

November 3, 2023 - Edition #612

*Photo taken from the WOW Trail on Court St. recently  
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



## Laconia City Clerk's Office

The City of Laconia Municipal Election will be held on  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 8 am to 6 pm.

Polling locations are as follows:

- Ward 1– Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (1244 Old No. Main)
- Ward 2–St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall (31 Gilford Avenue)
- Ward 3–Middle School (multipurpose room) (150 McGrath Street)
- Ward 4–New Covenant Church at Memorial Park Clubhouse  
(31 Lindsay Ct)
- Ward 5–Woodland Heights Elementary School (gym) (225 Winter St Ext)
- Ward 6 – Leavitt Park Clubhouse (334 Elm Street)

To view sample ballots please click [here](#). To find out what ward you are in  
and where you vote, visit our website by clicking [here](#).

Questions? Please call the City Clerk's office at 603-527-1265.

## 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 activi-  
ties. If you would like the  
newsletter sent to your  
email each Friday, or if you  
have changes to your email  
subscription, please call the  
City Manager's office at  
(603) 527-1270 or email us  
at [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).



# NOVEMBER IS

# NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH



# Library Programs

## Week of November 6 - 11



**LACONIA**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

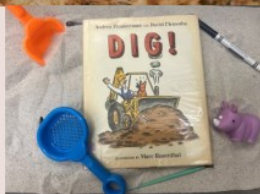
**Drop-In Tech Help**  
Tuesdays @ 10am  
Wednesdays @ 2pm



**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

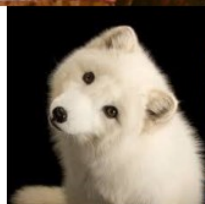


**Tinker Time: Turkey Trap**  
Thursday, November 9  
3:30-4:45pm  
Best for ages 4-12



It's almost Thanksgiving, and you forgot to buy a turkey! Build a trap out of recyclables, building blocks, and more at this special Turkey Trap Tinker Time and save Thanksgiving dinner! Best suited for ages 4-12, with family members encouraged to join in the problem-solving fun. Held in the Selig Storytime Room.

**Yuka The Arctic Fox**  
Thursday, November 9  
5:30pm  
Adults, families welcome



Meet Maria Laycox and her Arctic Fox, Yuka. Learn about Maria's interest in all foxes in New Hampshire, and her life with Yuka, and listen to her relate stories about Yuka. Yes, Yuka will be coming to class!

Presenter: Maria Laycox holds many certifications as a Realtor, Associate Broker, and Broker Manager who focuses on New Hampshire's home sellers and buyers. She currently lives in Salisbury, NH with her husband, Joe, and Yuka the Arctic Fox. Yuka is the only Fox in New Hampshire being exhibited for the public to see up close and personal and is part of an exhibit presentation Maria creates for New Hampshire called "Foxes in New Hampshire."



**Teen Mindfulness**  
Tuesday, November 7  
3pm  
Ages 9-18

Feeling stressed? Join us to learn a variety of mindfulness techniques from Karen Deighan of the UNH Cooperative Extension. For ages 9-18 in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.



**Granite State Gallery: New Hampshire Art and Artists Through the Years**  
Wednesday, November 8  
6pm  
Adults

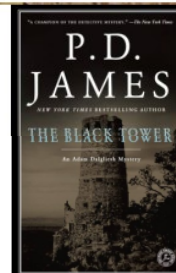
New Hampshire has attracted and inspired artists since the Colonial era. What is distinctive about the art made here? This program will consider works by itinerant and folk painters, landscape artists drawn to the state's scenic vistas, and modern artists that adopted bold styles to depict everyday life in the Granite State. Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Childe Hassam, and Maxfield Parrish are some of the artists discussed in this program.



Presented by Jane Oneail, founder of Culturally Curious. This program is brought to you by New Hampshire Humanities. Sign-up is not required. Held in



**Mystery Book Club: "The Black Tower" by P.D. James**  
Wednesday, November 8  
4pm  
Adults



Join us for a discussion of P.D. James' "The Black Tower"

Sign-up for the book club is required, copies of the book are available at the Library. Call: (603) 524-4775 or Email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org) to register; held in the Laconia Rotary Hall Auditorium.

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



Visit our  
[website for all](http://laconialibrary.org)  
[our Library](http://laconialibrary.org)  
[events.](http://laconialibrary.org)

### 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!

## Seeing Your World NATURALLY

Engage - Inspire - Create

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

### Kitchen Lithography Workshop

with

Larry Frates

**SATURDAY**

**November 4**

**1-3pm**



Register-[www.prescottfarm.org](http://www.prescottfarm.org)

## What Is REIKI

TIME FOR YOU



This class is a great opportunity to:

- Learn a little about this gentle, healing practice that can help to decrease stress, increase clarity and creativity, improve sleep patterns, and decrease pain and anxiety.
- Learn a modified hands-on Reiki practice that you can do every day to help bring you back to a place of calm and balance.

Having practices such as Reiki helps us to quickly and simply 'feel better' and more balanced every day!

### Event Details:

Thursday, November 16th  
5 - 6 pm

@ Prescott Farm - You can sign up on their website!

**\$10 for Members / \$20 for Non-Members**

[www.timeforyourselfcare.com](http://www.timeforyourselfcare.com)



Prescott Farm  
Environmental Education Center

### Holiday Workshop for Kids!

AGES 6-12  
COST: \$30 (NON-MEMBERS)  
\$15 FOR MEMBERS

Saturday, December 9  
1-3 pm

Let your children learn the joy of gift giving with this unique opportunity to make nature-inspired gifts for the adults in their lives. This is a drop-off program (adults must sign children in and out) so the hardest part for grown-ups will be waiting to open the gift. No Peeking!

To find out more and register:  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org) or call 603-366-5695





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

**SILVER**

[www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org)  
f LRSO1 @ LRSO.NH

Plymouth State  
UNIVERSITY

## WINTER PARKING BAN

Winter parking ban began Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>



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!*

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

In addition to the weeks of Fall Leaf Collection did you know that Laconia residents can also bring their leaves to the Transfer Station and dispose of them at no charge?

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

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

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

## \*\*\* THIS \*\*\* VETERANS DAY

HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED

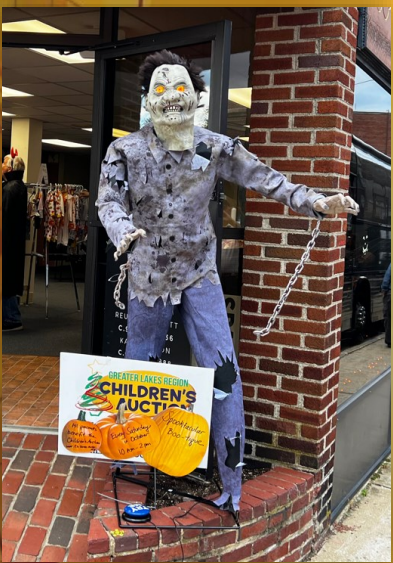
*City Hall will be closed on  
Friday, November 10th  
in honor of Veterans Day*



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5 at 2 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Pumpkin  
Festival  
LACONIA, NH  
USA

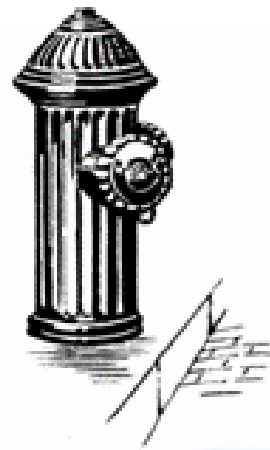


Our thanks to  
W. Stephen Loughlin  
for providing  
these photos!





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 30<sup>th</sup> through November 9<sup>th</sup>**

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.



The next Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the week of November 13 - November 17, 2023. During that week 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.

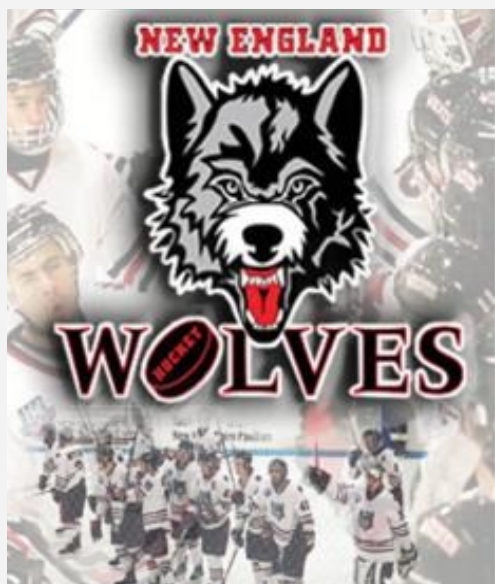


## Laconia Water Works Invoices Have A New Look, That's What.

Beginning in October, Laconia Water Works began 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](mailto:water@laconianh.gov).





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

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

Saturday, Nov. 4, 6:00 pm: Valley Jr. Warriors vs.  
New England Wolves

**We hope to see you there!**



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

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

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

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



## 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



**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**

**Curbside  
recycling  
will be  
picked  
up the  
week of  
November 6!**



# 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 cancellation 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.





## BLOOMIN' 4 GOOD PROGRAM



### **Lakes Region Mental Health Center Celebrates Selection as a Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program Beneficiary**

Lakes Region Mental Health Center has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program for the month of November.

The Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program, which launched in August 2021, is an easy way for shoppers to give back. Every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold supports a nonprofit organization local to the Hannaford in which it was purchased.

Lakes Region Mental Health Center was selected as the November 2023 beneficiary by local store leadership at the Hannaford located at 50 NH-25 #5, Meredith, NH 03253. Lakes Region Mental Health Center will receive a \$1 donation for every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker purchased at this Hannaford location in November.



#### **About Lakes Region Mental Health Center**

Lakes Region Mental Health Center is the NH-designated community mental health center serving 24 towns in Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. A non-profit, private corporation founded in 1966, LRMHC provides integrated care to children, adults, elders and their families who are living with- and recovering from- mental illness and/or emotional distress.

LRMHC professionals provide the highest quality of care, and by working in partnership with other health care providers, hospitals, law enforcement, corrections, courts, school districts, social workers and public health officials, LRMHC is able to provide a continuum of care for patients and improve the quality of life in the Lakes Region. In Fiscal Year 2022, LRMHC's 200+ employees served 3,512 children, adults and families and provided over \$372,000 of charity care. For more information, visit [lrnhc.org](http://lrnhc.org) or call 603-524-1100.

For more information about the Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program, please visit [hannaford.2givelocal.com](http://hannaford.2givelocal.com).







The Laconia Rod & Gun Club Presents:

# Veterans Day Cornhole Tournament

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Registration – 9:00AM  
Games Start 11:00 AM

\$20 Entry Fee	Prizes	Taco Bar and drink will be available for purchase
\$10 For Veterans	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$500	Additional Games and prizes!
Teams will be drawn at 10:30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$300	
Double Elimination	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: \$200	

All Proceeds will Benefit Santa Jam




## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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!*

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.

 603-366-5185  
info@wcpalaconianh.com  
wcpalaconianh.com



## BELKNAP MILL FAMILY CRAFT DAYS

**FREE** Donations Appreciated

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 4TH**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 18TH**





NOV  
11  
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9AM  
TO  
3PM  
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## VETERANS DAY

★★★ *Open House & Exhibits* ★★★

ART BY VETERANS | VETERANS COUNT | FACES OF LACONIA  
IMAGES FROM THE NH STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**ART THERAPY FOR VETERANS 10AM-1PM**



### Exhibit Hours

Saturday's 10a-12p  
10.28, 11.4, 11.18, 12.2, 12.9

Sunday, 11.12 10am-12pm

Wednesday's 6p-8p  
11.1, 11.8, 11.29, 12.6

## Our Local Veterans: The Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf

LAKEPORT FREIGHT HOUSE  
MUSEUM

Railroad Ave., Laconia, NH

For more information visit [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com)



# MEAT BINGO

SAT. NOV. 4TH STARTS @ 1:00

LACONIA VFW 143 COURT ST.

PRE-BUY ALL REGULAR GAMES  
1 SET OF CARDS \$ 30.00  
OR  
2 SETS FOR \$50.00

Hosted by  
**CARE**  
Creative Actions = Ripple Effects

DOOR  
PRIZES

RAFFLES

50/50  
& WTA

AUCTION  
ITEMS

**WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING FOR CASH N CANS**

RECEIVE A FREE RAFFLE TICKET FOR EVERY NON-PERISHABLE ITEM YOU BRING  
OR DOLLAR YOU DONATE TO CASH N CANS

# Nutcracker Christmas Fair

St. André Bessette Parish

St. André Bessette Parish Hall (Gym)

31 Gilford Avenue (Sacred Heart Campus)

Friday, November 10, 2023 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
Saturday, November 11, 2023 9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

**Get in the mood for Christmas!!!**

"Fritz's Silent Auction"

"Snow Queen"  
Raffle Table

FR. MARC'S  
FAMOUS  
PORK PIES

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

"La Petite Patisserie"  
Homemade  
Cookies & Pies

"Ye Olde Candy Shoppe"  
for your sweets

"The Waltz of Flowers"  
Flower Market

"Herr Drosselmeyer's  
Magical Surprise"  
Theme Baskets

"Tchaikovsky"  
Jewelry Table

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

Now accepting Mastercard and Visa

VISA



## SAVE THE DATE



the Laconia Human Relations Committee  
celebration of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

'WE ARE ALL CONNECTED'

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk,  
if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do,  
you have to keep moving forward."

January 14, 2024 1:30 pm Laconia Colonial Theatre

community art, music, videos, speakers

Interested in participating? contact Rev. Judith - revjudithwright@gmail.com

## Hilliard Road Brush Dump

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.





Province Street (in the vicinity of 241 Province St.) will be closed on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm. Local traffic will be able to access Province Street from either end but will not be able get past the worksite at 241 Province Street. The road will be open for traffic the night of November 7<sup>th</sup>.

The contractor for the new apartment complex on Province Street will be installing the water and sewer services for the development and the trench for the two services will be open during the day.

*Thank you for your patience!*



Check out the image (left) for a sneak peek of the new Leavitt Park playground!

More information available when work begins in the spring.

# Christmas Fair



**November 18**  
**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

- \* Holiday Décor
- \* Gift Baskets
- \* Jewelry
- \* Candy
- \* Cookies, Breads, Pies
- \* Silent Auction
- \* Books
- \* Vendors – many new!

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







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\*\***

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



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

### Donation Suggestions

#### Women:

Candles Lotions  
Holiday décor Scarfs  
Picture frames Mugs  
Jewelry Figurines  
Spa Items Make Up  
Socks Puzzles  
Craft Supplies Stationery  
Kitchen items Purses  
Gardening Items  
Body Spray

#### Men:

Mugs Sports Items  
Tools Calendars  
Card Games Gloves/Hats  
Cologne Puzzles  
Flashlights Keychains  
Water Bottles Socks  
Wallets Gadgets  
BBQ Items Sunglasses  
Crossword Puzzles  
Camping/Hiking Items

#### Teens:

Art Supplies Spa Items  
Lotions Hair Accessories  
Board Games Jewelry  
Card Games Gadgets  
School Supplies Nail Polish  
Diaries/Journals Nerf  
Headphones Fidgets  
Sports Items Make Up  
Bedroom Décor Bags  
Brain Teasers Craft Kits

#### Kids:

Toys Art Supplies  
Sidewalk Chalk Legos  
Play-Doh Board Games  
Coloring Books Balls  
Infant Toys Card Games  
Craft Kits Books  
Blocks Action Figures  
Dolls Dress Up Items  
Science Kits Dinosaurs  
Outer Space Watches



City Hall  
Halloween  
2023



Halloween  
2023 in  
Laconia  
City Hall





## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:NBrown@laconianh.gov).

Please call 527-1270 if you have any questions.

*Lights Festival*  
*Holiday Parade*  
*Downtown Laconia Saturday, November 25th at 5pm*

**JOIN  
THE  
PARADE**

**REGISTER  
TODAY**



## 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,  
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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.

### **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.

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Taylor Community please  
call us at 603-524-5600



# 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 new Laconia Mall is seen, looking north from the U-shaped bridge around 1973, before the Municipal Parking Garage was built in the open space at right. Meanwhile, former Gov. Sherman Adams was the principal speaker, 50 years ago this week, at ceremonies, Oct. 31, dedicating the brick planter and five flagpoles to the memory of Charles F. Stafford, who had died, Nov. 8, 1972. The fifth flagpole is off-photo at right. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

Although construction of the parking garage had been underway since May 1973, the facility would not be completed until June 21, 1974. New stores seen at left in earlier photo had been completed in the spring of 1970, with the exception of the building at left in the earlier photo, which had been completed by the Stafford Family in spring of 1973. The three-story addition to the Peoples National Bank — seen in the distance at right in the earlier photo — had been completed in August 1971. The pedestrian mall continued as such until July 8, 1994, when this portion of Main Street was reopened to one-way traffic northbound. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)





The Laconia Community Center will be  
CLOSED from Friday, November 10th  
through Sunday, December 10th for:

The CHRISTMAS VILLAGE TAKEOVER!!!



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@bmqq.org](mailto:info@bmqq.org) and indicate whether you will attend virtually or in person. The cost is \$5.00 per person.







*Thanks!*

Help us collect auction items for the Auction.  
**New, unwrapped items:** gift certificates, electronics, experiences, household items, tickets, tools & toys

**2023 Collection Sites from 11/1-12/1**

Belmont Fire Dept, 14 Gilmanton Rd, Belmont  
Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive N, Laconia  
Dox on Winnisquam, 927 Laconia Rd, Tilton  
Edward Jones, 164 NH Route 25, #1A, Meredith  
Fitness Edge, 169 Daniel Webster Hwy, Meredith  
Gilford Tennis & Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore, Gilford  
Grevior Furniture, 440 Central St, Franklin  
Irwin Automotive Group, 59 Bisson Ave, Laconia  
Irwin Automotive Group, 446 Union Ave, Laconia  
Irwin Marine, 958 Union Ave, Laconia  
Irwin Marine, 396 Main St, Alton Bay  
Mattress Firm, 96 Daniel Webster Hwy #15, Belmont  
Meredith Insurance Agency, 2 Lakes St, Suite #1, Meredith  
Meredith Village Savings Bank, All branches  
The County Store at Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd, Tilton  
Tapply Thompson CC, 300 N Main St, Bristol  
The Wellness Complex, 827 N Main St, Laconia

**After 12/1 please drop off items at the Belmont Marketplace**

**Auction is Dec 5-8th from 9am-7pm  
at the Belknap Marketplace**

[www.ChildrensAuction.org](http://www.ChildrensAuction.org)

It's never too early to start thinking about the **Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, December 5-8, 2023 from 9am - 7pm at Belknap MarketPlace!** If you're an early shopper, we've got you covered – there are many item collection sites where you can drop off items starting Nov 1. All of them are conveniently located here in the Lakes Region. If you do not want to wait, drop off your items any time during business hours at our year long collection site, BodyCovers at 94 Primrose Drive North, Laconia.

**Black Friday pre-bidding is back!** Black Friday, Nov. 24th, will feature items with a retail value of \$300 or more. These donated items must be received by Nov. 15th to give us time to include them in the pre-bidding platform. Everyone can pre-bid on these featured items and they will be closed during the live Auction, Dec. 5-8 from 9am-7pm. Everyone will be able to follow all of these items and also place max bids on all Auction items.



# 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

**When:** Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> 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@WCPALaonianh.com](mailto:RentalAgent@WCPALaonianh.com)

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



Get Tickets Here

Sign up by Nov. 1st  
Only 25 tickets available  
All sales are final



Fresh Wisconsin Cheeses directly from the Factory

## Public Works UPDATE

Please note that all signs, chairs, tables and other items that you may have on the City's sidewalks in the downtown area are no longer allowed to be on the sidewalk. This allows Public Works' crews to plow and treat the sidewalks during the winter. Next spring if you desire to again place these items on the City sidewalks, you will need to submit new sidewalk encumbrance permits. Please call Public Works with questions or for more information—603-528-6379.

**Lights Festival**  
City on the Lakes Holiday Walk  
Downtown Laconia November 25th-December 30th

We set it up with lights.... you decorate it!

Share your holiday spirit and decorate a tree!

Decorate for a your family, a friend, yourself, or business! Everyone is welcome!

**SPONSOR A TREE**

**LACONIA**

## 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 \*

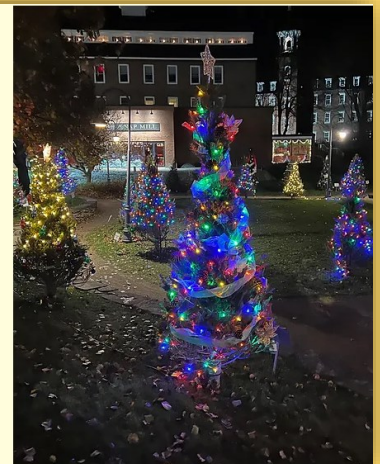
Email \*

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 also 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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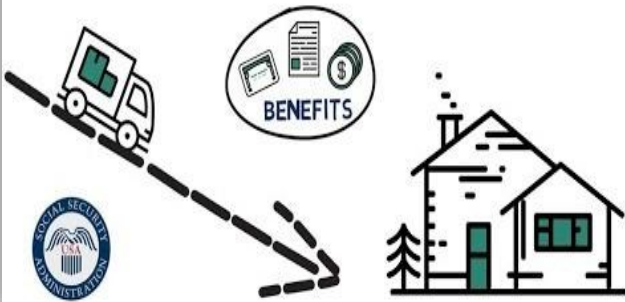


CITY HALL HOURS:  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
(603) 527-1270

## SENIOR RESOURCES

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

### MOVING AND RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS?

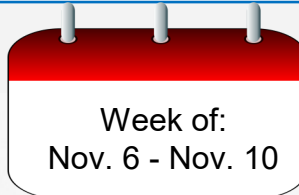


Do you have  
plans to move in  
the near future?

Learn how to  
change your  
address when  
receiving Social  
Security Benefits  
by clicking the  
image (left).



### 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](http://www.laconianh.gov). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. **All meetings are open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, unless otherwise noted:**

#### Water Commission

November 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

#### Agenda

#### Planning Board

November 6, 2023, 6:30 pm

#### Agenda

#### Laconia Human Relations Committee

November 8, 2023, 3:00 pm

#### Appointments Subcommittee

November 8, 2023, 4:00 pm

#### Agenda

#### Capital Improvements Committee

November 9, 2023, 6:30 pm



## 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

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