



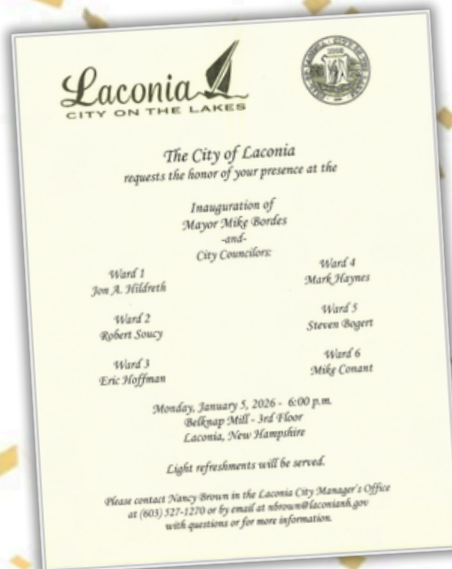
Welcome to Laconia Links!

December 19, 2025 - Edition #716

Our thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin for providing this photo from Union Avenue looking northeast toward the Weirs

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



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at the Inauguration Ceremony for Mayor Mike Bordes and the Laconia City Council on January 5, 2026 at 6 pm on the third floor of the Belknap Mill! This is an opportunity to thank outgoing Ward 1 City Councilor Bruce Cheney and Ward 6 City Councilor Tony Felch for their many years of service to our community, and to welcome new incoming Ward 1 City Councilor Jon Hildreth and Ward 6 City Councilor Mike Conant.

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270.

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of December 29



Please Note!

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Thursday, January 1, 2026 for the holidays. (City Hall will also be closing early at 2:00 pm on Christmas Eve.)

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

12.22-12.29 2025

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 12/22

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

KID

MON 12/22

Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only.

ADULT

MON 12/22

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

ADULT

TUE 12/23

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

KID

Happy Holidays

12/24 CLOSING AT 3PM
12/25 CLOSED ALL DAY

SAT 12/27

Family Craft: Snow Globes @10am - Ages 6-11.

KID

MON 12/29

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

KID

MON 12/29

Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only.

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**



NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Property tax bills were mailed out on Friday, December 5.

Payment will be due on January 5.

Questions? Please call the Tax Office at 603-527-1269.



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.

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|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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

Franklin VNA & Hospice





200 Court Street
Laconia, NH 03246
(603) 527-8097

Give Today! Visit
BelknapHouse.org

SPREAD JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



As the festive season approaches, we are reminded of the warmth of community and the spirit of giving. This year, we invite you to join us in making a difference in the lives of those we serve at Belknap House. Last year, your generous donations helped us to provide **3,507 bednights to children** and 6,502 total bednights to families who experienced homelessness.

The mission of Belknap House is to help families become independent and self-sufficient. We are proud to share Betty's story of resilience and hope.

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER DECEMBER 25TH

Location: First United Methodist Church
Wesley Way (off Rte. 11A) Gilford, NH

Reservations Are Required by Dec 18th!

Call 524-3289

Please leave your name & number of people coming

Doors open at 12:30pm – Dinner served at 1:00pm

Ham Dinner & all the extras!

**Potatoes – Candied Carrots – Green Bean Casserole – Rolls
Homemade Desserts**



A limited number of **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for serving and clean-up on the 25th.
Please call 603-455-9455 and leave your name and phone number.

(Volunteers must call in advance.)



Sponsored by the Laconia Rod & Gun Club,
the First United Methodist Church and the United Baptist Church - Lakeport

Family Holiday Craft Day at the Belknap Mill Sat. 12/20, 11-1



Please note that there will
be no newsletter next week
on December 26th.

In the meantime, we wish
you all a wonderful
Christmas!

ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA

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

DECEMBER 2025

| IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Local Warmline: 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to! 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! Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the: NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, December 18th, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

The Zoom invite link to join is on our website at:

www.laconiahousing.org/board-info

Questions? Please call us at: 603-524-2112



2026 Transfer Station Stickers

2026 Transfer Station stickers are now available for sale at the City Clerk's Office.

Transfer Station stickers are \$25 each and are good for the 2026 calendar year.

Questions?

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

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

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

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

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

For rural area residences and businesses without sidewalks -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Solid waste collection and snow plowing –

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

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](https://nhhumane.org/events)

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'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



A member of Congressman Chris Pappas's staff will be visiting Laconia on Tuesday, January 6th to answer questions and provide information about federal resources and programs. For more information on these office hours, please email Nbrown@laconianh.gov, or call 603-527-1270. For general information from Congressman Pappas's office, please visit <https://pappas.house.gov> or call 603-285-4300.

Living with Grief Support Group



First Congregational Church

115 S. Main St., Wolfeboro

Six Wednesdays
Starting January 14, 2026
1:30 - 3 p.m.



This weekly group session for adults offers a safe, caring space to share and learn alongside others whose lives and hearts have been broken open by loss. Together we discuss ways of coping with our grief and the challenges of making our way in a changed world. We welcome people who have suffered the loss of someone close, whether in their family of origin, family of choice, or friendship circle.

Registration is required. To register, please call 603-410-9519 or visit granitevna.org



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

Give the gift of life.


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

Department of Public Works
NEW YEAR'S WEEK

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES...PICK UP DELAY DURING NEW YEAR'S WEEK!

New Year's Day is on Thursday, January 1. There will be no trash collection on New Year's Day. Thursday's collection will be on Friday, and each remaining day's collection during New Year's week will be delayed by one day.

Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday, January 1, but open for its normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) the rest of the week. Questions? Call (603) 528-6379.



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.

CITY OF LACONIA
Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 22, 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 2025-5-20, 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

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

SUPPORT THE MILL

Preserve history. Inspire creativity.



Help Keep Belknap Mill Thriving

link in bio belknapmill.org



Christmas is almost here and Santa is busy checking his list. 🧑🏻‍🎅

Keep the coal out of your stocking and ALWAYS drive safely!

LRCS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
 Opportunities for parents and care givers to network with others for free, while enjoying their children's safe play. For children birth to age 5.

December 2025

Please Note: In the event that Laconia Schools cancel or delay opening due to weather, playgroups will not be held.

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | 1 | 2 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Santa | 3 No Music Group: Preparing for Family Fun Night | 4 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Candy Canes | 5 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Trees | 6 |
| 7 | 8 FAMILY FUN NIGHT! | 9 No Giggles & Grins: Clean Up from Family Fun Night | 10 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement | 11 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Dreidels | 12 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Reindeer | 13 |
| 14 Giggles & Grins and Happy Sounds | 15 | 16 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Stockings | 17 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement | 18 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Gingerbread | 19 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Ornaments | 20 |
| 21 Lakes Region Community Services Family Resource Center 719 North Main Street Laconia, NH 03246 603-524-8811 | 22 | 23 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Reindeer Food & Handprint | 24 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement | 25 Merry Christmas | 26 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snowmen | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Happy New Year! | 31 | | | 2 Generation Family Support |

Giggles + Grins is a Peanut-free area. Thank you.

LRCS is proud to be a smoke-free, substance-free campus. Thank you for helping to keep our building and grounds a safe & healthy environment for all.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers



ONLINE Six Wednesday Sessions January 14 - February 18 2 - 3:30 p.m.

This interactive workshop helps family caregivers learn the tools they need to help manage the difficulties in caregiving while considering their own well-being.

Register by January 5th by calling
603-224-4093, ext. 85664, visit
granitevna.org/calendar, or scan QR code.



*Please let us know when
registering if you would
like technical assistance
setting up before online
sessions begin.*



Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro
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December 21, 2025

FIRST DAY of Winter

*Get outside with your family and
enjoy the many fun winter activities
the Lakes Region has to offer!*



BELKNAP MILL

WINTER FIBER ARTS CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

January 2026 - February 2026



KNIT SOCKS CLASS

First 3 Saturdays: January + February
2:00pm - 3:30pm



CABLE KNIT EAR WARMER WORKSHOP



January 10th
11:00am - 1:00pm



KNIT COWL WORKSHOP

February 14th
11:00am - 1:00pm



***REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR CLASSES AND
WORKSHOPS***

VISIT WWW.BELKNAPMILL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION



OFFICE OF EXTENDED LEARNING

On Tuesday, December 9, Allison from NH JAG presented to Laconia High School students about the program. Students were informed of a potential "scholarship" totaling up to \$8000.00. Students were excited to hear about the opportunity.



Danika of My Turn, made such an impression on November 18, that she was called back on December 11 to present to more Laconia High School students. Students were surprised to hear about the program and all that it has to offer. Several students met with her after the presentation to begin the process to apply for the My Turn program.

The students in the REAL INITIATIVE program at Laconia Middle School had a busy week recently participating in team building and problem solving activities. The cooking club is very popular with LMS students. The students cook many different recipes, but also learn about cleaning and safety in the kitchen.





LACONIA SENIOR CENTER
(603) 524-7689



2025 ACTIVITIES

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 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 | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo | 10:30—Ornament Making 11:30— French Toast Casserole Bake | 9-9:45 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 | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo | 10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—American Chop Suey | 9-9:45 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 (MYSB) 11:30 –Stuffed Pasta in Marinara | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo | 9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30– Holiday Meal | 9-9:45 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 | Closed for Holiday | Closed for Holiday |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | |
| 10—Movie & Snack | 11:30– Hot Dog & Baked Beans 12:00—Ice Cream Social | 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo | Closed for Holiday | Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation |



Thank you for making the 44th annual Children's Auction a record breaking success!

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 new 2025 Curbside/
Recycling Collection Calendar
is now available!**

**Click on the calendar image (left)
for a full-sized version,
or pick up a copy at the
Department of Public Works
or the City Clerk's Office.**

Season's Greetings

As we enter this season of giving, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

For 60 years, you have stood beside us, championing hope, healing, and the belief that every person in the Lakes Region deserves access to compassionate mental health care.

This milestone year reminds us that true wellness extends beyond clinical support. Healing often begins in the quiet, creative spaces where individuals can express themselves, rediscover strength, and feel seen and heard. One beautiful example is the art workshop with local artist Larry Frates offered to residents at Passage House—an experience made possible because of supporters like you.

From June 2024 through July 2025, we cared for over 3,000 patients, and this fall, we proudly launched Open Access intakes for assessments at our Laconia office.

As the year comes to a close, we invite you to help us continue this vital work. Together, we can create a region where compassion and care are always within reach. End-of-year donations can be made securely on our [website](#).

From all of us at LRMHC, we wish you peace, warmth and joy in the New Year. Thank you for your kindness and your trust.



Lakes Region Mental Health Center



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.



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(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 uusi@myfairpoint.net



Beginner & Beyond the Basics Quilting Classes For Students & Adults - 2026!

The Belknap Mill Quilters Guild is offering 2 Quilting Workshops this Winter.

Programs & Times:

- **Beginner Series** (ages 10 to 99) runs from 9 am - 11:30 am. Learn basic sewing skills while making a tied quilt (throw size—40" x 50"). *For students ages 10–16, a responsible adult is required to attend the 1st class.*
- **Beyond the Basics Series** runs 12:30 pm - 3 pm. **Basic sewing skills required.** Through individual quilting projects students you will learn about half square triangles, paper piecing, and applique.
- **Location:** Laconia Middle School, 150 McGrath St., Laconia NH 03246.
- **Cost:** \$10 Registration fee (bring to 1st class) - All other supplies will be provided.
- **Dates:** Saturdays: January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & Feb 7th

Pre-registration is Required: Register at BMQG.org

- *Due to the popularity of these classes you will receive a confirmation email letting you know you have either secured a seat in the class or that you have been placed on a wait list.*

Maximum Class Sizes - 14

These workshops are limited to *those who have not participated in a previous Beginner or Beyond the Basics classes.*

Learn Basic Sewing Skills!

Sewing machines are on loan for classroom work.

All Fabric & Supplies Are Provided!



FREE SOUP MONDAYS

STARTING DECEMBER 1ST

72 Main St. Meredith NH 03253

We know times are tough right now, and we want to help. Every Monday, starting December 1st we will have FREE SOUP MONDAYS. Simply speaking come on in and grab a free cup of soup to go. No questions asked and one per guest on Monday. We will be keeping this going for as long as there is a need and we will have soup until it is out. Thank you for being an amazing community that supports and cares for each other and we hope this makes life a little easier this holiday season.

Your Friends at Sweet Mercy Kitchen & Hermit Woods Winery



Closed for New Year's Day

City Hall will be closed on New Year's Day

ARE YOU READY, NH?



Name That Plow Contest is back!

NH DOT is excited to announce the return of their Name A Plow Contest! Here's your chance to help name one of New Hampshire's snowplows and join in the fun as our crews gear up for winter.

🧠 How it works:

Submit your creative, family-friendly name using our online form.

Our team will narrow down the entries.

You'll get to vote for your favorites.

The winning names will hit the road this winter, clearing snow and spreading smiles across New Hampshire.

<https://www.dot.nh.gov/second-annual-name-plow-contest>

The first day of winter is almost here!

The City asks that all residents be good neighbors and not park or block sidewalks with their cars and trucks. Blocking sidewalks with vehicles prevents the City from plowing and sanding the sidewalks which causes pedestrians to walk in the streets.

We also ask that snow plow contractors and residents not plow or blow their snow across the street. This is a hazard to drivers that could result in a driver losing control and crashing.

Please be sure to give the City's plow trucks plenty of space as they are plowing the roads. Getting too close behind them may cause salt crystals to spray against your vehicle.

Your help is appreciated!

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 ...

Laconia City Hall, 1926–1970. The front part of the structure was built around 1806 by Attorney John Adams Harper, U.S. Rep. 1811-1813, and later occupied by others, including Lucian A. Ladd, earlier a successful farmer on the Parade Road, who died in 1917 at age 96. From 1923-1924, Dr. John C. Huckins conducted a private hospital in the building, putting on additions in the back. The city acquired the property, 100 years ago this week, and erected further additions. See this week's '100 Years Ago.' (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

In 1971, Laconia Savings Bank cut the ribbon at its newly completed banking facility at the site of the old City Hall, then in late June 1981 added a solar-powered drive-through and, in 1986-1987, a two-story addition to the main bank. In 2024-2025, the now-renamed Bank of New Hampshire built a new building to the north (right) of the Urban Renewal-era structure, which it then tore down. That part of the property — seen here from the southeast on Pleasant Street — is now a parking lot for the bank. The new bank building is just north (right) of where the old City Hall stood. (Katlyn Proctor/The Laconia Daily Sun)

City of Laconia

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CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday
(603) 527-1270

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



If you're traveling for the holidays, how do you find a caregiver you can trust to look after your older family member?

Whether you need regular help or occasional respite care, hiring a qualified caregiver requires time, planning and patience. Explore our step-by-step guide to finding someone who's the perfect fit for you and your care recipient. Click the above photo for more information from the National Council on Aging.

Upcoming Meetings

Week of
December 22 -26

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 City Council

December 22, 2025

7:00 pm



City of Laconia Telephone Directory



Airport..... [603-524-5003](tel:603-524-5003)
Airport Manager - Marv Everson
Assessing..... [603-527-1268](tel:603-527-1268)
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
Licensing..... [603-528-6331](tel:603-528-6331)
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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(Ward 4)..... [603-524-3605](tel:603-524-3605)
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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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