



# Welcome to Laconia Links!



December 12, 2025 - Edition #715

Recent photo of Opechee Cove (zoom in to see the fisherman in his boat!)  
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](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS



Property tax bills were mailed out on Friday, December 5.

Payment will be due on January 5.

Questions? Please call the Tax Office at 603-527-1269.

**Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of December 15**



In order for City Hall Employees to attend their annual Christmas Luncheon, City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 19, 2025 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

*We apologize for any inconvenience.*

# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MON 12/15	Sensory Storytime @10am - Best for ages 0-6.	KID
MON 12/15	Beginner Line Dancing @10am - Drop-in, adults only.	ADULT
MON 12/15	Game Night @5pm - Drop-in, use our games or yours!	ADULT
TUE 12/16	Fiction Book Group @10am - 'The Night Ship'	ADULT
TUE 12/16	Mug Painting @3:30pm - ages 10-18.	TEEN
TUE 12/16	Story Sampler @6pm - New Year, New Book!	KID
WED 12/17	Toddler Time @10am - Best for ages 0-3.	KID
WED 12/17	Creepy Christmas Diamond Art Magnets @3pm - ages 10-18.	TEEN
WED 12/17	Sketchbook Society @6pm - Best for ages 6-11.	KID
THU 12/18	Preschool Pals @10am - Best for ages 3-6.	KID
FRI 12/19	Move & Groove @10am - Best for ages 6 and under.	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](mailto: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**



## Help Us Celebrate

December 13th  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us on December 13th at The Archives, 65 Water St,  
for a "New Roof Celebration!"

Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies in celebration of the warm  
and dry winter we will have in the building this winter  
and for years to come!

The Archives will be closed December 20th & 27th, but  
will reopen January 3

### **Laconia Historical & Museum Society** 65 Water St., Laconia, NH

We are delighted to invite you to a special celebration in honor of  
the completion of our new roof—a project made possible thanks to  
your generous support.

Your contribution helped safeguard our historic building and  
ensure that we can continue preserving Laconia's stories for  
generations to come.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

Thank you again for your commitment to our mission. We truly  
couldn't have done this without you!



### **Carter Mountain Band Christmas Concert**

Carter Mountain Brass Band is pleased to  
announce a performance at the First United  
Methodist Church of Gilford on Friday, December  
12th at 7:00 PM. The program, titled "Christmas  
Sketches," features a variety of timeless holiday  
classics that will surely fill your heart and soul with  
joyful memories. Nothing seems to capture the  
warm nostalgia of the season quite like the sound  
of a brass band.

*But that's not all! A Carter Mountain Christmas  
concert would not be complete without the  
perennial sing-along or the delightful visuals,  
poems, and stories that help to elevate the whole  
experience to a truly magical yuletide celebration.  
Following the concert, you are all invited to enjoy  
complimentary dessert with the band in  
Fellowship Hall.*



*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](#).*



### **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](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

Franklin  
**VNA & Hospice**



# ONLINE Caregiver Connection



**December 18, 2025  
10 - 11 a.m.**

Caregiver Connection is an opportunity for family caregivers to support one another and connect with our staff professionals. We look forward to providing a safe space to connect with other caregivers facing similar challenges.

## **Registration is required.**

Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a link to the program.

Technical instruction is available to participate in the group.

To register, call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664 or visit [www.granitevna.org/calendar](http://www.granitevna.org/calendar).



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*The ice rink at Memorial Park is open and fabulous! Go get your skates and give it a try! Lights are on until 9 pm. Memorial Park is located off from Pearl Street. The rink is located in the baseball parking lot!*

## **FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Location: First United Methodist Church  
Wesley Way (off Rte. 11A) Gilford, NH

**Reservations Are Required by Dec 18<sup>th</sup>!**

**Call 524-3289**

**Please leave your name & number of people coming**

**Doors open at 12:30pm – Dinner served at 1:00pm**

**Ham Dinner & all the extras!**

**Potatoes – Candied Carrots – Green Bean Casserole – Rolls  
Homemade Desserts**



A limited number of **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for serving and clean-up on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Please call 603-455-9455 and leave your name and phone number.  
(Volunteers must call in advance.)



Sponsored by the Laconia Rod & Gun Club,  
the First United Methodist Church and the United Baptist Church - Lakeport



# ONE PEER TO ANOTHER - LACONIA

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

DECEMBER 2025

<b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b>  <b>Local Warmline:</b> 1-800-306-4334 Open 5-10 PM 7/365 days For when you need someone to talk to!  <b>Local Mental Health Agency:</b> Lakes Region Mental Health Center (603) 524-1100  <b>CALL OR TEXT 988</b> 24/7/365 days For when you are in crisis, feeling suicidal, or need professional assistance!  Funding for Peer Support Agencies comes from the: NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) & the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4	5
	10a <b>Community/ Member Meeting</b> 11 Intentions for the Week 12 Bring your own lunch 1 The Journey of Recovery	10a Check In 11a Steeped in Support 12 Lunch Social 1p Holiday Ready 2p Game Time!	10a Meal Planning 11a <b>Art w/Mona</b> 🎨 1p Member Led Group 2p Practicing Gratitude	10a Check In 11a Ice Breakers 12p Frame of Mind 🎨 2p Laughing Group	10a Morning Warm Up 11a Journaling 12p Bring your own Lunch! 1p Friday FILM 
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## LACONIA HOUSING

Laconia Housing will be holding its' next Board Meeting on Thursday, December 18th, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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



## 2026 Transfer Station Stickers

*2026 Transfer Station stickers are now available for sale at the City Clerk's Office.*

*Transfer Station stickers are \$25 each and are good for the 2026 calendar year.*

*Questions?*

*Please call the City Clerk's Office, 603-527-1265*

# City Curbside Solid Waste Collection during the winter for residents and businesses with curbside collection

Where and how to place your solid waste containers during the winter  
to ensure the containers can be emptied.

Treat your solid waste containers as a mailbox! What happens If you do not dig out your mailbox after a snowstorm? The Post Office does not deliver mail!

For solid waste collection if you put your solid waste containers behind snowbanks, they cannot be emptied.

For rural area residences and businesses without sidewalks -

Place your containers in your driveway near the edge of the road, or dig out an area in the snowbank to create an opening in which to place your containers. Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers. The depth of the opening only has to be deep enough to provide 1 foot of clearance from the back of the container.

For residents and businesses in areas of the City with sidewalks -  
Place your containers in your driveway near the edge of the road.

If you do not have a driveway or the driveway is too small and:  
Where the sidewalk is against the curb at the edge of the road,  
dig an opening through the snow bank out to the street in which to place your containers.

Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers.

If there is a grass or gravel area between the sidewalk and the edge of the road:  
Place the containers in your driveway near the edge of the road, or dig out an area in the snowbank to place your containers.

Make sure the opening is 2 feet wider on each side than the containers. The depth of the opening only has to be deep enough to provide 1 foot of clearance from the back of the container.

Please do not place your containers out for collection before 7 pm the night before your scheduled collection day, and bring them back to the residence or business at the end of the collection day. Do not leave your containers on the sidewalk so that pedestrians can use the sidewalk. If collection is canceled due to a major snowstorm, please bring the containers back onto your property so that the City's plow crews can keep the streets and sidewalks open for your use.

Will the contractor collect containers during a snowstorm? The contractor will provide curbside solid waste collection service during a minor to moderate snowstorm.

The contractor and Public Works consider canceling collection services when forecasters are predicting blizzard or near blizzard conditions. If the contractor decides to cancel collection due to the forecast, the City will post the cancellation notice on the City's website in the banner section on the top of the City's home page. For those residents who have signed up to receive City alerts, you will receive an e-mail informing you that solid waste will not be collected and the collection schedule for the remainder of the week. If you are not yet signed up to receive alerts and wish to do so, please sign up [here](#).

Solid waste collection and snow plowing –

Public Works leaders and crews will adjust their plowing procedures during minor to moderate storms to minimize the impact of plowing on scheduled curbside collection. Please help the City by following the recommendations in this notice. Call Public Works at 603-528-6379 with questions or for more details.



## Needle Felt Snowmen Workshop

Saturday, Dec 13th  
11am - 1pm

Needle felt a cozy snowman with soft wool and simple techniques - easy, fun, and festive!



Registration Required



*Where Art and History Come to Life!*

## Join us friday, january 23, 2026 SECOND CHANCES CASINO

A CASINO-THEMED, VEGAS-STYLE EVENT  
AT THE LAKE ESTATE ON WINNISQUAM  
SAVING LIVES AT NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY



**MANY THANKS TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS:**  
Beacon Payments, Lakes Region Design Group, Ashley Davis at Sotheby's International Realty, The Xavier Realty Team, The Kadish Trust, and 55 Main Kitchen & Bar

**REGISTER NOW AT [NHHUMANE.ORG/EVENTS](http://NHHUMANE.ORG/EVENTS)**

## In-Person Caregiver Connection



### A Caregiver Support Group



**Tilly Market Cafe  
at the Belknap Marketplace**

96 Daniel Webster Highway, Belmont

**December 17, 2025  
9:30 - 11 a.m.**



Join us and connect with other family caregivers, while enjoying an opportunity to unwind and have discussions rich in empathy and resources.

No registration required. For more information, please call (603) 224-4093, ext. 85664



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Give the gift of life.

**Weirs Community Center**


Function Hall • 25 Lucerne Ave Laconia, NH 03246

**Friday, December 26, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS(1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Weirs CC NH to schedule an appointment. Maximize your blood donation.

Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App



**17**  
**December**

**Storytime, Songs, and Cookie Decorating!**

5:30 p.m., Bennett Library at LRCC  
All ages welcome!  
Parents must attend.

## Public Works Department

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
ON CURBSIDE  
COLLECTION ROUTES...  
PICK UP DELAY DURING  
CHRISTMAS WEEK!**

Christmas Day is on Thursday, December 25th. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day. Thursday's collection will be on Friday, and each remaining day's collection during Christmas Week will be delayed by one day.

Please note that the Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday, December 25th, but open for its normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) the rest of the week.

Questions? Please call (603) 528-6379.



## Don't Miss Our Polar Express Storytime at Lakes Region Community College! 📖🎵✂️

Come read, sing songs, play instruments, and decorate a cookie at the Bennett Library!

📅 December 17 at 5:30 p.m.

📍 Location: Bennett Library, LRCC



?? All ages welcome.  
Parents must be present.

Bring your imagination and get ready for fun!



You are invited

# CHILDREN'S Christmas! PARTY

**14**  
DECEMBER, 2025  
1pm - 4pm

**LACONIA VFW**  
143 COURT ST

sign up at the VFW  
or call 603-524-9725

Light lunch, arts & crafts, cookie walk, and a gift from

**SANTA**

**PUB MANIA**  
For the Kids

**GREATER LAKES REGION CHILDREN'S AUCTION**

**The Café Déjà Vu Team**  
Invites you to join us for

**Weekly CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**  
7PM  
SEPT 3, 2025 - MAY 27, 2026

**Bring your friends!**

\$10.00pp - Compete in 5 one-on-one games

Also some \$1.00 side pots for High Hand and Flush in the Kitty  
AND 25¢ for 19 hand and 50¢ for a skunk

**At Laconia VFW on Court St**  
Come one week, ten weeks or all of them

Cash Prizes for total high scores  
(Prizes awarded based on number of entries)

Friendly Games  
No muggins/cut throat  
For more info call (603) 998-1418

The home of "Flower"

**LAKES REGIONAL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

# December 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.

Please Note: In the event that Laconia Schools cancel or delay opening due to weather, playgroups will not be held.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Santa	3 No Music Group: Preparing for Family Fun Night	4 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Candy Canes	5 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Trees	6
7	8 FAMILY FUN NIGHT!	9 No Giggles & Grins: Clean Up from Family Fun Night	10 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	11 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Dreidels	12 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Reindeer	13
14 Giggles & Grins and Happy Sounds	15	16 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Stockings	17 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	18 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Gingerbread	19 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Ornaments	20
21 Lakes Region Community Services Family Resource Center 729 North Main Street Laconia, NH 03246 603-524-8811	22	23 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Reindeer Food & Handprint	24 9-9:45AM Happy Sounds Sharing Music & Movement	25 Merry Christmas	26 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Snowmen	27
28	29	30 9-11AM Giggles & Grins Happy New Year!	31			2 Generation Family Support

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

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.



# Powerful Tools for Caregivers



**ONLINE**  
**Six Wednesday Sessions**  
**January 14 - February 18**  
**2 - 3:30 p.m.**

This interactive workshop helps family caregivers learn the tools they need to help manage the difficulties in caregiving while considering their own well-being.

Register by January 5th by calling  
603-224-4093, ext. 85664, visit  
[granitevna.org/calendar](http://granitevna.org/calendar), or scan QR code.



*Please let us know when  
registering if you would  
like technical assistance  
setting up before online  
sessions begin.*



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## December 21, 2025

FIRST  
DAY  
of  
Winter

*Get outside with your family and  
enjoy the many fun winter activities  
the Lakes Region has to offer!*



*Some of our outstanding LPD officers were able to take a break from their busy Friday evening shift recently to stop by Christmas Village and spread a little holiday cheer! They even squeezed in a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus before heading back out on patrol.*

*From left to right: Officers Trevor Brinton, Erica Belliveau, Ethan Hutchinson, and Field Training Officer Ashley Thompson*





# PHOTOS WITH SANTA



December 6<sup>th</sup>

&

December 13<sup>th</sup>

2PM - 6PM

Laconia Pet Center  
1343 Union Avenue  
Laconia, NH, 03246

## All Pets are Welcome!

Bring your pet in for a holiday photo with Santa! (Leashed Please!)  
Take a photo with your own device or we can take it for you!

\$5 Donation to participate! All Donations  
will be going to Old Dogs Go To Helen  
Senior Dog Sanctuary



## BELKNAP MILL

### WINTER FIBER ARTS CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

January 2026 - February 2026



#### KNIT SOCKS CLASS

First 3 Saturdays: January + February

2:00pm - 3:30pm



#### CABLE KNIT EAR WARMER WORKSHOP



January 10<sup>th</sup>

11:00am - 1:00pm



#### KNIT COWL WORKSHOP

February 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00am - 1:00pm



\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR CLASSES AND  
WORKSHOPS\*

VISIT [WWW.BELKNAPMILL.ORG](http://WWW.BELKNAPMILL.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION



# Blood Drive



**Tuesday,  
December 16  
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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:  
**GRANITEVNA** to schedule  
an appointment.

**PLEASE HELP & DONATE!**



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



## 2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Decorate Center	10 - Activities Meeting 10:30 —Pajama Day!! 11:30 – BBQ Chicken	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30—Ornament Making 11:30— French Toast Casserole Bake	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10– Games & Puzzles
8	9	10	11	12
9:30—Coffee Social 10:30—Games/Cribbage	10:30—Cookies & Caroling 11:30 –Sweet & Sour Meatballs	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic & Presentation 11:30—American Chop Suey	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Ping Pong & Corn Hole
15	16	17	18	19
9—Chair Yoga Video 10:30—Cribbage & Puzzles	10:30—Fraud & Scam Trends (MVSF) 11:30 –Stuffed Pasta in Marinara	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30– Holiday Meal	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Adult Coloring
22	23	24	25	26
10:30—Stories & Sharing: Favorite Holiday Memories	10—Yankee Swap *(\$10 or Less Gift)* 11:30– Meatballs in Marinara	*No Strength & Balance Class This Week* 9—Chair Yoga Video 10-12 Prize Bingo	Closed for Holiday 	Closed for Holiday 
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10—Movie & Snack 	11:30– Hot Dog & Baked Beans 12:00—Ice Cream Social	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	Closed for Holiday 	Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation

## 'TIS THE SEASON TO DRIVE SOBER

- PLAN FOR A SOBER RIDE HOME AND IF YOU NEED TO, DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE.
- IF YOU CHOSE TO DRINK, DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED. CALL A SOBER FRIEND, RIDESHARE OR TAXI, OR TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO GET HOME SAFELY.
- IF YOU'RE HOSTING AND SEE SOMEONE WHO IS ABOUT TO DRIVE IMPAIRED, TAKE THEIR KEYS AND HELP THEM GET HOME SAFELY.



## Family Craft Days

1st and 3rd Saturdays  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Fun for all ages!



### Belknap Mill Museum

Where Art and History come to life!  
25 Beaton Street East, Laconia, NH 03246  
www.belknapmill.org



# Public Works Department

## Property Owner's Winter Survival Tips!



The best place to deposit snow when clearing your driveway is to put the snow downstream of your driveway. (Downstream is the direction the plow truck travels.) When Public Works plows the street the snow will be pushed away from the driveway instead of towards it. Be nice to your neighbor and take them into consideration when you are clearing your driveway!

Also, you can minimize the amount of snow plowed into your driveway by creating a pocket in the snow just upstream of your driveway. This pocket will allow some of the snow on the plow to fall off into the pocket, resulting in less in your driveway!

City plow trucks have wing plows on them and, like delivery companies, we always want to turn right. This causes properties on an inside corner to have areas of deep snow.

Corner lot owners should take this into consideration when developing methods to minimize the impact of snow coming off from a plow blade.

Let us know if you have questions! Just call 603-528-6379.

*We are glad to help!*

Put a

# FREEZE

on Winter Carbon Monoxide Dangers

Did you know?



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It is often called "**the invisible killer.**"

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



**Install and maintain CO alarms** inside your home to provide early warning of CO.



Make sure **vents** for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace **are clear** of snow and other debris.



U.S. Fire Administration





# Colonial Theatre Laconia Presents

DECEMBER 16, 2025  
7:00 PM

## HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CONCERT

FEATURING

THE NEW HORIZONS MUSICAL ORGANIZATION - LAKES REGION



WITH POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE'S POWER CHORDS

Required Free General Admission Tickets Here



# SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE



This season, honor loved ones who have passed away and support hospice services in your community through **Granite VNA Season of Remembrance**. Add names of those who have passed to our online honor roll and donate to support compassionate hospice care for all, regardless of ability to pay.

Give \$250 or more and receive a handblown glass keepsake ornament as our heartfelt thanks for your support.



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



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## SNOWY MORNING COMMUTE?

GIVE YOURSELF  
AND  
OTHERS  
EXTRA TIME AND  
SPACE ON THE ROAD

New Hampshire  
**DOT**  
Department of Transportation

Give yourself extra time on snowy mornings. Even a small amount of snow can slow down travel. Start early, drive steady, and be aware of changing conditions. Check [Newengland511.org](http://Newengland511.org) before you leave in the morning and sign up for mobile alerts.





# A Celtic Christmas

An electrifying fiddle & piano concert of festive music from Cape Breton, PEI, Québec, Scotland, Galicia, and Wales!

**21 dec | 4 PM**

Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia  
172 Pleasant Street, Laconia NH | [www.uulaconia.org](http://www.uulaconia.org)

Tickets: 603-848-2469 or [uusi@myfairpoint.net](mailto:uusi@myfairpoint.net)

## Sand is available!



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works. There is a sand pile for residential use

located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five gallon pails (or the equivalent).

Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

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

*Thanks and have a safe winter!*



*The first day of winter  
is almost here!*

The City asks that all residents be good neighbors and not park or block sidewalks with their cars and trucks. Blocking sidewalks with vehicles prevents the City from plowing and sanding the sidewalks which causes pedestrians to walk in the streets.

We also ask that snow plow contractors and residents not plow or blow their snow across the street. This is a hazard to drivers that could result in a driver losing control and crashing.

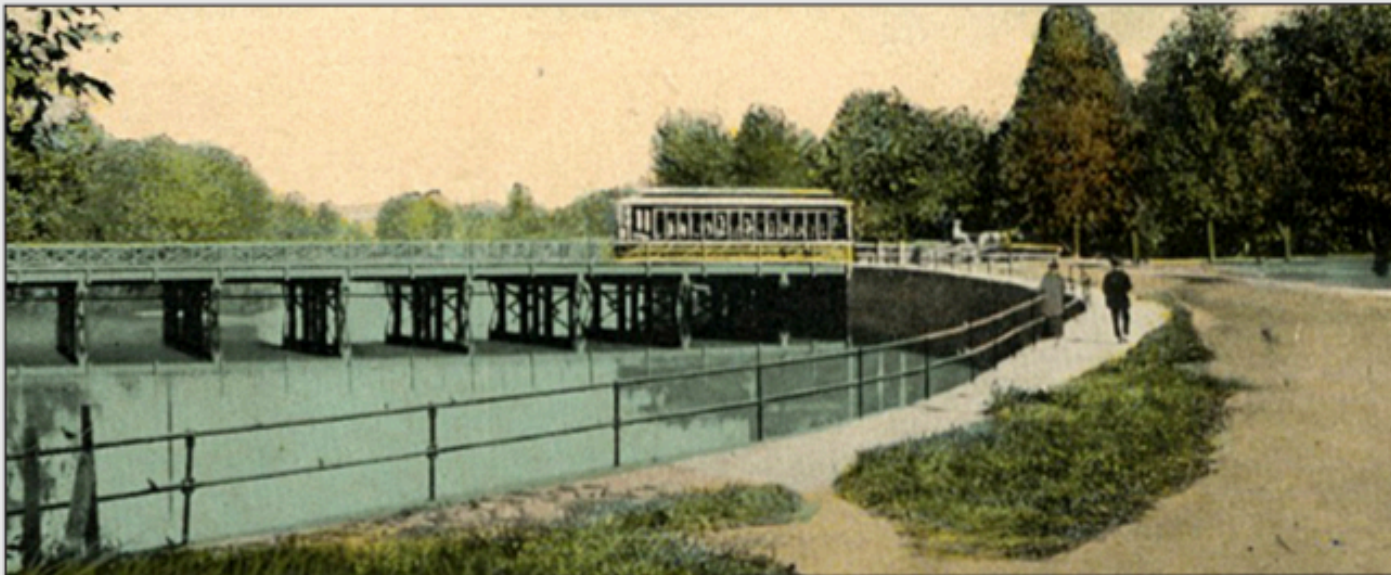
Please be sure to give the City's plow trucks plenty of space as they are plowing the roads. Getting too close behind them may cause salt crystals to spray against your vehicle.

*Your help is appreciated!*



# Our Yesterdays

*Our sincere thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past...*



**THEN ...**

**The Church Street Bridge, Laconia, is seen from River Street, looking up river, with a trolley car of the Laconia Street Railway crossing the bridge, in the early 1900s. There had been a wooden bridge at this location as early as 1853, built jointly by Meredith, from the left, and Gilford, from the right, as the village of 'Meredith Bridge' was part of both towns then. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)**



**... AND NOW**

**The wooden bridge was replaced by a concrete span in 1928 and by a new steel and concrete bridge in 1981. Cement or asphalt paving of Laconia's streets did not begin until the early 1900s. The trolleys, which ran between the South End and The Weirs, ceased operation in 1925. (Gabriel Perry/The Laconia Daily Sun)**



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Monday through Friday  
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## SENIOR RESOURCES

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



If you just turned 65 but are still working, make sure you know when to sign up for Medicare. In most cases, if you're over 65 & have employer coverage, you don't need to do anything until you retire or lose that coverage. But it depends on your situation!  
<https://go.medicare.gov/3XoE6d3>

## Upcoming Meetings

**Week of**  
**December 15 - 19**

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 Human Relations Committee**  
December 15, 2025, 4:30 pm  
**Agenda**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
December 15, 2025, 6:30 pm  
**Agenda**

**Water Commission**  
December 15, 2025, 5:30 pm  
**Agenda**

**Planning Board**  
December 16, 2025, 6:30 pm  
**Agenda**

**Conservation Commission**  
December 17, 2028, 5:00 pm

**Downtown TIF District Advisory Board**  
December 17, 2025, 9:00 am  
**Agenda**



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

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(Ward 4)..... [603-524-3605](tel:603-524-3605)  
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Eric Hoffman (Ward 3)..... [603-803-3425](tel:603-803-3425)  
Steven Bogert (Ward 5)..... [603-528-0613](tel:603-528-0613)  
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