



October 27, 2023 - Edition #611

NH Pumpkin Festival is this Friday and Saturday in downtown Laconia! See page 5 for more info. Don't miss this fun day!



This year's Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the weeks of October 30 - November 3, 2023 and November 13 - November 17, 2023. 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.

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.



From November 1st to March 31st, the City of Laconia Hilliard Rd. Brush Dump, located at 325 Hilliard Road will be open for winter hours!

It will be open every Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, unless it is snowing. If there is a snowstorm, this facility will be closed as all Public Works personnel are involved with snow removal. Residents using this facility must have a Laconia dump sticker or a day pass.

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

Library Programs

Week of October 30 - November 4



LACONIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesdays @ 10am
Wednesdays @ 2pm



Sensory Storytime

Mondays
10am
Best for newborns-age 6

Toddler Time

Wednesdays
10am
Best for newborns-age 3

Preschool Pals

Thursdays
10am
Best for ages 3-6



Lego Club

Monday, October 2
3:30-5pm
Best for ages 6-11

Join us for creative fun! We'll provide the Lego bricks... all you need to bring is your imagination!

Best for ages 6-11. No sign-up is required.



Move & Groove

Friday, November 3
Best for newborns-age 6

Let's get moving! In this program, we'll use scarves, musical instruments, a parachute, and other fun surprises to dance, play, and get those wiggles out! Best suited for newborns to age 6.



Trick-or-Treat

Tuesday, October 31
5-7pm
Best for newborns-age 12

We love to see your costumes! Stop into the Children's Room for trick-or-treating. Best for newborns to age 12.



Writing Group

Wednesday, November 1
6pm
Adults

Whether you have had work published, or never written more than a grocery list, if you are interested in writing and want to meet other people who share that interest then this is the place for you! Each month we will do a short (5-10 minute) writing prompt, discuss what it is we've been working on (or would like to start writing), and what issues we face when we try to write but the words just aren't flowing. With occasional guest speakers and suggested reading, this group is geared towards getting you to put pen to paper and use writing as both a creative outlet and a mindfulness tool. Sharing your work will be completely voluntary at every step of the way.

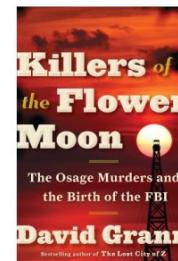
Please be sure to bring the writing implement/s of your choice: pen and paper, laptop, tablet. No sign-up is required.



Evening Non-Fiction Book Group: "Killers of The Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann

Thursday, November 2
6pm
Adults

Sign-up for the book group is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: info@laconialibrary.org to register.



StitchCraft

Thursday, November 2
10-11:30am
Adults

Bring your current project to this informal meet-up and make progress on your creation while in the company of other fiber enthusiasts! Knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, needle-felters; ALL are welcome! This group happens every other Thursday from 10-11:30 am upstairs in the Volpe Room. No sign-up is required.



November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Are you attempting to write 50,000 words in a month? Check out our list of writing craft books to help <https://laconia.biblionix.com/?booklist=25453>



National Novel Writing Month

<http://laconialibrary.org>
follow us: @laconialibrary
call: (603) 524-4775
text: (603) 556-4666
email: info@laconialibrary.org



Visit our
website for all
our Library
events.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Goss Reading Room Closed

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!

Learn something new, enjoy the outdoors, and expand your wellness options with us!



Colorful Soaps

Learn how to safely make your very own soap using the cold process. We will cover the basics of soapmaking using the cold process which results in a smoother finish using natural materials to add colors to the soaps. Each participant will take home about 10 bars of seasonally scented soap to enjoy after curing.

Saturday, November 4; 10-12 pm

Forest Trails Games for Kids & Adults

Having trouble convincing your kids to go outside much less on a hike with you? Experience the many ways you can make time in nature fun for you and for them with immersive games! Adult must register and participate with child(ren).

Saturday, November 4; 10am-12pm



Making Nature-Based Art Prints: Kitchen Lithography

Lithography is considered by some to be the most difficult method of printmaking. Join Larry Frates, Prescott Farm's Creative Arts Consultant, as he demystifies this process and teaches you how to do it from home.

Saturday, November 4; 1-3 pm

Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescottfarm.org



Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH • (603) 366-5695 • info@prescottfarm.org

Learn something new, enjoy the outdoors, and expand your wellness options with us!



Naturalist Led Walks: Fall Tree & Shrub ID

Color abounds and leaves are falling. Join us as we amble through the woods, identify trees and shrubs, and learn more about the science behind falling leaves.

10-11:30 am

Saturday October 28th



Crafting: Autumn-Inspired Paper Quilling

Add a touch of seasonal whimsy to your table with these floating candles made from all natural ingredients

1-3 pm

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Public Events at Taylor Community -Laconia, NH

All events listed are free and open to the public

Bank of New Hampshire Music Series

Thank you to the Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the 2023 Taylor Community Music Series.

Jeremy Harman

November 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Massachusetts-based cellist, composer and songwriter Jeremy Harman is always exploring shifting musical terrain. Join us for this musical performance held at Woodside.

Carter Mountain Brass Band

November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

The Carter Mountain Brass Band, under the direction of Debbi Gibson, presents "How Low Can You Go?", a concert featuring the low brass section. This event will be held at Woodside.

Portsmouth Brass Quintet

November 12th at 3:00 p.m.

The Portsmouth Brass Quintet was founded by Adam Gallant in the fall of 2016 and is dedicated to performing serious brass chamber music at the highest level. This event will be held at Woodside.

Freese Brothers Big Band Combo

November 13th at 6:30 p.m.

The Freese Brothers Big Band Combo offers classic sounds from the Duke, the King, the Count, the Chairman of the Board and the Sentimental Gentleman of Swing. This event will be held at Woodside.

Gary Hodges Palm Court Trio

November 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Gary Hodges is a founding member of the Artful Noise string quartet, the Kelsh Trio, and the NH Klaviertrio. This event will be held at Woodside.

Doghouse Allstars

November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the return of the Doghouse Allstars and what promises to be an exceptional performance. This performance held at the Woodside.

Country Blues Duo

November 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this all-acoustic performance which will be held at Woodside.

Now's The Time

November 29th at 6:30 p.m.

This talented group performs American Standards, Soul and Blues with piano, guitar, bass and two vocalists. This performance will be held at Woodside.

taylorcommunity.org

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Other Events

Join us for more music and lectures. All events listed are free and open to the public.

Lectures

Rebecca Rule - That Reminds Me of a Story

November 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. This event will be held at Woodside.

Stroke Education - Recognize Symptoms and Take Action

November 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Know how to react. Be prepared to recognize STROKE and take immediate action. This event will be held at Woodside.

Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

November 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. This event will be held at Woodside.

Kennedy, Castro, and Khrushchev too! The United States and Cuba in the age of the Missile Crisis

November 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

On the 60th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, historian Kirk Dorsey will examine his most consequential decisions—his policies toward Fidel Castro's Cuba. This event will be held at Woodside.

ZOOM AUTHOR LECTURE

- Bipolar General - My Forever War with Mental Illness

November 29th at 2:00 p.m.

This presentation will be held via Group Zoom in our Woodside Theater beginning at 2:00 p.m.

For more information on Taylor Community please call us at 603-524-5600





**TRICK
or
TREAT**
AT CITY HALL

OCTOBER 31, 2023
3:00 to 4:30 pm

Calling all ghosts and goblins, princesses and superheroes! Before you head out for a night of trick-or-treating, we invite you to stop by Laconia City Hall (45 Beacon St. East) from 3-4:30 pm on October 31 to show off your costumes and leave with some sweet treats! For more information or questions please call 603-527-1270. We're looking forward to seeing you!

Laconia
CITY ON THE LAKES



● **Table Treat** ●
at Leavitt Park

334 Elm Street, Lakeport
Sunday, October 29th
5:30pm – 7pm
Hosted by
Leavitt Park Community Club



If interested in having a table for
Table Treat or becoming a member
Call for Leavitt Park (603)998-1418 or
Lakeport Association call (603)527-1046





Mark your calendar!

New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival
TWO Days October 27-28, 2023 Downtown Laconia

PUMPKIN CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

PRESENTED BY **LACONIA LR REFRIGERATION**

SAT October 28th
PLAYERS CHECK IN AT 11am
BAGS FLY AT NOON

Food | Beer Garden | Music

LOCATION: HECTOR'S, 53 BEACON ST W, LACONIA NH

2023

AMMENITIES AND LANDMARKS

- ATM
- RESTROOM
- PARKING
- FOOD
- LODGING
- FESTIVAL FOOTPRINT PEDESTRIANS ONLY

Lake Life Realty

Click [here](#) for a large version of the map

Events and Attractions

CITY HALL / BEACON ST E	VETERANS SQUARE	HECTOR'S / BEACON ST W
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 405 BEER GARDEN GREAT NEW ENGLAND CRAFT & ARTISAN SHOW VENDORS KIDS ZONE NONPROFIT FUN PATCH KIDS ZONE A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PUMPKIN DISPLAYS TRAIN RIDES PIE EATING CONTEST THE CAKE THEATRE SCAVENGER HUNT KIDS ZONE B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HECTOR'S BEER GARDEN PUMPKIN CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AREA

PUMPKIN FEST '23 GRAND FINALE!!!

LASER LIGHT SHOW

PRESENTED BY **NSL**
NEW SPECTRUM LIGHTING

Featuring DJ SPIEZIO

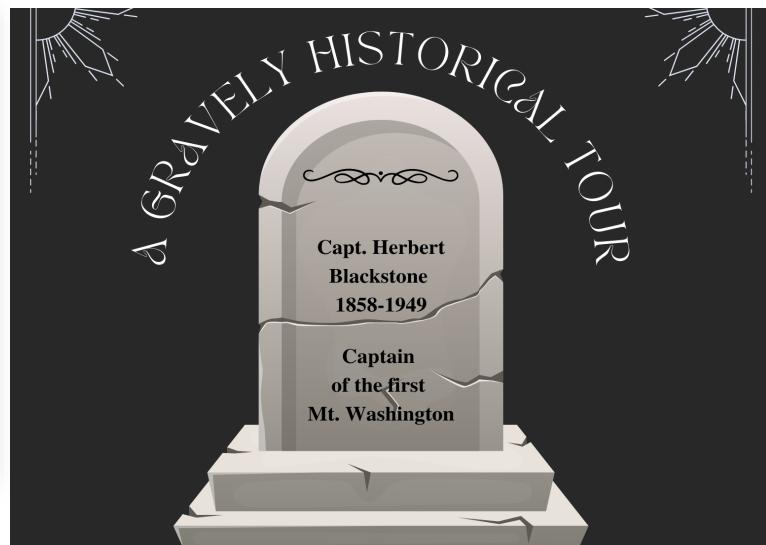
VETERANS SQ. LACONIA NH SAT OCT 28TH 7:30-9:30 PM



City Hall Access During the Pumpkin Festival

This year's Pumpkin Festival is October 27 and 28! Due to setting up of the event, please note that although City Hall will be open its regular hours on Friday, October 27 (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) vehicular access to City Hall via Beacon St. East will only be available from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. The smaller lot between City Hall and the Belknap Mill will be open for parking during that time only. After 12:00 noon, all of Beacon St. East will be closed, as well as Hanover St. and Canal St. Please note that the parking garage will also be closed, open only for vendor parking. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause! [Pumpkin Festival Temporary Traffic Order](#)





**Contest and Prizes
Awarded
for Best Costumes**

Refreshments Provided by Cider Bellies
Raffle with Proceeds Benefitting the Park
Trick and Treats
Donations Appreciated

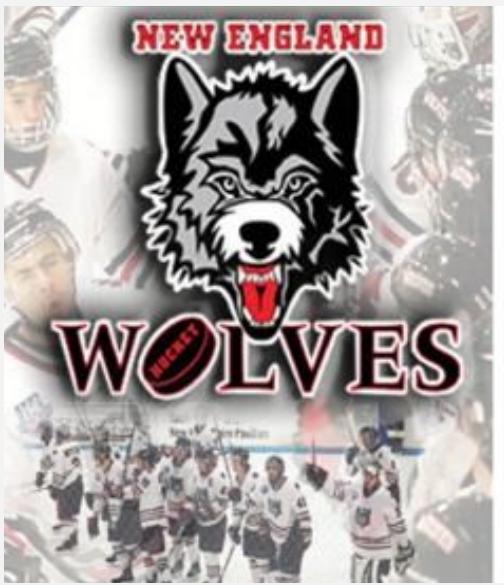
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Laconia Pet Center
Cider Bellies

Please send donations to:
Happy Tails Dog Park of the Lakes Region
P.O. Box 6184
Laconia, NH 03247-6184





Don't miss these New England Wolves games coming soon!

Please join us at the Merrill Fay Arena, 468 Province Road, Laconia, NH...

Saturday, Oct. 28, 6:00 pm: Boston Jr. Rangers vs. Wolves

Sunday, Oct. 29, 11:45 am: EHLP - Seahawks vs. Wolves

Sunday, Oct. 29, 3:45 pm - Seahawks vs. Wolves

WINTER PARKING BAN

Winter parking ban begins Nov. 1st



As of November 1st, vehicles and trailers cannot be parked on a public street from midnight to 6:30 am. This ban allows Public Works crews to plow snow piles back against the curb and clear snow from the streets when there is little traffic on the street. Vehicles parked on a public street during this time may be ticketed or towed at the discretion of the Chief of Police or the Public Works Director. The fine for parking on a public street during these hours is \$25.00.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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 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 **November 13, 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:

RESOLUTION 2023-31 – DECLARING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT TAX MAP 407/247/35 AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



City Curbside Solid Waste Collection during the winter for residents and businesses with curbside collection

Where and how to place your solid waste containers during the winter to ensure the containers can be emptied

Treat your solid waste containers as a mailbox! What happens if you do not dig out your mailbox after a snowstorm? The Post Office does not deliver mail!

For solid waste collection if you put your solid waste containers behind snowbanks, they cannot be emptied.

For rural area residences and businesses without sidewalks -

Place your containers in your driveway near the edge of the road, or dig out an area in the snowbank to create an opening in which to place your containers. Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers. The depth of the opening only has to be deep enough to provide 1 foot of clearance from the back of the container.

For residents and businesses in areas of the City with sidewalks -

Place your containers in your driveway near the edge of the road.

If you do not have a driveway or the driveway is too small and:

Where the sidewalk is against the curb at the edge of the road, dig an opening through the snow bank out to the street in which to place your containers.

Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers.

If there is a grass or gravel area between the sidewalk and the edge of the road:

Place the containers in your driveway near the edge of the road, or dig out an area in the snowbank to place your containers.

Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers. The depth of the opening only has to be deep enough to provide 1 foot of clearance from the back of the container.

Please do not place your containers out for collection before 7 pm the night before your scheduled collection day, and bring them back to the residence or business at the end of the collection day. Do not leave your containers on the sidewalk so that pedestrians can use the sidewalk. If collection is canceled due to a major snowstorm, please bring the containers back onto your property so that the City's plow crews can keep the streets and sidewalks open for your use.

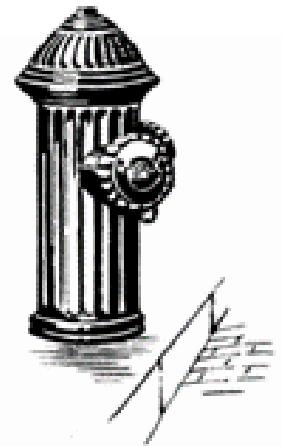
Will the contractor collect containers during a snowstorm? The contractor will provide curbside solid waste collection service during a minor to moderate snowstorm.

The contractor and Public Works consider canceling collection services when forecasters are predicting blizzard or near blizzard conditions. If the contractor decides to cancel collection due to the forecast, the City will post the cancelation notice on the City's [website](#) in the banner section on the top of the City's home page. For those residents who have signed up to receive City alerts, you will receive an e-mail informing you that solid waste will not be collected and the collection schedule for the remainder of the week. If you are not yet signed up to receive alerts and wish to do so, please sign up [here](#).

Solid waste collection and snow plowing -

Public Works leaders and crews will adjust their plowing procedures during minor to moderate storms to minimize the impact of plowing on scheduled curbside collection. Please help the City by following the recommendations in this notice. Call Public Works at 603-528-6379 with questions or for more details.

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 30th through November 9th

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.

ONE PEER TO ANOTHER

328 Union Ave. Laconia, NH 03246 (603) 528-7742



OCTOBER 2023

	Monday 8a-5p	Tuesday 8a-5p	Wednesday 8a-5p	Thursday 8a-5p	Friday 8a-5p
IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Local Warmline; 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!	2 10a Cozy Fall Cooking Zoom 11a Laughing Group 12-2p St. Vincent Food Pantry Trip 2p Coping Skills	3 10a Sleep Hygiene 11a Healthy Relationships 12p Advocacy 1p Staying Present 2p Healthy Choices	4 10a- My Toolkit 11a- WOW Trail 1p- Setting Limits 2p- Self Advocacy	5 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Walk and Talk 12p Creative Writing 1p Journaling 2p Coping Skills 5-6:30 Recovery Group	6 10a Self Kindness 11a Walk and Talk 12p Emotion Meters 1p Socialization Skills 2p Music Trivia
Local Mental Health Agency: Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100	9 CLOSED / HOLIDAY COLUMBUS DAY 	10 10a Walk & Talk 11a Self Kindness 12p Journaling 1-3p Arts & Crafts	11 10a- Positive Affirmations 11a- Self Kindness 12p- Ice Breakers Jenga 1p- Rock Painting 2p- Healthy Lifestyles	12 10a Conflict Resolution 11a Walk and Talk 12p Sleep Hygiene 1p Healthy Relationships 2p Creative Writing 5-6:30 Recovery Group	13 10a Positive Affirmations 11a Smoking Cessation 12-2p Walmart Shopping Trip 2p Sharing Recipes
Local Emergency Services: (603) 528-0305 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!	16 10a WOW Trail 11a Positive Thinking 12-2p St. Vincent Food Pantry Trip 2p Canvas Art	17 10a Advocacy 11a Journaling 12p Coping Skills 1p Mutuality 2p Pumpkins	18 10a Meditation 11a Connection 12p Staying Present 1-3p Movie & Popcorn	19 10a Meal Planning 11a Budgeting 12p Creative Writing 1p Walk & Talk 2p Coping Strategies 5-6:30 Recovery Group	20 10a Inner Healing 11a Emotional Well-being 12p Creative Writing 1-3p Donna Toomey Marketplace Navigator Info Session
	23 10a Coping Skills 11a Journaling 12p Poetry 1:30-3:30 - Resume Class w/ Ryan Colby	24 10a Emotional Well-being 11a Creative Music Therapy 12p Arts & Crafts 3p Creative Writing	25 10a Advocacy 11a Creative Writing 12-2p FIELD TRIP 🍎⚽ Moulton Farm Meredith 2p Chair Yoga	26 10a Mutuality 11a Staying Present 12p Music Trivia 1-2p Walk and Talk 5-6:30 Recovery Group	27 10a Budgeting 11a Creative Art 12-2p Walmart Shopping Trip 2p My Toolkit
	30 10a Stress Management 11a Crockpot Ideas 12-2p St. Vincent Food Pantry Trip	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 🎃 11-2 Halloween Party Music, Games and Prizes!!	This Month's Movie: Spies in Disguise Rated PG / Comedy Featuring Will Smith 	Contact: Miranda Lessard Program Director (603) 528-7742 email: miranda@onepeer.org www.onepeer.org	Contact: Wayne Hilliard Peer Support Specialist (603) 528-7742 email: Wayne.h@onepeer.org www.onepeer.org

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Bruce & Valerie** 



LAKES
REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
Benjamin Greene, Conductor

SYMPHONY CONCERT

Saturday November 4, 2023 - 7:00pm

Hanaway Theatre Plymouth State University



Benny Wang, piano

ROSSINI - William Tell Overture
RACHMANINOFF - Piano Concerto No. 1, mvt 1
BRAHMS - Symphony No. 1

Tickets: www.LRSO.org
PSU Silver Center Box Office 603-535-ARTS
PSU Students FREE * \$20-\$30 Adult * \$5 non-PSU Students

Thank you LRSO sponsors Ravenna & 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.

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Weirs Community Park Associates
Crochet Club



ALL SKILL
LEVELS ARE
WELCOME!

***THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 6-9PM**

Drop In • No Cost • Enjoy Other Crocheters

Have you always wanted to learn to crochet but didn't know where to start?

Meet Kristen Hayden Morrill from Lakes Region Crochet
who will get you going to crochet bliss.

Crocheting is therapeutic and rewarding and all levels are welcome!
Come on down and join our community.

Weirs Community Park Hall
25 Lucerne Ave., Laconia | (same building as the Weirs Fire Department)
* You can email for confirmation about class schedule.



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info@wcpalaconianh.com
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Vendors Wanted

November 18th
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Our church Holiday Fair is always a very popular event and a great opportunity to sell handmade or commercial goods. Please contact the office at 603 524-3289 or email Carol Michael at carolm319@gmail.com for more information.

First United Methodist Church
18 Wesley Way, Gilford NH
(Route 11A after the Bypass)
603 524- 3289



Laconia Water
Works Invoices
Have A New
Look, That's
What.

Beginning in October, Laconia Water Works will be sending invoices out in a #10 business envelope. No more ripping your bill trying to open it. The new format provides greater detail of the charges along with a simple financial summary. Included with the invoice will be instructions on our new paperless billing option.

Each invoice will have a unique paperless billing code necessary to register on our Customer Service Cloud (CSC), accessed through the Water Department web page by clicking [here](#).



If you would like to preregister, information is available by e-mailing water@laconianh.gov.



Nutcracker Christmas Fair

St. André Bessette Parish (Gym)



31 Gilford Avenue (Sacred Heart Campus)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th (5:00-8:00pm)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th (9-2:30pm)



**Portable
Basketball
Hoops**

Please move your portable basketball hoops!

Winter is fast approaching and Public Works and NHDOT are preparing the public streets and sidewalks for snow plowing.

One item that residents can help with is moving their portable basketball hoops that are on or near the roads and sidewalks so they are not hit by plow trucks and tractors.

The hoops can damage the snow removal equipment or the equipment can damage the hoop itself.

No later than November 17th please move portable basketball hoops at least five feet back from the edge of roads or sidewalks as the weight of the snow coming off of the plows can knock portable basketball hoops over damaging them and anything that is in their path.

Thank you for your help!



Hey everyone... Family Fun Night Is Back!

That's right! We're gearing up for our annual "Family Fun Night"!

For most of the children, the highlight of the evening is choosing gifts for siblings (young & old) as well as mom, dad, and other family members or special people in their lives.

How Can I Help???

We need donations! If you have new or very gently used items around your house (we tend to struggle in particular with gifts for men and teens), please drop them off at our office as soon as possible. PLEASE be thoughtful of the quality of the items you are donating. And please note that we tend to shy away from stuffed animals (unless they are brand new) and clothing (unless it is a one-size-fits-all accessory like socks, gloves, hats, etc. which should also be brand new). There is a list of donation suggestions on the back of this flyer, but we welcome your creativity! Gift cards for small amounts (\$5, etc.) are also always a hit!

For employees, donations can be brought to Room 119 (the Parent Ed Room), for all others, you can leave donations with the receptionist and just let her know that they are for Family Fun Night. She will make sure that they get to us!

**DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
DECEMBER 1, 2023**

Want to volunteer for Family Fun Night on December 11th from 2:30-8:30pm?
Email: carol.stone@lrcs.org

Donations can also be shipped directly to our main office:
719 North Main St.
Laconia, NH 03246
Attn: Carol Stone, FFN



unlawful to ignite fireworks past the hours of 10:00 pm until noon the following day on Friday, Saturday or Sunday of any given week.

To read the Ordinance in its entirety, please click the following link:
[Ordinance 2023-150-2, 150-3](#)

Donation Suggestions

Women:		Men:	
Candles	Lotions	Mugs	Sports Items
Holiday décor	Scarfs	Tools	Calendars
Picture frames	Mugs	Card Games	Gloves/Hats
Jewelry	Figurines	Cologne	Puzzles
Spa Items	Make Up	Flashlights	Keychains
Socks	Puzzles	Water Bottles	Socks
Craft Supplies	Stationery	Wallets	Gadgets
Kitchen items	Purses	BBQ Items	Sunglasses
Gardening Items		Crossword Puzzles	
Body Spray		Camping/Hiking Items	
Teens:		Kids:	
Art Supplies	Spa Items	Toys	Art Supplies
Lotions	Hair Accessories	Sidewalk Chalk	Lego
Board Games	Jewelry	Play-Doh	Board Games
Card Games	Gadgets	Coloring Books	Balls
School Supplies	Nail Polish	Infant Toys	Card Games
Diaries/Journals	Nerf	Craft Kits	Books
Headphones	Fidgets	Blocks	Action Figures
Sports Items	Make Up	Dolls	Dress Up Items
Bedroom Décor	Bags	Science Kits	Dinosaurs
Brain Teasers	Craft Kits	Outer Space	Watches



The City of Laconia's Fireworks Ordinance Has Been Revised

At their meeting on October 10, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance 2023-150-2, 150-3 restricting the days and times when permissible fireworks can be used in the City of Laconia, and setting forth the penalty for violating the provisions of the Ordinance.

It will now be unlawful for anyone in the City to ignite fireworks Monday through Thursday of any given week (with the exception of July 3 of each year and federal holidays). It is also now unlawful to ignite fireworks past the hours of 10:00 pm until noon the following day on Friday, Saturday or Sunday of any given week.



Congregational Church of Laconia, UCC

Stitches of Love

presents

SCARVES (& HATS) IN THE SQUARE

WHAT: Free, handmade scarves, hats and cookies for all.

WHEN: Friday, November 3rd, 10-2 pm

WHERE: 18 Veterans' Square, Laconia

A scarf is a simple piece of woven yarn that offers comfort and warmth.

Please share this information with all who might benefit from a little warmth and caring.



The Bieniarz award is presented annually by the Laconia City Council to a resident of the City based on his/her outstanding service to the youth of the community.

This award was established 36 years ago in memory of Police Officer Debra Bieniarz who served the City and its youth with devotion, dedication and distinction.

Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 pm, Friday, November 10, 2023.

Please send nominations to the City Manager's Office, City of Laconia, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246.

Nominations may also be e-mailed to NBrown@laconianh.gov.

Please call 527-1270 if you have any questions.



IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE HOLIDAY PARADE!!!

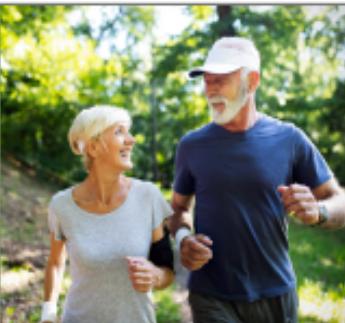
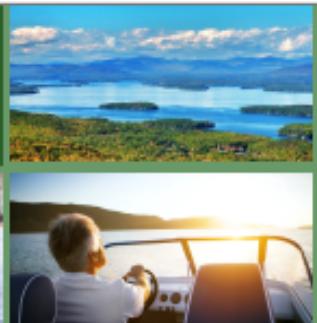
This year's Holiday Parade is happening on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 5 pm.

Calling all floats, bands, walkers, cars, trucks and more! Sign up today to be in the Celebrate Laconia Holiday Parade.

Registration is FREE, but for a small fee you can also enter the float contest to win prizes! You do not have to sign up for the float contest to have a float in the parade.

Check out the details on our [website](#).

Thank you to our sponsors: Bank of NH, Franklin Savings Bank and Melcher & Prescott



Public Events at Taylor Community -Laconia, NH

All events listed are free and open to the public

Bank of New Hampshire Music Series

Thank you to the Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the 2023 Taylor Community Music Series.

Jeremy Harman

November 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Massachusetts-based cellist, composer and songwriter Jeremy Harman is always exploring shifting musical terrain. Join us for this musical performance held at Woodside.

Carter Mountain Brass Band

November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

The Carter Mountain Brass Band, under the direction of Debbi Gibson, presents "How Low Can You Go?", a concert featuring the low brass section. This event will be held at Woodside.

Portsmouth Brass Quintet

November 12th at 3:00 p.m.

The Portsmouth Brass Quintet was founded by Adam Gallant in the fall of 2016 and is dedicated to performing serious brass chamber music at the highest level. This event will be held at Woodside.

Freese Brothers Big Band Combo

November 13th at 6:30 p.m.

The Freese Brothers Big Band Combo offers classic sounds from the Duke, the King, the Count, the Chairman of the Board and the Sentimental Gentleman of Swing. This event will be held at Woodside.

Gary Hodges Palm Court Trio

November 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Gary Hodges is a founding member of the Artful Noise string quartet, the Kelsh Trio, and the NH Klaviertrio. This event will be held at Woodside.

Doghouse Allstars

November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the return of the Doghouse Allstars and what promises to be an exceptional performance. This performance held at the Woodside.

Country Blues Duo

November 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this all-acoustic performance which will be held at Woodside.

Now's The Time

November 29th at 6:30 p.m.

This talented group performs American Standards, Soul and Blues with piano, guitar, bass and two vocalists. This performance will be held at Woodside.

Other Events

Join us for more music and lectures.

All events listed are free and open to the public.

Lectures

Rebecca Rule - That Reminds Me of a Story

November 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Stories speak to us of community. They hold our history and reflect our identity. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what's special about this rocky old place. This event will be held at Woodside.

Stroke Education - Recognize Symptoms and Take Action

November 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Know how to react. Be prepared to recognize STROKE and take immediate action. This event will be held at Woodside.

Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

November 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. This event will be held at Woodside.

Kennedy, Castro, and Khrushchev too! The United States and Cuba in the age of the Missile Crisis

November 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

On the 60th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, historian Kurk Dorsey will examine his most consequential decisions—his policies toward Fidel Castro's Cuba. This event will be held at Woodside.

ZOOM AUTHOR LECTURE

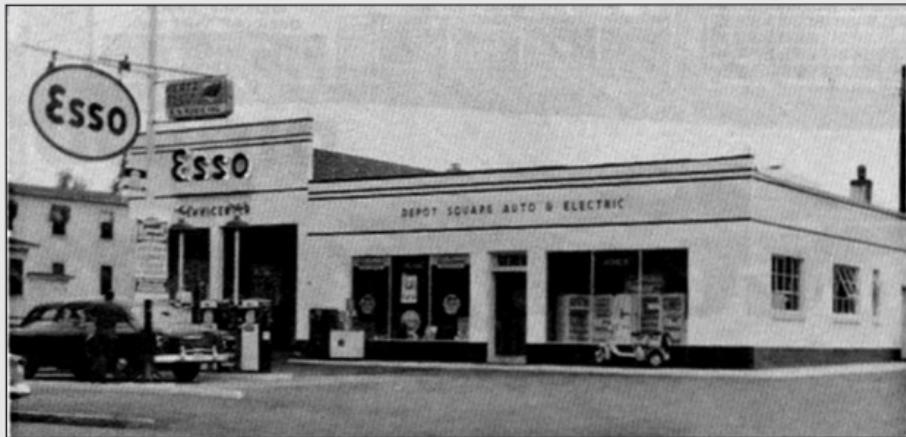
- Bipolar General - My Forever War with Mental Illness

November 29th at 2:00 p.m.

This presentation will be held via Group Zoom in our Woodside Theater beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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.....



Depot Square Auto Supply, 86 Pleasant St., Laconia, occupied the space immediately to the south of today's entrance from Veterans Square to Beacon Street West for many years before the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Part of Laconia's City Hall from 1926 to June 1970 is glimpsed at left. Pleasant Street runs from left to right at bottom of photo. (Laconia City Directory)



... AND NOW

After completion, Nov. 15, 1971, of a new Laconia Savings Bank on the site of the former City Hall, Depot Square Auto & Electric continued in business until late 1985, when the bank received Planning Board approval for construction of a two-story addition and removal of the auto and electric business to permit enlarging the bank parking lot. The addition to the current bank building was opened in 1987. Now, in 2023, construction of a replacement building for the bank is underway. Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER 524-7689

OCTOBER 2023 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Granite VNA 9-1pm Manicures By Brenda 11-11:30am	3 Activities Mtg 10-11am Fall Crafts 10-12pm	4 Bingo 10-12pm	5 Puzzle Challenge 10-11:15am <u>Lunch @ 11:30</u> Sweet & Sour Meatballs Rice, Vegetables	6 Bingo 10-12pm
9 No Deliveries    	10 Adult Coloring & Painting 10-12pm	11 Bingo 10-12pm	12 Kevin Keefe US Dept of Veteran's Affairs 10am <u>Lunch @ 11:30</u> Chicken Caesar Salad Senior Companion Meeting 12-2pm	13 Bingo 10-12pm
16 Breakfast Coffee Social 10-11:30am By Donation	17 Franklin VNA BBP Clinic 10:15am Peer Support Group 10-1:30pm	18 Bingo 10-12pm	19 Belknap Mill Quilters Guild Luncheon @11:30 Dijon Tarragon Chicken Salad Plate	20 Bingo 10-12pm
23 Walking/Rolling Exercise on Main St. 10-11:30am	24 Breakfast Coffee Social 10-11:30 By Donation	25 Bingo 10-12pm	26 Puzzle Challenge 10-11:15 am <u>Lunch @11:30</u> Pumpkin Soup w/ Apple Chicken Salad Sandwich	27 Bingo 10-12pm
30 Trick or Treat Party 10-12pm Costumes Optional	31 Halloween Movie Snacks 10-12:30pm 	Nov 1	Nov 2 FOOD ALLERGY NOTICE: Please be advised that our food may contain these ingredients: Milk, Eggs, Wheat, Soybean, Peanuts, Tree nuts, Fish and Shellfish	Nov 3

Belknap Mill Quilters Guild - Lakes Region, NH

The Belknap Mill Quilter's Guild will host a live and virtual lecture at 6:50 pm on November 8, 2023.

"Joint Protection and Body Ergonomics for the Quilter" will be presented by Christa Nee MA.

Ms. Nee is a Licensed Occupational Therapist, Yoga Teacher and Quilter. She educates her clients about ways to protect their joints while engaging in activities that could potentially cause pain, or even damage—such as quilting. She will address body posture, body mechanics, joint protection strategies and stretching exercises to help us all better enjoy our quilting time.

The lecture will take place at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St, E in Laconia.

The Guild is pleased to offer this lecture to the public.

Non-guild members may register for the lecture at info@bmqg.org and indicate whether you will attend virtually or in person. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Cooperative Co-Parenting Through Separation or Divorce Shielding Children from Conflict

HYBRID COURSE

Participants can choose to attend in person at our office at 719 North Main St. Laconia, NH

OR virtually via Zoom



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

Topics include:

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

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

8-week series begins October 26, 2023

To register, go to: www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration

or email: tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org

For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6:00pm
and on-site childcare *may be available* if reserved at the time of registration.



**The Linden
Foundation**

Thanksgiving Charcuterie Board Class at

Weirs Community Center



Event Price - \$80.00

1 ticket per person

Ticket Includes:

- Charcuterie Class Fee
- Charcuterie board feeding 2-4
- Complimentary Drinks
- Palm serving board to keep
- Additional cheese/meat samples for board selection during the class
- Custom hardwood boards available from Three Knotty Tails



Get Tickets Here

When: Sunday November 12th 11:00am – 1:30pm

Where: Weirs Community Center Laconia, NH

How to sign up: Scan code with phone, in person, or e-mail Linda Richards – (603) 366-5185

RentalAgent@WCPALaconianh.com

When the event is over, stay and enjoy or wrap it up and take it home.



Sign up by Nov. 1st

Only 25 tickets available

All sales are final



Fresh Wisconsin Cheeses directly from the Factory

February 22



SPONSOR A TREE!!!

Join us for the 4th annual City on the Lakes Holiday Walk as part of the Celebrate Laconia Lights Festival. Tree sponsorships are open to everyone!!! Celebrate Laconia has teamed up with MMB Trees to sell trees to individuals, organizations, businesses, and families to decorate in Rotary and Stewart Parks in downtown Laconia. Trees are on display for everyone in the community to enjoy throughout the holiday season! We will put up the tree with lights and sponsors will decorate it. We will place a sign with your family's name, business name, or organization's name. Just let us know what you want your sign to say.

Click on the image below to sponsor your tree!

Sponsor Your Tree Today
Share your Holiday Spirit with Laconia

First Name * Last Name *

Email *

Name on Tree Sign *

I agree to send a team to decorate the tree before the parade on November 25, 2023. I will securely attach all decorations to our tree. I agree to remove decorations at the end of the Holiday Walk between Jan 1-7, 2023.

Sponsor Now \$65.00

We use PayPal for all Sponsorships



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Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
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CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday
(603) 527-1270



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
Katherine Menici, Planning & Zoning Dir.	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
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	
Planning & Zoning	527-1264
Katherine Menici, Planning & Zoning Dir.	
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
Steven Bogert (Ward 5)	528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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

SENIOR RESOURCES

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



Staying connected
can help prevent
loneliness and
social isolation, and
protect your mental
and physical health.
Learn about risk
factors and ways to
help you stay
connected [here](#).

NIH National Institute on Aging

City Meetings

Week of:
Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

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:

Special Events Review Committee

November 1, 2023, 12 noon
[Agenda](#)

Laconia Human Relations Committee

November 1, 2023, 3:30 pm
[Agenda](#)

Appointments Committee

November 1, 2023, 4:00 pm

Capital Improvement Program Committee

November 2, 2023, 6:30 pm