



# Welcome to Laconia Links!

January 2, 2026 - Edition # 717

An icy winter morning on Lake Winnipesaukee  
(Photo compliments of Ann-Marie Shpeley Photography)

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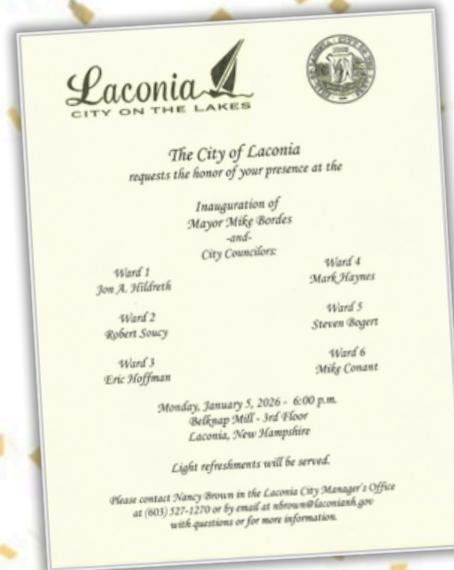
We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to help keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription please call the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 or email us at [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of January 12**

Shown (right) are Public Works Director Wes Anderson and Assistant Director Nate Guerette. Wes is retiring from his position at Public Works and will be working in City Hall in our Planning Department as the Project Manager.

*Welcome to your new position, Wes!*



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.

# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 1/5	Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.	KID
MON 1/5	Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only.	ADULT
TUE 1/6	Death Café @10am - Refreshments and discussion.	ADULT
TUE 1/6	Drop-In Tech Help @10am	ADULT
TUE 1/6	Lego Club @3:30pm - Best for ages 6-11.	KID
WED 1/7	The Housing Choice Voucher Program @10am	ADULT
WED 1/7	Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.	KID
WED 1/7	Drop-In Tech Help @2pm	ADULT
THU 1/8	Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3-6.	KID
THU 1/8	Nonfiction Book Group @6pm - 'The Pioneers'	ADULT
FRI 1/9	Homeschool Meet-Up @1pm	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](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**



## 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.

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



Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's application for the 2026 – 2027 academic year is now available on their website!

LRSF will conduct an application informational session on Tuesday, January 13th, from 4:30pm – 6:00pm at the BNH Operations Center in Gilford, for graduating seniors and other Lakes Region students who will be attending higher education this coming fall. The session will cover the scholarship application as well as additional required documents needed to complete the application packet.

Space is limited, registration is required.

To register for the informational session, or to find the application and instructions, visit [lrscholarship.org](http://lrscholarship.org)



# Living Well with Chronic Pain



## Workshop Details

- 6 consecutive dates with each session building upon the session before
- Zoom virtual course
- NH residents only at this time

## Dates and Times

### Afternoon Workshop

- Wednesdays 12:30 PM-3:00 PM  
Dates: January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18

For more information or help in registering contact:

Melissa Lee 603-255-3556 ext. 809  
Shirley Clark 603-255-3707

If you need an accommodation to participate in our programming, please contact Melissa Lee, melissa.lee@unh.edu and (603) 255-3716 prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to meet your needs, including language access services if requested, which will be provided free of charge.

## *Are you ready to put life back into your life?*

Chronic pain can be difficult to live with. If you or someone you care for are experiencing chronic pain, this workshop can help!

In this workshop, you will learn ways to manage symptoms and meet health goals. Create a weekly action plan to help you meet your goals so that you can do the things in life YOU want to do!

Gain the confidence and real-life skills needed for living a full, active and fulfilling life with chronic pain.

## In this workshop, participants will:

- Discover problem-solving strategies to deal with fatigue, pain, frustration, isolation and poor sleep
- Uncover physical activities for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, endurance
- Learn how to pace activity and when to rest
- Discover the importance of good nutrition in pain management
- Improve communication with your family, friends and health professionals
- Understand appropriate use of medications and how to evaluate new treatments
- Benefit from the support and encouragement from others also living with chronic pain



## REGISTER

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## LAKES REGION SLED DOG CLUB

The Lakes Region Sled Dog Derby is scheduled to be held February 13-16, 2026! Don't miss their auction to raise funds for the 97<sup>th</sup> World Championship race. The auction will be held on January 24, 2026, hosted by the Laconia Country Club. Click the photo (left) for more details!

## Sand is available!



**Did you know that 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 (603) 528-6379.



### Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permit has been issued as follows:

H. Hathaway Drilling & Blasting: This permit is valid until January 19, 2026 for drilling and blasting at 55 Eastman Shore Road South, Laconia, NH.

Questions? Contact H. Hathaway Drilling and Blasting at 603-867-2256.

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



### 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

# When Seconds Count...



**Which would you rather have  
to protect your home?**

## We need your help!

If you're able, please shovel out the fire hydrants close to your home or business. In a fire seconds count! Remember to clear a 3 foot perimeter round the hydrant, especially towards the street. Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work.

A common question that is asked is why do I need to clear the hydrant, won't the fire department clear the hydrant? The answer is yes, they will as soon as they can. However the fire department still has to respond to emergency calls. The City of Laconia has over 600 hydrants to clear and we could really use your help!

**The life you save could be your own!**



# KNIT SOCKS CLASS

The first 3 Saturdays of January & February  
2:00pm - 3:30pm  
Belknap Mill

This class teaches knitters with basic skills how to make socks from cuff to toe. You'll learn key techniques including knitting in the round, magic loop, heel turns, measuring for fit, and shaping toes. Perfect for those tackling their first pair of socks, the course provides step-by-step guidance to build confidence and finish custom-fit socks!



**\*registration required\***



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**Give the Gift of Nourishing Meals in the New Year!**

New Hampshire FOOD BANK  
A Program of Catholic Charities NH

...and thanks to an anonymous private foundation, donations are being matched up to \$125,000 - now through the end of the year.

**NHFOODBANK.ORG/DONATE**

\*Please note: Online and stock transactions must be processed and mail must be postmarked by midnight December 31, 2025 to qualify as a 2025 gift.



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



**Giggles + Grins and Happy Sounds**

Lakes Region Community Services Family Resource Center  
719 North Main Street Laconia, NH 03246  
603-524-8811

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

**January 2026**

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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	2 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snowflakes	3
4	5	6  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Winter Tree	7  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Owls	8  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snow Globes	9  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Polar Bears	10
11	12	13  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Penguins	14  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	15  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Hats	16  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Mittens	17
18	19 	20  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Boots	21  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	22  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Hats	23  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Mittens	24
25	26	27  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snowmen	28  9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	29  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Winter Windsocks	30  9-11AM Giggles & Grins Cocoa Mugs	31 

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.

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](http://NHHUMANE.ORG/EVENTS)

## MAPLE SUGAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DIRECTLY SUPPORT PRESCOTT FARM'S  
MISSION OF EDUCATION BY ASSISTING  
EDUCATORS AND SUGAR HOUSE LEADS  
DURING THE TAP INTO MAPLE PROGRAMS.

FEBRUARY 17 & 18 | 10 AM - 12 PM

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10 AM - 2 PM



MORE INFORMATION AT [PRESCOTTFARM.ORG](http://PRESCOTTFARM.ORG)

# 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](http://granitevna.org)



Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro  
603-224-4093 | 800-924-8620 • [granitevna.org](http://granitevna.org)



## 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*

## 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 or recycling 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.

## Disposal of Christmas Trees



*Please note that the City of Laconia does not pick up Christmas trees curbside.*

Laconia residents can bring their trees to either the City's Transfer Station on Meredith Center Road during its hours of operation, or bring them to the designated area in the dirt parking lot at the end of Memorial Park Drive which is available every day.

Christmas trees may also be taken to the City's Brush Dump on Friday or Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm unless it snows.

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



December 2025

Engaging the community to financially support local children and families in need.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DECEMBER EVENT](#)

#### Thank You Everyone!

We extend our deepest appreciation to everyone in the community for your incredible support in helping us raise \$883,123 for local kids in need. Thank you to our generous donors, both item and monetary, as well as our dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this happen. We appreciate our event sponsors, food sponsors, media partners, tech partners, and the Belmont Marketplace for their invaluable contributions. Your collective efforts have made a meaningful difference in the lives of these children, and we couldn't have done it without you!

[READ MORE](#)

**THANK YOU!  
\$883,023**

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TECH PARTNERS, BELKNAP  
MARKETPLACE & OUR GENEROUS  
COMMUNITY.  
FOR MAKING THE 44TH ANNUAL  
CHILDREN'S AUCTION A RECORD SUCCESS!



# Thank you!

## Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect. No vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*



## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD WANTED

Another holiday season has gone by and many of you may be wondering what to do with your cardboard boxes. The City has a cardboard box collection point at 257 Messer Street that is open 24 hours a day seven days a week.

So gather up all of those corrugated cardboard boxes you're sure to have accumulated during the holidays ....flatten them down, pile them up and bring them to the cardboard collection bin to be compacted and recycled. Cardboard brought to the Messer St. collection point versus being placed at the curb saves the City money in solid waste/recycling tax dollars. Any property owner or business in Laconia can use the Messer Street cardboard collection point.

Cardboard recycling is clean and easy. Corrugated cardboard only please! No cereal, soda/beer or shoe boxes, and no bubble wrap or air pillows.

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

# 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](http://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.*

 **Granite VNA**

Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro  
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*Winter is here - along with very cold temperatures! Be sure to show down and increase your stopping distance. Brush off your entire vehicle and be patient with plow trucks and sanders. And, if you don't have to be out in the worst of the weather, consider delaying travel. Let's all work together to keep Laconia safe!*



## 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 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am - 1:00pm



### KNIT COWL WORKSHOP

February 14<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am - 1:00pm



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

**VISIT [WWW.BELKNAPMILL.ORG](http://WWW.BELKNAPMILL.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689



## 2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>*Activities are subject to change*</b>  <b>*Suggested Donation \$3 per meal*</b>	<b>February Prize Calendars on SALE! 28 Chances to WIN! \$5 per calendar</b>		<b>Closed for Holiday</b>  	<b>1</b>  <b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena</b>  <b>10—Games &amp; Puzzles</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>10—Foot &amp; BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30 —Word Games</b>	<b>10 - Activities Meeting 10:30 —Positivity Day! 11:30 – Meatballs in Tomato Pesto</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic &amp; Presentation 11:30—Cream of Curry Chicken &amp; Veggie Soup</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong &amp; Corn Hole</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>10—Adult Coloring 10:30—Cribbage &amp; Puzzles</b>	<b>10:30 —Show &amp; Tell 11:30 –Italian Sausage, Beets in Blue Cheese over Pasta</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30—Pulled Pork w/ Apple BBQ</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10:30—DIY Painting</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Closed for Holiday </b>	<b>10:30—Cribbage &amp; Puzzles 11:30—Chicken, Broccoli &amp; Rice Casserole</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>10:30 —Wear your PJs or Comfy Clothes! 11:30—Shepherd's Pie</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10:30—Cribbage &amp; Puzzles</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>9—Chair Yoga Video 10—Movie &amp; Snack </b>	<b>11:30—Sweet &amp; Sour Meatballs 12:00—Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo</b>	<b>10:30 —Make Cards for Rehab Friends 11:30—White Lasagna w/Chicken &amp; Veggies</b>	<b>9-9:45 Strength &amp; Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong &amp; Corn Hole</b>



### CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **January 12, 2026** 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:

**THE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR THE BELKNAP HOUSE EMERGENCY REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE SEWER LINE SERVICING THE BUILDING**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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**PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR UP TO \$100,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR BELKNAP HOUSE EMERGENCY REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF THE SEWER LINE SERVICING THE BUILDING.**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

## Laconia Historical & Museum Society – Presentation: History of the Laconia State School

A presentation by Lily Lescarbeau on the History of the Laconia State School will be presented on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Laconia Public Library.

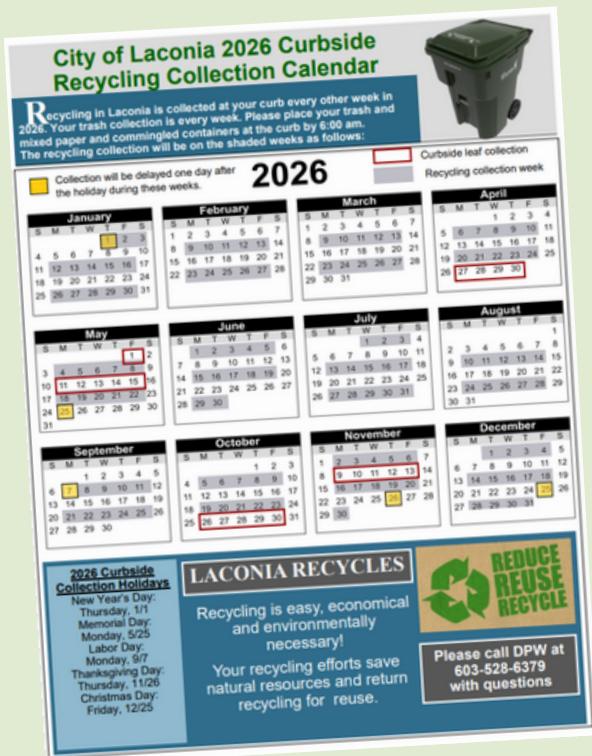
A lifelong resident of Laconia, Lily attended Laconia High School and is currently studying history and legal studies at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. A self-proclaimed history enthusiast, she earned a Diploma of Distinction for her project on Laconia High School's history during its 100th anniversary in her senior year.



Lily was the first recipient of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's Warren D. Huse Honorary Membership in 2024 and has since been an active member of the Society's Collections Team. During her senior year, she has spent countless hours studying and understanding the history of the Laconia State School.

The Laconia State School was opened in 1901, consisting of a dorm for the children and the superintendent's house. Over the years until the School's eventual closure in 1991, many buildings were built and torn down. The current property has sixteen buildings as well as numerous outbuildings used for the farm. There have been 8 superintendents over the 90 years the State School was active; Benjamin Ward Baker was superintendent for 35 years of that 90. The State School has a very rich history that while not showcased much and not well documented, is very important to share.

This program is free and open to the community as part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's 'Our Yesterdays 2026 Presentation Series.' 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.



**The new 2026 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.**

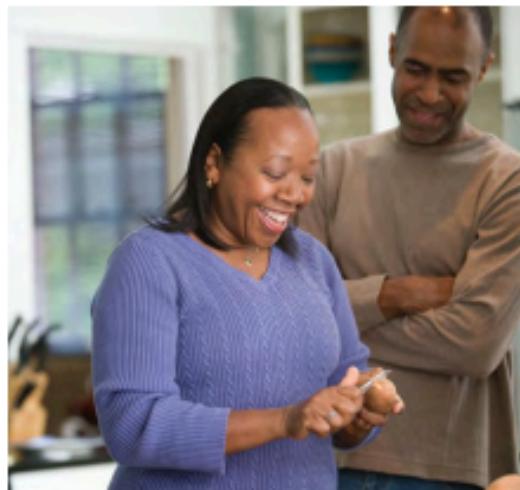


# Take Charge of Your Health!

LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS



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## Are you ready to put *life* back into your life?

Gain the confidence and real-life skills needed for living a full, healthy life with chronic conditions!

If you or someone you care for has a chronic health condition such as diabetes, asthma, arthritis, COPD, depression, or hypertension this workshop is for you!

### In this program you'll:

- Discover problem-solving strategies to deal with fatigue, pain and frustration
- Uncover physical activities that work for you
- Understand appropriate use of medications and how to evaluate new treatments
- Discover how healthy eating can improve your condition
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### Workshop Dates

Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:30 PM

January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17

### FREE - Virtual workshop

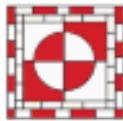
### Workshop Info

- A series of 6 weekly sessions
- For NH residents only at this time
- Each 2½ hour session builds on the previous week
- Full participation in the 6 weeks is highly encouraged

### Contact Us

Melissa Lee  
[melissa.lee@unh.edu](mailto:melissa.lee@unh.edu)  
(603)255-3716

If you need an accommodation to participate in our programming, please contact Melissa Lee, [melissa.lee@unh.edu](mailto:melissa.lee@unh.edu) and 603-255-3716 prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to meet your needs, including language access services if requested, which will be provided free of charge.



# **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](http://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!**



**All Fabric & Supplies Are Provided!**



**Sewing machines are on loan for classroom work.**





As you make your New Year's resolutions, the New Hampshire DOT Safety Patrol offers one that could save a life, maybe even your own:

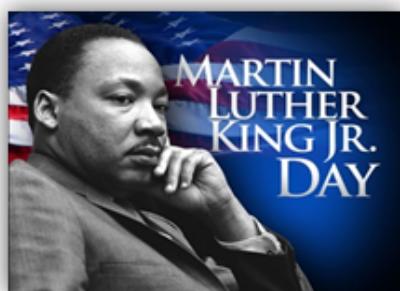
**Put the phone down.**

**Every trip.**

**Every time.**

No text is worth a crash. No scroll is worth a life.

In 2026, let's commit to driving like the moment matters, because it does. Resolve not to text, scroll, or glance at your phone while driving.



## Public Works Department

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is  
Monday, January 19th**

### **Notice to Residents on Curbside Collection Routes**

There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on January 19th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Collections for the entire week will be on their regular schedule.

For questions or additional information, please call Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.

# ONLINE Caregiver Connection



**January 15, 2026  
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 [granitevna.org/calendar](http://granitevna.org/calendar).



Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro  
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# 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...

**Bank Square, Laconia, is seen in winter, around 1910. Turret of Moulton Opera House Block, built in 1887, is seen at left. Eagle Hotel, with 1908 piazza on Main Street side, is at center, with 1898 Cook Block just beyond it. Tall steeple at right is that of Unitarian Church, built in 1868. A trolley car of the Laconia Street Railway heads into the square from Pleasant Street. The tracks had been rerouted from Main Street to Pleasant in 1898, when the line was electrified and the larger cars could not negotiate the 90-degree turn at the Church Street corner. Horses and sleighs also provide transportation.** (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ...AND NOW

**The Unitarian Church burned in 1938 and was replaced by a First National grocery store (now occupied by Citizens Bank). The Eagle Hotel was torn down in 1937 to make way for a Woolworth store — later occupied by Benjamin's, then the Sundial Shop and, today, by several stores and businesses. The Moulton Opera House Block and the other buildings on both sides of Main Street were razed during the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s.** (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)



## OFFICE OF EXTENDED LEARNING

*As the weather outside has been frightful, 1st graders at Woodland Heights Project Extra program, had lots of fun running around at Jump N Joy. The students can't wait to return.*



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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!



*Did you know that the 2024 Schedule of Social Security Payments is now available?*

*Get the calendar for the new year [here!](#)*

## Week of January 5 - 9

**Upcoming Meetings**

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.

### Water Commission

January 5, 2026, 5:30 pm  
[Agenda](#)

### Planning Board

January 6, 2026, 6:30 pm  
[Agenda](#)

### Conservation Commission

January 7, 2026, 5:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)

### Special Events Technical Review Committee

January 7, 2026, 12:00 noon  
[Agenda](#)

### Mayor & Council Inauguration

January 5, 2026, 6:00 pm  
[Agenda](#)



## City of Laconia Telephone Directory



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

### City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Mike Bordes.....	<a href="tel:603-527-1270">603-527-1270</a>
Jon A. Hildreth (Ward 1).....	<a href="tel:603-387-9900">603-387-9900</a>
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	<a href="tel:603-524-3605">603-524-3605</a>
Robert Soucy (Ward 2).....	<a href="tel:603-524-7054">603-524-7054</a>
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3).....	<a href="tel:603-803-3425">603-803-3425</a>
Steven Bogert (Ward 5).....	<a href="tel:603-528-0613">603-528-0613</a>
Mike Conant (Ward 6) .....	<a href="tel:603-527-1270">603-527-1270</a>
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	<a href="mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov">citycouncil@laconianh.gov</a>

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