



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Laconia Links

September 25, 2020 - Edition #457



The Mt. Washington on one of the last few days of summer! (Photo compliments of Rich Tilton Photography)



City Council Meetings

Laconia City Council Returns to
“In-Person” Meetings
beginning September 28th!

The Laconia City Council will return to in-person meetings beginning with their meeting on September 28th. Meetings will be held at the Huot Center Culinary Arts Center (26 Dewey Street, adjacent to Laconia High School). The Huot Center space is better suited to provide social distancing than the meeting room in City Hall, and will allow the entire Council, as well as members of the public, to again be present at Council meetings.

Socially distanced seating will be available and masks will be required when entering the building. Once seated, masks may be removed, if desired. Temperature checks will be done at the door.

Welcome to **Laconia Links** a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

*We look forward to keeping
you up to date on our
beautiful City!*



City Council meetings will continue to be available on Zoom and live-streamed on the City's YouTube channel. In addition, you can view the meetings live on Channel 24 (if you are a Laconia Atlantic Broadband subscriber) and on the Lakes Region Public Access Video-on-Demand page (live as well as at a later date) [here](#).

We greatly appreciate the work and cooperation that has allowed this to happen. Our sincere thanks to the SAU administration and school IT staff, the Laconia School Board, Lakes Region Public Access Television, and City of Laconia employees.

Please direct any questions you may have to the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.





The Library is now open to the public! Check the Library's [home page](#) for updated information.



Entire month of Sept. For ages 9-19. Limited # of kits, signup required



Tuesday Book Trivia! Tuesdays during our open hours in September. Answer a weekly trivia question either online or in person, get a free book! For children through age 12.



Programs to Go!
Zendoodle Bookmarks
Ongoing and for all ages. Relax at home with a Zendoodle Bookmark and a set of colored pencils!



Children's Food Craft:
Edible Pumpkin Patches
September 29, 2020
4:00-4:45 pm

Sign up in advance to pick up the ingredients to make an edible pumpkin patch. You will need 3 cups of milk (not provided). Watch along on Facebook Live for instructions. Delicious and fun! For children through age 12.



Teen & Tween Programs-to-Go!

Take home everything you need to paint your own Squishie Keychain! Each kit includes 2 squishies, fabric, paint pots, paint brush & a keychain clip. For tweens & teens ages 9-19. Signup required as there are a limited number of kits.

Upcoming Meetings...

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council. Check each issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website.

You can also contact any of the City's departments for additional information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any public meeting and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated information and changes.

Become involved in your City and make a difference!

MEETINGS

Please note important information included on the agenda below regarding viewing and participating in City meetings electronically.

Laconia City Council

September 28, 2020, 7:00 pm
(Please check our website [here](#) for agenda)



NH Humane Society

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

Over a century of love for those without a voice.



Sassy

Sweet Sassy did not have an easy start, but that is not stopping her from being the loving

girl that she is! Sassy is a gorgeous 8 month old pitty who is sweet, tolerant, and goofy all despite her tough beginnings. Sassy was brought to a shelter down south in the trunk of a car.

When they got her out, she clearly had an imbedded collar which later had to be surgically removed. However, if you ever meet Sassy you would never know, or even consider, her having such a brutal past due to her kind and happy nature. If you have the room in your home and hearts, then please fill out application today and email to adoptions@nhammad.org.

"I'm not happy Bob, not happy" - let Bob cheer you up! Bob came to us as a surrender through no fault of his own and is ready to love again. Bob would love to lay on the pillow and snuggle with you in bed when he gets comfortable. Our sweet Bob here will take some time to adjust in his new home and may be shy at first, but with some patience and time we believe he will warm up in no time! Bob would also LOVE a home with a cat friend or two; the more the merrier, right? Please fill out an application today if you are interested in adopting Bob and email it to adoptions@nhammad.org.



As summer nears the end, we raise a glass to our furry friends! Join us at Tamworth Distillery for the cutest backyard bash of the season. This event is BYOP (Bring Your Own Pup) so leash up Lassie and enjoy a day in the sun with a riverside spirit tasting for you and a house-made dog treat for them.

NH Humane society will be on-site with in-person information on its mission

and purpose. All through the month of September with every purchase Tamworth Distilling will provide the opportunity to donate to the NH Humane Society. For more information, join us at our PUPPY POP-UP or visit www.NHHumane.org.

EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND WITH RSVP! CLICK [HERE](#)

To ensure the safety of our staff, the public, and the animals in our care, visitation is by APPOINTMENT ONLY. In order to schedule an appointment, you must submit an application in advance and can do so via fax or by emailing it to adoptions@nhammad.org. Our adoptions team will get back to you as soon as possible. Applications can be downloaded at www.nhammad.org/adopt/application.

From the Planning & Zoning Department...



How would you like to help your fellow Laconia citizens? With just a few hours of your time each month you can make a difference and fill an important service. The City currently has an urgent need for people to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. We need both a regular member and four alternates for the Board. There is one meeting a month, scheduled in the early evening.

Alternate members fill in at meetings for regular members that can't make that meeting or, for some other reason, can't sit on a particular application. Being an alternate member is a great way to learn how the Board functions and many times leads to becoming a regular member, if desired. No experience is needed as we will train you. All you need is a willingness to learn and be fair and open minded.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is responsible for granting relief to zoning regulations and granting special exceptions. The Zoning Board meets the third Monday of each month. Any questions about serving on this Board can be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 527-1264. Ask for Director Dean Trefethen or Assistant Director Rob Mora.

An application can be completed on-line [here](#). Or, if you prefer, a printed application can be sent to you by contacting the City Manager's Office at 527-1270 or emailing Nbrown@laconianh.gov.

We hope to be hearing from you soon!

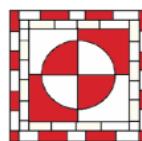


ROAD WORK



CITY OF LACONIA Public Information Session, Court Street/Durkee Brook Bridge

A Public Information Session for the upcoming Court Street/Durkee Brook Bridge project will be held Wednesday, September 30 starting at 6 pm at City Hall in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber, 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia. Contact Krista Larsen, Public Works, at 528-6379 ext 106 or KLarsen@laconianh.gov for additional information.



**The Belknap Mill
Quilters Guild
presents:
Mysterious
Quilt Journey
Saturday, Oct 3
10:00am-2:00pm
Rotary Park/Belknap Mill**

10:00am – 1:00pm – Journey:

Follow your map to find quilts in dozens of businesses throughout downtown Laconia

(Maps available at the Mill and all participating businesses)

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Journey's End:

Prize Drawings at the Mill

Turn in map for tickets no later than 1:15pm!

- "Quilted Treasures" handmade gifts
- "Attic Corner" quilting supplies for sale
- Beautiful Quilts on Display
- Winni Wagon Food Truck
- Safe, socially-distanced, family FUN!





4-H GROWS HERE



4-H SnapTrek

Hikes: Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

Zoom Meetings: Oct 18, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Location: TBA

This outdoor adventure experience is for teens aged 12 years and up. This is free and open to the public. In this program teens will get together with other teens for social games, hiking, and fun. As an added bonus, teens will learn to fine tune their photography skills while snapping photos in the outdoors. A closed Instagram group will be used to share photos and for youth to participate in challenges. To sign up, contact the 4-H Program Manager in your county.



For more information contact:

Karen Deighan, Karen.deighan@unh.edu
527-5475, Belknap

Amanda Royce, Amanda.royce@unh.edu
447-3834, Carroll

Caitlin Wollack, Caitlin.wollack@unh.edu
749-2529, Strafford

No cost to attend!
Open to youth ages 12 and up.



Laconia Skate Park Revitalization

At the September 1st Laconia Skate Park meeting three major items were discussed: Park materials to be used, location of the Park, and which elements to place in the Park. The group decided that concrete was the material of choice as it is easily rideable and has low maintenance. The group also recommended that the new location should be at Opechee Park, as it is centrally located for easy access by most residents and is on a major thoroughfare for safety and security reasons. Plenty of parking is available, and it is close to both the Middle School and the Boys and Girls Club. This addition to Opechee Park will allow folks, both beginners and pros, easy access to skate, scooter or bike.

It is hoped that work can begin to move forward with Phase 1 this fall.

On Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm the Laconia City Council will be discussing funding for the first phase of the project. Designs will be available at this meeting and the proposed location at Opechee Park will be discussed. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to provide input. You may attend the meeting either in person (at the Huot Culinary Arts Center adjacent to Laconia High School), or via Zoom. Please see page one of this newsletter for details about how you can participate or view the meeting live.

For any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to Laconia Parks & Recreation at 524-5046 or email parks@laconianh.gov.

Nothing is Scarier than Spreading COVID-19 this Halloween

- Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- Consider wearing a mask over your nose and mouth when trick-or-treating and handing out treats.
- Avoid large gatherings or parties and find ways to trick-or-treat while staying at least 6 feet away from others, including when handing out and accepting treats
- Practice frequent hand cleaning – bring a bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you while trick-or-treating, and use it often.

For Motorists

- Drive slowly and stay alert.
- Watch for children walking across the street or at intersections.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly, keep eyes out for children.
- After dark, keep eyes out for trick-or-treaters in dark clothing.
- New or inexperienced drivers should avoid driving after dark on Halloween.

Trick-or-Treating

- Adults should accompany young children while they are out.
- Walk on sidewalks, not the street. Use crosswalks when crossing the street.
- Always travel in familiar, well-lit areas and stay in groups.
- After dark, carry a flashlight or glow stick to increase visibility.
- Phones down, heads up. Be aware of your surroundings.

ReadyNH.gov
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.

Check upcoming issues of Laconia Links for information and details about Laconia's Halloween activities!

ATTENTION!



Due to the drought conditions and high fire danger, there is no outdoor burning allowed in the City of Laconia until further notice. This includes seasonal campfire permits, brush piles, outdoor fire pits, etc.

ALL outdoor burning is suspended.

Thank you for your cooperation! Questions? Please call the Fire Dept. at 524-6881.



**THERE'S STILL TIME
TO REGISTER FOR THE
CLASSES YOU NEED!**

BUSINESS
HISTORY
MATH
PSYCHOLOGY
SCIENCE
ARTS...



Visit us to learn more: LRCC.edu

**LATE START CLASSES
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 28TH.
Start Late. Stay On Track.**

FREE TUITION Assistance for those financially affected by COVID-19.

See if you qualify!

Call us today at 603-524-3207
and we can help:)



**LAKES
REGION
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**



The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation



1st Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest

Get Creative-Have Fun!



Introducing LRSF figure
BRAD THE GRAD

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation invites members of the Lakes Region Community to enter our 1st Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest. Build your own unique pumpkin figures as an individual, family, school, organization or business group. The figures must include at least one pumpkin along with other recycled or other creative parts. Use your imagination and come up with something unique, sweet or even scary. Perhaps something that fits a business or a hobby, for example: a set of pumpkin figures might be exercising, if a gym enters; or group might choose to create a character or perhaps a set of characters from their favorite movie. The creations could be as simple as a scarecrow with a pumpkin head or a snowman made of pumpkins.



We ask that you register for the contest by October 1st. Check out our website and FACEBOOK pages in September to find out how to register (LRSF website: www.lrscholarship.org). Once your creation is complete, you to send us a picture of your pumpkin figure and the fee by October 5th. There will be prizes, donated by area businesses and individuals. We hope to see many figures displayed throughout the community. Be sure it is out the weekend of October 10th to join the community in their month long celebration of *Come Catch the Glow*. We hope to have a map of the locations for all of the entries published on our FACEBOOK page and website.

There will be a number of judging categories such as: Best overall, Cutest, Scariest, Best by a child or children, Most Unique, Best Business, Best Non-Profit, Best Family or group. Members of the LRSF Board will be judging the entries, and then on-site visits may be arranged for those who qualify for the final round. Winners will be announced on Saturday, October 10th on our FACEBOOK page.

Entry fees:

Individuals, small groups or Families \$15

Non-profit organizations \$25

Businesses \$30

Schools contact the LRSF office scholarship@lrscholarship.org)

For more information or questions do not hesitate to call us at 527-3533.

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

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Fall is the perfect season to get outside... Join us!

Wild Mushroom Walk: In Depth

Sat, Oct 3; 10-1 pm

The Learning Garden: Planting Garlic

Sat, Oct 3; 9:30-11 am pm

Discover Nature: Fall Foliage Walk

Sat, Oct 10; 10-12 pm

Painting at Prescott Farm: Fall Foliage

Sat, Oct 10; 1-3 pm

Online advanced registration required.

FMI visit: prescottfarm.org



Your leaves and grass clippings can be a valuable resource OR a source of water pollution.

Our community cares about clean water and is doing its part to help prevent water pollution in our local waterways.

Please click on the image (left) to read information provided by the NH Department of Environmental Services and the City of Laconia on how you can help prevent pollution in our local waterways.



Laconia Fire Department

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation sponsors "Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters", a tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year.

This year's event will be held from September 27th through October 4th. You are invited to display a red light on your business or home in honor of all fallen firefighters.

For more information, visit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation [here](#).

Thank you for your support!



IT'S A WIN-WIN.



BUY THIS BAG, SEND A \$1 DONATION TO US.

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GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY & SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT.

Prescott Farm is the beneficiary of this month's "Give Back Where it Counts" program at Shaw's in Gilford. During September, every re-usable shopping bag sold in the store will mean \$1 for Prescott Farm! Spiff up your shopping bag collection AND help support the programs you love.

Our yesterdays

Our 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 . . .

Weirs Boulevard was a primitive highway for a number of years after it was opened in 1899 in conjunction with extending the Laconia Street Railway to The Weirs. (Prior to construction of the boulevard, the White Oaks Road was the principal route, on the east side of Lake Paugus, to The Weirs.) Work of paving the Boulevard 'with tarvia top macadam' in 1920 had been suspended, 100 years ago this month, 'the money being exhausted.' Here, Open Car 16 appears on the tracks, with the upper end of Lake Paugus glimpsed in the distance at the bottom of the hill. (Laconia Public Library)



. . . AND NOW

The trolleys ceased operation in 1925. The 121-year-old Boulevard today, as seen from the vicinity of the Lazy E Motor Inn, reflects a century of improvements. In a January 1933 survey, the state Highway Department termed the road 'dangerous' and, in mid-September of that year, work of rebuilding from Lakeport to Weirs Bridge started 'from both ends' and further improvements have continued. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



ABSENTEE VOTING

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If you plan to vote by Absentee Ballot, we suggest that you complete an application as soon as possible.

Please request your absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office (527-1265) or by clicking [here](#) to fill out an application. Applications can be dropped off at the City Clerk's Office (45 Beacon Street East), faxed to 524-1766, emailed to cityclerk@laconianh.gov, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247.

We expect to mail out General Election Absentee Ballots to those who requested them no later than Friday, October 2nd.

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's Office, 527-1265.

THE BELKNAP MILL PRESENTS

EASY HALLOWEEN CAKE DECORATING IDEAS

HALLOWEEN CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION

ENTRY DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31ST

PHOTO CONTEST CRITERIA:
Bake your cake, decorate in your favorite Halloween design and share it with us for a chance to be 'TOP CAKE CHAMPION'
All cakes will be judged by students in the Huot Tech Culinary Arts Program

WIN A FIRST PLACE PRIZE
\$25 CASH & BRAGGING RIGHTS

Belknap Mill
ARTS • HISTORY • EDUCATION

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO: JILL@BELKNAPMILL.ORG

Time is running out.
Respond now.



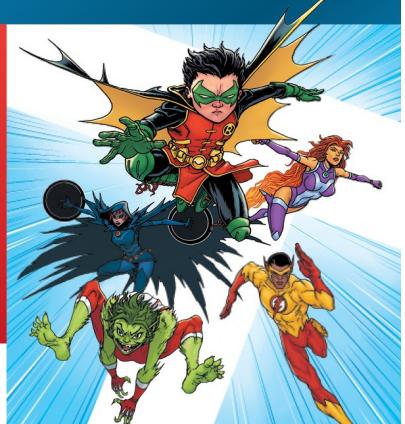
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your future
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THAN A TEEN TITAN?
A LIBRARY CARD!

September
is Library
Card
Sign-up
Month!

ALA American
Library
Association



Visit the Library today to get your card and explore everything it has to offer!

BCCCD Conservation Planning Webinar Series

October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7-8 pm



On behalf of the Belknap County Conservation District and Prescott Farm, we are inviting landowners to join us for a series of virtual workshops on Conservation Planning. These free workshops will take place on Tuesdays in October: October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7-8pm. It is our great pleasure to host this event to assist new and long-time landowners.

Learn how a Conservation Plan can help you:

- Better define your goals for protecting the environment on your land or farm
- Identify key soil, water, and other natural resources
- Define conservation practices to consider as management options and
- Turn best management practices into actionable steps

Whether you are interested in protecting open space, wildlife habitat, improving forest land, or a farm, conservation plans can help you meet your goals for the future. Workshop features interaction with conservation experts, practical tips, and information. We are looking forward to giving all participants a valuable and worthwhile experience in learning and sharing knowledge.

Please sign up at:

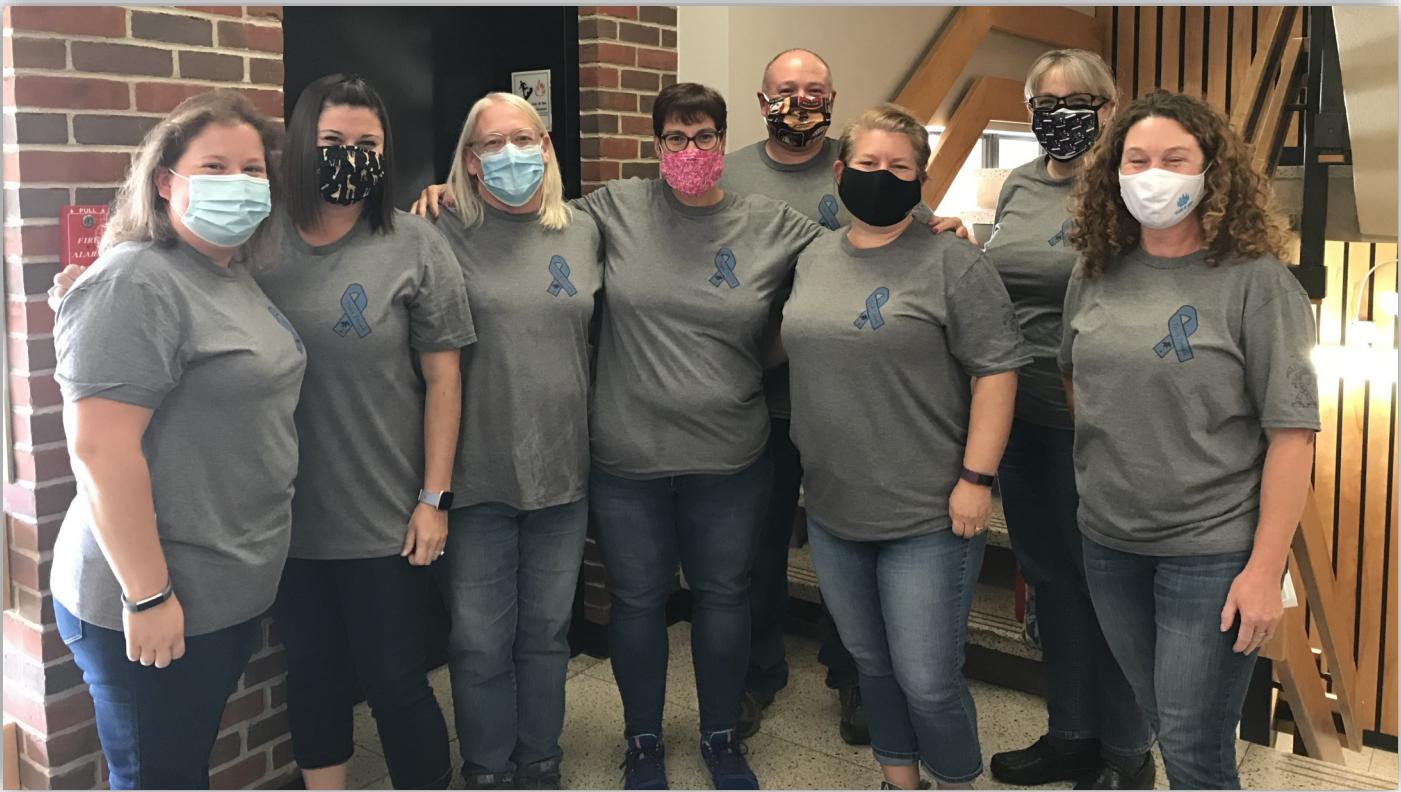
<https://prescottfarm.wufoo.com/forms/qae14q20tfs0yb/>

Colonial Theatre Updates...



*Our thanks to City Councilor
Robert Hamel for
providing these photos!*





Laconia City Hall employees and members of the "Trish Tough" crew showing support for our friend and former City of Laconia Fire Department employee, Trish Valovanie. Trish retired from the Fire Department on August 12th due to health reasons. As the back of the t-shirt says.... *"In This Family Nobody Fights Alone"*. You've got this Trish!



4th Annual Riverside Duck Derby - Adopt Your Duck Today!

Saturday, October 17th

Club Soda Band 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ducks Drop 4:15 pm



The Belknap Mill's 4th Annual
RIVERSIDE DUCK DERBY
Saturday, October 17th

Adopt a Duck



Mark Your Calendar!

OCTOBER 1ST - 31ST

Come Catch
THE
Glow.com

Discover Autumn
in the Lakes Region



Autumn

The season where New Hampshire really starts to **GLOW!** From the ever-changing hues of the foliage on our hills, to the smiles of our jack-o'-lanterns, Autumn is **the time** to explore the bounty and beauty only found in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire!

Grab the family and take a tour... There's plenty to do for all ages, and the Lakes Region Chamber can help you get there. Visit **ComeCatchTheGlow.com** and our interactive map can help you find the best places to spend the afternoon, or the whole weekend!

Come Catch
THE
Glow.com

A program of:



OCTOBER 1ST - 31ST



Discover Autumn
in the Lakes Region

So many ways to Catch The Glow!

- Apple & Pumpkin Picking
- Fine and Casual Dining
- Foliage Boat Tours
- Brewery and Winery Tours
- Amazing Hiking Trails
- Antique Shopping
- Kayaking and Canoeing
- Art and Craft Shopping
- Quaint Cafes
- The Freshest Bakeries
- Retail and Gift Shopping
- Boat Rentals
- Halloween Fun!
- Hay Rides
- Museums and Tours
- Farmers' Markets
- Beautiful Scenic Vistas
- and so much MORE!



Are you ready to Catch The Glow?

Get up-to-date information, trip planning, business listings and more!



Visit **ComeCatchTheGlow.com** and our interactive map can help you find the best ways to enjoy Autumn in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire!

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THE
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Cooperative Parenting and Divorce

Shielding Children from Conflict

on  **zoom**



Note: Co-Parents are welcome to attend this series together, but it is not required.

Topics include:

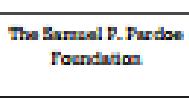
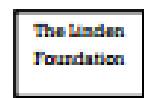
- Being child-focused
- Healthy relationships between parents and children
- Understanding roles
- Choosing my personal path
- Anger management
- Taking control of conflict
- Negotiating Agreements

When: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm

8 week series begins September 29, 2020

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org





ServiceLink
Resource Center
(1-866-634-9412 or
528-6945) is the first
number to call for
senior services.



Did you know that one in three Americans age 65 and older is economically insecure - lacking the resources needed to meet basic food, housing and medical needs? Millions of financially vulnerable seniors and adults with disabilities qualify for - but are not yet enrolled in - programs that could help them pay for prescription drugs, medical care, food, or heat for their homes.

Click [here](#) to learn more from the National Council on Aging!

*Laconia Senior Center is located at
17 Church Street in Laconia.
Questions? Call 524-7689*

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*We welcome your input, comments
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the
City Manager's office, 527-1270,
or by e-mail at info@laconianh.gov

Have a great weekend!



Scott Myers,
City Manager
City's Website:
www.laconianh.gov



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician - Ashley Ruprecht	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station)	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumoel	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office).....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

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Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3).....	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4).....	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5).....	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

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Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov