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*A beautiful overhead view of Laconia
(photo courtesy of View From Above NH)*

The Transfer Station and Brush Dump will be closed on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31 so that our employees can enjoy the holidays with their families.

The Transfer Station will re-open on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 following the holidays.

Curbside trash collection is NOT DELAYED during the weeks of December 26 and January 2.

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

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.



Property owners:

To protect vehicle occupants and pedestrians please do not blow or shovel snow onto the street or sidewalk. Also, do not plow snow from a driveway across the street or pile snow from the driveway onto the sidewalk or adjacent to the road. These practices create untreated areas on the road and sidewalk which could cause an accident. Also, please do not pile snow near the intersections of roads as this may block a driver's view of oncoming traffic.

Best practice for clearing snow and preparing for the next storm: When you are clearing your driveway of snow, throw or blow your snow in the direction plow trucks travel (or "downstream") as this will keep the snow that you have just removed from your driveway from being plowed back into it. Remove the snow along the street "upstream" of your driveway by creating a pocket in the snow bank so that some of the snow on a snow plow can fall off the plow in the pocket and not in your driveway. If you have any questions please call Public Works at 528-6379.

For general information: (603) 527-1270



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



Click on the image of any program you're interested in for more information!

**SHAYLA'S
TECH HELP**
Tuesdays at 10am
Wednesdays at 2pm

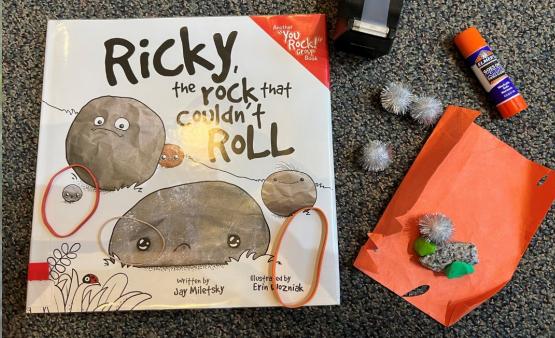
Have your basic computer and electronic device questions answered by a librarian. Most Tuesdays at 10 am and most Wednesdays at 2 pm, in the Volpe Room; check our event calendar to confirm dates.


Holiday Hours

Saturday, December 24	9 am-noon
Monday, December 26	Closed
Saturday, December 31	9 am-noon
Monday, January 2, 2023	Closed

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday period

Tinker Time: Rock and Roll



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
3:30PM | BEST FOR AGES 5-12

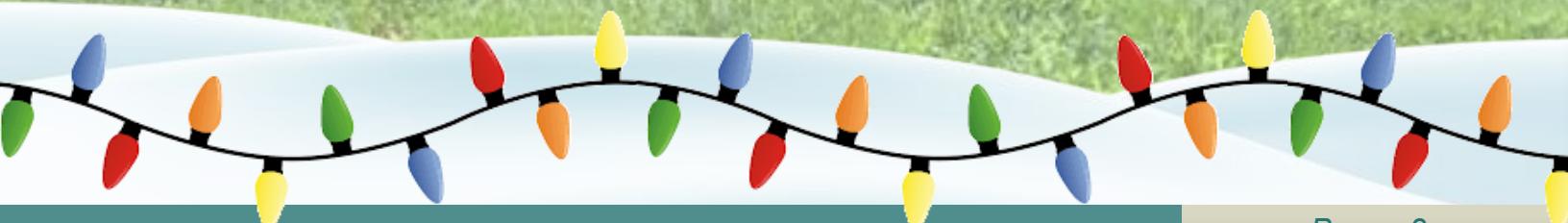


Move & Groove
SING! DANCE! LEARN!
FRIDAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
10 AM
NEWBORNS - AGE 6



Lego Club

Tuesday, December 13
3:30pm
Tuesday, December 27
11am
Ages 5-12





PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun.

In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community.

If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing 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 **January 9, 2023** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

ORDINANCE 2022-161-25 (01) TO AMEND CHAPTER 161, SECTION 161-25, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



THANK YOU TO
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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



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

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

Questions? Please call the city Manager's Office at 603-527-1270.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED 11/28/22!



Tax bills were mailed on November 28, 2022 and are due December 28, 2022. The 2022 tax rate was set at \$14.85 per thousand; this is a decrease of \$4.01 from the 2021 rate of \$18.86 per thousand.

Your July 2022 tax bills reflect half of the 2021 tax rate of \$9.43. Tax bills are calculated as follows: The July installment is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the previous year's rate total, multiplied by your previous year's assessed value. The December installment is the new rate (which is determined by the NH Department of Revenue), multiplied by your updated assessed value to get your total tax for the year. We then minus out the July installment and you pay the difference. The Assessing Office has until the December billing to finalize your assessments for the tax year.

Questions about your assessed value should be directed to the Assessing Office at 603-527-1268. Questions about payments should be directed to the Tax Office at 603-527-1269.

Payment options are: In-person, the drop box on the side of City Hall, through the mail at PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247, over the phone at 1-855-906-0411 or online at www.laconianh.gov

Please note there is a fee of 2.79 % for all credit/debit card transactions and a \$0.95 fee for all ACH transactions online.



The non-profit Bolduc Park Association is offering Cross Country Ski Lessons to Youth and Adults at 282 Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford Town Line.

Lessons begin at 10am on four consecutive Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28. Make up dates will be scheduled if weather interferes with lessons.

The cost of lessons is \$50 if you have your own equipment and an additional \$50 if equipment is needed. Income eligible youth can receive a full scholarship for equipment rental and lessons.

Sign up in advance by contacting Bolduc Park at 603-630-5650 or email: golf@bolducpark.com.

Laconia and Gilford Parks and Recreation Departments and Piche's Ski and Sports also have registration forms.

Call 603-630-5650 to learn more about lesson scholarships for youth and free cross country ski outings for income eligible families.

Click [here](#) for Registration Form!

Bolduc Park Association
Cross Country Ski Lessons
January 7, 14, 21 and 28
282 Gilford Ave Gilford NH 03249
Lessons begin at 10:00 AM. (Ski rentals may be picked up at 9:00 AM at Piche's)
Child's Name _____
By signing this permission slip, I, the parent/guardian, do hereby give my permission for my child to be taken during the lessons at Bolduc Park. I understand that skiing outdoors can be dangerous and that there are risks that include, but not limited to; exposure to the elements, snow, ice, rain, and wind; trails that may be uneven, muddy, snow covered, icy and slippery; I understand that skiing outdoors is a vigorously physical activity and may result in death, hypothermia, heat stroke and injuries limited to: Paralysis, acute pain, strains, broken bones, sprains, cuts, scrapes and bruising. I understand that participating in Cross Country Skiing program may expose me to the COVID-19 Virus. I do release the Bolduc Park Association the Board of Directors, Volunteers, and participants of any claim arising from injury my child may sustain in the normal course of the program
Parents or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Online

Mondays
Jan. 23-Feb. 27
(6 Mondays)
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Caregiving can add stress to our physical and emotional health. "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" is an educational program to help family caregivers learn to take care of themselves.

This interactive workshop helps caregivers learn to:

- Reduce personal stress
- Change negative self-talk
- Communicate more effectively
- Handle different feelings
- Make challenging caregiving decisions

Registration is required and space is limited.
To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85815 or click [here](#).
This program is offered at no charge.

Please note that a camera and microphone is needed to complete the program. Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a link to the program. Technical instruction is available to participate in this group.

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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.

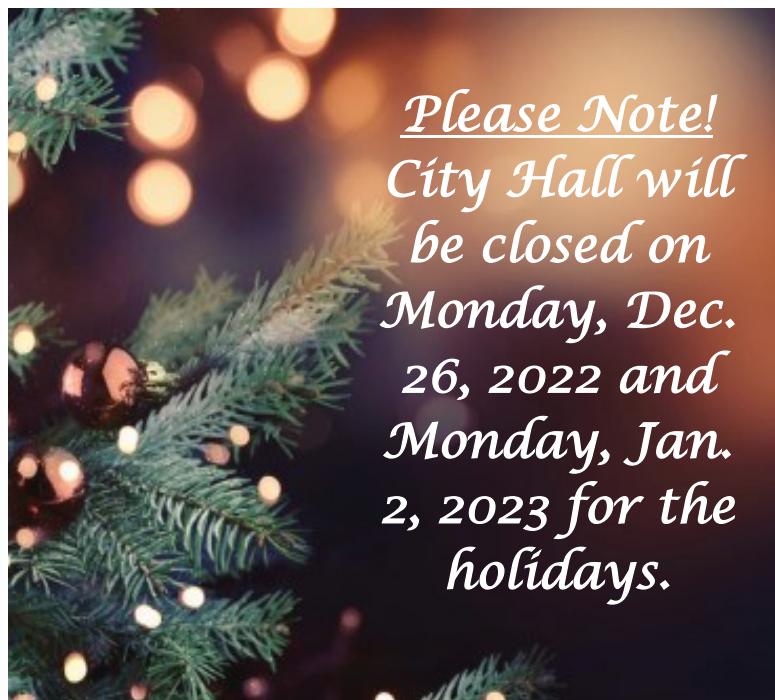
The City Council has implemented an Ordinance to minimize these problems. Public Works will reach out to educate a property owner if there is a violation and arrive at a resolution to the problem. The City appreciates your willingness to work with us to ensure a safer community.

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 !



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of January 2, 2023!



Please Note!
City Hall will
be closed on
Monday, Dec.
26, 2022 and
Monday, Jan.
2, 2023 for the
holidays.

When Seconds Count...



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

We need your help!

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

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

The life you save could be your own!

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!

Winter Parking Ban!

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

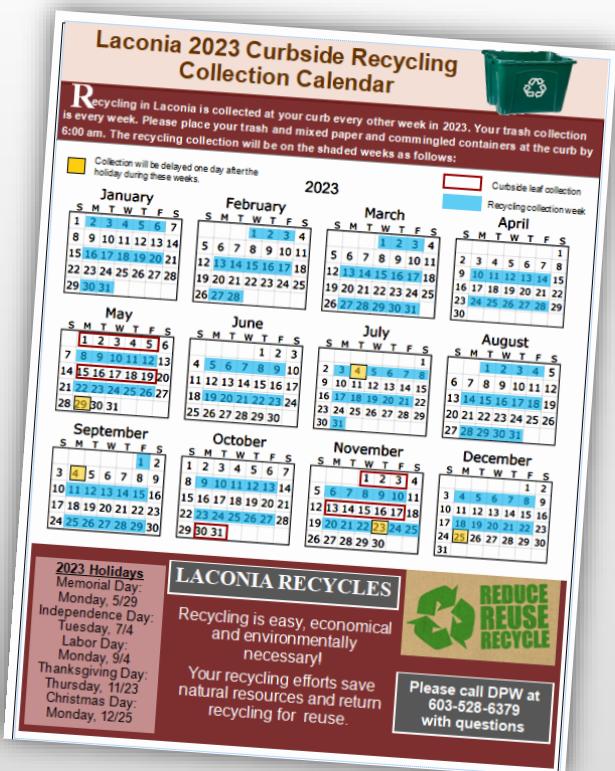
This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

Thank you for your cooperation!



The Belknap Mill will be closed December 24th-December 31st for the holidays!

Department of Public Works



The Laconia 2023 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar is now available! Click on the image (above) 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.

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 ...

The Community Christmas Tree is seen in Bank Square, Laconia, around 1967, just before the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s. The Moulton Opera House Block (O'Shea's Department Store) is at left and the McIntyre Block, at right. Woolworth's was still in operation, off-photo at right, but would eventually close, Dec. 31, 1970. Traffic on both Main and Pleasant streets was still two-way at the time of the photo. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



...AND NOW

With Urban Renewal, Bank Square was reduced in size, so that the building today containing Bootlegger's, Rent-A-Center and MC Cycle (at left) now extends almost to the traffic island in the earlier photo. The Moulton Opera House Block was demolished in mid-April 1970 and the replacement Stelaur Corp. building completed in time for Melnick's Shoe Store (just off-photo, at left) to hold a grand opening, Aug. 19, 1970. The Woolworth Building became the Sundial Shop, then Benjamin's, and is now home to several tenants including 'The Studio.' (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Hope Ministries - First United Methodist Church
Rte. 11A Gilford

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Ham Dinner & all the extras!
Homemade Desserts

MUSIC & SNACKS AT 12:30 PM
DINNER AT 1:00 PM

Reservations Are Required
Call (603) 524-3289 by Friday, Dec. 16th

Leave your name & number of people in your party and we will see you on the 25th!

VOLUNTEERS needed for serving and clean-up on the 25th.
Please call Carol at (603) 455-9455 and leave your name and phone number.
(Volunteers must call in advance.)

LAKES REGION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Join us for an Informational Session and Launch of our New Application

Location: Belknap Mill Laconia
Date: January 10, 2023
Time: 4:30 – 6:00pm

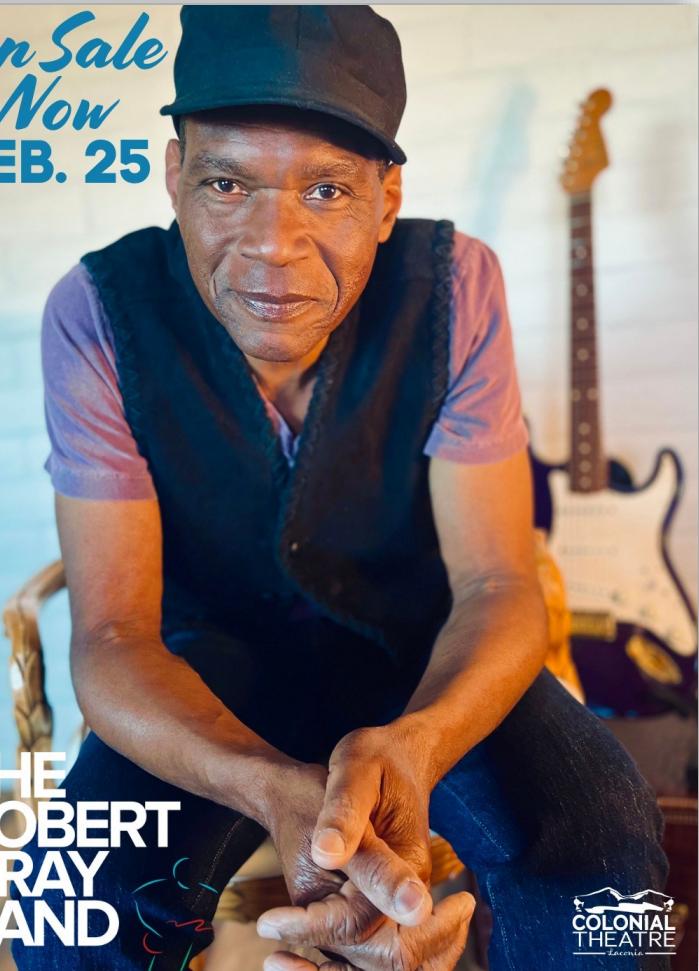
Open to Lakes Region graduating seniors and those students living in the Lakes Region attending higher education in 2023–2024

Space is limited! You must register online by Thursday, January 5 to attend.
Pizza and soda will be provided
Scan QR Code or visit our website at: lrscholarship.org

Questions – call 603-527-3533 or email us: scholarship@lrscholarship.org



On Sale Now
FEB. 25



THE ROBERT CRAY BAND

COLONIAL THEATRE Laconia

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

PERFORMED BY
GARY MULLEN & THE WORKS

On Sale Now
APRIL 26



COLONIAL THEATRE Laconia

December Calendar 2022

"One Peer To Another"

"One Peer to Another" is a non-profit agency funded through DHHS. To learn more about this free support for those individuals 18 years and older who are seeking wellness, please call 603-528-7742.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
5	6	7	8	9
9am Check-in 10am journaling 11am Stress Management 12 Self Reflection 2pm Youtube Karaoke 3pm Reaching Goals	9am Open talk/ check-in 10 am Meditation 11am Worldview 1pm W.R.A.P 2:30pm Wow Trail w/ Miranda Lakeport Side	9am Check-in 10am How am I/You 11am Establishing Boundaries 1pm Sit & Stretch 2pm Holiday Blues / Coping 3pm Walk & Talk	9am Check-in 10am Holiday Cooking Hacks 11am Frowns Upside Down 12pm Music Therapy 1pm Budget Gifts Christmas List 3pm Deep Breathing	9am Check-in 10am Arts & Crafts 11am I.P.S Topics 1pm Christmas Budget 2pm Making Better Choices 3pm Self Awareness
12	13	14	15	16
9am Check-in 10am Ted Talk 11am Moving Towards 1pm Walk & Talk 3pm LifeStyle Hacks	9am Open Talk 10 am Meditation 11am Worldview 1pm Wow Trail w/ Miranda 2:30pm Stratagies to Cope	9am Open Discussion 10am Holiday Cooking Hacks 11am Frowns Upside Down 12pm Music Therapy 1pm Budget Gifts 2pm Christmas List	Christmas Shopping Walmart Salvation Army St. Vincent De Paul 10am-12pm	9am Check-in 10am Coping Skills 11am Wants & Needs 12pm Peer Discussion 1pm Dealing w/ Depression 2pm Penny Saved \$ Earned 3pm Self Reflection
19	20	21	22	23
9am Check-in 10am Meditation 11am Music Jam 12 Decision Making 1pm Budget Meals 2pm Worldview	9am Check-in 10am Coping Skills 11am Wants & Needs 12pm Peer Discussion 1pm Dealing w/ Depression 2pm Penny Saved \$ Earned 3pm Self Reflection	9am Check-in 10am Worldview 11am Goals 12 Healthy Choices 1pm Xmas Movie! 3pm Open Discussion	9am Check-in 10am How am I/You 11am Establishing Boundaries 1pm Sit & Stretch 2pm Holiday Blues 3pm Walk & Talk	MERRY CHRISTMAS! CLOSED
26	27	28	29	30
9am Check-in 10am Holiday Recap 12pm I feel, I need, I want 2pm Journaling 3pm Positive Thinking	9am Check-in 10am Making Connections 11am Self Advocacy 12pm Notes/Goals 1pm Emotional Meter 2pm W.O.W trail Members Volunteer	9am Check-in 10am Ted Talk 11am Moving towards 1pm Emotional Well-being 2pm Sit & Stretch 3pm Self Reflection	9am Check-in 10am Coping Skills 11am Wants & Needs 12pm Peer Discussion 1pm Dealing w/ Depression 2pm Penny Saved \$ Earned	9am Check-in 10am How am I feeling? 11am Identifying Stressors 12pm Worldview 1pm New Year Resolutions 2pm Limits & Boundaries

Laconia Office 328 Union Ave. Laconia, NH 03246 (Across the street from Laconia High School)

	LACONIA SENIOR CENTER #603-524-7689			
DECEMBER 2022 ACTIVITIES				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Coupon Exchange (10-11:30) Knitting & Sewing (10-12)	2 Bingo (10-12)
5 Decorate for Christmas (10-12) Manicures by Brenda (11-12:30) *By Appt.	6 Activities Meeting (10-11) MOW Christmas Prep (11-12) Chicken, Broccoli & Rice Casserole (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	7 Bingo (10-12) Friendship Group Meeting (1:00-3:00)	8 Knitting & Sewing (10-12) Senior Comp. Meeting (12:30-2:30)	9 Bingo (10-12)
12 Coffee Social (9-11) Puzzle Exchange (10-11:30)	13 Christmas Crafts (10-11:30)	14 Bingo (10-12)	15 Hearing Clinic @ 10:15 Cream of Chicken w/ Rice Soup (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	16 Bingo (10-12)
19 Hobby Art (10-11:30) MOW Projects (10-12)	20 BP Clinic @ 10:30 MOW Xmas (10-12) Tic-Tac Sleep (11-12) Hot Dogs & Beans (11-30-12:30) *RSVP	21 Bingo (10-12)	22 Knitting & Sewing (10-12) Holiday Dinner Pot Roast (11:30-12:30) *RSVP*	23 Bingo (10-12) Agency Closes at 12pm
26 Agency Closed No Delivery/Activities	27 Hot Chocolate Social (11-12)	28 Bingo (10-12)	29 Cards & Board Games (10-11:30)	30 Bingo (10-12)

Laconia Water Department

Prevention Is Better Than Reaction



Temperatures have been moderately warm for this time of the year but do not let this warm spell fool you and make you believe that pipes are not capable of freezing.

Temperatures are falling below freezing at nights which would allow for the pipes to freeze. As always be cautious and double check that all the pipes are properly protected.

If the temperature inside a house gets below 32 degree Fahrenheit (0 degree Celsius) it's likely that the water supply pipes and the drain traps will freeze. When water freezes it expands 9 percent, and if there is no room for expansion it's possible that the pipe will develop a crack and eventually leak once the ice thaws out. Fixing a ruptured pipe can be expensive, but the damage from uncontrolled water leakage can easily reach into the thousands of dollars.



The majority of the calls received for frozen water pipes and water meters are a result of inadequate heating and cold air drafts where piping is located in the home. It is recommended that property owners check their property for these conditions and identify the location of their water meter and shutoff valve before an emergency.

The property owner is ultimately responsible for repairs to the piping within the home or building. The Water Department can replace frozen or damaged meters.

Customers will be charged for the cost of the replacement of the meter and service calls, as applicable. Your plumber can also replace a frozen meter.

If for any reason you cannot stop the flow of water from a frozen or broken pipe, call the Water Department's 24-hour emergency number at 603-524-0907.

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.



Holidays are special but can be immensely stressful for caregivers, and our own expectations often cause the most stress.

Click [here](#) to read six ways you can help ease the tension, like keeping things simple, planning ahead and limiting the amount of people at holiday gatherings.



City Meetings

Week of:
Dec. 26 - 30, 2022

Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's [website](#). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. [All meetings are open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, unless otherwise noted:](#)

City Council Appointments

Subcommittee

December 27, 2022, 6:00 pm

Agenda

Regular City Council Meeting

December 27, 2022, 7:00 pm

City Council Finance

Subcommittee

December 27, 2022, immediately following the regular City Council meeting

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 - Katie Gargano	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
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 - Hilary Young	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert	
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
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 - Katie Gargano	
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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Visit the City's website at:
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