



October 4, 2024 - Edition #658

*A view of the Weis Beach boardwalk area on a quiet early fall day
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*



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.



Fall Leaf Collection

Mark your calendars! This year's Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the weeks of October 28 - November 1, 2024 and November 11 - November 15, 2024. 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.



UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

WED 10/9	Mystery Book Group @4pm - 'The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency'	ADULT
THU 10/10	Haunted Hikes of NH @5:30pm - with Marianne O'Connor.	ADULT
FRI 10/11	Move & Groove @10am - for babies through age 6.	KIDS
SAT 10/12	Whose Bones Are Those? @5:30pm - best for ages 6-12.	KIDS
MON 10/14	Library Closed - Indigenous People's Day & Columbus Day	MULTI
TUES 10/15	Fiction Book Group @10am - "The Enchanted Hacienda"	ADULT
TUES 10/15	Lego Club @3:30pm - best for ages 6-12.	KIDS
WED 10/16	Teen Craft: Ectoplasm Glow Slime @3:30pm	TEEN
WED 10/16	Film Showing: Within the Crystal Hills @6pm	ADULT
THU 10/17	Paranormal Investigation 101 @6pm - Teens & adults.	MULTI

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!



UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-12 pm

Beeswax Candle Making

Beeswax becomes abundant in the fall after the honey harvest. As the daylight is receding, now is the perfect time to make beeswax candles. After learning how bees turn plant nectar into beeswax, enjoy the sweet aroma of natural beeswax as you make your own beeswax votives and rolled candles to enjoy at home or give as gifts!

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Saturday, 12-3 pm

Jams, Jellies, & Fruit Butters

Jams and jellies are a great way to preserve the flavor of summer. Learn the essentials to make delicious jams and jellies including fruit selection, equipment, and canning methods while making a jam and fruit butter to bring home.

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Saturday 10 am-12pm

Beginner Soapmaking

Learn how to safely make your very own soap. We will cover the basics of the soapmaking process and the equipment required to make more at home. Each participant will take home about 10 bars of seasonally scented soap to enjoy.

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Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescottfarm.org

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH (603) 366-5695



info@prescottfarm.org

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!



Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-12 pm

Needle Felting: Fall Landscapes

Join us for a beginner needle felt class. We'll enjoy the view of the mountains as we learn the basics of needle felting and each participant will take home a felted fall landscape.

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Saturday, 1-3 pm

Scratchboard of Nature Drawing

Scratchboard is a form of direct engraving where the artist scratches off dark to reveal white or colored layer beneath. The technique uses tools for engraving into the scratchboard, which is usually covered in a thin layer white China clay coated with black India ink. You will receive all the materials, tools and personalized instruction to create your own scratchboard piece.

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Saturday, 10 am-1 pm

Fall Soups

Warm up this fall during this hands-on cooking class all about making simple yet flavorful soups at home. The class will emphasize utilizing produce from the garden, common pantry items, and using aromatics such as garlic, ginger, and onions to season the base while making a Three Sisters Stew.

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Table Treat at Leavitt Park

334 Elm Street, Lakeport

Sunday, October 20th
5:30pm – 7pm



Leavitt Park Community Club

Come in costume and have a great time!



If interested in having a table
to decorate and give out candy

Or interested in becoming a member

Call Leavitt Park (603)524-1886

Click [here](#) for information about
breast cancer provided by the
National Cancer Institute.

10K & 5K RUN / WALK



OCTOBER 26TH

OPECHEE PARK, LACONIA

Cash Prizes for Winners/Course Records & Delicious Age-Category Prizes

Register by October 15th to Receive a Long-Sleeve Event Shirt!

Best Costume & Largest Team Challenge!

SPONSORS



Information & Registration at
WOWTRAIL.ORG



OCTOBER

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES NIGHT

District 6 Candidates for State Rep
(Gilford, Gilmanton, Ward 2 Laconia)

District 2 Candidates for Senate
and Executive Council

Tuesday, October 15th
7 PM

GILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
19 POTTER HILL ROAD
GILFORD, NH 03249





LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

OCTOBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
Activities are subject to change	10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30-Baked Pasta in Tomato Sauce	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10—Powerback Rehab Free Health Clinic 11:30-Chicken Curry Stew	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena
7	8	9	10	11
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment	UNH Ext: Snack Smart, Stretch Strong @ 10:30 11:30—Breaded Fish	10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30: Franklin VNA BP & FLU Shot Clinics 11:30- Chicken Caesar Salad	9 AM: On Your Own Exercise
14	15	16	17	18
Closed for Holiday <i>Columbus Day</i>	UNH Ext: Snack Smart, Stretch Strong @ 10:30 11:30—Beef & Bean Chili	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	11:30- Chicken Provencal	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena
21	22	23	24	25
Coffee Social @ 10 Knit & Crochet @ 10:30	11—Quilters Guild Show N' Tell 11:30—Shepherd's Pie	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30- Chef Salad	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Set up for Pumpkin Festival *(Sat: 11-3)*
28	29	30	31	
Movie & Snack @ 10	End of Life Planning (TD Bank) @ 10 am 11:30—Sweet & Sour Meatballs	10-12 Prize Bingo	11:30—Butternut Squash Bisque 12—Halloween Pizza Party	*Friday, October 25th Fundraiser @ The Mug Restaurant in Ctr Harbor (11:30—Close)



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community. If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **October 15, 2024** 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 2024-22 – RELATING TO A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO ALLOW THE SANITARY SEWER FUND (SSF) TO PURCHASE TWO NEW VEHICLES

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

2024 Lake Winnipesaukee Cleanup

October 12, 2024

Volunteers Are Needed to Help Clean Up the Lake!

Sign up to volunteer for the cleanup event by filling out the form below. Groups must register individually. After the event, please join us for an after party at Ames Farm Inn in Gilford with food and a raffle!

Schedule of Events

9:00 am: Meet your Team Lead at your designated spot to sign in, fill out the waiver and pick up a supply bag and your t-shirt. We will have water and snacks in each bag, as well as trash bags and gloves.

9:15 am to 11:30 am: Volunteers depart the meeting point with their supply bags and head to their access site (s) to help clean up trash. There will be designated drop points (TBD) for each bag of trash depending upon your location.

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm: Volunteers are welcome to join us at Ames Farm Inn (2800 Lake Shore Road, Gilford) for the after party with free food and a raffle! We kindly request *no pets* at the after party. You can call or text the LWA cell phone at 603-619-8703 with questions on the day of the event.

Team Leads & Suggested Cleanup Locations

<https://www.winnipesaukee.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Team-Leads-and-Cleanup-Locations.pdf>

Map of Team Leads & Suggested Cleanup Locations

<https://www.winnipesaukee.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Meeting-Locations-and-Cleanup-Sites.pdf>

Map of All Public Winnipesaukee Access Sites

<https://www.winnipesaukee.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Public-Access-Sites.pdf>

Volunteering for a trash cleanup event is a rewarding and fun experience for all ages, but there are some safety rules and guidelines that everyone should follow to make this event safe and enjoyable for everyone involved. Ticks are most active in the spring, but can be found in Fall too! Consider bringing bug spray, wearing appropriate clothing (light-colored/long shirts/pants), and most importantly make sure you do a "tick-check" as soon as you are home!

DO be prepared to participate safely:

- Wear a safety vest (if you have one and are in a high-traffic area)
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Bring a litter/trash grabber (if you have one)
- Bring a phone or camera to document what you clean up!

Share to Facebook/Instagram with the hashtag #2024WinniCleanUp

DO NOT pick up hazardous items such as:

- Weapons
- Broken Glass
- Closed or sealed buckets/drums
- Medical waste (hazard bags, needles, etc.)
- Dead animals
- ANYTHING that you feel unsafe or uncomfortable handling

Belknap Mill Quilters Guild

The Belknap Quilter's Guild will present a lecture by Betsy Habich "Thread Painting, It's All About the Details", October 9 at 7 pm at the Belknap Mill



Betsy's work has been awarded at regional quilt shows including the Vermont Quilt Festival, The Gathering, and Machine Quilters Expo (MQX), and juried into national and regional shows, including International Quilt Association (IQA/Houston), American Quilters Society (AQS/Paducah). She has taught at Fiber College of Maine, Connections Quilt Festival, and at guilds, and has had several solo shows at local shows, shops, and libraries. She lives with her husband, three cats, and a happy studio full of fabric and thread in Beverly Farms, MA.

Thread Painting: It's All About the Details!

Slide & trunk show talk. A short introduction to pieced and appliqued pictorial quilts shows the quilting style Betsy developed to support the images, a bridge to thread painting. Then you see how to make a photorealistic thread painting: selecting the right photo, printing it on fabric, seeing all the colors in the piece, selecting threads, different stitches, blending colors smoothly, representing texture, and paying attention to detail. The third part follows a landscape thread-painting from start to finish, to show how a painting actually develops. Q&A and opportunity to look at the quilts follow. Please contact Cheryl Goldenberg, Program Chair, at Twin2th29@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

As a courtesy to the public, we will be publishing blasting and drilling permits that have been issued by the Fire Department.

1. A blasting permit has been issued to Maine Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid for 30 days, expiring on October 18th, 2024 for drilling and blasting at 800 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH.

Blasting can occur anytime Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Please see below for the horn codes:

- 3 long horns—5 minutes until the blast
- 2 long horns—2 minutes until the blast
- 1 long horn—All clear to proceed

Please direct any concerns you may have to Maine Drilling and Blasting at 1-800-370-2338.





Join us

Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

December 10-13, 2024 9AM - 7PM Daily

JOIN US in person: Belknap Marketplace, Belmont

Plenty of parking, audience seating & easy check out

Festivities and fun each day!

BID online at: ChildrensAuction.org

STREAM live on: ChildrensAuction.org, LaconiaDailySun.com & Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction

WATCH live on: LRPA TV Channel 25

LISTEN on: Lakes FM 101.5

Daily Auction update by the Laconia Daily Sun
Accepting donations until Dec. 7th at the Belknap Marketplace

Bid Early & Bid Often at ChildrensAuction.org



LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS



SIXTIES MANIA
A Journey Through The Sixties
is a true celebration of the music of the '60s

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, AT 7:00PM

— Colonial Theater, Downtown Laconia —

Tickets available at the Colonial Theater Box Office located at 609 Main Street, Laconia starting Tuesday, October 1, 10am till 2pm
Additional Box Office hours Tuesday - Fridays 10am till 2pm

Tickets available online at www.coloniallaconia.com
starting Tuesday, October 1, 10am or by calling 1-800-657-8774

Free Admission - 2 ticket maximum per person
General Seating, First Come First Seated

All General Admission Tickets Holders are to be seated prior to 6:45 pm.
Standby Tickets are available the day of the show at 6:45 pm



The month of October is Pedestrian Safety Month, so it's important to take a moment to rethink how you drive. Behind the wheel are you: Alert and focused? Looking out for people walking? Obeying all posted signs and speed limits?

Thank you for watching out for pedestrians!



Candidate Forum For Laconia Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, October 10th, 6:45PM -9:00PM
Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia

The public is invited to attend a non-partisan Candidate Forum to hear from candidates seeking election to the New Hampshire House of Representatives for Laconia Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6, as well as the State Senate (District 2) and the Executive Council (District 1).

All Democrat and Republican candidates for these offices whose names will appear on the November general election ballot have been invited to share their views on state and local issues most important to voters.

The event is free and open to the public and will be moderated by the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire.

For more information, visit ulaconia.org or [Facebook.com/UULaconia](https://www.facebook.com/UULaconia).

A community service sponsored by

Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia
League of Women Voters of New Hampshire
Rotary Club of Laconia
Laconia Human Relations Committee
Temple B'nai Israel in Laconia
The Greater Laconia Ministerial Association

Day 33 of 100 Days of Giving

 JOIN US FOR A

**MINI
GOLF
Tournament**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 6TH
AT PIRATES COVE ADVENTURE GOLF**

**TEE TIMES FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM
\$25 A TEAM**

REGISTER NOW!

603-800-3225
INFO@603UNITED.ORG

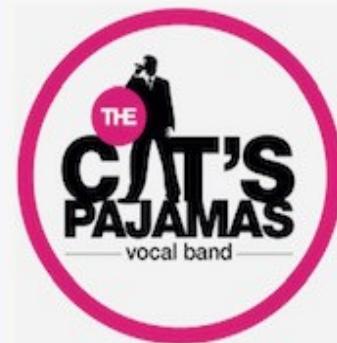


**EVERYONE IS INVITED! ENJOY
PRIZES, MUSIC, FOOD
TRUCKS, AND MUCH MORE!**



ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Saturday, October 26, 2024



Flawless a Capella of Classic Hits

Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium,
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH

TICKETS JUST \$40

SHOWTIME 7:30 PM

PURCHASE ONLINE

OR VISIT ONE OF OUR RETAIL PARTNERS

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PLYMOUTH

*Noyes Insurance
*Circle Program Office

BRISTOL

*The Bristol Botanist

CONCORD

*Viking House

*Cash or check only

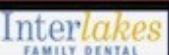
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The Lakes Region Business Directory



NORTHEAST
COMMUNICATIONS



"The We Care concert model goes beyond entertainment as all of the net proceeds will directly benefit the Circle Program," stated Stu Needleman, a member of the TBI Board of Directors and a co-founder of the We Care concert series. "We Care has championed local causes since 2013 by lending a helping hand to Lakes Region nonprofits, and we are proud to support the mission of the Circle Program which is aimed at making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of young girls living in the Lakes Region."

Since 2005, the Cat's Pajamas have performed on multiple television shows, including America's Got Talent and The Sing Off, along with entertaining on cruise ships, at colleges and in performing arts centers around the world. Members of the vocal band hail from across the United States and are proud to perform stunning renditions of classic hits that all will enjoy.

We Care extends its deepest gratitude to longstanding event sponsors Miracle Farms, Audi Nashua and Interlakes Family Dental, as well as the major support of The Laconia Daily Sun and Northeast Communications. Their continued commitment to We Care over many years has positively impacted the lives of countless individuals within the Lakes Region community.

Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia Announces Next "We Care" Concert to Support the Circle Program

~ Proceeds raised from October 26, 2024 concert will benefit Circle Program's efforts to empower, enrich and transform girls' lives through community connections ~

Temple B'nai Israel (TBI), a reform synagogue in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, today announced the next We Care concert will feature the flawless harmonies and dynamic performers of The Cat's Pajamas, a one-of-a-kind vocal band that has toured nationally and abroad and has brought their unique, high-energy brand of a cappella to hundreds of thousands.

More than just a concert, the charitable event will benefit the Circle Program based in Plymouth, NH that provides camp, mentorship and other enrichment programming to young girls living throughout the Lakes Region. This evening of entertainment is taking place on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium in Meredith, NH. Tickets are just \$40 with no additional fees and plenty of free parking. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tbinh.org and at select retail locations (see website for list).



Do you need additional containers for your trash and recycling? Do you live in a single-family home or a duplex or duplex?

Then you are eligible to participate in the City's additional container program!

This program enables eligible properties to obtain additional collection service at the curb for a fee. The fee is an annual fee and is paid at the beginning of the year. The program starts this October, and the first year's fee will cover service from October 2024 to December 31, 2025. The fee consists of three elements:

- A onetime fee for obtaining the containers. (The containers remain City property).
- An annual fee for enrolling in the program which is presently \$100.
- A fee for collection and disposal of your solid waste.

Eligible households can obtain a set consisting of a 65-gallon trash container and a 95-gallon recycling container or they can obtain just one of the containers. The fees for this service are:

Fee	Both Containers	65-Gal. Garbage	95-Gal. Recycle
One time fee for the containers	\$131.00	\$63.00	\$68.00
CY 2025 -Annual collection and disposal fee	\$601.00	\$340.00	\$261.00
The annual permit fee		\$100	

To participate in the program, visit or call Public Works at 603-528-6379.

Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

A Gravely Historical Tour

Meredith Bridge Cemetery

behind the VFW, 143 Court St

LACONIA HISTORICAL &
MUSEUM SOCIETY



TICKETS: WWW.LACONIAHISTORY.COM

\$20pp : limited availability : no refunds : rain date 11.03.24

Former LHMS president and long-time member Patrick Tierney will lead a walking tour of Laconia cemeteries, presenting intriguing stories about Laconia's most notable and historically significant residents.

Jewett Brook, Bowman Street and Avery Dam, among others, all carry names with significance to Laconia's rich history.

Join LHMS for this year's cemetery tour and learn more about those who shaped the beginning of our great City!

Tour is limited to 25 participants.

Secure your ticket today [here](#)!

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 ...

Site of the Avery Dam reconstruction, in Laconia, from late September to Dec. 9, 1949, shows the old wooden Mill Street Bridge, by that time closed to all but pedestrian traffic. A temporary flume provides water to Pitman Hosiery Co., glimpsed at lower right corner, while the new concrete dam is being built, just up river from the bridge. The so-called Esty Mill is seen in lower left corner and the brick office building of Sterling Engineering is just above the bridge at right, with the 'Old Red Mill' behind it. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



...AND NOW

It's now been 75 years since the Avery Dam was being rebuilt. The Mill Street Bridge was replaced by a steel footbridge, which opened Nov. 13, 1958. The Esty Mill was demolished in 1970, during the city's Urban Renewal Program, as was the brick office building on the south bank of the river. A hydro-electric generating plant (at right) went on line in 1985-1986 at the dam. The Old Red Mill was razed to make way for River's Edge (seen in distance), which opened, Aug. 19, 2016. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)



In 1992 the U.S. Congress proclaimed Customer Service Week a nationally recognized event, celebrated annually during the first full week in October.

This is an opportunity for organizations, such as the City of Laconia, to recognize the importance of providing excellent customer service to each and every resident or visitor we serve.

The goal of all departments in the City is to provide friendly, efficient, courteous and knowledgeable assistance to the public. To that end, we have developed a [Customer Service Survey](#).

We would appreciate your help in filling out the survey if you have had contact with one of our City departments or employees to let us know what we are doing right, or what may need improvement.

The survey is provided on our website [here](#) or printed versions can be requested from any of our City departments. Your feedback is appreciated to help us better serve you!

If you have questions, please contact the City Manager's Office at (603) 527-1270, or email NBrown@laconianh.gov.

Thank you for your assistance!

Franklin 
VNA & Hospice
3rd Annual
HOSPICE BALL
Saturday
NOVEMBER 2, 2024
5 P M - 10 P M
DINNER
LIVE BAND
DANCING
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION
FOR TICKETS VISIT:
FRANKLINVNA.ORG/HOSPICE-BALL
CALL (603) 934-3454

Newfound Lake Inn
1030 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH

LACONIA VFW POST 1670
143 COURT ST, LACONIA

**MEAT
RAFFLE**

HOSTED BY THE
AUXILIARY

OCT. 11

STARTS AT 6PM

**IN THE FUCTION HALL AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

NURTURE HOPE

AN EDUCATIONAL SERIES FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO
HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AND HEALTH CHALLENGES

HYBRID COURSE

Participants can choose to attend in person at our office at 719 N. Main St, Laconia, NH
OR Virtually via Zoom

To register, go to:
www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration
or email tricia.tousignant@lrcs.org

**WEDNESDAYS, 6:30-8PM
8-WEEK SERIES BEGINS
OCTOBER 16, 2024**

This program is designed to help families explore their hopes & fears, develop effective parenting skills, enhance communication, develop strategies for facing challenges, and recognize opportunities for celebration.

Topics Covered Will Include:

- Appropriate Parental Expectations
- Empathetic Awareness of the Feelings & Needs of Children
- Effective Discipline Strategies
- Family Rules
- Effective Communication
- Stress and Coping Techniques for Parents & Children
- Personal Power & Independence

For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served at 6pm. On-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration, space is limited.



The Linden Foundation



The Band Boosters will be selling raffle tickets to benefit the music department. Top prizes include a Blackstone 28" griddle (inc. a \$50 gift card from Hannafords); a pair of Red Sox tickets for the '25 season (date TBD); a game day pizza party from Sal's, & more! Tickets are \$20/ea, purchased at home football games or from a Band Booster representative.



Community members: Please click [here](#) to fill out a form so your loved one can be recognized in the Laconia High School Veterans' Day slide show that will run in Laconia schools for a week. If you have filled out this form in years past, your information is still included in the slideshow. Thank you!



Our very artistic students at Laconia Middle School have won the overall 1st place blue ribbon at the Deerfield Fair for the second year in a row! We are very proud of their artistic achievements. Their creative efforts are encouraged by our very own Tiffany Nye, LMS Art Teacher.

Dance Because You Care

5:00PM

Saturday, October 5th

VFW Laconia • 143 Court St

\$20.00 PER PERSON



Dinner & Dance

Dinner Served from 5PM-6PM

Catered by Pausus Bay Pub

Live Music from The Jennifer Mitchell Band

Chinese Raffle • Games • 50/50



Hope Ministries

ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER

Featuring Bean Hole Beans

ALSO ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, POTATOES,
CARROTS, ROLLS, PUMPKIN OR APPLE PIE

Saturday Oct. 19th

Settings at 5:00 and 6:30

First United Methodist Church
Rt. 11A Gilford (18 Wesley Way)

Adults \$17.

Children 12 and under \$8.

For reservations call (603)524-3289

If office is closed, leave a message
With Name and Phone Number

MARKET FRESH &

Eco-Chic

Thank you for
your support!

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

shaws

This October, grab your own eco-friendly
reusable Give Back Bag!

Each time this \$3.00 reusable bag is
purchased at our selected Shaw's store this
month, we'll receive a \$1 donation!

shaws.2givelocal.com
GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS
Reusable Bag Program



Exciting news! Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center has been selected for Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program!

Throughout the month of October every time you purchase a \$3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag at the Shaw's in Gilford, \$1 will be donated to support Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center!

Help Prescott Farm reach a purchase of 400 bags over the month of October, potentially raising \$400!

With the amazing support of the community, this can be done. Every bag purchased helps Prescott Farm's mission to provide environmental education and preserve their mission to connect community in nature.

Please share this news with your family and friends, and let's make a big impact together!

Look for the GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bags at Shaw's, displayed throughout the store and at the checkout.

For more information, visit shaws.2givelocal.com.

Let's keep Prescott Farm thriving!

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, October 5**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot
9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Items we are accepting:

Mice or keyboard	\$1	Air Conditioner	\$10
Laptop	\$5	Dehumidifier	\$10
CPU / PC Tower	\$5	Microwave	\$10
Servers	\$5	CRT Monitor (<50lbs)	\$20
CD / DVD Player	\$5	CRT Monitor (>50lbs)	tbd*
PC LCD Monitor	\$5	TV < 13"	\$ 5
Camcorder	\$5	TV < 25"	\$20
VCR	\$5	TV > 25"	\$30
Audio Visual Equip.	\$5	Very Large TV	tbd*
Speaker	\$5	Dryer	\$20
Printer	\$5	Gas or Electric Stove	\$20
Copier, Fax, Scanner	\$5	Dishwasher	\$20
Phone System	\$5	Refrigerator	\$20
Phone (land or cell)	\$5	Freezer	\$20
UPS System	\$5	Water Heater	\$20
Humidifier	\$5	Washing Machine	\$20
Car batteries	\$5	Teflon pan	\$ 1

Cords, Cables, Computer Accessories \$5 (Free if recycling something else)

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

*The item will be weighed on site and the price determined.

Items we CANNOT accept:

Oils, paints, thinners, batteries, tires, mercury containing items such as fluorescent & CFL light bulbs or thermometers, smoke detectors, capacitors, ballasts or any other hazardous waste.

“Don’t Throw It Out, Recycle It!”

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions

BELKNAP COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
174 Mile Hill Rd Belmont, NH

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER
10:00-3:00PM

CHICKEN BBQ AND PIG ROAST \$15 A PLATE
FREE PARKING | ALL AGES
MUSIC | FOOD | DRINKS | KID GAMES&CRAFTS
DOZENS OF CRAFTERS/VENDORS & MORE!

*Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region Dance
*Live Band: Whiskey Bent and the Hell Hounds
*All day kid crafts, games and activities,
Kids in costume get a prize, Cackling contest
*Crafters and Vendors Throughout
FAMILY FUN DAY - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

SAVE THE DATE

DEA's 27th Annual Drug Take Back Day



Anonymously and safely dispose of your unused or expired prescription & over-the-counter medications to the Laconia Police Department for the DEA's 27th annual Drug Take Back Day, no questions asked!

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Laconia Police Department, 126 New Salem St, Laconia, NH

What: Bring expired or unused prescription & over-the-counter medications to securely dispose of

For more information visit: DEATakeBack.com



Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue. Proper disposal of unneeded drugs saves lives & protects the environment & our overall community.

Thank you for being part of the solution!



FALL CRAFTS FAIR & FESTIVAL

CRAFTS, FOOD TRUCKS, AND FUN

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY - OCTOBER 19, 2024
9-3PM

FREE ADMISSION

OVER 65 ARTISAN CRAFTERS
FOOD TRUCKS
RAFFLE TABLE
BAKE SALE
7TH ANNUAL WREATH FESTIVAL

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



LACONIA KIWANIS  KRONIKLE ONLINE

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](#)!

OCTOBER 2024 THE **PUMPKINS** ARE COMING!

Pumpkins. Food. Activities & MORE!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Find out more at:
NHPumpkinFestival.com



Get Ready to Carve! Join Us for the NH Pumpkin Festival

Get ready for a whirlwind of creativity and community spirit at the much-anticipated NH Pumpkin Festival! This family-friendly extravaganza is just around the corner, and organizers are inviting everyone to unleash their imagination and help craft a stunning showcase of artistry. Mark your calendars for the week of October 22, 2024, as the excitement builds to a thrilling climax on Saturday, October 26, in Downtown Laconia. Let's come together to celebrate the magic of autumn—pumpkins, laughter, and unforgettable memories await!

"Each year, the NH Pumpkin Festival brings our community together in a celebration of creativity, joy, and autumn's beauty. We are thrilled to invite everyone to join us in making this year's festival the most spectacular yet. Let's come together to carve out lasting memories and embrace the spirit of the season!" — Karmen Gifford, President of Lakes Region Chamber, Official Organizer of the NH Pumpkin Festival.

Everyone is invited—families, schools, civic organizations, businesses and you! Our community-hosted event needs your help collectively carving pumpkins to be displayed. This year, in Downtown Laconia there will be FOUR uniquely designed towers, generously sponsored by Breezelane, ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care, and Xfinity. The towers will be located along Main St and in Veterans Square. The towers will go up on Monday, October 21. Your carved jack-o'-lanterns can be placed on the towers from Tuesday, October 22 to Friday, October 25. To reserve your spot and ensure your pumpkins are showcased, please visit NHPumpkinFestival.com and sign up!

Carved pumpkins will be sprouting up and displayed across the City of Laconia. In the Weirs, 603 Sweets Meats & More is collaborating with the 1848 Inn for a pumpkin carving party. WORK Lakes Region is collaborating with a dozen Lakeport businesses to create a festive Halloween themed pumpkin display. Do you work or live along the railroad tracks between Downtown and South Down Shores? Pumpkin Express train rides will be traveling along the tracks Friday evening and all day on Saturday.

Important Pumpkin Details:

- Carving Dates:** Pumpkins can be delivered from October 22 to October 25. When you register online, choose the date that works best for you.
- Lighting:** All towers will be lit electronically—no candles required! Please carve holes on the top of your pumpkins to assist with lighting.

Display Duration: Pumpkins will be lit up on October 26th and remain on display until Halloween. After the festival all of the pumpkins will be donated to a local farm.

Volunteer Opportunities...

Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! If you or someone you know would like to lend a hand, visit the website for sign-up options.

Join the Celebration!

Don't miss out on the main event! Join in on Saturday, October 26, as Downtown Laconia is transformed into a Fall wonderland filled with pumpkins, music, delicious food, craft vendors, and fun for all ages. For more information about the NH Pumpkin Festival and other fun Halloween experiences offered across the region, go to NHPumpkinFestival.com or follow along on Facebook.

JOIN US IF YOU DARE FOR OUR
GYM & TONIC

HALLOWEEN DANCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH | 7-10 PM

Dancing, Nibbles, Cash Bar & Costume Contest
Conference Center on Blueberry Lane
\$25 admission

Register at www.downtowngymlaconia.com/events/halloween-dance

Proceeds benefit the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction

DWN TWN THE DOWNTOWN GYM & TRAINING CENTER WHERE YOU TRAIN FOR LIFE!

National Preparedness Month 2024

You are the **Help** until **Help arrives**

Get trained in **CPR** and basic **First Aid** on-line or in-person.

Learn through simple steps how to save a life before a professional arrives.

Learn more at **ReadyNH.gov** TAKE ACTION.

October is Cyber Security Awareness month

Learn what you can do to protect yourself from identity theft at the following Social Security Administration website:

<http://ow.ly/4t5750G6nro>

Do you love history and volunteering?
The Belknap Mill is looking for volunteer museum guides.
Training will be provided.
Interested? Email info@belknapmill.org

DWN TWN THE DOWNTOWN GYM & TRAINING CENTER WHERE YOU TRAIN FOR LIFE!

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

16 TEAMS
\$50/TEAM
GAMES START @ NOON
DOUBLE ELIMINATION

OCTOBER 12, 2024
143 COURT ST, LACONIA

HOSTED BY:
THE VFW POST &
CAFE DEJA VU CHALLENGE TEAM

TO SIGN UP:
603-520-8244
LACONIAVFW1670@GMAIL.COM

GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION

PLEASE JOIN THE REGION 3 FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL FOR A FREE, FAMILY FRIENDLY

HALLOWEEN PARTY

PUMPKIN PAINTING! COOKIE DECORATING!

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 2-4 PM

LRCS MAIN OFFICE, 719 N MAIN ST., LACONIA

PLEASE RSVP TO ABBY AT ABIGAIL.BARTON@LRCS.ORG



COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965

Laconia Senior Center Fall Fundraiser



62 Daniel Webster Highway, Center Harbor

Friday, October 25th
(11:30 AM - Closing Time)



10% of All Sales
(excludes: Gift Cards & Taxes)

Laconia Senior Center's Activities Fund

50/50 Raffle for Meals on Wheels

Thank you  PAUL & AMY!



Laconia Senior Center Pumpkin Festival



BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965



ICE CREAM

SUNDAE

\$5.00



Games,
Raffles &
Crafts

11 A.M.
to
3 P.M.

26
October

532 Main St. or
184 Beacon St West
Laconia, NH

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LACONIA SENIOR
CENTER ACTIVITIES!



Columbus Day

Columbus Day is Monday, October 14.

NOTICE TO CURBSIDE RESIDENTS

There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash on Monday, October 14, Columbus Day. Collections all week will be on their normal schedules. Questions? Please call DPW at (603) 528-6379.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRANSFER STATION
WILL BE OPEN ON COLUMBUS DAY,
OCTOBER 14th.**



ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA

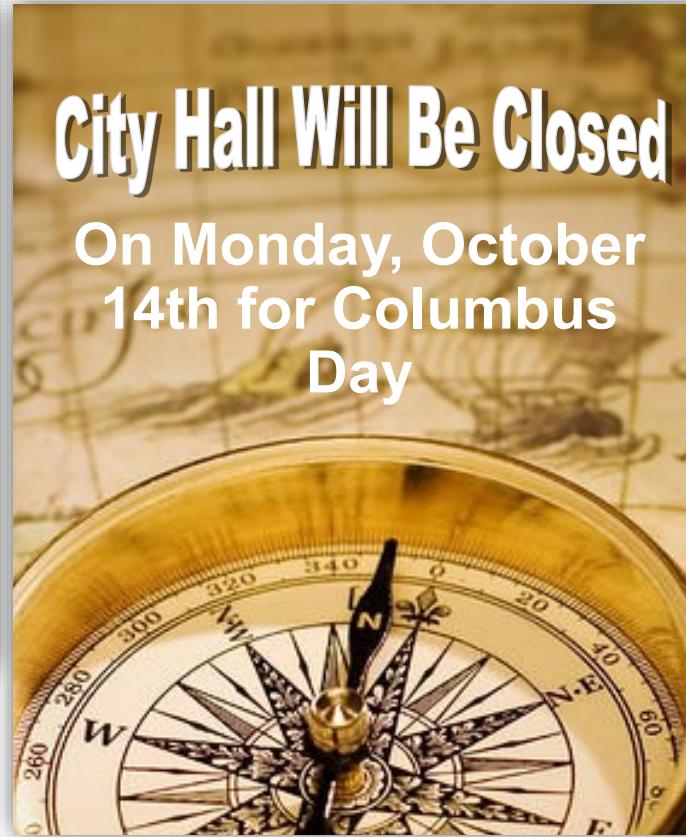
328 Union Ave, Laconia, NH 03246 | (603) 528-7742

OCTOBER 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Local Warmline: 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!		10a Inspirational Stories 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	1 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	2 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Rock Painting 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	3 FIELD TRIP Stone Mountain Farm Apple Picking sign up by 9/27 
Local Mental Health Agency: Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100	7 10a Community/Member Meeting and Coffee with Wayne 11a Creative Art & Talk 12p Let's Move! 1p Rock Painting 2p Stress Management	8 10a NHMHPA Meeting (join with Zoom @ centers) 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	9 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	10 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Rock Painting 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	11 10a Self Kindness 11a Anxiety & Depression with Wayne 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 2p Socialization Skills
CALL OR TEXT 988 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!	14 CLOSED/HOLIDAY Indigenous People Day	15 10a Inspirational Stories 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	16 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	17 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Let's Move 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	18 10a Inner Healing 11a Anxiety & Depression with Wayne 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 2p Socialization Skills
Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the: NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 	21 10a Coffee with Wayne 11a Creative Art & Talk 12p Let's Move! 1p Advocacy 2p Stress Management	22 10a Inspirational Stories 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	23 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	24 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Computer Skills 1p Let's Move 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	25 10a Inner Healing 11a Anxiety & Depression with Wayne 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 2p Socialization Skills
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Official Trick or Treat hours in Laconia are Thursday, October 31 from 5 to 8 pm!





ANNUAL FALL HARVEST RAFFLE

3 tickets for \$10!

Purchasing raffle tickets is a great way to support LRSF! Ticket sales end October 20th.

Prizes to include:

- 59" x 77" (approx.) Handmade Quilt – handmade and donated by Marty Gorman
- Pumpkin Basket of Fall goodies with handmade pumpkin table runner – donated and made by LRSF Board Member Judy Ball
- 11" x 14" matted Lilac print – donated and painted by Larry Frates
- 15 1/2" x 11 1/2" framed Loran Percy Fall print - donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- Hand knitted Alpaca wool pullover shawl – donated by Marj Wilkinson. Alpaca wool "home grown" and hand spun (Samperton NH)
- 11" x 14" Marginal Way canvas print – photo taken and donated by Kimberly Gibbs
- "If the Broom Fits; Fly it!" Cookbook - donated, handcrafted and handmade by Jan Winchester. 14 pages of delicious/fun Halloween/Fall recipes!
- Various Gift Cards/Certificates

Check out our website for up to date prize listings!



Scan the QR Code to visit our website for more information, or to purchase your raffle tickets.



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LAKES REGION PUMPKIN FIGURE CONTEST

OCTOBER 18, 19 & 20



Registration deadline: Oct. 9th



Pumpkin Figures must include at least one pumpkin. You must live in the Lakes Region area to participate.

PRIZES AWARDED IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES

EMAIL: scholarship@lrscholarship.org or call 603.527-3533 • www.lrscholarship.org

Proceeds to support the LRSF Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund (FOFOF).

CITY OF LACONIA BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Do you have a little spare time on your hands? Have you been looking for a rewarding and meaningful way to give back to your community? The City of Laconia has openings on several of our Boards and Commissions and could use your help! Please see below for available positions....

Board of Assessors: 1 vacant alternate position

Building Code Board of Appeals: (Reg. Architect)

Conservation Commission: 1 vacant alternate position

Downtown TIF District Advisory Board: 3 vacant regular positions

Heritage Commission: 3 vacant alternate positions

Lakeport TIF District Advisory Board: 1 vacant position

Library Board of Trustees: 2 vacant alternate positions

Planning Board: 3 vacant alternate positions

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 4 vacant alternate positions

Historic District Commission: 2 vacant regular positions and 2 vacant alternate positions

Water Commission: 1 vacant regular position

**Members of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Boards must own property, reside or own/manage/represent a business/organization within the Districts.*

For more information please contact the City Manager's Office at (603) 527-1270, or email nbrown@laconianh.gov. Applications can be found on our website [here](#).

VOLUNTEER! Board Vacancy





LACONIA KIWANIS \$1,000 FUEL RAFFLE

The Laconia Kiwanis Club is holding its Annual \$1,000 Home-Heating Fuel Raffle.

ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN **LIVE** - NOVEMBER 2ND AT 6 pm ON THE
LACONIA KIWANIS FACEBOOK PAGE.

Fuel type is selected by the winner (Natural Gas, Propane, Oil,
Pellets, etc.)

Funds will be paid directly to the fuel company of the winner's
choice.

All tickets will be sold virtually for \$10
(plus a small processing fee - @ \$11.50 total)
at <https://laconiakiwanis.ticketleap.com/2024-fuel>

Thank you for your support!



Scan Above for Tickets

City of Laconia

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



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

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

5 Tips for Choosing Healthier Foods as You Age

Follow these tips to help you maintain a healthy weight, get needed nutrients, and lower your risk of developing certain diseases.



Learn more about healthy eating as you age at www.nia.nih.gov/healthy-eating.

NIH National Institute on Aging



Simple adjustments can go a long way toward building a healthier eating pattern.

Discover more tips for healthy meal planning provided by the National Institute on Aging by clicking on the image (left).



City Meetings

Week of:
October 7 - 11

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 Putnam Fund
October 8, 2024, 9:00 am
[Agenda](#)

Heritage Commission
October 9, 2024, 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
Codes Director Joe Gray	
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
Planning & Zoning Director Rob Mora	
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
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3)	803-3425
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