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The Lakes Region Sled Dog Club Championship Sled Dog Derby is tentatively scheduled for February 11-13, 2022! Click the photo above for their website and additional information.



Photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin

Winner of the 2021 Debra Bieniarz Memorial Award!

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.



The City of Laconia is honored to have presented the 2021 Debra Bieniarz Memorial Award to Joan Cormier, an Advisory Director and former Executive Director of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Ms. Cormier was presented with the award at a recent City Council meeting. Joan is shown (above) receiving the award from Mayor Andrew Hosmer. To read the award language in full, please click [here](#). Congratulations Joan, and thank you for everything you do for our community!

SNOW EMERGENCY

The City of Laconia anticipates declaring a snow emergency on Friday that will begin at 9 am January 29th and will last until noon on January 30th due to the predicted 8+ inches of snow and snowdrifts expected with the storm. During this time no vehicle can be parked on a public street in the City. Drivers who normally park their vehicles in a downtown parking lot must park in the parking garage to enable the City to plow the parking lots during the storm. The National Weather Service is predicting bands of snow where the snow may fall at 2"+ an hour. A City plow route is over 4 hours long, so residents should expect 4" or more of snow on the roads at times. The City asks that residents stay off from the roads as much as possible to allow the snow plow operators to keep the roads open. Typical areas with high drifts are Weirs Blvd., White Oaks Road, Parade Road and other roads adjacent to large open areas.



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Northern Lights Chalk Pastels



Teen & Tween Craft | Tuesday, February 1 3pm

Teen & Tween Craft: Northern Lights Chalk Pastels February 1, 2022, 3 - 4:30 pm

Create your own Northern Lights in chalk pastels! For teens and tweens ages 9 - 19 in the Auditorium.



Preschool Storytime WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Preschool Storytimes!

February 2, 2022, 10 - 11 am.

February 3, 2022, 10 - 11 am.

Join Jamie for fun stories, songs, activities, and crafts each week. For kids birth to age 6, in the Selig Storytime Room.



Drop-In Tech Help with Shayla January 26, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

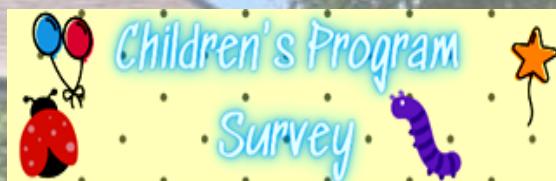
Come to the Volpe room to have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian!



Craft for Storytimes:

Will the groundhog see his shadow?

Join us for a day of stories about our favorite forecaster during our Preschool Storytimes (see above for dates and times).



OUR CHILDREN'S ROOM WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM PARENTS ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO!

1. Are you interested in a book discussion group for children?
2. Would you like to see evening programs for children?
3. Would you like to see Saturday programs for children?
4. Did you know we host a monthly movie showing?
5. Are you interested in a play-group for children?
6. Are there any programs you're excited about that we haven't held before?
7. Are there any programs we've done that you loved and would like to see again?

Text us your answers to

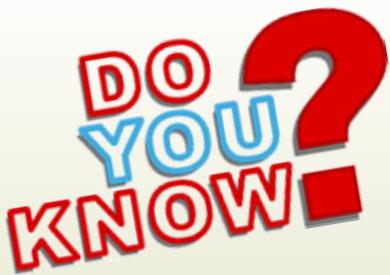
(603) 556-4666

or email Jamie at

jdalton@laconialibrary.org

Or fill out this online form:

<https://forms.gle/4y172SMsBcVTbwHmg>



Department of Public Works

What is a Public Road Right of Way?

A public right of the way is the area that has been “given” to a government for the public’s use. Typical uses for a public a right of way include roads, bike paths, sidewalks, stormwater drainage and public utilities. In New Hampshire, municipalities or NHDOT control these rights of way.

To protect public rights of way to ensure their continued use by the public, states and municipalities have implemented laws, ordinances and regulations. Property owners cannot build or obstruct the right of way in front of their property without obtaining an encroachment or license from the government that controls the right of way. For most streets in the City, that is the City of Laconia. Meredith Center Road, Parade Road, Endicott Street North and Endicott Street East, as well as portions of Routes 106 and 107 in the City limits, are state roads.

If you want to construct a driveway or replace/repair a driveway you will need a driveway permit. This permit provides the City the opportunity to ensure the driveway will not interfere with the public’s use of the right of way.

The only item that can be in the right of way without a permit is a simple mailbox. If you want to construct a large structure to support your mailbox please contact Public Works first.

Public Works has heard many different comments from residents on where they think the edge of the right of way is in front of their property. Some include:

- Edge of pavement
- 20 feet from the center line of the road
- 5 feet from the edge of pavement

These may be true in certain situations but only by accident as rights of way vary in width depending on the intended use of the road at the time of its creation. One section of Main Street has a right of way that is over 180 feet wide. Also, a road may not be in the center of the right of way.

So, how do you determine where the edge of the right of way is on your property? One simple way that gives a fairly accurate representation of the location of a right of way is the [tax map](#) program on the City’s website. One option that may help locate the right of way is to add an aerial “layer” photograph to the map. You can find that feature by clicking on the icon in the top right corner that looks like a window. You can also find it by using the description of your lot in your deed to find the property’s boundary pins that were placed by the surveyor when your area/lot was developed.

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

Coming soon – What are private rights of way?

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



AN INITIATIVE OF GRANITE UNITED WAY

A **FREE** tax preparation program designed for low-to-moderate income households with an income of up to \$57,000.

Visit NHTaxHelp.org or call 211 to connect with an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer. Toll-free outside of NH: 1-866-444-4211



CitizensTM

CA\$H Coalition of New Hampshire



Granite United Way



Get Connected. Get Help.[™]
An Initiative of Granite United Way

VITA is a free tax preparation program for low-to-moderate income individuals and families with a household income of up to \$57,000.

Go to NHTaxHelp.org or call 2-1-1 to connect with an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer.

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!



Soft Plastic Recycling

The Laconia Gilford Lions, together with the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, is again collecting clean SOFT plastics on Saturday, February 19th.

We are collecting plastic grocery bags, vegetable bags, pet food bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, air packing bags, dry cleaning bags, wood pellet bags, and ice bags. 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 February 19th.

Our community is doing a great job in keeping these plastics from polluting the Earth. Our last collection on January 8th weighed in at 222 pounds! Everyone who stopped by should be mighty proud of what they have done and are doing. Please spread the word.



Earth is our Valentine.

Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards





PARKS & RECREATION

Memorial Park Skating Rink is open!

Bundle up and get outside with your family to have some fun! Questions? Please call Parks & Rec at (603) 524-5046.

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Fri., February 18th from 12:00-2:00pm

(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. This is a drive thru event.

All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by:
Caring Neighbors



**Recycling
Collection**

***Curbside recycling
will be picked up the
week of January 31!***

***Please note that
glass may now be
put in with your
recycling.***



Snowman Building Contest

January 17th — February 4th

Build your own snowman in these 3 weeks for the chance to win a prize!

You can use; snow, playdoh, paper, marshmallows or anything else you can think of to make your snowman come to life.

Send in your pictures and a quick story behind the making of your snowman to:

Claire.greineder@lrcs.org

The Family Leadership Council through the Family Resource Center (Lakes Region Community Services) will vote on the best snowman; based on creativity, accessories, and fun/story behind the making of the snowman!





New Hampshire FISH AND GAME

Connecting you to life outdoors

Guardian of the state's fish, wildlife, and marine resources.



Click the image above to download the latest NH OHV & Snowmobile Digest of regulations provided by NH Fish and Game

mark  your **Calendar**

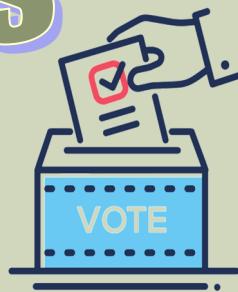
Discover WILD New Hampshire Day
April 16, 2022, 10 am to 3 pm



Click the photo above for more information!

News

From the City Clerk's Office



We need your help! We are looking for a Ward 1 Moderator and a Ward 1 Clerk for all of our local, State and Federal elections. These are paid positions. You must be a resident of Ward 1.

If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at (603) 527-1265 and ask to speak with Acting City Clerk Stacy Anders.

Thank you!

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Join us Saturday January 29

Homemade Soap (Adults)
(10-noon)



Tree & Shrub ID (Adults)
(10 am – 12:30 pm)



Snowshoe Yoga (Adults)
(10:30 am – 12:30 pm)



Signs of the Season
(Multigenerational)
(1-3 pm)

Register now
prescottfarm.org

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST



LAKES REGION
STUDENTS ATTENDING
HIGHER EDUCATION
2022-2023

APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE

[Applicants | Lakes Region
Scholarship Foundation
\(lrscholarship.org\)](http://lrscholarship.org)

**OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO AWARDING
SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOU!**

NEW in 2022

Completed qualified application packets (with all required documents) received by March 1, 2022 will qualify to be entered into a special bonus award raffle! One winner will be chosen at random and will win a BONUS \$275 Scholarship Award.

QUESTIONS??

Email - scholarship@lrscholarship.org
Call - 603-527-3533

**Karen Switzer
Executive Director**

**Chris Guilmett
Assistant Director**



Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Nurturing Skills for Families

Positive Discipline Practices & Techniques

A 6-week Zoom Series beginning March 10, 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
“Positive Discipline Practices & Techniques”
in an interactive Zoom series.

This Nurturing Skills Module focuses on discipline which is based on respect, empowerment, caring and cooperation. Learn the power of nonviolent discipline practices and techniques.



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



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 ...

Walter A. Woodward's Garage, off Rowe Court, Laconia, was located here, beginning in 1944. The South Baptist Church is glimpsed at far left. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

John Gauthier and Bryson 'Joe' Haddock bought Woodward's in 1954 and the business relocated to Prescott Hill in 1968. Meanwhile, the Loyal Order of Moose bought the Rowe Court building in August 1967, occupying the space until fire, Jan. 17, 1978, reduced the building to 'a pile of embers in the space of two hours.' Today, part of Rowe Court is seen at upper left and the former site of the garage is unoccupied. Orange Court and the Gove Mansion are obscured behind the red building and pine tree. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Tickets now on sale
for both performances!



Visit the Colonial Theatre's website at www.coloniallaco nia.com for more information on these and upcoming performances.

Tickets can be purchased on the Colonial's website, or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

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LIFEGUARDS
HAVE STRONG
RESUMES**

LIFEGUARDING DEMONSTRATES:

- PROFESSIONALISM
- INITIATIVE
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- STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- LEADERSHIP
- CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE
- EXPERIENCE IN HIGH PRESSURE ENVIRONMENTS

CONTACT LACONIA PARKS & REC TO LEARN MORE
603-524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

Winter Camp
February 28–March 4

Spring Camp
April 25-30

Summer Camp
June 27-August 26

WildQuest 2022
Camp Registration
Now Open!
FMI & to Register visit prescottfarm.org

Let the Outdoor Adventures Begin!




Lakes Region Planning Commission

Planning Regionally - Growing Locally



Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Information Session Wednesday, Feb, 2, 2022

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will hold an information session Wednesday, February 2, at 2 pm at the **Lakes Region Planning Commission Office at 103 Main Street in Meredith**. The session 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 and an online link will be provided.

Lakes Region Planning Commission staff will provide updates on the State's Ten-Year Transportation Plan and the 2022 Lakes Region Bicycle and Walking Plan. The LRPC TAC encourages members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input. For additional information, please contact the LRPC at (603) 279-5334.

What are **YOU** doing this summer?
How about a summer job at Laconia's Beaches?
Contact Laconia Parks & Rec for more info
Call 603-524-5046 or E-mail PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV

LACONIA SENIOR CENTER
532 MAIN STREET, LACONIA, NH 03246
(ENTRANCE & PARKING @ 184 BEACON ST. W)
#603-524-7689

February Calendar Fundraiser!!

Stop into the Laconia Senior Center to purchase a February Calendar!

**PRIZE EACH DAY: 29 CHANCES TO WIN
(2 WINNERS ON VALENTINE'S DAY)**

ENTRY = \$5.00 EACH

YOU CAN PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE ENTRY TO MULTIPLY YOUR ODDS OF WINNING!!
EVEN IF YOU WIN, YOUR NAME IS RE-ENTERED FOR THE NEXT DRAWING!

PRIZES INCLUDE:

CASH, GIFT CARDS, GIFT BASKETS, DIAMOND NECKLACE

Here are a FEW of the Gift Card Prizes:



PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE PREDICTED SNOWFALL ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH, THE LACONIA TRANSFER STATION AND BRUSH DUMP WILL BE BOTH BE CLOSED.

PLEASE CALL DPW AT (603) 528-6379 WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

LACONIA RESIDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR DOGS!

Beginning January 1, 2022, you can register your dogs for the 2022 year.

To renew **online**: www.laconianh.gov, Online Bill Pay, Dog Licensing

By **Mail**: City Clerk's Office, PO BOX 489, Laconia NH 03247, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1st dog for an owner 65+	\$2.00
Spay/Neutered dog	\$6.50
Unaltered dog	\$9.00
Late charge per month as of June 1	\$1.00
Civil Fine for failure to register	\$25.00



*All dogs are to be
registered by April
30th each year.*



Soft Protests with Pam Weeks

The Belknap Mill Quilters' Guild will host a live and virtual lecture at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. "Soft Protests" will be presented by quilt historian, Pamela Weeks.

Pam will share photos that show the history of story-telling and raising social awareness and protest in textiles and quilts. Stories were quilted into bed coverings as early as 1400, and protest quilts go back to 1830.

The Guild is offering this program to the public at the Belknap Mill in Laconia.

Non-guild members may register for this class at info@bmqq.org and indicate if you will attend in person or on Zoom. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

The Guild is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.



New Hampshire
State Council on the Arts

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



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.



Are you an older homeowner who wants to stay in your home as you age? The National Council on Aging has a booklet for older homeowners entitled "Use Your Home to Stay at Home". Just click 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:](#)

Planning Board

February 1, 2022, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Committee

February 2, 2022, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

Weirs TIF District Advisory Board

February 2, 2022, 2:00 pm

Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

Conservation Commission

February 2, 2022, 6:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

February 3, 2022, 8:00 am

117 Stark St., Water Treatment Facility Conference Room

[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
Acting City Clerk - Stacy Anders	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician Taylor Daigle	
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

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