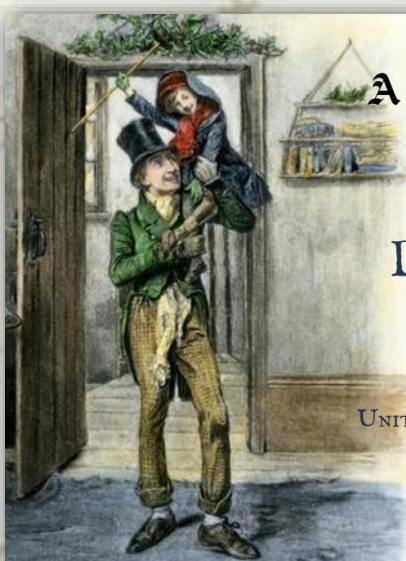


November 15, 2024 - Edition

*It's time to mark your calendar for all of this year's festivities, including the Holiday Parade and decorating of trees in Stewart Park and Rotary Park!*



Charles Dickens  
**A Christmas Carol**

Read by Cedric Flower

**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 10TH**

**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.



**An Original Reading  
of "A Christmas  
Carol"**

On December 27, 1853, Charles Dickens held his first public reading of "A Christmas Carol," embarking on a notable tour in the U.S. His performances conveyed a powerful message of compassion and hope, enhancing the story's legacy and impact.

The Laconia Historical  
& Museum Society, in

**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).



partnership with the United Baptist Church of Lakeport, invites you to immerse yourself in the joyful spirit of the holiday season with a special reading performance of this cherished Christmas classic. Based on Dickens's original reading text, this unique rendition offers a captivating glimpse into the magic experienced in the 19th century.

The event will be held at the beautiful United Baptist Church sanctuary on Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:00 p.m. It promises to be an unforgettable experience that inspires and uplifts! The presenter, Cedric Flower, began his acting career at Laconia High School in 1955. He served in the U.S. Navy and earned a degree in theater and history from the University of New Hampshire. While teaching at Portsmouth Senior High School, he founded "Theater by the Sea." He continued to act and teach throughout New England until retiring at 70. Today he resides in Laconia with his wife and continues to act.

Tickets are available for \$15 per person and can be purchased through the LHMS website [here](https://www.laconiahistory.com). For those wishing to pay by check, please make it payable to LHMS and mail it to PO Box 1126, Laconia, NH 03246 by Wednesday, December 3rd. Members of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society and congregants of the United Baptist Church of Lakeport receive a discounted rate of \$12.00. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a cherished holiday tradition that will warm your heart!

For more information, visit [laconiahistory.com](https://www.laconiahistory.com) or follow LHMS on Facebook and Instagram.



# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 11/18

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

KID

TUES 11/19

Fiction Book Group @10am - "Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop"

ADULT

TUE 11/19

Teen Craft @3:30pm - Sun prints!

TEEN

WED 11/20

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

KID

THU 11/21

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

KID

FRI 11/22

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

KID

FRI 11/22

Sherwood Frazier Fine Art Photography Reception @3pm

ADULT

MON 11/25

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

KID

TUE 11/26

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

KIDS

TUE 11/26

Teen Craft @3:30pm - Roll-up beeswax candles!

TEEN

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

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text: (603) 556-4666

email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto: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



Saturday, 1-4 pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

### Holiday Wreath Making

Wreaths made from natural greenery are traditionally festive at this time of year. Learn a little about the history and symbolism of wreaths while you make and decorate your very own using natural materials.

Nov  
**30**  
2024



Saturday 10 am-12pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

### Yule Log & Nature Ornament Making

Interested in the natural beauty of the season? Join us as we craft yule logs and beautiful ornaments using nature's bounty. Yule logs were traditionally decorated and burned at celebrations of the Winter Solstice. Today they're often used as holiday decorations signifying the season of lights. Decorate your own yule log and other nature ornaments and let it be part of your family's tradition in any way that works for you!

Dec  
**7**  
2024



Saturday 2-4pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

### Felted Ornaments

Join us to learn the basics of needle felting, and create your own festive ball-style wool ornament to "deck your halls" this season.

Dec  
**7**  
2024

Additional programs, series, and registration details

[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

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



## Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday, 10 am-12 pm Preregistration Required  
\$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members

### Holiday Yeast Breads

The flavors of the holidays shine in seasonal sweetbreads. Join us in our teaching kitchen as we learn about baking yeast-raised sweetbreads and create a traditional holiday loaf of your own to take home and finish in your own oven.

Nov  
**16**  
2024



Saturday, 1-3 pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

### Felted Soap

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!**

Nov  
**16**  
2024



Saturday, 10 am-2 pm Preregistration Required  
\$40 (Non-Members); \$25 for Members

### Handmade Holiday Pies

Homemade pies reminiscent of grandma's start with fresh, seasonal ingredients and are baked from scratch. Participants will first learn how to make your own pie crust, then learn the secrets of fruit and custard-filled pies. Bring your two pies home to enjoy or freeze them to share during the upcoming holidays! Participants should bring a bag lunch for this 4 hour class.

Nov  
**23**  
2024

Additional programs, series, and registration details

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## Gilford Community Church Hosts November Gals' Night Out

The Gilford Community Church is hosting their next "Gals' Night Out" on Friday, November 15, 2024, at 6pm. This month's program will feature a discussion about the Titanic with Linda Barry, along with a delicious dinner catered by Ellie Murphy. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in the church office.

Linda Barry lives in Gilford and has been pondering the tale of the Titanic for much of her life. "A marine disaster of epic proportions. The story of the Titanic lives on, over a century after its sinking. And why does it continue to grip our imagination and attention? Many tales of disaster result in most dying OR rescuers arrive and most are saved. The Titanic was a mix: 1500 died and 700 lived. On November 15th, we will step back in time and reflect on the passing of an age through Titanic's story," said Barry.

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd, the Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open community that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Viewable live on YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. To learn more about GCC, or virtually attend service, visit [gilfordcommunitychurch.org](http://gilfordcommunitychurch.org).



### ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA

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

NOVEMBER 2024

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b>  Local Warmline: 1-800-366-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!  Local Mental Health Agency:  Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100  CALL OR TEXT 988 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!  Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the: NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
					1 10a Self Kindness 11a Managing Anxiety & Depression 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 1p One to One w/ Wayne or Erika 2p Socialization Skills
	4 10a Community/Member Meeting 11a Creative Writing 12p Let's Move! 1p Empowerment Group for Daily Struggles 2p Stress Management	5 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)	6 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 11a Shopping Trip to Walmart sign up by 11/1 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	7 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Wellness Goals 1p Rock Painting 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	8 <b>CLOSED FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>
	11 <b>CLOSED/HOLIDAY Veteran's Day</b> 	12 10a Inspirational Stories 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	13 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 11a Trip to St. Vincent w/ Erika sign up required by 11/1 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	14 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Wellness Goals 1p Let's Move 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	15 10a Inner Healing 11a Managing Anxiety & Depression with Wayne 12p Music Trivia 1p Positive Affirmations 1p One to One w/ Wayne or Erika 2p Socialization Skills
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# 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SANTA SHUFFLE

**SATURDAY/ NOVEMBER 30 / 9AM**

**Fun Run & Elf Walk**

Families, kids  
and pets welcome!  
Costumes encouraged.  
Raffles and snacks.



**SIGN UP  
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or visit  
[DowntownGymLaconia.com](http://DowntownGymLaconia.com)

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# HOLIDAY CONCERTS

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2024:  
COLONIAL THEATRE, LACONIA, 7PM**

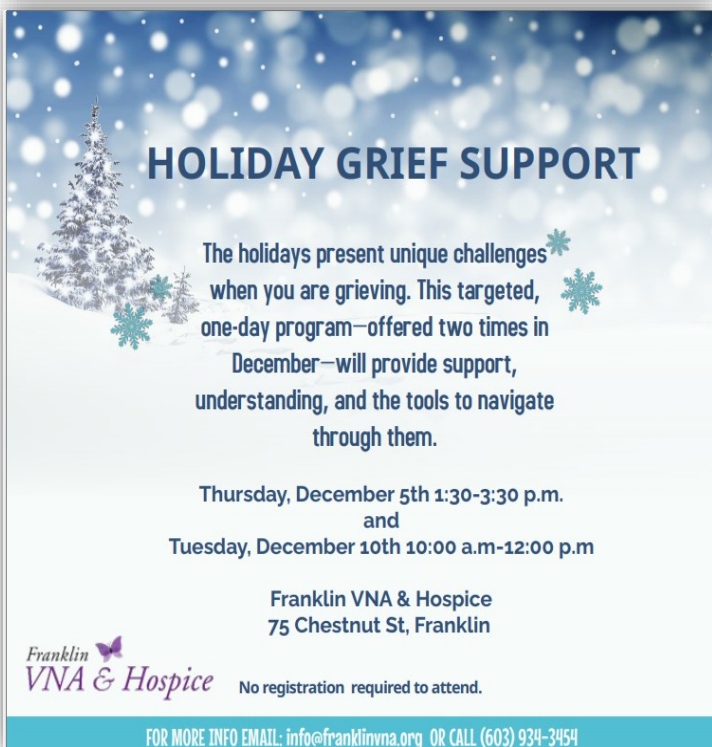
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024:  
INTER-LAKES AUDITORIUM, MEREDITH, 3PM**

**TICKETS: WWW.LRSO.ORG  
\$10 - \$30**

**FEATURING  
RACHEL AND ALEX HUNTON**

**Cupples  
CAR COMPANY**

**FAY'S  
BOAT YARD**  
INCORPORATED  
ON LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE - EST. 1944

## HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT

The holidays present unique challenges\*  
when you are grieving. This targeted,  
one-day program—offered two times in  
December—will provide support,  
understanding, and the tools to navigate  
through them.

Thursday, December 5th 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
and  
Tuesday, December 10th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m

Franklin VNA & Hospice  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Franklin  
**VNA & Hospice**

No registration required to attend.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: [info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org) OR CALL (603) 934-3454



**COLONIAL  
THEATRE**  
Laconia

## COMING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

**11/20** ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH EXPERIENCE:  
**A JOHN DENVER CHRISTMAS**

**11/30** SAFE HAVEN BALLET PRESENTS:  
**THE NUTCRACKER**

**12/3** VIENNA BOYS CHOIR  
CHRISTMAS IN VIENNA

**12/7** LAKES REGION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS:  
**"TAKE A BOUGH!"**

**12/8** EILEEN IVERS  
JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

**12/13-15** POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS:  
**A CHRISTMAS CAROL:  
THE MUSICAL GHOST STORY**

**12/17** CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS

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# 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](http://www.granitevna.org/calendar).

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SMALL**  
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Small Business Saturday is Saturday, November 30th! Shop our local businesses owned by your friends and neighbors and support the local economy. Discover the unique businesses in our community that make Laconia special!



## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD WANTED!!

Gather all of those corrugated cardboard boxes you're sure to accumulate this holiday season...flatten them down, pile them up and bring them to the bin behind the City garage at 257 Messer St. to be compacted and recycled!

Cardboard recycling is clean and easy. Corrugated cardboard only please! No cereal, soda/beer or shoe boxes, and no bubble wrap or air pillows. Please help us save solid waste/recycling tax dollars by dropping off your cardboard.

Cardboard recycling is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Questions? Please call DPW  
at 603-528-6379.*



## FREE INFORMATION SESSION ON-LINE

### Pollinator Gardens and Assessing/Planting on Contaminated Sites



Nov 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 2:45 PM

Zoom event

Information session for municipal staff, conservation organizations, and interested public on identifying and potential use of contaminated lots for pollinator plantings.

RSVP by Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Email: [lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net](mailto:lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net)

Once you register by email, a session link will be sent to you

If you call 603-527-5880 to register, please provide an email address.

#### Topics

Navigating NH DES One Stop Mapper to Id Contaminated Sites

Brownfields Testing and Assessing Assistance from Planning Commission

Pollinator Gardens – potential on contaminated sites

#### Presentations:

One-Stop Mapper- Contamination Sites

NH Dept of Environmental Services, Melinda Bubier

Brownfields Program Assistance for Lakes Region communities

Lakes Region Planning Commission, Matthew Rose

Pollinator Gardens and Xerces Society case-study

Xerces Society – USDA/NRCS , Catherine Coverdale



For more information:

Belknap County Conservation District

Call/Text 603-527-5880

Email: [lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net](mailto:lisa.morin@nh.nacdnet.net)

A joint program of the Belknap, Hillsborough, and Merrimack County Conservation Districts funded thorough the National Association of Conservation Districts.





## 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 **November 25, 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:

**SOLICITING INPUT ON THE DRAFT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PLAN PER RSA 53-E: 6V**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

# Children Christmas PARTY

**15th Dec 2024-1:00PM**

**Deadline for sign-ups 29th Nov**  
Newborn - 12 years old  
(Sign up at the post)

**LOCATION**

VFW POST 1670  
143 Court Street  
Laconia, NH 03246

- **Cookie Walk**
- **Sundae Buffet**
- **Surprise visit from Santa**

Any questions please contact the VFW @ 603-524-9725 during normal business hours

## LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, Nov 21st, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

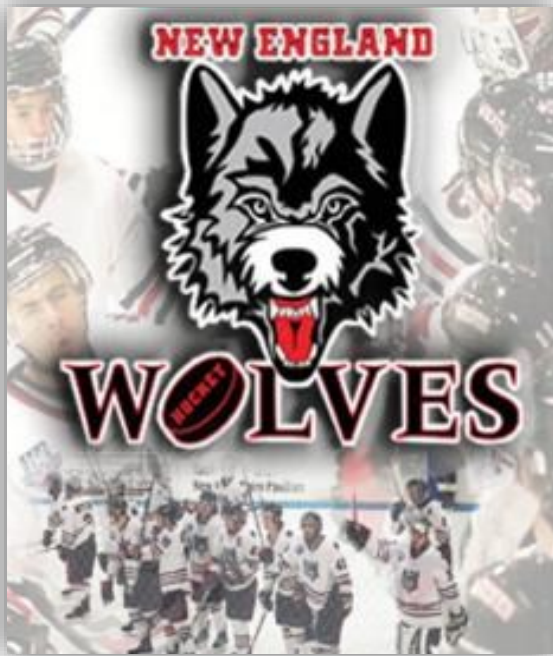
The Zoom invite link to join is on our website at:

[www.laconiahousing.org/board-info](http://www.laconiahousing.org/board-info)

Questions? Please call us at: 603-524-2112

*City Hall will be closed on  
November 28 and 29  
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.*





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

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

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Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:15 pm:  
Seahawks vs. New England Wolves

Sunday, Nov. 17, 11:30 am:  
Valley Jr. Warriors vs. New England Wolves

EHLP

Saturday, Nov. 16, 4:15 pm:  
Seahawks vs. Premier New England Wolves

We hope to see you there!

## Public Works Department

### THANKSGIVING Solid Waste Collection Delay

#### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

#### Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 28th.

There will be A ONE (1) DAY DELAY in  
curbside collection of trash as follows:

Thursday collections will be on Friday  
Friday collections will be on Saturday

Any questions, please call DPW  
@ (603) 528-6379

**Please also note that the Transfer  
Station will be closed on Thanksgiving Day,  
but will be open on Friday and Saturday,  
November 29 and 30.**



## Feelin' Fine! Barbershop Quartet Concert

Sunday November 17th at 3:00 pm



Tickets for \$25 per person may be purchased at the door  
or reserved by calling 603-848-2469 or emailing  
[uusl@myfairpoint.net](mailto:uusl@myfairpoint.net).

Enjoy beautiful harmonies of favorite songs and join in the fun  
of a rousing sing-along. Intermission with refreshments.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia  
172 Pleasant Street, Laconia, NH



# Beginnings



**FEB 22**

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(l to r) Don McLelland, Vice President, Laura Larson, Treasurer, Chris Guilmett, Gayle Price, President and Karen Switzer

## **LAKES REGION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP**

The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce that Christopher Guilmett has been promoted to Interim Executive Director of the Foundation following the announcement by Karen Switzer, Executive Director, of her upcoming retirement!

Chris has been in the position of Assistant Director for three years and has been instrumental in successful fundraising campaigns, representing the Foundation at countless community events and together with Karen, managing the daily operations of the Foundation. "He is well-prepared to follow in Karen's footsteps, and continue the strong leadership and community commitment by the LRSF," said Gayle Price, Board Chairperson of LRSF. "Karen's decade of leadership has given

strength to the organization, positioning it for the future and the next transition. The Board of Directors wishes to express their sincerest gratitude for Karen's service, and feel very confident in Guilmett's commitment and leadership in this next chapter! We are thrilled that Karen Switzer will remain as Director throughout this transition and beyond and continue to foster the Foundations Mission with staff, Board of Directors, Donors and the greater community."

Chris resides in Laconia with his family and is a native of the Lakes Region. His familiarity of the foundation began early, with his mother and aunt serving the organization when he was a teenager. As a recipient of scholarship himself when going to college, he experienced the value and importance of charitable gifting.







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# 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](http://granitevna.org/calendar),  
or scan QR code.

**Curbside  
recycling will  
be picked up  
the week of  
Nov. 18!**



**Art &  
Coffee Club**  
*Thursdays 9 am - 11 am*

**Belknap Mill Museum**  
*Where Art and History come to life!*  
25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)

**City of Laconia 2025 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar**

Recycling in Laconia is collected at your curb every other week in 2025. Your trash collection is every week. Please place your trash and mixed paper and commingled containers at the curb by 6:00 am. The recycling collection will be on the shaded weeks as follows:

Collection will be delayed one day after the holiday during these weeks.

Curbside leaf collection Recycling collection week

January	February	March	April
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**2025 Curbside Collection Holidays**  
New Year's Day: Wednesday, 1/1  
Memorial Day: Monday, 5/26  
Independence Day: Friday, 7/4  
Labor Day: Monday, 9/1  
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, 11/27  
Christmas Day: Thursday, 12/25

**LACONIA RECYCLES**  
Recycling is easy, economical and environmentally necessary!  
Your recycling efforts save natural resources and return recycling for reuse.

**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**  
Please call DPW at 603-528-6379 with questions

**The new  
2025  
Curbside/  
Recycling  
Collection  
Calendar  
is now  
available!**

**Click on the calendar image above  
for a full-sized version, or pick up a  
copy at the Department of Public  
Works or the City Clerk's Office.**





## The 43rd Annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction to be held Dec. 10-13 at the Belknap Marketplace

The 43rd annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 13 at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

The auction occurs live at the marketplace and airs daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. A variety of items will be up for bid each day, and friends and neighbors from throughout the community will appear on the set. Watch the event on Lakes Region Public Access television; viewers can tune into Channel 25. The auction will also stream live at [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org), on The Laconia Daily Sun's website at [laconiadailysun.com](http://laconiadailysun.com) and on [Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction](https://Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction). Listen to the auction each day with Zack Derby and friends at Lakes 101.5 FM.

On Friday, Dec. 13, auction volunteers will come together to announce the total funds raised for children and families in need.

Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the auction, is thrilled to have the event at the Belknap Marketplace. "We are grateful to everyone at the marketplace for welcoming our hundreds of auction volunteers into their space," she said. "The auction is such a valuable community event. Business leaders throughout the Lakes Region continue to show their generosity as we raise funds to financially support local children and families in need."

George Vernet, owner of Vernet Properties, which oversees the marketplace, said, "It is an honor to be associated with such an outstanding organization as the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. It provides so much to the Lakes Region community. The Belknap Marketplace looks forward to hosting this event that financially supports local children and families in need."

The auction will host its second annual family night on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Have your picture taken with Santa, meet the Grinch, build a toy in Santa's workshop, decorate holiday cookies, face paint, sing along with the Snow Family and hear holiday stories; children will get a free book courtesy of the local Kiwanis Club.

The auction still needs donations of new, unused, non-perishable items, big and small. Gift cards are always a hit with bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, toys and services.

Convenient item collection sites are now open throughout the region. Visit [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org) for details. And on Nov. 29 and 30, visit the collection site at the Belknap Marketplace and drop your items off between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also donate items on Dec. 7-9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Belknap Marketplace.

Bid online at [ChildrensAuction.org](http://ChildrensAuction.org) or over the phone during auction week at (603) 527-0999. Pre-bidding begins Friday, Nov. 29 online on items with a retail value of \$300 or more. Anyone can bid on these featured items as well as place a max bid on any item.

Sponsorship opportunities exist at every level. Email [Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org](mailto:Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org) or call (603) 527-0999 for more information on how your business can make a difference in the lives of children.

Follow the auction on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction](https://Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction); Instagram at [Instagram.com/childrensauction603/](https://Instagram.com/childrensauction603/); and LinkedIn at [Linkedin.com/company/greater-lakes-region-children-s-auction/](https://Linkedin.com/company/greater-lakes-region-children-s-auction/).







## Service Line Inventory and Replacement Program Notice

New federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) were issued to all water systems across the United States, requiring a detailed inventory of all service lines and their materials by October 16th, 2024. Laconia Water submitted our inventory of all 6570 services, and determined which services would require further attention (see chart below).

Service Line Material Classification	Definition	Total Number of Service Lines (REQUIRED to be reported under the LCRR)
Lead	Any portion of the service line is known to be made of lead. <sup>2</sup>	0
Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR)	The service line is not made of lead, but a portion is galvanized and the system is unable to demonstrate that the galvanized line was never downstream of a lead service line	57
Non-Lead	All portions of the service line are known NOT to be lead or GRR through an evidence-based record, method, or technique.	6,340
Lead Status Unknown	The service line material is not known to be lead or GRR. For the entire service line or a portion of it (in cases of split ownership), there is not enough evidence to support material classification.	173
	TOTAL	6,570

If you are an owner of a service line that is either unidentified, or needing replacement, you will receive a letter from Laconia Water Works containing more information. If you DO NOT receive a letter, this means that your service line is not requiring any further work at this time.

Our next course of action is to identify all unknown service materials, to then classify as needing replacement or acceptable as-is. Once all lines requiring replacement are identified, we will work with property owners to replace these lines before the federal requirement of 2037. For those owners with unknown lines or lines requiring replacement, sampling for lead is available to you at no cost. We would be happy to answer any questions and can be reached at the following:

### Service Line Inquiries

Nicholas Schwarz  
Project Manager  
(603)524-0901  
[nschwarz@laconianh.gov](mailto:nschwarz@laconianh.gov)

### Lead Sampling Inquiries

Eric Messier  
Water Quality Supervisor  
(603)524-1096  
[emessier@laconianh.gov](mailto:emessier@laconianh.gov)





# THE 603 FESTIVAL of Trees



Tree Raffle | Live Music by 603 Club Members

November 30th - December 3rd 2024

Saturday & Sunday 9 AM - 6 PM

Monday 10 AM - 7 PM

Tuesday 10 AM - 5 PM

*Come and Join*

603 United at the Belknap Marketplace  
96 Daniel Webster Highway,  
Belmont NH 03220

All of the proceeds are to benefit the 603  
United Scholarship Fund during our 100  
Days of Giving



Please join us for the 603 Festival of Trees November 30 through December 3rd at the Belknap Marketplace!

Come and enjoy a variety of decorated trees sponsored by local businesses and families. Trees and the items on them will be raffled.

Entry fee for those 15 and older is \$5, 2-14 years old is \$2, and under 2 years old is free. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the door.

If you would like to sponsor a tree go to the [603 United](#) website and find the link under the Events tab.

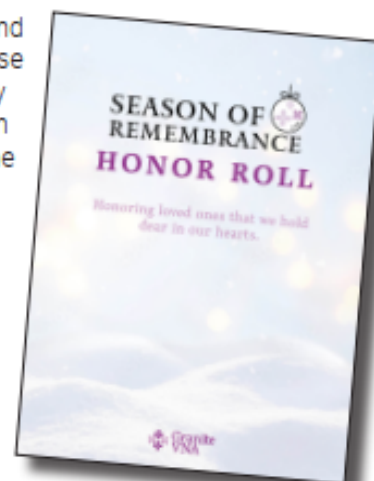


CELEBRATING  
**125**  
YEARS



## SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us in celebrating and remembering those close to you who have died by placing their name(s) on our online honor roll. The people you remember as part of **Season of Remembrance** need not have been part of the Granite VNA Hospice program, they only need to hold a special place in your heart.



Your donation to Granite VNA supports our hospice services and provides the means needed to serve all in our community regardless of a patient's ability to pay.



**New this year:**  
A handblown glass keepsake ornament from Granite VNA's Jeff Lamy will be sent to those who make a gift of \$250 or more.

## Participate Today!

Visit [granitevna.org](http://granitevna.org) or scan the QR code to submit names online!



30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH | Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro





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  
November 29, 2024\*\***

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



Want to volunteer for Family Fun Night on  
December 9th from 2:30-8:30pm?  
Email: [carol.stone@lrccs.org](mailto:carol.stone@lrccs.org)

### Donation Suggestions

#### Women:

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

#### Men:

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

#### Teens:

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

#### Kids:

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



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



### BRIDGES TO THE PAST LACONIA'S HISTORIC BRIDGES

Please join us for a discussion about Laconia's bridges  
November 23, 2024 - 10am - 11am  
Beiknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street East, Laconia

## Holiday FAIR

**FOOD, JEWELRY, PLANT SALE,  
HANDMADE CRAFTS,  
GIFT BASKET AUCTION,  
COOKIE WALK & MORE**

**SAT. NOVEMBER 16**

**FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM**

Congregational Church of Laconia  
18 Veterans Square, Laconia, NH

Bath buddies  
& pillowcases,  
personalizing by  
Sew Beautiful  
of NH





*Thanks!*

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

***2024 Collection Sites from 11/5-12/6***

Baron's Major Brands, 225 Daniel Webster Hwy, Belmont  
Belmont Fire Dept, 14 Gilmanton Rd, Belmont  
Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive N, Laconia  
Children's Dentistry, 369 Hounsell Ave Suite 1, Gilford  
Dox on Winnisquam, 927 Laconia Rd, Tilton  
Edward Jones, 164 NH Route 25, #1A, Meredith  
For Your Eyes Only, 517 Whittier Hwy, Moultonborough  
Franklin Savings Bank, 11 Sawmill Rd, Gilford  
Franklin Savings Bank, 933 Central Street, Franklin  
Gilford Country Store, 1934 Lake Shore Rd, Gilford  
Gilford Tennis & Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore, Gilford  
Grevior Furniture, 440 Central St, Franklin  
Irwin Automotive, 59 Bisson Ave & 446 Union Ave, Laconia  
Irwin Chevrolet, 623 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 Lakes Region 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  
WORKS Lakes Region, 51 Elm St #107, Laconia

**Auction is Dec 10-13th~ 9am-7pm, Belknap Marketplace**

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



# 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 Lakeport railroad yard is seen in the late 1860s, with various train sheds between the tracks and a primitive Union Avenue. Elm and Clinton streets are seen running left and right at bottom of photo. In mid-November 1899 — 125 years ago this week — The Laconia Democrat reported that a new Freight Depot would be completed this week. 'A gang of workmen' had 'already commenced to tear down the old freight station, and as the office in the new building is not yet in condition for occupancy, a passenger car has been fitted up to answer for an office until the new premises are ready.' In 1899, the freight depot was located to the north, beyond the white building at left. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

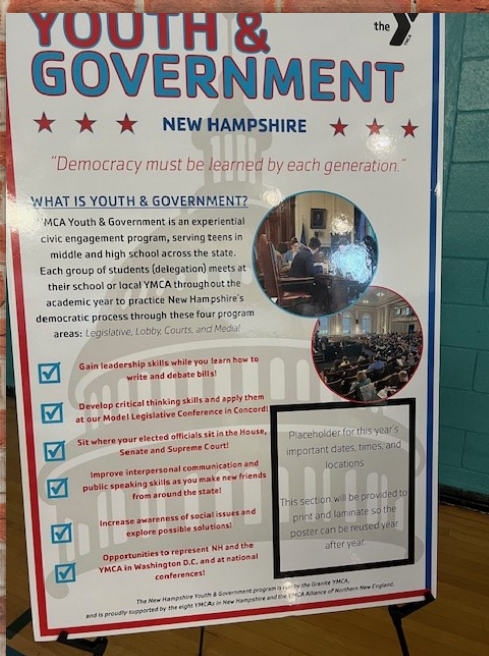
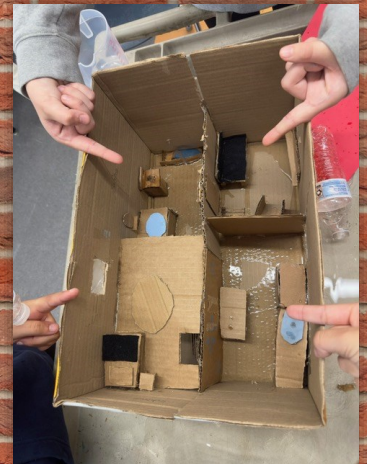
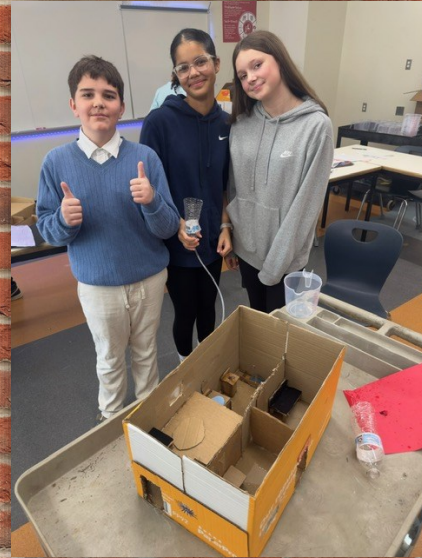
The new Passenger Depot (which extended to the right of the Christmas tree at left) opened to public use, Feb. 7, 1900, and remained in railroad service until 1953. The city purchased the structure in 1958 and located the Civil Defense office there. Eventually, in 1992, the station was moved to the Laconia Airport, where, in early 2001, it was finally disposed of by burning. The railroad tracks were moved to the left (west), in 1899, to make room for the new passenger station. The new 1900 Freight Depot is seen at center, with boxcar. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)





At the Laconia Middle School, STEM students have been hard at work designing and building model houses with working plumbing systems. As the first quarter wraps up, the groups have been testing their water systems and happily finding success.

LHS students attended the Youth & Government Training Conference & Annual Advisor Meeting on Friday, November 8th, 2024 to participate in workshops on bill writing and parliamentary procedure, caucus information, program areas and positions, and a word from the Youth Governor.







The Laconia Community Center will be CLOSED from Friday, November 15th through Sunday, December 15th for:



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER  
(603) 524-7689

## NOVEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

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



*Let the Holidays Begin!*

# CELEBRATE LACONIA LIGHTS FESTIVAL 2024



*It's going to be a great day!!  
[Click here](#) to read all about it!*



# WINTER PARKING BAN

Winter parking ban begins  
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!*



## NHIAA Events to be held at Laconia High School's Bank of NH Stadium and LHS Gymnasium!

Laconia High School is honored to be hosting some NHIAA (New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association) championship games.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us to cheer on the teams!

**Saturday, November 16**

Football Div. IV State Championship,  
1:00 pm

*See you there!*

## Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works.

There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street.

Residents can get a maximum of two five-gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

*Thanks and have a safe winter!*



**SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES**

**Buckle Up, Laconia!**

Remember, wearing your seat belt is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself and your loved ones while on the road. Let's make safety a priority and reduce the risk of injuries in crashes.

Buckle up, every trip, every time!  
Your life matters!



## Christmas Village!

December 5, 6, 7 & 8

Thursday & Friday 6:00 ~ 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 2:00 ~ 5:00pm\*

\*Saturday 10am - 12 noon - Senior Citizens Only

Sunday 10am - 12 noon Handicapped Only

FREE with donations accepted  
and appreciated. Come see Santa,  
Mrs. Claus and all their friends  
from the North Pole.

Laconia Community Center  
306 Union Avenue



## **Cookies Needed for Christmas Village!**

**A request to all of our talented bakers out there....  
Christmas Village needs your help! We are looking for  
a total of 300 dozen cookies to be passed out to our  
visitors at this year's Christmas Village.**

**So let's get baking and help contribute to the magic  
of Christmas Village. Cookies can be dropped off at the  
Parks and Rec Community Center (306 Union Avenue)  
during the first week in December between 8:30 am and  
4:30 pm. Your help is greatly appreciated! Questions?  
Please call Parks and Rec at 603-524-5046**



# City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall  
45 Beacon St. East  
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.



If you receive Social Security Administration or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, your payments will increase by 2.5 percent in 2025.

The increase is a Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) calculated each year.

Learn more and find out what it means for you by clicking on the image above.



## City Meetings

Week of:  
November 18 - 22

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

### Water Commission

November 18, 2024, 5:30 pm

#### Agenda

### Parks & Rec Commission

November 18, 2024, 6:00 pm

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

November 18, 2024, 6:30 pm

#### Agenda

### Conservation Commission

November 20, 2024, 6:00 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	
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:

[citycouncil@laconianh.gov](mailto:citycouncil@laconianh.gov)

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