



December 17, 2021 - Edition #522

*The holiday spirit is alive and well in Laconia!
Photo compliments of YipShip Productions*

Winter Information from the Department of Public Works

DID YOU KNOW?

...That drivers cannot park their vehicles overnight in the City's downtown parking lots? Cars and trucks that park overnight interfere with Public Works' ability to clear snow from these parking lots.

Instead, please park in the parking garage overnight. The Police Department announces through Twitter whenever Public Works will be plowing or removing snow from these parking lots, and owners of vehicles parking in the City lots may be fined or have their vehicles towed at their expense to ensure that these parking lots can be plowed.

And did you know that it is unsafe to plow a driveway's snow across a street and leave it there? Traffic passing by your driveway during the plowing could have an accident as a result of hitting the plow truck or hitting the snow windrow left by the plow.

Also, please be aware that pushing or blowing snow onto a City sidewalk could prevent the City from clearing the sidewalk if the snow pile is too large for the sidewalk plows to clear. Please ensure that you or your plow contractor do not push driveway snow across a public street or blow snow into the sidewalk. This will help Public Works clear the streets and sidewalks after a storm to keep our community safe.

The City Council has implemented an Ordinance to minimize these problems. Public Works will reach out to educate a property owner if there is a violation and arrive at a resolution to the problem. The City appreciates your willingness to work with us to ensure a safer community.

Please feel free to contact our Department at (603) 528-6379; we will be happy to answer any questions and provide additional details.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe this winter !

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.





Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla

Come to the Volpe Room on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2-3:30 pm to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian..

Christmas for Kids

hoopla

Christmas for kids on Hoopla:
<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/14512>
Check out all the festive content!

hoopladigital.com

Download on the App Store Get it on Google Play Chromecast

Available on Roku Players & TVs Amazon Alexa



Holiday Hours
Library Closed

Friday, December 24 and
Saturday, December 25

The library may be closed, but our digital collection is always open! For more information about how to sign up for Hoopla or the Libby app, visit our ebooks and downloads page:
<https://www.laconianh.gov/714/eBooks-Downloads>



Countdown to Christmas

hoopla

Tap into Discovery.
Instantly Read, Listen, and Watch
with Your Library Card.

hoopladigital.com

Hallmark Channel Countdown to Christmas movies available on hoopla!
<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/14300>

CHRISTMAS Next Door
Jesse Metcalfe, Fiona Gubelmann

A HOMECOMING for the Holidays
Holly Robinson Peete, Jason George

A Family CHRISTMAS Gift
Dion Johnstone, Fatti LaBelle



Department of Public Works

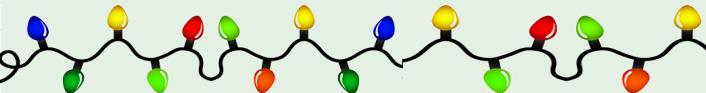
CHRISTMAS WEEK

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES NO DELAY DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK!

Christmas Day is on Saturday, December 25th. All trash and recycling collection during Christmas week (beginning December 20th) will be on the normal schedule.

Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, December 25th, but open for its normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) the rest of the week.

Questions? Please call (603) 528-6379.



LEONID & FRIENDS

MAY 1ST 7:30PM
Colonial Theatre Laconia

ON SALE
FRIDAY



Tickets now on sale at www.coloniallaconia.com
or by calling 1-800-657-8774/



Department of Public Works

NEW YEAR'S DAY

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES NO DELAY DURING NEW YEAR'S WEEK!

New Year's Day is on Saturday, January 1st. All trash collection during New Year's week (beginning December 27) will be on the normal schedule.

Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, January 1st, but open for its normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) the rest of the week.

Questions? Call (603) 528-6379.



CITY MANAGER'S
OFFICE

The following update has now been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Check out the new [Financial and Operational Trends Report](#) which provides financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find this report helpful and informative! For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270 or email info@laconianh.gov.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. We will continue to provide 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!



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **December 27, 2021**, during the regular Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber relative to:
A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LEARY FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION GRANT

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE PERFORMANCE ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICT

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk



PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/23/21!

Property tax bills were mailed on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

They are due on December 23, 2021.

Please note that there are many options for payment of your property taxes! It is not necessary to drop your property tax payment off in person. As shown on your tax bill, you can mail in your tax payment (or drop it off in the drop box slot on the Belknap Mill side of City Hall) and we will send you a stamped receipt. Please include a portion of your bill with your payment to ensure proper credit when paying by mail or dropping it off in the drop box. The drop box is checked every morning and you will be given credit on the morning your payment is retrieved.

You can also pay your bill [online](#), or by calling (855) 906-0411. Convenience fees are added to all credit card and telephone payments.

Payments will continue to be accepted at the counter in City Hall during normal business hours which are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Questions? Call the Tax Office at 527-1269





Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Nurturing Skills for Families

Developing Empathy & Self-Awareness

A 6-week Zoom Series beginning January 6, 2022

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
“Developing Empathy & Self-Awareness”
in an interactive Zoom series.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on the importance of empathy and techniques for managing feelings such as anger & stress.



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/ or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org



The Linden Foundation

The Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation

Glass is once again a recyclable item in Laconia! Please click the image (below) for more information...



The Kellerhaus traditional chocolate recipe can now be enjoyed in a chocolate bar specially designed for the Belknap Mill!

The Mill's logo is imprinted on this full-size milk chocolate candy bar. A perfect treat this holiday or any day! Bars are \$5 each and all proceeds from the sale of this "historical" treat support Belknap Mill's programming.

Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect. As of November 1st, 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!



POLLING LOCATION CHANGE

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The **WARD 1** polling location has been moved to the **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1244 Old North Main Street, entrance is in the back**

If you have any questions regarding this change, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265





The Department of Public Works website now has a page devoted to the Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project.

The City is asking residents, business owners/employees and visitors to make suggestions by **December 24th** on those improvements they would like to see included as part of the project.

The following are suggestions that have already been received by the City's project team:

- Parking Meter Kiosks
- Solar Panels/Car Ports on 3rd level
- Electric Car Charging Stations
- ADA/Handicapped parking spaces near new exterior stair tower/elevator (North side)
- Sidewalk on Beacon Street East in front of ramps
- Improved directional signs throughout (To: City Hall, Main Street, Main Street Business District, Belknap Mill, Rotary Park, etc.)
- Extend/Lengthen 2nd & 3rd level ramp landings.

The project team will evaluate each suggestion to determine its estimated cost and feasibility. The project team will present their analysis to the City Council for their decision on what suggestions to include in the project.

The project site is at: <https://www.laconianh.gov/1166/Parking-Garage-Rehabilitation>

LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION

Christmas Caroling at the Taylor Community

Friday Dec 17th



**Meet at the Laconia Community Center at 6:15pm for
Songbooks & Hot Chocolate**

**RSVP with Laconia Parks & Rec 603-524-5046 or
Parks@LaconiaNH.gov**



Laconia Fire Department

Link to Fire Dept.'s Website [here](#)

With the winter holidays upon us, it is important we all remember to keep fire safety in mind. The holiday season is busy and can be very chaotic. Unfortunately, this hectic time can lead to forgetting some simple fire safety tips....

Christmas Tree Safety:

Choose a fresh tree whose needles are not easily falling off
Before putting the tree up, cut at least 2 inches off the trunk
Keep tree at least 3 feet away from all sources of heat
Add water daily
Do not allow tree to block exits
Do not use lights that are old, worn, or broken
Do not decorate tree with lit candles
Turn off Christmas tree lights before going to bed
Remove your Christmas tree right after Christmas or when it becomes dry

Holiday Decorating:

Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant
Keep candles away from anything that can burn
Do not use nails to hang strands of lights
Blow out lit candles before leaving the room or going to bed

Holiday Entertaining:

Keep children and pets away from lit candles
Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop
Tell guests about your fire evacuation plan
Test smoke detectors
Discard smoking material and fireplace ashes properly
Do not use candles if oxygen is used in the home

Please take the time to practice these fire safety tips, so everyone has a safe and enjoyable time this season.

On behalf of the Laconia Fire Department, I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

Chief Kirk Beattie
Laconia Fire Department

SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING

The Laconia Gilford Lions, together with the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, is collecting clean SOFT plastics on Saturday January 8th, 2022 ! This is the second Saturday in the brand New Year!

Please collect and save all your Holiday package wrappings and mailings to contribute to this effort. Each and every piece of clean plastic is sent to Maine via the way stop at Hannaford's in Gilford to be repurposed and made into composite decking and outdoor furniture.

Our volunteers (masked) will be in front of the little white church at 127 Pleasant Street Laconia from 11 am until 1 pm on the 8th.

Help keep our Community and our corner of our Earth clear of toxic soft plastics. Our last event on November 27th realized 162 pounds of plastics. Everyone who stopped by should be mighty proud of what they have done and are doing.

We gratefully thank you and extend our Best Wishes for a Healthy New Year!



Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Tuesday, Dec. 21st from 12:00-2:00

(while supplies last)

**Lakes Region Community College
379 Belmont Road Laconia, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals.

No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive thru event.
All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:



Mayor Ed Engler

Lighting up the Belknap Mill's Stair Tower in honor of Mayor Ed Engler. Thank you for always shining the brightest of lights on our community!

Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works. There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five-gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks. Questions? Please call (603) 528-6379.

Thanks and have a safe winter!



Recycling Collection

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of December 20!



Please note that glass may now be put in with your recycling! See page 5 for details...



CROSS COUNTRY SKI LESSONS

AT BOLDUC PARK



Sat Jan 8 | Sat Jan 15 | Sat Jan 22 | Sat Jan 29

\$100 for all 4 classes (\$50 if you have your own equipment)

Scholarships Available!

To register, or get more information:

Contact Laconia Parks & Rec @ 603-524-5046 or Parks@LaconiaNH.gov

Cross Country Ski Lessons to be offered at Bolduc Park this winter!

Four weeks of lessons for youth and adults start Saturday, January 8, 2022 and continue each Saturday at 10:00 am until January 29. Make up lessons will be held if there are weather cancellations.

Rental equipment may be picked up at Piche's Ski and Sports at 9:00 am. The cost is \$50 if you have your own equipment or \$100 if equipment is needed.

Scholarships are available for income eligible youth.

Bolduc Park is located at 282 Gilford Ave. on the Laconia/ Gilford Line.

Registration forms are available at Piche's Ski and Sports, Bolduc Park, Gilford Parks and Recreation and Laconia Parks and Registration. Drop off or mail your registrations directly to Piche's Ski and Sports, 318 Gilford Avenue, Gilford.

If you have questions please call Bob Bolduc at 603-378-4208 or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068. Call Gail at 603-630-5650 about youth scholarships.



The Moulton Opera House “Grand Drape” will be on display for the next couple of weeks in the gallery, 2nd floor, Laconia Public Library. Painted in 1887 for the then-new Moulton Opera House on Bank Square, Laconia, the drape survived demolition of the building during the City’s Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s — spending several decades in a barn on Pleasant Street before being rediscovered and restored, under a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. This is the first time in several years that the drape has been on display. The subject of the painting is a full-color version of the classic engraving, “Morning on the Nile” by Jacob Jacobs. The photo above only gives a representation of the drape which, when seen on display, is truly spectacular.

Department of Public Works

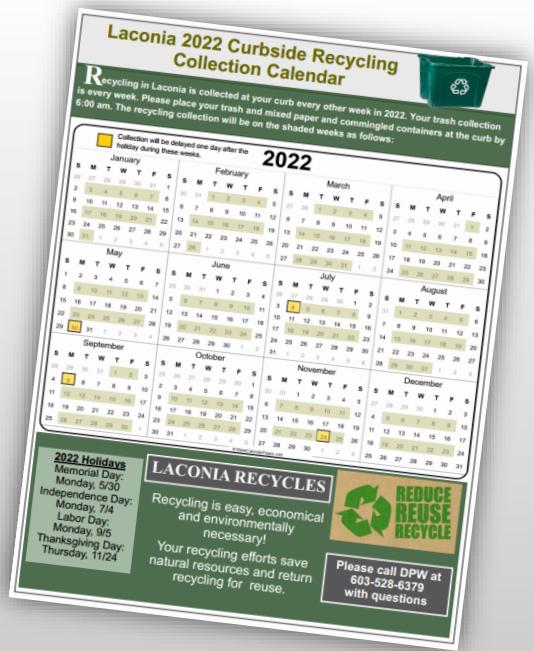
The Laconia 2022 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is now available!

Click on the image (right) to view a full-sized version of the calendar.

Printed copies are available for pickup at Laconia City Hall,
45 Beacon St. East, or at the Public Works Department
(27 Bisson Avenue).

Questions?

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



News From the City Clerk's Office



2022 Transfer Station Stickers

2022 Transfer Station stickers are now available for sale at the City Clerk's Office. Transfer Station stickers are \$20 each; a valid vehicle registration for the vehicle must be presented at the time of purchase for the vehicle the sticker will be put on.

Questions? Call the Clerk's Office, 527-1265.

Please note!
City Hall will
be closed on Friday,
December 24th,
Christmas Eve
and Friday,
December 31st,
New Year's Eve.

*We apologize for
any inconvenience
this may cause!*

Please note that there will
be no newsletter next
week on
December 24th.

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



Laconia Community Center

Schedule Changes

No Pickleball on the following MONDAY NIGHT
MONDAY 12/20 6:00pm to 9:00pm

The Community Center will be closed on:
FRIDAY 12/24 ALL DAY
FRIDAY 12/31 ALL DAY



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 ...

Main Street, Laconia, is seen looking south from Veterans Square, early 1960s, with Christmas decorations. B&C Diner (successor to Jack's, Brad's, and predecessor of Una's (among other proprietors) is seen at right, next to Quality Market. Just beyond the diner is Greenlaw's Music before it moved across the street to the New Piscopo Block. The Tavern's iconic 'jolly chef' sign is glimpsed at left. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Christmas decorations are now primarily lights on the ornamental trees and wreaths on the streetlight poles. The diner was razed in October 1978. Building at right, on corner of Main Street and Veterans Square, home to Yikes! and then Sunday's Spa for perhaps a decade, is currently vacant. The Tavern Dining Room served its last meal in 1970 after conversion of the hotel into apartments by Laconia Housing. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER 603-524-7689

DECEMBER 2021 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Bingo (10-12)	2 Arts & Crafts (11-12)	3 Bingo (10-12) MOW Christmas Workshop (11-12)
6 Foot Clinic (9-1) *By Appointment*	7 Activities Meeting (10-11) MOW Christmas Workshop & Decorate (11-12)	8 Bingo (10-12) Chair Exercises (12:30-1:30)	9 Senior Companions Meeting (10-12) Vegetable Soup & Turkey Wrap (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* Decoration Day	10 Bingo (10-12)
13 Coffee Social (10-11) Puzzles/Games (11-12)	14 SPECIAL TRIP: Christmas Tree Shop (8:30-1) *MUST SIGN UP!	15 Bingo (10-12)	16 Hearing Clinic @ 10:15 Holiday Pot Roast Dinner & Party (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* *Special Music/Carols*	17 Bingo (10-12)
20 Elder Financial Abuse Seminar @ 10:30 (Hosted by: Franklin Savings Bank)	21 BP Clinic @ 10:30 Beef Stew (11:30-12:30) *RSVP* Staff Party @ 1 PM	22 Bingo (10-12) Chair Exercises (12:30-1:30)	23 Coffee Social (10-11)	24 CLOSED: Christmas Eve 
27 Coffee Social (10-11) Puzzles/Games (11-12)	28 Meditation (11-12)	29 Bingo (10-12)	30 Book Club (11-12)	31 CLOSED: New Year's Eve 

LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT
METER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Meters are changed periodically to comply with the Public Utilities Commission's Rules and Regulations, the American Water Works Association and in accordance with the Laconia Water Works' Tariff.

The Water Department has an annual program that replaces meters and **there is no cost to the property owner**. Our goal is to change out 600 meters over the winter months.

The Water Department will contact those property owners whose water meters are to be changed. We are in the process of sending letters and making phone calls to schedule appointments. This process takes approximately 20-30 minutes. For your convenience Saturday morning appointments may be available.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (603) 524-0901.



City of Laconia

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Laconia, NH 03246
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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.



The National Council on Aging provides helpful information on "4 Steps to Combat Loneliness in Seniors" during this holiday season and beyond.

Please click on the image (left) to learn more!



City 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, Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH, unless otherwise noted:](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

December 20, 2021, 6:30 pm

Agenda

Minor Site Plan Committee

December 22, 2021, 2:00 pm

Water Commission

December 23, 2021, 8:00 am

City Council

December 27, 2021, 7:00 pm

Historic District Commission

December 28, 2021, 6:30 pm

Agenda



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 Baumol	
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

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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