



Welcome to Laconia Links!



September 19, 2025 - Edition #704

Laconia Pumpkin Festival is coming October 25th! Get ready to carve your pumpkins! (photo compliments of View From Above NH)

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



48th ANNUAL BELKNAP MILL QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW IN SEPTEMBER - AT ITS NEW LOCATION: LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SAVE THE DATE! Members of the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild have been quilting up a storm in preparation for their 48th annual Harvest of Quilts Show scheduled for Saturday September 20 and Sunday September 21 at its **new location, the Lakes Region Community College (LRCC)**, 379 Belmont Rd. Laconia, NH.

The Guild will display more than 150 handmade quilts of all sizes, home decor, quilted clothing, and accessories. Styles range from traditional to modern, bed quilts, wall hangings, and embroidered works of art, and many original designs will be on display. Quilt show winners will be decided by the public's popular vote, ending at 5 pm on Saturday, with ribbons awarded on Sunday. Tickets for the Guild's 2025 raffle quilt "Blue Smoke" (pattern by Wilmington Prints) are being sold and will be available for purchase at the show.

Many vendors will be on hand with beautiful fabric, rulers, patterns, and other quilting supplies, along with the latest in sewing machine technology. Visit the vendors while enjoying the beautiful quilts.

The College's Countdown Cafe' will be open during the show, offering a wide selection of sandwiches, salads, and snacks at very reasonable prices. For bargain hunters, the Guild's popular Attic Corner will once again be filled with gently used sewing notions and fabric-by-the-pound. The Quilted Treasures boutique will be selling beautifully handcrafted items made by Guild members and is a great place to start your holiday shopping.

As an 'opening act' to the quilt show, everyone is encouraged to enjoy the Mysterious Quilt Journey in downtown Laconia, featuring themed quilts displayed in dozens of businesses. Through September 21, take a journey downtown, and collect a Mysterious Quilt Journey quilt block from each participating merchant. Bring the blocks to the quilt show for a chance to win prizes (with paid adult admission).

The quilt show begins on Sat., Sept. 20, 10am to 5pm and continues Sun., Sept. 21 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$10/adults, free for children under 12 with paid adult admission. Please visit the Guild's website at www.bmqg.org for more information.

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 9/22

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.

KID

TUE 9/23

Drop-In Tech Help @10am

ADULT

TUE 9/23

Watercolor Drop Painting @3:30pm

TEEN

TUE 9/23

Story Sampler: A New Chapter @6pm - Best for ages 6-11.

KID

WED 9/24

Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.

KID

WED 9/24

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT

WED 9/24

Sketchbook Society! @6pm - Best for ages 6-11.

KID

THU 9/25

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

KID

FRI 9/26

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

KID

MON 9/29

Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.

KID

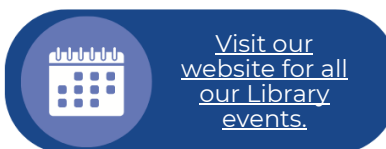
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call: (603) 524-4775

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

Tuesday, September 23, 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 14 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



STEVEN SPIELBERG Presents
THE GOONIES
A RICHARD DONNER Film

FREE MOVIE NIGHT ON CANAL STREET
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
7:30 PM TO 9:30PM

Bring chairs, blankets, and air mattresses. Candy, soda, and popcorn available for \$5

**LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
PUMPKIN DROP-OFF**

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
WHERE: BEACON STREET EAST
TIME: 10AM - 6PM

WE NEED YOU TO CARVE PUMPKINS FOR THE BIG TOWER!
IF YOUR PUMPKINS NEED TO BE PLACED IN AN ORDER,
PLEASE NUMBER THEM IN SHARPIE ON THE BACK.

QUESTIONS?
CALL PARKS AND RECREATION AT
524-5046

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Sun Day in Gilford

Sunday, September 21st
3 - 6 PM
Beans and Greens Family Fun Farm
245 Intervale Road
Gilford, NH

The Sun Day event in Gilford will be held at the Beans and Greens Family Fun Farm. We'll come together to showcase the power of the sun and the wind, the energy sources that can **power our world without pollution and help us save money on our utility bills.**

Local energy efficiency and solar experts will be on hand to demonstrate that renewables are no longer "alternative" energy - they're now the most reliable, affordable, and practical choice for powering our future. Music, fun kid crafts, sun cookies, goats and chickens included in the celebration.

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LACONIA ~ GILFORD
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Laconia, New Hampshire
(USA)

4TH ANNUAL

FALL IN WITH 603 UNITED



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
AT BEANS & GREENS FARM



245 INTERVALE RD, GILFORD, NH 03249

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 12:00 PM & BAGS FLY AT 1 PM

CASH PRIZES | RAFFLES | MUSIC | FOOD | CASH BAR

✦ \$60 PER TEAM - \$70 PER TEAM DAY OF

✦ 4 GAMES GUARANTEED

✦ 2 DRINK TICKETS PER TEAM

CASH PRIZES:

COMPETITIVE - 1ST PLACE: \$603

BACKYARD - 1ST PLACE: \$300



REGISTER AT 603UNITED.ORG AND ON THE SCORHOLIO APP

ABOUT US

603 UNITED IS A NEW NONPROFIT THAT STANDS BY: "LIVE UNITED AND BE INCLUSIVE". OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL INCLUSION ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS 18+ WITH AND WITHOUT AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

603 UNITED IS DEDICATED TO CREATING A COMMUNITY THAT FOSTERS HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, AND INCLUSION WITHIN THE LAKES REGION

ALL OF THE PROCEEDS ARE TO BENEFIT
603 UNITED A 501(C)(3)

FOR ANY INQUIRIES OR QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT TO CASSIE AT (603)800-3225 OR CASSIE@603UNITED.ORG

MILE FOR MENTORING

2025 Race & Fun Run

Presented by



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SOFTWARE

Mile for Mentoring is a 1-mile charity race and fun run benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH. With a fast and scenic course running through the ski resort, runners, joggers, & walkers will be able to try and put up a fast time, or enjoy the fall foliage of Gunstock Mountain. All while supporting youth mentoring!

Sunday October 5th

Gunstock Mountain Resort

17 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH 03249

Race Start at 9:30am

Race timing by



SCAN TO REGISTER



Want to see your business at our race? Sponsorship opportunities available!



Big Brothers
Big Sisters.
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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@BBSNH

Proceeds support Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH and the youth mentoring programs they provide free of charge to all youth in need!



BELKNAP MILL
MUSEUM

Where Art and History Come to Life!
25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH

End-of-Summer Sock Hop a Hit at the Belknap Mill

Thank you to everyone who joined us Friday for the End-of-Summer Sock Hop at the Belknap Mill! The evening was filled with music, dancing, and community spirit.

Special thanks to the classic car owners, the Rockin' Daddios for keeping the energy high, and our amazing sponsors: Laconia Putnam Fund, Lakes Region Community College, Lakes 101.5 and Lakes Media. We're also grateful to our volunteers Rebecka and Kathy, Happy Cow Ice Cream, Coca-Cola, Taylor Rental, and the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

Be sure to stop by and see *The Long View* by Marcia Santore, on display all month. Thanks for making it a night to remember!



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4,
2025!
LIVE PEACE
DAY! ALL ARE
INVITED!**

POWER CHORDS AND LOCAL ARTIST TO PARTICIPATE IN LIVE PEACE DAY!

This is a day devoted to expressing peace through the sharing of music, visual arts, culture, and communication. It is part of a global initiative inspired by the United Nations and PEAC Institute

(<https://www.peacinstitute.org/pauseforpeace>).

This global Pause for Peace Festival concert has been planned hoping to bring billions from around the world together through cultural music and to feel the transformative power of human connection. Please join us on Saturday, October 4th, 9am to 4pm at the UCC Congregational Church of Laconia, 18 Veterans Square, Laconia.

Thank you to the following local musicians, who will preform the Live Peace Concert through the day! K.Robert Bengtson; Jazz Sanctuary house Band with Rev. Emilia Halstead; Suzuki Children's String Orchestra, Director, Sue Ann Erb; Bristol UCC Joyful Noise Ukulele Band, Director, Debbie Doe, and the Power Chords, Director, Lorraine Barrows! In addition, we'll hear from Dr. Jaylene Bengtson, local artist, of how the visual arts can bring awareness and inner peace.

Come for all or part of the day!

Lunch will be available for a donation and very much appreciated.

Donations received will help defray the cost of the day, with a portion going to support the PEAC Institute

(<https://www.peacinstitute.org>)



Join our Community,

as we Pause, to listen to local artists around the theme of peace.
Music and the visual arts are avenues for inner peace and joy.
All are invited to take in this special day.

Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the
Congregational Church of Laconia, 18 Veterans Square, Laconia

Photos: Power Chords! Suzuki Children's String Orchestra! and
Dr. Jaylene Bengtson, artist!

Not pictured, but also part of the day will be:
Jazz Sanctuary House Band! Joyful Noise Ukulele Band! and Oldest of Friends!



PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN WEIRS BEACH

Just a reminder that parking is still being enforced in the public parking spaces on Lakeside Avenue and in the Endicott Rock Beach Parking Lot through Columbus Day (October 13).

Parking in these areas is "pay by space".

Please ensure that you know your parking space number when you leave your car as the parking kiosks will ask for that information.

Thank you!





Lakes Region 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collections



Protect the Water Resources of the Lakes Region!

Residents and taxpayers of participating communities may bring up to **10 gallons or 50 pounds** of household hazardous waste to one of our regional collection sites. All collection sites can be accessed by participants of designated communities.

Collection Sites and Dates throughout 2025

June 21, 2025 Collection 8:30am-12:00pm

Franklin DPW Garage (43 W Bow St.)
Wolfeboro Product Facility (404 Beach Pond Rd.)

July 26, 2025 Collection 8:30am-12:00pm

Gilford DPW Garage (55 Cherry Valley Rd.)
Meredith DPW Garage (17 Jenness Hill Rd.)

August 2, 2025 Collection 8:30am-12:00pm

Moultonborough HWY Garage (68 Hwy Garage Rd.)
Alton Transfer Station (74 Hurd Hill Rd.)

August 28, 2025 Collection 2:00-6:00pm

Bristol Transfer Station
(100 Ayers Island Rd.)

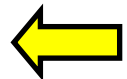
September 20, 2025 Collection 8:30am-12:00pm

Laconia Public Works Garage (27 Bisson Ave.)

September 25, 2025 Collection 2:00-6:00pm

Tuftsboro Transfer Station (20 Sargent's Crossing Rd.)

**THIS
WEEKEND!!**



Participating Communities in the Lakes Region

-Alton -Alexandria -Andover-Bridgewater -Bristol -Center Harbor -Franklin -Gilford -Gilmanton -Hebron -Holderness
-Laconia -Meredith -Moultonborough -New Hampton -Sanbornton -Sandwich -Tamworth -Tilton -Tuftsboro
Wolfeboro

What you can Bring!

Yard and Garden

- Herbicides
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Driveway sealer

Household

- Toxic art supplies
- Cleaning fluids
- Roofing tar

Garage

- Car wax
- Antifreeze
- Toxic vehicle fluids
- Gasoline & diesel
- Mixed fluids

Workbench

- Oil-based paint
- Stains & Varnishes

What is Not Accepted!

- Garbage/trash
- Batteries (of all types)
- Fluorescent Tubes and bulbs
- Tires
- Ammunition/fireworks
- Flares (boat & road)
- Asbestos
- Propane Tanks
- Smoke Detectors
- Radioactive materials
- Thermostats
- Mercury containing devices
- Ballasts
- Electronics

**No Latex or Acrylic
Paint!**

Questions???

Contact LRPC Staff:

Matt Rose 603-279-5336
Dave Jeffers 603-279-5341

Email LRPC Staff:

Matt Rose mrose@lakesrpc.nh.gov
Dave Jeffers djeffers@lakesrpc.nh.gov

Visit our website:

<https://www.lakesrpc.org/Pages/index/228929/household-hazardous-waste>

Scan the QR code below:



Annual household hazardous waste collection events are organized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission, with financial support from participating communities, NHDES and US Department of Agriculture.

ROCK STEADY BOXING & DOWN TOWN LAKES REGION GYM

7TH ANNUAL

5K RUN & WALK

TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST PARKINSONS!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

START TIME: 9AM • THE DOWNTOWN GYM • 171 FAIR STREET, LACONIA, NH



MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:
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FALL CRAFTS FAIR & FESTIVAL

CRAFTS, FOOD TRUCKS, AND FUN

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4, 2025
9-3PM

FREE ADMISSION

OVER 75 ARTISAN CRAFTERS

FOOD TRUCKS

RAFFLE TABLE

BAKE SALE

8TH ANNUAL WREATH FESTIVAL

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION



New Hampshire FISH AND GAME
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Sharing the Forest: Hiking During Hunting Season

Click the image above for tips so you can safely enjoy the forest during this hunting season.

PEAC

PAUSE FOR PEACE 2025

A Global Music & Arts Festival for Peace
September 21 - October 4, 2025

Join the Movement. Create Global Harmony!

Be part of a worldwide cultural activation that unites voices, music, and hearts across every continent.

What's Happening?

- ✓ Kick-off with Live Peace Concert on Sept 21
- ✓ Global Pause for Peace Festival runs through Oct 4
- ✓ Performances, art shows, peace circles in 96+ countries

How Can You Join?

- 🎵 Musicians & Artists. Share your voice, song, or art!
- 🏠 Organizers: Host a concert, art event, or peace circle.
- 🌍 Ambassadors: Help spread the word and connect communities.

Sign Up Today! PEACInstitute.org/PauseForPeace

LIVE PEACE. SHARE PEACE. BECOME THE MOVEMENT.



NURTURE HOPE

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

HYBRID COURSE

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

Register at:

www.lrcs.org/parentedregistration

or use the QR code:



TUESDAYS, 6:30-8PM
8-WEEK SERIES BEGINS
OCTOBER 21, 2025

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

Topics Covered Will Include:

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

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



The Linden
Foundation

Fundraiser to help find a cure
for cancer through



Dragon Boats are Coming Sat. 9/20/2025!

**Come to Laconia's 4th Dragon Boat Festival at the
NASWA Resort! Have fun and raise money to help find
the cure for cancer.**

We'll gather at the NASWA Resort (1086 Weirs Blvd.,
Laconia, NH) to have Dragon Boat races, a flower
ceremony for loved ones touched by cancer, and fun for
anyone racing or watching!

**14 Dragon boat teams from 5 states are coming to
race!**



**For more information go to
LaconiaRotary.org or email
LaconiaDBF@gmail.com**



Sponsors:



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**Mark Your
Calendar!**

**Trick or Treating in
Laconia is Friday,
October 31st from
5 pm to 8 pm.**



The MamaCoach
Amanda Gilman, RN, IBCLC

Free Sleep Series

Sept 17
10:30 AM
NEWBORNS (0-12 WEEKS)

Oct 1
6:00 PM
INFANTS (3-18 MONTHS)

Oct 15
6:00 PM
TODDLERS (18+ MONTHS)

NH PQC

WHITE BIRCH CENTER
LRCS
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Register Here



We Care Presents

THE JERSEY TENORS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
in an all new show!

Saturday, October 25, 2025



Inter-Lakes High School Community Auditorium
Showtime 7:30 pm

The Ultimate Tribute to the 70's!
FEATURING ICONIC HIT'S FROM

The Bee Gees ~ Queen ~ Elton John ~ Billy Joel
Earth Wind and Fire ~ The Eagles ~ Jackson 5
Credence Clearwater Revival

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Local Contact:

- Sarah Keniston, 617-413-3685, NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com
- Margaret Fletcher, 603-759-4290, mfletcher.wellaware@gmail.com

Concord Community Build

Oct. 23rd - 28th, 2025

UU Church of Concord
274 Pleasant St. Concord, NH



Scan to sign up for inserts!

Warming Homes - Saving Energy - Building Community

603 UNITED JOIN US FOR A

MINI GOLF Tournament

PRESENTED BY:
PIRATES COVE ADVENTURE PARK

SUNDAY, OCT. 5TH
AT PIRATES COVE ADVENTURE GOLF
WINNISQUAM, NH

TEE TIMES FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM
\$25 A TEAM (UP TO 4 PEOPLE)

REGISTER NOW!

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



LACONIA PARKS AND RECREATION

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

LACONIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 25TH, 2025

IN THE HECTORS PARKING LOT
BAGS FLY AT 11:30AM

\$60
PER TEAM
CASH OR CHECK

PRIZES
FOR TOP
TEAMS

Think
you've got
the best toss
in Laconia?
Prove it!

REGISTER NOW!
CONTACT LACONIA PARKS AND
REC AT 524-5046
PARKS@LACONIANH.GOV



PUMPKINFEST DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT



Mark your calendars for
the dates of this year's
Fall Leaf Pickup!

October 27 - October 31

November 10 - November 14

Please check future issues
of Laconia Links for
more details.

LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES *Engage. Empower. Inspire.*

Open HOUSE

Meet our
Interim CEO,
Erin Pettengill



Becky Tolman

*Thank you
Becky!*

Join us as we wish
Becky well on her
next chapter and
thank her for 18
years of service at
LRCS!

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 9th

WHERE: LRCS
719 N. Main Street
Laconia, NH

THE ARCHIVES
AT THE LACONIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY

OPEN HOURS

**SATURDAYS
9:00AM - 12:00PM**

laconiahistory.com

61 Water Street, Laconia
Parking close by!
For more information, contact us!
Info@laconiahistory.com

Electronic Waste Collection Day

Fundraising event to benefit:

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

When: **Saturday, September 27**

Where: Cinemas 8 Parking Lot

9 Old Lakeshore Road, Gilford, NH

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm



Items we are accepting:

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

Anything with a cord not listed will be accepted.

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

Items we CANNOT accept:

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

“Don’t Throw It Out, Recycle It!”

Thank you for supporting the Laconia-Gilford Lions



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Closed for Holiday 	2 10 - Activities Meeting 11:30 - Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions 12- Ice Cream Social	3 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	4 10:30 —Family Recipe Sharing 11:30—Hot Roast Beef Sub	5 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
8 10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Games/Cribbage 11—Walking Group	9 10:30—Safety/Disaster Preparedness by PPH 11:30 —American Chop Suey	10 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	11 10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—Turkey Tetrazzini w/Noodles	12 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10:30 —Indoor Gardening
15 10:30—Games/Cribbage 11—Walking Group	16 10:30—Fun Hat Day!! 11:30 —Chicken Parmesan	17 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	18 9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30 —Pub Burger w/Cheese	19 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
22 10:30—Games/Cribbage 11—Walking Group	23 10:30 —Purse Exchange 11:30- Chicken, Broccoli & Rice	24 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	25 11:30—Sausage, Bean & Spinach Soup 12:30—Ping Pong & Corn Hole	26 9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
29 10—Movie & Snack 	30 10:30— Hannaford Diabetes Presentation 11:30- Shepherd's Pie			Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of Sept. 22nd!



Pumpkin Carving Party



for the Laconia Pumpkin Festival!

October 23
5 - 7 PM
at Canine Connection



BYOP or \$10 for pumpkin & carving supplies





Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This group will provide support, education, and an opportunity to exchange ideas among caregivers of those suffering with dementia. A caregiver is anyone who provides regular care for a relative, a partner, or a friend. For many it is a labor of love, but it can also be physically and emotionally demanding. It is important to keep a balance between caring for another individual while caring for oneself.

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin
2nd Tuesday of each month
1:30-3:30pm

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.
For more information or to register call (603) 934-3454

Franklin 
VNA & Hospice
www.FranklinVNA.org
 (603)934-3454



THE GREAT NEW ENGLAND CRAFT & ARTISAN SHOWS *at the Laconia Pumpkin Festival*



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High Quality handmade products

Oct 25 | 11am - 8pm
Main Street - Downtown Laconia

Free Admission | \$100 Cash Giveaway



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Come and visit us at
 Laconia Pumpkin
 Festival to learn more
 about what we do!

The mission of Belknap House is to provide families in Belknap County safe shelter when children are especially at-risk during homelessness; to empower families to become self-sufficient and independent by providing them with opportunities for education and access to community resources.

www.belknaphouse.org

10K & 5K RUN / WALK




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OCTOBER 25TH

OPECHEE PARK, LACONIA

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

Register by October 10th to Receive a Long-Sleeve Event Shirt!

Best Costume & Largest Team Challenge!

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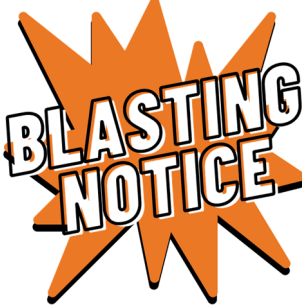




Information & Registration at

WOWTRAIL.ORG





BLASTING NOTICE

Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permit has been issued as follows:

- Capital Rock Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid until October 11, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 492 Endicott Street North, Laconia, NH. Questions? Contact 603-487-2840.

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



Put a

FREEZE

on Winter Fires

Did you know?





1 in every 7 home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths involves heating equipment.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter, stay fire smart!



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



U.S. Fire Administration





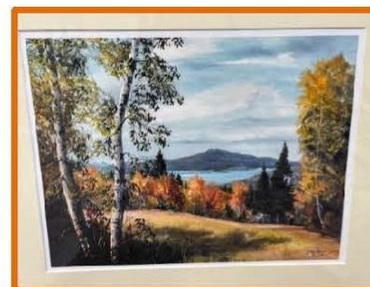

ANNUAL FALL HARVEST RAFFLE

3 tickets for \$10!

Purchasing raffle tickets is a great way to support LRSF! Ticket sales end October 19th.

Prizes to include:

- 79" x 92" Fall Quilt – handmade by Ellen Peters and donated in her memory by her family
- \$200 Stafford Oil & Propane Gift Certificate - donated by Stafford Oil & Propane. Good towards Heating Fuels, a CITGO Cash Card, or other Stafford Oil & Propane Heating and Air Conditioning Products & Services
- Fall themed basket with handmade quilted placemats - donated by Friend of the Foundation
- 2 one-day Midweek Lift Tickets for the 2025/2026 Winter Season at Gunstock Mountain Resort - donated by Gunstock Mountain Resort
- Snowman themed Winter Treats Basket – includes snowman wall hanging and Annalee dolls – donated by Martha Bissonnette
- 20" x 16" fully matted 15 1/2" x 11 1/2" framed Loran Percy Fall print - donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- 20" x 16" fully matted 15 1/2" x 11 1/2" framed Loran Percy Covered Bridge print - donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- 23" square quilted "Talking Turkey" table topper – handmade and donated by Marcia Dionne
- 12" x 14 1/2" fully matted 8" x 12" Fine Art Chipmunk print by Tristan MacDonald – donated by Susan Percy MacDonald
- "Cactus" hummingbird feeder – donated by a Friend of the Foundation
- Various Gift Cards/Certificates



Check out our website for up to date prize listings!
www.lrscholarship.org

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



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community. If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at [603-527-1270](tel: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 **September 22, 2025** 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:

DISCUSSION REGARDING WHETHER TO CREATE A SOCIAL DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF LACONIA AS DEFINED IN HB 467, AND TO PLACE THIS QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER CITY ELECTION BALLOT

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2025-28 – REQUEST TO EXTEND PLANTATION AND COLONIAL ROADS' EMERGENCY LANE DESIGNATION WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 30, 2026 OR THE DATE OF THE BELKNAP SUPERIOR COURT'S DECISION ON CASE NUMBER 211-2024-CV-0054, JOY SABATO, ET AL V CITY OF LACONIA, WHICHEVER IS LATER

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



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ORDINANCE 2025-235-21 – AMENDING CHAPTER 235, ZONING, RELATIVE TO ARTICLE IV, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, § 235-21, HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT (HROD)

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



Mental Health Symposium

**Wednesday, 10/22/25
9:00AM - 3:30PM**

@LRCC

379 Belmont Rd.
Laconia, NH

Registration Fees:

\$75 Member

\$95 Non-Member

This event will bring together people in business, education, and the community for a day of mental health education and discussion.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Keynote by Judge John Broderick
- ★ 6 Break Out Sessions
- ★ NAMI Panel: "Stories of Power, Hope, and Healing"
- ★ Networking
- ★ Lunch!

92% of workers prioritize employers who support mental health and well-being. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) has revealed significant wellness concerns about our youth. This event will provide you with expert insights, valuable resources, and strategies to strengthen your work and create a positive impact in your role and community.

**LEARN MORE AND
REGISTER NOW:**



LRCC.edu

LRCC Campus
379 Belmont Rd
Laconia, NH 03246

LRCC
(603) 524-3207



Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group

For those who have experienced the death of someone significant

*"The only way to get to the other side is to go through the door."
- Helen Keller*

**No registration required.
Come to one session, or come every month!**

Join us as we support each other and discuss some of the ways the loss of someone significant can affect our lives. The purpose of this group is to provide information about the grief process; to share experiences; and to alleviate the feeling of isolation.

Franklin VNA & Hospice Grief Support Group

Date: 3rd Tuesday of every month
Time: 2:30-4:00 pm
Location: 75 Chestnut St, Franklin

For additional information, please call
Franklin VNA & Hospice at 603-934-3454
or email info@franklinvna.org

Franklin
VNA & Hospice

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 ...

Aftermath of train wreck, just above The Weirs, Sept. 15, 1900. Two freights crashed into each other at half-past midnight, killing two trainmen and injuring four others, demolishing two locomotives and piling up 20 to 30 freight cars and their contents 'in a confused heap on the tracks.' See article on previous page. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

Although most vestiges of the wreck are gone now, remnants of some of the rail cars are still there, off-photo at right, under the surface in Meredith Bay of Lake Winnepesaukee. Look Off Rock Motel and Cabins, off-photo at upper left, looked down on the site of the wreck until the mid-1980s, when they were torn down. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)



Let's Walk Together.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8 AM Registration | 9 AM Walk | 15 Aiken Ave Franklin, NH

2-mile walk that begins and ends on the Concord Hospital - Franklin campus

Benefiting mental health and substance use disorder programs and services at Concord Hospital - Laconia and Concord Hospital - Franklin.



SCAN TO REGISTER
\$30 REGISTRATION FEE
(Includes pancake breakfast after walk.)
or visit bridgetorecoverywalk.org



A family-friendly event bringing together community, friends, families, and local businesses. Together, we will raise awareness and funds to show support for those struggling with, or recovering from, mental health disorder and/or substance use disorder.

SPONSORS:
Anthem | AmeriBen | Concord Imaging Center | OFSB | Dr. Paul Racicot | CHAMPION HALL
Bellnap Tire & Auto Repair • Bruce & Barbie Carrier • Concord Hospital Medical Staff
Concord Hospital Medical Staff - Franklin & Laconia • Lakes Region Airport Shuttle, LLC.
Stewart's Ambulance Service • Bonnette, Page & Stone, Corporation • Granite State Glass
Pike Industries, Inc. • New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc. • Veronica Rosa & Family
Concord Hospital Medical Staff • Concord Imaging Center • Concord Orthopaedics
Merrimack County Savings Bank • Stewart's Ambulance Foundation
Daymark Solutions, Inc. • Harvey Construction Corporation • New Hampshire Distributors
Northeast Delta Dental Foundation • Sanel NAPA • Sulloway and Hollis
Davis & Towle Insurance Group • Denron Hall • JP Morgan Chase & Co. • M&T Bank/Wilmington Trust
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Join us Friday, September 19th at 6pm

to watch

The Little Bear Movie



Popcorn + Water provided

Free of Charge

RSVP encouraged to:

AMANDA.HOULE@LRCS.ORG

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Read all about Laconia
Pumpkin Festival and other
fun fall events in the
Lakes Region!

Just click on the
image (left).



Belknap Mill Museum

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246

www.belknapmill.org

Do you have an awesome photo from a past Pumpkin Festival that deserves to be shown off? We'd love to include it in our upcoming October Community Exhibit at the Belknap Mill!

Send us an email at info@belknapmill.org to learn more!



Let's celebrate the spirit
of the Pumpkin Festival
through your lens!



Carter Mountain Band Concert on October 5th

We invite you to join us on Sunday October 5th at 3 PM at First United Methodist Church Gilford, as the Carter Mountain Band presents a program of music honoring our armed forces, capturing the humble beginnings of our people, and celebrating the influence our great nation has had on music across the world.

In looking forward to what will surely be a 2026 full of celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it's easy to overlook the key moments that took place one year earlier in 1775 that put our country on the path to that fateful day. Carter Mountain looks back at the battles of Lexington and

Concord that were waged in Massachusetts on April 19th, marking the beginning of the American Revolution.

They will also recognize the founding of the United States Army by an act of the Continental Congress on June 14th, 1775 as well as the founding of the US Navy and United States Marines later that year.

In addition, the band will be performing marches, delightful arrangements of traditional folk melodies, and popular cinematic tunes that are sure to stir feelings of nostalgia, pride, and patriotism.

Each year, the band performs its Fall Concert at First United Methodist Church at 18 Wesley Way in Gilford, as a 'Thank You' to the church for use of rehearsal space, and all proceeds are donated to the church. The band members also supply delicious refreshments for a reception, following the concert.

A donation of \$8. is requested at the door. Students are free. The church is located near the 3/11 bypass off Rt 11A (18 Wesley Way) in Gilford. Church phone is [\(603\)524-3289](tel:6035243289).

Above photo of the Carter Mountain Brass Band is compliments of aaronwwithamphotography.

The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation **ANNUAL LAKES REGION PUMPKIN FIGURE CONTEST** **OCTOBER 16, 17 & 18**



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

Registration deadline: Oct. 9th

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

PRIZES AWARDED IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES



For more information and to register, scan the QR Code or visit our website.

Registration is now open for the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest!

With the rapid approach of Fall, registration for the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest fundraiser is now open. Executive Director Chris Guilmett said, "The Scholarship Foundation is looking forward to building on the success of our annual Pumpkin Figure Contest! The time invested by the participants, as well as the creativity and the willingness to share their creations with the entire community is great to see! This has become a seasonal fundraiser for us in which the whole community gets involved. The pumpkin figures are judged in several categories with prizes awarded."

"We have seen many amazing entries over the years from not only families, but a variety of businesses, schools, individuals, and non-profit agencies. We are excited to see this year's entries! Registration for the Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest can be done by following the link under the Pumpkin Figure Contest tab on our website. You will also be able to purchase tickets to our two additional Fall fundraisers, our popular Fall Harvest Raffle and our Cake n' Sweets Calendar Raffle! You do not need to be participating in the Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest to purchase raffle tickets."

The contest is open to individuals, families, schools, businesses, and non-profits. Pumpkin figures must include at least one pumpkin. In order to qualify for the contest, entrants must live in the Lakes Region and the entry forms must be received by Lakes Region Scholarship by October 9th. Judging takes place on October 16, 17 & 18. For those looking for a fun, fall day excursion, an interactive map with the locations of the Pumpkin Figures will be available to download on our website.

To register for the Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest or to view the items for the Fall Harvest Raffle and purchase Fall Harvest or Cakes 'n Sweets Calendar Raffle tickets, please visit our website at: www.lrscholarship.org

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CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday
[\(603\) 527-1270](tel:6035271270)

SENIOR RESOURCES

ServiceLink Resource Center
[\(603\) 528-6945](tel:6035286945) is the first number
to call for senior services!



September is National Healthy Aging Month to raise attention to the health and well-being of older adults, and to focus on supporting efforts to help people stay healthy and independent as they age. For information on vision and aging, please click the image (left) for more information from the National Eye Institute on how seniors can protect their vision and prevent vision loss.

CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below must be preceded by 603)



Airport.....[603-524-5003](tel:6035245003)
Airport Manager - Marv Everson
Assessing[603-527-1268](tel:6035271268)
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker
City Clerk[603-527-1265](tel:6035271265)
City Clerk - Katie Gargano
City Manager[603-527-1270](tel:6035271270)
City Manager - Kirk Beattie
Code Enforcement.....[603-527-1293](tel:6035271293)
Codes Director - Joe Gray
Conservation[603-527-1264](tel:6035271264)
Conservation Technician - Grey Draper
Economic Development &...[603-527-1270](tel:6035271270)
Housing - Director - Joia Hughes
Finance.....[603-524-3877](tel:6035243877)
Finance Director - Glenn Smith
Licensing[603-528-6331](tel:6035286331)
Licensing - Hilary Young
Fire Dept. (Central Station)..[603-524-6881](tel:6035246881)
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) ...[603-366-2229](tel:6033662229)
Library[603-524-4775](tel:6035244775)
Library Director - Deann Hunter
Parks & Recreation[603-524-5046](tel:6035245046)
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek
Personnel[603-524-3877](tel:6035243877)
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen
Planning & Zoning[603-527-1264](tel:6035271264)
Planning & Zoning Director - Rob Mora
Police (Administration).....[603-524-5257](tel:6035245257)
Police (Crime Line)[603-524-1717](tel:6035241717)
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield
Public Works (Main Office) ...[603-528-6379](tel:6035286379)
Public Work-Transfer Station..[603-528-5822](tel:6035285822)
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson
Tax[603-527-1269](tel:6035271269)
Tax Collector - Katie Gargano
Water.....[603-524-0901](tel:6035240901)
Superintendent - Ben Crawford
Welfare[603-527-1267](tel:6035271267)
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond

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Mayor Charlie St. Clair..... [603-387-5944](tel:6033875944)
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1) [603-491-8946](tel:6034918946)
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes
(Ward 4)..... [603-524-3605](tel:6035243605)
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Eric Hoffman (Ward 3) [603-803-3425](tel:6038033425)
Steven Bogert (Ward 5) [603-528-0613](tel:6035280613)
Tony Felch (Ward 6) [603-998-1418](tel:6039981418)

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov

Upcoming Meetings

**Week of
September 22 - 26**

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:**

City Council

September 22, 2025, 7:00 pm

Agenda

Laconia Human Relations Committee - Community Event Planning

September 24, 2025, 9:00 am

Agenda

Laconia Human Relations Committee - MLK, Jr.

Subcommittee

September 24, 2025, 4:00 pm

Agenda

Board of Assessors

September 25, 2025, 5:00 pm