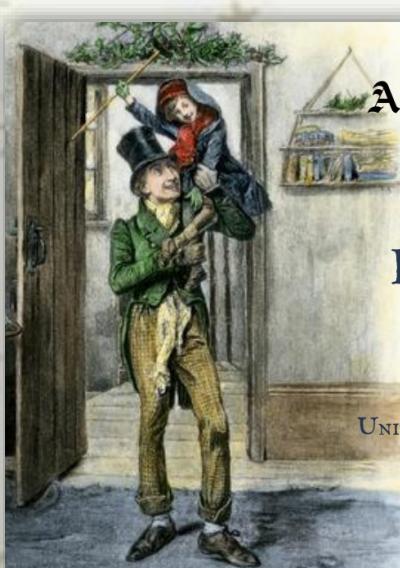




November 15, 2024 - Edition

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.



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](#). 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 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 & 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!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary
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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

 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.

 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!

 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.

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

 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.

 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!

 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.

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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:	ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA				
	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!					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
Local Mental Health Agency: Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100	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 CLOSED FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CALL OR TEXT 988 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!	11 CLOSED/HOLIDAY Veteran's Day 	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
Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the: NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	18 10a Coffee with Wayne 11a Creative Writing 12p Let's Move! 1p Empowerment Group for Daily Struggles 2p Stress Management	19 10a Inspirational Stories 11a Gratitude 12p Crock Pot Social 1p Self Care 2p Healthy Relationships 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Concord Center)	20 10a TED TALK 11a Art with Mona 11a Shopping Trip to Walmart sign up by 11/15 12p Game Time 1p Coping Skills 2p Neurodivergent Group with Tyler	21 10a SMART GOALS 11a Empathy 12p Wellness Goals 1p Let's Move 2p Laughing Group 5-6:30 Recovery Group (Laconia center)	22 CENTER OPENING AT 12:30 due to Professional Development 1p Positive Affirmations 1p One to One w/ Wayne or Erika 2p Socialization Skills
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SATURDAY / NOVEMBER 30 / 9AM

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Raffles and snacks.



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HOLIDAY CONCERTS



FEATURING
RACHEL AND ALEX HUNTON

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

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

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



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 OR CALL (603) 934-3454



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.

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**SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY**®



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 18th 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 17th Email: 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

A joint program of the Belknap, Hillsborough, and Merrimack County Conservation Districts funded through 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



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

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

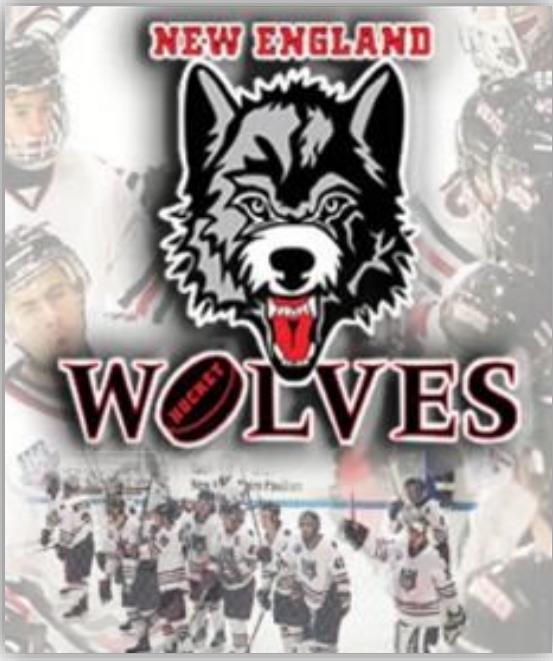
- **Cookie Walk**
- **Sundae Buffet**
- **Surprise visit from Santa**

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



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

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

EHL

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.

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



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(l to r) Don McLellan, 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.





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.



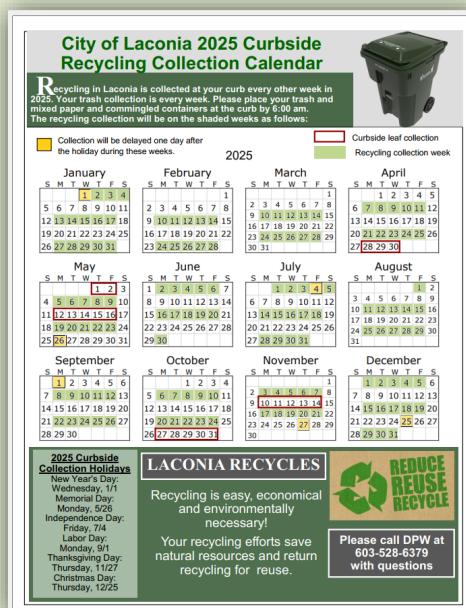
St. Mary's Bank

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

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



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, on The Laconia Daily Sun's website at laconiadailysun.com and on 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 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 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 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; Instagram at Instagram.com/childrensauction603/; and LinkedIn at 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. ²	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

Lead Sampling Inquiries

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



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.

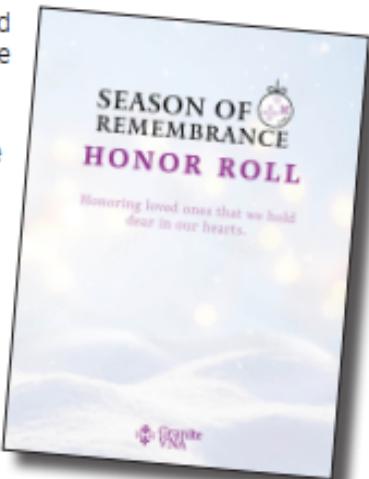
Entry fee for those 15 and older is \$5, 2-14 years old is \$2, and under 2 years old is free. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the door.

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



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 or scan the QR code to submit names online!





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, FFN

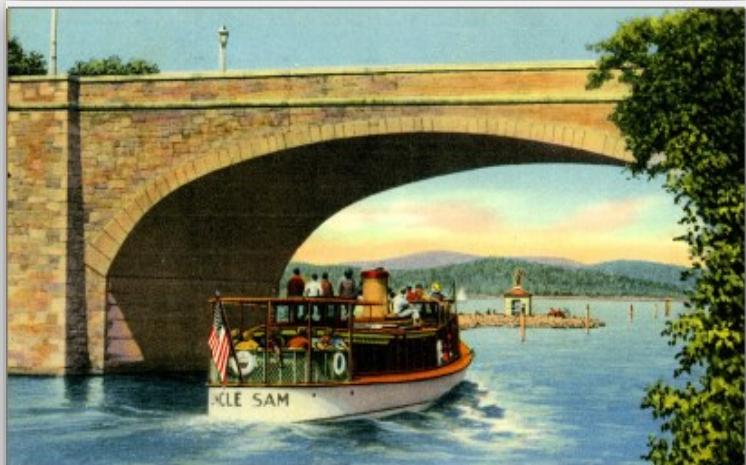


Want to volunteer for Family Fun Night on December 9th from 2:30-8:30pm?
Email: carol.stone@lrcs.org

Donation Suggestions							
Women:				Men:			
Candles	Lotions	Mugs	Sports Items				
Holiday décor	Scarfs	Tools	Calendars				
Picture frames	Mugs	Card Games	Gloves/Hats				
Jewelry	Figurines	Cologne	Puzzles				
Spa Items	Make Up	Flashlights	Keychains				
Socks	Puzzles	Water Bottles	Socks				
Craft Supplies	Stationery	Wallets	Gadgets				
Kitchen items	Purses	BBQ Items	Sunglasses				
Gardening Items		Crossword Puzzles					
Body Spray		Camping/Hiking Items					
Teens:				Kids:			
Art Supplies	Spa Items	Toys	Art Supplies				
Lotions	Hair Accessories	Sidewalk Chalk	Legos				
Board Games	Jewelry	Play-Doh	Board Games				
Card Games	Gadgets	Coloring Books	Balls				
School Supplies	Nail Polish	Infant Toys	Card Games				
Diaries/Journals	Nerf	Craft Kits	Books				
Headphones	Fidgets	Blocks	Action Figures				
Sports Items	Make Up	Dolls	Dress Up Items				
Bedroom Décor	Bags	Science Kits	Dinosaurs				
Brain Teasers	Craft Kits	Outer Space	Watches				



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

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)



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.

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.





**LACONIA SENIOR CENTER
(603) 524-7689**

NOVEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

Community Action Program
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965

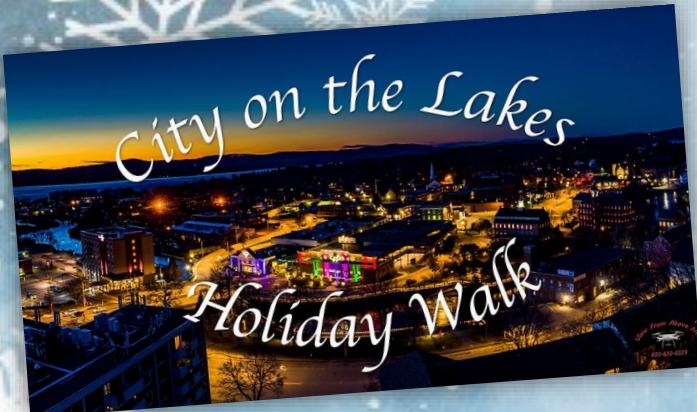
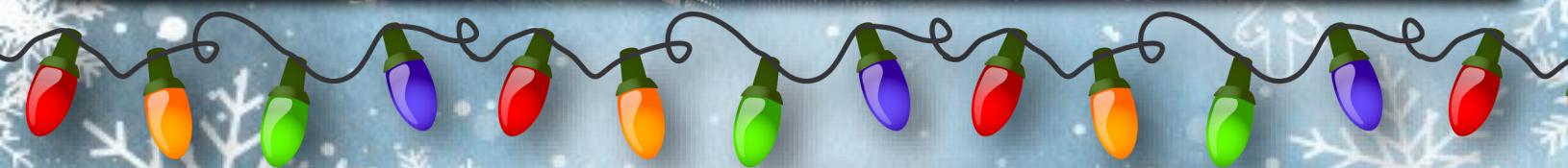
Mon **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri**

Activities are subject to change
***Suggested Donation \$3 per meal**

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4 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10—Coffee Social	5 10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30—Pasta Bolognaise Sauce	6 9-9:45 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 9-9:45 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 9-10:30 Medicare Information w/PPH 9-9:45 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 9-9:45 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 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	21 Give Thanks! 11:30— Thanksgiving Dinner	22 9-9:45 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	Closed for Holiday 	28 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. 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!



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!



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

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Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
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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.



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



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 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, 202, 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

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