



October 18, 2024 - Edition #659

*A recent picture of "The Defiant One" being put up at Opechee Park
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*

The Return of "The Defiant One"

Keewakwa Abenaki Keenahbeh

"The Defiant One" unveiling

Opechee Park

October 26, 2024

4:30pm

Come be a part of history as
"The Defiant One" is unveiled as a
3D printed version of our New
Hampshire's Whispering Giant.

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.



Please note that the City Clerk's Office will be closed all day on Wednesday, November 6th.

All other offices in City Hall will remain open on November 6th for our normal business hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 10/21	Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.	KIDS
TUE 10/22	Teen Mindfulness Craft @3pm - best for ages 9-18.	TEEN
TUE 10/22	Kids Create: Paints & Brushes @5:30pm	KID
WED 10/23	Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 3 and under.	KID
WED 10/23	Rebecca Rule: That Reminds Me of a Story @6pm	ADULT
FRI 10/25	Move & Groove @10am - Best for ages 6 and under.	KID
FRI 10/25	Pumpkifest Fun! Glow Hand & Face Painting @3:30pm	TEEN
SAT 10/26	Pumpkifest Fun! Pumpkin Suncatchers @10am	KID
MON 10/28	Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.	KID
TUE 10/29	Coffin Zen Garden @3:30pm - Halloween twist to zen garden.	TEEN

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<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



UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-12 pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members
Fall Tree & Shrub ID
 Color abounds and leaves are falling. Join us as we amble through the woods, identify trees and shrubs, and learn more about the science behind falling leaves.

Oct
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Saturday, 1-3 pm \$20 (Non-Members); \$5 for Members
Fall Leaf Bowls
 The reds, oranges, and yellows of fall in New Hampshire are here! Preserve the beauty with decorative bowl that will remind you of these vibrant hues even after the trees are bare.

Oct
26
2024



Saturday 10 am-12pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members
Homemade Pasta Primer
 Come to this hands-on workshop to learn techniques for making and rolling fresh pasta dough. After making the pasta dough, we will turn it into ribbon-style noodles as well as a fall pumpkin ravioli.

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Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescottfarm.org

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

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!



UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 1-3 pm \$20 (Non-Members); \$5 for Members
Paper Quilling Fall Foliage
 Paper Quilling is the art of turning small strips of colorful paper into decorative designs. Participants will learn to roll, shape, and glue paper into a fall flower works of art.

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Saturday, 1-4 pm \$45 (Non-Members); \$30 for Members
Wild Mushroom Walk: In Depth
 This 3-hour session with the New Hampshire Mushroom Company gives time to dig deeper and take a more advanced look at the fascinating world of fungi. Whether you are new to mushrooms, have read a book or two, or are an experienced forager, you will leave with new knowledge and insights.

Oct
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2024



Saturday, 10 am-12 pm \$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members
Beginner Soapmaking
 Learn how to safely make your very own soap. We will cover the basics of the soapmaking process and the equipment required to make more at home. Each participant will take home about 10 bars of seasonally scented soap to enjoy.

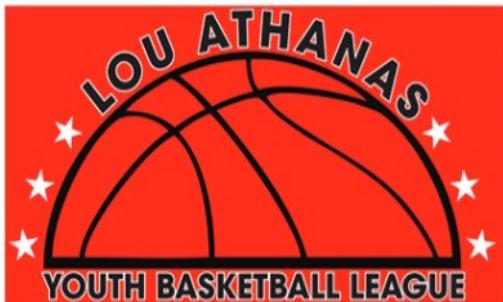
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Trick or Treat hours in Laconia

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



Welcome to the 2024-2025 Lou Athanas Basketball Season

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Laconia Residents only: Grades 1–12

Please go to the following website to Register :

laybl.org

Early Registration \$40.00 per player

****Any Request for Late Registration will be charged a late fee upon**

Approval. Late Registrations are not guaranteed.**

Important Dates

October 1, 2024– Open Registration

October 18, 2024– Registration Price Increases to \$ 60.00 per player

October 26, 2024– Registration Closed

November 2, 2024– Grades 1 - 4 Evaluation Date: Time TBD

November 16, 2024– Grades 5 - 9 Evaluation Date: Time TBD

All Star Evaluations : DEC 8 2024– All Teams– Time TBD

Ref's, coaches and volunteers needed if interested please go to website and complete form.



Carve Pumpkins at Laconia Community Center for Pumpkin Fest

Thursday 10/24 9:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 10/25 9:00am - 12:00pm

FREE EVENT

All Pumpkins will be displayed at Pumpkin Fest

Laconia Parks & Recreation would like to invite you to the Laconia Community Center to carve Pumpkins for Pumpkin Fest. The carving will take place Thursday 10/24 from 9am to 7pm and again Friday 10/25 from 9am to 12:00 noon or until supplies run out!

All carved pumpkins will be displayed downtown at Pumpkin Fest! Please call (603-524-5046) or email (parks@LaconiaNH.gov) if you have any questions!

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th!

the
WINNIPESAUKEE
playhouse

OCTOBER 19, 26, & 27

WINNIPESAUKEEPLAYHOUSE.ORG



A Year with Frog and Toad

Frog and **Toad**

Music by Robert Reale | Book and Lyrics by Willie Reale
Based on the books by Arnold Lobel

A TIMELESS STORY OF FRIENDSHIP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:





LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

OCTOBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
Activities are subject to change	10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30-Baked Pasta in Tomato Sauce	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10—Powerback Rehab Free Health Clinic 11:30-Chicken Curry Stew	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena
7	8	9	10	11
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment	UNH Ext: Snack Smart, Stretch Strong @ 10:30 11:30—Breaded Fish	10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30: Franklin VNA BP & FLU Shot Clinics 11:30- Chicken Caesar Salad	9 AM: On Your Own Exercise
14	15	16	17	18
<i>Closed for Holiday Columbus Day</i>	UNH Ext: Snack Smart, Stretch Strong @ 10:30 11:30—Beef & Bean Chili	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	11:30- Chicken Provencal	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena
21	22	23	24	25
Coffee Social @ 10 Knit & Crochet @ 10:30	11—Quilters Guild Show N' Tell 11:30—Shepherd's Pie	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30- Chef Salad	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Set up for Pumpkin Festival *(Sat: 11-3)*
28	29	30	31	
Movie & Snack @ 10	End of Life Planning (TD Bank) @ 10 am 11:30—Sweet & Sour Meatballs	10-12 Prize Bingo	11:30—Butternut Squash Bisque 12—Halloween Pizza Party	*Friday, October 25th Fundraiser @ The Mug Restaurant in Ctr Harbor (11:30—Close)

YOU'RE INVITED!

2024

LACONIA WATER WORKS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE SAT, OCTOBER 19 9AM - 1PM

Curious about how your water gets from the plant to your tap? Come tour our water treatment plant and learn about the process that ensures clean, safe water for our community. On-site will also be the Fire Department, Police Department, and Distribution Department, showcasing their vehicles and equipment. It's a great opportunity for the whole family to see behind the scenes, meet our dedicated teams, and enjoy free light refreshments. Don't miss out on this informative and fun event!

117 STARK STREET

For More Info, please call 603-524-1096 or email
emessier@laconianh.gov

REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

Curbside
recycling will be
picked up the week
of October 21!



**Granite
VNA**

CELEBRATING
125
YEARS



A Matter of Balance

Granite VNA

Opechee Room
780 North Main Street, Laconia

**Mondays,
November 4 - December 23**

10 a.m. - Noon

Inclement weather date, December 30

You're as young as you feel!

Don't let the fear of falling limit your activities!
"A Matter of Balance" classes provide you the tools
needed to gain confidence and learn simple fall
prevention strategies including home safety and
physical activity.

Registration required.



St. Mary's Bank

**To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664,
visit granitevna.org/calendar,
or scan QR code.**

WILDLIFE SO GOOD, IT'S SCARY
- 2025 CALENDAR AVAILABLE!



Help support the NH Fish and Game Department's work managing the state's natural resources for all to enjoy - purchase a 2025 Wildlife Calendar!

Click [here](#) to order!



37th Annual Debra Bieniarz Award

Do you know someone in the community who has gone above and beyond for the youth in Laconia? If so, please consider nominating them for this year's Debra Bieniarz Award!!

Each year the Laconia City Council is proud to present this award to a resident of the City based on his/her outstanding service to the youth of our community. This award was established 37 years ago in memory of Police Officer Debra Bieniarz who served the City and its youth with devotion, dedication and distinction. In her honor it's time again to present this award to someone who, like late Officer Bieniarz, has selflessly, tirelessly and enthusiastically improved the lives of our younger generation.

Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2024. Please send nominations to the City Manager's Office, City of Laconia, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Nominations may also be e-mailed to NBrown@laconianh.gov. There is no nomination form to fill out, just use your own words to describe what makes your nominee special to our community and its youth, and why they should be considered for this year's award. Please call (603) 527-1270 if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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 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 November 12, 2024 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:

REQUEST TO MAKE HOWARD STREET ONE WAY AND NO PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

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ELECTRIC AGGREGATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED CONSULTANT FOR COMMUNITY POWER

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on October 28, 2024 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:

DESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS AS EMERGENCY LANES UNDER RSA 231.59a, EMERGENCY LANES: PLANTATION ROAD AND COLONIAL ROAD

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



Laconia Senior Center Fall Fundraiser



THE MUG PUB & FAMILY RESTAURANT CELEBRATING OUR 50TH YEAR



62 Daniel Webster Highway, Center Harbor

Friday, October 25th

(11:30 AM - Closing Time)



10% of All Sales

(excludes: Gift Cards & Taxes)



Laconia Senior Center's Activities Fund

50/50 Raffle for Meals on Wheels

Thank you

PAUL & AMY!



Fill Your Caregiving Toolbox!

Caregiving can add stress to our physical and emotional health. This **ONLINE**, interactive workshop helps family caregivers learn the tools they need to help manage the difficulties in caregiving while considering their own well-being.



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

November 1- December 13
1 - 2:30 p.m. (no class 11/29)
Six Friday Afternoons

Scan the QR Code or call to register
(603) 224-4093, ext. 85664

This program is offered at no charge!



www.granitevna.org/calendar



Members: Free

Adults: \$10

Youth (12-17): \$5

Seniors (65+): \$5

Audio Tour: admission + \$5

- Hands-on history exhibits.
- Rotating art exhibits.
- Group tours and field trips.
- Family events and programs year round.
- A unique venue for your next meeting or special event.

Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC

Stitches of Love
presents

SCARVES (& HATS) IN THE SQUARE

WHAT: Free, handmade scarves, hats and cookies for all.

WHEN: Friday, October 18th from 10-2 pm

WHERE: 18 Veterans' Square, Laconia

A scarf is a simple piece of woven yarn that can offer comfort and warmth.

It is a small reminder that you are loved and cared about!

BELKNAP MILL MUSEUM

Where Art and History Come to Life!

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH





ANNUAL LAKES REGION PUMPKIN FIGURE CONTEST

OCTOBER 18, 19 & 20



Registration deadline: 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

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

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



ANNUAL FALL HARVEST RAFFLE

3 tickets for \$10!

Purchasing raffle tickets is a great way to support LRSF! Ticket sales end October 20th.

Prizes to include:

- 59" x 77" (approx.) Handmade Quilt – handmade and donated by Marty Gorman
- Pumpkin Basket of Fall goodies with handmade pumpkin table runner – donated and made by LRSF Board Member Judy Ball
- 11" x 14" matted Lilac print – donated and painted by Larry Frates
- 15 1/2" x 11 1/2" framed Lorain Percy Fall print – donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- Hand knitted Alpaca wool pullover shawl – donated by Marj Wilkinson. Alpaca wool "home grown" and hand spun (Sanbornton NH)
- 11" x 14" Marginal Way canvas print – photo taken and donated by Kimberly Gibbs
- "If the Broom Fits; Fly it!" Cookbook – donated, handcrafted and handmade by Jan Winchester. 14 pages of delicious/fun Halloween/Fall recipes!
- Various Gift Cards/Certificates

Check out our website for up to date prize listings!



Scan the QR Code to visit our website for more information, or to purchase your raffle tickets.



Fall into a NEW CAREER

by attending a Regional Virtual Job Fair



Capital & Southern
Tuesday, November 5
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



Lakes Region
Tuesday, November 12
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



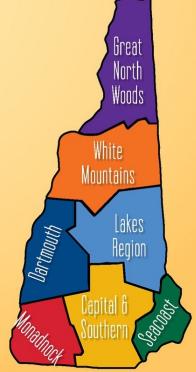
Seacoast Region
Thursday, November 14
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



Dartmouth & Monadnock
Tuesday, November 19
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



Great Woods & White Mts
Thursday, November 21
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



NHES
New Hampshire Employment Security
www.nhes.nh.gov
We're working to keep New Hampshire working!



BEA
New Hampshire Department of
BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Employers and Job Seekers must register to attend
<https://jobfairs.nh.gov>



Franklin VNA & Hospice

3rd Annual

HOSPICE BALL

Saturday

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

5 P M - 10 P M

DINNER
LIVE BAND
DANCING
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

FOR TICKETS VISIT:
FRANKLINVNA.ORG/HOSPICE-BALL
CALL (603) 934-3454



Newfound Lake Inn
1030 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH



Too much trash or recycling for your containers?

Residents of single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes can obtain additional containers from the City through the Additional Container Program.

Eligible residents can receive this service for an annual fee. The fee is for a calendar year. Residents can begin obtaining their service now although the first year's fee is for 2025.

The cost for the service for the first year is:

Recycle only	Trash only	One set
\$429.00	\$503.00	\$832.00

For more information, please call Laconia Public Works at 603-528-6379.

Leave the Leaves!

Don't blow, rake or shred leaves this fall!

Leave nature's mulch to:

- Sustain birds
- Protect overwintering pollinators
 - Insulate plant roots
 - Build living soil

To learn more, visit: www.wildseedproject.net



Wild Seed Project

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 ...

Depot Square Auto & Electric Supply (earlier owners John E. Agnew and Frank G. Picard; later, Robert Perry) occupied 86 Pleasant St. as seen in this 1950s photo. Laconia City Hall is glimpsed at far left and Laconia Shoe Co. buildings are seen in distance at extreme right. The 1892 brick Freight Depot (later, Railway Express Agency) building is just off-photo at right. (1954 Laconia City Directory)



... AND NOW

The new Bank of New Hampshire Building is nearing completion on the former Depot Square Auto & Electric site. The bank's 1971 building, with its 1986-1987 addition (at left) — soon to be demolished — was built on the site of the old City Hall. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Fall Leaf Collection

Mark your calendars! This year's Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the weeks of October 28 - November 1, 2024 and November 11 - November 15, 2024. 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.



Expectant and New Parent Resource Fair

Thursday,
October 24, 2024
4-5:30PM
Leavitt Park and
Playground (Laconia)

Join other parents and local agencies and learn about resources available to you close to home

Raffle will be held for great prizes!!

Questions?
Call Carol at
603 581-1565
carol.stone@lrcts.org

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FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Engage. Empower. Inspire.



THE IRISH TENORS

MARCH 7

SPECTACLE
Live



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Laconia High School

CRIBBAGE

Night

Team Tournament Style

Free Community Event

Prizes and Refreshments

HIGH HAND - HIGH CRIB - FLUSH CRIB -
MOST 19 HANDS - TOP 3 TEAM SCORES -
LOWEST TEAM SCORE

FRIDAY, NOV. 15TH

LHS GYMNASIUM | FROM 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Scan the QR code to register as a team or individual. Individuals will be paired to create teams. Registration closes Friday 11/8/2024



HOSTED BY THE OFFICE
OF EXTENDED
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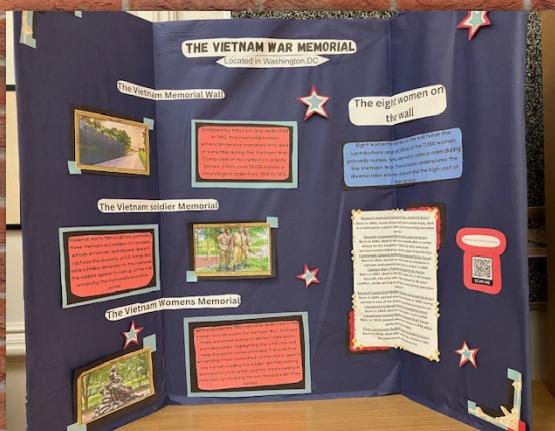
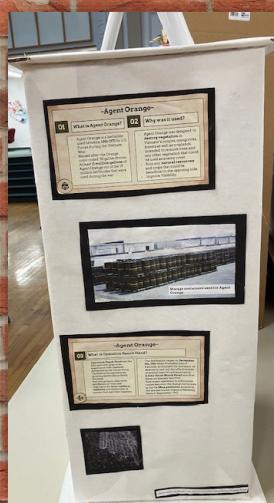
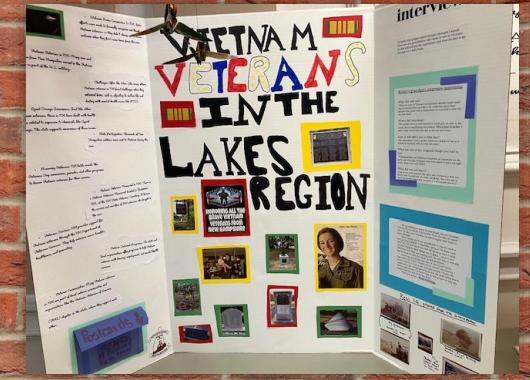
Event Director: Mandi Stefanik
astefanik@laconiaschools.org
(603) 566-3831

Laconia School District



Laconia High School students just finished exploring the Vietnam Conflict in their Women in U.S. History course. After studying the conflict through various inquiry processes, they identified specific areas of interest they wanted to investigate further. By communicating and collaborating within topic teams, they engaged in research to plan and create a museum exhibit to be housed in our Laconia High School library. This exhibit aims not only to honor those who served during the Vietnam Conflict but also to commemorate the upcoming Veterans Day holiday.

Please see the photos below ...



A book study of:

Parenting in the Screen Age

By Delaney Ruston, MD

HYBRID COURSE

Attend in person at our office at 719 N. Main St., Laconia, NH
OR Virtually via Zoom

Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm

8-Week Series Begins

October 29, 2024

**Learn how to start--and sustain--productive
family talks about technology.**

Topics include:

- Talking about screen time without making your child defensive
- Online social cruelty
- Sexting
- Mental Health
- Boundaries around video gaming and social media
- Screen time limits

To register go to:

[**www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration**](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration)
or email [**tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org**](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org)

For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6pm and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration, space is limited.



**The Linden
Foundation**

OCTOBER 2024 THE **PUMPKINS** ARE COMING!

Pumpkins. Food. Activities & MORE!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Find out more at:
NHPumpkinFestival.com



Get Ready to Carve! Join Us for the NH Pumpkin Festival

Get ready for a whirlwind of creativity and community spirit at the much-anticipated NH Pumpkin Festival! This family-friendly extravaganza is just around the corner, and organizers are inviting everyone to unleash their imagination and help craft a stunning showcase of artistry. Mark your calendars for the week of October 22, 2024, as the excitement builds to a thrilling climax on Saturday, October 26, in Downtown Laconia. Let's come together to celebrate the magic of autumn—pumpkins, laughter, and unforgettable memories await!

"Each year, the NH Pumpkin Festival brings our community together in a celebration of creativity, joy, and autumn's beauty. We are thrilled to invite everyone to join us in making this year's festival the most spectacular yet. Let's come together to carve out lasting memories and embrace the spirit of the season!" — Karmen Gifford, President of Lakes Region Chamber, Official Organizer of the NH Pumpkin Festival.

Everyone is invited—families, schools, civic organizations, businesses and you! Our community-hosted event needs your help collectively carving pumpkins to be displayed. This year, in Downtown Laconia there will be FOUR uniquely designed towers, generously sponsored by Breezelane, ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care, and Xfinity. The towers will be located along Main St and in Veterans Square. The towers will go up on Monday, October 21. Your carved jack-o'-lanterns can be placed on the towers from Tuesday, October 22 to Friday, October 25. To reserve your spot and ensure your pumpkins are showcased, please visit NHPumpkinFestival.com and sign up!

Carved pumpkins will be sprouting up and displayed across the City of Laconia. In the Weirs, 603 Sweets Meats & More is collaborating with the 1848 Inn for a pumpkin carving party. WORK Lakes Region is collaborating with a dozen Lakeport businesses to create a festive Halloween themed pumpkin display. Do you work or live along the railroad tracks between Downtown and South Down Shores? Pumpkin Express train rides will be traveling along the tracks Friday evening and all day on Saturday.

Important Pumpkin Details:

- Carving Dates:** Pumpkins can be delivered from October 22 to October 25. When you register online, choose the date that works best for you.
- Lighting:** All towers will be lit electronically—no candles required! Please carve holes on the top of your pumpkins to assist with lighting.

Display Duration: Pumpkins will be lit up on October 26th and remain on display until Halloween. After the festival all of the pumpkins will be donated to a local farm.

Volunteer Opportunities...

Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! If you or someone you know would like to lend a hand, visit the website for sign-up options.

Join the Celebration!

Don't miss out on the main event! Join in on Saturday, October 26, as Downtown Laconia is transformed into a Fall wonderland filled with pumpkins, music, delicious food, craft vendors, and fun for all ages. For more information about the NH Pumpkin Festival and other fun Halloween experiences offered across the region, go to NHPumpkinFestival.com or follow along on Facebook.

Portable Basketball Hoops

Please move your portable basketball hoops!

Winter is fast approaching and Public Works and NHDOT are preparing the public streets and sidewalks for snow plowing.

One item that residents can help with is moving their portable basketball hoops that are on or near the roads and sidewalks so they are not hit by plow trucks and tractors.

The hoops can damage the snow removal equipment or the equipment can damage the hoop itself.

No later than November 16th please move portable basketball hoops at least five feet back from the edge of roads or sidewalks as the weight of the snow coming off of the plows can knock portable basketball hoops over damaging them and anything that is in their path.

Thank you for your help!

2024 Taylor Community Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 9th, 2024, from 10am to 2pm

Craft Fair will be held at our
Woodside Building at 227 Ledges Drive, Laconia, NH 03246

Vendor applications are being accepted now. \$35 for a space. Proceeds benefit the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction and the Taylor Community Sunshine Fund. Donations gladly accepted. For an application or more information contact

Shannon Wharton at 603-366-1200 or at swharton@taylorcommunity.org

Reserve your space today!



Raffles



WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE AND MORE!

Bake Sale



Annual Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair Nov. 9!

Start your holiday shopping early at the Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair!

Volunteers at Taylor Community are busy gathering items donated by the residents, organizing and pricing them for the event to be held on Saturday, November 9, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Woodside Building, located at 435 Union Avenue in Laconia.

In addition to these gently used items of all kinds, local crafters will be there selling their creations.

You'll find seasonal and holiday decorations, quilted pieces, photography, baked goods, jewelry, jams and jellies, and handmade greeting cards, to name a few.

Proceeds from the Indoor Yard Sale, crafter table rentals, the bake sale and the jewelry table are donated to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction and the TC Sunshine Fund. Come early for the best selection, find a special treasure, and support a good cause!



Auto

EXPO & BBQ

Tuesday, Oct. 22

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Lakes Region Community College



- Interactive Stations
- Games
- Prizes!



Free Food



HOT Product!



Check out some hot product, tour our shop, and engage with some top vendors. Learn about our Toyota and General Motors programs, plus discover career opportunities with local dealers. Enjoy free food in a relaxed atmosphere—let's talk shop!

379 Belmont Rd., Laconia, NH - 603-524-3207 - LRCC.edu

Join LRCC on Tuesday, October 22nd, from 5 to 7 PM at their auto shop for an evening of fun, food, and fantastic opportunities! Check out some cars, tour a state-of-the-art shop, and meet top vendors. Dive into LRCC's Toyota and General Motors programs and discover how you can kickstart your career with local dealers!

[CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP

This member communication provided by
Lakes Region Chamber

383 S Main St, Laconia, NH 03246
603-524-5531
LakesRegionChamber.org

ONE NIGHT ONLY!
Saturday, October 26, 2024



Flawless a Capella of Classic Hits

Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium,
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH

TICKETS JUST \$40

SHOWTIME 7:30 PM

PURCHASE ONLINE

Credit Card Only



www.tbinh.org

OR VISIT ONE OF OUR RETAIL PARTNERS

MEREDITH

*Innisfree Booksellers
*Cackleberries Garden Shop

LACONIA

*Vista Foods

MOULTONBOROUGH

*The Thrift Shop

PLYMOUTH

*Noyes Insurance
*Circle Program Office

BRISTOL

*The Bristol Botanist

CONCORD

*Viking House

*Cash or check only

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Hurdy-Gurdy Americana Concert

A musical extravaganza bringing a modern music sound to an ancient instrument. Noelle Beaudin & Max Enloe of GurdyWorld will immerse you in stories, history and ambient sound. Don't miss this one of a kind music event!

October 20th, 2024 | 4 pm
Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia
Refreshments Served | Harvest Pie Sale
Tickets \$25 | Call 603.848.2469

www.uulaconia.org

OVER 65 ARTISAN CRAFTERS
FOOD TRUCKS
RAFFLE TABLE
BAKE SALE
7TH ANNUAL WREATH FESTIVAL





Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is gearing up for their annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest, and to help out, Happy Cow Ice Cream on Union Avenue, has offered to join the Foundation on the weekend of October 18th, by donating a percentage of all sales on that weekend to Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation!

Stop by Happy Cow Ice Cream this weekend for a delicious treat, while viewing the Pumpkin Figures. This year there are over 40 Pumpkin Figures. You can view the map and purchase raffle tickets directly on LRSF's website at: www.lrscholarship.org

Pictured are: (l – r) Chris Guilmett, Assistant Director of LRSF, Karen Switzer, Executive Director of LRSF, and Calise Houle, Manager of Happy Cow Ice Cream Shop.

SAVE THE DATE

DEA's 27th Annual Drug Take Back Day



Anonymously and safely dispose of your unused or expired prescription & over-the-counter medications to the Laconia Police Department for the DEA's 27th annual Drug Take Back Day, no questions asked!

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Laconia Police Department, 126 New Salem St, Laconia, NH

What: Bring expired or unused prescription & over-the-counter medications to securely dispose of

For more information visit: DEATakeBack.com



Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue. Proper disposal of unneeded drugs saves lives & protects the environment & our overall community.

Thank you for being part of the solution!





LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
BENJAMIN GREENE, CONDUCTOR



SYMPHONY CONCERT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024 - 7:00PM
HANAWAY THEATRE PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

KALINNIKOV - SYMPHONY No. 2

TICKETS: WWW.LRSO.ORG

MENDELSSOHN - HEBRIDES OVERTURE

PSU SILVER CENTER BOX OFFICE
603-535-ARTS

DVORAK - CELLO CONCERTO IN B MINOR, MVT 1
FEATURING CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNER IAN JANG

PSU STUDENTS FREE
\$20 - \$30 ADULT
\$5 NON-PSU STUDENTS




IAN JANG

SILVER

www.LRSO.org
f LRSO1 @ LRSO.NH

Plymouth State UNIVERSITY

Thank you LRSO sponsors Ravenna & John McIntyre, and Evelyn & Michael Miller. Silver Center productions are made possible in part through the generosity of the Dick and Betty Hanaway endowment for the performing arts; the Ann E. Thurston '80, '00G, '07Cags and Elizabeth W. Cheney '89, '99G endowed fund for the performing arts; and the Jeannette and Richard Collins award.



LACONIA KIWANIS \$1,000 FUEL RAFFLE

The **Laconia Kiwanis Club** is holding its Annual \$1,000 Home-Heating Fuel Raffle.

ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN **LIVE** - NOVEMBER 2ND AT 6 pm ON THE
LACONIA KIWANIS FACEBOOK PAGE.

Fuel type is selected by the winner (Natural Gas, Propane, Oil,
Pellets, etc.)

Funds will be paid directly to the fuel company of the winner's
choice.

All tickets will be sold virtually for \$10
(plus a small processing fee - @ \$11.50 total)
at <https://laconiakiwanis.ticketleap.com/2024-fuel>

Thank you for your support!



Scan Above for Tickets



Every Tuesday in 2025 you have a chance to win \$222.00!

If your ticket number matches the NH Pick 3
Tuesday Evening Lotto Numbers you Win!

Keep your ticket for the whole year and possibly win multiple times!

\$20 Per Ticket



MST MID-STATE TRANSIT
NEED HELP GETTING
TO THE POLLS? CALL
ON MST!
**VOTER SHUTTLE
SERVICE**
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

- This **free service** will pick up individuals from home or work, drop off at the requested polling location and will return a short time later for the return trip making it very convenient to get out and vote this election cycle!
- Call in advance to schedule but no later than 2:30 pm the day before election day.
- Available to any voting age Merrimack County or Belknap County resident in the MST service area going to the polls.



HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

As part of our continued effort to maintain drinking water quality,
Laconia Water Department will be flushing hydrants



October 21st through November 1st

While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful.
Simply run the cold water until it clears. There could also be
some fluctuation in pressure for a short period of time. If you
have any
questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA

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

OCTOBER 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Local Warmline: 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!		10a Inspirational Stories 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	1 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	2 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Rock Painting 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	3 FIELD TRIP Stone Mountain Farm Apple Picking sign up by 9/27
Local Mental Health Agency: Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100	7 10a Community/Member Meeting and Coffee with Wayne 11a Creative Art & Talk 12p Let's Move! 1p Rock Painting 2p Stress Management	8 10a NHMHPA Meeting (join with Zoom @ centers) 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	9 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	10 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Rock Painting 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	11 10a Self Kindness 11a Anxiety & Depression with Wayne 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 2p Socialization Skills
CALL OR TEXT 988 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!	14 CLOSED/HOLIDAY Indigenous People Day	15 10a Inspirational Stories 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	16 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	17 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Let's Move 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	18 10a Inner Healing 11a Anxiety & Depression with Wayne 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 2p Socialization Skills
Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the: NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 	21 10a Coffee with Wayne 11a Creative Art & Talk 12p Let's Move! 1p Advocacy 2p Stress Management	22 10a Inspirational Stories 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	23 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	24 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Let's Move 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	25 10a Inner Healing 11a Anxiety & Depression with Wayne 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 2p Socialization Skills
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RECYCLE YOUR SOFT PLASTICS

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On Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 11am-1pm, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia is holding the next collection of soft plastics. Also, we are collecting pop-top canned goods and other easy open food items for distribution to local food pantries, including CAP.

Soft clean plastics are accepted. Blue and white Amazon bags are accepted, as well as pellet bags and brand new from factory mattress plastic coverings. No crunchy snack bags. No pet food bags. No boat storage covers. Any attached paper on bags needs to be cut off.

Our community is to be complimented for keeping these plastics out of landfills where they end up being burned, polluting the air we and all breathing creatures inhale. Bring what you have saved to the curb, along with a donated food item or two, to the little white church at 172 Pleasant St., Laconia. Our volunteers will be out front to assist you.

Should you have any questions, you may email theandrews@verizon.net, call the church office at 603-524-6488 or check our [Facebook page](#).



Tiny Tykes Open Gym

at the Laconia Community Center

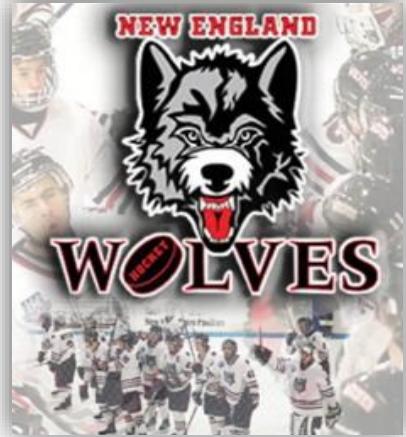
For Ages 0 - 5

Wednesdays and Fridays

12:00p - 1:30p

Residents \$3 | Non-Residents \$4

Adult Supervision Required



New England Wolves Hockey

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

Vermont Lumber Jacks vs. New England Wolves EHL - Friday, October 18 @ 4:45 pm

Vermont Lumber Jacks vs. New England Wolves EHL - Saturday, October 19 @ 6:30 pm

Vermont Lumber Jacks vs. New England Wolves EHL - Sunday, October 20 @ 11:30 am

Vermont Lumber Jacks vs. New England Wolves EHLP - Friday, October 18 @ 1:45 pm

Vermont Lumber Jacks vs. New England Wolves EHLP - Saturday, October 19 @ 3:50 pm

Vermont Lumberjacks vs. New England Wolves EHLP - Sunday, October 20 @ 8:30 am

Laconia Parks & Recreation will host an Open Gym for children 0-5 (and accompanying guardian) on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12pm to 1:30pm.

Cost for participants is \$4/session, but Laconia residents receive a \$1 discount.

All programs, including the Tiny Tykes Open Gym, will be closed from Friday, Nov 15th through Sunday, December 15th for the Christmas Village.

Adult supervision is required for Tiny Tykes Open Gym.

Please call (603-524-5046) or email parks@LaconiaNH.gov if you have any questions!



The General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. If you plan to vote by Absentee Ballot, we suggest that you complete an application as soon as possible. Please note that there is also a Municipal Election on the same day that requires a separate absentee ballot request form.

Please request your absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office (603-527-1265) or by clicking [here](#) to fill out an application.

Applications can be dropped off at the City Clerk's Office (45 Beacon Street East), faxed to 603-524-1766, emailed to cityclerk@laconianh.gov, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247.

Absentee Ballots have been mailed out to those who requested one.

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's Office, 527-1265.



Join us for this incredibly rare opportunity to hear from a renowned expert in memory care.

Strategies for Communicating When Interacting With People With Memory Loss and Other Cognitive Challenges

Thursday, October 31st

Two sessions available:

8:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

at Taylor Community
227 Ledges Drive, Laconia, NH

Light refreshments, provided by our talented culinary team, will be served at both sessions.

FREE and open to local medical professionals
Call (603) 366-1400 to RSVP by October 22nd.



Come on Downtown on Friday night, October 18th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for the second annual Creepy Crawl for some tricks or treats!

Visit roughly 25 participating downtown businesses on Main St., Canal St., Pleasant St. and throughout the Downtown Laconia area.

Laconia Senior Center Pumpkin Festival



ICE CREAM
Sundaes
\$5.00



Games,
Raffles &
Crafts

11 A.M.
to
3 P.M.

26
October

**532 Main St. or
184 Beacon St West
Laconia, NH**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LACONIA SENIOR
CENTER ACTIVITIES!

Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

A Gravely Historical Tour

Meredith Bridge Cemetery

behind the VFW, 143 Court St

LACONIA HISTORICAL &
MUSEUM SOCIETY



TICKETS: WWW.LACONIAHISTORY.COM
\$20pp : limited availability : no refunds : rain date 11.03.24

Table Treat at Leavitt Park

334 Elm Street, Lakeport

Sunday, October 20th

5:30pm – 7pm



Hosted by



Leavitt Park Community Club

Come in costume and have a great time!



If interested in having a table
to decorate and give out candy
Or interested in becoming a member
Call Leavitt Park (603)524-1886

Drilling and Blasting

Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

As a courtesy to the public, we will be publishing blasting and drilling permits that have been issued by the Fire Department.

1. A blasting permit has been issued to Maine Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until November 18th, for drilling and blasting at 800 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH.

Blasting can occur anytime Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Please see below for the horn codes:

3 long horns—5 minutes until the blast
2 long horns—2 minutes until the blast
1 long horn—All clear to proceed

Please direct any concerns you may have to Maine Drilling and Blasting at 1-800-370-2338.

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.

Being a caregiver can be tough, but help and support are available. Register for the 2024 NH Caregiver's Conference scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

Learn more about balance, self-care, and some skills to help you in your caregiver journey. For more information visit

<https://bit.ly/3BLzQwv>.



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:**

Trustees of the Trust Funds

October 21, 2024, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

October 21, 2024, 5:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Parks & Recreation Commission

October 21, 2024, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

October 21, 2024, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Laconia Human Relations Committee

October 22, 2024, 3:30 pm



Downtown TIF District Advisory Board

October 23, 2024, 9:00 am

Robert A. Hamel Community Recognition Service Award Committee

October 23, 2024, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Weirs TIF District Advisory Board

October 24, 2024, 2:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Board of Assessors

October 24, 2024, 5:30 pm



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

Codes Director Joe Gray

Conservation 527-1264

Conservation Technician

Economic Development & 527-1270

Housing - Director - Joia Hughes

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

Planning & Zoning Director Rob Mora

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

Eric Hoffman (Ward 3) 803-3425

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