



Welcome to Laconia Links!



November 7, 2025 - Edition #711

*Last stop before heading south for the winter?
(photo compliments of W. Stephen Loughlin)*

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



Bring the Whole Family to 603 United's Festival of Trees & Christmas Craft Fair!

Step into a winter wonderland of twinkling lights, beautifully decorated trees, and handmade holiday treasures! There's something for everyone in the family — from browsing unique crafts and gifts to enjoying festive sights and smells that will make the season sparkle.

Meet Santa's helpers, explore our decorated trees, and find one-of-a-kind gifts from local artisans while supporting 603 United, a nonprofit bringing fun and friendship to adults with and without intellectual disabilities.

Click [here](#) for more details!

We're looking forward to seeing you !

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of November 3!



UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 11/10

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

KID

MON 11/10

Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only.

ADULT

MON 11/10

Game Night @5pm - Drop-in, use our games or yours!

ADULT

TUE 11/11

Veteran's Day - Library Closed

MULTI

WED 11/12

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

KID

WED 11/12

Drop-In Tech Help @2pm

ADULT

WED 11/12

Mystery Book Group @4pm - 'Peg and Rose Solve a Murder'

ADULT

WED 11/12

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

KID

THU 11/13

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

KID

THU 11/13

Crime in Laconia During the Golden Age @6pm

ADULT

MON 11/17

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

KID

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>
follow us: @laconialibrary
call: (603) 524-4775
text: (603) 556-4666
email: info@laconialibrary.org



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**





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REGION
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Benjamin Greene, Conductor



SYMPHONY CONCERT

Saturday November 1, 2025 - 7:00pm
Hanaway Theatre Plymouth State University

BEETHOVEN - Symphony No. 7
CORIGLIANO - Elegy
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - English Folk Song Suite
WALTON - Viola Concerto
featuring concerto competition winner Hana Jang



Tickets: LRSO.org
PSU Silver Center Box Office 603-535-ARTS
PSU Students FREE * \$20-\$30 Adult * \$5 non-PSU Students

Thank you LRSO sponsors McIntyre Families and Evelyn & Michael Miller. Silver Center productions are made possible in part through the generosity of The Dick and Betty Hanaway Endowment for the Performing Arts; The Ann E. Thurston '80, '00G, '07CAGS and Elizabeth W. Cheney '89, '99G Endowed Fund for the Performing Arts; and The Jeannette and Richard Collins Award.

SILVER www.LRSO.org
f LRSO1 @ LRSO.NH 



Winter parking ban began November 1

As of November 1, vehicles and trailers cannot be parked on a public street from midnight to 6:30am. This 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 Police Chief or the Public Works Director. The fine for parking on a public street during these hours is \$25.00.

Thank you for your cooperation!



A sincere thank you to all of our election officials, poll workers, and voters for a great turnout and another safe and successful election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. A special thank you to the staff in the City Clerk's Office for all of their help with the election, the Laconia Parks and Recreation Department for delivering and setting up the polls as well as the City's IT Department and the School Department for the use of their facilities as polling places. Thanks also to Laconia Police for monitoring the polls. Without all of you, the election would not have been as successful as it was.

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

LACONIA PUTNAM FUND PRESENTS

TROUBADOURS

CAROLE KING JAMES TAYLOR

TRIBUTE SHOW



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Troubadours provides an enchanting evening celebrating the music of Carole King and James Taylor. Music is brought to you by two bands joining together for an unforgettable performance: Home Again - A Tribute to the Music of Carole King, and Steamroller - The Music of James Taylor.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025, AT 7:00PM
— Colonial Theatre, Downtown Laconia —

Tickets Available Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 10:00am
Colonial Theatre Box Office located at 609 Main Street Laconia, NH
Box Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 10am till 2pm
On line at www.coloniallaconia.com (OR)
Call 800-657-8774

Free Admission - 2 ticket maximum per person
General Seating, First Come First Seated

All General Admission Ticket Holders are to be seated prior to 6:45 PM
Standby Tickets are available at 6:45 PM Friday, November 14th
at the Colonial Theatre Lobby



38th Annual Debra Bieniarz Award

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

Each year the Laconia City Council is proud to present this award to a resident of the City based on his/her outstanding service to the youth of our community. This award was established 38 years ago in memory of Police Officer Debra Bieniarz who served the City and its youth with devotion, dedication and distinction. In her honor it's time again to present this award to someone who, like late Officer Bieniarz, has selflessly, tirelessly and enthusiastically improved the lives of our younger generation.

Written nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2025. Please send nominations to the City Manager's Office, City of Laconia, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Nominations may also be e-mailed to NBrown@laconianh.gov. There is no nomination form to fill out, just use your own words to describe what makes your nominee special to our community and its youth, and why they should be considered for this year's award. Please call (603) 527-1270 if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Christmas Fair

Saturday, Nov 22nd
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



- * Gift Items – new & used
- * Cookies, Pies & More!
- * Local Vendors & Crafts
- * Holiday Décor – lots!
- * Silent Auction
- * Books
- * Puzzles
- * Jewelry
- * Gift Baskets
- * Lunch &

First United Methodist Church
18 Wesley Way, Gilford NH
(Route 11A after the Bypass)
603 524- 3289

HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT



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

Thursday, November 13th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
and
Thursday, December 11th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Franklin
VNA & Hospice

Registration encouraged to ensure enough refreshments and chairs.

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

Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11. There will be NO DELAY in curbside collection of trash during the week of Veteran's Day. ALL collections will be on their normal schedules. Any questions, please call Public Works at (603)528-6379. Please note: The Transfer Station will remain open on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11.



LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689 2025 ACTIVITIES



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Games/Cribbage	10 - Activities Meeting 11—Support for Caregivers/Family by Lakes Region VNA 11:30 - Stuffed Pasta	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Belknap Mill Quilters Show & Tell 11:30— Meatball Stroganoff	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10— Games & Puzzles
10	11	12	13	14
9:30—Coffee Social 10:30—Games/Cribbage	Closed for Holiday 	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—BBQ Pub Burger w/Cheese	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
17	18	19	20	21
9—Chair Yoga Video 10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles	10:30 —Thanksgiving Craft 11:30 -Cheese & Pasta Casserole	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona Give Thanks! 11:30— Thanksgiving Dinner	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
24	25	26	27	28
10—Movie & Snack 	10:30 —Stories & Sharing Favorite Thanksgiving Memories 11:30— Chicken Pot Pie	*No Strength & Balance Class This Week* 9—Chair Yoga Video 10-12 Prize Bingo	Closed for Holiday 	Closed for Holiday 
				Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal

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

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

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

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



CITY OF LACONIA BRUSH DUMP

Brush Dump Reopens

The Governor has lifted the burn ban allowing Public Works to burn most of the piles in the Brush Dump. The Brush Dump opens on Friday, November 7th for residential brush. Contractors and landscapers cannot bring their brush to the dump.

The Brush Dump is on winter hours and is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm.



Didn't feel like carrying around your Laconia Pumpkin Festival swag around the day of the event?

Good News! T-shirts (\$15) and Mugs (\$10) are available at the Laconia Community Center, 306 Union Avenue, Laconia.

The phone number is 603-524-5046.

Pumpkin Festival swag makes great holiday gifts....just saying!



Fall Leaf Collection

Mark your calendars! This second Fall Leaf Collection is scheduled for the week of November 10 - November 14, 2025. During that week, the City's contractor will pick up an additional 10 bags of leaves on your normal trash day. All leaves must be in paper compost bags.

Questions? Please call the Department of Public Works at (603) 528-6379.

Annual Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair November 8, 2025

Start your holiday shopping early at the Taylor Community Indoor Yard Sale and Craft Fair! Volunteers at Taylor Community are busy gathering donated items, organizing and pricing them for the event to be held on Saturday, November 8th, between 9 am and 2 pm at the Woodside Building, located at 435 Union Avenue in Laconia.

In addition to these gently used items of all kinds, local crafters will be there selling their creations. You'll find seasonal and holiday decorations, quilted pieces, photography, baked goods, jewelry, jams and jellies, original artwork and handmade greeting cards, to name a few.

A new addition to the fair this year will be a Raffle Room, where you can take a chance to win one (or more!) of the Yard Sale, Crafters, bake sale and the jewelry table are donated to the TC Sunshine Fund.

Come early for the best selection, find a special treasure, and support a good cause!



13
November

Children's Storytime, Songs, and Crafts!

10:00 a.m., Bennett Library at LRCC
All ages welcome!
Parents must attend.



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



Hey everyone...
**Family Fun Night
Is Coming!**

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 28, 2025****

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 8th from 2:30-8:30pm?
Email: carol.stone@lracs.org

**GREATER LAKES REGION
CHILDREN'S AUCTION**

Jennifer's COLOR & BEAUTY BAR

FASHION

FOR A CAUSE

THE OPERA HOUSE
EST. 1882
LAKEPORT OPERA HOUSE

Sullivan BEAUTY

DOING THE MOST GOOD

Rare on MAIN

25th Anniversary

Partners

THE FLIP SIDE

Gunstock

ELAVE

BOOT TOWN
Western • Loggers • Work • Leisure • Events

WRAP CITY
LAKEWICH COMPANY

Contigiani's CATERING SERVICE
SINCE 1985

Join us for a night of local fashion, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, shopping, auctions and more!
This will take place on November 8th at The Lakeport Opera House from 7pm-10pm
Buy your tickets by scanning the QR code



SAVE THE DATE

Meredith Village Savings Bank Presents

A Night of New Beginnings

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

This evening will feature dinner, dancing, and an online silent auction to help raise funds for New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse.

BELKNAP MILL
25 BEACON STREET EAST
LACONIA, NH 03246

WWW.NEWBEGINNINGSNH.ORG/GALA



Federal American Disability Act regulations and City Ordinances prohibit parking on or blocking sidewalks. The Police Department can fine violators!

The first offense is a \$25 fine. The second offense is \$75 and the third offense is \$150. Please call Public Works at [603-528-6379](tel:603-528-6379) if you have a question on whether there is an existing sidewalk on your street.





Winter is fast approaching and Public Works and NHDOT are preparing the public streets and sidewalks for snowplowing.

One item that our residents can help with is moving their portable basketball hoops that are on or near the roads and sidewalks so they will not be hit by plow trucks and tractors. The hoops can damage the snow removal equipment, or the equipment can damage the hoops themselves.

Please immediately move portable basketball hoops at least 5 feet back from the edge of roads or sidewalks as the weight of the snow coming off from the plows can knock portable basketball hoops over, damaging them and anything that may be in their path.

Thank you for your assistance.

Emotional Well-being for Family Caregivers



**November 19, 2025
10 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Granite VNA
780 North Main Street, Laconia
Winni Room**

Emotional well-being is the ability to understand ourselves and cope with the challenges life can bring. As family caregivers the opportunity to encounter challenges increases especially with the onset of various health conditions that can have a strong impact not only on our bodies, but our minds as well. In this session, we will discuss different strategies to manage our emotional health in the face of change.

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



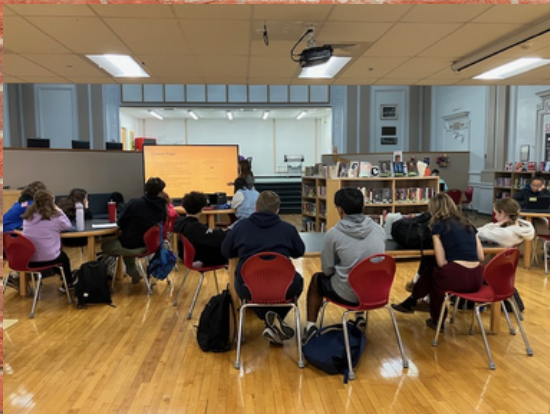
Offices in Concord, Laconia & Wolfeboro
(603) 224-4093 | (800) 924-8620 • www.granitevna.org



OFFICE OF EXTENDED LEARNING

Granite Edvance presented to Laconia High School students on October 28. Students were informed about the You Science career assessment and began to work on it. Once they complete it, we will review it and learn which career path aligns best with their skills and interests.

Volunteer NH presented to Laconia High School students on November 5. Students were informed about many volunteer opportunities which lead to scholarships.



Students at Pleasant Street School participated in many activities during Project Extra's after school program. The students use their Math and Science skills to make slime and design homes.

Community Forum



LACONIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SPECIAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN LACONIA?

Wednesday, November 12, 2025,
7:00 – 9:30 pm
Laconia High School Auditorium

Is homelessness an issue in Laconia?
How do we find out?
Who is affected by homelessness?
Is anyone doing anything about homelessness
in Laconia?
What is being done?
What cannot be done?
What can you do?

Please join us as we hear from a panel of
community members and then be part of our
interactive Question and Answer session.

This is an opportunity to learn as a community
what is happening – the good, the bad,
and the ugly.

This is an opportunity for all of us to hear
concerns and fears, but it is also an opportunity
to hear about suggestions and ideas.

Even the longest journey begins with a
single step.

Help us, as a community, begin this journey.

If you cannot join us at this event, please send
us your comments and suggestions to Laconia
Human Relations Committee by emailing
nbrown@laconianh.gov.



**The NH DMV is now fully
appointment based.**

To schedule an appointment:

- Visit www.nh.dmv.gov OR
- Scan the QR Code below OR
- Contact a DMV Representative at:
603-227-4000



*Steve Loughlin, a Director at the
Kiwanis Club of Laconia, NH,
produces a monthly newsletter
for the Club, "Laconia Kiwanis Kronikle".*

*To read the most recent issue
and see what our local chapter
of Kiwanis is up to, click [here!](#)*



SPONSORED BY
THE DOWNTOWN GYM

7TH ANNUAL SANTA SHUFFLE

SATURDAY/ NOVEMBER 29 / 9AM

Fun Run & Elf Walk

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



**SIGN UP
SCAN QR CODE**



or visit
DowntownGymLaconia.com

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

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

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY





DRIVERS
ALWAYS STOP
FOR SCHOOL
BUSES!



BEFORE THE BUS ARRIVES
Wait for the bus at least 10 feet — 5 giant steps — away from the curb.



GETTING ON AND OFF SAFELY
Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it's OK to get on or off.



USE CAUTION
Never walk behind a school bus.

YELLOW
flashing lights mean the bus is preparing to stop. You should slow down.

RED
flashing lights and extended stop arm means you must stop and wait.

IN EVERY STATE
IT'S ILLEGAL TO PASS A SCHOOL BUS WHILE THE STOP-ARM IS EXTENDED AND THE RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING.

KIDS ARE MOST AT RISK
WHEN APPROACHING OR LEAVING A SCHOOL BUS.



MAKE EYE CONTACT
with the bus driver
BEFORE CROSSING
IN FRONT OF
THE BUS

DROP SOMETHING?
Don't try to pick it up! The bus driver might not see you.



You may see some of these devices at Opechee Park. They are an attempt to deter the geese using a motion sensor and sound.

There are ON/OFF switches on the under side of the device. If you'd like to turn them off while you use the field, that is perfectly fine, but please turn them back on when you leave.



Share Resources, Change Lives

Together, we can make a meaningful impact today! We are building a comprehensive resource list. If you have a resource to share, email carrie.duran@lrscs.org.



**LAKES REGION
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Engage. Empower. Inspire.



Chris Kindle Mart 2025

A Festive Holiday Market for All Ages!

Join Us for Holiday Cheer!

Date: Saturday, November 29th, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Belknap Mill

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH

What to Expect

- Outdoor Vendors: Discover unique gifts, crafts, and treats from local artisans and makers.
- Kids Activities: Fun crafts and games on the first floor of the Belknap Mill – perfect for young holiday revelers!
- Festive Atmosphere: Enjoy music, food, and seasonal spirit in the heart of Laconia.

Admission: FREE

Bring your family and friends to kick off the holiday season! All are welcome.

For More Information

Visit www.connect@celebratelaconia.org.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notices on this page which have been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community.

If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **November 10, 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:

RESOLUTION 2025-34 – A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST OF THE LACONIA SCHOOL BOARD TO TRANSFER \$400,000.00 OF FY25 FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **November 10, 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:

RESOLUTION 2025-33 – AUTHORIZATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$757,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COVERING THE COST OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVIED AGAINST THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



143 Court St. Laconia



14TH
NOVEMBER

VFW

THANKSGIVING MEAT RAFFLE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
HOSTED BY THE POST
& AUXILIARY
KITCHEN OPEN

6PM, IN THE CANTEEN



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

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HEALTH
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS

COMMUNITY
VOICES
SURVEY

Let us know what the top needs
are in the community!

Complete the survey online at:
[CAPBM Survey](#)



The 2025 Community Needs Assessment (CNA) is underway, and **we need your input!**

Tells us **your thoughts** on what needs **more focus and attention.**

Your feedback will influence how
community health efforts are
prioritized and help guide future
programs and services.

IT ONLY TAKES 10 MINUTES
TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Nutcracker Christmas Fair

St. André Bessette Parish

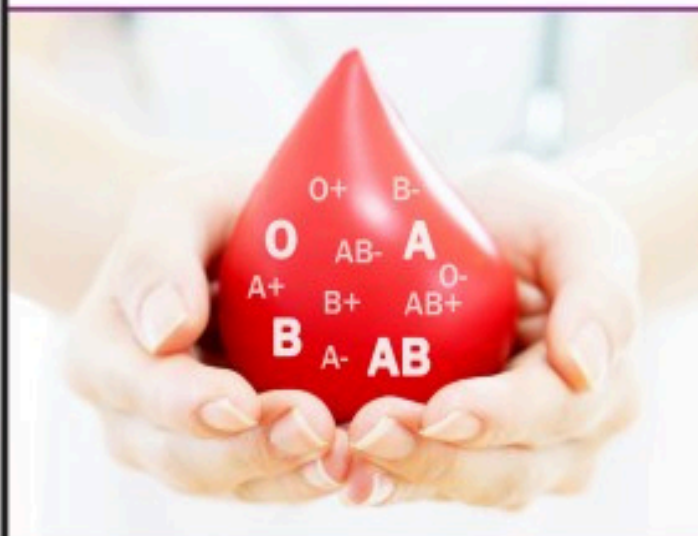
St. André Bessette Parish Hall (Gym)

31 Gilford Avenue (Sacred Heart Campus)

Friday, November 14, 2025 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 15, 2025 9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.



Blood Drive



**Wednesday,
November 12
1 - 6 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!

Tree of Remembrance Ceremony

Join us in celebrating and remembering those who have passed

Friday, December 12th at 4:00pm

Franklin VNA & Hospice
75 Chestnut St, Franklin NH 03235
www.Franklinvna.org

For more information call
(603) 934-3454
or email
fundraising@franklinvna.org

Bridge Work at Elm Street Nears Completion

Next Phase of Lakeport's Revitalization Set to Commence Soon

Pictured left: The deck rehabilitation of the Elm Street bridge in Lakeport – looking south from Franklin Street - is nearing completion. During bridge work, alternating one-way traffic has been necessary.

Built in 2003, the Elm Street Bridge is undergoing its first major repairs required to maintain its anticipated 75 to 100-year lifespan. Working closely with the city, the WOW Trail Committee launched the first phase of the Opechee Loop in conjunction with this maintenance.

By coordinating their efforts, the sidewalk on the bridge deck has been widened at lower cost and with fewer traffic disruptions. The committee leveraged WOW Trail funds, \$325,000 in grant funding (\$100,000 from Belknap County and \$225,000 from the Northern Border Regional Commission), and the remaining amount of approximately \$575,000 from the Lakeport Tax Increment Financing District fund—created to support transportation and infrastructure improvements.

“Being able to do both projects at the same time has allowed the city to make additional upgrades to the area while staying under budget” said Assistant Director of Laconia Public Works Nate Guerette. “We hope for another 20 to 25 years before this type of major bridge maintenance is necessary.”

The WOW Trail Committee will also allocate \$100,000 in a collaboration with Lakeport developer Scott Everett to begin the next phase of a project that will tie the widened sidewalk from Doris Ray Court to the WOW Trail terminus, adding to Lakeport's revitalization. Construction on this section will begin shortly, with major groundwork establishing the base for new public space. Paving, landscaping, and hardscaping will follow in spring–summer 2026, creating a promenade-style segment.

“The goal of this project—and the Opechee Loop—is to provide safer routes for bicyclists and pedestrians connecting neighborhoods with schools, parks, beaches and business districts,” said Allan Beetle, president of the WOW Trail Committee. “Building the Opechee Loop is another step toward economic vitality for our business districts and better transportation and recreation options for the community.”

The current Opechee Loop concept includes sidewalk and pathway enhancements up Elm Street to Route 106, continuing through the proposed Laconia Village into Ahern State Park to Shore Drive, and ultimately reaching the WOW Trail downtown at Pleasant Street. Pleasant Street is the only additional sidewalk improvement anticipated for this connection.

The city has been selected to receive a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to help fund the next section—from Franklin Street to Elm Street School—targeted for 2028.

“We will continue partnering with the city, the state, and private developers to build out this vision—especially when roadwork or planned development lets us minimize costs and impacts,” Beetle said.

For more information about the Opechee Loop, visit wowtrail.org.



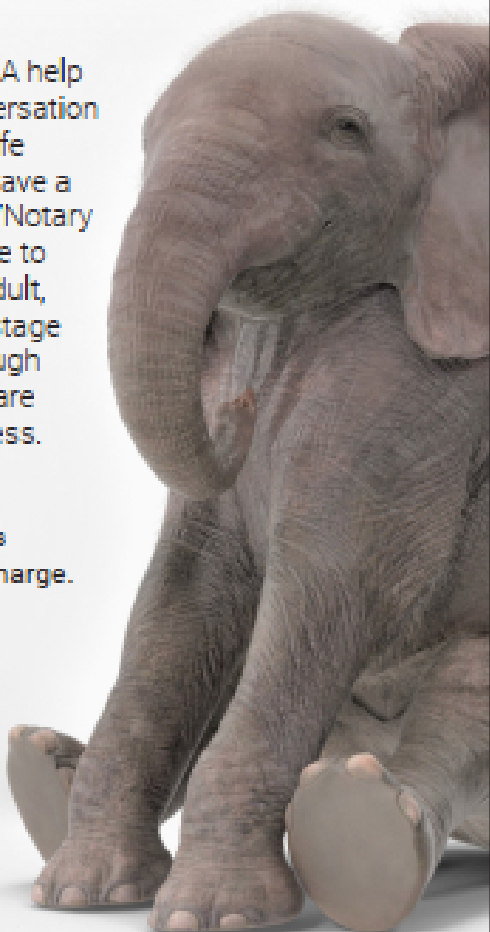
Let's Address the Elephant in the Room!

Walk-In Wednesday
Wednesday, November 19
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.



Blasting and Drilling Permit Notice

A blasting permit has been issued to Maine Drilling and Blasting. This permit is valid from October 14 through November 14, 2025 for drilling and blasting at 618-792 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH. Blasting can occur anytime Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Please see below for the horn codes:

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

Questions should be directed to Maine Drilling and Blasting at 603-647-0299.

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to the weeks of Fall Leaf Collection, did you know that Laconia residents can also bring their leaves to the Transfer Station and dispose of them at no charge?

There is no dump sticker or day pass required, just be sure to bring proof of residency with you showing you are a Laconia resident.

If your leaves are in a paper compost bag there is no need to empty them; if your leaves are in a plastic bag, you will have to empty the leaves out of the bag into the compost pile.

Questions? Please call Public Works at (603) 528-6379.



Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin

Help Support Our Fundraiser!

We've partnered with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer you fresh & fragrant balsam fir wreaths, indoor seed kits, winter bulbs, and more for holiday decorating and gift-giving.

Visit 3rwc.com and enter our group code below to shop from our fundraising page.

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Items ship via FedEx Ground or U.S. Mail and cannot be shipped outside the contiguous U.S. Your credit card will be charged at the time you place your order online, and items ship out during the shipping week you select at checkout. Please review details on our website thoroughly before ordering.



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

ONE PEER TO ANOTHER -LACONIA

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

NOVEMBER 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	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! Local Mental Health Agency: Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100 CALL OR TEXT 988 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance! Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  Educational Groups or Guest Speaker*	3 10a Check In 11a Community/Member Meeting 11a Walk & Talk 12p Healthy Eating 1p The Journey of Recovery*	4 10a Check In 11a Cooking & Lunch* 1p Seasonal Changes 2p Game Time!	5 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Member Led Group* 2p Practicing Gratitude	6 10a Check In 11a Breaking Habits 12p Ice Breakers 1p Mindfulness 2p Laughing Group	7 10a Friday Check In 11a Journaling 12p Bring your own Lunch! 1p Friday FILM 
	10 10a Meditation 11a Walk & Talk 12p Healthy Eating 1p The Journey of Recovery*	11 VETERAN'S DAY CENTERS CLOSED 	12 10a NH Navigating Collaborative Meeting* 11a Art w/Mona 1p Member Led Group* 2p Practicing Gratitude	13 10a Check In 11a Breaking Habits 12p Ice Breakers 1p Mindfulness 2p Laughing Group	14 FIELD TRIP Bowling @ FUNSPOT (Sign up by 11/7/25) 
	17 10a Meditation 11a Walk & Talk 12p Healthy Eating 1p The Journey of Recovery*	18 10a Check In 11a Cooking & Lunch* 1p Seasonal Changes 2p Game Time!	19 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Member Led Group* 2p Practicing Gratitude	20 10a Check In 11a Breaking Habits 12p Ice Breakers 1p Mindfulness 2p Laughing Group	21 10a Friday Check In 11a Journaling 12p Bring your own Lunch! 1p Friday FILM 
	24 10a Meditation 11a Walk & Talk 12p Healthy Eating 1p The Journey of Recovery*	25 10a Check In 11a Cooking & Lunch* 1p Seasonal Changes 2p Game Time!	26 10a Meal Planning 11a Art w/Mona 1p Member Led Group* 2p Practicing Gratitude	27 Thanksgiving Day CENTERS CLOSED 	28 CENTERS CLOSED (Day after holiday)

LACONIA'S IRISH HERITAGE

Longtime LHMS volunteer Robin Moyer will present her research on the history of the Irish in Laconia. By utilizing the personal scrapbooks compiled by native Laconian Andrew Childs as her guide, Moyer brings to life the individuals documented within those pages. She will showcase a community from the area known as "Paddy's Acre," where people with names like Clare, O'Shea, Dunleavy, and Carroll called home. From this tight-knit community, built on faith and loyalty to friends, came people who lived lives of service to Laconia. Whether they were first responders, merchants, or politicians, they left a legacy of values built on hard work, dedication and kindness to others.

Born in Laconia and raised in Belmont, Robin Moyer has always been passionate about history and storytelling. After earning her degree in English from Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, she returned home and began working at the Laconia Police Department, initially planning for a brief stint. Fast forward thirty-two years, and she's still there, eagerly anticipating early retirement next year. Her exploration into the police department's history sparked a profound appreciation for Laconia's rich past and its residents.

Robin started by volunteering with the Laconia Historical & Museum Society, eventually becoming a board member, and is currently taking a break to concentrate on tech-related volunteering. The chance to help present Laconia's Irish heritage has allowed her to engage in historical research once more, for which she is truly thankful.

WEDNESDAY



12 NOVEMBER 2025



AT 6:30PM



LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY



603-527-1278



www.laconiahistory.com



Robin Moyer
Presenter



The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Seeks Donations

Locations available for convenient drop off around the region

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is seeking items to auction off at its 44th annual event, which will run this year from Tuesday, Dec. 9 through Friday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

Convenient drop off locations are now up and running.

Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the auction, said, "We're looking for new, unused items, big and small. Gift cards are always a hit with our bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, experiences, toys and services. You name it, we need it."

Drop off locations are in:

ALTON: Irwin Marine, 396 Main St., and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 82 Wolfeboro Highway

ASHLAND: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 5 Riverside Drive

BELMONT: Baron's Major Brands, 225 Daniel Webster Highway; Belmont Fire Dept, 14 Gilmanton Road; Mattress Firm, Belknap Marketplace, 96 Daniel Webster Highway; and Ollie's Bargain Outlet, Belknap Marketplace, 96 Daniel Webster Highway

BRISTOL: Tapply Thompson Community Center, 300 North Main St.

CENTER HARBOR: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 28 State Route 25

FRANKLIN: Grevior Furniture, 440 Central St.

GILFORD: Bank of New Hampshire, 1441 Lake Shore Road Route 11 and 1 Country Club Road; Children's Dentistry, 369 Hounsell Ave, Suite 1; Franklin Savings Bank, 11 Sawmill Road; Gilford Country Store, 1934 Lake Shore Road; Lakeshore Market & Deli, 28 Weirs Road, #4; Wine'ing Butcher, 28 Weirs Road; and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 1383 Lakeshore Road

LACONIA: Bank of New Hampshire, 62 Pleasant St.; Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive North; Irwin Automotive Group, 59 Bisson Avenue; Irwin Hyundai, 446 Union Avenue; Irwin Chevrolet, 623 Union Avenue; Irwin Marine, 958 Union Avenue; and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 379 South Main St. Route 106

MEREDITH: Meredith Insurance Agency, 2 Lakes St., Suite 1, and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 71 NH Route 104 and 24 NH Route 25

MOULTONBOROUGH: Bank of New Hampshire, 960 Whittier Highway #25; For Your Eyes Only, 517 Whittier Highway; and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 991 State Route 25

PLYMOUTH: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 131 Main St.

WOLFEBORO: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 66 North Main St.

This year's auction is presented by Hannaford Supermarkets.

For more information, visit childrensauction.org or call 603-527-0999.



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November

Children's Storytime, Songs, and Crafts!

10:00 a.m., Bennett Library at LRCC
All ages welcome!
Parents must attend.

You Are Invited

12 Days of Trees Gala

Benefiting the Belknap House
Tickets On Sale Nov. 1, 2025

Saturday	13 December, 2025	7pm - 10pm
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MEREDITH AREA
Chamber of Commerce
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BELKNAP HOUSE

Hosted at Lovering Volvo | 250 Daniel Webster Hwy. | meredith-nh

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REPORT the OUTAGE
to your provider.

If you see downed power
lines, stay away and
CALL 911

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800-662-7764

your
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Electric Co-op
800-343-6432

Liberty
855-349-9455

Unitil
888-301-7700

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TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.

THANKSGIVING MEAL FOOD DRIVE

At New Hampshire Humane Society, we believe kindness should reach every member of the family, both two- and four-legged. As many local families prepare for the holidays while facing reduced SNAP benefits, we understand the strain this creates. Food insecurity can force painful choices between putting food on the table and feeding beloved pets. Our community pet pantry helps ease that burden year-round, but we want to do more.

For the next few weeks, we are collecting nonperishable Thanksgiving meal items and cash donations to support local families in need. Our staff members are already contributing, and we invite the community to join us. All donations will be distributed directly to local food pantries and meal programs.

Together, we can help ensure that no family member, human or pet, goes hungry this holiday season. Love your neighbor. Everyone deserves kindness.

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 ...

Water Street, Laconia, in late summer 1914, is glimpsed at left, with Pleasant Street and the tracks of the Laconia Street Railway in foreground. W.M. Bisson is preparing to construct the McIntyre Block on the corner site. Earlier houses are seen in background, with a small store and part of the former O'Shea's Department Store — moved here when the Moulton Opera House Block was built in 1887 — looms at far right (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



... AND NOW

The McIntyre Block was completed in late spring, 1915. Among tenants over the years, Michael J. Carroll bought out the A.E. Bourque barber shop in 1922 and continued there until late September 1967. The Laconia Cut Price (later, Flower) Pharmacy occupied one of the Pleasant Street stores in the 1940s and 1950s, as did the Western Union telegraph office for many years. J.J. Morin and Willey's Express had offices on the Water Street side for a number of years. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)

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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!



November is a time
to show support and
honor our nation's
vital caregivers. Click
the image (left) to
read more from the
National Council on
Aging.



Week of November 10 - 14

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.

Laconia City Council

November 10, 2025, 7:00 pm

Master Plan Steering Committee

November 13, 2025, 6:00 pm

Agenda

Heritage Commission

November 12, 2025, 4:00 pm



City of Laconia Telephone Directory



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

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Charlie St. Clair.....	603-387-5944
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1).....	603-491-8946
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Haynes	
(Ward 4).....	603-524-3605
Robert Soucy (Ward 2).....	603-524-7054
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3).....	603-803-3425
Steven Bogert (Ward 5).....	603-528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6).....	603-998-1418
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	citycouncil@laconianh.gov .

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