



Welcome to Laconia Links!



September 26, 2025 - Edition #705

It's time for Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest!! (More information on page 16)

Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to help 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](tel:6035271270) or email us at info@laconianh.gov



The State of New Hampshire is under a statewide open burning ban, which became effective September 22, 2025 and will continue until further notice, due to severe drought conditions and high wildfire risk.

These drought conditions are expected to continue well into the Fall, resulting in the potential for large fire activity.

The ban prohibits all open fires, including campfires and brush fires, and also restricts smoking in or near woodlands.

The daily fire danger may be obtained by calling the Division of Forests & Lands' wildfire information line: [1-866-NH-FIRES \(866-643-4737\)](tel:1866NHFIRES) or by visiting [NH Forest & Lands Daily Fire Danger webpage](https://www.nh.gov/divisions/forests-lands/daily-fire-danger) to sign up for daily emails.

For more information, please call the Laconia Fire Dept. at [603-524-6881](tel:6035246881).

Fall Bulb Sale

Order Deadline is Friday, Sept 26

Order Form

Color Sheet

Bulb Descriptions



ORDER TODAY

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 9/29

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.

KID

TUE 9/30

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT

TUE 9/30

Lego Club @3:30pm - Best for ages 6-11.

KID

WED 10/1

Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.

KID

WED 10/1

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT

THU 10/2

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

KID

THU 10/2

Nonfiction Book Group @6pm - 'The Murder of the Century'

ADULT

SAT 10/4

Family Craft @10am - Owl Ornament!

KID

MON 10/6

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.

KID

MON 10/6

Game Night @5pm - Drop-in, use our games or yours!

ADULT

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

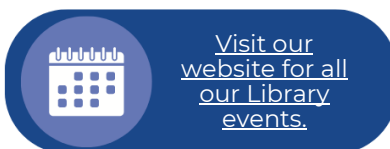
<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org



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

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - 10:00 am to Noon

REP. CHRIS PAPPAS OFFICE HOURS

Laconia City Hall
2nd Floor, Meeting Room 200B
45 Beacon St. E.
Laconia, New Hampshire

CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS PAPPAS
NEW HAMPSHIRE 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



The Leavitt Park Community Club meets the 1st Monday of every month (except December). Please consider attending one of our monthly meetings, or volunteer to become a member and support this beautiful City park.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 6th at 7 pm at the Clubhouse (334 Elm St., Laconia, NH).

For more information, please call 603-524-1886.

Table Treat *at Leavitt Park*

334 Elm Street, Lakeport

Sunday, October 26th
6pm – 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



143 Court St. Laconia
**10TH
OCTOBER**
VFW
MEAT RAFFLE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
HOSTED BY THE POST
& AUXILIARY
KITCHEN OPEN
6PM, IN THE CANTEEN

Laconia Senior Center Pumpkin Festival



ICE CREAM
SUNDAES
\$5.00



Bake Sale,
Games,
Raffles &
Crafts

11 A.M.
to
3 P.M.

25
October

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

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LACONIA SENIOR
CENTER ACTIVITIES!



PAUSE FOR PEACE 2025

A Global Music & Arts Festival for Peace
September 21 - October 4, 2025

Join the Movement. Create Global Harmony!

Be part of a worldwide cultural activation that
unites voices, music, and hearts across every continent.

What's Happening?

- ✓ Kick-off with Live Peace Concert on Sept 21
- ✓ Global Pause for Peace Festival runs through Oct 4
- ✓ Performances, art shows, peace circles in 96+ countries

How Can You Join?

- 🎵 Musicians & Artists. Share your voice, song, or art!
- 🏠 Organizers: Host a concert, art event, or peace circle.
- 👤 Ambassadors: Help spread the word and connect communities.

Sign Up Today! PEACInstitute.org/PauseForPeace



LIVE PEACE. SHARE PEACE.
BECOME THE MOVEMENT.



Federal American Disability Act regulations and City Ordinances
prohibit parking on or blocking sidewalks.
The Police Department can fine violators!

The first offense is a \$25 fine.
The second offense is \$75
The third offense is \$150.

Please call Public Works at [603-528-6379](tel:603-528-6379) if you have a question
on whether there is an existing sidewalk on your street.



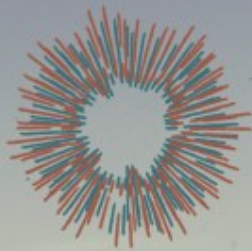
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JUST AS I AM HYMNS TOUR



Live in concert

**Monday,
September 29, 2025
7:00 pm**

Gilford, New Hampshire

First United Methodist Church
18 Wesley Way
(603) 524-3289

AFRICANCHILDRENSCHOIR.COM

Empowered Families Advocacy Program

Your Voice. Your Power. Your Impact.

Join a supportive community of New Hampshire families learning to create real policy change through effective advocacy skills.

What You'll Learn

Become a confident advocate:

- **Tell Your Story** - Learn to share your family's experiences in ways that influence policymakers
- **Master Advocacy Skills** - Practice testifying, writing letters to editors, and communicating with legislators
- **Navigate the State House** - Understand how NH government works and how to engage effectively
- **Build Lasting Connections** - Join a network of families committed to positive change
- **Practice Self-Care** - Learn strategies for sustainable advocacy

Who Should Join?

This program is perfect for you if you:

- Have experienced challenges with systems affecting your family (child care, health care, mental health supports, etc.)
- Want to build more confidence or skills to make a difference in New Hampshire
- Are already involved in your community and ready for the next level
- Believe your family's experience could help other families

Sessions

- » **October 14:** Connecting with New Futures and Other Advocates
- » **November 12:** Advocacy 101: An overview of the legislative process and advocacy methods
- » **December 9:** The Power of a Personal Story
- » **January 13:** Building Successful Connections and Self-Care
- » **February 10:** Confidence Building and Public Speaking
- » **March 10:** Get Together with Experienced Advocates and Legislators

Program Details

- » **When:** 5:30-7:30 at Lakes Region Community Services in Laconia - gas stipends provided
- » **Who:** NH parents, caregivers, and family members passionate about advocacy. **Limited slots available!**
- » **Cost:** FREE - supported by New Futures

Ready to empower your family's voice?

Apply Today: go.new-futures.org/empowered

REGISTER NOW!

newfutures »

MILE FOR MENTORING

2025 Race & Fun Run

Presented by **CRAWFORD SOFTWARE**

Mile for Mentoring is a 1-mile charity race and fun run benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH. With a fast and scenic course running through the ski resort, runners, joggers, & walkers will be able to try and put up a fast time, or enjoy the fall foliage of Gunstock Mountain. All while supporting youth mentoring!

**Sunday October 5th
Gunstock Mountain Resort
17 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH 03249
Race Start at 9:30am**

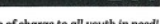
Race timing by **Millennium Running**

Want to see your business at our race? Sponsorship opportunities available!



BBBSNH.ORG | TKNEUER@BBBSNH.ORG | 603.256.5132

@BBBSNH



Proceeds support Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH and the youth mentoring programs they provide free of charge to all youth in need!

SCAN TO REGISTER



Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group

For those who have experienced the death of someone significant

"The only way to get to the other side is to go through the door."
- Helen Keller

**No registration required.
Come to one session, or come every month!**

Join us as we support each other and discuss some of the ways the loss of someone significant can affect our lives. The purpose of this group is to provide information about the grief process; to share experiences; and to alleviate the feeling of isolation.

Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group
Date: 3rd Tuesday of every month
Time: 2:30-4:00 pm
Location: 75 Chestnut St, Franklin

**For additional information, please call
Franklin VNA & Hospice at 603-934-3454
or email info@franklinvna.org**

Franklin VNA & Hospice



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025! LIVE PEACE DAY! ALL ARE INVITED! POWER CHORDS AND LOCAL ARTIST TO PARTICIPATE IN LIVE PEACE DAY!

This is a day devoted to expressing peace through the sharing of music, visual arts, culture, and communication. It is part of a global initiative inspired by the United Nations and PEAC Institute

(<https://www.peacinstitute.org/pauseforpeace>).

This global Pause for Peace Festival concert has been planned hoping to bring billions from around the world together through cultural music and to feel the transformative power of human connection. Please join us on Saturday, October 4th, 9am to 4pm at the UCC Congregational Church of Laconia, 18 Veterans Square, Laconia.

Thank you to the following local musicians, who will preform the Live Peace Concert through the day! K.Robert Bengtson; Jazz Sanctuary house Band with Rev. Emilia Halstead; Suzuki Children's String Orchestra, Director, Sue Ann Erb; Bristol UCC Joyful Noise Ukulele Band, Director, Debbie Doe, and the Power Chords, Director, Lorraine Barrows! In addition, we'll hear from Dr. Jaylene Bengtson, local artist, of how the visual arts can bring awareness and inner peace.

Come for all or part of the day! Lunch will be available for a donation and very much appreciated.

Donations received will help defray the cost of the day, with a portion going to support the PEAC Institute (<https://www.peacinstitute.org>)

St. André Bessette Parish

**Fall
CONTRA
Dance**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Traditional Contra,
no experience required, all ages are welcome!

**31 GILFORD AVE
LACONIA, NH
6PM-8:30PM**

**Tickets
\$10 Per Person,
\$25 for Family of 4**

**TO BENEFIT THE
ST ANDRE BESSETTE YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Live music
by callers
Dudley Laufman
and
Rivkah Valley**

For tickets and information, email Christa at
sabyouthministry@gmail.com or call the parish office
at 603-524-9609

**DISTRACTED
DRIVING CAN BE
DEADLY.**

**LACONIA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
POLICE**

EYES ON THE ROAD. TWO HANDS ON THE WHEEL.



Hey everyone...
**Family Fun Night
Is Coming!**

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

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

How Can I Help???

We need donations! If you have new or very gently used items around your house (we tend to struggle in particular with gifts for men and teens), please drop them off at our office as soon as possible. PLEASE be thoughtful of the quality of the items you are donating. And please note that we tend to shy away from stuffed animals (unless they are brand new) and clothing (unless it is a one-size-fits-all accessory like socks, gloves, hats, etc. which should also be brand new). There is a list of donation suggestions on the back of this flyer, but we welcome your creativity! Gift cards for small amounts (\$5, etc.) are also always a hit!

For employees, donations can be brought to Room 119 (the Parent Ed Room), for all others, you can leave donations with the receptionist and just let her know that they are for Family Fun Night. She will make sure that they get to us!

****DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
November 28, 2025****

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



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

Donation Suggestions

Women:

Candles Lotions
Holiday décor Scarfs
Picture frames Mugs
Jewelry Figurines
Spa Items Make Up
Socks Puzzles
Craft Supplies Stationery
Kitchen items Purses
Gardening Items
Body Spray

Men:

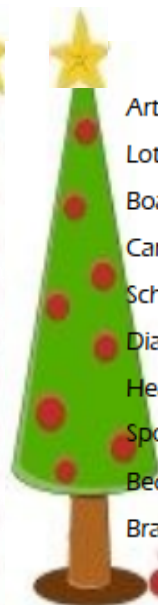
Mugs Sports Items
Tools Calendars
Card Games Gloves/Hats
Cologne Puzzles
Flashlights Keychains
Water Bottles Socks
Wallets Gadgets
BBQ Items Sunglasses
Crossword Puzzles
Camping/Hiking Items

Teens:

Art Supplies Spa Items
Lotions Hair Accessories
Board Games Jewelry
Card Games Gadgets
School Supplies Nail Polish
Diaries/Journals Nerf
Headphones Fidgets
Sports Items Make Up
Bedroom Décor Bags
Brain Teasers Craft Kits

Kids:

Toys Art Supplies
Sidewalk Chalk Legos
Play-Doh Board Games
Coloring Books Balls
Infant Toys Card Games
Craft Kits Books
Blocks Action Figures
Dolls Dress Up Items
Science Kits Dinosaurs
Outer Space Watches



www.CreativeCertificates.com

Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, September 27**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot

9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Items we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	Dehumidifier	\$10
CPU / PC Tower	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	CRT Monitor (<50lbs)	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	CRT Monitor (>50lbs)	tbd*
PC LCD Monitor	\$5	TV < 13"	\$ 5
Camcorder	\$5	TV < 25"	\$20
VCR	\$5	TV > 25"	\$30
Audio Visual Equip.	\$5	Very Large TV	tbd*
Speaker	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Printer	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Copier, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Freezer	\$20
UPS System	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
Humidifier	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Car batteries	\$5	Teflon pan	\$ 1
Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories \$5 (Free if recycling something else)			

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

*The item will be weighed on site and the price determined.

Items we CANNOT accept:

Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as fluorescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, smoke detectors, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

"Don't Throw It Out, Recycle It!"

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions



Belknap Mill Museum

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

www.belknapmill.org

Do you have an awesome photo from a past Pumpkin Festival that deserves to be shown off? We'd love to include it in our upcoming October Community Exhibit at the Belknap Mill!

Send us an email at info@belknapmill.org to learn more!



Let's celebrate the spirit
of the Pumpkin Festival



Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Promoting Healthy Minds Since 1966

ANNUAL MEETING

October 28, 2025

6:00 PM

Lakeport Opera House

781 Union Ave, Laconia, NH 03246

Let's celebrate 60 years of

Peace

Love

Wellness



[RSVP](#)

[Event Details](#)

[Sponsor Info](#)

Thank you to our sponsor:



*Mark your calendars
for the dates of this
year's Fall Leaf
Pickup!*

*Oct. 27 - Oct. 31
Nov. 10 - Nov. 14*

*Please check future
issues of Laconia
Links for more
details.*

10K & 5K RUN / WALK



OCTOBER 25TH

OPECHEE PARK, LACONIA

Cash Prizes for Winners/Course Records & Delicious Age-Category Prizes

Register by October 10th to Receive a Long-Sleeve Event Shirt

Best Costume & Largest Team Challenge!

SPONSORS

Information & Registration at **WOWTRAIL.ORG**

Open HOUSE

LAKES REGION
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Engage. Empower. Inspire.



Becky Tolman

*Thank you
Becky!*

Join us as we wish
Becky well on her
next chapter and
thank her for 18
years of service at
LRCS!

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 9th

WHERE: LRCS
719 N. Main Street
Laconia, NH

Meet our
Interim CEO,
Erin Pettengill



LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Stop by the Belknap House
booth in the Kids Zone.

Halloween treats & games
plus a photo booth!

OCTOBER 25, 2025
11:00am - 8:00pm



Are you registering to vote in a local election?



If your name has legally changed, for example through marriage, divorce, adoption, or a court-approved name change, remember to bring additional documentation that shows how your name has changed from what appears on the voter checklist.



New Hampshire Secretary of State

David M. Scanlan

For more info, visit: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/.../registering-to-vote-in-new...>

The last day to register to vote or make changes in the Laconia City Clerk's Office is Tuesday October 28, 2025.

New registrations and changes after October 28th will have to be made at the polls on Election Day.

Election Day is November 4, 2025; the polls are open 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Questions? Please contact the Laconia City Clerk's Office at [603-527-1265](tel:603-527-1265).



PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN WEIRS BEACH

Just a reminder that parking is still being enforced in the public parking spaces on Lakeside Avenue and in

the Endicott Rock Beach Parking Lot through Columbus Day (October 13).

Parking in these areas is "pay by space".

Please ensure that you know your parking space number when you leave your car as the parking kiosks will ask for that information.



Thank you!

HELP MAKE HALLOWEEN MAGICAL FOR EVERY CHILD



We are collecting new and gently used Halloween costumes at Belknap House in support of fellow nonprofit, S.C.A.R.E. New Hampshire.



Mark Your Calendar!
Trick or Treating in
Laconia is Friday,
October 31st from
5 pm to 8 pm.

**PAUSE FOR
PEACE**



Join our Community,

as we Pause, to listen to local artists around the theme of peace. Music and the visual arts are avenues for inner peace and joy. All are invited to take in this special day.

Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Congregational Church of Laconia, 18 Veterans Square, Laconia

Photos: Power Chords! Suzuki Children's String Orchestra! and Dr. Jaylene Bengton, artist!

Not pictured, but also part of the day will be: Jazz Sanctuary House Band! Joyful Noise Ukulele Band! and Oldest of Friends!



2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal		9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10—Adult Coloring 11:30—Meatball Stroganoff	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
6	7	8	9	10
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Games/Cribbage 11—Walking Group	10 - Activities Meeting 11:30 - Beef Soft Taco	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—Tuscan Chickpea & Sausage Soup	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10:30 —Coffee Social
13	14	15	16	17
Closed for Holiday Columbus Day	10:30—Sports Team Day!! 11:30 -Breaded Fish w/Tartar	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30 -Breaded Chicken Nuggets	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
20	21	22	23	24
10:30—Games/Cribbage 11—Walking Group	10:30 —Pumpkin Decorating 11:30— Chicken Parmesan	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	11:30—Shepherds Pie 12:30—Ping Pong & Corn Hole	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Set up for Pumpkin Festival *(Sat: 11-3)*
27	28	29	30	31
10—Movie & Snack 	10:30— 10 Ways to Love Your Brain (Granite VNA) 11:30— Chicken Broccoli & Rice	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 —Sugar N' Spice by Senior Companions 11:30—Fingers & Toe Nuggets	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 11:30—Halloween Pizza Party

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of October 6th!



Pumpkin Carving Party



for the Laconia Pumpkin Festival!



October 23
5 - 7 PM
at Canine Connection

BYOP or \$10 for pumpkin & carving supplies

LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL PUMPKIN DROP-OFF

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
WHERE: BEACON STREET EAST
TIME: 10AM - 6PM

WE NEED YOU TO CARVE PUMPKINS FOR THE BIG TOWER!
IF YOUR PUMPKINS NEED TO BE PLACED IN AN ORDER,
PLEASE NUMBER THEM IN SHARPIE ON THE BACK.



QUESTIONS?
CALL PARKS AND RECREATION AT
524-5046

THE ARCHIVES
AT THE LACONIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY

OPEN HOURS

SATURDAYS
9:00AM - 12:00PM

laconiahistory.com

61 Water Street, Laconia - Parking close by!
For more information, contact us!
Info@laconiahistory.com



Mental Health Symposium

Wednesday, 10/22/25
9:00AM - 3:30PM

@LRCC

379 Belmont Rd.
Laconia, NH

Registration Fees:

\$75 Member
\$95 Non-Member

This event will bring together people in business, education, and the community for a day of mental health education and discussion.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Keynote by Judge John Broderick
- ★ 6 Break Out Sessions
- ★ NAMI Panel: "Stories of Power, Hope, and Healing"
- ★ Networking
- ★ Lunch!

92% of workers prioritize employers who support mental health and well-being. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) has revealed significant wellness concerns about our youth. This event will provide you with expert insights, valuable resources, and strategies to strengthen your work and create a positive impact in your role and community.

LEARN MORE AND
REGISTER NOW:



LRCC Campus
379 Belmont Rd
Laconia, NH 03246

LRCC
(603) 524-3207

LRCC.edu

LACONIA PARKS AND RECREATION CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 25TH, 2025

IN THE HECTORS PARKING LOT
BAGS FLY AT 11:30AM

\$60
PER
TEAM
CASH OR
CHECK

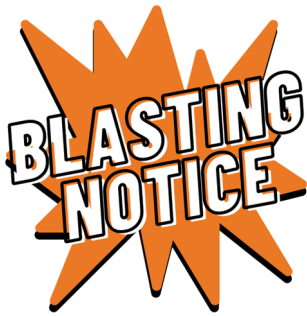
PRIZES
FOR TOP
TEAMS

Think
you've got
the best floss
in Laconia?
Prove it!

REGISTER NOW!
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS AND
REC AT 524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV



PUMPKINFEST DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT



Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permit has been issued as follows:

- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until October 11, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 603-487-2840.

Blasting can occur anytime Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

3 long horns - 5 minutes until the blast;

2 long horns - 2 minutes until the blast;

1 long horn - All clear to proceed

4TH ANNUAL

FALL IN WITH



603 UNITED

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
AT BEANS & GREENS FARM**



245 INTERVALE RD, GILFORD, NH 03249

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 12:00 PM & BAGS FLY AT 1 PM

CASH PRIZES | RAFFLES | MUSIC | FOOD | CASH BAR

★ \$60 PER TEAM - \$70 PER TEAM DAY OF

★ 4 GAMES GUARANTEED

★ 2 DRINK TICKETS PER TEAM

CASH PRIZES:

COMPETITIVE - 1ST PLACE: \$603

BACKYARD - 1ST PLACE: \$300



REGISTER AT 603UNITED.ORG AND ON THE SCORHOLIO APP

ABOUT US

603 UNITED IS A NEW NONPROFIT THAT STANDS BY: "LIVE UNITED AND BE INCLUSIVE". OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL INCLUSION ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS 18+ WITH AND WITHOUT AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

603 UNITED IS DEDICATED TO CREATING A COMMUNITY THAT FOSTERS HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, AND INCLUSION WITHIN THE LAKES REGION

**ALL OF THE PROCEEDS ARE TO BENEFIT
603 UNITED A 501(C)(3)**

FOR ANY INQUIRIES OR QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT TO CASSIE AT (603)800-3225 OR CASSIE@603UNITED.ORG



We Care Presents

THE JERSEY TENORS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

in an all new show!

Saturday, October 25, 2025



**Inter-Lakes High School Community Auditorium
Showtime 7:30 pm**

The Ultimate Tribute to the 70's!

FEATURING ICONIC HITS FROM

The Bee Gees ~ Queen ~ Elton John ~ Billy Joel

Earth Wind and Fire ~ The Eagles ~ Jackson 5

Credence Clearwater Revival

**TIX & MORE INFO
WWW.TBINH.ORG**



Benefitting



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EVENT SPONSORS

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- Golden View Health Care
- Interlakes Family Dental
- Miracle Farms Landscaping
- The Platinum Group of RealEstate
- The Laconia Daily Sun
- Northeast Communications
- Lakes Region Business Directory

THE GREAT NEW ENGLAND CRAFT & ARTISAN SHOWS at the Laconia Pumpkin Festival



85 Craftsmen, Artisans & Specialty Foods

High Quality handmade products

Oct 25 | 11am - 8pm

Main Street - Downtown Laconia

Free Admission | \$100 Cash Giveaway



Scan for more details

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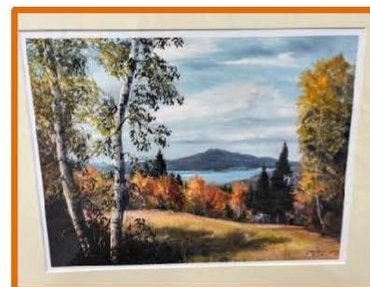
ANNUAL FALL HARVEST RAFFLE

3 tickets for \$10!

Purchasing raffle tickets is a great way to support LRSF! Ticket sales end October 19th.

Prizes to include:

- 79" x 92" Fall Quilt – handmade by Ellen Peters and donated in her memory by her family
- \$200 Stafford Oil & Propane Gift Certificate - donated by Stafford Oil & Propane. Good towards Heating Fuels, a CITGO Cash Card, or other Stafford Oil & Propane Heating and Air Conditioning Products & Services
- Fall themed basket with handmade quilted placemats - donated by Friend of the Foundation
- 2 one-day Midweek Lift Tickets for the 2025/2026 Winter Season at Gunstock Mountain Resort - donated by Gunstock Mountain Resort
- Snowman themed Winter Treats Basket – includes snowman wall hanging and Annalee dolls – donated by Martha Bissonnette
- 20" x 16" fully matted 15 1/2" x 11 1/2" framed Loran Percy Fall print - donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- 20" x 16" fully matted 15 1/2" x 11 1/2" framed Loran Percy Covered Bridge print - donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- 23" square quilted "Talking Turkey" table topper – handmade and donated by Marcia Dionne
- 12" x 14 1/2" fully matted 8" x 12" Fine Art Chipmunk print by Tristan MacDonald – donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- "Cactus" hummingbird feeder – donated by a Friend of the Foundation
- Various Gift Cards/Certificates



Check out our website for up to date prize listings!
www.lrscholarship.org

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



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](tel:603-527-1270) and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **October 14, 2025** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

ORDINANCE 2025-221-36.1 – AMENDING PARAGRAPH 221-36.1 TO ARTICLE III PARKING, STANDING AND STOPPING TO CHAPTER 221, VEHICLES – PROPOSAL FOR A RESIDENT-ONLY PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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PUBLIC HEARING TO GATHER ANY INPUT ON THE QUESTION "IF THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD CREATE SOCIAL DISTRICTS" AS DEFINED IN HOUSE BILL 467 THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

HB 467

(b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2025-32 – REQUEST TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM DOWNTOWN TIF FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND CIRCULATION FOR LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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ORDINANCE 2025-201-7, 201-13, AMENDING PARAGRAPH 201-7 – DEPOSITING SNOW OR ICE AND PARAGRAPH 201-13 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES TO CHAPTER 201, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2025-31 – A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY 2025 HOMELAND SECURITY COMPETITIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,000 TO FUND THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S UTILITY SIDE-BY-SIDE VEHICLE PROJECT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2025-30 – A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY 2025 HOMELAND SECURITY COMPETITIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,542 TO FUND THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TETHERED DRONES PROJECT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

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 ...

Downtown Laconia is seen from the new U-shaped Main Street Bridge, as it looked in 1975 after completion of the city's Urban Renewal Program — which had begun in the 1960s. The Downtown Mall at that time was a pedestrian-only space, with a planter, surmounted by five flagpoles, at the near (south) end. Building directly above and to the left of the hotel later collapsed under weight of snow in 2008. (Detail from photo in 1975 Laconia City Directory)



... AND NOW

The planter — at 200 tons, too heavy for the bridge — was removed in 1977 and the street reopened to one-way vehicular traffic, July 8, 1994. Ten years ago this week, in 2015, a total rebuilding of the bridge and creation of a new 'Gateway Plaza,' at right, was celebrated. See this week's '10 Years Ago' on this page. (Bob Martin/The Laconia Daily Sun)



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

Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm

**8-Week Series Begins
October 22, 2025**

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

or use the QR Code:



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**



Carter Mountain Band Concert on Oct. 5th

We invite you to join us on Sunday October 5th at 3 PM at First United Methodist Church Gilford, as the Carter Mountain Band presents a program of music honoring our armed forces, capturing the humble beginnings of our people, and celebrating the influence our great nation has had on music across the world.

In looking forward to what will surely be a 2026 full of celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it's easy to overlook the key moments that took place one year earlier in 1775 that put our country on the path to that fateful day. Carter Mountain looks back at the battles of Lexington and Concord that were waged in Massachusetts on April 19th, marking the beginning of the American Revolution.

They will also recognize the founding of the United States Army by an act of the Continental Congress on June 14th, 1775 as well as the founding of the US Navy and United States Marines later that year. In addition, the band will be performing marches, delightful arrangements of traditional folk melodies, and popular cinematic tunes that are sure to stir feelings of nostalgia, pride, and patriotism.

Each year, the band performs its Fall Concert at First United Methodist Church at 18 Wesley Way in Gilford, as a 'Thank You' to the church for use of rehearsal space, and all proceeds are donated to the church. The band members also supply delicious refreshments for a reception, following the concert.

A donation of \$8. is requested at the door. Students are free. The church is located near the 3/11 bypass off Rt 11A (18 Wesley Way) in Gilford. Church phone is [\(603\) 524-3289](tel:6035243289). Above photo of the Carter Mountain Brass Band is compliments of aaronwwithamphotography.



FALL CRAFTS FAIR & FESTIVAL

CRAFTS, FOOD TRUCKS, AND FUN

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4, 2025

9-3PM

FREE ADMISSION

OVER 75 ARTISAN CRAFTERS

FOOD TRUCKS

RAFFLE TABLE

BAKE SALE

8TH ANNUAL WREATH FESTIVAL

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



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CHILDREN'S AUCTION



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PRESENTED BY:
PIRATES COVE ADVENTURE PARK

SUNDAY, OCT. 5TH
AT PIRATES COVE ADVENTURE GOLF
WINNISQUAM, NH

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\$25 A TEAM (UP TO 4 PEOPLE)

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 **WWW.603UNITED.ORG**


EVERYONE IS INVITED! ENJOY PRIZES, MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, AND MUCH MORE!



The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation **ANNUAL LAKES REGION PUMPKIN FIGURE CONTEST** **OCTOBER 16, 17 & 18**



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

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



For more information and
to register, scan the
QR Code or visit
our website.

Registration is now open for the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest!

With the rapid approach of Fall, registration for the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest fundraiser is now open. Executive Director Chris Guilmett said, "The Scholarship Foundation is looking forward to building on the success of our annual Pumpkin Figure Contest! The time invested by the participants, as well as the creativity and the willingness to share their creations with the entire community is great to see! This has become a seasonal fundraiser for us in which the whole community gets involved. The pumpkin figures are judged in several categories with prizes awarded."

"We have seen many amazing entries over the years from not only families, but a variety of businesses, schools, individuals, and non-profit agencies. We are excited to see this year's entries! Registration for the Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest can be done by following the link under the Pumpkin Figure Contest tab on our website. You will also be able to purchase tickets to our two additional Fall fundraisers, our popular Fall Harvest Raffle and our Cake n' Sweets Calendar Raffle! You do not need to be participating in the Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest to purchase raffle tickets."

The contest is open to individuals, families, schools, businesses, and non-profits. Pumpkin figures must include at least one pumpkin. In order to qualify for the contest, entrants must live in the Lakes Region and the entry forms must be received by Lakes Region Scholarship by October 9th. Judging takes place on October 16, 17 & 18. For those looking for a fun, fall day excursion, an interactive map with the locations of the Pumpkin Figures will be available to download on our website.

To register for the Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest or to view the items for the Fall Harvest Raffle and purchase Fall Harvest or Cakes 'n Sweets Calendar Raffle tickets, please visit our website at: www.lrscholarship.org

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8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday
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[\(603\) 528-6945](tel:(603)528-6945) is the first number
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Are you an older
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a job?

Your experience
is a strength -
make sure your
resume shows it!



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Week of
Sept. 26 - Oct. 3

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](http://www.laconianh.gov). 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 - Martin Luther
King, Jr. Planning Committee**
September 30, 2025, 4:00 pm
Agenda

**Laconia Human Relations
Committee - Community
Event Planning**
October 1, 2025, 2:00 pm
Agenda

**Special Events Review
Committee**
October 1, 2025, 12 noon

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(All phone numbers below
must be preceded by 603)



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Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker
City Clerk[603-527-1265](tel:603-527-1265)
City Clerk - Katie Gargano
City Manager[603-527-1270](tel:603-527-1270)
City Manager - Kirk Beattie
Code Enforcement.....[603-527-1293](tel:603-527-1293)
Codes Director - Joe Gray
Conservation[603-527-1264](tel:603-527-1264)
Conservation Technician - Grey Draper
Economic Development &...[603-527-1270](tel:603-527-1270)
Housing - Director - Joia Hughes
Finance.....[603-524-3877](tel:603-524-3877)
Finance Director - Glenn Smith
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Licensing - Hilary Young
Fire Dept. (Central Station)..[603-524-6881](tel:603-524-6881)
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) ...[603-366-2229](tel:603-366-2229)
Library[603-524-4775](tel:603-524-4775)
Library Director - Deann Hunter
Parks & Recreation[603-524-5046](tel:603-524-5046)
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek
Personnel[603-524-3877](tel:603-524-3877)
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen
Planning & Zoning[603-527-1264](tel:603-527-1264)
Planning & Zoning Director - Rob Mora
Police (Administration).....[603-524-5257](tel:603-524-5257)
Police (Crime Line)[603-524-1717](tel:603-524-1717)
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield
Public Works (Main Office) ...[603-528-6379](tel:603-528-6379)
Public Work-Transfer Station..[603-528-5822](tel:603-528-5822)
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson
Tax[603-527-1269](tel:603-527-1269)
Tax Collector - Katie Gargano
Water.....[603-524-0901](tel:603-524-0901)
Superintendent - Ben Crawford
Welfare[603-527-1267](tel:603-527-1267)
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond

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Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes
(Ward 4)..... [603-524-3605](tel:603-524-3605)
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)..... [603-524-7054](tel:603-524-7054)
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3) [603-803-3425](tel:603-803-3425)
Steven Bogert (Ward 5) [603-528-0613](tel:603-528-0613)
Tony Felch (Ward 6) [603-998-1418](tel:603-998-1418)
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