



December 6, 2024 - Edition #665

Thank you to Celebrate Laconia and to all of the participants in this year's Holiday Parade and festivities! What a great day!

Public Works Department Property Owner's Winter Survival Tips!



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!

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.



In order for City Hall Employees to attend their annual Christmas Luncheon, City Hall will be closed during the lunch hour on Thursday, December 19, 2024 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

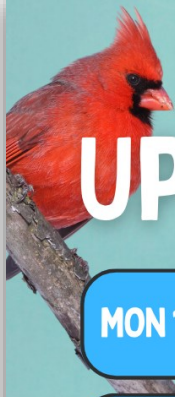
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS!



Property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed out on Monday, December 9. Payment will be due on January 10.

Please note that the tax rate decreased from \$13.91/thousand to \$13.63/thousand.

The amount of your property tax bill will be available on-line beginning on December 9 by clicking [here](#).



LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

12.9-12.17 2024

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 12/9

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.

KID

TUE 12/10

Lego Club @3:30pm - best for ages 6-12.

KIDS

WED 12/11

Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 3 and under.

KID

WED 12/11

Mystery Book Group @4pm - "The Daughter of Time"

ADULT

WED 12/11

Holiday Entertaining with Chef Colleen @6pm

ADULT

THU 12/12

Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3 -6.

KID

THU 12/12

Stonehenge at the Winter Solstice @6pm - facts and myths.

ADULT

SAT 12/14

Holiday Concert: NH Ukeladies @1:30pm

MULTI

MON 12/16

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for newborns to age 6.

KID

TUES 12/17

Fiction Book Group @10am - "Three Holidays and a Wedding"

ADULT

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

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!



Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Thursday 4-7pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

Holiday Wreath Making

Wreaths made from natural greenery are traditionally festive at this time of year. Learn a little about the history and symbolism of wreaths while you make and decorate your very own using natural materials.

Dec
12
2024



Friday 5-6pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members

Orionids in the Night Sky

Turn your eyes to the sky as we watch for meteors on the night of the Orionids Meteor Shower. We'll find out what causes 'shooting stars' and make models of what happens when a meteor makes it through the atmosphere. Too cloudy? No worries! We'll gather inside for a tour of the winter night sky.

Dec
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2024



Friday 5-6pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

Kids' Homemade Gift Workshop

Let your children learn the joy of gift giving with this unique opportunity to make nature-inspired gifts for the adults in their lives. Participants will be offered several options and will select which gift they want to make. We'll provide the materials and instruction while they add their own unique flair!

Dec
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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!

Additional programs, series, and registration details

prescottfarm.org

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



Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday 10 am-12pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

Yule Log & Nature Ornament Making

Interested in the natural beauty of the season? Join us as we craft yule logs and beautiful ornaments using nature's bounty. Yule logs were traditionally decorated and burned at celebrations of the Winter Solstice. Today they're often used as holiday decorations signifying the season of lights. Decorate your own yule log and other nature ornaments and let it be part of your family's tradition in any way that works for you!

Dec
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2024



Saturday 2-4pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

Felted Ornaments

Join us to learn the basics of needle felting, and create your own festive ball-style wool ornament to "deck your halls" this season.

Dec
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Saturday 1-3pm \$25 (Non-Members); \$10 for Members

Art to You with Larry Frates: Painting with Paper Pulp

This workshop will offer you the opportunity to create paintings using dyed recycled paper pulp. You will gain an understanding of color mixing, techniques for applying the colored pulp to surfaces, as well as pressing and drying your finished pulp painting based on subjects found in Nature. All of the supplies and personalized instruction are provided in this Studio based event.

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2024 Holiday Walk Tree Decoration Competition

Rotary Park and Stewart Park are looking beautiful!! New in 2024, Celebrate Laconia is holding a competition for the trees that have been sponsored and decorated in the holiday spirit. Please click [here](#) to vote for your favorite tree!



HOLIDAY CONCERTS



FEATURING
RACHEL AND ALEX HUNTON

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2024:
COLONIAL THEATRE, LACONIA, 7PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024:
INTER-LAKES AUDITORIUM, MEREDITH, 3PM

TICKETS: WWW.LRSO.ORG
\$10 - \$30



You're Invited!

Mayor Hosmer invites you to support the
Belknap Mill at the

MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

December 31, 2024
8 pm - Midnight

This year the Belknap Mill celebrated its 201st
year!

Mix and mingle in your holiday cocktail attire.
Enjoy speakeasy vibes, hors d'oeuvres, music,
dancing & open bar!

Gratuity and donations appreciated!

Tickets are \$201 per pair

Tickets

**OPEN
HOUSE**



December 11th
1:00 – 5:00 PM
1st & 2nd Shift
Opportunities



On-the-spot
interviews
Facility Tour



See what sets
us apart.
Let your career
soar!

93 Lexington Dr – Laconia, NH ➔ Enter at front of building

Department of Public Works

CHRISTMAS WEEK

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON
CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES...
PICK UP DELAY DURING
CHRISTMAS WEEK!**

Christmas Day is on Wednesday, December 25th. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day. Wednesday's collection will be on Thursday, and each remaining day's collection during Christmas Week will be delayed by one day.

Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th, but open for its normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) the rest of the week.

Questions? Please call (603) 528-6379.



Are you hitting all of the special holiday sales during this busy season?

Remember to safeguard your valuables and purchases while you're out and about!

Keep your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle or stay close to your items while shopping.

Enjoy a safe and savvy shopping experience this holiday season!



Protect yourself from theft by always hiding valuables out of site; utilize your trunk or keep items with you while shopping.



Children Christmas PARTY

15th Dec 2024-1:00PM

Deadline for sign-ups 29th Nov
Newborn - 12 years old
(Sign up at the post)

LOCATION
VFW POST 1670
143 Court Street
Laconia, NH 03246

- Cookie Walk
- Sundae Buffet
- Surprise visit from Santa

Any questions please contact the VFW @ 603-524-9725 during normal business hours



Hope Ministries - First United Methodist Church
Wesley Way (off Rte. 11A) Gilford, NH

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER
DECEMBER 25TH

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30pm – DINNER AT 1:00pm
Ham dinner & all the extras!
Potatoes – Candied Carrots – Green Bean Casserole – Rolls
Homemade Desserts

Reservations Are Required
Call 524-3289 by Dec. 20th

Please leave your name & number of people eating.



VOLUNTEERS needed for serving and clean-up on the 25th.
Please call 603-455-9455 and leave your name and phone #.
(Volunteers must call in advance.)

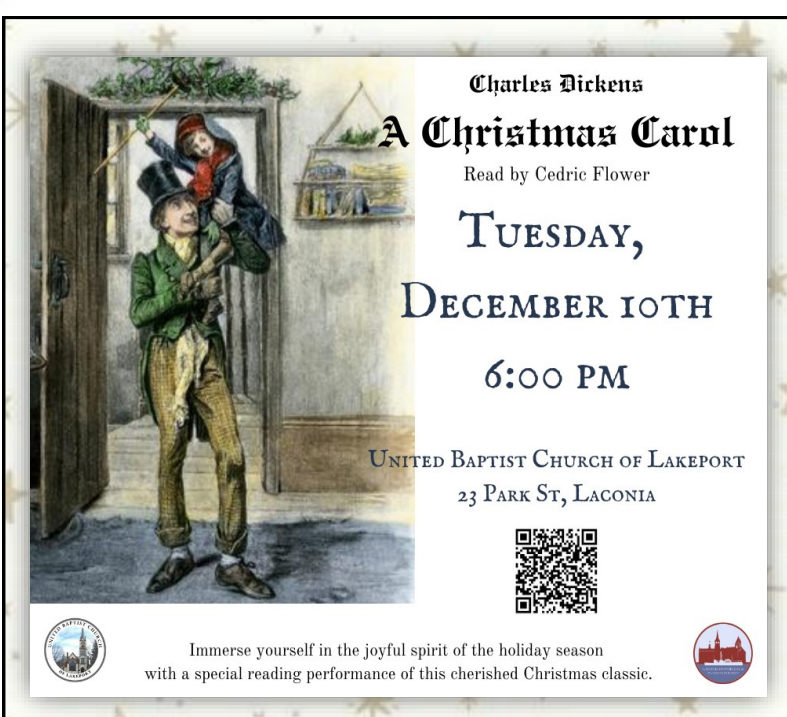



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Gilford Community Church
19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH

Friday, December 6 (4-6PM)
Saturday, December 7 (9-2PM)


Baked Goods • Greens • White Elephant Sale • Jewelry • Toys



Charles Dickens
A Christmas Carol
Read by Cedric Flower

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 10TH
6:00 PM

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKEPORT
23 PARK ST, LACONIA



Immerse yourself in the joyful spirit of the holiday season with a special reading performance of this cherished Christmas classic.



Upgrades Made to Tavern Inn Apartments Create Lasting Impacts for Residents & Preserve Historic Building

Laconia Housing is pleased to announce significant updates to the historic Tavern Inn Apartments, located on Church Street in downtown Laconia. Originally a hotel and a one-time campaign stop for President Dwight D. Eisenhower, this iconic building has offered affordable housing apartments for residents aged 62 and older since Laconia Housing's acquisition of it in 1997 through financing from TD Bank. Recent renovations underscore Laconia Housing's commitment to preserving local architectural history while

providing essential housing and support services to its 50 residents. Tavern Inn Apartments provides eight efficiency apartments and 42 one-bedroom units.

Upgrade Highlights

Tavern Inn Apartments received a \$9,000 grant to complete crucial exterior updates. This grant was made possible from The 1772 Foundation in cooperation with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. These updates included repainting and repairing parts of the building's original trim and stucco to maintain its historic character and freshen up its curb appeal.

"Today, more than ever, it is vitally important to preserve our historic buildings as they are quickly disappearing from the American landscape," comments Cathy Bowler, Executive Director of Laconia Housing. "On June 23, 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower stayed at the Laconia Tavern Hotel during his visit to Laconia. Our building stands as a symbol of housing transformation, innovation, and cultural heritage, embodying a significant period in our city's development. This funding helped assure that downtown Laconia maintains its New England charm." Additionally, energy efficiency upgrades made possible through NH Saves, include new LED lighting, window and door replacements, and updated air conditioning units installed in all 50 units to enhance resident comfort while reducing energy costs. Solar panels installed in previous years continue to contribute to the building's sustainability goals.

The Church Street entrance also received an upgrade when replacing the stairs became necessary after a car accident had damaged them. Bowler states, "now they look even better than before!"

A Commitment to Affordable Living

Laconia Housing recently transitioned the Tavern Inn Apartments to a Project-Based Voucher (PBV) model through HUD's Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) funds, ensuring long-term support for the building and its residents. The PBV model guarantees sustainable funding and helps secure affordable living arrangements for seniors who call the Tavern home.

In addition to comfortable, secure housing, qualifying residents also benefit from a comprehensive suite of services designed to support their independence, including nurse visits, prescription delivery, homemaker services, and various social and educational activities.

Laconia Housing remains dedicated to enhancing quality of life and fostering a strong community environment for all residents. They are firm in their commitment to ensure Tavern Inn Apartments and the support services they provide continue to keep residents living independently in their homes and are available for those they serve for the long term.

For more on Laconia Housing, visit LaconiaHousing.org.

All proceeds go to the kids!

Santa Jam

1-2 Jackie Lee
2-5 Auction
5-6 John Reif
6-7:30 White Mountain Band
7:30-8 Raffles
8-10 Out on Bail

Saturday
12/7/24
1-10 p.m.
Auction
Raffles
Games
Live Music

Laconia Rod & Gun Club
Event Hall
358 S. Main St.
Laconia, NH 03246

HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT

The holidays present unique challenges when you are grieving. This targeted, one-day program—offered two times in December—will provide support, understanding, and the tools to navigate through them.

Thursday, December 5th 1:30-3:30 p.m.
and

Tuesday, December 10th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Franklin
VNA & Hospice

No registration required to attend.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: info@franklinvna.org OR CALL (603) 934-3454

IT'S A

Yankee Swap

DECEMBER 24, 2024 • 10:00 AM

Laconia Senior Center

184 Beacon Street West, Laconia, NH

Bring a gift for exchange (\$10 or Less)!



NEWS From the City Clerk's Office

2025 Transfer Station Stickers and Beach Stickers

2025 Transfer Station stickers and beach stickers will both be available for sale at the City Clerk's Office starting December 16!

Transfer Station stickers are \$25 each and are good for the calendar year.

Beach stickers are \$15 each, \$25 for two, and free for those who are over 65 or who have a handicap plate or placard.

Please note that for both the Transfer Station stickers as well as the beach stickers, a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle must be presented at the time of purchase for the vehicle the sticker will be put on.

Questions?

*Please call the City Clerk's Office,
603-527-1265*



Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Offers Max Bidding for this year's event, beginning Black Friday, Nov. 29

Bidders who want to be sure they get the item they want—at the price they want—may place a Max Bid on items over a \$300 value in this year's Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.

The auction will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 10 through Friday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Belknap Marketplace in the former CVS location. Early bidding, and the placement of Max Bids, will extend through Friday, Dec. 13.

Anyone can register as an auction bidder online at [ChildrensAuction.org](https://www.childrensauction.org). Registered bidders can then bid early and place a Max Bid on high-value items over \$300. Bids will automatically go up in increments to keep the bidder in the lead, up to the Max limit set. "We'll let you know if someone outbids you, and you can decide if you want to increase your Max limit," said Executive Director Jennifer Kelley. Want to donate an item? Visit <https://www.childrensauction.org/post/collection-box-locations> to see all the drop-off locations in the region.

"The organization is still seeking items of any value for this year's auction," Kelley said. "While many items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community."

Auction leaders will collect new, unused, unwrapped items right up to the week of the auction. Gift cards, electronics, tools, toys, sporting goods and household items all bring the highest bids. Visit [ChildrensAuction.org](https://www.childrensauction.org) for a list of donation drop-off sites throughout the Lakes Region.



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

DECEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10-12 Decorate Center	9-10 Decorate Center 10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30 —Chicken Strips	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo 12:15—Decorate Cookies & Cookie Walk	10:30 Ping Pong & Corn Hole 11:30 —Beef Vegetable Barley Soup	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
9	10	11	12	13
10—Coffee Social 10:30—Knit & Crochet	UNH Ext: Snack Smart, Stretch Strong @ 10:30 11:30 —Sweet & Sour Meatballs	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic 10:30—Healthy Living by Lakes Region VNA 11:30— American Chop Suey	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong
16	17	18	19	20
10—Puzzles, Games, Ping Pong/Corn Hole	Aging in Place by Granite VNA @ 10:15 11:30 —Stuffed Pasta w/Marinara	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30— Holiday Meal: Braised Beef	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
23	24	25	26	27
10—Coffee Social 10:30—Ornament Making	10—Yankee Swap *(\$10 or Less Gift)* 11:30— Meatballs in Marinara	Closed for Holiday 	10—Puzzles & Games 11:30— Sweet & Sour Chicken	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong
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10—Movie & Snack 	10:30—Corn Hole & Ping Pong 11:30— New Year's Lunch: Chicken Thighs Tagine	Closed for Holiday 		*Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal



EAT, DRINK & RAISE MONEY!

COME SUPPORT A DOUGH RAISER TO BENEFIT

**Altrusa Club of
Laconia**

DATE:

December 19th, 2024

VALID AT:

**122 Laconia Rd,
Tilton NH 03276
603-286-4079**

UNO® will
donate up to
20%
of your check

**DINE-IN
or
TAKEOUT!**

Please present this certificate at the time of payment to have up to 20% of your check's value, excluding tax and tip, donated to the organization above. Not to be used with other coupons or discounts. Tickets are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking area. Valid only for the date listed above.

unodoughraisers.com

PRESENT THIS TO YOUR SERVER

Pizzeria Uno Corporation © 2014

The Altrusa Club of Laconia is teaming up with Uno Pizzeria & Grill in Tilton for a Dough Rai\$er event for lunch, dinner or takeout! Please come join us on December 19th.

Just print this flyer and bring it with you.

Thank you for your support!



Sock Snowmen

Saturday, December 7th

10am-1pm

Plus other fun holiday crafts at Family Craft Day.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Belknap Mill Museum

Where Art and History come to life!

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

www.belknapmill.org

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION

The Café Déjà Vu Team
Invites you to join us for

Weekly
**CRIBBAGE
TOURNAMENTS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

7PM

SEPT 4, 2024 - MAY 28, 2025

Bring your friends!

\$10.00pp - Compete in 5 one-on-one games

Also some \$1.00 side pots for High Hand and Flush in the Kitty
AND 25¢ for 19 hand and 50¢ for a skunk

At Laconia VFW on Court St
Come one week, ten weeks or all of them

Cash Prizes for total high scores
(Prizes awarded based on number of entries)

Friendly Games
No muggins/cut throat
For more info call (603) 998-1418



The home of
"Flower"



"Deck the Halls"

You are Cordially Invited...

CANTERBURY SINGERS CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

3-4 pm in the Sanctuary

Cookies & Punch in the Social Hall

Hosted by:

**First United Methodist Church
500 Gilford Avenue, Gilford NH**

Sponsored by:

Wesley Woods Retirement Community

Donations Accepted by the Singing Group

*The Canterbury Singers is a Program of the
Concord Community Music School featuring
Authentic Shaker Music and Holiday Classics!*

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 cancellation 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.





The 43rd Annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction to be held Dec. 10-13 at the Belknap Marketplace

The 43rd annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 13 at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

The auction occurs live at the marketplace and airs daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. A variety of items will be up for bid each day, and friends and neighbors from throughout the community will appear on the set. Watch the event on Lakes Region Public Access television; viewers can tune into Channel 25. The auction will also stream live at ChildrensAuction.org, on The Laconia Daily Sun's website at laconiadailysun.com and on [Facebook.com/Children Auction](https://Facebook.com/ChildrenAuction). Listen to the auction each day with Zack Derby and friends at Lakes 101.5 FM.

On Friday, Dec. 13, auction volunteers will come together to announce the total funds raised for children and families in need.

Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the auction, is thrilled to have the event at the Belknap Marketplace. "We are grateful to everyone at the marketplace for welcoming our hundreds of auction volunteers into their space," she said. "The auction is such a valuable community event. Business leaders throughout the Lakes Region continue to show their generosity as we raise funds to financially support local children and families in need."

George Vernet, owner of Vernet Properties, which oversees the marketplace, said, "It is an honor to be associated with such an outstanding organization as the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. It provides so much to the Lakes Region community. The Belknap Marketplace looks forward to hosting this event that financially supports local children and families in need."

The auction will host its second annual family night on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Have your picture taken with Santa, meet the Grinch, build a toy in Santa's workshop, decorate holiday cookies, face paint, sing along with the Snow Family and hear holiday stories; children will get a free book courtesy of the local Kiwanis Club.

The auction still needs donations of new, unused, non-perishable items, big and small. Gift cards are always a hit with bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, toys and services.

Convenient item collection sites are now open throughout the region. Visit ChildrensAuction.org for details. And on Nov. 29 and 30, visit the collection site at the Belknap Marketplace and drop your items off between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also donate items on Dec. 7-9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Belknap Marketplace.

Bid online at ChildrensAuction.org or over the phone during auction week at (603) 527-0999. Pre-bidding begins Friday, Nov. 29 online on items with a retail value of \$300 or more. Anyone can bid on these featured items as well as place a max bid on any item.

Sponsorship opportunities exist at every level. Email Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org or call (603) 527-0999 for more information on how your business can make a difference in the lives of children.

Follow the auction on Facebook at Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction; Instagram at Instagram.com/childrensauction603/; and LinkedIn at Linkedin.com/company/greater-lakes-region-children-s-auction/.





PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the following Public Hearing Notices 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 **December 9, 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:

RESOLUTION 2024-27 – RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FROM THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$450,000 TO FUND A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM WITHIN THE LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 9, 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:

RESOLUTION 2024-28 – APPROVAL OF BONDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A REPLACEMENT LADDER TRUCK FOR THE LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 9, 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:

RESOLUTION 2024-26 – APPROVAL OF BONDING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000) TO FUND REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEIRS PUBLIC BOAT DOCKS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



Photo of 2023's Second Annual "LRCC Student Work" an exhibit by art students at Lakes Region Community College

Belknap Mill Museum Hosts LRCC Art Student Exhibit

This December the Belknap Mill's Riverside Gallery features the Third Annual "LRCC Student Work", an exhibit by art students at Lakes Region Community College. An artist reception will be held this Friday, December 6th from 5pm-7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Each artwork is an original piece, created either with traditional media (such as graphite and charcoal), or digital media (in programs like

Photoshop, Illustrator, and Procreate). Within this exhibit you'll find observational drawings and paintings, photography, ceramics and sculptural work, as well as various design prints created from reference and imagination.

"We at LRCC are grateful to the Belknap Mill for the opportunity to acknowledge as a community the creative ambition and dedication of our Intro to Drawing, The Clay Experience, 3-D Design, Intro to Digital Photography, Branding and Identity, and Design Software Essentials students." says Carolyn Arcabascio, Instructor and Program Coordinator for Graphics and Fine Arts at Lakes Region Community College.

We hope you can join us!

Virtual & Ongoing Programming



Family History Services

Genealogy and house history services provided by LHMS experienced researchers.



History to Go

Engaging and interesting presentations for club meetings and small gatherings or events.



Laconia's Historic Walking Tour ~ Downtown

Volunteer guided walking tours available by appointment for private parties or small groups.

\$10/pp



LHMS History Pages
as seen in the Laconia Daily Sun



LHMS Facebook & Instagram

Online programming & historical
information offered throughout the week.

Celebrating Laconia's Irish Heritage



603-527-1278

PO Box 1126, Laconia, NH 03247

laconiabistory.com



Laconia Historical & Museum Society 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Special Programming & Events

Irish Brew Tasting - March TBD

In 2025, we celebrate Laconia's Irish heritage! Irish immigrants greatly contributed to shaping our city, and this year we honor them.



Genealogy How-To Q&A - March

The LHMS research team will provide guidance and share valuable tips on effectively navigating the process of researching your family tree with this 'how-to' Q&A workshop.

Member Only Event - April

Connect with other members of the LHMS during this exclusive event!



NH Veterans Association Tour - May 18

An engaging and informative tour highlighting the rich history and significance of the NH Veterans Campground in The Weirs.

History Happened Here - June 21

Explore captivating stories and discover intriguing facts about Laconia; immerse yourself in its rich history through various engaging experiences tailored to your interests.



Multicultural Day - September 7

We join the city of Laconia to celebrate the music, arts, crafts and cuisine of our city's diverse cultures. We will honor our Irish heritage again this year!

LHMS on the Road - October 12

Museum Tour & Train Excursion



A Gravey Historical Cemetery Tour - October 27

This year's cemetery tour promises to be educational and engaging as we pay tribute to the legacy of Laconia's Irish ancestors.

Holiday Concert - December 6

A holiday performance by the NE Harp Orchestra featuring a blend of traditional Irish tunes and original music, designed to uplift your spirit and warm your heart as the holiday season begins.



"Our Yesterdays" Presentation Series

The Russian Count - May 7
Ebenezer Smith, Meredith's Prime Mover - August 19
Celebrating Laconia's Irish Community - TBD
The History of Taylor Community - TBD

*Curbside
recycling will
be picked up
the week of
Dec. 16!*



Bulk
Trash
Pickup

*Metal bulky pickup will be Tuesday,
Dec. 31 rather than Jan. 1 due to the
New Years holiday.*

WINTER PARKING BAN

Winter parking ban began Nov. 1st



Thank you for your cooperation!

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.



MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE

MERRY

Safe

&

BRIGHT

*Are you putting up a tree
this weekend?*

If you are leaning toward a real tree, pick one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and not blocking an exit.

Add water to the tree every day. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree and always turn off the tree lights before leaving home or going to bed. If buying an artificial tree, look for a fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat. Never use electric lights on metallic trees.

In the event of any decorating mishaps, [#NH911](#) is here around the clock, ready to connect you with the help you need in an emergency.



CELEBRATING
125
YEARS

SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE



Join us in celebrating and remembering those close to you who have died by placing their name(s) on our online honor roll. The people you remember as part of **Season of Remembrance** need not have been part of the Granite VNA Hospice program, they only need to hold a special place in your heart.



Your donation to Granite VNA supports our hospice services and provides the means needed to serve all in our community regardless of a patient's ability to pay.



New this year: A handblown glass keepsake ornament from Granite VNA's Jeff Lamy will be sent to those who make a gift of \$250 or more.

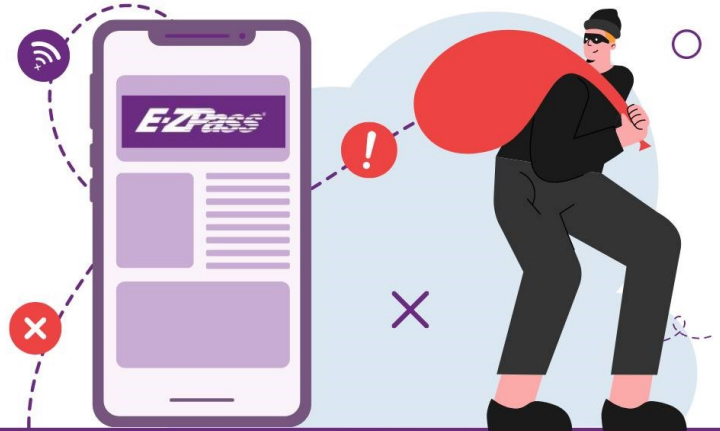
Participate Today!

Visit granitevna.org or scan the QR code to submit names online!



30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH | Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro

BEWARE OF SCAMS!



Protect yourself from scams.

We are aware of a Text Smishing Campaign in which scammers direct customers to a website to pay illegitimate balances. NH E-ZPass will NEVER text a customer to pay an invoice.

Report any suspicious message immediately at 877-643-9727.



CALLING ALL

PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS, & YOUNG PEOPLE

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF EDUCATION, RESOURCES, AND COMMUNITY. VIEWING OF "SCREENAGERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE: ADDRESSING VAPING, DRUGS & ALCOHOL IN THE DIGITAL AGE" & PANEL DISCUSSION

EVENT IS FREE & CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE. DINNER PROVIDED. ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

DECEMBER 11, 2024 | 6:00PM - 8:30PM

SMITTY'S CINEMA TILTON

630 W MAIN ST, TILTON, NH 03276

Register Here



\$5 Dunkin Gift Card will be provided to all registered adult participants!



This event was made possible with funding from Health First and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

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Promoting Wellness Through the Power of Community

PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
PREVENTION STRATEGIES



HEALTH FIRST



QuitNowNH.org
1-800-QUIT-NOW



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 . . .

Pleasant Street, Laconia, is seen in the late 1890s, looking north from Bank Square, with the 1887 Moulton Opera House Block at left and a number of wooden buildings beyond Water Street, to right of the Opera House. Downtown streets were not yet paved and trees were still a common sight. In the distance, the railroad tracks cross from left to right. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



. . . AND NOW

Construction of the McIntyre Block (at left) in 1913 — and Urban Renewal in the late 1960s and early 1970s — dramatically changed this part of Downtown, as indicated by the wall, glimpsed at extreme left, of the building now occupied by MC Cycle. In distance, the former Laconia Savings Bank is being razed, with the new Bank of New Hampshire building silhouetted against the sky. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Since there was no newsletter last week because of the holiday, please see the next page for an extra edition of "Our Yesterdays"...

Our yesterdays

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THEN ...

The Lakeside Filling Station, 362 Court St., Laconia, catered to early automobile drivers, with 'rest rooms, tires & tubes.' The business, at the western entrance to the city, was listed in the 1925 and 1932 city directories, with Ralph Fifield as proprietor in 1932. By 1938, proprietor was John D. Bailey; in 1950 and 1954, Oscar A. Isabelle; and in 1956 and 1957, Walter J.P. Turcotte. By 1950, Hampshire Oil Co. was also listed at 360 Court St.; in the 1960s and 1970s, Ruel's Heating Service and Lake City Beverage; and, in 1985, Gilmore Office Products. (Postcard courtesy of Kevin Murphy)



... AND NOW

Today, 360 Court St. is occupied by a metal warehouse, owned by George C. Stafford & Sons Inc., adjacent to Dana S Beane & Co. (376 Court St.) and across the street from 'Heaven Sent by Heather' — formerly 'Isabelle's Red Shanty.' (Daniel Sarch/The 'Laconia Daily Sun')



**The Huot Culinary
Department
produced over
100 pies
recently for
their Thanksgiving
Pie Sale.**



**Thanksgiving cooking tips from some
of our culinary experts at
PSS Pre-School:**

How to Cook a Thanksgiving Turkey

By: Ella

I will get my turkey from the woods. I will cook it in the oven and season it with salt. I will cook it for 5 minutes at 4 degrees. I will eat dinner at the table in my house with Mom, Dad, CC, and Logan. We will eat turkey, Ramen, cucumber, tomatoes, and rainbow cake.

How to Cook a Thanksgiving Turkey

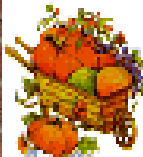
By: Johnathan

I will get my turkey from California. I will cook it in the microwave and season it with candy sauce. I will cook it for 10 minutes at 100 degrees. I will eat dinner at Grammy's house with Mama, Dadda, my brothers, and sisters. We will eat turkey, hot pockets, spaghetti, apples, carrots, blueberry & strawberry ice cream.

How to Cook a Thanksgiving Turkey

By: Nathaniel

I will get my turkey from a garden. I will cook it in the microwave and season it with salt and pepper. I will cook it for 3 minutes at 910 degrees. I will have dinner outside at the park with Mom, Nannie, Phoebe, and Jill. We will eat turkey, chicken nuggets, French fries, hotdogs, carrots, broccoli, and chocolate ice cream.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



*We hope everyone
had a wonderful
Thanksgiving!*



Some happy faces enjoying
Thanksgiving lunches at
Laconia's schools recently!





The Laconia Community Center will be CLOSED from Friday, November 15th through Sunday, December 15th for:

The CHRISTMAS VILLAGE TAKEOVER!!!



Carter Mountain Brass Band Presents Popular Christmas Concert

Kick off the Christmas season with Carter Mountain Brass Band's "Tis the Season...", Friday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Gilford.

Conductor, Debbi Gibson, has chosen a program that features music from the Classical period to the Contemporary, including traditional Christmas carols. Also included is the popular audience-participation sing-along. As an extra bonus, the music will be interspersed with Christmas poems and stories making for a lovely evening of music and mirth.

Named for Carter Mountain in New Hampton, NH, this band reflects the rich heritage of brass music from the 16th century through the 19th century and into the present day's modern music.

Based in Gilford, NH, the Band presents a series of summer concerts each year as well as a fall concert and Christmas concerts. They have appeared on bandstands throughout New Hampshire, as well as in Maine and Boston.

Following the concert a special dessert will be served in the church's Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$10.00 (Students free) is requested at the door. The church is located at 18 Wesley Way (off Rt 11A) near the 3-11 bypass in Gilford NH. Church phone (603) 524-3289.

A Celtic Christmas!

A lively, foot-stomping evening of Fiddle & Piano Christmas Music from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Galicia!

During intermission, take part in a Christmas Cookie Walk with boxes available to purchase.

December 22, 2024
Concert at 4:00pm

\$25 tickets
\$5 for kids

To reserve tickets call 603 848 2469 or email uusl@myfairpoint.net



LIVE UNITED &
BE INCLUSIVE



2024 Festival of Trees

WINNERS

1

PAIGE YOUSCHAK

2

ELAINE SOTTAK

3

CINDY HOBART

4

EVERLY JOHNSON

5

LACEY LINKILA

6

NICOLE STURGEON

7

AMANDA HOULE

8

KATIE MURPHY

9

LISA MOULTON

10

SONDA BOISVERT

11

JANELLE BOULAY

12

SONDA BOISVERT

13

JOHN DUNN

14

LISA CORNISH

15

NANCY HOOD

16

JANIS COMTOIS

DOOR PRIZE

STEPHANIE TRAIBAN



Congratulations!

And that's a wrap on the 603 United 2024 Festival of Trees! Congratulations to all of our winners and THANK YOU to everyone who came out to our event. And a huge thank you to all of the businesses and families that helped make this possible.



The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region

is inviting you to a **free** Christmas Celebration Concert

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024

At 6:30 PM

St. Andre Bessette Parish Gymnasium

The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region is proud to present their 2024 Holiday Concert Series. Come out and enjoy holiday music! The band will be playing traditional holiday tunes as well as a twist on those familiar tunes and some new holiday music. You'll even have an opportunity to sing those carols with a full band accompaniment. Conductor Debbi Gibson is excited to lead the musicians in this opportunity to bring holiday cheer to you. Information on the organization or to join the band can be found at newhorizons-lakesregion.org or follow us on Facebook.



The Concert is Graciously Sponsored By

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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](#).

Christmas Village!

December 5, 6, 7 & 8

Thursday & Friday 6:00 ~ 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 2:00 ~ 5:00pm*

*Saturday 10am - 12 noon - Senior Citizens Only

Sunday 10am - 12 noon Handicapped Only

FREE with donations accepted
and appreciated. Come see Santa,
Mrs. Claus and all their friends
from the North Pole.

Laconia Community Center
306 Union Avenue



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pancakes



Sausage

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

Music

Rod & Gun Club Hall

358 S Main St., Laconia

Games

Dec. 8th 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Arts &
Crafts

FREE Family Event

Fred Caruso will be broadcasting outside
9 - 11 a.m.

He will be collecting donations for

CASH N CANS

Drive thru and drop off your donations!



City of Laconia

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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.

SAFE DRIVING IS A LIFELONG CONVERSATION



Older Driver Safety Week is Here!

NH DOT supports raising awareness about safe driving for older family and friends. From our first experiences behind the wheel to our golden years, safe driving is a lifelong conversation!

Visit [NHTSA.gov/older-drivers](https://www.nhtsa.gov/older-drivers) for more info.



City Meetings

Week of:
December 9 - 13

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

December 9, 2024, 3:30 pm

Finance Subcommittee

December 9, 2024, 6:30 pm

Agenda

City Council

December 9, 2024, 7:00 pm

Agenda

Finance Subcommittee

December 9, 2024 -
immediately following the
regular City Council meeting

Agenda

Putnam Fund

December 10, 2024, 9:00 am



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below
must be preceded by 603)

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - 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:

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