



Welcome to Laconia Links!

August 8, 2025 - Edition #698

Register now for the Runaway Pumpkin 10K (run) and 5K (run/walk)!
Celebrate Laconia Pumpkin Festival and help support the WOW Trail.

Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to help 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



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of August 11th!



Bright Futures SUPPLY DRIVE

The Family Resource Center of Central NH is collecting donations of school supplies and backpacks for kids from kindergarten to Grade 12



Drop-off Location:
Lakes Region Community Services
719 N. Main St.
Laconia, NH 03246

We are also accepting donations of gift cards and cash to help families with back-to-school needs

Feel free to shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) and have items sent directly to the address above,
Attn: Carol Stone-Bright Futures Drive



Accepting Donations Through Thursday, August 14, 2025

Questions?
Contact Carol Stone at 603.581.1565 or carol.stone@lrcts.org

 **FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**
Engage. Empower. Inspire.

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

BREAK TIME

Youth programming is on break - see you in **September!**

MULTI**TUE 8/12**

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT**WED 8/13**

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT**WED 8/13**

Mystery Book Group @4pm - '1 for the Money'

ADULT**DID YOU KNOW?**

...that the library has video games? Games rated **E (Everyone)** through **T (Teen)** are in the Teen Zone! Games rated **M (Mature)** are next to the music CDs.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: info@laconialibrary.org



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



SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

August 1st- August 31st, 2025

Drop off Location

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties
Laconia Area Resource Center
522 Main St. Laconia
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



Items Needed

Cereal	Tuna
Rice	Canned goods
Kids Snacks	Instant Coffee
Bread	Dog/Cat Food
Jelly	

Questions?
Contact

Asheena Miller
603-848-4307

www.capbm.org

* Stan Jr. "The Showman" *
* Saturday, August 9th • 6pm! *



FREE EVENT
Weirs Community Park
Association
Indoor Event!

A Variety of Musical Tributes

Tom Jones • Neil Diamond • Frank Sinatra
Pat Boone • Johnny Cash • ELVIS & More!

- Community Hall - Indoor Event
- Interactive Fun
- Flashbacks of Fabulous 50's



- Comfortable Sound System
- Performed in Vegas & Broadway

Weirs Community Hall - Comfortable A/C
Seats Provided

49 Lucerne Ave, Laconia • 603-366-5185

Granite VNA

Blood Drive



**Tuesday,
August 12
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Granite VNA - Laconia

**780 North Main Street
Opechee Room**

**Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
GRANITEVNA to schedule
an appointment.**

PLEASE HELP & DONATE!

HELP LOCAL KIDS THRIVE:
SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED IN LACONIA & GILFORD

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

SUPPLIES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE
TPS MARRIOTT FRONT DESK FROM

AUGUST 5TH - AUGUST 25TH

- BACKPACKS
- PENCILS
- PENS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- PAPER
- BINDERS
- NOTEBOOKS
- TISSUES
- HAND SANITIZER

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT
8 SAWMILL RD, GILFORD, NH 03249



COMMUNITY CHAT

a brown bag lunch discussion

Bring your lunch and join us for an hour of open discussion on what's going on in Laconia!

The Belknap Mill - 1st Floor Gallery Room
August 13th
12Noon-1pm

Joia Hughes
Economic and Housing Development Director
City of Laconia
603-527-1270 x105
JHughes@LaconiaNH.gov

SCOTT BRADLEE'S
POSTMODERN JUKEBOX

MAGIC • MOONLIGHT
and
Mistletoe

NOVEMBER 8

LIVE AT

COLONIAL THEATRE
OF LACONIA

coloniallaconia.com

SPECTACLE Live | **COLONIAL THEATRE** | **VSB**

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BELKNAP HOUSE

11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us September 8, 2025

Laconia Country Club | 607 Elm St. Laconia, NH 03246



BE A DRIVER FOR CHANGE!
Our golf tournament fundraiser helps support our mission to provide shelter and resources for homeless families in our community.

\$650 Foursome or \$175 Single Player (register by 8/31). Includes lunch and 18 holes of golf.

EARLY BIRD PRICING
(register by 8/15)

\$600 Foursome
\$160 Single Player



2025 SUMMER FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 16, 2025: 9:30 pm
Sunday, August 31, 2025: 9:30 pm

See you there!

RAINDATE:

*Saturday, August 9, 2025:
9:30 pm

This rain date is tentative and will only occur if the previous show is cancelled. Rain date announcements will be posted on the Weirs Action Committee Facebook page:



Be sure to stop by the parking lot adjacent to Laconia City Hall on Saturday, August 9 from 10 am to 2 pm to enjoy this free fun event!

Our area young entrepreneurs will be waiting to meet you, and to display and sell their products and services. These young business owners create a product or service, develop a brand, build a marketing strategy and then open for customers at this one-day marketplace. They are responsible for the setup, sales and interaction with their customers.

Please come and support our future generation of business owners!

EBENEZER SMITH, MEREDITH'S PRIME MOVER: BIOGRAPHY OF A FOUNDING FATHER

Rudy VanVeghten was born and raised in Manchester, Vermont. He began his career as a journalist at the Meredith News in 1973, spending most of that time as editor. After leaving Meredith in 2001, Rudy worked in publications and website management at his alma mater, Northeastern University in Boston, until moving back to Meredith following his retirement in 2020.

VanVeghten is the author of five books on Meredith history. The most recent, "Ebenezer Smith, Meredith's Prime Mover: Biography of a Founding Father," delves deep into the life and times of the one individual who championed the cause of settling the township that today encompasses Meredith, Laconia, and Center Harbor Village.

WEDNESDAY

19 AUGUST 2025

AT 6:00PM

LEAVITT PARK HOUSE


603-527-1278
www.laconiahistory.com



Rudy VanVeghten
Presenter

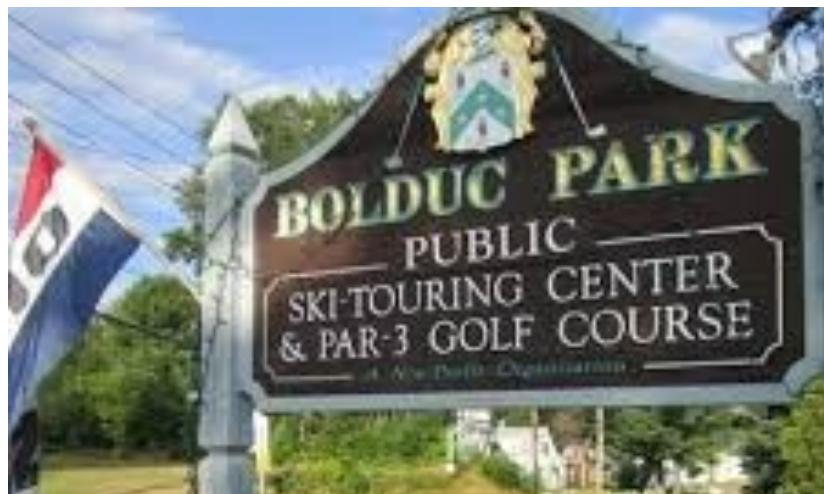


Laconia Historical & Museum Society



Pictured from left to right above: Major Sponsors of Bolduc Park Association's Randy Annis Memorial Golf Tournament: Dave Frasca of Irwin Automotive Group; Jessica Beane, Michelle Blake and Abby Quinn of Bank of New Hampshire; Tyler Morrissette of Joyce Janitorial Services; Devin Scott of Meredith Village Savings Bank; Bob and Marilyn Bolduc, Bolduc Park Association volunteers; Eric Petell of Meredith Village Savings Bank and Barbara Laros of Franklin Savings Bank.

Bolduc Park will hold it's Annual Randy Annis Memorial Golf Tournament August 15, 16 and 17. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Bolduc Park which is open to the public for golf, disc golf and cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Register for the Tournament and pick your day to play by coming into the clubhouse or download the online registration form [here](#) and mail it to Bolduc Park Association, 282 Gilford Avenue, Gilford 03249.



Let's Address the Elephant in the Room!

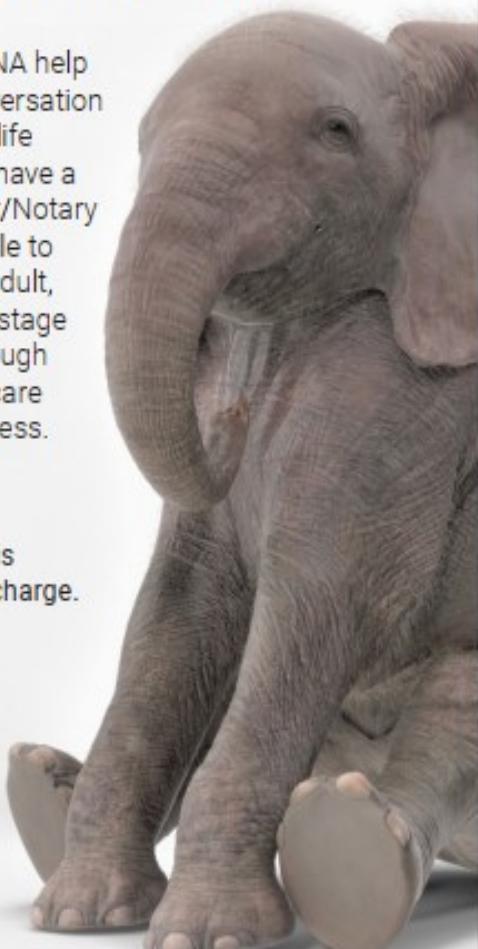
Walk-In Wednesday

**Wednesday, August 27
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.

One-Page Profiles

A Workshop for Parents & Caregivers

Every child has unique strengths, learning styles, and needs. Help educators uncover what makes your child special by creating a one-page profile. No one knows your child better than you!

Highlight what makes him shine and what kind of support is most helpful.

Register at:
www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration
or use the QR Code:



**Tuesday
August 12, 2025
6:30-8:00pm**

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



For those attending in person, dinner will be served at 6pm and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration.

Made possible with funding from:



The Linden Foundation





Rotary Park, Laconia @ 1-4pm

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

AUGUST 31, 2025



International Overdose Awareness Day



NAVIGATING RECOVERY
of THE LAKES REGION

Scan the QR code to
purchase this year's tank
tops, t-shirts, and
sweatshirts before the
event!



Blasting can occur anytime Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

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



Come enjoy a true sense of our Laconia Community!
This evening will be filled with food, fun and entertainment!

MOTORCYCLE DEMONSTRATION

DRONE DEMONSTRATION

FREE COOKOUT

MILITARY BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER

RESOURCE FAIR, FACE PAINTING AND MUCH MORE!

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

For more information contact Detective Eric Adams, eadams@laconiapd.org

Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

Blasting permits have been issued as follows:

- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until August 11, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 603-487-2840.
- Maine Drilling and Blasting - this permit is valid until August 25, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 199 Sterling Drive, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 603-647-0299.

LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

October 25th, 2025

20,000+ Attendees and Thousands of Pumpkins
34 foot tall Pumpkin Tower, Games, Parades
100+ Food and Craft Vendors
Beer Tent and Live Music

Sponsorship Opportunities



For more information, please contact
Joia Hughes at the City of Laconia
603-527-1270



New Session
August 17th
Ages 18+

Power CHORDS
POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE show choir

New Session August 17th Ages 18+

Come sing with us!

No audition needed!

More info & registration powerhousenh.org/power-chords

RIDE FOR A PURPOSE

TEAMING UP WITH **PINTS For A Purpose**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2025

PRE-REGISTRATION

**\$20 Single
\$30 Double**



Same Day Registration

**\$25 Single
\$35 Double**

CHECK IN

8:45 - 9:45 AM
Coffee, Water, & Breakfast
Sandwiches Included

KICKSTANDS UP AT

10:00 AM

RIDE STARTS AT THE NEWFOUND COUNTRY STORE Rte 3A BRIDGEWATER, NH
RIDE ENDS AT TWIN BARNs BREWING CO. MEREDITH, NH

FIRST 25 RIDERS RECEIVE A KOOZIE

PINTS FOR A PURPOSE

Sponsored by Laconia Kiwanis & Twin Barns Brewing Co.

Live Entertainment • 50/50 Raffle • Putting Contest

Join us for delicious beers, live music, putting contest and 50/50 raffles. Twin Barns will be donating \$1 of every beer purchased to support our efforts. Let's come together and raise a pint to make a positive impact for the boys and girls of the Mayhew & Circle Programs.

Bring the whole family!

Twin Barns' outdoor venue offers a fun, welcoming space for kids and adults to enjoy live music, games, and great food while supporting a worthy cause.

ALL PROCEEDS OF THE RIDE & PINTS FOR A PURPOSE BENEFITS THE CIRCLE PROGRAM & MAYHEW PROGRAM



LACONIA WATER DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Laconia Water Department will be holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 12th, 2025**, to gather comments on raising its base rate from \$25.00 to \$28.75 per unit per quarter and consumption rate from \$2.55 to \$2.81 per hundred cubic feet (hcf). The meeting will be in the Laconia City Hall Council Chamber, Room 200A, beginning at 6:00 pm.

This increase is necessary as the operational and maintenance costs of the department have been steadily rising. The department also foresees considerable infrastructure upgrades in the near future. All other rates will remain unchanged.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Crawford, Laconia Water Works Superintendent at (603) 524-0901.



We are Hands Across the Table. We're sure you have noticed our weekly postings showing lots of smiling volunteers who have prepared and served a meal. We feed 75 to 125 people each Wednesday at the St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall. Dinner includes a home cooked meal consisting of bread and butter, soup or salad, a main dish, vegetable and a starch, and a scrumptious dessert. That's been the goal of our organization since we served our first meal in June of 2011.

HATT relies on volunteers, lots of them - volunteer kitchen workers who peel and cut, volunteer chefs who share their talents, volunteer servers and buss people who work hard to see that everyone who comes to one of our dinners has a great experience, and many others who set up, clean up and do other chores associated with preparing, the weekly meal.

No one is paid, we rely on donations from organizations and individuals like you. Will you help us to continue to feed anyone who needs a meal or socialization, regardless of the reason? Elderly people, children, and the unhoused are all welcomed!

Click on the QR code below to learn more and to donate to our cause. If you prefer, donations can be mailed to HATT @ PO Box 6553, Laconia NH 03247



Harvest a little Kindness

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC.

This September, join us in harvesting good for your community! When you purchase a \$3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag at our selected Shaw's, \$1 is donated to our organization.

It's an easy way to spread some warmth right in your own backyard.

shaw's
GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program
shaw's.2givelocal.com

Thank you Shaw's in Gilford for your support of Altrusa International of Laconia!

Belknap County Nursing Home
Classic Car Show

BCNH is looking for people to share their classic cars with our residents!



Event Date: Thursday, August 14th 2pm to 4pm

Rain date: Thursday, August 28th 2pm -4pm

Contact Brenda Twardosky to reserve your spot at btwardosky@belknapcounty.gov or at 603-527-5410 ext. 1213

Laconia
CITY ON THE LAKES

Laconia City Hall will be closed from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm on Thursday, August 21.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

EXCITING NEWS!

Thanks to the generosity of the Laconia Putnam Fund, The Little Mermen & The Princess Pals will be performing on the big stage at this year's Laconia Pumpkin Festival! With high energy performances, dazzling costumes and an amazing setlist, they bring beloved Disney songs to life with a fun rockin' twist!

You and your family won't want to miss this nostalgic feel good show, free for fans of all ages. Featuring Broadway-caliber talent, this show is perfect for families, Disney adults, and anyone who loves a good sing-along.

Stay tuned for more details!

Join Us for a PUMPKINcredible

CAR SHOW



FREE TO PARTICIPATE - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Get ready to rev your engines and celebrate fall in full throttle! Join us for the ultimate fusion of Gearheads & Gourds during the Laconia Pumpkin Festival. This one-of-a-kind Car Show brings together classic cruisers, muscle cars, hot rods, and custom builds — all set against a vibrant backdrop of glowing jack-o'-lanterns, seasonal treats, and autumn activities. Whether you're a die-hard car lover, a pumpkin-spice enthusiast, or just along for the ride, there's something for everyone!



Saturday, October 25th 2025



ALL DAY EVENT



Beacon St W. Laconia NH 03246



Questions or want to register a vehicle? Contact Laconia Parks & Recreation -- 603-524-5046



LACONIA
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Laconia Pumpkin
Festival is happening
Saturday, October
25 all across the
downtown area of the
City of Laconia!

Stay up to date on more
information by following
our Facebook page [here](#)
and help us spread
the word!

Are you interested in becoming a vendor at this
year's Laconia Pumpkin Festival?

Vendor space is still available and we'd love to
talk with you!

Just call Nancy Brown at the Laconia City Manager's
Office at 603-527-1270, or email
pumpkinfest@laconianh.gov





LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

2025 ACTIVITIES



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal				9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
4	5	6	7	8
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Games/Cribbage 11—Walking Group	10 - Activities Meeting 11:30 – Pub Burgers & Mushroom Gravy 12— Ice Cream Social	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—"Independent vs Assisted Living" by Peabody Place 11:30—Taco Salad	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Card Games
11	12	13	14	15
10:30—Games/ Cribbage 11—Walking Group	10:30—Minuteman Medical Presentation 11:30 –Chicken, Broccoli & Rice	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—Chef Salad 11:30—Kitchen Update Meeting	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
18	19	20	21	22
10:30—Games/ Cribbage 11—Walking Group	10—Puzzles, Ping Pong & Corn Hole 11:30— Shepherd's Pie	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-11 Prize Bingo 11—Free Comedy Hour by Alan Ames	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30 –Chicken Dijonnaise w/Rice	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10:30—Carnival Day
25	26	27	28	29
10—Movie & Snack 	10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole 11:30— Marinated Grilled Chicken & Rice	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Special Music by SueAnne Thayer 11:30— Labor Day BBQ Hamburgers/Hot Dogs	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

IMMEDIATE VACANCY FOR WARD 5 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

The Laconia School Board has an immediate vacancy for a citizen residing in Ward 5 to serve until the Laconia Municipal General Election on November 4, 2025. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest to the Laconia School Board no later than Thursday, August 14. Letters may be emailed to laconia-school-board@laconiaschools.org or delivered to the Superintendent's Office at 39 Harvard Street.

Citizens also interested in completing the term and serving for another year may file for the Ward 5 School Board Member (1 Year Term) which is on the ballot for the Laconia Municipal General Election November 4, 2025. The filing period is August 6, 2025-August 15, 2025 at the City Clerk's Office at 45 Beacon Street East. All filing requirements are documented on the City Clerk's website.



CITY OF LACONIA
2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OPEN POSITIONS - THE FILING PERIOD
WILL BEGIN AUGUST 6, 2025, AND END AUGUST 15, 2025 at the City
Clerk's Office, 45 Beacon St E, Laconia NH 03246

The following positions will have openings.
The incumbent's name is listed next to the position.

MAYOR (2 Year Term)

ALL WARDS (Andrew J. Hosmer)- Not Running

CITY COUNCIL - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Bruce Cheney)- Running for Mayor

WARD 2 (Robert Soucy)

WARD 3 (Eric Hoffman)

WARD 4 (Mark Haynes)

WARD 5 (Steven Bogert)

WARD 6 (Anthony Felch)

WARD MODERATOR - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (May Stewart)

WARD 2 (Leonard Miner) - Not running

WARD 3 (Candace Eastman)

WARD 4 (Carol Nordquist)

WARD 5 (Claire Hebert-Dow)

WARD 6 (Donald Basso)

WARD CLERK- All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Bobbi McGettigan)

WARD 2 (David Lavoie)

WARD 3 (Jane Laroche) - Not running, running for Selectmen

WARD 4 (Roxanne Arruda)

WARD 5 (Rosemarie Busby)

WARD 6 (Faye Nachbaur)- Not Running

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - All Wards (2 Year Term)

WARD 1 (Marilyn Brown)

WARD 2 (Brenda Carey)

WARD 3 (Marjorie Wilkinson)

WARD 4 (Rebeka Morse)

WARD 5 (Amber Flanders)

WARD 6 (Lynda Brock)

Please note: You must be a registered voter to file for office. The last date for additions and corrections to the Checklist will be Aug. 5 at 6 pm at the City Clerk's Office.

SELECTMEN-

WARD 2 (2 positions 2- 6 yr terms) (Devin Scott)

WARD 3 (2 positions 6 yr, & 2 yr term)

WARD 4 (3 positions staggered terms 2 positions 6 yr, & 1 position 4 yr term) (Mark Haynes)

WARD 5 (3 positions staggered terms 2 positions 6 yr, & 1 position 4 yr term) All Vacant

WARD 6 (1 position 6 yr term) (Laura Ringer) – Not running, running for Ward Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD – (THREE YEAR TERM)

WARD 2 (Laura Dunn) (Three year term)

WARD 3 (Karin Salome) (Three year term)

WARD 5 (Nick Grenon-Resigned) (One year term)

POLICE COMMISSION – (FOUR YEAR TERM) 1 POSITION

ALL WARDS (Frank Mello Jr.)



ALL AGES

48th Annual Gilford Old Home Day 5K

Kick-off for the Gilford Old Home Day Festivities!

Register now!

Pick up your bib or register in person
Friday (8/22) from 6 - 7 PM or Saturday
(8/23) 6:30 - 7:30 AM at Gilford
Elementary School



T-Shirts to the first 100 registrants!

Register at Gunstocknordic.com or Runreg.com
\$30 to register prior to August 22 and \$40 after

SATURDAY
AUGUST
23

8:00
AM

33RD ANNUAL D.A.R.E. CLASSIC 5K RACE

This is a family friendly event with a one mile fun run for the kids followed by a 5K road race!

Demonstrations by the New Hampshire State Police K9 Unit, Drill Team, Aviation Unit & Motorcycle Unit.

Don't miss this family fun event with raffle prizes, activities for the kids and an appearance from DAREN the D.A.R.E. Lion!

JOIN US!



- August 13, 2025
- Kids Fun Run - 5:30 p.m.
5K Road Race - 6:25 p.m.
- NH Motor Speedway
1122 NH-106, Loudon, NH 03307

**NATIONAL
STOP
ON
RED WEEK**

AUGUST 3-9

**LACONIA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
POLICE**

**National Stop on Red Week
is here — August 3–9 ●**

**Running a red light is never worth
the risk.**

**It's one of the leading causes of crashes,
injuries, and fatalities at intersections.**

The rule is simple: Always STOP on RED.

**Let's work together to keep Laconia's
roads safe!**



Summer Camp

YOU'LL LEARN:

- FIRE SAFETY & EXTINGUISHER USE
- DISASTER FIRST AID SKILLS
- SWIFT WATER & HIKER SAFETY AND MORE!



AUGUST 18TH - 22ND
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Franklin Parks and Recreation

OPEN TO CAMPERS AGES 12-17
\$35 PER PARTICIPANT



SIGN UP TODAY!



MOSQUITO BITES CAN MAKE YOU SICK

Mosquitoes spread germs



Mosquitoes bite day and night.

Mosquitoes that spread viruses bite during the day and night and live indoors and outdoors.



Use insect repellent. It works!

Look for the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone.



Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.



Mosquito-proof your home. Use screens on windows and doors. Use air conditioning if available. Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in or near standing water.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For more information: www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes

OCTOBER ART AUCTION

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL WORK
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025



Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Whether you're just getting started or have been creating art for years, we invite you to submit your artwork for our Annual Art Auction!

Not an artist? No problem! You can still support us by spreading the word and saving the date.

Bidding opens Wednesday, October 1.

<https://secure.lglforms.com/form.../s/qrKVVou9B9YV8peouXHLw>

Stay tuned for more information!



NH Department of Health and Human Services





Join us Aug. 8th in Tilton!



**Friday, August 8, 11 am to 2 pm
120 Laconia Rd., Tilton, NH**

Join us at the Tilton Outlet Mall, 120 Laconia Road, Tilton, NH next to Old Navy Outlet for our Touch-A-Truck, Back to School Bash, presented by Hannaford and partnering with the NH State Police!

There will be truck displays with activities for children (and adults!) to explore, a chance to win a \$100 Under Armour gift card, a meet & greet with Chase & Marshall from Paw Patrol, a chance for 100 kids to get a FREE 12oz smoothie, and much more!

We hope to see you there!

One Peer To Another
328 Union Ave, Laconia, NH

ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA

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

AUGUST 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
					1 10a Check In 11a Journaling 12p Bring your own Lunch! 1p Wellness in Motion
<u>Local Warmline:</u> 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!	4 10a Community/Member Meeting 11a Walk & Talk 12p Healthy Eating 1p Goals for the week 2p Check Out	5 10a Check In 11a Cooking Lessons 12p Lunch Social 1p Member Driven Group 2p Game Time!	6 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 11a Shopping Trip & Budgeting * 1p Recovery Conversations 2p Practicing Gratitude	7 10a Check In 11a Breaking Habits 12p Ice Breakers 1p Personal Values 2p Laughing Group	8 10a End of week Check-In 11a Journaling 12p Bring your own Lunch! 1p Wellness in Motion
<u>Local Mental Health Agency:</u> 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!	11 10a Meditation 11a Navigating Local Resources* 1p Goals for the week 2p Check Out	12 10a Check In 11a Cooking Lessons 12p Lunch Social 1p Member Driven Group 2p Game Time!	13 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Recovery Conversations 2p Practicing Gratitude	14 10a Check In 11a Breaking Habits 12p Ice Breakers 1p Personal Values 2p Laughing Group	15 10a End of week Check-In 11a Journaling 12p Bring your own Lunch! 1p Wellness in Motion
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 Meditation 11a Walk & Talk 12p Healthy Eating 1p Goals for the week 2p Check Out	19 10a Check In 11a Cooking Lessons 12p Lunch Social 1p Member Driven Group 2p Game Time!	20 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Oral Health Matters Gail Brown, MSW, JD* 2p Practicing Gratitude	21 10a Check In 11a Breaking Habits 12p Ice Breakers 1p Personal Values 2p Laughing Group	22 FIELD TRIP- Bond Beach in Laconia (pack a lunch!)
	25 10a Meditation 11a Walk & Talk 12p Healthy Eating 1p Goals for the week 2p Check Out	26 10a Check In 11a Cooking Lessons 12p Lunch Social 1p Member Driven Group 2p Game Time!	27 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Recovery Conversations 2p Practicing Gratitude	28 10a Check In 11a Breaking Habits 12p Ice Breakers 1p Personal Values 2p Laughing Group 6p-Board Meeting via Zoom	29 10a End of week Check-In 11a Q & A w/ NH Hospital-Debbie Robinson * 1p Wellness in Motion

3rd Annual Car Show



**AUGUST 20TH, 5P -7P
BELKNAP MARKETPLACE**

PRESENTED BY:



The 3rd Annual UScellular/ Hawk-Lakes FM Car Show is coming up Wednesday August 20 at Belknap Marketplace in Belmont. We have an even BIGGER lineup of "All Star Vehicles" coming to this year's show: The New Hampshire Motor Speedway is bringing their Pace Car. Belmont & Laconia Police along with Belmont Fire will be at the show for "Touch A Truck". Plus, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid will be there. NH 911 is bringing their Command Truck and the NH State Fire Marshal's Office will be there talking about Fire Safety.

This is a FREE Show, no admission and no registration required....but a donation to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is encouraged. So, bring along your Classic Hot Rod or Antique Car.

The 3rd Annual Hawk / Lakes FM Car Show...presented by US Cellular here at Belknap Marketplace.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday August 20th for the Car Show from 5P to 7P at Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.



August 2025

Opportunities for parents and care givers to network with others for free, while enjoying their children's safe play. For children birth to age 5.



Giggles & Grins
and
Happy Sounds

Lakes Region
Community Services
Family Resource Center
719 North Main Street
Laconia, NH 03246
603-524-8811

Giggles + Grins is a
Peanut-free area.
Thank you.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	2
3	4	5	6 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	7 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Ladybugs	8 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	9
10	11	12	13 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	14 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Butterflies	15 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	Family Movie Night Friday 6pm @ the Family Resource Center
17	18	19 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Ants	20 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	21 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Fireflies 4pm Ice Cream Social	22 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	23
24	25	26 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Homemade Paint	27 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	28 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Homemade Playdough	29 9-10AM Traveling Playgroup at Leavitt Park, Elm St., Laconia	30 2 Generation Family Support

LRCS is proud to be a smoke-free, substance-free campus. Thank you for helping to keep our building and grounds a safe & healthy environment for all.

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 10:00 am to Noon

REP. CHRIS PAPPAS OFFICE HOURS

Laconia City Hall
2nd Floor, Meeting Room 200B
45 Beacon St. E.
Laconia, New Hampshire

CONGRESSMAN
CHRIS PAPPAS
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



A member of Congressman Chris Pappas's staff will be visiting Laconia to answer questions and provide information about federal resources and programs. Congressman Pappas's office can help constituents with federal issues, including Social Security, VA benefits, passports, IRS, and more.

For more information on these office hours, please email Nbrown@laconianh.gov, or call 603-527-1270. For general information from Congressman Pappas's office, please visit <https://pappas.house.gov> or call 603-285-4300.


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

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

August 1st- August 31st, 2025

Drop off Location
Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties
Laconia Area Resource Center
522 Main St. Laconia
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Items Needed

Cereal	Tuna
Rice	Canned goods
Kids Snacks	Instant Coffee
Bread	Dog/Cat Food
Jelly	

Questions?
Contact
Asheena Miller
603-848-4307
www.capbm.org



5th Annual Plant Sale



BELKNAP HOUSE
5TH ANNUAL
Plant Sale
Join us Saturday, August 23rd
for Gilford Old Home Day!

Belknap House will have a table in front of the Gilford Community Church selling flowers, plants and homemade jams!

8:00am-3:00pm



 BOTTLED WATER	 NON-PERISHABLE FOODS	 NOAA RADIO	 FLASHLIGHT & BATTERIES	 PERSONAL HYGIENE
 FIRST AID KIT	 WHISTLE	 MANUAL CAN OPENER	 COPIES OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS	 BLANKET/ TOWEL
 DURABLE WATERPROOF CONTAINER	 CASH	 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION	 FOOD FOR YOUR PET	

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EMERGENCY KIT**

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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...

Smith Block on Main Street sold to Tilton in 1925

Sale of the Smith Block on Main Street by the Samuel B. Smith heirs to Frank P. Tilton was "an event of interest to those who remember the history of the old building," *The Laconia Democrat* reported, 100 years ago this week. "The block, erected almost 40 years ago (late 1885-early 1886), was one of the first substantial buildings in Laconia." The "big big firm of Smith, Lougee Bros. was established down by the bridge," the 1925 article continued. "The Lougee Brothers occupied the new building and Oscar Lougee still retains one half of it. Much interesting history might be written of the Smith Block." (Note: Smith was the second mayor of Laconia, 1895-1897. Known — to most persons who remember it today — as the Tilton Block, the imposing structure was demolished in 1970 during the city's Urban Renewal Program. The site is now occupied by the Best Western Plus Landmark Inn)



THEN...

Motorcyclists parade down Laconia's Main Street in the 1950s or early 1960s. Tilton (formerly Smith) Block is at left, with Oscar A. Lougee Department Store on the ground floor, Melcher & Prescott Insurance and Laconia Business College upstairs, and bowling alleys in the basement. Across and over the river, the next building is occupied by Laconia Supply Co., George Silverstein, proprietor. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



...AND NOW

Best Western Plus Landmark Inn (opened as a Ramada Inn in 1974) now occupies the site of the Tilton Block; Beacon Street West and Urban Renewal-era buildings extend to the right, with the 2025 Bank of New Hampshire Headquarters glimpsed in the distance. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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

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 - Grey Draper	
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	

SENIOR RESOURCES

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

Do I need
to enroll in
Medicare
if I'm not
retiring yet?



Not retiring yet? If you plan to work past 65, you might not need to sign up for Medicare Part B (medical insurance) until you retire or lose your employer coverage. Find out when you can sign up for Medicare by answering a few questions at <https://go.medicare.gov/3U3GIk6>.

Week of August 11 - 15

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:**

City Council

August 11, 2025, 7:00 pm

Laconia Putnam Fund

August 12, 2025, 9:00 am

Water Commission

August 12, 2025, 6:00 pm

Public Hearing

Government Operations & Ordinances Subcommittee

August 13, 2025, 2:00 pm

Public Works Subcommittee

August 14, 2025, 2:00 pm

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

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