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THE STATE'S BEST PARKS

are looking for help this summer!



SEASONAL MAINTENANCE STAFF WANTED

- STARTING at \$13.00/HR. UP TO 40 HRS/week
- LANDSCAPING EXPERIENCE PREFERRED
- SHIFTS begin as soon as April 5th!
- MUST BE 18+ w/ VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
- WORK OUTSIDE in the beautiful City On The Lakes!
- CALL 524-5046 or EMAIL Parks@LaconiaNH.gov to apply!

Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription, please call the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.

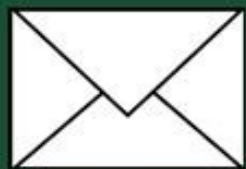


Be Sure to Sign Up for City Alerts and Notifications!

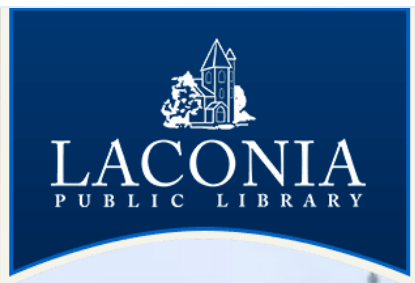
It's easy to sign up on our website to receive up-to-date information on important City news sent right to your e-mail.

Click [here](#) or the image (left) to access the Notify Me section of our website to set up your account. In addition to breaking news and important notifications, you can also sign up to receive several other City government related information.

Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270.



**Alerts and
Notifications**



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



**Teen & Tween
Programs-to-Go!
March 1- 31, 2021
"Acrylic
Painting"**

Paint a mini-masterpiece on this travel-sized canvas complete with a mini easel. The kit also includes a paintbrush and a selection of acrylic paints. For teens and tweens ages 9-19; sign-up is required.



**Adult Takeaway Craft:
Woven Bookmarks
March 1 - 31, 2021**

Weave a pretty and practical bookmark out of yarn. Loom, yarn and instructions are provided with each kit.

Limited quantity available so registration is required.





BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING -- NH SBDC SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCY ACADEMY

Attendees of these sessions will walk away with the tools they need to develop individualized resiliency plans. Such plans help businesses anticipate their response to the next six+ months -- and the next six+ years. The Resiliency Academy takes place over five sessions, 9 to 11 am via Zoom. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

- April 7, 2021, Session 1: Threats
- April 21, 2021, Session 2: Assessment
- May 5, 2021, Session 3: Visioning
- May 19, 2021, Session 4: Planning
- June 2, 2021, Session 5: Action

APPLY NOW - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

LAKE REGION STUDENTS ATTENDING HIGHER EDUCATION 2021-2022

APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE

Applicants | Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation
(lrscholarship.org)

OUR DONORS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOU!

QUESTIONS??

Email - scholarship@lrscholarship
Call - 603-527-3533

Karen Switzer
Executive Director

Amanda Dudek
Assistant Director

Paulette Loughlin
Advisory Director



March Veteran Recreation Events



PICKLEBALL & BOCCIA - Laconia, NH

Thursdays, March 11, March 18, March 25 from
10:30AM-12:00PM

Puppet Jamboree! Saturday, March 20 from
1:30-2:45PM -

Family Mandalas: Wednesday, March 24 from 4:00-5:00PM

www.nepassage.org/calendar

Click on the link above to view details on the events listed, including Zoom information, address and location for in-person events, and a registration link. We hope to see you at one or more of our events! (*Northeast Passage is a program of the University of New Hampshire*)

Easter Egg Hunt Sat, March 27th **CALL TO REGISTER FOR TIME**

@ Opechee Park

Groups on both the
Cove and the Point



Contact P+R to **Register**
for a time slot!

Small Groups will go at
designated times!

Masks & Social Distancing
Required

Rain or Shine!
Dress Appropriately

Bring your own Basket!

Free of charge!!

Contact Laconia Parks and Rec at 524-5046 or e-mail
Parks@LaconiaNH.gov to **REGISTER!**

LACONIA

★ LITTLE LEAGUE ★

It's time to start thinking about baseball!

Players can register on-line at
www.laconiall.org or in person at tryouts.

Click [here](#) for information on registration, this
year's schedule and dates and times for
tryouts.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm on ZOOM!

Find the Link on our Facebook Page

Questions? Call the Laconia Parks and Rec
Department at 524-5046 for details.



Everyday Living & Diabetes

FREE 4 WEEK CLASS FOCUSING ON:

Managing Blood Sugar Levels • Healthy Eating
Stress Management • Exercise • Goal Setting

These class will be offered online

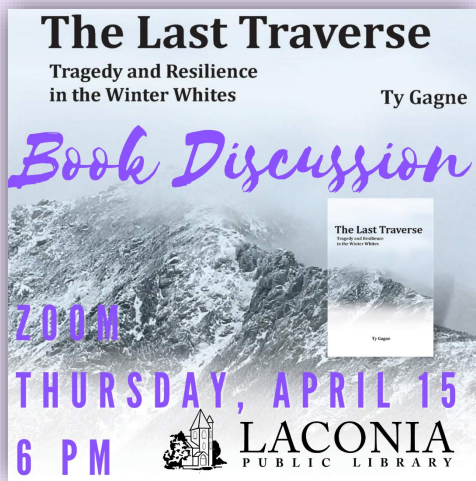
You will need internet access and an email address

TWO SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Tuesday's, Apr. 7 – May 5, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday's, May 4 – May 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Registration Required. Please call: 527-2948



Virtual Book Discussion: *The Last Traverse* by Ty Gagne April 15, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Join the Gilford and Laconia Public Libraries for a discussion of the book *The Last Traverse* by Ty Gagne. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at your library. Register for this Zoom event by calling the library at 524-4775x12. This discussion will be facilitated by Maura MacNeil, Professor of Creative Writing at New England College.

Virtual Author Talk: *The Last Traverse* With Ty Gagne April 7, 2021, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Join the Gilford and the Laconia Public Libraries for a Zoom presentation by Ty Gagne, author of *The Last Traverse*. Register for this Zoom event by calling the library at 524-4775x12.



News from the Public Works Dept.

CITY OF LACONIA - NOTICE SEASONAL 10 TON WEIGHT LIMIT

Effective March 8, 2021 at 6:00 am, trucks whose gross weight exceeds 10 tons are prohibited the use of all streets in the City except for State roads, the City's arterial routes and routes to industrial parks. A map of posted City streets can be found [here](#).

Trucks over 10 tons may still use roads with seasonal weight limits when issued a permit by the City's Department of Public Works. Permits are granted in two types of situations as shown below:

Blanket authorizations for:

- Contractors providing City services such as solid waste and recycling collection
- Private emergency services such as cleaning sanitary sewer lines
- Heating fuel companies such as heating oil and propane

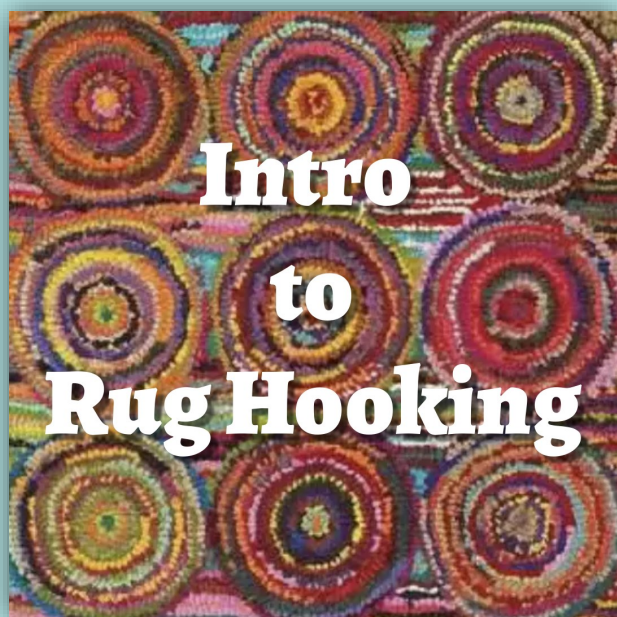
Blanket authorizations cannot be used for any other use except that authorized on the permit.

One-Time permits are typically used for deliveries and collections such as:

- Building supplies, construction equipment, household goods, furniture
- Roll-off solid waste containers
- Automobiles to dealerships

Please call the Public Works Department at 528-6379 for more detailed information.

We appreciate your cooperation!



Intro to Rug Hooking

Beginner Rug Hooking Virtual Workshops Hosted by the Belknap Mill

The Belknap Mill is pleased to offer its second textile workshop as part of its year-long series in 2021. This 5-week virtual workshop will take place on Thursday evenings from 6 pm - 8 pm, April 1st - April 29th. Instructor Pam Bartlett will teach the art and craft of rug hooking, a traditional New England fiber art that beautifully combines artistic expression and function.

Students will learn the core skills of rug hooking, the history of the craft and complete a 16" x 16" piece. Designs will utilize a "hit and miss" approach to color. Skills learned in this course will allow students to progress to pieces involving more complex designs and color shading in the future. Finished pieces can be designed into a wall hanging, pillow, or a chair pad!

With funding from a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts and program sponsor, Meredith Village Savings Bank, the Mill is able to offer this workshop at a special price of \$120 per participant. The cost includes a kit with a pattern, all material required to complete the 16" x 16" piece, 12" quilting hoop, a rug hook, and small group virtual instruction for 5-weeks. (A small pair of scissors will also be required.)

To register for this exciting workshop please visit our website www.belknapmill.org.



Registrants will receive the workshop Zoom link via email prior to the first class.

For additional information please contact Tara Shore, Program & Operations Manager at operations@belknapmill.org.

It's Membership Month



Become a Belknap Mill Member during March or April and \$10 of your membership will go to the Lakes Region Children's Auction

#membershiptomatters

www.belknapmill.org



Art to You with Larry!

The Belknap Mill offers a virtual free cartooning class with Artist-in-Residence Larry Frates every Tuesday at 1:30 pm via [Facebook LIVE!](https://www.facebook.com/larryfrates)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



The City Manager has posted new updates to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

Be sure to check out the [Project Updates](#) report which provides a concise update of projects in the community. In this report you will find everything from road projects to the latest information on the Master Plan update.

Next, check out the current version of the [Monthly Economic Development Report](#). This report contains information pertaining to Laconia's unemployment rate and wages, as well as business and economic development partnerships.

We hope you find these reports helpful and informative!

For more information please contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or email info@laconianh.gov



To help with Isaiah 61 Cafe's mission of alleviating homelessness and assisting those who are enduring homelessness in Laconia, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia's Social Justice Committee members, along with members of the Laconia-Gilford Lions, are holding a

food collection on Saturday, March 27th from 10 am until 1 pm.

Items needed are pop-top easy open canned goods such as juices and fruits, granola and protein bars, sugar and coffee.

Our volunteers will be out in front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant Street to accept your kind donations..

Please note that the church remains closed at this time due to Covid-19. If you plan to drop off items for this Collection drive, please wear a mask, maintain physical distancing, and if you have traveled out of state, have been around someone who is COVID-19 positive or suspected Covid-19 infected, then please stay home.

ISAIAH
61Café



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is open on Mondays from noon - 2 pm and on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8 pm.

The Thrift Store is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 4 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm.

If you are in need of assistance or information on our Assistance Program please call 524-5470.

We are located at 1269 Union Avenue in Laconia. Thank you for your support!

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

Got Lunch! Laconia Selected as a "Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program" Beneficiary by the

Reuse.
Recycle.
Give Back.



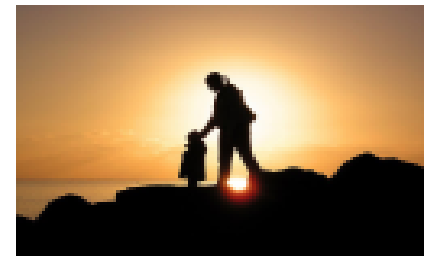
During the month of March, as you make a trip to the Meredith Hannaford's, you can purchase a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag and **Got Lunch! Laconia** will receive \$1 donation. Got Lunch! Laconia is a non-profit organization committed to providing healthy food to Laconia's children throughout the summer.

Parenting the Second Time Around

An 8-week ZOOM series that addresses the unique challenges faced by grandparents, relatives, & others who are parenting again.

Topics include:

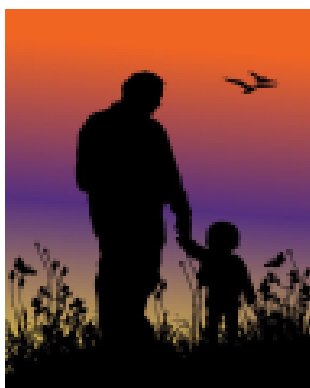
- *Child Development**
- *Discipline & Guidance**
- *Caring for Yourself as a Caregiver**
- *Rebuilding a Family**
- *Living with Teens**
- *Legal Issues**
- *Advocacy**



Series begins
March 17, 2021
from 6:00-8:00pm

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Or email tricia.tousignant@lrccs.org



Our yesterdays

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



THEN ...

The three-story wooden building to the right of the brick facade (added by the Salvation Army in 1923), was the so-called 'Mansion House,' built by Meredith Bridge blacksmith Daniel Tucker, sometime prior to 1817, to house his family and a large number of apprentices. In 1921 — 100 years ago this month — new owners acquired the building (see story below) but, in 1923, the Salvation Army took possession, adding the buff-colored brick front. When The Laconia Evening Citizen was established, late in 1925, the newspaper became a tenant and installed its press, composing room and offices on the ground floor, remaining there until 1933, when the newspaper built its own building, off-photo at right. (Photo from 1940 City Directory)



... AND NOW

The Salvation Army Building, including the Mansion House — beginning about where the red car is seen, above, in the parking lot — was demolished, Nov. 2, 1967, during the city's Urban Renewal Program. Between today's Citizens Bank building, at right (built as a First National Stores grocery in 1939), and the Salvation Army Building, Bill's Diner was another longtime landmark on Hanover Street. The old (1933-1969) plant of The Laconia Evening Citizen, fronting on what is now Beacon Street East, was located about in the middle of the parking lot, between Hanover and Mill streets. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

ADVENTURE PACKS

- SNOW SCIENCE
- STRATEGIC SURVIVAL
- IS IT TIME?

A perfect way to explore our fields, trails and gardens while you learn, play and enjoy 160 acres of nature.

FMI visit: prescottfarm.org

Take your outdoor adventure to the next level!



Recycling Collection



Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of March 29, 2021



RECYCLE RIGHT

**Never Put
Plastic Bags in Your
Recycling Bin**

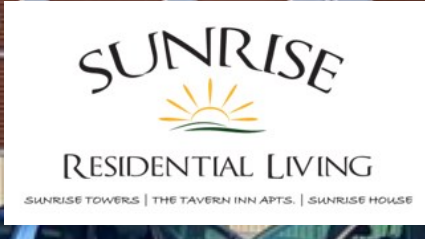
THEY GET TANGLED IN THE SORTING
EQUIPMENT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER



Personalized Easter Cards from the Easter Bunny!

Do you know someone who would like a virtual Easter message from the Easter Bunny? Laconia Parks and Rec is working with the Easter Bunny to create Personalized Easter Cards for Laconia residents of all ages! To sign up yourself or a loved one, e-mail the Easter Bunny at our Laconia Parks & Rec e-mail address:

EasterBunny@LaconiaNH.gov



Immediate Availability!
 Sunrise House - 423 South Main Street - Laconia, NH 03246
 For more information call
 Kim Smith
 603-737-2228
kim@laconiahousing.org

At **Sunrise Residential Living**, we believe that family is more than just relatives. That's why we don't just treat our residents and their loved ones like family - they are our family. Our **Choices for Independence (CFI)** program focuses on each resident's personal needs and preferences. We provide holistic, dependable, and individualized care that helps them live with purpose. And we do it all with compassion, kindness, and above all else, love.

Laconia Housing's Home Health Agency provides services under the Medicaid **Choices for Independence (CFI)**, a Medicaid-funded program that provides a wide range of services that enable eligible adults to remain living in their own homes and communities. Individuals participating in the CFI Program at Sunrise Residential Living must meet certain age, financial and clinical eligibility requirements.

Program highlights include:

- Subsidized Rent
- Personal Care provided by Licensed Nursing Assistants
- Skilled Nursing Services
- Medication Management
- Emergency Lifeline Services
- Medical Transportation Coordination
- Housekeeping and Laundry Services
- Recreational Activities
- Resident Service Coordination

Additional services:

- Optional Meal Program - Co-pay required

Right now we have available units in three of our buildings: **Sunrise House**, **Sunrise Towers** and the **Tavern Apartments**.

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Open Living Space

Spacious Bedrooms

Wheel Chair Accessible
Bathrooms

CALL NOW TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION!

Immediate Availability – 3 vacant One Bedroom Subsidized Units

Heat, Hot water, Air Conditioning and Electricity Included.
 Phone, cable and internet is tenant responsibility.

In order to qualify:

- Applicant's must be 62 years of age or older
- Currently receiving benefits through the Choices for Independence Program
- Income limits less than \$17,950 for 1 person, and \$20,500 for 2 person household



Optional Meal Program

Home Health Aid Services

Grocery Shopping

Laconia Housing's Home Health Agency
 25 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246





Learn to Play. Play to Learn.

2020-21 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

APRIL 1 - MAY 3, 2021

If you have a child 4 years of age by September 30, 2021
it is time to register them for preschool!

Laconia School District preschool registration packets will be available via email from the Superintendent's Office on Thursday, April 1, 2021 through Monday, May 3, 2021 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Please call or email Regina Theberge at rtheberge@laconiaschools.org or 603-524-5710 to request a packet. A copy of your Child's Birth Certificate, Proof of Laconia - Residency, Immunization Records and most recent Physical Examination is required for registration. Parents are asked to call the SAU to register and obtain a packet. Please call the SAU with any questions or for further information regarding the registration.

School Administrative Unit 30
39 Harvard Street
Laconia, NH 03246
(603) 524-5710

Sponsored by:



2021

A new year has begun!

Why not remind a service member that you are here for them

The Lakes Region Veterans Coalition (LRVC) would like to offer anyone who has ever served in the military a chance to virtually connect with a fellow service member by providing each person a free coffee!

Just register yourself and another participant and a \$5 gift card for a coffee shop will be either mailed or e-mailed (based on your preference) to both participants. After you receive your gift card, we just ask that you connect with the other person and have a conversation.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

ONLINE: lrvcnh.org/coffee

BY E-MAIL: info@lrvcnh.org

BY PHONE: 978-219-4003

Colonial Theatre Updates...

Our thanks to City Councilor Robert Hamel for providing these photos!





Walk With EaseSM



Use any device! Program can be done anytime from anywhere!

The Arthritis Foundation Walk With Ease program is designed for people to increase physical activity at their own pace.

Over the course of 6 weeks, you will be provided with interactive lesson videos, weekly Zoom meetings, and other resources to help guide your self-directed walking program.

For every Zoom session you attend, you will be entered into a weekly raffle!

Date: Tuesdays April 6, 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11. For Belknap County Residents.

Time: 10.30-11.30 am. For weekly support. (Not mandatory).

Place: Check in sessions weekly from your home via Zoom.

To sign up: Brenda Carey
brenda.carey@unh.edu
Call or text 603-630-8303

Qualifying participants will receive a **FREE guidebook** to help keep you on track. This program is proven to:

- Reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis
- Increase balance, strength and walking pace
- Improve overall health

The University of New Hampshire Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.
UNH, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and New Hampshire counties cooperating.

World Water Day- Monday, March 22, 2021

Project spotlight: Lake Winnisquam Watershed Based Management Plan

The Winnisquam Watershed Network (WWN) is excited to announce that EPA funding has been allocated to develop a watershed based management plan for the Winnisquam watershed. We have begun working with a team of technical consultants and expect to issue a draft plan in early 2022.

Our watershed is being impacted by increasing recreational activity and development pressure, while at the same time struggling with the effects of climate change and threats from invasive species. In order to maintain the high quality of our lakes, it is of vital importance that we as a watershed community recognize the potential impacts of those changes and have in place a long-term strategy to address them.

The watershed based management plan will identify sources of pollutants to Lake Winnisquam, determine water quality goals, and identify best management practices and protection strategies to be implemented in the watershed to achieve those goals and to protect the high quality of Lake Winnisquam and the smaller lakes in our watershed, including Opechee and Wicwas.

The WWN is asking that residents of the watershed please [let us know](#) if you have any specific water quality concerns or issues you feel should be addressed in the plan. We will also be holding a public workshop later this spring to discuss the development of the Lake Winnisquam Watershed Based Management Plan and how it will benefit the watershed. To stay up to date on the planning process and receive details about the public workshop, please [visit our website](#) and subscribe to our newsletter!



The City Clerk's Office needs your help! We are looking for a Moderator for Ward 2 for all of our local, State and Federal elections. This is a paid position. You must be a resident of Ward 2.

If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert.

Thank you!



**NH Maple Weekend
is this weekend,
March 20 - 21, 2021!**

March is Maple Sugaring Month in New Hampshire!

Get out and support our local sugarhouses to help keep this great tradition alive! Click the image (left) for information about visiting the state's various sugarhouses, COVID protocols and other details.






EAT OUT. TAKE OUT. HELP OUT.

RALLY FOR
NH RESTAURANTS

FEBRUARY-MARCH

Presented by the New Hampshire
Restaurant and Lodging Association

 [Learn More](#)

#rallyfornhrestaurants

NH restaurants need our help.
Let's unite to support them.



2021-22 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

APRIL 1 - MAY 3, 2021

If you have a child 5 years of age by September 30, 2021
it is time to register them for kindergarten!

Laconia School District kindergarten registration packets will be available via email on Thursday, April 1, 2021 through Monday, May 3, 2021. A copy of your Child's Birth Certificate, Proof of Laconia Residency, Immunization Records and most recent Physical Examination is required for registration. Parents are asked to call their neighborhood school to register and obtain a packet. Please call or email respective schools with any questions or for further information regarding the registration.

If you register after May 1, 2021, please call the SAU office: 524-5710

Pleasant Street School	524-2168	sdore@laconiaschools.org
Elm Street School	524-4113	cpoire@laconiaschools.org
Woodland Heights School	524-8733	kmull@laconiaschools.org

"Ensuring success for every student, every day, in every way"

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday



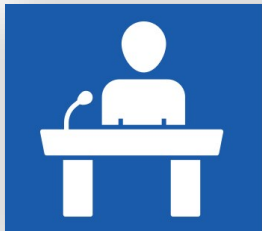
SENIOR RESOURCES

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



The American Rescue Plan includes important provisions that will help older adults get the support they need at home and boost their financial security.

Click [here](#) to read an article provided by the National Council on Aging to see how this relief package can help you or a loved one.



City Meetings



Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's website. Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings.

City Council

March 22, 2021, 7:00 pm

[Agenda](#)

Water Commission

March 25, 2021, 8:00 am

[Agenda](#)

Library Board of Trustees

March 25, 2021, 5:30 pm



*Celebrate the first day
of Spring on Saturday,
March 20th*



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Tech. - Ashley Ruprecht	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) ..	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1)	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:

citycouncil@laconianh.gov

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