

October 29, 2021 - Edition #516

*Spectacular view of our "City on the Lakes"  
(photo compliments of View From Above NH)*



## Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to 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).



## Trunk or Treat at Leavitt Park

334 Elm Street, Lakeport

*Table or Treat inside if raining*

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
3pm - 5pm



Hosted by



Leavitt Park Community Club  
& Lakeport Association



If interested in being a trunk for  
Trunk or Treat or becoming a member  
Call for Leavitt Park (603)998-1418 or  
Lakeport Association call (603)524-7583



## HALLOWEEN AT OPECHEE PARK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st 5:00-8:00pm

### VOLUNTEERS & CANDY GIVERS NEEDED!

Call 603-524-5046 or email [Parks@LaconiaNH.gov](mailto:Parks@LaconiaNH.gov) to learn more

Don't miss the DJ with Halloween music and the Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region will be dancing! Our thanks to New Spectrum Lighting for making things look awesome!





# Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



## Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla

Come to the Volpe Room on Wednesdays, 2-3:30 pm to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian..



## Music and Movement November 5, 2021, 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM @ Selig Storytime Room

Are you ready to get moving?? In this program geared toward the younger crowd, we'll use music, instruments, and some fun surprises to dance, play and get those wiggles out! For children birth through age 6, in the Selig Storytime Room.



**Preschool Storytime with Gail** - November 3, 2021,  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
@ **Selig Storytime Room**  
Join us in person in the Storytime Room for some great books, songs, & fingerplays with your friends. Simple crafts at the end. For children birth through age 6 with a parent/caregiver.

**Preschool Storytime with Jamie**  
November 4, 2021,  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
@ **Selig Storytime Room**  
Join Jamie on Thursdays in the Selig Storytime Room for new stories and activities each week. For children birth through age 6.



**Teen & Tween Make and Take: Fall Leaf Mason Jar Candle Holders**  
November 1, 2021, 9:00 AM  
November 14, 2021, 4:00 PM  
Make a cozy candle holder. The kit comes with an LED tea light candle. For teens and tweens aged 9-19. All materials provided, however, sign-up is required as supplies are limited. Call, email, or text the library to reserve yours while they last! Phone: 524-4775, Text: 556-4666, Email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org)



We are thankful for books and fun crafts! Here's what we're making in Thursday Storytime this week!



**Teen & Tween Drop-In Craft: Sharpie Art Tiles**  
November 6, 2021,  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @  
**Teen Room**  
Create a design on tile with the library's huge collection of Sharpies. For teens and tweens aged 9-19, in the Teen Room.



By popular request, hoopla is now available on Android Auto!

Listen to music and audiobooks more safely and easily using your vehicle's in-dash display.

Check the Android Auto website, <https://www.android.com/auto/compatibility/>, to see if your vehicle is compatible.



# 2021 Voting Information



**The Municipal Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2021  
from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please see below for important information  
on voting in the City of Laconia!**

## ***How do I register to vote?***

To register to vote in the City of Laconia, you will need to provide proof of identify (driver's license), proof of domicile (piece of mail showing name and physical address) and proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport, or naturalization papers). If you do not have proof of domicile and/or citizenship, there is an affidavit you can sign when registering to vote.

City Hall is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. You can also register to vote on Election Day at the polling location for your Ward.

## ***How do I request an absentee ballot?***

Please request your absentee ballot as soon as possible by contacting the City Clerk's office (603) 527-1265), by clicking [here](#) to fill out an application, or visiting City Hall to obtain an application. Completed applications can be dropped off at the City Clerk's Office (Laconia City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East), faxed to (603) 524-1766, mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH or emailed to [cityclerk@laconianh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@laconianh.gov).

## ***How do I complete the absentee ballot?***

Your absentee ballot will come with a set of instructions and two envelopes: an affidavit envelope and a return envelope. Once you complete your ballot, place it in the affidavit envelope and seal it. Please sign one of the two affidavits on that envelope that best suits your situation. Put the affidavit envelope into the return envelope, seal and mail or deliver it.

An absentee ballot can only be returned by mail, in person by the voter, or by a delivery agent\*. You may return your completed ballot in person to the City Clerk's office. Please do not return your absentee ballot by placing it in the drop box slot on the side of City Hall. Any ballots left in that location will not be counted.

Absentee ballots will be accepted by mail, in-person by the voter, or by a delivery agent through 5 pm the day before Election Day at the City Clerk's Office. On Election Day, absentee ballots will only be accepted by mail until 5 pm.

You may notice that the mailing envelope provided to mail your absentee ballot states "extra postage may be required". Please be sure to have two stamps affixed to this envelope before mailing.

*\*Delivery agent is defined as someone else delivering your ballot to the City Clerk's Office. Please contact the City Clerk's office for details if someone else will be delivering your ballot for you.*

## ***How do I know my absentee ballot was received?***

You can track the progress of your absentee ballot on the State of New Hampshire Secretary of State's website [here](#). You can verify receipt of your application, obtain the date when your absentee ballot was mailed to you, and the date the City Clerk's office receives your completed absentee ballot.

***Questions? Please call the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265.***



# Which Ward am I in?

Laconia resident's voting location depends on where they live. To find out which Ward you are in, please click the "[All Wards Street List](#)".

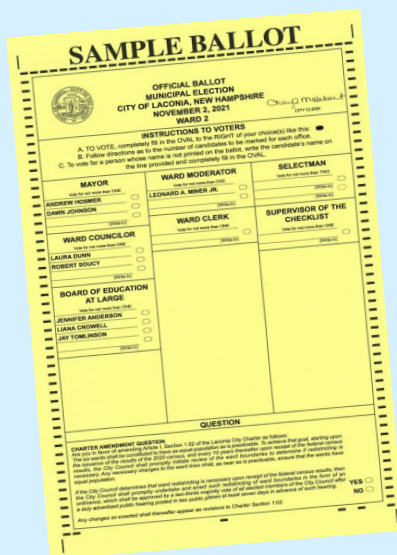
All streets in the City are included on this list and are listed alphabetically. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (603) 527-1265 for additional information.

# POLLING LOCATIONS

Once you have determined which Ward you are in, please see the list below for the City's six polling locations:

- Ward 1 - Beane Conference Center (35 Blueberry Lane)
- Ward 2 - St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall (31 Gilford Avenue)
- Ward 3 - Middle School (Multipurpose Room) (150 McGrath Street)
- Ward 4 - New Covenant Church & Memorial Park Clubhouse (31 Lindsay Court)
- Ward 5 - Woodland Heights Elementary School (gym), (225 Winter St. Ext.)
- Ward 6 - Leavitt Park Clubhouse (334 Elm St.)

All polling locations are open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please call the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265 with questions.



To view sample ballots (by Ward) please see the list below:

- [Ward 1 Sample Ballot](#)
- [Ward 2 Sample Ballot](#)
- [Ward 3 Sample Ballot](#)
- [Ward 4 Sample Ballot](#)
- [Ward 5 Sample Ballot](#)
- [Ward 6 Sample Ballot](#)

# Charter Amendment

Voters will see a Charter Amendment question on the ballot for the November 2nd election; this question has to do with giving the City Council the authority approve new Ward boundaries in the City. Ward boundaries are required to be reviewed (and revised as necessary) every ten years based on results of the U.S. Census. Due to time constraints and a delay in receiving the Census data because of COVID-19, details and information were not available to meet the deadline for including the redistricting plan on the ballot for the November 2nd election.

If voters do not approve giving the Council authorization to approve the new Ward boundaries, a special election will need to be held in January, 2022. This would result in extra expense to the City. If voters choose to authorize the Council to approve new Ward boundaries, any redistricting plan will require a two thirds majority Council vote after holding a duly noticed public hearing.

A [redistricting map and narrative](#) describing the proposed changes to the Ward boundaries is on display in the lobby of City Hall and will also be on display at each polling location on Election Day.

The goal is to have the population of each Ward in the City as close to 2,800 people as possible.





## THE BELKNAP MILL'S HALLOWEEN CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION

ENTRY DEADLINE: **OCTOBER 31ST**

**To Enter:**  
Bake your cake, decorate in your favorite Halloween design and share it with us for a chance to be 'TOP CAKE CHAMPION'

Please email a photo of you and your decorated cake to: [Jill@belknapmill.org](mailto:Jill@belknapmill.org)

**Top Prizes**

Adults (18+)	Gift Card to Witch's Brew Pub
Teens (12-17)	Gift Card to Amazon
Kids (2-11)	Gift Card to Altitude Trampoline Park

**Email your entry**



# Fall Festival

**Belknap County Fairgrounds**  
**174 Mile Hill Road, Belmont, NH**

**Saturday, October 30, 2021**  
**10 am to 5 pm**

 **\$5 per carload**

**Kids Games**

Live performance  
Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region

 **Pumpkin Carving Contest**

 **Baked Goods**

**Pig Roast / Chicken BBQ**  
Coleslaw & baked beans & cornbread  
Starts at 12:30 till we run out  
**\$10 a plate**

 **Frying Pan Toss**

**Men & Women Hatchet Throwing**

**Scarecrow Contest**

**Local 4-H Groups will have booths**

**Exhibitors**  
**Kids Costume Parade**  
**Vendors**

 **Kid Friendly Farmstead Barn**

**Sugar Hill Snubbers of New Hampton - Garden Tractor Pulling**

## A SAFE HALLOWEEN IS A HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



**The National Safety Council recommends these simple steps for an extra safe holiday!**

**COLONIAL SPOOKTACULAR LACONIA**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

 <b>HOCUS POCUS</b> 2:00 PM	 <b>THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS</b> 5:00 PM	 <b>BETLEJUICE</b> 8:00 PM
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**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  
[COLONIALALLACONIA.COM](http://COLONIALALLACONIA.COM)

**Celebrate Laconia presents...**

# HAUNTED LACONIA

**Halloween and Autumn decorating contest**



**REGISTER YOUR DECORATED HOME OR BUSINESS BY OCTOBER 29TH**

To register, message "Celebrate Laconia" on Facebook with your address and a spooky photo

**Vote for your favorite on Facebook!**

**1ST and 2ND PLACE WINNERS WILL BE REWARDED PRIZES**







Plan to stop by our...

## Haunted Train Station

Sat., Oct. 30th, 2021 5pm - 8pm

Dress up in your favorite Halloween costumes and join us for some Pre-Halloween fun from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The station will be decorated, we'll have themed music and Trick or Treat candy for kids of all ages in costumes while it lasts!

**Rail Bike Adventures**

**Laconia Railroad Station  
15 Veterans Square, Laconia, NH**

Evangelical Baptist Church  
54 Fairmont Street  
in Laconia

will be hosting a

**TRUNK  
OR TREAT**



on Halloween night,  
October 31st during Laconia's  
trick or treat times from 5-8 pm.

Come bring your kids to our gym  
parking lot to "Trunk or Treat"!  
Candy, treats, hot chocolate, cotton candy  
provided as the kids visit decorated cars  
parked at our gym building.

Stop by on your way through Lakeport!

## MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

Now through December 7,  
beneficiaries decide which of  
dozens of private plans offer  
the best coverage.

Even if you are happy with your  
current coverage, plans are  
modified each year so it is a  
good idea to review the plans  
for the upcoming year.

Be on the lookout for  
unsolicited calls that try to  
switch you to plans that  
may not be the best for  
your needs.

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# Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday,  
November 7, 2021 at 2:00 am. Don't  
forget to turn your clocks back  
one hour on Saturday night!

Turning our clocks back in the fall gives us more  
daylight in the dark autumn and winter mornings.

Consider starting the practice of replacing the  
batteries in your smoke detectors when we switch  
to and from daylight savings time each year!





# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices below which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. On this page we will be providing our citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to the general public in our community.

If you have questions regarding any of the Public Hearings shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department.

Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



## LEGAL NOTICE Laconia Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Laconia Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on revisions to 235-41:A Accessory Dwelling Units section of the ordinance. Copies of these changes will be available in the Planning/Zoning Dept located in the basement of Laconia City Hall and at the city website: <https://www.laconianh.gov/> Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. Written comments are always welcome for those who cannot attend either by email at [planning@laconianh.gov](mailto:planning@laconianh.gov) or mail them to the Planning Dept. at 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia NH 03246.

The Public Hearings will be at the next Planning Board meeting on November 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc Council Chamber, 45 Beacon Street, East.



## CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 4, 2021**, during the Special Council meeting which will begin at 10:00 am at the end of Eastman Shore Road South relative to:

**THE REQUEST TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FROM ALL PUBLIC SERVITUDE THE UNIMPROVED PORTION OF EASTMAN SHORE ROAD SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 231:51**

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

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**VETERANS DAY**  
HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED

*City Hall will be closed on  
Thursday, November 11th  
for Veterans Day*



**Recycling  
Collection**

**Curbside recycling  
will be picked up the  
week of  
November 8!**





**MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL**

# **ALL TOGETHER NOW!**

**a global event celebrating local theatre**

**A musical revue with an original script written and directed by David Nelson**

**FEATURING SONGS BY**

*(in alphabetical order)*

Lynn Ahrens, Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Benny Andersson, Billie Joe Armstrong, Howard Ashman, Sara Bareilles, Lionel Bart, Jerry Bock, Leslie Bricusse, Jason Robert Brown, Johnny Burke, Martin Charnin, Mindi Dickstein, Anthony Drewe, Jack Feldman, Stephen Flaherty, Matthew Gerrard, Zina Goldrich, Green Day, Sheldon Harnick, David Hein, Marcy Heister, Jason Howland, Herbert Kretzmer, Jonathan Larson, Alan Jay Lerner, Frank Loesser, Frederick Loewe, Robert Lopez, Alan Menken, Tim Minchin, Robbie Nevil, Anthony Newley, Benj Pasek, Justin Paul, Tim Rice, Irene Sankoff, Dick Scanlan, Claude-Michel Schönberg, Stephen Schwartz, Marc Shaiman, Richard M. Sherman, Robert B. Sherman, Glenn Slater, Stephen Sondheim, George Stiles, Charles Strouse, Jeanine Tesori, Björn Ulvaeus, Jimmy Van Heusen, Frank Wildhorn, Scott Wittman

**FRIDAY                      NOVEMBER 12                      7:00 PM**

**SATURDAY                      NOVEMBER 13                      2:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**SUNDAY                      NOVEMBER 14                      2:00 PM**

**BELKNAP MILL                      25 BEACON STREET EAST                      LACONIA . NH**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [STREETCARCOMPANY.COM](http://STREETCARCOMPANY.COM)**

**AND AT THE DOOR: \$10 EACH**

**ALL TOGETHER NOW!**

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk) • [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com) • [www.mtishows.com.au](http://www.mtishows.com.au)





**Lakes Region Planning  
Commission (LRPC)  
Transportation  
Technical Advisory  
Committee (TAC)  
Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, November 3, from 2 to 4 pm at the **Gilford Town Hall**, 47 Cherry Valley Rd. The meeting is open to the public, and those who prefer to attend remotely are invited to do so by contacting LRPC prior to the meeting at [jbighinatti@lakesrpc.org](mailto:jbighinatti@lakesrpc.org) and a link to the online meeting will be provided.

Samantha Fifield, an engineer from NHDOT Bureau of Highway Maintenance District 3 will discuss the state's ditch maintenance policy. Other topics of discussion will include the state's Ten-Year Transportation Plan and the NHDOT Road Safety Audit process.

The LRPC TAC encourages members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at (603) 279-5334.



LRSO.org

## SYMPHONY CONCERT

November 6, 2021 - 7:00pm

Hanaway Theatre  
Plymouth State University



Sava Thurber  
violin



Dr. Adam Mayon  
piano

Sarasate - Carmen Fantasy Suite No. 1  
Beethoven - Piano Concerto No. 3  
Dvorak - Symphony No. 9 "New World"

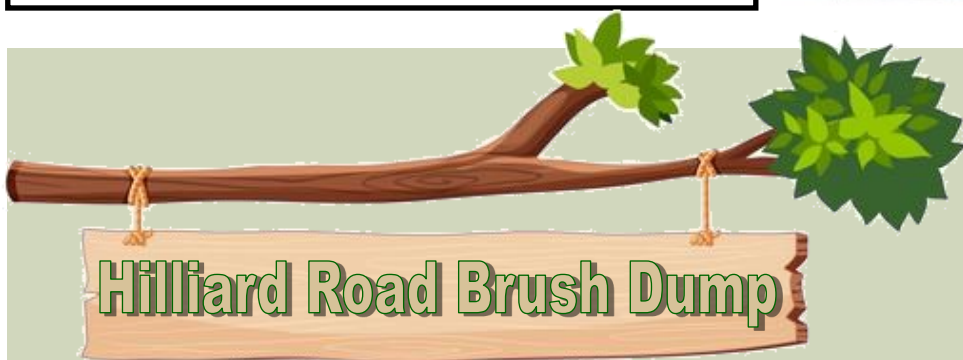
**TICKETS ON SALE OCT. 1 • [www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org)**



Thank you LRSO sponsors Ravena & John McIntyre, and Evelyn & Michael Miller. Silver Center productions are made possible in part through the generosity of The Dick and Betty Hanaway Endowment for the Performing Arts; The Ann E. Thurston '80, '00G, '07CAGS and Elizabeth W. Cheney '89, '99G Endowed Fund for the Performing Arts; and The Jeannette and Richard Collins Award.

**SILVER**

**Plymouth State  
UNIVERSITY**



**The City of Laconia Hilliard Rd.  
Brush Dump, located at 325 Hilliard  
Road, will be open for winter hours  
beginning November 5th!**

**It will be open every Friday and  
Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm  
unless it is snowing.**



**Winter  
hours  
begin  
Nov. 5th!**

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

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


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

**For more info call DPW at (603) 528-6379.**





LRSF Executive Director, Karen Switzer (pictured at right) is thrilled to present the 1<sup>st</sup> Place School Trophy for this year's Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation 2nd Annual Community Pumpkin Figure Decorating Contest to PSS Principal David Levesque (pictured left) and students Evelyn Bullerwell and Fayth Bartlett (pictured middle).



In addition to the two weeks of Fall Leaf Collection (details on [page 17](#)), did you know that Laconia residents can also bring their leaves to the Transfer Station and dispose of them at no charge?

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

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


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

## Celebrate Our Town Laconia Online



Share with us!

Stories | Photos | Videos | Digital Art



There is an online component to our "Celebrate Our Town" Laconia art exhibit. See how you can share your stories, videos, photos, digital art, etc. See all the details on our [website](#).




Above, members of our Planning, Zoning and Codes office on Casual "Blue Jean" Friday ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work!

Employees are allowed to take part in "Casual Friday" each week by bringing in items for the Food Shelf.





## DEADLINE FOR GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION FUNDING IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (GLRCA) is accepting applications for 2021 funding from Monday, November 1 – Wednesday, December 15. Details and an online application are available on the Children's Auction website at [www.childreensauction.com](http://www.childreensauction.com).

Local nonprofit organizations that provide support to children and their families are encouraged to apply for GLRCA funding if they meet the following qualifications:

- Tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and/or public agency status;
- A primary base of operations in the Greater Lakes Region;
- A proven history of providing value to the children of our local communities.

For more information on how to apply, the kinds of organizations that we fund and how you can help, please visit [www.childreensauction.com](http://www.childreensauction.com).

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

*The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the 2021 Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit [ChildrensAuction.com](http://ChildrensAuction.com).*





## Work on the Court Street Bridge is underway!

Work has begun to replace the Court Street Bridge.

Through traffic is being re-routed onto the Laconia By-Pass and temporary traffic signals are installed at the intersection of Route 106. Signage has been placed at several locations in Belmont and Laconia advising drivers of the road closure. The bridge will re-open on November 19th.

Please remember that businesses in this area will remain open, and they need your continued support!

Lakes Region Party and Gifts, Al's Auto Service, Sanborn's Auto Repair, Café Déjà Vu, Court St. Salon, Tire Warehouse, Eased Edges, Sobriety Centers of NH and St. Francis Home can only be accessed from the Belmont end of Court Street.



Budget Gas, Stafford Oil and Gas Station, Platinum Salon and Spa, Jack the Clipper and the other businesses on that end of Court Street can only be accessed from the Laconia end.

If you have the chance to visit any of the businesses on either side of the bridge, please do so. The business owners and their employees will greatly appreciate it.



*Our thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin for providing these photos showing work being done in the late afternoon on October 27th.*





## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT THE COLONIAL THEATRE

Oh what a night! Five O'clock Shadow did not disappoint the sold-out audience that came to The Colonial Theatre to experience "a cappella that rocks!" The six-member vocal band sang a varied assortment of popular music from "Hip to

Be Square" to their own "pandemic version" of "Stuck in the Middle with You" retitled "Stuck Quarantining with You," and ending with a stirring encore of "Bohemian Rhapsody." Their signature sound was performed with perfection – every note, every vocal intonation, each carefully rehearsed instrumental sound, rang out through the theatre to thunderous applause. This was just the second live performance for FOCS since the beginning of the pandemic. It was clear they were thrilled to be back on stage performing their music, sharing their stories, and engaging with the audience.

The show was opened by Plymouth State University a cappella ensembles, Mixed Emotions, an all-female group, and Vocal Order, an all-male group. Both ensembles had the unique opportunity to study with members of Five O'clock Shadow earlier that day, learning new techniques and preparing for the evening's performance. After the groups' impressive appearance on stage, FOCS member Dan Lennon congratulated the students and he explained to the audience that FOCS is dedicated to continuing education and outreach to young performing groups.



The We Care concert series allows local nonprofits and businesses the opportunity to come together to form mutually beneficial partnerships as well as bringing awareness to the public of their individual mission, services, and products. This event was a record fundraiser for the 18th We Care concert since its inception in 2013. 100% of the net proceeds from ticket sales, contributions from the main event sponsors, Audi Nashua, Miracle Farms Landscaping, The Bank of New Hampshire, Pemi River Fuels, and Hannaford, as well as many local businesses and individual contributions amounted to a donation of \$24,000 to The Bridge House in Plymouth, NH.

Cathy Bentwood, executive director of The Bridge House, offered her thanks via email: *"I love the 'Little Temple that Could.' Thank you all for exemplifying the best team effort I've ever experienced."* Marybeth Bentwood, owner of Brand Elevation Communications and marketing coordinator for The Bridge House also offered her thanks: *"this event raised my appreciation for how individuals, who are committed to supporting and uplifting their community, can move mountains."*

And the beat goes on ... get ready to rock and roll with We Care again on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 28, 2022. Stay tuned for more details to be announced soon!



LRCS  
**FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTER**

*Engage. Empower. Inspire.*

**Nurturing Skills for Families**

**Understanding Children's  
Growth & Development**

**A 6-week Zoom Series beginning November 4, 2021**

**Daytime and Evening Classes Available!**

**Thursdays 10:00-11:30am OR 6:30-8:00pm**



Join Parent Educators  
from the **Family Resource Center of Central NH**  
as we discuss

**"Understanding Children's Growth &  
Development"**

in an interactive Zoom series.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on  
understanding the stages of growth and  
development and on establishing nurturing  
routines.



This six-week series is open to anyone...

parents, caregivers, parents-to-be, extended family, professionals supporting families, etc.

All are welcome!

To register go to [www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/](http://www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration/) or email [tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org](mailto:tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org)



The Linden  
Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe  
Foundation





LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT  
988 UNION AVENUE  
(603) 524-0901



### HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

As part of our continued effort to maintain drinking water quality, Laconia Water Department will be flushing hydrants

**October 25th through November 5th**

While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful. Simply run the cold water until it clears. There could also be some fluctuation in pressure for a short period of time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at the number shown above.

## Winter Parking Ban!

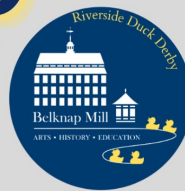
The City of Laconia's winter parking ban will be in effect beginning November 1st. As of that date, no vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

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!*



*Thank you!*



**Thank You** to the nearly 25 non profit and civic organizations that participated in this year's Community Fest during Riverside Duck Derby.

We are delighted that you were able to join us; your participation played a major role in making the day such a success!

Rotary Riverside Park was full of energy throughout the afternoon with families, activities, music, food, laughter and of course... ducks! A good time was had by all!

*People who attended shared, "This was the best family event we have attended this year!" others asked, "When is it scheduled for next year, I want to make sure we come."*

Community Fest was created to offer a space where our nonprofit and civic organizations could engage with the community to share what they do while offering fun activities.

We hope that you will join us again next year and in the meantime, spread the word...all nonprofit and civic organizations are welcome!





**NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
MORE THAN A CENTURY CARING FOR THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE

**Meet This Week's Featured Pets!**



**Meet Munchkin - an eight year old male feline**

Mr. Munchkin is the most adorable man there is. He loves attention and pets; once he starts purring you could hear him from a mile away. This sweet man is currently in foster care as he is beginning his journey for diabetes treatment. He needs a special home that is able to keep up with routine vet visits and blood work; he is currently being regulated with insulin twice a day and a well monitored diet. This big ball of love needs a great home where he can lounge by the window and curl up for snuggles.

**Meet Gannon - a six year old Labrador mix**

Meet Gannon! This big doofus loves to play, go for walks and eat treats. He's an inexperienced fella who needs an experienced owner to help him learn his manners! Gannon isn't a big fan of other dogs or cats, so he's seeking to be the only pet in his new home. Because Gannon is inexperienced with petting and handling, and he's still learning to share his things, he will do best in a home without children.



***Are you interested in either Munchkin or Gannon? Please complete and submit an application on-line!***

***Also, please visit our website to view all of our adoptable animals looking to find their "forever" homes and visit our Facebook page for our latest news. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.***



# Fall Leaf Collection

Mark your calendars! This year's Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the weeks of November 1 - November 5, 2021 and November 15 - November 19, 2021. During each of the above weeks, the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves on your normal trash day. All leaves must be in paper compost bags.

Please note that the leaf collection will be done by a separate truck, not the normal trash collection truck.

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



## Opechee Garden Club: Learn How to Make Holiday Decorations



Interested in learning new ways to decorate for the holidays? Come join the Opechee Garden Club as Club members demonstrate several options for holiday decorations. The demonstrations will take place during Opechee Garden Club's monthly meeting on November 1, 2021 at 1PM. Meetings are held at the Gilford Community Church, Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH. The public is invited to attend.

Members will combine items found at home and in their gardens with purchased items to create a variety of holiday centerpieces. For more information regarding the Opechee Garden Club visit our website at <http://opecheegardenclub.com> or our Facebook page at <http://fb.me/Opecheegardenclub>.

If you are interested in joining the Opechee Garden Club, please send an email to: [Opecheegardenclub2012@gmail.com](mailto:Opecheegardenclub2012@gmail.com).



**Lakes Region Community College is doing their part to help keep our community warm this winter!**

LRCC is generously donating scarves, hats and mittens free of charge to anyone in our community who needs a little help keeping warm.

Beginning on Monday, November 1st they will be tying these cold weather items to the trees in the vicinity of Rotary Park, where they will stay until they are all gone. So if you, or anyone you know, needs some extra help this winter, be sure to visit Rotary Park on Nov. 1st!







Karen Switzer, Executive Director of Lakes Region Scholarship, welcomes Chris Guilmett to the staff of the Foundation. Pictured (l to r) Chris Guilmett and Karen Switzer.

## Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Announces New Assistant Director: A Warm Welcome to Chris Guilmett

Executive Director, Karen Switzer, announced that she and the Board of Trustees are pleased to welcome Chris Guilmett to the Foundation as their new Assistant Director. Karen said "We are excited to have Chris join us. We have been looking for a person with real community spirit and dedication to fill this position; someone who was looking to make a difference. Chris more than fit that bill, with the bonus that he is a Laconia native, loves the area and has been active in the community for many years."

Chris grew up in Laconia and graduated from Laconia High School. He earned an A.B.S degree from Hesser College, and was then hired by Laconia Savings Bank, where he

worked in their residential real estate department for over 24 years, culminating as A.V.P. Mortgage Loan Originator. After a brief time with Normandin, Cheney & O'Neil where he worked as a Real Estate Closing Coordinator, Chris went on to serve as a Customer Service Rep for Engraving Awards & Gifts in Laconia for a number of years. His work experience in Laconia is only a small part of the picture, as, Chris has also been an active member of the community in many areas of the city. His involvement over the years included: Leadership Lakes Region; Laconia/Gilford Lions Club; The Historic Belknap Mill; Lakes Region United Way; Bolduc Park Association; Lakes Region Santa Fund; Laconia School Board; St. Andre Bessette Pastoral Council, and Lakes Region Children's Auction Disbursement Committee.

When asked about his new position with LRSF, Chris said: "The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation plays such a vital role in helping people in the Lakes Region realize their aspirations to further their educational goals. I am looking forward to working with donors to help make these dreams come to fruition."



### Department of Public Works



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11. There will be **NO DELAY** in curbside collection of trash during the week of Veteran's Day.

**ALL collections will be on their normal schedules.**  
Any questions, please call Public Works at (603) 528-6379.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN ON VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11.**



Veteran's Day is Thursday, November 11, 2021. Please join us in Veteran's Square for a brief ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

The VFW Post 1670 (at 143 Court St.) will be providing a luncheon immediately following the ceremony. All members of the public are invited to attend, and the luncheon is free of charge.





# State of New Hampshire

Department of Safety  
Division of Emergency Services and Communications  
James H. Hayes Safety Building  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, New Hampshire 03305



Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner, Department of Safety

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Paul J. Amante  
Assistant Director, Division of Emergency Services & Communications



## 10-Digit Dialing Deadline

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced that 10-digit dialing will be required for local calls starting Oct. 24, 2021 and encourages callers to be aware and prepare.

The NH Division of Emergency Services and Communications reminds residents that emergency services will still be reached by dialing 9-1-1 after seven-digit dialing for local calls ends on Oct. 24, 2021. Residents will also still be able to use other three-digit dialing services like 7-1-1 (relay services) and 2-1-1 (public resources).

The transition is needed due to the designation of 9-8-8 as the new nationwide three-digit suicide and mental health crisis hotline effective July 16, 2022. Any area code with a 988 prefix must be transitioned to 10-digit local dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline using the 3-digit 988 code. After Oct. 24, 2021 local calls dialed with only seven digits will be met with a recording stating the call cannot be completed as dialed.

In addition to requiring a change in dialing habits, this transition will affect any equipment or software programmed to make seven-digit calls. Phone contacts lists, fax machines, alarm systems with a telephone connection, call forwarding settings, speed dialing, and voicemail services will need to be updated. Residents and businesses should also consider adding their area code into email signatures, stationary, contact information on file with medical offices, and anything else that lists their phone number.

The nationwide three-digit 9-8-8 crisis hotline for suicide and mental health will not be in effect until July 16, 2022. Until then, anyone needing help can dial 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Additional information and resources on 10-digit dialing is available via the Division's [10-Digit Dialing Resource Page](#) and on the FCC's website at [www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline](http://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline).



# **LACONIA KIWANIS \$1,000 FUEL RAFFLE**



Scan the QR Code  
for more information  
and to purchase  
a ticket.



The Laconia Kiwanis Club is holding its 2nd Annual \$1,000 Home-Heating Fuel Raffle.

**ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**

WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN **LIVE** - OCTOBER 30, 2021 AT 6 pm  
ON THE LACONIA KIWANIS FACEBOOK PAGE.

Fuel type is selected by the winner (Natural Gas, Propane, Oil, Pellets, etc.)  
Funds will be paid directly to the fuel company of the winner's choice.

All tickets will be sold virtually for \$10 (plus a small processing fee - @ \$11.50 total) at  
<https://laconiakiwanis.ticketleap.com/laconia-kiwanis-1000-fuel-raffle>

**Thank you for your support!**

# *Explore with Us*

## *Prescott Farm* Environmental Education Center

*Ever wonder whooo's hanging around  
Prescott Farm at night?*



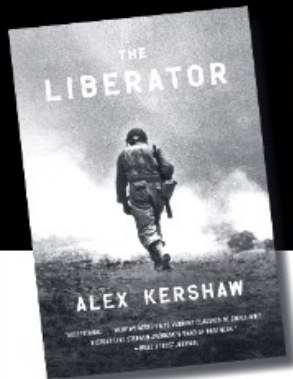
*Find out this Saturday!*

**Species Spotlight:  
Owls**

**Saturday, October 30; 5-7 pm**

For more information or to register:  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

Laconia Putnam Fund  
Presents  
**ALEX KERSHAW, Author of**  
**THE LIBERATOR**  
a Netflix series



**November 5, 2021  
7:00 pm**

**Belknap Mill Downtown Laconia  
NO TICKETS REQUIRED  
First Come First Seated • Free Admission**

The untold story of the bloodiest and most dramatic march to victory of the Second World War—now a Netflix original series starring Jose Miguel Vasquez, Bryan Hibbard, and Bradley James

"Exceptional . . . worthy addition to vibrant classics of small-unit history like Stephen Ambrose's *Band of Brothers*."—*Wall Street Journal*

Written with Alex Kershaw's trademark narrative drive and vivid immediacy, *The Liberator* traces the remarkable battlefield journey of maverick U.S. Army officer Felix Sparks through the Allied liberation of Europe—from the first landing in Italy to the final death throes of the Third Reich.

*Prescott Farm*  
Environmental Education Center

**Wilderness Skills:  
Fires**

Learn how to get a fire  
started, keep it happy, and  
make sure it is all the way  
out.

**Saturday, October 30  
(10-12 pm)**

For more information or to  
register:  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

**Bruce  
knows.**



**You can, too.**





*Karen Prior, ED of the Belknap Mill welcomes guests to the Groundbreaking Ceremony*

## The Rod and Gail Dyer Powerhouse Patio

Friends and colleagues gathered at the Belknap Mill on October 21st to honor the groundbreaking of the Rod and Gail Dyer Powerhouse Patio.

Michael Seymour of Bank of New Hampshire commented, 'the Rod and Gail Dyer Powerhouse Patio will serve as a visible reminder for years to come that the hard work, dedication and the commitment of one person can indeed change a city.'



*Jared Guilmett, Architect from Misiasek Turpin and Doug Greiner, landscape designer, share the design of the patio.*



*Michael Seymour, Bank of New Hampshire speaks to Rod's commitment to civic engagement and his legacy as a community leader*



*Rod and Gail Dyer breaking ground on the new patio.*



*Schematic design of the Rod and Gail Dyer Powerhouse Patio*



# Our yesterdays

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



## THEN ...

**This was the corner of Union Avenue and South Main Street, Laconia, in the 1960s, with Harold T. 'Pappy' Whittum's Mobil Station at left and the Texaco Station of Dorval & Malone in the distance — when majestic elms were still towering above the highway, gasoline was 30 cents a gallon for regular and 'Pappy' gave out Top Value stamps. 'Popcorn Man' Prospero O. Rousseau set up his wagon, summer evenings, by the utility pole at left. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



## ... AND NOW

**The gas stations were demolished during Urban Renewal to make way for Sunrise Towers and the new home of Melcher & Prescott Insurance, later occupied by ReMax Bayside and converted, a year ago, to Sunrise House, an assisted living facility associated with Sunrise Towers. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)**





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REGION  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

# FALL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 9th  
5pm – 7pm

## DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS YOUR FUTURE

Start your career right away or transfer to a four-year college. LRCC has what you need to succeed.

Pre-Register  
To Save Time  
Walk-Ins Welcome



- Tour our friendly campus
- Meet our amazing faculty & staff
- Attend a financial aid workshop
- Ask us your toughest questions
- Find out how you can get a quality education without breaking the bank!

Career  
Train  
Transfer  
Up-Skill  
Degree

Accounting  
Advanced Manufacturing  
Art – Art Education & Studio Art Tracks  
Automotive Technology  
GM ASEP, Toyota/Lexus T-TEN & General Auto  
Business Management  
Computer Information Systems  
Culinary Arts  
Early Childhood Education  
Electrical Power & Control Technologies  
Electrical Systems Installation & Maintenance  
Electro-Mechanical Technologies  
Fire Protection  
Fire Science  
General Studies  
Pre-Nursing & Undeclared Tracks  
Graphic Design  
Hotel & Restaurant Operations  
Human Services  
Concentration in Gerontology also available  
Liberal Arts  
Marine Technology  
Business & Technical tracks available  
Nursing  
Nursing - Licensed Practical Nursing  
Pastry Arts

www.LRCC.edu (603) 524-3207

# Nutcracker Christmas Fair

St. André Bessette Parish

St. André Bessette Parish Hall (Gym)

31 Gilford Avenue (Sacred Heart Campus)

Friday, November 12, 2021 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, November 13, 2021 9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

## Get in the mood for Christmas!!!

"Home Sweet Home"  
Home Design Table  
Pre-Owned Items for the Home

"The Story Book Cafe"  
Opens at 11:00 A.M.

"Ye Olde Candy Shoppe"  
for your sweets

"Herr Drosselmeyer's  
Magical Surprise"  
Theme Baskets

"Land of Sweets"  
Homemade  
Cookies & Pies

FR. MARC'S  
FAMOUS PORK PIES  
\$15

"Clara's"  
Gifts-To-Go

"Snow Queen"  
Raffle Table

"Tchaikovsky"  
Jewelry Table

"Children's Sugar Plum Place"  
with Games, Crafts,  
Raffle for stuffed Bear!,  
& Santa

Masks Optional



## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689 532 Main Street, Laconia, NH NOVEMBER 2021 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1</b> Foot Clinic (9-11) *By Appointment*	<b>2</b> Activities Meeting (10-11)  Craft Fair Workshop (11-12:30)	<b>3</b> Bingo (10-12)	<b>4</b> Musical Guest: Dave Jenne (10:30-11:30)  Senior Companions (12-2)	<b>5</b> Bingo (10-12)
<b>8</b> Coffee Social (10-11)  Meditation (11-12)	<b>9</b> Lentil Stew (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*  Celebrate Our Veterans!	<b>10</b> Bingo (10-12)  Chair Exercises (12:30-1:30)	<b>11</b> Closed for Veteran's Day 	<b>12</b> Bingo (10-12)  Book Club (11-12)
<b>15</b> Scrabble (10-11)	<b>16</b> Craft Fair Workshop (10-11:30)  BP Clinic (10:30-11:30)	<b>17</b> Bingo (10-12)	<b>18</b> Thanksgiving Dinner (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	<b>19</b> Bingo (10-12)  SALE SET UP (12-3)  *CRAFT/BAKE SALE on SAT, 11/20 (9-2)*
<b>22</b> Coffee Social (10-11)  Meditation (11-12)	<b>23</b> Caption Call Presentation (10:30)  Chicken & Corn Chowder (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	<b>24</b> Bingo (10-12)  Chair Exercises (12:30-1:30)	<b>25</b> Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday 	<b>26</b> Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>29</b> Scrabble (10-11)	<b>30</b> Christmas MOW Plans (10-12)  Job Fair (1-3)	We are looking forward to seeing you!		



# 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

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT | ENDS DEC. 7

IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...

**TODAY ONLY**

**ONE TIME ONLY**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

**SPECIAL OFFER**

Medicare.gov

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

During **#MedicareOE**, be skeptical  
of special discounts or freebies  
that sound too good to be true.

Find more ways to be safe  
from fraud at

<https://go.cms.gov/2YRvikW>.

**Medicare**



## City Meetings

Week of:  
Nov. 1 - 5, 2021

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, Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH, unless otherwise noted:**

### Conservation Commission

November 3, 2021, 6:00 pm

#### Agenda

### Water Commission

November 4, 2021, 8:00 am  
117 Stark St., Water Treatment  
Facility Conference Room

#### Agenda

### Licensing Board

November 3, 2021, 12:00 noon

#### Agenda

### Capital Improvement Program

November 4, 2021, 6:30 pm

### Laconia Putnam Fund

November 5, 2021, 9:30 am



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below  
must be preceded by 603)

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	
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 Baumel	
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	

### City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer .....	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1) .....	491-8946
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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