



**November 10, 2023 - Edition #613**

Construction on the Messer St. Bridge is now complete and, once again, open to two-way traffic! (photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)

**NOV  
11**

**Please join us  
at the Belknap  
Mill!**



**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**

**9AM  
TO  
3PM**

**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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).





**VETERANS  
DAY  
CEREMONY**

A Veteran's Day ceremony will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 am at the Laconia Veterans Memorial to honor veterans. The Laconia VFW Post 1670 is hosting the event in collaboration with the Laconia American Legion Post 1. Immediately following the event a meal will be served by the VFW at their facility at 143 Court St. All veterans and their families are invited to partake!

**THIS**

**VETERANS DAY**

**HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED**

**Please note that City Hall is closed on Friday, November 10th in honor of Veterans Day. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**



LACONIA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# WEEK OF *November 13-18*

Mon  
11/13

Sensory Storytime, 10-11am, Lego Club, 3:30-5pm

Tue  
11/14

Drop-In Tech Help, 10-11am, Let's Create! Sharpie Mugs, 1-3pm, Family Craft: Pinecone Critters, 3:30-4:30pm, Teen Gaming Club, 3:30-4:30pm

Wed  
11/15

Toddler Time, 10-11am, Drop-In Tech, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Thurs  
11/16

Preschool Pals, 10-11am, StitchCraft, 10-11:30am, Fair Housing and Tenant Rights in NH, 5:30-6:30pm

Fri  
11/17

Move & Groove, 10-11am

For descriptions, age suggestions, and more, visit our online calendar!

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#### 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!

## What Is REIKI

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

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

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

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



TIME FOR YOU  
SELF CARE

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

### Holiday Pies: Two Part Series

Homemade pies reminiscent of grandma's start with fresh, seasonal ingredients and are baked from scratch. In Part 1 of this two part class, learn how to make your own pie crust. In Part 2, join us to learn the secrets of fruit and custard-filled pies. Bring your pies home to enjoy or freeze them to share during the upcoming holidays!

**Saturday, November 11; 10-12 pm**

**Saturday, November 18; 1-3 pm**

### Felted Soaps

Join us as we encase bars of soap with decorative felted wool packages that you can keep for yourself or give as gifts.

The felted wool conserves the soap and makes a nice lather. In this class participants will felt three to four bars of soap brought from home using colorful wool to make their own designs. Note: This program does not include making the soap. Bring 3-4 bars of soap from home or bring your own homemade soap from a previous soap-making class at Prescott Farm!

**Saturday, November 11; 1-3pm**



### Eyes on the Sky: Jupiter

Jupiter is easiest to see this time of year. Join us indoors for a short introduction to this fascinating planet and then head outside to look at the real thing.

**Saturday, November 11; 5:30-7 pm**



Additional programs, series, and registration details  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

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### Reiki: What is Reiki Practice?

The practice of Reiki has been embraced by hospitals and medicine in growing numbers but what is it? Join Reiki & mindfulness meditation practitioner and teacher, Clare Persson, OT, to learn more about the energy-healing technique that helps people heal and find out if Reiki is right for you.

**Thursday Nov 16th, 5-6 pm**

### Candlemaking: Hand-Dipped Tapers

Light your holiday table with your own hand-dipped taper candles – As elegant as they are festive!



**Saturday Nov 18th, 10am-12pm**

Additional programs, series, and registration details

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**I VOTED.**



A sincere thank you to all of our election officials, poll workers, and voters for another safe and successful election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

A special thank you to the Laconia Parks and Recreation Department for delivering and setting up the polls. Thanks also to Laconia Police for monitoring the polls, and to the staff in the City Clerk's Office for all of their help with the election.

Without all of you, this election would not have been as successful as it was.

*Katie Gargano, City Clerk*

**Mark your calendars!**

# FALL LEAF COLLECTION

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.

**November 2023**

## ONE PEER TO ANOTHER

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> 10a Monthly Member Meeting 11a My Toolkit 12p WOW Trail 1p Setting Limits 2p Self Advocacy	<b>2</b> 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Emotional Well-Being 12p Moving Towards 1p Creative Writing 2p Coping Skills <b>5:30 Recovery Group</b>	<b>3</b> 10a Self Kindness 11a Healthy Relationships 12p Positive Affirmations 1p Socialization Skills 2p Music Trivia
<b>6</b> 10a Monday Mindfulness 11a Healthy Meal Planning 12-2 Staff Meeting 2p Positive Affirmations	<b>7</b> 10 a Walk & Talk 11a Self Kindness 12p Journaling 1p Healthy Relationships 2p All About Music	<b>8</b> 10a Positive Affirmations 11a Self Kindness 12-2p FIELD TRIP/Basketball Meredith Community Center 2p Ice Breakers Jenga	<b>9</b> 10a Healthy Boundaries 11a Emotional Well-Being 12p Moving Towards 1p Creative Writing 2p Coping Skills <b>5:30 Recovery Group</b>	<b>10</b> <b>CLOSED/HOLIDAY</b> Veteran's Day
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## Laconia Historical & Museum Society – Our Local Veterans: The Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf

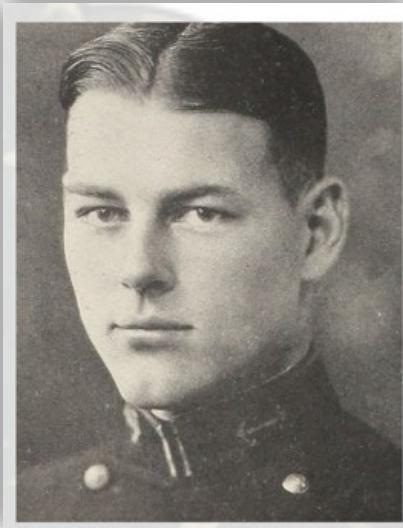
A slideshow presentation of *Our Local Veterans: The Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf* will be shared on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00pm in the Laconia Rotary Auditorium at the Laconia Public Library. As part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society's 'Our Yesterday's 2023 Presentation Series', this is a free program that the community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The possibility of one of Laconia's own being present during Benedict Arnold's treasonous attempt to turn-over West Point in 1780, the incredible bravery of a Lieutenant Commander refusing to give up his post during one of the worst battles of WW2, and what a local doctor saw on the front lines that made him apologize to his wife for his vehemence are only a few of the stories that will be part of the *Our Local Veterans* presentation.

Raymond Peavy, Jr., LHMS Board member and retired Senior Chief Petty Officer, will share excerpts and stories about Laconia veterans who served in our nation's military from the Revolutionary War onward. Ray served a combined total of 26 years with the US Marine Corps and Navy Seabees. He works tirelessly to preserve and share the history of our community's veterans.

An exhibit of the same name, consisting of military items and remembrances, is available for viewing at scheduled times until Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the historic Lakeport Freight House Museum in Lakeport Square.

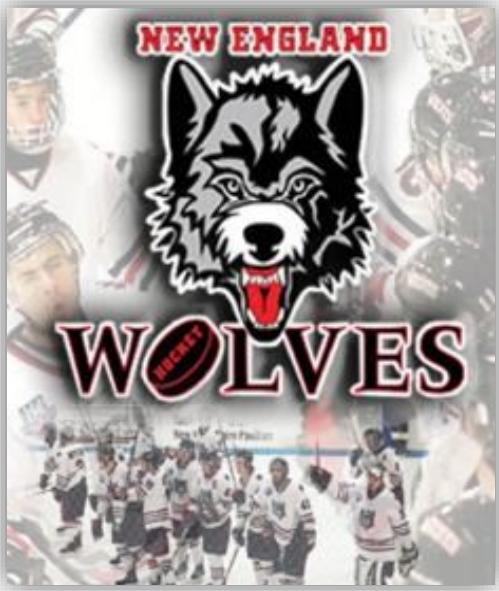
For a full list of exhibit viewing times, additional information about this program, or to learn more about LHMS and other upcoming events, please visit [laconiahistory.com](http://laconiahistory.com) or LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.



Lieutenant Commander Smith refused to leave the bridge after becoming mortally wounded on the USS Atlanta.



Ray Peavy, Jr. and Warren Huse discuss and review the artifacts on display in the *Our Local Veterans: The Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf* exhibit at the Lakeport Freight Museum.



## 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. 11, 12:15 pm - Express Hockey Club vs. New England Wolves Premiere

Saturday, Nov. 11, 3:15 pm - Express Hockey Club vs. New England Wolves EHL

Sunday, Nov. 12, 1:15 pm - Valley Junior Warriors vs. New England Wolves Premiere

**We hope to see you there!**

## 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

**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.**

# 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](#).

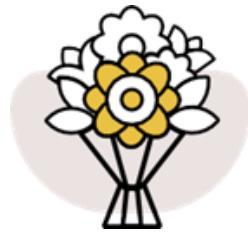
### Solid waste collection and snow plowing -

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.



**Lakes Region  
Mental Health Center**

## 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 [lrmhc.org](http://lrmhc.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).



# 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!*

## 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.

## LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

The Zoom invite link to join is on our website at:

[www.laconiahousing.org/board-info](http://www.laconiahousing.org/board-info)  
Questions? Please call us at: 603-524-2112

## 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](mailto:revjudithwright@gmail.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

\$10 For Veterans

Teams will be  
drawn at 10:30

Double  
Elimination

Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$300

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$200

Taco Bar and  
drink will be  
available for  
purchase  
Additional  
Games and  
prizes!

All Proceeds will Benefit Santa Jam

## **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





# Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Ornaments Now Available

'Tis the season to support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, and local businesses are now selling decorative ornaments for in-store display or to take home. The ornaments cost \$1, \$5 or \$10 and help raise money for the auction, which will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 5 through Friday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont. The ornaments are four-inch-round cardstock ornaments that customers can write their names on for display at a business or to take home. All proceeds benefit the auction.

Ornaments are available at many community partner locations:

**Alton:** Foster's Tavern, 403 Main St.

**Bristol:** Cielito's Mexican Restaurant, 50 South Main St.

**Danbury:** Danbury Country Store, 705 US-4

**Gilford:** Bank of NH, One Country Club Road; Bank of NH, 1441 Lakeshore Road Route 11; Gilford Country Store & Nahamsha Gifts, 1934 Lake Shore Road; Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore; Gunstock Mountain Resort, 719 Cherry Valley Road; H. Salon, 28 Weirs Road; Patrick's Pub & Eatery, 18 Weirs Road; The Wine'ing Butcher, 28 Weirs Road; Winnipesaukee Bay Gulls 2, 18 Weirs Rd, Fireside Inn & Suites, 17 Harris Shore Road.

**Laconia:** Bank of NH, 62 Pleasant St.; Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive North; Café Déjà Vu, 311 Court St; Case n Keg Laconia, 855 Union Ave #2554; Crazy Gringo, 306 Lakeside Ave.; Defiant Records & Craft Beer, 609 Main St. units; High Octane, 1072 Watson Road; Laconia Village Bakery, 660 Main St.; LACS Snack Shack, Memorial Park, Tower Hill, 264 Lakeside Ave; Water Street Cafe, 141 Water St.

**Meredith:** Bank of NH, 312 Daniel Webster Highway; Great Northern Trading Company, 312 Daniel Webster Highway at Mill Falls; Fitness Edge, 169 Daniel Webster Highway; Forest view Manor, 153 Parade Road; Giuseppe's Pizzeria & Ristorante, 312 Daniel Webster Highway, Mill Falls; Harley-Davidson Laconia, 239 Daniel Webster Highway; Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery, 72 Main St.; Middleton Building Supply, 157 Main St.; The Wine'ing Butcher, 81 NH Route 25; White Birch Gifts, 63 Main St.

**Moultonborough:** Bank of NH, 960 Whittier Hwy Route 25, Winnipesaukee Bay Gulls 118 Whittier Highway.

**Plymouth:** Bank of NH, 6 Riverside Drive.

Gilford Country Store and Nahamsha Gifts will have a raffle at both locations; for every \$1 donated by purchasing an ornament, the customer will receive a raffle ticket to win a \$100 gift basket (at each store). Winnipesaukee Bay Gulls in Gilford & Moultonborough offer three one-day-old bagels with the purchase of a \$5 ornament and six one-day-old bagels with the purchase of a \$10 ornament. Country Cook'n At the Lakeside and Great Northern Trading Company: For every \$1 of donation, the customer will receive a raffle ticket to win one of five \$25 gift certificates.

Businesses interested in offering ornaments at their location should call 603-527-0999 or email [jenn@childrensauction.org](mailto:jenn@childrensauction.org).



*Country Cook'n at the Lakeside is selling Children's Auction ornaments to their Gilford customers, along with a chance to win one of five \$25 gift cards. Left to right, owner Tara Scullin, Becky Witham, Grace Sherkanowski, Peggy Simoneau and Amber Fudge.*



## 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



## PROPERTY **ASSESSMENT**

Please do not use the current tax rate to calculate your taxes. Doing so will result in an inaccurate tax liability. The Department of Revenue Administration will adjust the tax rate prior to billing.

Individual assessments can be viewed by property location in a report of new value updates that can be found at [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov), top of the page, click ALERT.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at 45 Beacon St. E. in Laconia, by calling 603-527-1268, or emailing [assessing@laconianh.gov](mailto:assessing@laconianh.gov).

### 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
- [www.CreativeCertificates.com](http://www.CreativeCertificates.com)

#### 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



## **2023 Assessed Values Now available**

In accordance with the State of New Hampshire law RSA 75:8-a, the City of Laconia has completed an update of value of all real property as of April 1, 2023. This assessment is based on fair market value using market data from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. This allows municipalities to assess properties accurately, fairly, and at true value.



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.

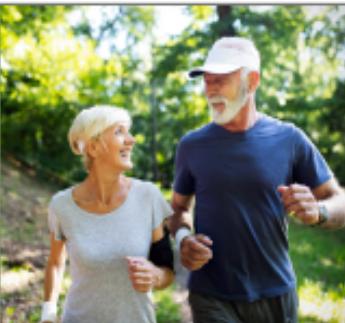
Check out the details on our [website](#).

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



Steve Loughlin, a Director at the Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH, produces a monthly newsletter for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle". To read the most recent issue and see what our local chapter of Kiwanis is up to, click [here](#). Past issues of the Kronikle can be found [here](#).





## 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**

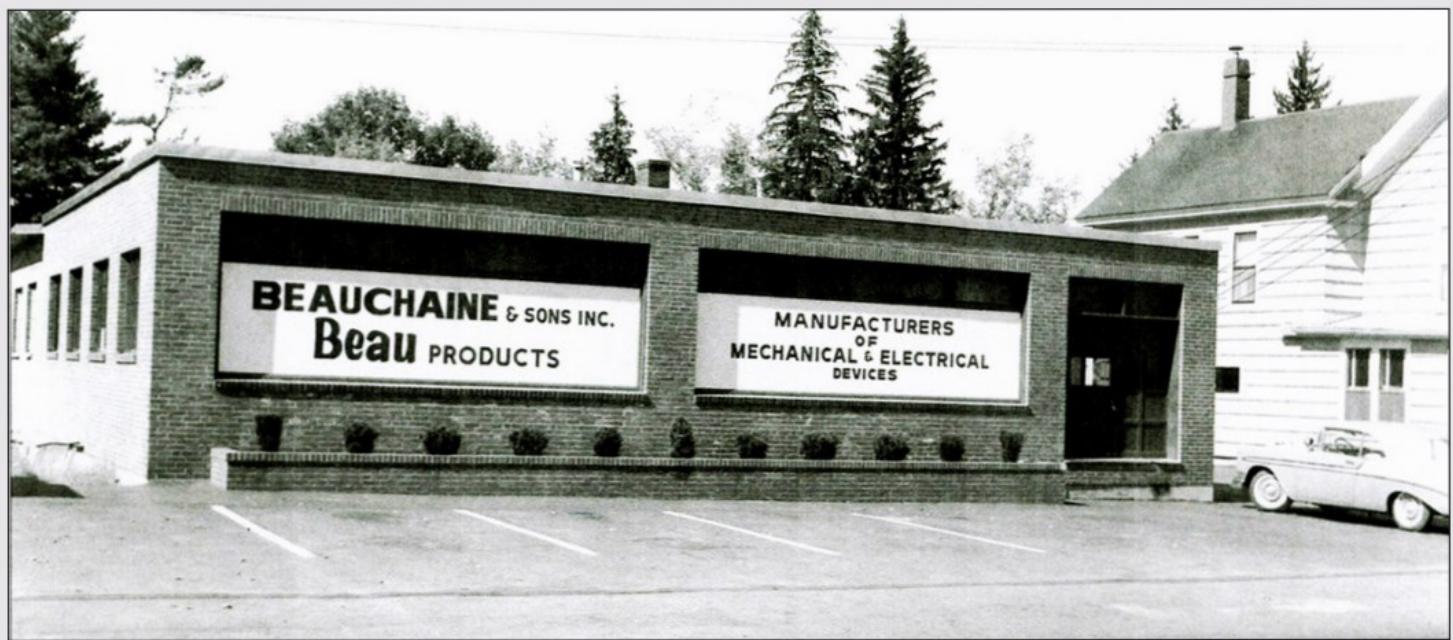
##### **- Bipolar General - My Forever War with Mental Illness**

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.....*



## THEN ...

**Beauchaine & Sons Inc. operated a machine shop to the rear of this location — 580 Union Ave. — for a number of years in the late 1940s and 1950s, erecting this new building in 1960. In 1953, the Esty Sprinkler Co. had moved from Mill Street to 584 Union Ave., to share space with Beauchaine in a recently enlarged building, representing the fourth expansion to the shop, which had been completed in 1952. (Lakeport Community Association Calendar. 2017)**



## ... AND NOW

**Beauchaine moved to 117 Union Ave. (the former W.D. Huse & Sons Machine Shop and Laconia Needle Co. Building) in 1964 and the C.C. Rogers Office Supply Co. moved into the 580 Union Ave. space in 1965. NAPA Automotive Parts was the next occupant in 1991 and, most recently, Domino's Pizza has occupied the building. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



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



**November is National Family Caregiver Month**

As a caregiver, balancing your own health with caring for your loved one can be challenging. [Caregiver Action Network](#), a nonprofit providing free education, peer support and resources to family caregivers, can help. This is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers everywhere.

Read President Biden's Proclamation [here](#).



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@WCPALaconianh.com

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



## 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.

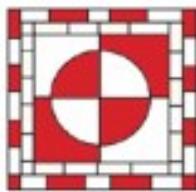


## SPONSOR A TREE!!!

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!





# Beginner Quilting Classes For Students & Adults - 2024!

**What:** Develop basic sewing skills while creating a tied quilt (throw size—40" x 50").

**Where:** Laconia Middle School, 150 McGrath St., Laconia NH 0324

**Cost:** \$10 Registration Fee

**When:** Saturdays: Jan. 13th, 20th, 27th & Feb 3, 10 & 17th, 2024 (March makeup dates)

**Times:** **Youth** (ages 10 - 16): 9 am - 11 am & **Adults** (ages 17 & Up): Noon - 2 pm  
*For Youth Class, a responsible adult is required to attend the 1st Class.*

**Sponsored by:** The Belknap Mill Quilters Guild - Have questions, email us at [info@bmqg.org](mailto:info@bmqg.org)

**Pre-registration is Required:** Register at [B MQG.org](http://B MQG.org)

*Due to the popularity of these classes you will receive a confirmation email letting you know you have either secured a seat in the class or that you have been placed on a wait list.*

## Maximum Class Sizes

- 15 Youth Students ages 10-16
- 15 Adults ages 17 +
- *We are limiting attendance to those who have not participated in a previous workshop series.*

**All Fabric & Supplies  
Are Provided!**

*Sewing machines are on  
loan for classroom work.*

## Learn Basic Sewing Skills!



# City of Laconia

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Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto: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.**

### 3 Safe Driving Tips for Older Adults

Changes that happen with age may affect your driving. However, there may be steps you can take to help stay safe on the road.



Take care of your vision and hearing:  
Schedule routine eye and ear exams.



Know your limits:  
If you are concerned about driving in bad weather or at night, try waiting until another time or using transit or ridesharing services.



Exercise:  
Staying strong and flexible can lengthen your driving years.

For a full list of safe driving tips for older adults, visit:

[www.nia.nih.gov/health/older-drivers](http://www.nia.nih.gov/health/older-drivers)



### City Meetings

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

#### Laconia Human Relations Committee

November 13, 2023, 3:30 pm

#### City Council Finance Subcommittee

November 13, 2023, 6:15 pm

[Agenda](#)

#### City Council

November 13, 2023, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

#### Laconia Putnam Fund

November 14, 2023, 9:00 am

#### Police Commission

November 15, 2023, 3:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

#### Heritage Commission

November 15, 2023, 5:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

#### Board of Assessors

November 16, 2023, 5:00 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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