



Welcome to Laconia Links!



December 5, 2025 - Edition #714

Thank you to Celebrate Laconia and to all of the participants in this year's Holiday Parade and festivities! What a great day! More photos on page 19, courtesy 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



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of December 15



Carter Mountain Band Christmas Concert

Carter Mountain Brass Band is pleased to announce a performance at the First United Methodist Church of Gilford on Friday, December 12th at 7:00 PM. The program, titled "Christmas Sketches," features a variety of timeless holiday classics that will surely fill your heart and soul with joyful memories. Nothing seems to capture the warm nostalgia of the season quite like the sound of a brass band.

But that's not all! A Carter Mountain Christmas concert would not be complete without the perennial sing-along or the delightful visuals, poems, and stories that help to elevate the whole experience to a truly magical yuletide celebration. Following the concert, you are all invited to enjoy complimentary dessert with the band in Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- MON 12/8 Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6. KID
- MON 12/8 Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only. ADULT
- MON 12/8 Game Night @5pm - Drop-in, use our games or yours! ADULT
- TUE 12/9 Adult Craft: Book Ornament @1pm - Sign-up required! ADULT
- TUE 12/9 Lego Club @3:30pm - Best for ages 6-11. KID
- TUE 12/9 Rustic Wooden Ornament Painting @3:30pm - ages 10-18. TEEN
- WED 12/10 Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3. KID
- WED 12/10 Mystery Book Group @4pm - 'Lady in the Lake' ADULT
- THU 12/11 Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3-6. KID
- THU 12/11 Decorate a Mini Snow Village @6pm - Sign-up required! ADULT
- MON 12/15 Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6. KID

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 **Cross Reading Room Closed**

The Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire
is thankful for...
Generous Holiday Wish Granters!

If you are gearing up for a shopping spree,
you can be part of making Holiday Magic
for children in our area.

Feel free to take an ornament to purchase
a gift for a child in our community!

Thank you on behalf of the families we serve!

Do you have a contact within Lakes Region Community Services?
Reach out to select an ornament virtually this year.

Don't have a direct contact?

Reach out to the FRC and we can assist you.

By phone at 603-581-1560 or email jennifer.nelson@lrcs.org

Please return unwrapped gift (with ornament attached)
by Wednesday, December 10th, 2025.

If gifts are being mailed directly to LRCS/FRC,
please have the packages directed to "FRC-Giving Tree #"

IE: **FRC-Giving Tree #155**
C/O LRCS-FRC
719 N Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246

REPLACE THE GIVING TREE # WITH
THE NUMBER ON YOUR GIFT TAG

If the gifts are being ordered from Amazon,
please click the "send in one box" option.

LRCS
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
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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.

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

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!*

Franklin
VNA & Hospice

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS!



Property tax bills are scheduled
to be mailed out on Friday,
December 5. Payment will be
due on January 5.



In order for City Hall Employees to
attend their annual Christmas
Luncheon, City Hall will be closed
during the lunch hour on Friday,
December 19, 2025 from
11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

We apologize for any inconvenience.



ONLINE Caregiver Connection



**December 18, 2025
10 - 11 a.m.**

Caregiver Connection is an opportunity for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our staff professionals. We look forward to providing a safe space to connect with other caregivers facing similar challenges.

Registration is required.

Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a link to the program.

Technical instruction is available to participate in the group.

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664 or visit www.granitevna.org/calendar.



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Our mission is to engage the community to financially support local children and families in need



ANY AND ALL NEW ITEMS NEEDED

**GIFT CERTIFICATES | GAMES |
SPORTING GOODS | EXPERIENCES |
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS | TOYS | TOOLS**



Drop Off Items:

Collection Boxes in Lakes Region Nov 1-Dec 5

Drop off at the Belknap Marketplace, Belmont

- Nov 28-30, 11-3pm (Santa there Nov 29-30)
- Dec 6-8, 11-3pm

WWW.CHILDRENSAUCTION.ORG

The Laconia chapter of "Walk with a Doc" will hold its monthly Walk on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Walkers should meet at the Shaw's Supermarket entrance to the Belknap Mall/Marketplace in Belmont.

The Walk will be held indoors.

There is no fee to participate.

Each event starts with a brief discussion on a health topic from a local physician, healthcare provider, or medical student. You'll also have the opportunity to chat with the leader and ask questions during the walk.



www.walkwithadoc.org

ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA

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

DECEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Local Warmline: 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!	10a Community/ Member Meeting 11 Intentions for the Week 12 Bring your own lunch 1 The Journey of Recovery	1 10a Check In 11a Steeped in Support 12 Lunch Social 1p Holiday Ready 2p Game Time!	2 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Member Led Group 2p Practicing Gratitude	3 10a Check In 11a Ice Breakers 12p Frame of Mind 2p Laughing Group
Local Mental Health Agency: Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100 CALL OR TEXT 988 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!	8 10a Intentions for the Week 11 Morning Movement 12 Bring your own lunch 1 The Journey of Recovery	9 10a Check In 11a Steeped in Support 12 Lunch Social 1p Holiday Ready 2p Game Time!	10 10a NH Navigating Collaborative Meeting* 11a Art w/Mona 1p Member Led Group 2p Practicing Gratitude	11 10a Check In 11a Ice Breakers 12 Frame of Mind 2p Laughing Group
Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 	15 10a Intentions for the Week 11 Morning Movement 12 Bring your own lunch 1 The Journey of Recovery	16 10a NH Mental Health Peer Alliance* 11a Steeped in Support 12 Lunch Social 1p Holiday Ready 2p Game Time!	17 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Member Led Group 2p Practicing Gratitude	18 10a Check In 11a Shopping Trip/Budgeting* 1p Ice Breakers 2p Laughing Group
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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.

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

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

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

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

For rural area residences and businesses without sidewalks -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please do not place your containers out for collection before 7 pm the night before your scheduled collection day, and bring them back to the residence or business at the end of the collection day.

Do not leave your containers on the sidewalk so that pedestrians can use the sidewalk. If collection is canceled due to a major snowstorm, please bring the containers back onto your property so that the City's plow crews can keep the streets and sidewalks open for your use.

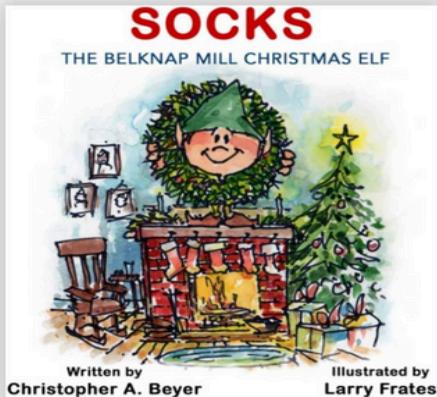
Will the contractor collect containers during a snowstorm? The contractor will provide curbside solid waste collection service during a minor to moderate snowstorm.

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

Solid waste collection and snow plowing -

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

Take a Piece of the Mill Home!



Socks: The Belknap Mill Christmas Elf

Only at Belknap Mill!



Belknap Mill Made Socks

Socks + Book Bundle

Sand is available!

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

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

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

Thanks and have a safe winter!

In-Person

Caregiver Connection



A Caregiver Support Group



Tilly Market Cafe
at the Belknap Marketplace

96 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont

December 17, 2025
9:30 - 11 a.m.

Join us and connect with other family caregivers, while enjoying an opportunity to unwind and have discussions rich in empathy and resources.

No registration required. For more information, please call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664



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Lakes Region Community Services
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
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LRCS Family Resource Center Family Leadership Council
will earn **20%** of all qualifying sales
from orders placed on **December 9th**.

Tuesday, December 9, 2025
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Laconia • 1056 Union Avenue • 603-524-6300

- **Walk-in or phone orders:** Mention this fundraiser when you place your order for the organization to get credit for your order.
- **Online orders:** Enter code 19 at the payment screen and then click activate.
- **Fundraiser orders** are only valid with regular priced menu items and cannot be paired with coupons or deals. Fundraisers are not valid on third party orders.

**Valid for all Dine-In, Carry Out,
Online & Delivery orders!**

View menu & place online orders @ dangelos.com



The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will host a free family night Wednesday, Dec 10 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

Photos with Santa 🎅

Meet the Grinch 🎄

Toy building in Santa's workshop 🎁

Holiday cookie decorating 🍪

Face painting 🎨

Christmas sing-a-long 🎵

Holiday stories 🎄

The Kiwanis Club will be giving away free books to the kids!

Join us Friday, January 23, 2026

SECOND CHANCES CASINO

A CASINO-THEMED, VEGAS-STYLE EVENT
AT THE LAKE ESTATE ON WINNISQUAM
SAVING LIVES AT NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY



MANY THANKS TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS:
Beacon Payments, Lakes Region Design Group, Ashley Davis at Sotheby's International Realty, The Xavier Realty Team, The Kadish Trust, and 55 Main Kitchen & Bar

REGISTER NOW AT NHHUMANE.ORG/EVENTS



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE LAKES REGION**

**COLONIAL
THEATRE
Laconia**

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

**DONATION BIN LOCATED IN
THE COLONIAL THEATRE LOBBY**

PLEASE BRING GIFTS UNWRAPPED



Weirs Community Center

Function Hall • 25 Lucerne Ave Laconia, NH 03246

**Friday, December 26, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Weirs CC NH to schedule an appointment. Maximize your blood donation.

Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting

RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass

to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Public Works Department

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

Christmas Day is on Thursday, December 25th. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day. Thursday's collection will be on Friday, 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 Thursday, 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.



Be sure to check out the Laconia Pumpkin Festival tree in Rotary Park when you visit the Festival of Lights!

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

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



Laconia – A Holiday Concert with the New England Irish Harp Orchestra

Start your holiday season with a joyous performance of well-loved Irish classics and original compositions from the New England Irish Harp Orchestra (NEIHO) on Saturday, December 6th, at 1:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Laconia.

The New England Irish Harp Orchestra has been captivating audiences with traditional Irish music across New England and Ireland for twenty years. Directed by Regina Delaney, a New Hampshire State Council on the Arts artist, the ensemble includes members from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Regina was recently honored with the NH Governor's Arts Award for Folk Heritage for her significant contributions to traditional folk art and the cultural community.

This unique performance presents an exquisite blend of lively Irish music, perfect for celebrating the season, alongside soulful traditional pieces that will immerse guests in a festive spirit and radiate the joy of the holidays. Bring your friends and family and let the enchanting melodies fill your heart with holiday cheer!

Organized by the Laconia Historical & Museum Society in partnership with the Laconia Putnam Fund, this special event celebrates the conclusion of a year-long tribute to Laconia's rich Irish heritage.

This event is free and open to the community, but seating is limited. Please RSVP by phone - 603-524-1728, email - info@laconiahistory.com, or online at www.laconiahistory.com by Friday, December 5th, to secure your seat.



**The Café Déjà Vu Team
Invites you to join us for**

Weekly CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
7PM**

SEPT 3, 2025 - MAY 27, 2026



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



**The home of
"Flower"**

**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**





OFFICE OF EXTENDED LEARNING

Project EXTRA students at Woodland Heights School had a special presentation by Officer Milne, Officer Perras, and Officer Schilling, where they got to check out the SWAT Truck and Mobile Command Post. Thank you to the Laconia Police Department for all the positive connections and opportunities for our students!





St. Vincent de Paul
1269 Union Ave., Laconia, NH

**December 2, 4, 9, & 11
4:30 - 7:00 PM**

For Children Infant to 18 years of age
Each child will receive an outfit of clothing.
Additional items are through the
generosity of donors.

**Custodial parents/guardians must bring
appropriate paperwork.



Make sure your tree is properly strapped down:
Tie it down with ropes, netting or straps
Ensure the straps are pulled tight
Double check your work!



This Holiday Season Be Sure to Shop Safe!

- Verify the website before purchasing; web browsers should display a closed padlock or a URL beginning with *https*.
- Only shop through trusted networks and do not share personal or financial information over a public Wi-Fi network.
- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited or suspicious emails and be wary of email attachments.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Verify all ads by going directly to the known, trusted website.
- Don't overshare your information. Most retailers do not need your date of birth or social security number to purchase a gift or gift card.
- Check your online statements frequently. This will aid in early detection of fraudulent purchases/ID theft.
- Track online purchases and remove packages from your front porch as soon as possible to avoid theft. Request delivery companies to place packages in a secure location.



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 **December 8, 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 2025-235-22 – AMENDING CHAPTER 235, ARTICLE IVA – IMPACT FEES, AND ATTACHMENT 6 – IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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ORDINANCE 2025-5-20, 5-32, 5-33 – AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE III – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AS A CITY COMMITTEE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2025-38 – REQUEST TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE DOWNTOWN TIF FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATE FOR LIGHTING

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 8, 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 2025-36 – REQUEST TO USE IMPACT FEE FUNDS TO REPLACE A DAMAGED GARAGE DOOR MOTOR AND PROVIDE MAINTENANCE ON THE REMAINING MOTORS AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CENTRAL STATION

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 8, 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 2025-35 – RELATIVE TO ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,000.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF SWAT/SOU EQUIPMENT FOR THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 8, 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 2025-37 – REQUEST TO USE IMPACT FEES AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A USED AMBULANCE 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 8, 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 2025-31 – A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY 2025 HOMELAND SECURITY COMPETITIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 TO FUND THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S UTILITY SIDE-BY-SIDE VEHICLE PROJECT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

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

Registration encouraged to ensure enough refreshments and chairs.

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

Franklin
VNA & Hospice

Cookie Walk

Saturday, Dec. 6 • 9am - 2pm
Meredith Community Center
1 Circle Drive, Meredith

Cocoa & Donuts with Santa
9:30 - 10:30 to get a gift

Fill a container with your favorite cookies and support our vets.

Bring the kids and
decorate a cupcake.

Face Painting

For more info call
603-707-9069



All proceeds benefit Humble House Fund

www.humblegruntwork.org/humble_house.html

Granite
VNA

Blood Drive



**Tuesday,
December 16
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!



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

2025 ACTIVITIES



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Decorate Center	10 - Activities Meeting 10:30 —Pajama Day!! 11:30 — BBQ Chicken	9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Ornament Making 11:30—French Toast Casserole Bake	9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10— Games & Puzzles
8	9	10	11	12
9:30—Coffee Social 10:30—Games/Cribbage	10:30—Cookies & Caroling 11:30 —Sweet & Sour Meatballs	9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—American Chop Suey	9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
15	16	17	18	19
9—Chair Yoga Video 10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles	10:30—Fraud & Scam Trends (MVSBB) 11:30—Stuffed Pasta in Marinara	9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30— Holiday Meal	9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
22	23	24	25	26
10:30—Stories & Sharing: Favorite Holiday Memories	10—Yankee Swap *(\$10 or Less Gift)* 11:30— Meatballs in Marinara	*No Strength & Balance Class This Week* 9—Chair Yoga Video 10-12 Prize Bingo	<i>Closed for Holiday</i> 	<i>Closed for Holiday</i>
29	30	31	1	
10—Movie & Snack	11:30— Hot Dog & Baked Beans 12:00—Ice Cream Social	9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	<i>Closed for Holiday</i> 	Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation

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.

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!



THE 603. WINTER Fun Festival

Friday, December 5th through
Sunday, December 7th

The Holidays are approaching!
Get your special someone a
Laconia Pumpkin Festival
Mug or T-shirt!

Special Black Friday Sale
December 1st to 23rd
T-shirts - \$12 (reg \$15)
Mugs - \$8 (reg \$10)

Call or stop by the Laconia
Community Center 524-5046



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LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

HOLIDAY CONCERTS
LRSO.org

Tickets
\$10 - \$30

Guest Vocalist
Taylor O'Donnell

Saturday Dec 6, 7pm - Colonial Theatre, Laconia
Sunday Dec 7, 3pm - Inter-Lakes Auditorium, Meredith

www.LRSO.org

Sponsored by

Colonial Theatre
Laconia Presents

DECEMBER 16, 2025
7:00 PM

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CONCERT

FEATURING

THE NEW HORIZONS MUSICAL ORGANIZATION - LAKES REGION

WITH POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE'S POWER CHORDS

Christmas Village!

December 4, 5, 6 & 7

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
Laconia, New Hampshire

SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE



This season, honor loved ones who have passed away and support hospice services in your community through **Granite VNA Season of Remembrance**. Add names of those who have passed to our online honor roll and donate to support compassionate hospice care for all, regardless of ability to pay.

Give \$250 or more and receive a handblown glass keepsake ornament as our heartfelt thanks for your support.



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



 **Granite VNA**

Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro
(603) 224-4093 | (800) 924-8620 | www.granitevna.org



A Celtic Christmas



An electrifying fiddle & piano concert of festive music from Cape Breton, PEI, Québec, Scotland, Galicia, and Wales!

21 dec | 4 PM

Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia
172 Pleasant Street, Laconia NH | www.uulaconia.org
Tickets: 603-848-2469 or uusl@myfairpoint.net

603 UNITED'S HOLIDAY

CRAFT FAIR

IN THE BELKNAP MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AND
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
9AM TO 2 PM



Holiday Parade 2025



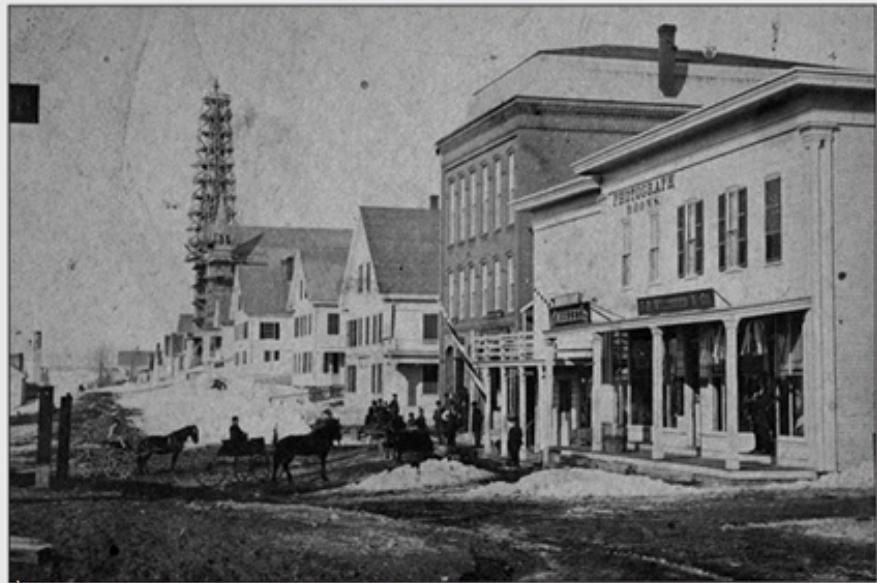
Our thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin for providing these photos

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 ...

Union Avenue (then known as Lake Street) and Lakeport Square are seen in winter, in the early 1870s, with construction underway on the taller steeple of the Union Avenue Baptist Church, further up the avenue. Brick building at center was the Weeks Block, built in 1871 and burned in 1881. Adjoining the Weeks Block was the Osgood Block, containing a market. Another wooden building, at far right, contained 'Photograph Rooms' on the second floor and J.P. Whittier & Co., on the ground level. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW



After the Weeks Block burned in 1881, the Lakeport Opera House was built on the site, opening in early 1882. The Osgood Block, destroyed by fire in 1939, was replaced by a First National grocery, later by Henry Rogers' Five Cents to a Dollar Store, Jilly's Restaurant, Chaos & Kindness and now by Sir Winston's Private Cigar Lounge. The earlier two-story wooden building, at near right, was replaced by the three-story brick Cushing Block, demolished in 1975. Site of the Cushing Block and the Mount Belkap hotel is now that of the Lake Village Apartments. (Michael Shine/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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Milk shed and tower for operator of crossing gates, opposite Passenger Station, Laconia, are seen in the 1950s, with Baldi warehouse behind them at left and the grain elevator of the Merrimack Farmers Exchange in distance at right. Two other industrial buildings are glimpsed behind the tower. Replacement of crossing gates by lights at Pleasant and North Main streets — off-photo at left and right — had been proposed by the Boston & Maine Railroad. See '75 Years Ago' in this week's 'Our Yesterdays.' (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

The milk shed was relocated down the tracks, to just before the Water Street crossing and the tower was taken down. Buildings in the background of the earlier photo have all been removed. This section of today's New Salem Street was built as part of the Downtown Revitalization Program of the late 1980s, replacing a number of tracks and sidings, while parking lots for the Laconia Clinic were expanded. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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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!

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT | OCT. 15-DEC. 7

Now's your chance to
choose for 2026.



Are you all set for 2026? Review your current Medicare coverage now to see if it's still a good fit for your needs and budget. You only have until Dec. 7 if you're thinking about making a change:
<https://go.medicare.gov/3Xgc1nS>

Upcoming Meetings

Week of December 8 - 12

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 City Council
December 8, 2025, 7:00 pm

Laconia City Council - Land & Buildings Subcommittee
December 8, 2025, 6:00 pm
Agenda

Laconia Putnam Fund
December 9, 2025, 8:00 am
Agenda



City of Laconia Telephone Directory



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

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Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	603-491-8946
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	603-524-3605
Robert Soucy (Ward 2).....	603-524-7054
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3).....	603-803-3425
Steven Bogert (Ward 5).....	603-528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6).....	603-998-1418

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