-11:00am- Fire Safety talk with Laconia Fire chief	1 Chair Yoga with Russ 10:45-11:15 Bingo (10-12) (movie to follow)
11 11:00 am- Manicures by Brenda 10-12:00- Christmas tree decoration and recipe and cookie exchange	12 10-10:30- Fitness for Seniors- chair exercises 10:45- Card games	13 10-12:00- Bingo 12:00- Bring your favorite dish to share and stay for lunch	14 10-11:00am- Seasonal Depression awareness w/ Brook Newman	8 10:45-11:15: Chair Yoga with Russ 10-12:00- Bingo (movie to follow)
18 10:00am- Christmas Caroling Karaoke 11:00am-White Elephant gift exchange	19 10-10:30- Fitness for Seniors- chair exercises	20 10-12:00- Bingo 12:30-Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater and stay for a potluck	21 11:30am -Meatloaf w/ Mushroom Gravy Holiday meal 1:00- "Elf"-the movie	15 10:45-11:15: Chair Yoga with Russ 10-12:00- Bingo (movie to follow)
25 Closed- Happy Holiday's!	26 9-11:00am- Foot Clinic w/ Maddy 10-10:30- Fitness for Seniors- chair exercises	27 10-12:00- Bingo 12:00: Occupation story telling- Tell us about your prior occupations	28 10:00am-Birthday Party for Doris 11:00am- Activity planning meeting- bring new ideas!	29 10:45-11:15: Chair Yoga with Russ 10-12:00- Bingo (movie to follow)



Thank you so much to Chief Joubert, the Laconia Fire Department and Laconia Professional Firefighters from all of us at the Belknap Mill for installing the new flag and rope at the Mill recently. A special thank you to Lieutenant Hobby and firefighters Mckinnon and Latuchy.

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 Guyer brass and aluminum foundry stood at 922 North Main Street, opposite Opechee Park, from 1945 until it was torn down in the summer of 1977. Proprietor Frank W. Guyer had died, May 1, 1976. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

The site is now wooded space between two apartment complexes, 918 North Main St., built in the early 1980s as White Oaks Terrace Condominiums (left), and 934 North Main St., built in the early 1970s as the Opechee Town Homes — just barely glimpsed at bottom, far right. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Public Works Department

Property Owner's Winter Survival Tip!

The best place to deposit snow when clearing your driveway is to put the snow downstream of your driveway. (Downstream is the direction the plow truck travels.) When Public Works plows the street the snow will be pushed away from the driveway instead of towards it.

Be nice to your neighbor and take them into consideration when you are clearing your driveway!

Also, you can minimize the amount of snow plowed into your driveway by creating a pocket in the snow just upstream of your driveway. This pocket will allow some of the snow on the plow to fall off into the pocket, resulting in less in your driveway!

City plow trucks have wing plows on them and, like delivery companies, we always want to turn right. This causes properties on an inside corner to have areas of deep snow.

Corner lot owners should take this into consideration when developing methods to minimize the impact of snow coming off from a plow blade.

Let us know if you have questions! Just call 603-528-6379. We are glad to help!





Hey everyone...

Family Fun Night Is Back!

That's right! We're gearing up for our annual
"Family Fun Night"!

For most of the children, the highlight of the evening is choosing gifts for siblings (young & old) as well as mom, dad, and other family members or special people in their lives.

How Can I Help???

We need donations! If you have new or **very gently** used items around your house (we tend to struggle in particular with gifts for men and teens), please drop them off at our office as soon as possible. PLEASE be thoughtful of the quality of the items you are donating. And please note that we tend to shy away from stuffed animals (unless they are brand new) and clothing (unless it is a one-size-fits-all accessory like socks, gloves, hats, etc. which should also be brand new). There is a list of donation suggestions on the back of this flyer, but we welcome your creativity! Gift cards for small amounts (\$5, etc.) are also always a hit! For employees, donations can be brought to Room 119 (the Parent Ed Room), for all others, you can leave donations with the receptionist and just let her know that they are for Family Fun Night. She will make sure that they get to us!

****DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
DECEMBER 1, 2023****

Donations can also be
shipped directly to our
main office:
719 North Main St.
Laconia, NH 03246
Attn: Carol Stone, FFN

Want to volunteer for Family Fun Night on December 11th from 2:30-8:30pm?
Email: carol.stone@lrcs.org



Donation Suggestions

Women:		Men:	
Candles	Lotions	Mugs	Sports Items
Holiday décor	Scarfs	Tools	Calendars
Picture frames	Mugs	Card Games	Gloves/Hats
Jewelry	Figurines	Cologne	Puzzles
Spa Items	Make Up	Flashlights	Keychains
Socks	Puzzles	Water Bottles	Socks
Craft Supplies	Stationery	Wallets	Gadgets
Kitchen items	Purses	BBQ Items	Sunglasses
Gardening Items		Crossword Puzzles	
Body Spray		Camping/Hiking Items	

Teens:

Kids:

Art Supplies	Spa Items	Toys	Art Supplies
Lotions	Hair Accessories	Sidewalk Chalk	Legos
Board Games	Jewelry	Play-Doh	Board Games
Card Games	Gadgets	Coloring Books	Balls
School Supplies	Nail Polish	Infant Toys	Card Games
Diaries/Journals	Nerf	Craft Kits	Books
Headphones	Fidgets	Blocks	Action Figures
Sports Items	Make Up	Dolls	Dress Up Items
Bedroom Décor	Bags	Science Kits	Dinosaurs
Brain Teasers	Craft Kits	Outer Space	Watches



Join New Hampshire Humane Society for the inaugural Second Chances Casino Night which offers a second chance to homeless, defenseless animals.

Enjoy a fun night filled with: Charity casino games - Gourmet food and hors d'oeuvres
Top shelf open bar - Music and dancing - Incredible silent auction and raffles



Open Enrollment for 2024 Coverage through Medicare & the Marketplace

Basics for Advocates

Open Enrollment Periods (OEPs) are certain times of year when individuals can change their health care coverage. This fact sheet provides basic information on the annual OEPs in Medicare (Medicare.gov) and the Marketplace (HealthCare.gov and state-based exchanges) for the 2024 plan year and highlights issues that are of particular relevance to assisting low-income older adults.

Note: This year is a busy time for health care enrollment changes, as states have restarted regular review of Medicaid eligibility after the [end of the declared COVID-19 public health emergency](#). People age 65 and older who lose Medicaid coverage have access to a 6-month [Special Enrollment Period to sign up for Medicare](#), so it is important to act quickly to avoid late enrollment penalties. A [Special Enrollment Period to sign up for Marketplace coverage](#) is also available for people who lose Medicaid and are not eligible for Medicare.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare enrollees have the opportunity to change their current health and prescription drug coverage during the Medicare OEP beginning October 15. It's particularly important for Part C and Part D enrollees to review their coverage options each year as Medicare Advantage (MA) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) can change their cost-sharing, provider networks, and drug formularies.

WHO: Individuals currently enrolled in Medicare Parts A or B (original Medicare), Part C (Medicare Advantage), and Part D (prescription drug coverage) should review their coverage to make sure they choose the most affordable options to meet their needs in 2024.

WHEN: October 15 to December 7, 2023.

WHAT: Medicare enrollees can change Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug Plans, or switch between Medicare Advantage and original Medicare. [Any changes to coverage take effect January 1, 2024.](#)

Learn important information about Medicare and health care enrollment changes!

Just click on the above image to read the details provided by "Justice In Aging", a national organization dedicated to fighting senior poverty by securing access to affordable health care.

Public Works UPDATE

Please note that all signs, chairs, tables and other items that you may have on the City's sidewalks in the downtown area are no longer allowed to be on the sidewalk. This allows Public Works' crews to plow and treat the sidewalks during the winter. Next spring if you desire to again place these items on the City sidewalks, you will need to submit new sidewalk encumbrance permits. Please call Public Works with questions or for more information—603-528-6379.



SPONSOR A TREE!!!

Join us for the 4th annual City on the Lakes Holiday Walk as part of the Celebrate Laconia Lights Festival. Tree sponsorships are open to everyone!!! Celebrate Laconia has teamed up with MMB Trees to sell trees to individuals, organizations, businesses, and families to decorate in Rotary and Stewart Parks in downtown Laconia. Trees are on display for everyone in the community to enjoy throughout the holiday season! We will put up the tree with lights and sponsors will decorate it. We will place a sign with your family's name, business name, or organization's name. Just let us know what you want your sign to say.

Click on the image below to sponsor your tree!

Sponsor Your Tree Today
Share your Holiday Spirit with Laconia

First Name * Last Name *

Email *

Name on Tree Sign *

I agree to send a team to decorate the tree before the parade on November 25, 2023. I will securely attach all decorations to our tree. I agree to remove decorations at the end of the Holiday Walk between Jan 1-7, 2024.

[Sponsor Now \\$65.00](#)

We use PayPal for all Sponsorships



Beginner Quilting Classes For Students & Adults - 2024!

What: Develop basic sewing skills while creating a tied quilt (throw size—40" x 50").

Where: Laconia Middle School, 150 McGrath St., Laconia NH 0324

Cost: \$10 Registration Fee

When: Saturdays: Jan. 13th, 20th, 27th & Feb 3, 10 & 17th, 2024 (March makeup dates)

Times: *Youth* (ages 10 - 16): 9 am - 11 am & *Adults* (ages 17 & Up): Noon - 2 pm
For Youth Class, a responsible adult is required to attend the 1st Class.

Sponsored by: The Belknap Mill Quilters Guild - Have questions, email us at info@bmqg.org

Pre-registration is Required: [Register at B MQG.org](http://B MQG.org)

Due to the popularity of these classes you will receive a confirmation email letting you know you have either secured a seat in the class or that you have been placed on a wait list.

Maximum Class Sizes

- 15 Youth Students ages 10-16
- 15 Adults ages 17 +
- *We are limiting attendance to those who have not participated in a previous workshop series.*

**All Fabric & Supplies
Are Provided!**

*Sewing machines are on
loan for classroom work.*

Learn Basic Sewing Skills!



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CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday
(603) 527-1270

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

GETTING A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

An ongoing **lack of sleep** or **poor-quality sleep** increases your risk of **health problems** such as cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, and obesity.



Older adults need about the same amount of sleep as all adults - 7 to 9 hours each night.

But older people tend to go to sleep earlier and get up earlier than they did when they were younger.

Click on the image (above) to find tips to help you get a good night's sleep, presented by the National Institute on Aging.



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:**

Parks and Rec. Commission

November 20, 2023, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

November 20, 2023, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

November 20, 2023, 6:00 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

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