

# Welcome to Laconia Links!



October 31, 2025 - Edition #710

*A beautiful fall view at Opechee Cove  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*

## 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** or email us at [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



## Laconia City Clerk's Office



The City of Laconia Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 from 8 am to 6 pm.  
Polling locations are as follows:

Ward 1– Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
(1244 Old No. Main)

Ward 2–St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall  
(31 Gilford Avenue)

Ward 3– Laconia Middle School (multipurpose room)  
(150 McGrath St.)

Ward 4–New Covenant Church at Memorial Park Clubhouse  
(31 Lindsay Ct)

Ward 5–Woodland Heights Elementary School (gym)  
(225 Winter St Ext)

Ward 6 – Leavitt Park Clubhouse (334 Elm Street)

More information, including sample ballots, can be found on [Page 24](#).

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





# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**MON 11/3****Sensory Storytime @10am** - Best for ages 0-6.**KID****MON 11/3****Beginner Line Dancing @10am** - Drop-in, adults only.**ADULT****MON 11/3****Game Night @5pm** - Drop-in, use our games or yours!**ADULT****TUE 11/4****Death Café @10am** - Refreshments and discussion.**ADULT****WED 11/5****Toddler Time @10am** - Best for ages 0-3.**KID****WED 11/5****Drop-In Tech Help @2pm****ADULT****WED 11/5****Roll-Up Beeswax Candle Craft @3:30pm** - ages 10-18.**TEEN****THU 11/6****Preschool Pals @10am** - Best for ages 3-6.**KID****THU 11/6****Nonfiction Book Group @6pm** - 'Unmasked' by Paul Holes**ADULT****FRI 11/7****Move & Groove @10am** - Best for ages 6 and under.**KID****SAT 11/8****NH Ukeladies Concert @1:30pm** - Live music!**MULTI**

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

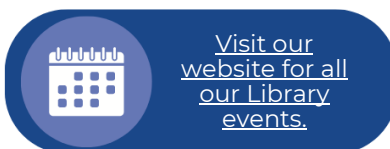
<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto: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



Benjamin Greene, Conductor

## SYMPHONY CONCERT

**Saturday November 1, 2025 - 7:00pm**  
Hanaway Theatre Plymouth State University

BEETHOVEN - Symphony No. 7  
CORIGLIANO - Elegy  
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - English Folk Song Suite  
WALTON - Viola Concerto  
*featuring concerto competition winner Hana Jang*



Tickets: [LRSO.org](http://LRSO.org)

PSU Silver Center Box Office 603-535-ARTS  
PSU Students FREE \* \$20-\$30 Adult \* \$5 non-PSU Students

Thank you LRSO sponsors McIntyre Families 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.

**SILVER**

[www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org)  
f LRSO1 @ LRSO.NH

**Plymouth State**  
UNIVERSITY

## WINTER PARKING BAN



### Winter parking ban begins November 1

As of November 1, vehicles and trailers cannot be parked on a public street from midnight to 6:30 am. This 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 Police Chief or the Public Works Director. The fine for parking on a public street during these hours is \$25.00.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

## Public Works UPDATE

## REMINDER

Please note that all signs, chairs, tables and other items that you may have on the City's sidewalks in the downtown area are no longer allowed to be on the sidewalk after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

This allows Public Works' crews to plow and treat the sidewalks during the winter. Next spring if you desire to again place these items on the City sidewalks, you will need to submit new sidewalk encumbrance permits. Please call Public Works at 603-528-6379 for more information.





**Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction to be held  
December 9-12**

*Auction site at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont*

The 44th annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will be presented by Hannaford Supermarkets from Tuesday, Dec. 9 to Friday, Dec. 12, live at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

The auction airs daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Each day will offer items up for bid, on-air fun and appearances from friends and neighbors throughout the community. On Friday, Dec. 12, auction volunteers will come together to announce the total funds raised for children and families in need.

"Don't miss it," said Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the organization.

Kelley thanked the Massachusetts-based Vernet Properties, which owns the marketplace, and other business leaders throughout the Lakes Region who continue to show their generosity to the auction as it raises funds to support local, low-income children and families.

Can't make it in person? There are so many ways to enjoy the Children's Auction and bid on fantastic items for your family and friends. Viewers can tune into Channel 25 or stream at [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org), [laconiadailysun.com](http://laconiadailysun.com) or [Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction](https://Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction). Listen with Zack Derby and friends at Lakes 101.5 FM.

The auction is also seeking new, unused, non-perishable items, big and small. Gifts cards are always a hit with bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, toys, services—you name it, we need it! Convenient item collection sites are now open throughout our region, including Alton, Ashland, Belmont, Bristol, Center Harbor, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth and Tilton. Visit [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org) for details.

And on Black Friday, Nov. 28, visit our collection site at the Belknap Marketplace and drop your items off between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 29 and Sunday, Nov. 30, items can be dropped there from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will also be accepting items the weekend before the auction week right at The Marketplace from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by and see us in person!

Bid online at [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org), or over the phone during Auction week at [603-527-0999](tel:603-527-0999).

Pre-bidding begins on Black Friday, Nov. 28, on items with a retail value of \$300 and more.

If you're a business owner and have always wanted to get involved with the Children's Auction, it's not too late to become a sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities exist at every level. Email us at [Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org](mailto:Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org) or call [603-527-0999](tel:603-527-0999) for more information on how your business can make a difference in the lives of children.

Follow the auction on social media at [Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction](https://Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction), [Instagram.com/childrensauction603/](https://Instagram.com/childrensauction603/) and [Linkedin.com/company/greater-lakes-region-children-s-auction/](https://Linkedin.com/company/greater-lakes-region-children-s-auction/)



A NIGHT OF MUSIC, MOVEMENT, AND MAGIC — A CONCERT  
EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER.

# CONCERT & BALFOLK DANCE

## CONCERT

THE EVENING STARTS WITH A  
LIVE CONCERT OF ORIGINAL  
MUSIC WITH GRAMMY-  
AWARD WINNING GUITARIST -  
RANDY ROOS - AND  
COMPOSER AND HURDY-  
GURDY ARTIST - NOELLE  
BEAUDIN...



## BALFOLK DANCE

...THEN CONTINUES WITH  
REFRESHMENTS & BALFOLK  
DANCING - ALL DANCES ARE  
TAUGHT ALL AGES WELCOME!

NOVEMBER 9TH  
4-6PM

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY  
OF LACONIA  
172 PLEASANT ST. LACONIA / WWW.UULACONIA.ORG



GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!  
(603) 524-6488 OR (603) 848 2469  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

# HOCUS POCUS... DRIVE WITH FOCUS!



Remove the temptation to sneak a peek at  
your cell phone!

Turn on the Do Not Disturb feature on your  
cell phone to turn off notifications while  
you're driving.



# Hilliard Road Brush Dump

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

It will be open every Friday and  
Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, unless  
it is snowing.

If there is a snowstorm, this facility  
will be closed as all Public Works  
personnel are involved with  
snow removal.

Residents using this facility must have  
a Laconia dump sticker or a day pass.

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

Leaves are not accepted at the  
Brush Dump.

Questions?

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





LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS

# TROUBADOURS

CAROLE KING JAMES TAYLOR

TRIBUTE SHOW



Facebook



Instagram



Troubadours provides an enchanting evening celebrating the music of Carole King and James Taylor. Music is brought to you by two bands joining together for an unforgettable performance: Home Again - A Tribute to the Music of Carole King, and Steamroller - The Music of James Taylor.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025, AT 7:00PM**  
**— Colonial Theatre, Downtown Laconia —**

**Tickets Available Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 10:00am**  
**Colonial Theatre Box Office located at 609 Main Street Laconia, NH**  
**Box Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 10am till 2pm**  
**On line at [www.coloniallaconia.com](http://www.coloniallaconia.com) (OR)**  
**Call 800-657-8774**

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

**All General Admission Ticket Holders are to be seated prior to 6:45 PM**  
**Standby Tickets are available at 6:45 PM Friday, November 14th**  
**at the Colonial Theatre Lobby**





## 38th 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 38 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.

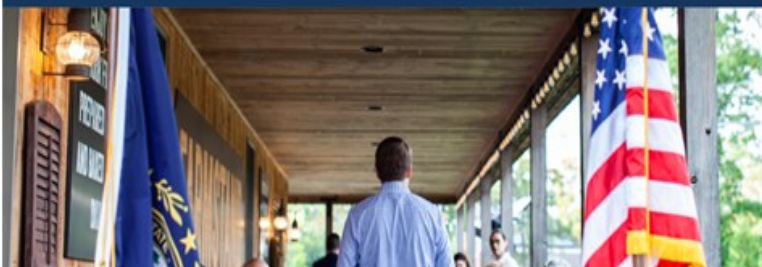
**Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2025.** Please send nominations to the City Manager's Office, City of Laconia, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Nominations may also be e-mailed to NBrown@laconianh.gov. There is no nomination form to fill out, just use 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!

**Tuesday, November 4, 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



## HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT



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

Thursday, November 13th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
and  
Thursday, December 11th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m

Franklin VNA & Hospice  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Franklin  
**VNA & Hospice**

Registration encouraged to ensure enough refreshments and chairs.

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

## Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11. There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash during the week of Veteran's Day. **ALL** collections will be on their normal schedules. Any questions, please call Public Works at (603) 528-6379.




**Please note: The Transfer Station will remain open on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11.**





## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689 2025 ACTIVITIES



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Games/Cribbage	10 - Activities Meeting 11—Support for Caregivers/Family by Lakes Region VNA 11:30 - Stuffed Pasta	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Belknap Mill Quilters Show & Tell 11:30— Meatball Stroganoff	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10— Games & Puzzles
10	11	12	13	14
9:30—Coffee Social 10:30—Games/Cribbage	<b>Closed for Holiday</b> 	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—BBQ Pub Burger w/Cheese	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
17	18	19	20	21
9—Chair Yoga Video 10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles	10:30 —Thanksgiving Craft 11:30 —Cheese & Pasta Casserole	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona Give Thanks! 11:30— Thanksgiving Dinner	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
24	25	26	27	28
10—Movie & Snack 	10:30 —Stories & Sharing Favorite Thanksgiving Memories 11:30— Chicken Pot Pie	*No Strength & Balance Class This Week* 9—Chair Yoga Video 10-12 Prize Bingo	<b>Closed for Holiday</b> 	<b>Closed for Holiday</b> 
				<b>Activities are subject to change*</b>  *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal

### 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

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

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

For additional information, please call  
Franklin VNA & Hospice at 603-934-3454  
or email [info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

Franklin  
VNA & Hospice



**SUBARU**  
OF NEW ENGLAND

**POST YOUR PET WITH  
#SNELOvesPets**

For every pet post that uses #SNELOvesPets throughout October, Subaru of New England will donate \$10 (up to \$75,000) to local animal shelters! With your help, Subaru of New England has donated over \$500,000 to animal shelters across the region through #SNELOvesPets - helping pets get the care, homes, and love they deserve.

**SUBARU  
Loves  
Pets**



Subaru of New England is partnering with 12 non-profit animal organizations throughout New England (see list below) for the #SNELOvesPets social media campaign. For each public pet post uploaded to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok between October 1-31, 2025 using the hashtag #SNELOvesPets, Subaru of New England pledges to donate \$10 toward their \$75,000 commitment (equivalent to 7,500 posts). Total contributions will be evenly distributed amongst all 12 organizations (up to \$6,250.00 per organization). Subaru of New England's cash donation will not exceed \$75,000.00.





Didn't feel like carrying around your Laconia Pumpkin Festival swag on Saturday?

Good News! T-shirts (\$15) and Mugs (\$10) are available at the Laconia Community Center, 306 Union Avenue, Laconia.

The phone number is 603-524-5046.

Pumpkin Festival swag makes great Holiday gifts....just saying.....

AMERICAN LEGION  
**AUXILIARY**  
**THANKSGIVING**  
**MEAT RAFFLE**  
 NOVEMBER  
 8TH  
 START AT 1:00 PM  
 849 N MAIN ST  
 LACONIA

You are invited  
**CHILDREN'S**  
**Christmas!**  
**PARTY**  
**14**  
 DECEMBER,  
 2025  
 1pm - 4pm  
**LACONIA VFW**  
**143 COURT ST**  
 sign up at the VFW  
 or call 603-524-9725  
 Light lunch, arts &  
 crafts, cookie walk,  
 and a gift from  
**SANTA**



# Fall Leaf Collection

Mark your calendars! This second Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the week of November 10 - November 14, 2025. During that week, 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.

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

## Annual Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair November 8, 2025

Start your holiday shopping early at the Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair! Volunteers at Taylor Community are busy gathering donated items, organizing and pricing them for the event to be held on Saturday, November 8th, between 9 am and 2 pm 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, original artwork and handmade greeting cards, to name a few.

A new addition to the fair this year will be a Raffle Room, where you can take a chance to win one (or more!) of the items available. Proceeds from the Indoor Yard Sale, Crafters, bake sale and the jewelry table are donated to the TC Sunshine Fund.

Come early for the best selection, find a special treasure, and support a good cause!

 **Taylor**  
Community



**13**  
November

### Children's Storytime, Songs, and Crafts!

10:00 a.m., Bennett Library at LRCC  
All ages welcome!  
Parents must attend.



*City Hall will be closed on  
Tuesday, November 11th  
in honor of Veterans Day*





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, FFN



Want to volunteer for Family Fun Night on  
December 8th from 2:30-8:30pm?  
Email: [carol.stone@lracs.org](mailto:carol.stone@lracs.org)



# Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

## Nature Inspires Art

with Larry Frates

Saturday, November 1: Scratchboard Techniques

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$25 Non-members, \$10 Members



Register at [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

SAVE THE DATE

*Meredith Village Savings Bank Presents*

## *A Night of New Beginnings*

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

This evening will feature dinner, dancing, and an online silent auction to help raise funds for New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse.

BELKNAP MILL  
25 BEACON STREET EAST  
LACONIA, NH 03246

[WWW.NEWBEGINNINGSNH.ORG/GALA](http://WWW.NEWBEGINNINGSNH.ORG/GALA)

## Leavitt Park

*please join us*

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 November 3 at 7 pm at the Clubhouse (34 Elm St., Laconia, NH).

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



## THANK YOU

# VETERANS

### HELP LHS HONOR VETERANS

Donate to DAV- Disabled American Veterans and your donation will go toward creating a field of flags for Veterans Day.

Each flag represents one veteran.

TO HELP SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR GO TO:

<https://support.dav.org/participants/LHSSachems2025>







Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner

# State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

## Division of Motor Vehicles

3 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305

[dmv.nh.gov](http://dmv.nh.gov)



John C. Marasco  
Director

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 27, 2025

### MEDIA CONTACT:

Tyler Dumont, Public Information Officer

[PIO@dos.nh.gov](mailto:PIO@dos.nh.gov)

(603) 223-3641

## NEWS RELEASE

### NH DMV EXPANDS APPOINTMENT-BASED SYSTEM

CONCORD, N.H. – The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announces it will be increasing access to services by transitioning to a fully appointment-based system beginning Monday, November 3, 2025.

“This change is designed to reduce waiting times in DMV lobbies and provide a more efficient, personalized experience for all customers,” said DMV Director John C. Marasco. “By scheduling appointments in advance, the DMV can manage customer flow more effectively, ensuring that each visit is timely and well-organized.”

The DMV conducts over 425,000 in-person transactions at 14 locations around the state each year. Starting November 3, additional appointments will be available to accommodate customer volume. The busiest DMV locations in Concord, Manchester, Nashua, and Epping will also offer appointments during extended hours until 5 p.m., twice a week. Additionally, a limited block of same-day appointments will be made available each day for customers with urgent transactions.

Customers can find appointment availability or [the DMV website](http://the DMV website), where they can select “Make an Appointment” on the homepage. DMV staff will assist walk-in customers with finding appointments, including at other DMV locations if necessary.

The members of the DMV remain committed to providing exceptional customer service by offering online transactions and improving our in-person customer experience.

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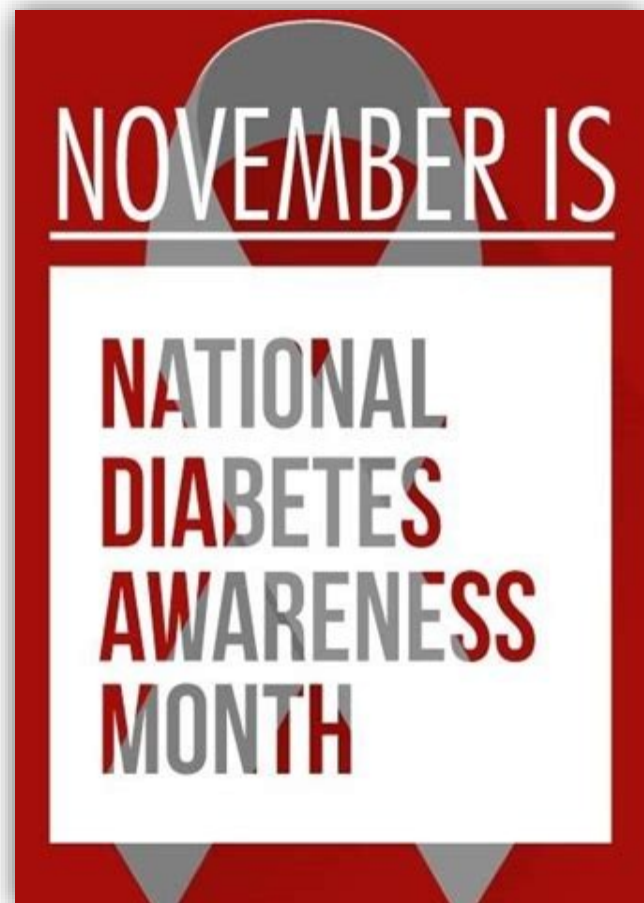


Winter is fast approaching and Public Works and NHDOT are preparing the public streets and sidewalks for snow plowing.

One item that our residents can help with is moving their portable basketball hoops that are on or near the roads and sidewalks so they will not be hit by plow trucks and tractors. The hoops can damage the snow removal equipment, or the equipment can damage the hoops themselves.

Please immediately move portable basketball hoops at least 5 feet back from the edge of roads or sidewalks as the weight of the snow coming off from the plows can knock portable basketball hoops over, damaging them and anything that may be in their path.

*Thank you for your assistance.*







The Project Extra students and their Director Stephanie Milne at Woodland Heights School enjoyed decorating their display for the Trunk or Treat event.



The Office of Extended Learning Project Extra students from Woodland Heights and Pleasant Street Schools brought their enthusiasm as they cheered for the Laconia High School Homecoming parade on October 17th. The students enjoyed seeing the floats, sport teams and the band. It was a great day!

One of the biggest highlights of the day for the students from Woodland Heights School was giving Officer Rouse high fives.







**Trick-or-treat in Laconia is Friday from 5:00–8:00pm. Have fun and stay safe with these quick reminders:**

- **Be seen:** Add reflective tape/glow sticks and carry a flashlight.
- **Cross smart:** Use sidewalks and crosswalks; make eye contact with drivers.
- **Mask off to cross:** Keep full vision when near roads.
- **Stick together:** Young children should be with an adult; older kids should share their route and stay in groups.
- **Check treats:** Look over candy before eating; avoid anything unwrapped.
- **Costumes:** Choose non-restrictive footwear and flame-resistant materials.
- **Drive extra slow:** Expect heavy foot traffic in neighborhoods from 5–8pm.
- **Pets & porches:** Secure pets and keep walkways well-lit and clutter-free.



**In need of substance use support or recovery resources?**

Confidential, no cost to you.  
Connect to someone 24/7.

**Call 211**

Your Local Doorway for  
Substance Use Resources



A STRONGER YOU.  
A STRONGER  
NEW HAMPSHIRE.



**7TH ANNUAL  
SANTA  
SHUFFLE**

**SATURDAY/ NOVEMBER 29 / 9AM**

**Fun Run & Elf Walk**

Families, kids  
and pets welcome!  
Costumes encouraged.  
Raffles and snacks.



**SIGN UP  
SCAN QR CODE**

or visit  
[DowntownGymLaconia.com](http://DowntownGymLaconia.com)

**DONATIONS  
GLADLY ACCEPTED**

To benefit  
Downtown Gym Gems  
Challenge Team for the Greater  
Lakes Region Children's Auction



**DOWNTOWNGYMLACONIA.COM**  
603-581-9392 | 171 FAIR ST. LACONIA NH



# Chris Kindle Mart 2025

A Festive Holiday Market for All Ages!

## Join Us for Holiday Cheer!

Date: Saturday, November 29th, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Belknap Mill

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH

## What to Expect

- Outdoor Vendors: Discover unique gifts, crafts, and treats from local artisans and makers.
- Kids Activities: Fun crafts and games on the first floor of the Belknap Mill – perfect for young holiday revelers!
- Festive Atmosphere: Enjoy music, food, and seasonal spirit in the heart of Laconia.

## Admission: FREE

Bring your family and friends to kick off the holiday season! All are welcome.

## For More Information

Visit [www.connect@celebratelaconia.org](mailto:www.connect@celebratelaconia.org).



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## 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 10, 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:

**RESOLUTION 2025-34 – A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST OF THE LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD TO TRANSFER \$400,000.00 OF FY25 FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



### CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **November 10, 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:

**RESOLUTION 2025-33 – AUTHORIZATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$757,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COVERING THE COST OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVIED AGAINST THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



143 Court St. Laconia



14TH  
NOVEMBER

VFW

## THANKSGIVING MEAT RAFFLE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
HOSTED BY THE POST  
& AUXILIARY  
KITCHEN OPEN

6PM, IN THE CANTEEN



COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM  
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.  
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HEALTH  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

YOUR  
OPINION  
MATTERS

COMMUNITY  
VOICES  
SURVEY

Let us know what the top needs  
are in the community!

Complete the survey online at:  
[CAPBM Survey](#)



The 2025 Community Needs Assessment (CNA) is underway, and **we need your input!**

Tells us **your thoughts** on what needs **more focus and attention**.

Your feedback will influence how  
community health efforts are  
prioritized and help guide future  
programs and services.

IT ONLY TAKES 10 MINUTES  
TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS





Thank you to our community  
for coming out to support  
Laconia Pumpkin Festival!

SEE YOU  
NEXT YEAR!



Our thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin  
and others for these great photos!





## Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Still Seeks Several Select 2025 Sponsors

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction organizers are still eagerly seeking select 2025 sponsors to help support the organization and its mission to serve local, low-income children and families.

Most sponsorships have been taken by area businesses, but there are still several opportunities available.

A Max Bid sponsorship is available for \$10,000 and six Location Sponsorships can be requested from \$500 to \$1,500.

Email Jennifer Kelley, the organization's executive director, at [Jenn@childrensauction.org](mailto:Jenn@childrensauction.org) to learn more and become a sponsor.

The 44th annual auction will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 9 through Friday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

For drop-off locations, ornament locations, sponsorship opportunities and other auction-related news, visit [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org).



### About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction:

Numerous fundraising events in the Lakes Region throughout the year support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, including our four-day signature event every December. In the past four decades we have distributed more than \$9.2 million to over 80 nonprofits that serve low-income families and children in the Lakes Region, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship.

The Auction falls under the umbrella of the Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps local community organizations that serve children and families in need. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org).

Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children, Inc is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization  
383 South Main St., Laconia NH 03246  
Federal Tax ID # 47-3815882



# Nutcracker Christmas Fair

## St. André Bessette Parish

St. André Bessette Parish Hall (Gym)

31 Gilford Avenue (Sacred Heart Campus)

Friday, November 14, 2025 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
Saturday, November 15, 2025 9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.



# Blood Drive



**Wednesday,  
November 12  
1 - 6 p.m.**

**Granite VNA - Laconia**

780 North Main Street  
Opechee Room

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767) or visit  
RedCrossBlood.org and enter:  
GRANITEVNA to schedule  
an appointment.

**PLEASE HELP & DONATE!**

# Tree of Remembrance Ceremony

Join us in celebrating and remembering those who have passed

**Friday, December 12th at 4:00pm**

Franklin VNA & Hospice  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin NH 03235  
[www.Franklinvna.org](http://www.Franklinvna.org)

For more information call  
(603) 934-3454  
or email  
[fundraising@franklinvna.org](mailto:fundraising@franklinvna.org)



## Bridge Work at Elm Street Nears Completion

*Next Phase of Lakeport's Revitalization Set to Commence Soon*

**Pictured left:** *The deck rehabilitation of the Elm Street bridge in Lakeport – looking south from Franklin Street - is nearing completion. During bridge work, alternating one-way traffic has been necessary.*

Built in 2003, the Elm Street Bridge is undergoing its first major repairs required to maintain its anticipated 75 to 100-year lifespan. Working closely with the city, the WOW Trail Committee launched the first phase of the Opechee Loop in conjunction with this maintenance.



By coordinating their efforts, the sidewalk on the bridge deck has been widened at lower cost and with fewer traffic disruptions. The committee leveraged WOW Trail funds, \$325,000 in grant funding (\$100,000 from Belknap County and \$225,000 from the Northern Border Regional Commission), and the remaining amount of approximately \$575,000 from the Lakeport Tax Increment Financing District fund—created to support transportation and infrastructure improvements.

“Being able to do both projects at the same time has allowed the city to make additional upgrades to the area while staying under budget” said Assistant Director of Laconia Public Works Nate Guerette. “We hope for another 20 to 25 years before this type of major bridge maintenance is necessary.”

The WOW Trail Committee will also allocate \$100,000 in a collaboration with Lakeport developer Scott Everett to begin the next phase of a project that will tie the widened sidewalk from Doris Ray Court to the WOW Trail terminus, adding to Lakeport's revitalization. Construction on this section will begin shortly, with major ground-work establishing the base for new public space. Paving, landscaping, and hardscaping will follow in spring–summer 2026, creating a promenade-style segment

“The goal of this project—and the Opechee Loop—is to provide safer routes for bicyclists and pedestrians connecting neighborhoods with schools, parks, beaches and business districts,” said Allan Beetle, president of the WOW Trail Committee. “Building the Opechee Loop is another step toward economic vitality for our business districts and better transportation and recreation options for the community.”

The current Opechee Loop concept includes sidewalk and pathway enhancements up Elm Street to Route 106, continuing through the proposed Laconia Village into Ahern State Park to Shore Drive, and ultimately reaching the WOW Trail downtown at Pleasant Street.

Pleasant Street is the only additional sidewalk improvement anticipated for this connection. The city has been selected to receive a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to help fund the next section—from Franklin Street to Elm Street School—targeted for 2028.

“We will continue partnering with the city, the state, and private developers to build out this vision—especially when roadwork or planned development lets us minimize costs and impacts,” Beetle said.

For more information about the Opechee Loop, visit [wowtrail.org](http://wowtrail.org).



# Fall into a NEW CAREER

by attending our  
**Regional  
Virtual  
Job Fairs!**



Employers and  
Job Seekers must  
register to attend

<https://jobfairs.nh.gov>

click or scan  
to register!



## 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 was October 28th.

New registrations and changes will now 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).



## Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permit has been issued to Maine Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid from October 14 through November 14, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 618 - 792 White Oaks Road, 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

Questions should be directed to Maine Drilling and Blasting at 603-647-0299.

A green leaf with a black outline, positioned at the top of a sign. The words "DID YOU KNOW?" are written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters on the leaf.

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

In addition to the weeks of Fall Leaf Collection did you know that Laconia residents can also bring their leaves to the Transfer Station and dispose of them at no charge?

There is no dump sticker or day pass required, just be sure to bring proof of residency with you showing you are a Laconia resident.

If your leaves are in a paper compost bag there is no need to empty them; if your leaves are in a plastic bag, you will have to empty the leaves out of the bag into the compost pile.

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









Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin

## Help Support Our Fundraiser!

We've partnered with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer you fresh & fragrant balsam fir wreaths, indoor seed kits, winter bulbs, and more for holiday decorating and gift-giving.

Visit [3rwc.com](http://3rwc.com) and enter our group code below to shop from our fundraising page.

**1716EC**



Items ship via FedEx Ground or U.S. Mail and cannot be shipped outside the contiguous U.S. Your credit card will be charged at the time you place your order online, and items ship out during the shipping week you select at checkout. Please review details on our website thoroughly before ordering.



## Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This group will provide support, education, and an opportunity to exchange ideas among caregivers of those suffering with dementia. A caregiver is anyone who provides regular care for a relative, a partner, or a friend. For many it is a labor of love, but it can also be physically and emotionally demanding. It is important to keep a balance between caring for another individual while caring for oneself.

**Franklin VNA & Hospice**  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
1:30-3:30pm

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.  
For more information or to register call (603) 934-3454

Franklin   
**VNA & Hospice**  
[www.FranklinVNA.org](http://www.FranklinVNA.org) (603)934-3454

**We're throwing it for the Kids!**

**Saturday, November 1st**

**12 - registration**

**Axes fly at 12:30**



9 Old Lake Shore Rd, Gilford, NH



**\$20**

Sign up via Jane Jordan  
Venmo: @jane-jordan-38  
Or Text to reserve a spot & pay  
at the door: 603-533-0360





## Laconia Historical & Museum Society – Presentation: Laconia's Irish Heritage

A presentation by Robin Moyer on Laconia's Irish Heritage, will be presented on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the Laconia Public Library.

Longtime LHMS volunteer Robin Moyer will present her research on the history of the Irish in Laconia. By utilizing the personal scrapbooks compiled by native Laconian Andrew Childs as her guide, Moyer brings to life the individuals documented within those pages. She will showcase a community from the area known as "Paddy's Acre," where people with names like Clare, O'Shea, Dunleavey, and Carroll called home. From this tight-knit community, built on faith and loyalty to friends, came individuals who dedicated their lives to serving Laconia. Whether they were first responders, merchants, or politicians, they left a legacy of values built on hard work, dedication, and kindness to others.

Robin has always been passionate about history and storytelling. After earning her degree in English from Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, she returned home and began working at the Laconia Police Department. Her exploration of the police department's history sparked a profound appreciation for Laconia's rich past and its residents. The opportunity to help showcase Laconia's Irish heritage has provided her with the chance for more engagement in historical research, for which she is truly grateful.

*Robin Moyer will present on Laconia's Irish Heritage on Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at Laconia Public Library. This free program is open to the community and is part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's 'Our Yesterdays 2025 Presentation Series.'*

This free program is open to the community and is part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's 'Our Yesterdays 2025 Presentation Series.' An exhibit featuring Robin's research is on display at the Laconia Library until Saturday, December, and is open to the community during regular library hours.

For additional information about this program or to learn more about LHMS and upcoming events, please visit [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com) or LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.



## SUBMIT AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



**tip 411**

Did you know there are multiple ways to submit an anonymous tip to the Laconia Police Department?

To send an anonymous tip via text message to the Laconia Police Department, text the keyword LACONIA and your tip to 847411.

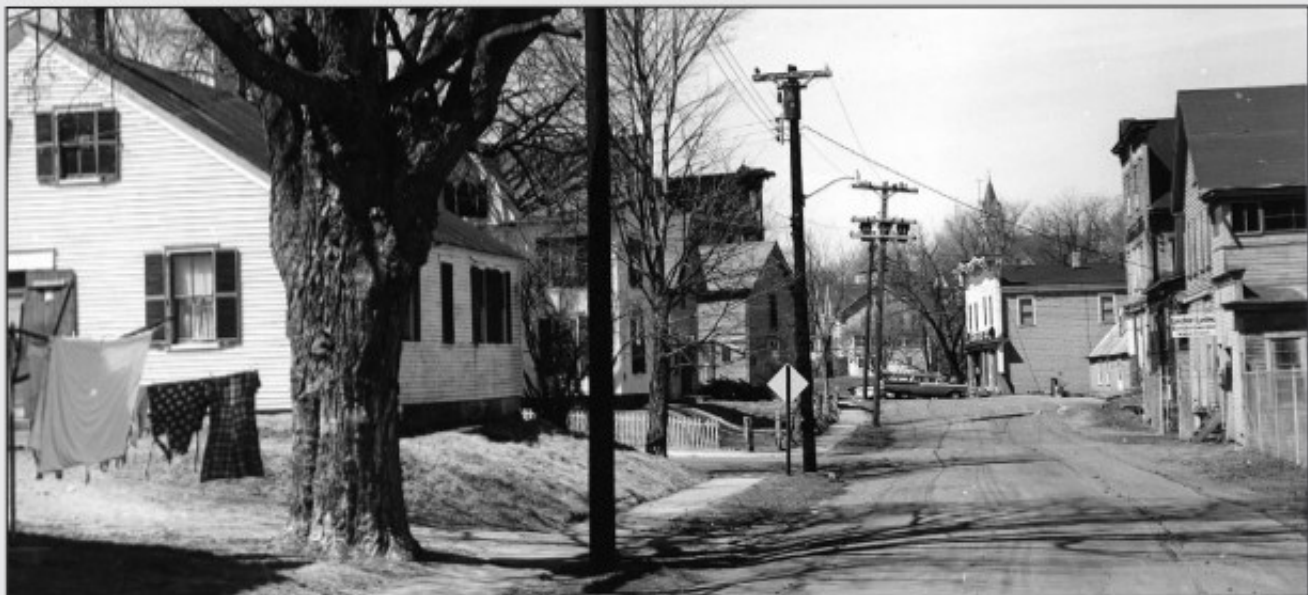
Download the Laconia PD app from your app store. This app allows citizens to submit anonymous tips from their mobile device.

Submit a tip from your computer using this link: <https://www.laconianh.gov/873/Submit-a-Tip>.



# Our Yesterdays

*Our sincere thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past...*



## THEN ...

**This was Gold Street, in Lakeport, as it appeared around 1960, looking toward the Winnepesaukee River in distance. House at near left had served briefly as a passenger station for the railroad in the early 1850s, before it was moved here from Elm Street. Two buildings at near right were at one time stores, later the Frank W. Johnson Boatworks and McDuff Machine Co. Small Cape, glimpsed in distance at right, dates from 1785, when it was the home of a member of the Gale Family. Two-story building with ornate roofline, at right beyond the Cape, was, at one time, Henry O'Dell's store and, later, the Laconia Tire Co. of Robert A. Hough. Steeple of Second Advent Church, on Belvidere Street, rises in distance above the Hough property. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**House at left is still there, but other buildings beyond it have been replaced by boat storage for Lakeport Landing Marina. The former Johnson Boatworks building remains at 65 Gold St., but the other store (McDuff, earlier Edwin L. Cram, dealer in groceries, hardware and general merchandise) was replaced by another boat storage facility of Lakeport Landing Marina in 2004. The Gale Cape and Hough building are still there. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)**

*Please see the next page for a second "Our Yesterdays"....*



# Our Yesterdays

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## THEN ...

**Opening Day for the new Landau store, at the corner of Main and Hanover streets, Laconia, Nov. 2, 1950, brought out crowds. The modern structure replaced the three-story wooden Perley Block and a tenement house which had stood on the site for many years. (Laconia Public Library)**



## ... AND NOW

**Landau's was succeeded by J.J. Newberry at this location from early January 1960 to April 5, 1997 and by Bloom's Variety from Sept. 10, 1997 to July 12, 2008. The Laconia Antique Center moved here in January 2011. At right, a former First National grocery store is now a Citizens Bank branch. (Kiera Moynihan/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



# City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall  
45 Beacon St. East  
Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



CITY HALL HOURS:  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
[\(603\) 527-1270](tel:6035271270)

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Worried your income is too high to qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid? Click the picture (left) to find other ways to cut your health care costs and access more benefits - even if you exceed Medicaid's income limits for full dual eligibility.



## Week of November 3 - 7

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:**

### Licensing Board

November 5, 2025, 12:00 noon

### Agenda

### Water Commission

November 3, 2025, 5:30 pm

### Agenda

### Laconia Putnam Fund

November 3, 2025, 9:00 am

### Planning Board

November 4, 2025, 6:30 pm

### Conservation Commission

November 5, 2025, 5:00 pm

## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below  
must be preceded by 603)



Airport.....[603-524-5003](tel:6035245003)  
Airport Manager - Marv Everson  
Assessing .....[603-527-1268](tel:6035271268)  
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker  
City Clerk .....[603-527-1265](tel:6035271265)  
City Clerk - Katie Gargano  
City Manager .....[603-527-1270](tel:6035271270)  
City Manager - Kirk Beattie  
Code Enforcement.....[603-527-1293](tel:6035271293)  
Codes Director - Joe Gray  
Conservation .....[603-527-1264](tel:6035271264)  
Conservation Technician - Grey Draper  
Economic Development &...[603-527-1270](tel:6035271270)  
Housing - Director - Joia Hughes  
Finance.....[603-524-3877](tel:6035243877)  
Finance Director - Glenn Smith  
Licensing .....[603-528-6331](tel:6035286331)  
Licensing - Hilary Young  
Fire Dept. (Central Station)..[603-524-6881](tel:6035246881)  
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert  
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) ...[603-366-2229](tel:6033662229)  
Library .....[603-524-4775](tel:6035244775)  
Library Director - Deann Hunter  
Parks & Recreation .....[603-524-5046](tel:6035245046)  
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek  
Personnel .....[603-524-3877](tel:6035243877)  
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen  
Planning & Zoning .....[603-527-1264](tel:6035271264)  
Planning & Zoning Director - Rob Mora  
Police (Administration).....[603-524-5257](tel:6035245257)  
Police (Crime Line) .....[603-524-1717](tel:6035241717)  
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield  
Public Works (Main Office) ...[603-528-6379](tel:6035286379)  
Public Work-Transfer Station..[603-528-5822](tel:6035285822)  
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson  
Tax .....[603-527-1269](tel:6035271269)  
Tax Collector - Katie Gargano  
Water .....[603-524-0901](tel:6035240901)  
Superintendent - Ben Crawford  
Welfare .....[603-527-1267](tel:6035271267)  
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond

### City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Charlie St. Clair..... [603-387-5944](tel:6033875944)  
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1) ..... [603-491-8946](tel:6034918946)  
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes  
(Ward 4)..... [603-524-3605](tel:6035243605)  
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)..... [603-524-7054](tel:6035247054)  
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3) ..... [603-803-3425](tel:6038033425)  
Steven Bogert (Ward 5) ..... [603-528-0613](tel:6035280613)  
Tony Felch (Ward 6) ..... [603-998-1418](tel:6039981418)

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