



November 1, 2024 - Edition #661

A photo of the crowd gathered to welcome home "The Defiant One" (photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)



Laconia City Clerk's Office

The City of Laconia State General Election (includes the Presidential race) and Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 7 am to 7 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– Laconia Middle School (multipurpose room) (150 McGrath St.)

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](#).

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 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.



NOVEMBER IS

**NATIONAL
DIABETES
AWARENESS
MONTH**

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 11/4

Sensory Storytime @ 10am - Best for newborns to age 6.

KID

WED 11/6

Toddler Time @ 10am - Best for ages 3 and under.

KID

THU 11/7

Preschool Pals @ 10am - Best for ages 3 -6.

KID

THU 11/7

Nonfiction Book Group @ 6pm - 'A Fever in the Heartland'

ADULT

FRI 11/8

Move & Groove @ 10am - Best for ages 6 and under.

KID

SAT 11/9

Family Craft @ 10am - Paper strip pumpkins!

KID

MON 11/11

Library Closed - Veteran's Day

MULTI

TUE 11/12

Death Café @ 10am - tea, coffee, dessert and discussion.

ADULT

TUE 11/12

Teen Craft @ 3:30pm - Fall leaf votive jars!

TEEN

TUE 11/12

Lego Club @ 3:30pm - best for ages 6-12.

KIDS

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org[Sign-up for our monthly email newsletter](#)

Visit our
website for all
our Library
events.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Goss Reading Room Closed

Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!

**Prescott Farm**
Environmental Education Center

UPCOMING Community Connection Programs

**Art to You with Larry Frates:
Up-Cycled Paper Making**
Saturday, 10 am-12 pm \$25 (Non-Members); \$10 for Members
This workshop will provide you with the materials, tools and instructions to make your own sheets of paper. You will learn the art of creating and processing your own pulp and dipping a screen stretched across a frame into a vat of pulp made from recycled paper. You then lift the screen out of the vat. The entire process includes dipping which will yield some handmade sheets that can be used once dried and pressed.

**Bayberry Candle Making**
Saturday, 1-3 pm \$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members
The fruit of the bayberry shrub has been used to make the pleasant smelling candles that are synonymous with the holiday season since Colonial times. Learn more about this native shrub and make your very own tapered bayberry candles.

**Homemade Pasta Primer**
Saturday 10 am-12pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members
Come to this hands-on workshop to learn techniques for making and rolling fresh pasta dough. After making the pasta dough, we will turn it into ribbon-style noodles as well as a fall pumpkin ravioli.

Additional programs, series, and registration details
prescottfarm.org

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

**Prescott Farm**
Environmental Education Center

UPCOMING Community Connection Programs

**Intermediate Soapmaking:
Layered Soap**
Saturday, 10 am-1 pm \$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members
Learn how to safely make your very own soap using the cold process and add some variety by creating layers using different colors, scents, and textures. Each participant will take home about 10 bars of seasonally scented soap to enjoy.

**Holiday Yeast Breads**
Saturday, 10 am-12 pm \$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members
The fruit of the bayberry shrub has been used to make the pleasant smelling candles that are synonymous with the holiday season since Colonial times. Learn more about this native shrub and make your very own tapered bayberry candles.

**Felted Soap**
Saturday, 1-3 pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members
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 soapmaking class at Prescott Farm!**

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Please note that the City Clerk's/Tax Collector's Office will be closed all day on Wednesday, November 6th.

Please plan your transactions accordingly. Some transactions can be done online and will be processed on the following business day.

Please visit <https://laconianh.gov/131/Online-Payments>

All other offices in City Hall will remain open on November 6th for our normal business hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



**HOCUS POCUS...
DRIVE WITH FOCUS!**



Remove the temptation to sneak a peek at your cell phone!



Turn on the Do Not Disturb feature on your cell phone to turn off notifications while you're driving.



**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 after November 1st.

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 at 603-528-6379 for more information.



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.

Light Up the Belknap Mill

A Community Tradition!



Honor a cherished person or commemorate a meaningful event by gifting a light that will shine brightly until January 2025.



Belknap Mill Museum

Where Art and History come to life!

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246 | www.belknapmill.org

Join us in bringing warmth and light to the Belknap Mill this season! The beloved tradition of lighting the windows returns, and we invite you to participate.

Honor a cherished person or commemorate a meaningful event by gifting a light that will shine brightly until January 2025. Your contribution not only adds beauty to our community but also supports the diverse programming at the Belknap Mill.

Let's come together to create a dazzling display of hope and remembrance. Light up the Mill and let your spirit shine!

Click [here](#) to gift a light.

Drilling and Blasting

Drilling and Blasting 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 until November 18th, 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.



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ORCHESTRA

BENJAMIN GREENE, CONDUCTOR



SYMPHONY CONCERT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024 - 7:00PM
HANAWAY THEATRE PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

KALINNIKOV - SYMPHONY No. 2

MENDELSSOHN - HEBRIDES OVERTURE

DVORAK - CELLO CONCERTO IN B MINOR, MVT 1
FEATURING CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNER IAN JANG

TICKETS: WWW.LRSO.ORG

PSU SILVER CENTER BOX OFFICE
603-535-ARTS

PSU STUDENTS FREE
\$20 - \$30 ADULT
\$5 NON-PSU STUDENTS



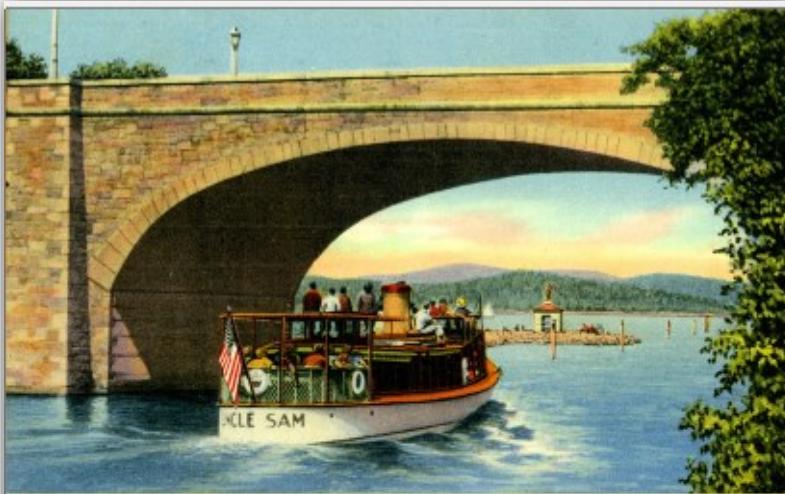
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www.LRSO.org
f LRSO1 @ LRSO.NH

Plymouth State
UNIVERSITY

Thank you LRSO sponsors Ravenna & John McIntyre, and Evelyn & Michael Miller. Silver Center productions are made possible in part through the generosity of the Dick and Betty Hanaway endowment for the performing arts; the Ann E. Thurston '80, '00G, '07Cags and Elizabeth W. Cheney '88, '99G endowed fund for the performing arts; and the Jeannette and Richard Collins award.



BRIDGES TO THE PAST LACONIA'S HISTORIC BRIDGES

Please join us for a discussion about Laconia's bridges

November 23, 2025 at 10am-11am

Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street East, Laconia



Let's Address the Elephant in the Room!

Walk-In Wednesday
Wednesday, November 20
10 a.m. - Noon

Granite VNA - Laconia
780 North Main Street

Let Granite VNA help start the conversation about end-of-life wishes. We'll have a Social Worker/Notary Public available to support any adult, at any age or stage of health, through the advance care planning process.

This program is offered at no charge.



For more information,
call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664
or visit www.granitevna.org/calendar.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have 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 November 12, 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:

**ORDINANCE 2024-235-81 AMENDING CHAPTER 235
ZONING RELATIVE TO ARTICLE XIII, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, § 235-81, DURATION OF PERMITS**

Katie Gargano
City Clerk



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REQUEST TO APPROVE USING WEIRS TIF FUNDS TO REBUILD AND RECONFIGURE WEIRS DOCKS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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REQUEST TO MAKE HOWARD STREET ONE WAY AND NO PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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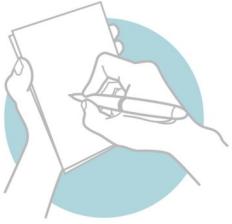
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ELECTRIC AGGREGATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED CONSULTANT FOR COMMUNITY POWER

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

Central NH Writer's Group

*Monday, November 18th



Belknap Mill Museum

Where Art and History come to life!

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246 | www.belknapmill.org

Please join us for this informal gathering at the Belknap Mill where you can discuss what you are working on, what you are reading, where you are submitting your work, and more.

This month's optional writing prompt: Take a well-known moment in history and write about it. Maybe the backstory, a different version, new information...whatever you would like.

For more information, please email
Jill@belknapmill.org

PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH HUMAN SERVICES
WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER

MEDICARE QUESTIONS??

PPH Invites you to come to an open session @ Laconia Senior Center

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

SHIP State Health Insurance Assistance Program **SMP** Senior Medicare Patrol

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024
9 am – 10:30 am
184 Beacon St. West, Laconia, NH

Laconia Rod & Gun Club
49th Annual
Santa Jam & Auction

358 South Main Street

Laconia, NH 03246

603-424-9824

It is once again time for us to ask our friends from the local business community and private sector to help make our 49th Annual Santa Jam another successful holiday celebration this year!

Saturday, December 7th from 1pm-10pm: Santa Jam is our annual charity event, we raise funds and receive donations for the less fortunate children in our community. This event provides live music from local bands, a live auction, bake sale and other various festivities. All proceeds are given to local families. Thanks to you and your generous contributions, please consider donating a tax-deductible gift to this worthy event and come join in the fun. Our tax exemption number is available by request. This year if you donate \$250, \$500, \$750 or \$1,000 your business will be announced throughout the Santa Jam, we will have a poster at the event with your business name, and an ad will go in the Daily Sun thanking you for your sponsorship! Many families need our help and we couldn't do it without you.

Sunday, December 8th from 9am-Noon: Breakfast with Santa is free for the families thanks to the donations we receive! Breakfast will be in the Laconia Rod & Gun function hall. We will have music, play games, arts & crafts and of course a visit from Santa Claus who brings a gift for every child. Past years we have had approximately 140+ kids attend this amazing event.

Please mail your donations to the above address, make checks payable to the Laconia Rod & Gun with Santa Jam 2024 in the memo. You can call to request a pickup of your thoughtful donation.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy Holidays!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the
ROD AND GUN CLUB
358 So. Main St., Laconia (Next to Vista)





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



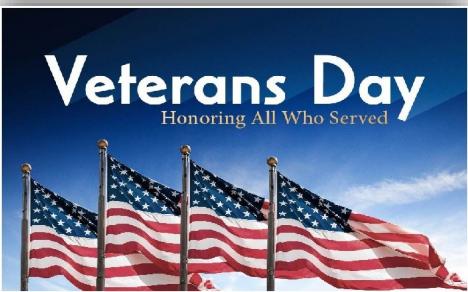
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS FALL BACK

Set Your Clocks BACK an Hour

Sunday, November 3,
2024



*City Hall will be closed on
Monday, November 11th
in honor of Veterans Day*



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Veterans Day is Monday, 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, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11.**



MST MID-STATE TRANSIT

NEED HELP GETTING
TO THE POLLS? CALL
ON MST!

VOTER SHUTTLE SERVICE

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

- This **free service** will pick up individuals from home or work, drop off at the requested polling location and will return a short time later for the return trip making it very convenient to get out and vote this election cycle!

- Call in advance to schedule but no later than 2:30 pm the day before election day.

- Available to any voting age Merrimack County or Belknap County resident in the MST service area going to the polls.

About the Voter Shuttle Service

Mid-State Transit (MST) is pleased to announce it is adding a special Voter Shuttle bus service to help Belknap and Merrimack residents get to the polls on November 5 for the general election! Call to schedule before 2:30 pm Monday, November 4, 2024.

Call today to reserve a seat at 603-225-1989

MST is a service of CAPBM
603.225.3295
2 Industrial Park Dr., Concord



Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol

Read by Cedric Flower

TUESDAY,

DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:00 PM

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKEPORT
23 PARK ST, LACONIA

Immerse yourself in the joyful spirit of the holiday season with a special reading performance of this cherished Christmas classic.



A special holiday event with the Laconia Historical & Museum Society and the United Baptist Church of Lakeport.

SAVE THE DATE

Tickets on sale November 1st



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.

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.

Family Craft Day
The first and third Saturday of every month
10 am. - 1 pm.

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www.belknapmill.org



Calise Houle (center) owner/manager of Happy Cow Ice Cream Shop, presents a check to Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation which represents a portion of proceeds from sales over the October 18th weekend as part of LRSF's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest. Happy Cow has been an avid supporter of this annual fundraiser. Receiving the check from Calise are Chris Guilmett (l) Assistant Director of Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and Karen Switzer (r) Executive Director of Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Photos of all the displays of LRSF's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest can be seen on the Pumpkin Figure Contest page of their [website](http://www.lrsf.org).



6TH ANNUAL SANTA SHUFFLE
SATURDAY/ NOVEMBER 30 / 9AM

Fun Run & Elf Walk
Families, kids and pets welcome!
Costumes encouraged.
Raffles and snacks.

SIGN UP
SCAN QR CODE

DONATIONS
GLADLY ACCEPTED
To benefit
Downtown Gym Gems
Challenge Team for the Greater
Lakes Region Children's Auction

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603-581-9392 | 171 FAIR ST. LACONIA NH

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



The City of Laconia needs your help!

We are looking for a Laconia resident to serve as a Trustee of the Trust Funds for the City. This is a three-member Board appointed by the Laconia City Council.

The Trustees are in charge of all trust funds donated or bequeathed to the City. They oversee the investment of those funds and distribute income and principal in accordance with the purposes for which the trusts were established.

Trustees' meetings are held quarterly, and at other times throughout the year as necessary. Meetings are held at Laconia City Hall during normal business hours.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Trustee of the Trust Funds, applications can be completed and submitted online by clicking on the following link:

<https://laconianh.gov/390/Boards-Commissions>

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Mayor Andrew Hosmer welcomed fourth graders and staff from Pleasant Street School recently when they visited Laconia City Hall.

Shown left in the Armand A. Bolduc Council Chambers is Mayor Hosmer speaking to the group about local government and the role of the Mayor.

We hope to see you all again soon on a future visit!



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 Riverside Arena, which burned, July 28, 1950, had been in the news, 75 years ago this week in 1949, when the Independent Order of Odd Fellows had just acquired the building. (See this week's '75 Years Ago.') Originally built as a court house, around 1820, it had been moved across the street in 1893, when a new brick Court House was built on the original site, and served as the Peoples Church and then as an armory until a new State Armory was built on Union Avenue in 1927. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Jeweler Richard Gove's first mansion, at far right, is seen in both photos. (The former Davison Garage, now Landmark Self Storage, at 77 Court St., is located behind the Gove Mansion.) New structures, following the 1950 fire, include the near building, occupied by MND North America-East and, behind it, completed in 1952, the Laconia Masonic Association, containing Mount Lebanon Lodge of Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows — which replaced the Riverside Arena, lost in 1950. The Walgreens Pharmacy, at far left, opened in 2009. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Nutcracker Christmas Fair

St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall (Gym)

31 Gilford Avenue (Sacred Heart Campus)

Friday, November 8, 2024 5 - 8 P.M.

Saturday, November 9, 2024 9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

"O Christmas Tree"

Decorated Tree Raffle

"Home Sweet

Home"

Pre-Owned

Items for the

Home

"Snow Queen"
Raffle Table

"Fritz's Silent Auction"

"Cookies To Go"

Homemade
Baked Goods

"Herr Drosselmeyer
Magical Surprise"
Theme Baskets

FR. MARC'S
FAMOUS
PORK PIES

"Sweet Treat"
Candy Shop

"Tchaikovsky's"
Jewelry Table



The Story Book Café
Opens at 11:00 am

Now Accepting MasterCard and Visa



FOREIGNERS JOURNEY



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COLONIAL THEATRE
LACONIA



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Too much trash or recycling for your containers!

Residents of single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes can obtain additional containers from the City through the Additional Container Program.

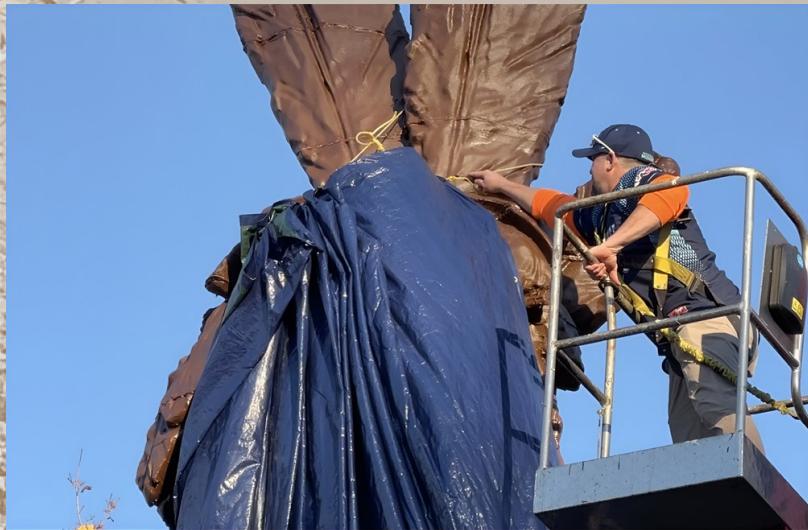
Eligible residents for an annual fee can receive this service. The fee is for a calendar year. Residents can begin obtaining their service now although the first year's fee is for 2025.

The cost for the service for the first year is:

Recycle only	Trash only	One set
\$429.00	\$503.00	\$832.00

For more information call
Laconia Public Works at 603-528-6379

The Return of New Hampshire's Whispering Giant



Click on the photo above for a video of the recent unveiling of "The Defiant One".



Thank You!

Our thanks to W. Stephen Loughlin for providing these images to help commemorate this special day.

OBITUARY



Keewakwa Abenaki Keenahbeh
a/k/a "The Defiant One"
(1984 – 2019)

Click on the image above to read "The Defiant One's" Obituary and to view a video of the original dedication ceremony from 1984.





Capture the joy of learning and discovery! Our after-school programs provide a safe and engaging environment where students can explore new skills, collaborate with friends, and ignite creativity. From hands-on activities to exciting team projects, each moment is designed to inspire curiosity and growth.

Check out these snapshots of students thriving in Elm Street School's Project Extra Program adventures!



Please see the above pictures from a recent assembly honoring the Middle School Girls' 3rd place finish at States and the Boys' State Championship. Congratulations to all!



Nov 9: 9am-1pm
 Nov 23: 9am-1pm
 Nov 29: 9am-1pm
 Nov 30: 9am-1pm
 Dec 7-9: 9am-1pm
 Belknap Marketplace



To volunteer register online at <https://signup.com/go/jbXbpcx>
 Questions: Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org

American Red Cross
 CPR/AED Class @
 The Downtown Gym!



Saturday, November 9th, 2024:

10:30am-12:00pm

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED

Participants will be trained how to recognize emergencies, contact EMS, demonstrate how to check a responsive or unresponsive victim, how to care for an adult with a breathing/choking emergency and care for them if in cardiac arrest. 2 hours e-learning on your own time. 1.5 hours of skill time at Downtown Gym. 2 year certification.

Price: \$70.00 payable the day of class (cash, check or Venmo)

Please pre- register with Anna by November 1st, 2024:

aswanson@pbhha.org

THE
**DOWN
 TOWN**
 GYM



A Matter of Balance

Granite VNA

Opechee Room
 780 North Main Street, Laconia

**Mondays,
 November 4 - December 23**
 10 a.m. - Noon

Inclement weather date, December 30

You're as young as you feel!

Don't let the fear of falling limit your activities!
 "A Matter of Balance" classes provide you the tools
 needed to gain confidence and learn simple fall
 prevention strategies including home safety and
 physical activity.

Registration required.



St. Mary's Bank

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664,
 visit granitevna.org/calendar,
 or scan QR code.

CELEBRATE LACONIA LIGHTS FESTIVAL 2024

Click [here](#) for more information

Belknap Mill Quilters Guild - Lakes Region, NH

The Belknap Quilter's Guild will present a lecture by Pat Speth "Five Inch is a Cinch", November 13 at 6:45 pm at the Belknap Mill. Fee is \$5.00 for nonmembers. Please contact Cheryl Goldenberg at twin2th29@gmail.com for more information.

According to Pat Speth's website (patspeth.com), Pat's quilting was as follows. It began in 1988 when she purchased a wool quilt batting from her Grandmother's auction. "I checked out a stack of quilt books from the library and fell in love with the patterns and designs, I knew I could not stop with just one quilt."

Pat started working with 5 inch squares as a basis for her quilt making in 1993 after attending her first retreat. She was asked to do a program for her guild in 1997 using the 5" squares, which gave her the push to explore new uses and techniques for working with the squares. Pat, while working a full time job, started on the book, *Nickel Quilts* in 1998 and was able to have it ready for the publishers in June 2001. After juggling her full time job and her quilting for many years, Pat moved into a full time quilting career in July 2003. "I have found my passion in life, and I can't imagine doing anything else."

Five Inch is a Cinch

How Nickel Quilts Are Created –This trunk show is sure to get quilters fired up about using 5" squares of fabric and many of the ideas can also be adapted for using other precuts; such as 2 1/2" strips and layer cakes. Pat will show a great assortment of quilts from her collection and will focus on the blocks in the quilts and the simple components they are made from. Quilts for all skill levels will be shown.



WINTER PARKING BAN

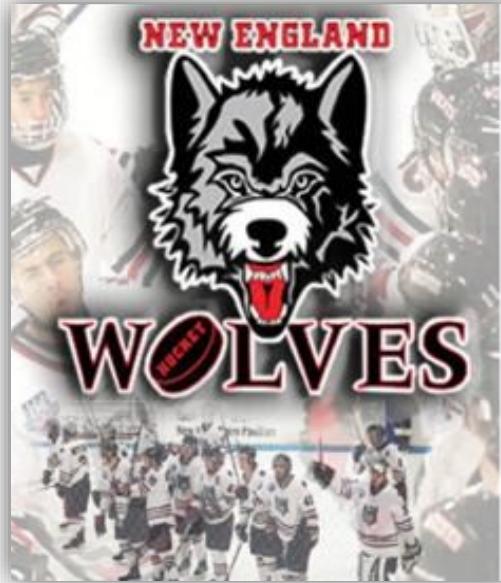
Winter parking ban begins Nov. 1st



As of November 1st, vehicles and trailers cannot be parked on a public street from midnight to 6:30 am. This ban allows Public Works crews to plow snow piles back against the curb and clear snow from the streets when there is little traffic on the street.

Vehicles parked on a public street during this time may be ticketed or towed at the discretion of the Chief of Police or the Public Works Director. The fine for parking on a public street during these hours is \$25.00.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Don't miss this New England Wolves game coming soon!

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

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1:45 pm: Bridgewater Bandits vs New England Wolves

We hope to see you there!





LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

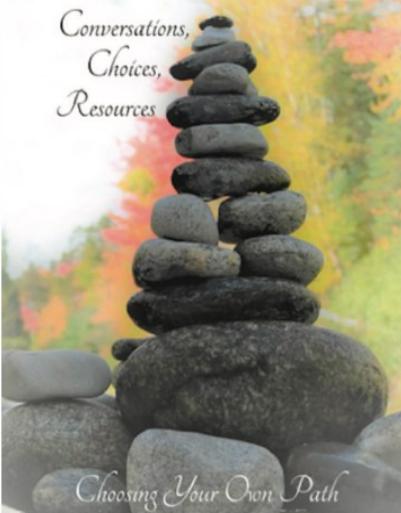
NOVEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Activities are subject to change *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal				1 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
4 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10—Coffee Social	5 10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30 —Pasta Bolognaise Sauce	6 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	7 10—Fraud & Scams (TD Bank) 10:30: Franklin VNA BP Clinic 11:30— Meatloaf & Gravy	8 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong
11 Closed for Holiday 	12 10—Puzzles, Games, Ping Pong/Corn Hole 11:30 —Southwestern Texas Stew	13 9:45 Medicare Information w/PPH 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	14 9:30—Crafts w/Mona 10:30—Visiting Angels Presentation 11:30— Shepherd's Pie	15 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
18 10—Coffee Social 10:30—Knit & Crochet	19 10:30-James Tremblay Band (Special Music) 11:30— American Chop Suey	20 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	21 Give Thanks! 11:30— Thanksgiving Dinner	22 9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong
25 10—Movie & Snack 	26 UNH Ext: Snack Smart, Stretch Strong @ 10:30 11:30— Chicken Parmesan	27 10-12 Prize Bingo	28 Closed for Holiday 	29 Closed for Holiday 

Navigating Life's Final Journey, A Program on Finding the Way with Peace and Dignity

Navigating Life's Final Journey

*Conversations,
Choices,
Resources*



Many of us plan ahead for big events, or to arrange our finances. But few people plan for the last stage of life. Have you given some thought to personal and necessary preparations for when the time arrives? Adults of all ages are invited to attend a free program to hear about this hard topic in a gentle, caring way, and gain vital insights on how to direct final care challenges and needs. The medical maze can often be confusing - come learn how to navigate this frequently overwhelming path with a sense of confidence.

Saturday, November 9th from 9:00am - 12:00pm

Gilford Community Church at 19 Potter Hill Road
Light refreshments provided.

Led by Patricia "Pat" O'Connor, Nurse Practitioner with 40 yrs experience in Palliative Medicine and Hospice.

More details about Pat are available at patocwriter.com

Hosted by Gilford Community Church & Wesley Woods - Homes in Gilford

RSVP to Melissa at Church Office by Wed, Nov. 6th

Phone: (603) 524-6057

Provide name, phone & number attending.



***Curbside
recycling will
be picked up
the week of
Nov. 4!***



Annual Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair Nov. 9!

Start your holiday shopping early at the Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair!

Volunteers at Taylor Community are busy gathering items donated by the residents, organizing and pricing them for the event to be held on Saturday, November 9, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Woodside Building, located at 435 Union Avenue in Laconia. In addition to these gently used items of all kinds, local crafters will be there selling their creations. You'll find seasonal and holiday decorations, quilted pieces, photography, baked goods, jewelry, jams and jellies, and handmade greeting cards, to name a few.

Proceeds from the Indoor Yard Sale, crafter table rentals, the bake sale and the jewelry table are donated to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction and the TC Sunshine Fund. Come early for the best selection, find a special treasure, and support a good cause!



37th Annual Debra Bieniarz Award

Do you know someone in the community who has gone above and beyond for the youth in Laconia? If so, please consider nominating them for this year's Debra Bieniarz Award!!

Each year the Laconia City Council is proud to present this award to a resident of the City based on his/her outstanding service to the youth of our community. This award was established 37 years ago in memory of Police Officer Debra Bieniarz who served the City and its youth with devotion, dedication and distinction. In her honor it's time again to present this award to someone who, like late Officer Bieniarz, has selflessly, tirelessly and enthusiastically improved the lives of our younger generation.

Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2024. 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. There is no nomination form to fill out, just use your own words to describe what makes your nominee special to our community and its youth, and why they should be considered for this year's award. Please call (603) 527-1270 if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you!

LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS

TIM SAMPLE *Maine's Native Humorist*



**Friday, Nov. 15, 2024 at 7pm
at The Colonial Theater Laconia, NH**

After 50 plus years as a performer, Tim is retiring next year. ..Don't miss this last chance to enjoy Tim's comedy performance, guaranteed "family friendly". There's absolutely no foul language, no angry, mean spirited "jokes", just a refreshing evening of laughter and fun for all ages.

**FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING
TUES., OCT. 29TH 10AM-2PM**

Three options to secure tickets:

1. Pickup at Colonial Theater Box Office located at 609 Main Street, Laconia, NH. Box office open Beginning Tues., Oct. 29 from 10 am - 2 pm.
2. Online at www.coloniallaconia.com
3. Call 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 will be available
day of show at 6:45 pm*

Colonial Theater, 609 Main Street, Laconia, NH. Box office is open Tues. Through Fri. 10 am - 2 pm.

City of Laconia

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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.



Did you know that 30 minutes of exercise 5 times a week can reduce your risk of stroke by 25%?

Try the Greater Than Challenge: get moving to help stay healthy.

Learn more about stroke prevention at:
<https://go.medicare.gov/4e6f348>



City Meetings

Week of:
November 4 - 8

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:**

Water Commission

November 4, 2024, 5:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Planning Board

November 4, 2024, 6:30 pm

[Agenda](#)

Special Events Review Committee

November 6, 2024, 12:00 noon

[Agenda](#)

Board of Assessors

November 7, 2024, 5:30 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
Codes Director Joe Gray	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Economic Development &.....	527-1270
Housing - Director - Joia Hughes	
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:
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